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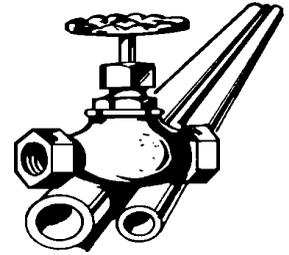
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Water Improvements Begin

Off and Running By Evan Kramer



The November 3 general election is closer than you think. That's because at least 43% of the registered voters in Curry County have filed for absentee ballots. According to Julie Denney at the Curry County Elections Department absentee ballots will be mailed between October 14-16. The rest of us will have to wait until the first Tuesday in November to vote. You can get an absentee ballot up until five days before the election. The last day to register to vote is October 13. If you like reading about the candidates and ballot measures there are two voter pamphlets being mailed out by the Secretary of State Phil Keisling's office. The pamphlet containing the ballot measures will be mailed between October 7-9 while the candidate pamphlet will follow along October 14-16. Denney told me the candidate pamphlet contains statements from state and county candidates and does not include city council candidates. I haven't seen the wording for it yet but one of the statewide ballot measures (# 60) would change all elections to be "vote by mail."

The election this year is special for Port Orford residents. There are eight candidates running for the three four year terms

of office and two running for the two-year term of office. The goes against the trend of the last two city council elections where all councilors were elected unopposed. To celebrate this turn of events both newspapers have provided the opportunity for those running for office to issue candidate statements. We are starting a weekly question and answer with the candidates this week with their opinion on City Ballot Measure 10. Every week we'll publish a question and the following week we'll print the candidate responses.

The League of Women Voters of Curry County is sponsoring a public candidate forum on Wednesday, October 7, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Port Orford Community Building. They have invited the ten council candidates as well as commissioner candidates T.V. Skinner and Cheryl Thorp and county treasurer candidates Vinita Buchanan and Patty Ingersoll. Not to conflict with but instead to augment the League's efforts Port Orford News editor Jay Stoler and Port Orford Today! are co-sponsoring a candidate forum for city council candidates only on Monday, October 19, from 7:00-9:00pm. We are holding this in the city council chambers. You can see how close it is to the election because by the time of the second candidate forum some people will have already mailed their ballots in.

Water Improvements Begin

Exciting news this week is the start of the first construction project for the City of Port Orford water system improvement plan. Public Works director Jerry McNurlin said the first project under way is the extension of the Garrison Lake water intake line. The intake line will be extended 500 feet further out into a deeper part of the lake. The line will be constructed of 8 inch diameter black plastic pipe with a stainless steel intake valve located at the end of a pipe extending five feet up from the lake bottom. On Wednesday morning, September 22, the contractor is scheduled to have a pontoon barge pulled by a jet boat at the Pinehurst Dock area. They will use this combination of vessels to pull the pipe and intake valve into the lake and set them in place. The new water intake line will be completely submerged and held to the lake bottom with large bricks. The current water intake line, which runs along the top of the Pinehurst Dock, will be dismantled as will the now rotting and sinking wooden dock. When this project is complete at the end of this week the next two projects online are the replacement of the raw water line from the Hubbard Creek Reservoir to the Deady Street Reservoir and the dredging of the Hubbard Creek Res-

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Letter to the Editor,

I attended the September 14, 1998 meeting of the Port Orford city council. The issue of the Wayfinder Mediation Agreement was, in my opinion, totally and dishonorably mis-handled. Regardless of which side of this controversy one leans to, the fact remains, the issue must be disposed of in an honorable manner. This was simply not the case in this matter.

I have been involved in mediation and arbitration all my working career, to this day serving as a federal arbitrator. Therefore, I can speak with some degree of understanding.

The mediator, Mr. Sidney Lezak is recognized as a capable, knowledgeable and highly respected administrator of justice. He (Mr. Lezak) adjourned the mediation meeting with the clear understanding that agreement had been reached which was to the satisfaction of all concerned. This

certainly included Mayor Doran and the city council.

Then on September 14, 1998, Mayor Doran incorrectly labeled the agreement as tentative. The agreement was beyond tentative. In fact certain city council members expressed complete and total satisfaction that this agreement had been reached and commended the mediator Mr. Lezak. Next, Mayor Doran gave credence to a letter which he elected, by his own actions to be anonymous. In reputable business dealings, it has been my experience that anonymous letters have no legal standing and are best relegated to the waste or trash basket. Next, Mayor Doran informed the public that he would not entertain any of their comments, issued a somewhat veiled threat of expulsion and continued with the farce. He (Doran) then solicited a motion from the council, even stating what the motion should say. The motion was made to

ignore and disregard the mediation agreement. Appearing like six (6) obedient puppets the council voted unanimously in the affirmative. The mediation agreement was negated.

Personally, I don't give one wit whether the Battle Rock wayside ever gets additional paving. Several issues however, become quite apparent, namely, (a) the city government acted dishonorably, in my opinion, (b) Mr. Mayea has more honor in his little finger than our city government has in their entirety.

Concluding, there may still be hope. Possibly the council members may reflect upon their participation in this dog and pony show, then resign from public office.

Hopefully,

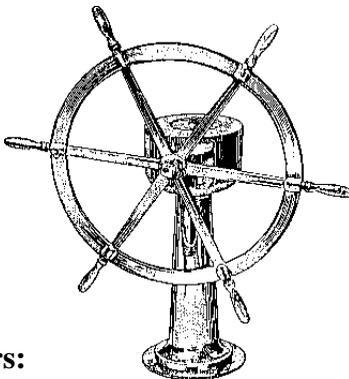
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Curry Health Notes By Frann Grossman

Thanks to the passage of a five-year bond this year, the Curry Health District has begun major repairs and upgrades in its building and equipment that will improve service and patient care. This column was created to help keep the district citizens informed of the changes.

Roof replacement – one of the top priorities in capital improvements now is under way. Maintenance crews promise to disturb the patient areas as little as possible. A modernized phone system is next.

An outdoor sign acknowledging district taxpayers' "dollars at work" will be

erected next month. Optometrist John Rush, O.D., generously has offered to pay for the sign.

The \$1.5 million in bond funds is now in the district's savings account. The money was invested August 26 with the Curry County treasurer's investment pool, earning \$1,290 for the taxpayers by August 31, at a rate of 5.3, reports Vinita Buchanan, deputy treasurer.

Charles Hochberg, M.D., gynecologist, has been appointed clinical associate professor by the Oregon Health Sciences University dean.

The search is on for an eligible candidate to participate in the district's Gift of Sight



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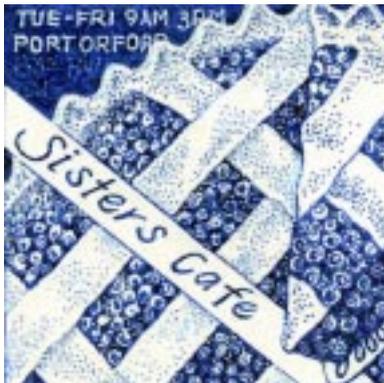
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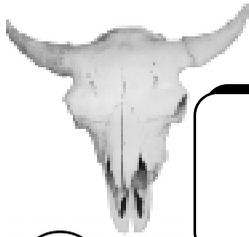
program co-sponsored with the area Lions clubs. Anyone unable to pay for cataract surgery can contact a Lions club representative in Curry County, or phone 247-6621, extension 109.

The newest member of the hospital's Visiting Medical Specialist program is Philip LaGesse, M.D., a pediatrician specializing in respiratory diseases. He will visit patients in the North Bend Medical Center Brookings office on Friday, October 2.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Tickets for Curry Breast Health Network's third annual Fashion aWEARness Show and Luncheon are available at clothing outlets and other stores throughout the area. The event is set from 1:00-3:00pm, October 18, in the Brookings Elk Lodge. For ticket or information, phone Bets Byrtus at (541) 247-6621, extension 114.

The Curry Health District operates Curry Family Medical clinic in Port Orford and Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach. The district is supported by user fees (patients), third-party payers (health insurance, Medicare and Medicaid) and the citizens of the district ranging from Pistol River to Sixes.

Looking for a Federal agency on the Internet? Check their locator page at <http://www.law.vill.edu/fed-agency/fedwebloc.html>



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A public hearing will be held by the Port Orford City Council at 7:00pm on September 28 at Port Orford City Hall at 555 W. Twentieth Street, Port Orford. The purpose of this hearing is for the Port Orford City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions about the proposed project. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by September 27 at 5:00pm at Port Orford City Hall at 555 W. Twentieth Street, Port Orford. Both oral and written comments

will be considered by the Port Orford City Council.

The location of the hearing is accessible to the disabled. Please let Johnny Alexander at 332-3681 know if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program and the proposed project is available for public review at Port Orford City Hall during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Johnny Alexander at 332-3681 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

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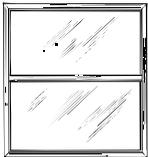
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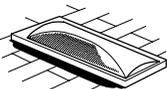
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- Adults and children who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including children with asthma
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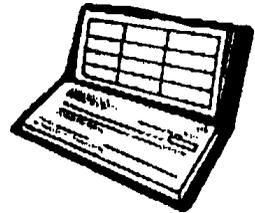
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How are community members making such an impact on the lives of local families? The Family Empowerment Project, which offers interested people the opportunity to befriend local families with histories of neglect, assists parents in their need to learn parenting skills, and reach goals such as education, work, or stable housing thereby increasing parents' self esteem and allowing them to regain control of their lives. The project was re-introduced to Curry County nearly a year ago and community support for the program has been greatly extended due to the participation of nearly fifteen families and twelve present volunteers. Subsequently, the program has a continual waiting list of families needing a mentor.

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Is the program working? Present volunteers say that anyone interested in being a Family Empowerment volunteer must look for the small successes the families reach each day, like preparing a family meal, or initiating a phone call to the volunteer just to talk. Data collected has shown a 43% decrease in the number of families who had children placed in foster care after being matched with a volunteer, and 75% of the participating families have not been re-referred to SC.. for concerns of child abuse or neglect. If you have an interest in combating child neglect and being a friend to a local family in need, please call Krista Pulizzano at (800) 510-0000 ext. 239 and plan to attend the next training, on September 29.

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Port Orford Heads By Jane Cramer

The Curry County Historical Society Auto Tour on Saturday, September 26 will include a stop at the Port Orford Heads. The group will eat their lunch in the picnic area and will be taken on a tour of the former Coast Guard facilities by members of the Point Orford Heritage Society.

The entire 101.29 acre site, including buildings and trails, was recently approved for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Heritage Society members have spent many hours renovating the former barracks building and are proud to have it included on the tour.

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**This Week's Videos
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Hi! I'm Mickey, the shop cat and resident mouser at The Downtown Fun Zone. While the new heat pump is being installed, I've been cooped up in my "penalty box" so I previewed this week's new movies and I thought I'd tell you about them. Too bad Mouse Hunt was already out but these are pretty good too!

My Giant is billed as Billy Crystal's best movie since "City Slickers." In it, he's a talent agent who has just discovered a giant opportunity in the form of 7'7" Gheorghie Muresan who plays the part of a gentle Shakespeare-quoting Romanian. Can Crystal's gift of gab turn him into another Schwarzeneger and is that what the giant wants? Any way you look at it you're going to have some big laughs.

Mercury Rising - Action star Bruce Willis is a renegade FBI agent opposing Federal

agents to protect Simon, a nine-year old autistic boy who has cracked the government's new "unbreakable" code (named Mercury.) The government wants this threat eliminated but you know Bruce won't hold still for that!

The Players Club - Writer/Director Ice Cube leads an all-star cast in a humorous yet gritty look at a "gentlemen's" club thru the eyes of a co-ed working her way thru college. A heavy hitting soundtrack accompanies this flick packed with laughs, music and action. Roger Ebert said, "Thumbs up! I liked it a lot"

Dangerous Beauty - Veronica Franco (played by Catherine McCormack) won't be chained by the restrictions placed on her sex by the 16th century Italian mores. She wants to learn, to be and to do and finds a way by becoming a courtesan. But the price isn't cheap. She may have to turn away her noble lover and face the Inquisition as an accused witch. Filmed

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Casper Meets Wendy - Live action and spook-tacular special effects combine in this modern fun spin-off of the classic cartoon fave. It's warlock vs witches vs ghosts with Casper and Wendy trying to make sure it all comes out ok.

Hurray! They're letting me out of the cage. Gotta run. Even if none of these hit the spot for you, there are more than 4,000 other videos to choose from. Sure to be something you'll enjoy. Then there are all the computer and office supply products, Beanie Babies, Magic cards, copy services, newspaper, package shipping - or you could just stop by to pet me!



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Land Swap By Chris Hawthorne

Curry County is being asked to exchange 70 acres of prime forestland on the Sixes River, directly opposite one of the only access points for drift fishermen, for 1.75 acres of property in Brookings. The logic is to potentially use the Brookings property to build County offices in lieu of renting space. One of the problems with this exchange is the unequal value of the parcels. The Brookings property is of questionable value due to drainage and access problems. It has been marketed for \$250,000, generating little interest from prospective buyers. The Sixes River property, on the other hand, has been valued between \$1/2 million and \$3/4 million dollars by a licensed timber cruiser coupled with the county's assessed value of bare land.

I understand the County's need for a more permanent solution to office space, but this exchange is not the solution for several reasons:

1. The lands under consideration are of unequal value.
2. The impact on the Sixes River Fishery, which is reeling from continued

pressure on the river and its tributaries by the unrelenting extraction of timber.

3. The resulting clear-cut will negatively impact this widely used area, by tourist and sportsmen, by creating an eyesore at the same time the County is trying to promote tourism.
4. The exploration of the possibility that a land trust or public agency would support an exchange for the property adjacent to the river to prevent the dissipation of a publicly owned resource.
5. To prevent the public perception that the County is willing to squander valuable long-term assets for short term solutions.

We need to let our Commissioners know how we feel about this activity on or before the September 29 Commissioners meeting in Gold Beach.

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Letter to the Editor

Now that the city council has decided not to mediate the height of the parking lot at Battle Rock Park, they should think about accepting the new sign proposal.

I think it only fair that they accept the wording, submitted for the corrected signs, by Brice Wagner, Rick Cook, John Mayea & Nathaniel Wander. They also should accept replacing the Cottoneva sign. This issue should have been taken care of without having to go to the arbitrator, as it was wrong to have destroyed the Battle Rock sign, and removed the other original sign. The new sign with the updated story of Battle Rock Park, and the history of Port Orford will be a wonderful addition to the park.

The council should also do all that they can to see to it that the lower parking area, and Fifth Street leading to it be paved as soon as is possible. So that those of us who like to see the beach area unobstructed, may do so, just as easily as using the upper area of the park. This also would be the fair thing to do.

Sincerely,

Joanne L. Ruoff

Senior News By Mary Yoder

Today I think I'll talk about the volunteers who work in the office. The office opens at 9:30am and closes at 3:30pm. Each volunteer works 3 hours. That takes 10 volunteers – we now have 8 – some work and fill in another shift. Our volunteers now are Pauline Lenox, Thelma Lagace, Glorine Godfry, Lucille Douglas, Betty Keeler, Norma Ellis, Mary Yoder – also Bobbetta Kron. We could use a few more. If you like answering the phone, talking to visitors, etc. – please call the office any time. Think you'd enjoy it. These people do a good job and we thank you all.

Now September 17 was Rotary luncheon. Those working were Greta Carver, Norma Ellis, Jane Black, Mary Evans – setting up the dining room. That's a lot of work – I tried it. Dishes and other things Bill Butt and Owen Miller – what would we do without them?

Now September 26 is the luncheon at 11:30am – rummage sale 8:00am – 1:00pm. The sing a longs will be singing. I hope I can be there. You see my left arm that's broke and my right foot that's hurt so I can still write. Maybe I can work who knows – hope to see you there.

September 29 is the membership meeting – last time it was brought up when the best time to have another style show. Why don't you come and give them your opinion – it would help. I'd like to thank Scott and Kathy MacDonald for the flowers and garden vegetables that they have given the center – we really appreciated getting them.

September 21 was pinochle night – ladies high Katrina Montgomery – low Betty Harper – men high E.J. Drew – men's low Wayne Goetter. I was told there was popcorn and I missed it all.

Well I hope I've said it all – will close with this.

HOW TO SPELL TREASURER

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Candidate Statement By Jane Cramer

I was born in Missouri and fell in love with Oregon, the south coast and the ocean while on a family vacation trip in 1972. Our family moved to Portland in 1975 and spent vacations on the south coast each year. We bought our Port Orford property in 1981 and have met a lot of generous, caring people since moving here in early 1995. I have found people to be friendly and helpful whether they have lived here for 1 year, 5 years, 10 years or all their lives. These people are part of the reason this is a wonderful place to live and these are the people I would like to help.

I believe in a city government that works for *all* the people of Port Orford, whether young or old, rich or poor, new arrivals or old-timers. I believe that when people work together it ultimately benefits each of us. I believe citizens and government

can be brought together in the spirit of cooperation to help build trust.

Port Orford has a wonderfully diverse population and I believe we can solve many of the town's problems by appreciating individual skills and talents while we work together. Common sense and a cooperative spirit can help keep Port Orford the wonderful place we all love.

I feel I have developed a sense of the needs of Port Orford and its people through attending city meetings regularly, participating in community organizations and serving with volunteer work

If elected, I plan to use my problem solving and decision-making skills to promote and establish programs and procedures to deal with the major problems faced by the city. These are: water and sewer rates; distrust of city officials, staff and fellow citizens; lack of adequate programs and facilities for handling social problems involving youth, elderly, disabled and the poor.

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Historic Places

On Saturday, September 26 the annual meeting of the Curry County Historical Society will feature a tour of historic places in the Port Orford and Sixes areas. The tour will start at 8:30am from the Museum at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach and travel by private vehicles.

As participants drive to Port Orford they will observe several historic spots along the way that will be marked by numbers on the guide sheets each vehicle will have. The first stop will be at the Battle Rock Wayfinding Point at the south end of Port Orford. There the group will discuss the story of Battle Rock and see the propeller and shaft of the Cottoneva shipwreck.

Other spots to be seen will be the old city jail, propeller and shaft from the Joan of Arc shipwreck, and the Masterson and Lindberg houses from the outside.

A visit to the Tichenor Cemetery on Coast Guard hill will be followed by a visit to the Heads. In cooperation with the Port Orford Heritage Society, Viola Cuatt will have a small display inside their facility at the Heads.

The next stop will be at the Hughes House and auxiliary features along Cape Blanco road, then a visit to the Cape Blanco lighthouse. The final stop will be at the historic Sixes Hotel on the north bank of the Sixes River.

Bring a sack lunch. The lunch break and a very short Society meeting will be held wherever we are close to noon; the Heads, Buffington Park or the Hughes House.

This free tour and program is sponsored by the Curry County Historical Society in cooperation with the Point Orford Heritage Society and the Friends of Cape Blanco, Hughes House.

League of Women Voters

Candidates for Port Orford City Council, for County Commissioner and for County Treasurer have been invited to a public Candidate Forum Wednesday, October 7, at 7pm at the Port Orford Community Building. Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Curry County, the forum offers each candidate equal time to make a statement about his/her candidacy and opportunity to answer written questions from the audience. League members will conduct the forum. Shirley Nelson of Port Orford, League President, will moderate.

Due to the large number of City Council candidates in Port Orford, no candidates for state office have been invited. However, a similar forum will be held in Gold Beach Tuesday, October 6 at the High School and another Thursday, October 8 at the Best Western Brookings Inn conference room. The following state candidates have been invited to both forums: for State Representative, State Senator and State Superintendent of Public In-

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struction. Local residents are encouraged to attend one of those meetings.

Port Orford City Council Candidate Question

Below is "Ballot Measure 10" as it will appear to the voters on election day. We ask that city council candidates answer the question in 50 words or less and submit their response to us by 3:00pm, Tuesday, September 29 so that we can include their responses in next week's paper along with a new question.

Measure directing the creation of a Highway 101 Master Plan

Question: Shall the City of Port Orford create a "Master Plan" for the beautification of Highway 101?

Summary: If this Measure is adopted, the City Council will be directed, subject to the availability of staff and funds, to create a "Master Plan" for the beautification of Highway 101. The Measure establishes a process for public meetings to allow for citizen input into the projects which will be in the Master Plan prior to its adoption by the City Council. The Measure also establishes a policy emphasizing natural beauty, historical significance and community pride as the basis for beautification projects. The Measure does not mandate the expenditure of funds, and allows the City to build projects as funds become available from whatever source.

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Letter to the Editor,

We have recently learned that there is a belief among some folks in the community that establishment of the Copper Salmon Wilderness would result in closure of the roads bordering the wilderness. This is totally untrue. The only roads that would be closed are a few old dead-end logging spurs, most of which are slated for closure by the Forest Service regardless of whether or not the area becomes Wilderness. Other than the closure of these few spurs, some of which are already closed due to landslides, there will be no noticeable difference to the public. The spurs will still function as trails and all of the non-motorized uses of this area that are now enjoyed by the public will be unaffected.

A campaign of misinformation has been instituted by some of the timber industry crowd in Coquille. When they lie in the news media we can respond with the truth, but the gossip mill is beyond our reach. They have been barraging Senator Gordon Smith with propaganda against protection of the Copper Salmon area. Having logged off the Coquille, they want the Elk – especially Port Orford cedar. We need the support of the Port Orford

community if we are to achieve permanent protection for this, possibly the most productive salmon fishery in the Lower 48 States. Please write to Senator Smith and urge him to designate the Copper Salmon Wilderness. His address is B-40 Dirksen Building, Washington DC 20510.

Jim Rogers

Beach Cleanup

The Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup takes place on Saturday, September 26 from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

For beach cleanup in Zone 12 from the Sixes River north to Cape Arago meet at "The Barn" in Bandon City Park. The zone captain for this area is Dorothy Edmison. She can be reached at 347-6103. For beach cleanup in Zone 13 from the Sixes River south to Ophir meet at Battle Rock State Wayside. The zone captains for this area are Rick and Kathy Hazard. They can be reached at 332-2675. For beach cleanup in Zone 14 from Ophir to the California border meet at either the Port of Gold Beach parking lot or the Brookings Information Center, opposite Harris Beach State Park entrance. The zone captains for this area are Carla

Sowell and John Weber. They can be reached at 247-7605.

Here are some tips to help make this a safe and successful experience.

Please bring rubber gloves or other hand protection. Don't touch medical waste (needles, bandages, etc.) Mark the location with driftwood and report it to the beach captain when you return your trash bags to the meeting site. Watch for sneaker waves, and beware of incoming tides. Avoid logs in the surf. Exercise caution on rocks and cliffs.

Budget Committee Vacancies

The Port Orford-Langlois School District currently has three vacant positions on the budget committee. The budget committee consists of the seven members of the board and seven electors appointed by the board as required by law. Terms of appointed members will be three years. Applications may be requested by calling 348-2337 or at the district office at 45525 Highway 101.

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Letter to the Editor,

Kalmiopsis Audubon thanks those who came to speak with ODOT about the "Humbug Curves Project" on September 2. Though we had little hope left of influencing ODOT's plans, we at least hoped to convince them to include citizen input in future decisions.

Instead, ODOT managers squandered an opportunity to repair their agency's standing with the community. While they could have listened respectfully, offering to forward our concerns to their superiors, they chose to chastise us for not sticking to their agenda.

Moreover, promises were made they must have known could not be kept. Traffic delays often of ten to fifteen minutes were promised, but the delays reach thirty to forty minutes during peak periods, and the contractors warn they could be longer. Also, within a week after the Port Orford

show, ODOT's projected completion date of 10/31, and price tag of 1.67 million dollars, had stretched to an 11/15 completion date, and a cost of 1.9 million dollars.

Sadly, the issue is no longer protecting Humbug. Audubon sought to delay the ODOT process, and contemplated a court injunction, to gather input on safety needs and alternatives. ODOT wouldn't listen, and attorneys say the court would not intervene unless we could prove a case in advance.

The issue now is how ODOT treats communities, and Port Orford has been treated to a poor example indeed. We urge you address your concerns to: ODOT Director, Grace Crunican, Room 135, Transportation Building, Salem, OR 97310.

Nathaniel Wander, President
Kalmiopsis Audubon Society

Mary Yoder Injured

Mary Yoder was injured in an automobile accident on Friday morning. She was crossing Highway 101 at 18th Street in her car and was hit by a vehicle traveling north on the highway. Mary's left arm was broken and right leg was injured in the accident. The Port Orford Ambulance crew transported her to Bay Area Hospital. The Port Orford Fire Department provided traffic control at the accident scene.

Mary writes a weekly column for this paper entitled "Senior News". Her accident didn't stop her from writing and her column appears this week. Mary has served as president of the Port Orford Senior Center and is still a very active member. She is a former three-term mayor of Port Orford.

Mary is recovering well and appreciates the phone calls and visits she has received at home.

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Letter to the Editor,

September 20, 1998 the second meeting of the Oregon Board Girls was held at Ocean Tribe Surf Shop in Gold Beach. The group was founded to unite women and girls who share a common interest in doing and discussing board sports like surfing, bodyboarding, skateboarding, and snow boarding.

“We want to unite girls who have the desire to rip,” said Laura Stansell, co-president of the group. Krista Donaldson, a Gold Beach resident, founded the group so girls in the area could see board sports as an option and that other girls are interested in sports like bodyboarding and skateboarding.

OBG will have monthly newsletters, plan skateboarding and surfing trips, and will support each other in becoming and staying involved in board sports. 18 girls from Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings are group members.

Oregon Board Girls was founded to enhance and unite females who are seriously interested in board sports and have the desire to better themselves. We would love to see a skate park in Gold Beach and Port Orford. Girls who aren't involved in traditional after school sports need a place to hang out and do something athletic. A skate park could channel their energy in a positive way.

Krista Donaldson
247-2427

Common Good Benefits By Jane Cramer

Jim Campbell recently presented the Common Good with a check for \$208.00. This gift was the result of a spontaneous collection taken up at the Sunday evening worker appreciation dinner on Labor Day weekend. The donation was made not by Team Continental, but by the drivers who competed in this year's Port Orford Grand Prix, their crews and families.

“The people who make up Team Continental and the Port Orford Grand Prix are family members whose hobby is racing cars. We care deeply about kids, and about programs designed to help them and their families. I hope this donation will be useful, and I hope that in the future . . . we can contribute even more to this most worthy cause,” said Sally Lane, President of Team Continental, in the letter to Jim Campbell that contained the check.

The Common Good provides food and clothing for local families year round, in addition to Christmas Boxes and gifts and the Shoes For Kids program in the fall. Local support for these programs is very generous and greatly welcomed, but donations are appreciated at all times of the year to support the on-going commitment to the needy people of the Port Orford area. Thank you.

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Artists featured in this month's exhibit include June Bands of Port Orford, with oil paintings; Maxine Leveridge of Bandon, who will show some of her unique wearable art; and a group of Langlois artists, who have opened a shop called the Home Spun Cottage: Patte Hull, with multi media and dried flower pieces; Ann Lee, bringing some of her unusual herbs and other plants; Bonnie Nowell, bringing pine needle and ceramic crafts; and Barbara Tuck, with porcelain dolls.

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Health Cooking

Southwestern Oregon Community College is presenting Healthy Cooking the Southeast Asian Way in Gold Beach and Port Orford. This class by Bea Nash will demonstrate methods of preparation that will produce appetizing and delicious meals. You will learn to modify recipes to yield tasty, yet low fat meals. The one-day session will include lecture, demonstration and hands-on cooking of Vietnamese and Thai meals, such as salad rolls, curries and pad thai.

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Bradbury Enters Stanford

Zoe Bradbury of Langlois, former student of Pacific High School, entered Stanford University in Palo Alto this week. She is a transfer from Simon's Rock College in Massachusetts where she completed an Associates Degree on a full merit scholarship following two years at Pacific High School.

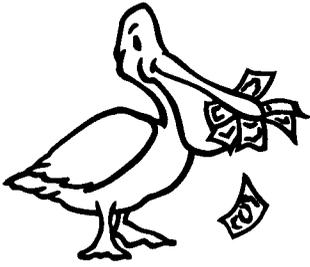
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Final Festival Wrap Up By Tobe Porter P.O. Arts Council President

The 1998 Port Orford Arts and Seafood Festival Partners are pleased to announce the winners of the Junk Art Contest: Linda the World Famous Artist for "The Lure"; Gracie Page and Carol Malley for "TheaterWorks PR Agent"; "Molly Dolly" by Casey Ott; "Life's a Bear" by Mike Shields, and Dorotha Oyler for "Mad Caps."

We thank these winners and the other artists who entered work in the contest. We also thank all the artists who participated in the Castaway Art Sale. Both the Exhibit and the Sale were great fun, and we look forward to doing them next year.

Postmaster Mason has had over 100 requests from around the nation for the special Festival stamp cancellation. If you're going to mail a letter to someone special, make the envelope look special—

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The perfect gift for that hard-to-please relative on your holiday shopping list, a Festival shirt, is available at the Port Orford Pottery and the Rick Cook Gallery. Shop early, they're almost all gone. And thanks to everyone for that too.

Fire Restrictions

Due to the change in weather conditions, District Manager Gene Brock of the Coos Forest Protective Association has announced the following changes in closures in the Coos Forest Protective Association district to be effective at 8:00am, Friday, September 18, 1998.

There will be a Level I closure in all Regulated Use areas CS-1, CS-2, CS-4, CS-5, and on all state, private, county, and BLM lands within SK-1 and SK-2. Regulated Use still remains in effect within CS-2, CS-5, SK-1 and SK-2.

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ervoir. The contractor for all three projects is Laskey-Clifton from Reedsport. McNurlin told me he thought all three projects would be completed by the end of October.

In other public works department news the draft predesign report was due from KCM, Inc. engineering firm to the city on September 30 concerning replacement of the city's effluent drain field at Agate Beach. KCM was given a two-week extension making it due on October 14. KCM was hired on July 13 to "redesign the City of Port Orford wastewater treatment outfall and explore a variety of options to replacing the drain field including an ocean outfall, irrigation systems, water re-use and other viable plans and the recommendation of a preferred option. We await their report eagerly.

Central Wetland Greenway

An interested group of people met Thursday night at the American Legion Hall Thursday night for a discussion about the Central Wetland Greenway. David Wilken, chairman of the wetland greenway committee led off the meeting with a detailed overview of where the

project is currently. He said plans began with the wetland greenway trail, which follows city street rights of way from the back of Driftwood Elementary School and proceeds north and then west where it crosses under Highway 101 at 16th Street. Once it crosses 101 it spreads out into a large wetland located between the platted but not in existence 16th and 17th Streets. The Jensen family of Coos Bay currently owns the majority of that city block between Highway 101 and Idaho and between 16th and 17th streets. The centerpiece of the wetland greenway trail is the interpretative boardwalk and viewing decks that will enable people to walk through but above part of the wetland. Wilken said if this project gets built it would be a city park under city jurisdiction.

A grant of \$83,000 to pay for 80% of the boardwalk and viewing decks was received from the Federal Highway Administration as a result of Highway 101 being declared a U.S. Scenic Byway. Wilken was asked what the opening up of the wetland would do for the natural environment. Some of the benefits he stated were it would be a nice tool for the school district. It could be used for outdoor science instruction and water qual-

ity testing by students. Wilken stated the committee wanted to create a walkway as maintenance free as possible. Wilken was asked how deep the wetland was and he didn't know.

Wilken said the Jensen family wanted to donate the land to the city if a certified appraisal showed the property was worth enough for a reasonable tax write-off, when talking about ownership of the Highway 101 land.

Jane Cramer spoke about the Blossom Gulch wetland trail in Coos Bay that begins adjacent to Blossom Gulch Elementary School. She recommended people go take a walk on the trail and get a feel for this kind of project. Jack Pruitt said he looked at the wetland greenway trail as another form of development. Brice Wagner said wetlands can be a nightmare for farmers. He said he hoped the educational efforts in the form of signs at the wetlands are well balanced. Casey Tooley, owner of the property across the street from the interpretative boardwalk, said he has seen numerous people stop and park along Highway 101 in front of the wetland. Evan Kramer talked about the popularity with walkers of the Arcata wetlands and effluent treatment ponds and the abundant bird life to be seen there.

Gary Dietel of Port Orford Engineering volunteered to do the engineering work for the boardwalk and viewing decks.

Wilken said Port Orford would hear back from Coos Curry Business Development by October 8 if the grant requests for the remaining 20% of the funding are approved. He said there would be more public sessions about the wetland greenway trail.

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