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Murals Dedicated at Blanco By Evan Kramer



Three outdoor murals were dedicated at Blanco Middle School in Langlois on Friday afternoon before a large and appreciative group of adults and students.

The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the murals began with the raising of the flag and pledge of allegiance led by the Port Orford Boy Scouts, Troop 101. The Blanco Band under the direction of teacher Will Jarvis then performed the national anthem. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday on Monday celebrating the life of the civil rights leader.

At this point the ceremony went indoors and people took their seats or stood in the Blanco School multi-purpose room. Blanco special education teacher Astrid Battle was a driving force behind the mural project and she served as master of ceremonies. Battle introduced the guest speaker Oregon's Secretary of State Bill Bradbury. He noted what a great pleasure it was to be here and said that Blanco was the school both his daughters had attended. Bradbury said that Dr. Martin

Luther King, Jr. was a personal hero of his. Bradbury said that one of the highlights of his life was watching Dr. King deliver the "I Have a Dream" speech on August 28, 1963 in Washington D.C. Bradbury said he was 14 years old then and that his older sister was passionately involved with civil rights. He said he tagged along with his sister to the speech. The family was living in Chicago at the time. Bradbury said "I knew I was part of something special" and that he could still hear Dr. King's voice giving the speech. Bradbury said it was truly fitting the school was unveiling the murals on Dr. Martin Luther King weekend. Bradbury said the murals were beautiful and they would provide inspiration to our community. He continued, "You've made one tiny place in the world a better place."

Blanco schoolteacher Fred Betz spoke next and said Dr. King was one of his favorite heroes and an incredible inspiration to him as a 17 year old in 1963. Betz was scheduled to read part of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech but instead played a portion of the actual speech on video to a rapt audience. The showing of a portion of the video was followed by an incredible rendition of "Amazing Grace" sung by Pacific High School student Holly Klein.

Astrid Battle said this was her first year as a teacher at Blanco and talked about the school needing something to make it a better place. The school did a contest for a mural in the cafeteria and came up with 20 student entries. The students chose three to paint. There were two third place winners including Veranda McKenzie and Robyn Culley who also got the director's choice. Culley's design shows five children of different ethnic backgrounds with the theme of we are the future. Second place went to Samantha Keeler whose design was stars and a rainbow of color. First place went to fifth grader Phillip Maddi who designed the Blanco Eagle now gracing the wall above the entrance to the school. Samantha Keeler said the Fourth of July was the inspiration for her mural and that all murals have stories.

Battle spoke of getting a fund raising project underway to present the mural project to the White House.

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Health & Safety Carnival

Planning is under way for Curry County’s fifth annual Children’s Health and Safety Carnival set for March 29 in conjunction with the Coos-Curry Home Show, at the Azalea Middle School gym in Brookings.

Organizers will meet at noon, Friday, Feb. 7, in the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative board room in Brookings. Anyone is welcome to attend.

“The Children’s Health and Safety Carnival is designed to raise awareness of health and safety issues through creative interactive activities for children, and offer information and resources to the youngsters’ parents and caregivers,” according to Heather Weckler, coordinator.

Weckler is a board member of the Brookings-Harbor Youth Association, one of the primary sponsors of the event.

Last year’s carnival drew more than 800 visitors, she adds. More than 20 businesses and organizations throughout Curry County shared information, interactive activities, and prizes with children and families countywide.

This year, the carnival will include child safety seat inspections from Head Start, water safety demonstrations by the U.S. Coast Guard, a fitness walking workout with prize drawing from Curry General Hospital’s Sole Pursuits program, kiddie aerobics, face painting, and appearances from McGruff and other giant characters.

The Curry County Public Health Department’s VISTA and Americorps volunteers, along with the high school OS-SUM students, plan to stage Elliot the Elephant plays in the schools prior to the carnival as in past years.

All activities and giveaways are free. Every child attending will get a chance

to win a big prize in the general carnival drawing.

Other main sponsors include Coos-Curry Electric Co-op, Curry General Hospital, the Brookings Police Department, Curry County Public Health Department and the Chetco Federal Credit Union.

Volunteers Still Needed

The League of Women Voters of Curry County has created a four-page survey, to be completed anonymously, to determine what experiences people have with present health care services in Curry County. If you are a Curry County resident between the ages of 18 and 34, and willing to help in this project, please come to the A-frame building in Buffington Park on Thursday, January 23, at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be served. Everyone who completes the survey (up to twenty people) will receive a cash “Thank You” gift. For more info, call 332-9002.

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A While Ago . . .

By Jane Cramer

A while ago I looked through the multi-page, colored grocery ad insert that came with my daily newspaper and thought about the differences between the early newspapers and what we have today. And why wouldn't there be differences? The 1870 census showed only 504 people residing in all of Curry County and even though the population of the county more than doubled in the 1880 census, it was still only 1,236. The 2000 census certified a population of 1,153 for little old Port Orford alone.

Over the years, newspapers and publishers came and went in Port Orford, at times leaving Port Orford with no paper at all. We had the *Port Orford Post* (1880 – 1882), the *Port Orford Tribune* (1892 – 1923), the *Port Orford News* (1926 – 1933) and the *Port Orford Post* (1936 – 1942). The current paper, *Port Orford News*, began in the 1950's and Port Orford had two newspapers for a brief six months when the *Port Orford Times* competed with the *Port Orford News*. Then it was back to only one paper until the popular *Port Orford Today!* Began publishing on Nov. 2, 1990.

Early papers printed wool market prices, hide prices, road conditions, steamship schedules and lots of political opinions. Newspapers in those days were never read just once, but were passed from person to person and often traveled many miles, so it wasn't unusual for articles to be reprinted by other newspapers.

Business ads promoting attorneys, notary publics, tonsorial artists, blacksmiths, hotels and saloons were printed on every page, even on the front page.

General stores handled all sorts of merchandise. Early ads didn't itemize sale items or give prices. Instead, they mentioned the types of goods carried: groceries, dry goods, clothing, underwear and hardware.

Papers in the early 1900's had non-local ads for things like patent medicines, Royal Baking Powder (made with real corn starch, not alum) and typewriters.

It wasn't until the 1920's that ads included prices for a few items like coffee for 43 cents a pound, Libby's milk 10 cents per can and seven bars of laundry soap for 25 cents. In 1927 the ad for the 16th Anniversary Sale of the Golden Rule in Bandon quoted prices of 19 cents for

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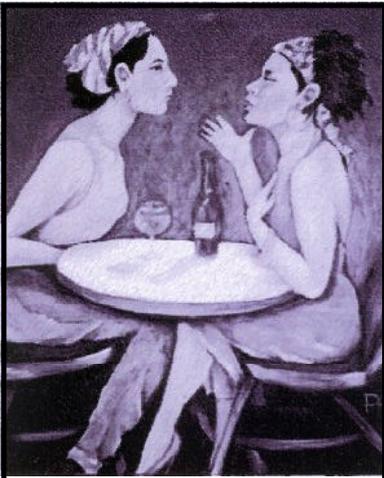
bath towels, 50 cents for ladies wash dresses and white outing flannel for 10 cents a yard.

Classified ads for individuals as well as businesses showed up in the early 40's and for a while the paper even carried five comic strips, but the real changes came after that when the papers began to carry full-page grocery ads with prices listed for everything advertised. These ads evolved into the colorful inserts we see today.

We're fortunate to have two newspapers in town now and advertising has changed a lot over the years, but it's interesting to look back through the old papers and get a glimpse of life a while ago.

Dean's Scholarship

The University of Oregon has announced that Christina Alexander will be the recipient of a Dean's Scholarship with a value of at least \$1,000 per year. In issuing the award to Alexander, the University stated, "Your academic achievements make you just the type of student we are excited to have as part of our academic community. Your academic success indicates an enthusiasm for learning and motivation for academic achievement that will help you be successful at a competitive university like the U of O. We gladly welcome you to the University of Oregon campus." Alexander's current plans are to major in Art. She is the daughter of Jerry Alexander of Langlois.



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Hundreds of thousands of people all over the United States marched in peaceful demonstrations for peace on Saturday, January 18. Many thousands gathered in big cities like Portland, San Francisco and Washington D.C. In Port Orford 45 adults and children and two dogs participated in a peace walk through town on Highway 101 honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the dream of peace. They gathered at Battle Rock Park at 11:00am on Saturday morning and heard remarks from Oregon's Secretary of State Bill Bradbury before beginning their peace walk through town. Several held placards expressing sentiments like "Peace is Patriotic" to "Not in My Name" to "Money \$ for Schools not War." They walked up to Twentieth and Highway 101 before turning around and walking back to the park. Many motorists passing the large crowd of marchers gave the thumbs up or peace signs as they drove by.

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Community Bldg Vandalized

The Port Orford Community Building and American Legion Hall were vandalized late Friday night or early Saturday morning when they were hit with graffiti. The Community Building had the words West Side Crip painted on the front door. Other graffiti appeared on the Community Building side exit door, the American Legion front door and Legion Hall west facing windows.

Arts Council Meeting

The Port Orford Arts Council meets on Wednesday, January 22, 7:00pm, at the Community Building.

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

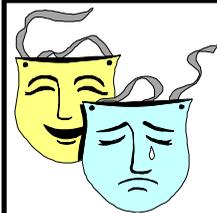
January 16 Rotary luncheon – volunteers working Kay Neal head cook – others Juanita Hennick, Alicia Ben-vediz, Dolores Care, Arlyne Mossholder – doing dishes, clean up etc. Frank Benevediz, Jerry Lenhart. The luncheon was very special. The crew received many compliments.

January 20 was pinochle – a nice time was had by all – high scorer Jean Shank, second Katrina Montgomery, low Joe Hall. Come join the fun.

January 25 luncheon 11:30am, rummage sale 8:00am – 1:00pm – play cards 1:00pm.

January 28 membership meeting at 11:00am. Hearing aid 9:30 – 11:00am.

Walking group Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am.



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Animal Shelter News

The outside kennels are in desperate need of some major repairs, these were un-expected, with weather and dog destruction. on the advise of a contractor the shelter will need to replace some of the chain link wire with a heavier gauge of wire, this will prevent this type of destruction from happening again, these damages have been accumulating over the last few years and it now has become necessary to make repairs and is unavoidable. All donations to help with this repair would be greatly appreciated, so if you have a few dollars to spare for a donation we could sure use it at this time.

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Krieger Appointed

State Representative Wayne Krieger was sworn in on Monday, January 13 as State Representative from House District 1. In addition Representative Krieger has been assigned to three key legislative committees by House Speaker Karen Minnis for the 2003 Legislature. Krieger will serve on the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources and the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation.

Krieger said it was an honor to be appointed to the Ways and Means Committee and the additional Subcommittees. These committees will be extremely important in the process of solving the budget crisis we are facing in Oregon.

Representative Krieger is serving his second term as a State Representative. He is the owner of Skyview Ranch and Tree Farm and was an Oregon State

Police officer for 27 years. He has served on the Oregon Board of Forestry, the Governor's Water Enhancement Board, the Landslide Task Force and the Forest Industries Council on Taxation.

For more information, please contact Representative Krieger at (503) 986-1401.

Letter to the Editor,

Who am I? Who are we? Couple of questions not asked nearly enough (in my opinion). When we say we care, for others, for our family and community, who exactly are these others we say we speak for or try to protect? When we call ourselves Christian, American, or Patriot, what exactly do we mean? Are we using these words for shields to hide behind? Do we dare look in the mirror and see who we have become? Are we proud of ourselves or ashamed? Are we afraid to look at our own values, if indeed we have any exclusively of our

own. Do we join groups out of fear of facing our own mind? I read where democracy is a bold experiment, whereby we take the sovereignty which belonged once to God and king and dispensed it to each and every one of us, the people, pretty outlandish, and perhaps pretty foolish too. Are we up to it, this experiment? Do we always give it our best? Or do we use it for license to spew our malice and prejudice? Again I ask, who am I? Who are we? And what is it really that sustains this life we call our own?

Sincerely,

Jere Langston

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The workshop will be February 8 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The morning session will be at Lord Bennetts Restaurant in Bandon with FREE lunch. Speakers will address different projects and various funding sources. The afternoon will be spent touring projects on private land and talking to the landowners. For more information and to register for the workshop contact Linda Smith at 541-348-2652 or lindasmith@briskweb.net or Bessie Joyce at 541-396-2841x34 or bessie-joyce@or.nacdnet.org, as soon as possible.

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Brown to Address Chamber

Newly elected Curry County Commissioner Ralph Brown will speak to the Chamber of Commerce of Port Orford and North Curry County on Monday, January 27 at 1:00 pm at the Paradise Café. "We are delighted that Ralph Brown has chosen Port Orford as the place for one of his first public appearances after his election," said Chamber

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President Ronn Kerr, "and I believe his interest in coming here is another sign of the new vitality and energy we are experiencing in the north county area."

This presentation is open to all Chamber members and all other persons interested in the economic growth of the area. Lunch will be available from the regular Paradise Café menu.

Commissioner Brown moved to Curry County with his family in 1962 and has been involved in the commercial fishing industry for four decades. He currently owns two 75-foot fishing trawlers that operate out of the Port of Brookings. He has been involved in fishery management for 20 years and has been a member of the Pacific Fishery Management Council for nearly seven years. He has traveled to New Zealand, Japan and Korea, representing the fishing industry at trade and educational meetings.

Kerr said, "Commissioner Brown has said that this meeting is an excellent opportunity for him to get to know more about the concerns of the people and businesses of the area. He wants to share some of his thinking regarding economic development, fishery management, tourism development and other issues but he also wants to hear directly from the people of the north county. For this reason, I encourage everyone in the area to attend."

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Murals Dedicated at Blanco Continued from Front Cover

the painting on the three murals as parts of the murals were fairly high above the ground and the students only had a limited amount of time to paint them. Dormody said he enjoyed the lovely company of the people at the school while he worked on the murals. He encouraged everyone to apply themselves to being more loving human beings.

Astrid Battle thanked Blanco Principal Phil Sword, Blanco Secretary Carol Smith, Blanco custodian John Waller, the Blanco Booster club members and president Char Moses; Driftwood Principal Harry Shipman, Pacific High Principal Judy Shay and the Port Orford-Langlois School Board including Virginia Hughes and Shirley Van Loo who were present for the ceremony as well as James Arntz, Alan Brown, John Jensen, Gail Rathbun Gary Anderson for their help with the mural project.

School Board president Virginia Hughes led in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the three murals, which was held outside, under sunny skies. Two of the murals are on the outside wall of the multi-purpose room and the third one showing the Blanco Eagle is above the entrance to the school.

Sole Pursuits Hikes

Follow Rogue Hills author Kathleen Akin when she leads the second of Curry General Hospital's *Sole Pursuits* free monthly hikes, from Shore Pines to an agate-strewn beach and back, 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 8.

Akin – a newcomer to Curry County – has lived in Europe and India. She does not drive a vehicle. She counts on her own feet to travel to the store, post office and elsewhere in Gold Beach. She describes the walk to Bailey Beach as “leisurely,” and a good one for beginners.

Akin will guide walkers from Shore Pines Assisted Care Community to the Old Coast Road where they'll walk past homes and varied vegetation to a path leading to Bailey Beach. Besides agates, the beach now also is littered with interesting stones “sculpted” by the rock-boring clam.

Walkers should prepare for puddles and wet weather by wearing waterproof trail shoes and rain gear. Bring snacks and water. Organizers suggest that out-of-shape walkers bring a buddy to accompany them back to Shore Pines if walking becomes too strenuous. The loop totals about 2 ½ miles.

Participants can meet in the Shore Pines lobby before 10 o'clock. Brookings area carpools should depart from The Brookings Clinic parking lot at 9:20 a.m.

Forthcoming hikes include:

March 8, 10 a.m., join Francie Guthridge, FNP, for a coastal waterfalls walk from Whaleshead Viewpoint parking lot south to House Rock.

NOTE: April 's post-Biscuit Fire exploration has been postponed until June 7 due to road closures and possible snow. Another April walk will be rescheduled.

For more information, phone the *Sole Pursuits* walking program at Curry General Hospital, (541) 247-3187; or 1-800-445-8085, ext. 187.

Port Orford Library News by Tobe Porter, Library Director

We are pleased to announce that the Library Board of Directors selected Richard P. Turi as the architect for the new library project. Mr. Turi has a great deal of experience designing libraries, with 15 finished projects to his credit, including Brookings, North Bend, Florence and Roseburg. His first step will be to meet with the Library Staff, then host a

community meeting to hear your ideas. The Library and Foundation Boards and the Library Staff feel the project is in very experienced, capable hands. We look forward to working with Mr. Turi.

The Bargain Holiday fund raising effort brought in nearly \$7,000, in addition to many individual donations. If you haven't sent your contribution, it's never too late. We will need to raise money from now until the new doors open. Do you know that if you work in an United Way shop, you may designate the Library to receive your contribution? Do you know that your company or corporation may have a giving program where you make a contribution for new construction and they match it? This applies to retired folks too. You never know, check with your company, past or present, and help build this library. Be sure to mention that any contribution to the Library Foundation (P. O. Box 294, Port Orford 97465) is tax-deductible.

New library, coming up!

The Common Good

The Common Good provided over 1000 high quality food boxes to residents of Port Orford in 2002, including 85 special holiday boxes with a turkey and all the fixings for a special meal given to Port Orford families in December. Common Good distributed food boxes to an average of 84 families each month of 2002. These boxes provided meals to an average of over 200 people monthly, about 1/3rd of which were children.

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