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This is It By Evan Kramer



The City of Port Orford Revenue Bond election results will be known on Tuesday night May 20. The City held one last meeting to discuss the sewer outfall situation last

Thursday night and Jon Gasik from the Department of Environmental Quality summed up the situation with his remark, "This is it." Gasik is an engineer in the DEQ water quality program.

Gasik spoke first at Thursday's town hall meeting. He reminded people the sewer drainfield had been taken out in the 1997/98 winter storms. Since then treated effluent water has been discharged from a pipe on the beach. Gasik said this water was not safe for human contact. He spoke about the chlorine in the water and the toxicity to fish.

Gasik briefly discussed the sewer treatment plant improvements including adding greater reliability and more capacity. Gasik estimated peak flow into the sewer treatment plant as 700,000 gallons per day on a high flow day, and 120,000 on a low flow day.

Steve Donovan, sewer outfall project manager for SHN Consulting Engineers

spoke next. He handed out copies of the final design plan for the diffuser structure. This structure directs the flow of treated water after it comes out of the pipe buried in rock under the ocean at Agate Beach. Donovan said September 30, 2003 was the critical date in the project. This is the date the five year old Mutual Agreement and Order between the City and DEQ expires. Donovan said he had submitted the final contract documents to Rural Utilities Service and that SHN and the City were ready to put the project out to bid. Donovan said he had already contacted many contractors who specialize in directional drilling. Donovan said the date for advertising the project was May 23. Donovan said, "our backs are against the wall" and the City needs to begin construction on September 1 and have the pipe out by September 30.

Donovan said since 1988 five engineers had concluded that an ocean outfall is the way to go. The outfall pipe will be installed with directional drilling and the water will go into a canyon offshore. He said rock is present at the location and it is very drillable. Donovan said Port Orford doesn't have enough land for a wetland treatment system.

Donovan explained some of the wastewater treatment plant improvements.

They include a backup power supply, a UV (ultra violet) disinfecting system, which will do away with most of the need to use chlorine, a new clarifier that will improve treatment and provides redundancy. He said the project will improve effluent quality and be more cost effective. He described the design life of the wastewater treatment plant as 20 years taking it through 2023.

Donovan broke down the two main cost components of the project which include 49% for the pipeline and 22% for the wastewater treatment plant.

Donovan described the benefits of the project. He said upon completion we would be in compliance with the DEQ and EPA. He said the potential for growth in the City would be renewed. He said the outfall has a 50-year life span. He said it would eliminate the public health threat and open the beaches for tourism. He reminded people the MAO with DEQ must be satisfied.

Jon Gasik said that DEQ thinks this project is the best alternative for a long-term solution. Gasik advised those in attendance at the meeting to get out the word and get out the vote to pass the Revenue Bonds. He said if the bond fails it puts the City in danger of penalties.

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Sewer Timeline

The following letter was received by the City of Port Orford from SHN Engineers. It explains the extremely time sensitive schedule which the City is under for the completion of the sewer outfall.

Attn: Mayor and Council, City of Port Orford:

At the Town Hall meeting on May 8, a citizen asked the question of "whether the City could construct the outfall project this year if the May 20 bond issue failed and a subsequent bond issue were approved late in the summer or early fall". As the City's Project Engineer, SHN believes it is important for the citizens of Port Orford to understand that the project schedule does not allow the City to seek voter approval for alternate funding after May 20. The City must comply with the DEQ/City Mutual Agreement and Order that stipulates having the ocean outfall completed or nearly completed by Sep-

tember 30, 2003. More importantly, the offshore construction must be completed before inclement weather occurs in the late fall. Any delay that prevents construction from starting in early August jeopardizes the City's ability to complete the project this year and can subject the City to two years of fines that have, to this point, been set aside. Our discussions with DEQ staff suggest that these fines could easily exceed \$100,000.

In order to meet the construction deadline, the following milestones must be achieved.

1. The bond issue will need to be approved by the voters at the May 20 election; only then can Rural Utilities Services (RUS) issue a letter of intent to fund the project and offer the City the \$1,000,000 grant.
2. RUS will need to concur with the Environmental Assessment and is-

sue a finding of no significant impact (FONSI).

3. Once the RUS approval has been received, the City can advertise the project for bid. The earliest reasonable date for the advertisement publication is May 27.

4. During the bid period, at a minimum, a 4-week duration, bidders will be encouraged to become familiar with the project, attend a pre-bid meeting to ask questions, and submit qualifications that demonstrate they are competent to perform the work proposed. The City cannot shorten this time frame because the Contractors must have time to evaluate the project and submit qualifications that must be approved prior to their bid.

5. After the bid period, the City will open and publicly read the bids. We

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**Sewer Timeline
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have scheduled the bid opening for June 25.

6. Following the bid opening, SHN will require up to 2 days to review the bids and recommend an award to the City Council.

7. The City Council will need to meet on June 27 or June 30 to review the Engineer's recommendation and accept a specific bid.

8. Following the City's decision, the bids will be sent to RUS for review and concurrence. This review process will require approximately one week.

9. After RUS concurrence with the selected bidder, the City will issue a Notice of Award to the selected contractor with instructions to prepare bonds and insurance for the Contract. The probable date for issuing the Notice of Award would be July 7.

10. Bonding and acquiring insurance certificates for the project of this type typically takes 2 weeks to complete. The anticipated target date for comple-

tion of Bonding and Insurance would be July 21.

11. Once the bonds and insurance are complete, the City will send the Contract to their attorney for review. This review can take one day to one week. If the attorney review takes three days the Contract would be sent to RUS on July 24.

12. The RUS legal council contract review should take one week and be completed by July 31.

13. After RUS concurs with the Contract, the City will hold a preconstruction meeting where the Contractor, City, and RUS will sign the contract. At the end of the meeting, the City will issue the Notice to Proceed. We anticipate this date to be August 4.

14. Construction will proceed through a 90 day period with the majority of the work occurring in September after the contractor has mobilized equipment and manpower.

The schedule for construction of the effluent disposal system is now on a critical path, meaning, there is no additional flexibility in the schedule for any delays.

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The May 20 bond issue represents the last opportunity for the City to acquire a \$1 million grant through the RUS funding package and still construct the outfall this year. If the May 20 bond fails, the City must immediately acquire a loan to fund the project. If any delay ensues in acquiring the loan, the project will most likely be delayed until next year and the City subject to fines.

In summary, the outfall project cannot afford any additional delays. Plans, specifications, and Contract documents are ready to bid. Once the voters approve the bond measure, the schedule will be implemented as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

SHN Consulting Engineers
Steve K. Donovan, PE

Arizona Street Still Closed

Citizens are cautioned to stay off the Arizona Street causeway, which is now unstable, and sinking due to the recent draining of Garrison Lake. Public Works Superintendent Dave Pace has announced. Arizona Street is expected to remain closed for the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile, the City is in contact with the Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) regarding the sewer pipeline, which has been supported by the causeway and may have to be repaired immediately.



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The festival, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Port Orford and North Curry County and the City of Port Orford, will feature a variety of flying activities at the Dock Beach, Cape Blanco, and Floras Lake as well as a Taste of the Town Dinner Dance on Saturday evening, a special WindFest Breakfast on Sunday morning at the Beachcombers Square Dance Club, food and craft booths, and WindFest Flags and Banners produced by area school children. A few highlights will be:

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- One or more “kite arches” that may contain as many as 850 individual kites will be in the air near the beach and at least one will be made up of kites decorated by Port Orford school children. On the beach, a cadre of stunt kite fliers will put intricately controlled kites through beautiful acrobatics, sometimes choreographed as ballets set to music.

- At Cape Blanco, fliers who periodically meet on the ridge near the lighthouse have been invited to fly their incredible radio-controlled model gliders. The wind conditions at the cape are such that a world speed record of 186 mph for radio controlled model planes was set there last year. In addition, the call has gone out for hang gliders, parasail pilots, radio-controlled landsailers, and a variety of other colorful wind toys, wind socks, and wind turbans to delight visitors.

- Dozens of windsurfers and kite surfers will be displaying their skills and colorful sails all day at Floras Lake, the second most active windsurfing spot in Oregon. In addition to activities on the lake, visitors will be able to take the beautiful walk to the beach where more

windsurfers and kite surfers will be performing.

Everything will be linked together by free shuttle buses that will stop approximately every 20-30 minutes at the Joan of Arc in Port Orford, Dock Beach, the Lifeboat Station, Cape Blanco, the Hughes House, Langlois Market, and Floras Lake all day. A colorful *Program Guide* outlining all activities and events will be in distribution the end of this week.

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

Well May is here – so here are the birthday people – Jane Black 5-4, Marlene Gay 5-5, Mildred Hill 5-6, Alan Stewart 5-7, David Kyle 5-19, Pattie Young 5-23, Robert Young 5-25, Alice Morrison 5-25, Jan Dacayana 5-28, Audrey Burtner 5-3-, Thomas Conyers 5-30, Donna Olsen 5-31. A happy birthday to all of you from all of us.

May 8 Rotary luncheon – volunteers working were head cook Dolores Care – helpers June Heyl, Sonja Mason – setting up the dining room Dolores Care and helping Isaac Jamieson. Dishes and clean up Warren Jewell. A very nice luncheon – I liked the chocolate pudding – all else too. Isn't it great how these volunteers all work so nicely together.

May 10 birthday luncheon and rummage sale. Volunteers working were head cook Bessie Laursen, Karen Pace, Robbie Ashdown, Keith Pace, and Bobbetta Kron. All did a fine job. The luncheon was delicious. Yes the birthday cake made by Bessie Laursen was very special all enjoyed. Karen Pace took care of the moneybox. Lois Ambrose the upstairs rummage sale. What's his name the downstairs rummage sale. All went well. It was a very nice birthday party – friendly and fun.

May 11 no breakfast. Hope all had a happy Mother's Day.



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Letter to the Editor,

Last Thursday evening at the Town Hall Meeting, rumors were that the City can finance the sewer outfall project with G.O. Bonds on the ballot at the September election.

This is NOT true! To meet the DEQ deadline of a September 30 completion or near completion, construction will begin August 4.

On May 20, citizens have the choice to approve the Revenue Bond which entitles the City to a million dollar grant in addition to the bond for \$2,542,000; or, citizens can vote against the Revenue Bond issue and the City will borrow the full \$3,542,000 from the State Revolving Fund - to be repaid with sewer user fees at a much higher rate than the \$17.33 increase scheduled for next summer.

DEQ has other options for the City which include activating \$100,000 in fines which they have so far held in abeyance; assessing an additional \$150,000 in violation fines; building the plant from their offices in Salem and assessing citizens the cost through additional property taxes; and, forcing the City to issue revenue bonds through court action.

On May 20, voters have the option to either approve the Revenue Bonds and receive a grant for a million dollars; or, to reject the Revenue Bonds and borrow an additional million dollars.

The sewer outfall *will* be built. Voters *will* decide how much we pay.

Erna Barnett

Wild Rivers Coast WINDFEST Taste of the Town Dinner Dance



Saturday, May 24 at Community Building.
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Police Log

May 5, 10:30 hrs. Sign taken from corner of Tenth and Oregon – report taken.

11:00 hrs: Report of stolen cell phone from vehicle parked on Eleventh St. – report taken.

12:40 hrs: Bicycles taken from residence at RV Park on Coast Guard Hill – report taken.

May 6, 10:00 hrs: Assist other agency, Mental Health; transported one female to Curry General Hospital.

13:30 hrs: Complaint of identity theft – report taken.

17:24 hrs: Report of theft from residence on Eighteenth St. – unfounded.

May 7, 16:10 hrs: Report of child down in middle of road on Port Orford Loop – child crashed on his bicycle, transported to hospital for evaluation.

May 8, 16:35 hrs: Responded to Ray's Food Place pay phone for 9-1-1 hang-up call – unfounded, bus driver stated no one had used phone, he had been there for awhile.

May 9, 10:30 hrs: Report of suspicious circumstances near Doug Johnson Ln. – report taken, extra patrol.

17:45 hrs: Responded to possible assault at residence on Jackson St. – assault unfounded, one party transported to relatives.

May 10, 17:15 hrs: Donny Fanning was taken into custody for harassment X2 and was lodged at Curry County Jail.

May 11, 0315 hrs: Transport mental subject to Curry General Hospital.

May 12, 13:40 hrs: Report of stolen furniture dolly from residence on Jefferson St. – report taken.

Safety Tip of the Week

Click It or Ticket!! Operation ABC (America Buckles up Children) begins May 19 and runs through June 1. There will be "extra attention" by Law Enforcement watching for seat belt violations. A driver and occupants of the car need to be buckled before the vehicle starts moving.

Public Meetings

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, May 19, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port of Port Orford Budget Committee meets on Monday, May 19, 7:00pm, at the Port office.

Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Tuesday, May 20, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Fourth of July Jubilee Committee meets on Wednesday, May 21, 6:30pm, at the Port and Starboard.



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Coast Baseball Update

Major and Minor League baseball games begin during the week of May 12. Home games will be held at Red's Field in Buffington Park. T-Ball and Girls softball will begin the week of May 17. Home games for T-ball will be held at Buffington Park and home games for softball will be held at Driftwood Elementary School. The complete schedules will be posted in the paper. Spectators and fans are always welcome to the games here or away. The concession stand at Red's Field will be open thanks to Debbie Curry and other players' parents. Come help support Coast Baseball this season. Cheers of a crowd are invaluable to young players, so be a part of community and continue the tradition of America's favorite past time.

A work party met on May 10. They painted the bleachers and the new equipment shed. The field has been dressed and is ready for this year's opener. Work at the field is a continuous job, so if you're a student and need community service hours, this is a good place to get them. Grooming the field between games, umpiring, keeping score and picking up the grounds are some of the jobs that are

required to have a fun, fair and safe season. Just come to the park during a game and find Dennis Bowman or call him at 541-347-8271.

Progress is being made on the new bathrooms in Buffington Park thanks to volunteers. Mike Ashdown laid the tile and Jim Rhodes helped. You guys did a great job!!!! The Port Orford Rotary has helped Coast Baseball in many projects over the years, and now they are working on installing the fixtures in the bathrooms. Thank you very much for your ongoing support. We hope to have the bathrooms completed this month. Nice restrooms are an asset to the park and our community. Providing proper facilities for visitors is an important aspect of sponsoring events in the park. Please help keep the bathrooms clean and functional.

See next weeks paper for another update on Coast Baseball.

Lighthouse Renovations

The Cape Blanco Lighthouse is currently undergoing renovations including a new copper roof and a paint job. The work is behind schedule and the lighthouse will not reopen on Memorial Day



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as was planned. The area around the lighthouse is closed off to the public due to lead paint removal.

Allen Hoffmeister, public relations officer with the Bureau of Land Management explained the delays in the reopening of the 133-year-old lighthouse. He said when the old copper roof was pulled off there were 16 steel ribs underneath, some of which were rusted through and needed replacement. The new supports are being designed and then have to be constructed making the opening for the lighthouse now set for mid June. Hoffmeister said BLM was in a hurry to get the work done. He said they are paying \$350 per day rental on the scaffolding structure.

Hoffmeister said a fee structure of \$2.00 per person for the lighthouse tours was being discussed with the partners including Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office. He said the goal was to make the lighthouse self-sufficient.

If you would like to go hiking on one of the many trails within Cape Blanco State Park that pleasure is still free. The park offers a wide a variety of trails and viewpoints of the ocean. However an entrance fee is being considered for Cape Blanco State Park. Stay tuned for the Cape Blanco Lighthouse reopening and whether or not any fees are put in place.

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Letter to the Editor,

Garrison Lake was radically lowered last week by "...a pair of white-haired old guys with shovels." One of the "white-haired old guys" is rumored to be a property owner whose house was in imminent danger of being flooded by the then rising Garrison Lake.

State and local governmental agencies nation-wide have become paralyzed by lawsuits filed by 'injured' citizens whenever an agency makes a decision or establishes policy. The Port Orford City Council could neither act to stop the rising lake nor, once the lake breached, act to stop the draining. In the face of this civic failure to act, one of "the white-haired old guys" took the law into his own hands to save his property values. By breaching the lake, this "pair of white-haired old guys" violated State and Federal laws.

Does a citizen have an obligation to obey the Law even when the result of such obedience causes financial harm? Yes, because the Law provides consequences for failure to obey.

Does a citizen have a duty to obey the Law? No, only a citizen's moral character can require the assumption of a duty.

The moral failure to assume the duty to obey the laws of society can have far reaching and unintended consequences.

A property was recently sold on Garrison Lake for \$167,000. The house required extensive repairs due to dry rot. The value of the property was not the house, but the proximity of the lake. Draining the lake caused financial harm to the owners of this property. If these property owners have a sense of duty to obey the law, they will file a lawsuit for damages against the "pair of white-haired old guys with shovels."

If, however, they lack that sense of legal duty, the next time the lake gets high they may take the law into their own hands to protect the value of the property. The next time that "pair of white-haired old guys with shovels" show up at

the beach they could be shot by property owners protecting the value of their land using the justification that the City Council was unable to stop the destruction of the value of their property.

Illegal acts beget illegal acts. Lawlessness begets lawlessness. If you can act outside the law and get away with it, why can't I? If you lack the moral character to obey the law and suffer no consequences, why should I suffer consequences when I do obey the law?

If all the houses built within sight of your house are least ten feet higher above the 'normal' lake level than your house, was it because of arrogance or stupidity that you built your house so low? Why should the rest of the town suffer because of your arrogance or stupidity?

Mike Finley

Master Gardener Plant Clinic

There will be a plant clinic in the garden department of Fred Meyer on Saturday, May 17 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Plan to bring a specimen of any plant problems you have in a sealed plastic bag. A Curry County Master Gardener will be on hand to diagnose your problem.

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Letter to the Editor,

I have been following the discussions involving the replacement for the wastewater effluent disposal system ever since the original system was lost during the El Nino event in 1997. I was present at the meeting in the City Attorney's office to negotiate the original MAO (timetable to correct the problem). Our City has been violating both federal and state laws ever since the ocean washed out the drain field during the storm. The milestones of the original timetable were never met, through events not necessarily the City's fault. The result is that our city is still in violation of the law after almost six years.

With the second bond vote coming up soon, we are at a critical decision time. I decided to call some people in DEQ that I had met over the time that I was on the city council and attempt to see what the thought was at this time within the agency. The agency people seemed to be in universal agreement that the Port Orford outfall project was the highest priority issue facing the DEQ today. Another important view expressed is that whatever the outcome of the election in May, the project must get underway this spring. Winter is not the time to be doing work in the ocean. In addition, the MAO expires in September and environmental groups can and will sue the city for pollution. During the meeting of May 8, the DEQ discussed several mea-

sures which they can take to force the city to comply with the law in a more timely manner. Of these measures, the worst from the City's point of view is to have DEQ take over the project, something they can legally do.

What does this mean to us as users of the sewer system? The revenue bonds that we will be voting on this May are issued through a federal agency. They are 4 1/2 % bonds to be paid out over 40 years. If the federal bonds are used, part of the cost of the project will be offset by a grant of about one million dollars. The grant is free money, it does not need to be paid back. If, on the other hand, if the state intervenes and takes over the project, then the project will be financed through the DEQ sponsored revolving loan fund. The state bonds are 3 1/2% bonds, but must be paid back over only 20 years. So while the interest rate is lower for the state bonds, the 20 year payback period will mean that the payments will be much higher than the federal bonds, not even counting the lost one million grant. If you feel that \$60 per billing period is bad, and \$90 worse, then try something like \$160. We can not afford this, we cannot allow it to happen. For this reason alone I strongly urge the voters to approve the revenue bonds this May.

Ralph Donaldson

Letter to the Editor,

Who to believe? We all are the city. It's not us versus them. Unfortunately some have the wrong perception, understanding or knowledge of the truth. These might be some questions you are asking; are we going to have to put a sewer system outfall in and pay for it? YES. Is it going to come from rates? YES. Can we get a million dollars given to us to help offset the cost? YES. How? By voting YES on the Revenue Bond. Is this the only way? YES. Come on! Neither you nor I want to vote to raise the cost of anything but this is one of those unfortunate things, like gas, which is going to go up regardless of what we want it to do. We have to pay if we want the benefits of living in a city just like we have to pay if we want the benefit of transporting ourselves around this wonderful, free, expensive country of ours.

Gary Doran

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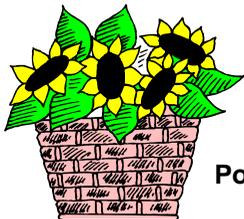
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Letter to the Editor,

The board and management of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative really botched it.

Several years ago they got the co-op into the satellite TV business. Because the TV operation kept losing money, they sold it in 2000 for what seemed a big profit. But most proceeds from that sale were stock, not cash. That stock has lost 90 percent of its value in the past three years.

But that's not all. Because the co-op originally made a profit on the 2000 sale, it owes back taxes and penalties to the IRS that could add up to millions of dollars.

- Why in the first place did the co-op—a company that isn't used to competition—get into the highly competitive TV business?

- Why did co-op management and its board agree to take mostly stock as compensation for the sale of the satellite operation?

- Why has the current co-op board taken so long to resolve the huge potential tax issues of the 2000 sale?

- Above all, why is the co-op wheeling and dealing in side businesses, especially ventures involving stock market speculation? Shouldn't the co-op stay focused on providing us with electrical power, period?

It's questions like these that prompted me to run for the co-op board, and give it some much-needed change.

I'm a Brookings citizen activist/artist with 35 years of business experience working in New York and Phoenix, Arizona. If you elect me to the co-op board, I'll use my energy and experience to stop the wheeling and dealing and re-focus the co-op on its core business—electric service.

Sincerely,

Pete Chasar

Health Fair June 7

The first 60 people interested in cholesterol screening and glucose screening for diabetes will be eligible for free blood tests—with instant results—when Curry General Hospital hosts the annual Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative health fair, Saturday, June 7. Doors will open

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Brookings-Harbor High School in Brookings. Nurses from Robin's Screening – one of two dozen medical and health-related providers – will provide the cholesterol and glucose finger-pricks. If convenient, participants can fast for three hours prior to their screenings. But fasting is not required.

Other health screenings this year will include free vision tests, hearing tests and blood pressure readings. Additionally, Curry General Hospital and the Child Advocacy Team will host free KidCare I.D. photos for all children.

For the first time, Curry General Hospital also will distribute a free digital thermometer to anyone bringing in their old mercury thermometer. Oregon Health Sciences University contributed the new thermometers. Organizers request that the old mercury thermometers be encased in their original containers or dropped off in a plastic toothbrush holder.

Health providers also will offer many other giveaways and prize drawings, including a Curry General Hospital-sponsored drawing for "a Cadillac of exercise treadmills."

The health fair is co-sponsored by hospital affiliates countywide: The Chetco Medical Center, The Brookings Clinic, Curry Family Medical and Shore Pines Assisted Care.

For more information, contact the Curry Health District at (541) 247-3187 or 1-800-445-8085, ext. 187.

Alexis Infinity Scott

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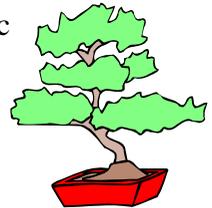
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After dinner, desserts will be sold including fancy cheesecakes and a diverse assortment of old fashion cookies. Enjoy these treats during our adventure slide show, which will transport you to the cascading waters of the North Umpqua River and the snow-capped rim of Crater Lake.

Folks who just want to come for the slide show, and have a little dessert and coffee, are welcome.

The doors open at 6:00pm, dinner is served at 6:30pm and the slide show starts at 7:30pm.

You're welcome to bring your children; we have games and activities for them during the slide show.

Tickets will be sold in advance from club members or at Chetco Federal Credit Union and the Downtown Fun Zone. Seating is limited.

Also available for sale will be crocheted wool hats made by the club.

The RAD Outdoor Club is sponsored by North Curry Families & Children's Center. Our club's focus is to have fun while developing leadership skills, learning about the outdoors, and exploring job opportunities in the outdoor field.

For information about the dinner, or the RAD Outdoor Club in general, call Cathy Boden at NCFCC, 332-1042.

Letter to the Editor,

I am writing to request that the voters in the Port Orford Langlois School District consider a write-in vote for Judith Fladger for Position No. 5, Port Orford Langlois School District 2CJ (2 year Balance) where Nandy Dowdy is running unopposed.

Judy and her husband are foster parents for two teenage boys and serve as short term foster parents where needed by the Oregon Youth Authority. Judy is a CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children. She is very interested in the education programs here in our district has said she would be happy to serve, if elected. I believe she is extremely qualified to fill this position.

Thank you for considering Judy as a candidate.

Patti Young

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The Oregon Junior Girlchoir

The Oregon Junior Girlchoir, an ensemble of 32 girls, is coming to Pacific High on Saturday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. They will be performing in the annual *Spring Sing 2003* with the Soprano Singers, the Blanco Choraliers, and the Guitar and Fiddle Orchestra from Blanco and Driftwood Schools.

The Oregon Children's Choir was founded in January 1982 by Randall Moore and has grown from one choir of 78 members to seven ensembles of 220 members. The Choir seeks to nurture the artistic talents of young people by providing training in music skills, musicianship, and advanced choral work to talented youth in the Eugene/Springfield area. Students are selected through open auditions in cooperation with school music programs.

The Oregon Junior Girlchoir began eight years ago for girls in 3rd-6th grades to further their musical skills. They use a variety of instruments to accompany their music. This fun and lively choir sings classical and folk songs and performs three main concerts during the year and tours around Oregon in May. Their

concert on Saturday, May 17, will include folk songs from England, Russia, Africa, and the USA, as well as music by Schubert, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Eugene composers, Jennifer and Bruce Searl.

The concert is open to the public, free of charge. It's all part of the annual *Spring Sing 2003!* It's for adults and especially children.

Dinner Dance Open To Youth

Bowing to popular demand and high insurance costs, the May 24 Taste of the Town Dinner Dance, which will climax a day of Wild Rivers Coast WindFest activities, will now be alcohol-free and, therefore, open to families and youth as well as adults. Tickets for the event are selling well," said Chamber president Ronn Kerr, "but many people have requested that the event be alcohol-free so young people and families can participate."

The Taste of the Town Dinner Dance will begin at 7:00 pm at the Community Building with an assortment of food from eight area restaurants: Bartlett's Café, Paradise Café, Paula's Bistro, Port and

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Tickets are available (in advance through May 23: \$10 per adults and youth, \$18 per couple, \$5 per children 12 and under) from all of the participating restaurants, the Downtown Fun Zone, and the banks. Tickets at the door on May 24 will be \$15 per adults and youth, \$25 per couple, and \$7.00 per children 12 and under.

Community Music Night

This month's Community Music Night features Mike Disbrow at the Port Orford Community Building on Friday May 16 from 7:00-10:00pm.

There is no admission charge. Call 332-7308 for further information. Donations are accepted for the Port Orford Arts Council, a non-profit organization. Visit our web site at www.portorfordarts.org.

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An artists' reception will be held Saturday, May 17, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Art, Wine and Seafood Festival in the Gold Beach Exhibit Center. Free admittance to artists' reception. Come and meet the artists in this museum quality event. So much outrageously well-done sculpture, you can hardly see the mind-boggling work on the walls.

Free door prize drawings for bronze and cast glass art work for all Curry Arts

members in attendance New memberships available at this event Hors d'oeuvres at the reception by Rory Meadows. KBSC TV, Brookings, will be filming this event.

This exhibit to be shown at Coos Art Museum, June 20 to July 22

Blanco School News

Laurie Hayden, Talk about Trees facilitator, visited the 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms informing students of the environment and got the students involved in tree-related activities.

Smokey the Bear will stop by the elementary classrooms on May 22 to remind students of the obvious – "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires"!

Mr. Betz and Mr. Lemerande will be the chaperones this year for end-of-the-year dance for 6-8 graders after school on

June 3. It will be sponsored by the eighth graders.

The eighth graders will also use their class funds for the annual mailboat trip up the Rogue River on June 4.

Eighth grade recognition will be at Blanco School in the multi-purpose room the last day of school, June 5, at 11:00am. Parents are invited.

All middle school students will report to Blanco School on June 5, which is a minimum day. School will be dismissed at 11:45am.

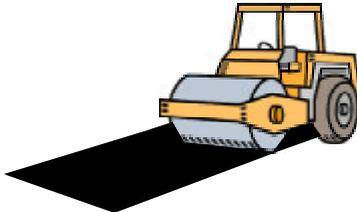
Free Fishing Derby

The Langlois Lions Club is sponsoring a Free Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 17 at Boice-Cope Park at Floras Lake. The Free Fishing Derby is for kids 13 and under. Call Georgia Garrett at 348-2431 for more information.

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Letter to the Editor,

Concerning the salmon bake/honoring get together for the Indian tribes of the South Oregon Coast to be held this Sunday up at Heads Wayside State Park.

This potluck has always been held with the intent of being a simple gathering of ordinary people to acknowledge the Indian people who lived here before we arrived, and their way of life. It is not meant to be a political nor a commercial event.

So any person (not group or committee) who wishes to help out with firewood, salmon (we use 50 plus pounds each year, or paper products (plates, cups, towels), or gas money for the far traveling drummers, etc. your efforts and contributions would be gladly received.

Please contact Rick at Cook's Gallery if you wish to donate any of these items.

Thank you,

Jere Langston

SB1010 Meeting

Ray Jandl, Assistant Administrator of the Natural Resources Division of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. He

has consented to come to Gold Beach for the Senate Bill 1010 LAC meeting on May 21. The committee will be discussing rule language for the Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan that they have been working on for over two years. This is an important plan for Curry county landowners. The Local Advisory Committee has struggled to achieve an acceptable rule for agriculture and water quality. The meeting will be May 21, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the OSU Extension Office in Gold Beach. The LAC welcomes and encourages public participation. For more information please contact Linda Smith, Outreach Coordinator, at 541-348-2262 or lindasmith@briskweb.net.

Honoring Ceremony

The Tenth Annual Honoring Ceremony and Salmon Bake/Potluck will be held Sunday, May 18 at the Heads Wayside State Park on Coast Guard Hill. Honored Takelma Elder Agnes Pilgrim will lead the gathering. Tututni Elder, Gilbert Towner will make prayer. We do this to honor the indigenous people of this region and those who walked the trail of tears at the close of the Rogue Indian Wars in 1856.

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This event is made possible with the help of the Port Orford Arts Council and the Point Orford Heritage Society.

Poetry Forums

The third in a series of public Poetry Forums will be held free of charge on Sunday, May 18 at the TransAction Gallery. The readings will begin at 4:00pm and last about one hour. Poets who wish to read their works publicly may come spontaneously to do so. Beginning poets are welcome.

Persons who do not write poetry, but wish to share with the public the poems of others, are also welcome. Further information can be had by calling Susan at 332-1111.

May Story Soup

This month's Story Soup brings you One Whole Moon and Two Bright Stars. Please note that Story Soup will be held on Thursday, May 15 at 6:30pm in the Port Orford City Council Chambers next door to the Port Orford Public Library. One Whole Moon and Two Bright Stars will take you on an adventure across the night sky and to Dreamland where anything is possible. Please join us for a fun hour of stories, songs and games.

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Garrison Lake

A sand build up at Agate Beach has now closed off the Garrison Lake outlet. The lake level is slowly starting to rise. City Public Works Administrator Dave Pace said he didn't know the current lake level because the level was still below the measuring points. He said Arizona Street between Madrona and Geer Circle would continue to remain closed for the indefinite future. The street suffered cracking and settling on its west side. The City sewer line, which is located on the west side of the street, has not been damaged but is being monitored daily as the street settles. The City Administrator interviewed two eyewitnesses to the lake opening but no action has been taken.

Burn Pile Reopens

Following a week of closure, the City of Port Orford burn pile at the City Shops on Port Orford Loop will reopen Friday, May 16. Citizens are reminded that materials brought to the yard must be either yard debris or untreated wood with all hardware removed. All burns are done under the supervision of the Port Orford Fire Department.

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Pacific's Music Mix

Pacific High School's Vocal Music Spring Concert, Pacific's Music Mix, will be presented at the Port Orford Community Building on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00pm. The Port Orford Arts Council is sponsoring this event featuring the Pacific High Choir, String Band, and Step Dancers under the direction of Diane Cassel. The public is cordially invited to come out for an evening of lively music: Bach, blues, 80's, rock, Celtic, African, and a few surprise guest artists.

Fun Zone News

In case you didn't notice, last week we began printing the paper on a new Savin digital duplicator, replacing the Risograph we've been using for about the last 7 or 8 years. Unfortunately it was getting difficult to get good service on the old machine.

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GARAGE SALES

BIG SALE Friday and Saturday at Jam sign south of Langlois 9am-3pm. Lots of new items.

YARD SALE Under the pole barn. Rain or shine. 8am. 6 horse Johnson boat motor, microwave oven, many many things for everyone. 92696 Knapp Rd.

Seaweed Natural Grocery & Cafe

Store Hours M-S: 10-6, Cafe 10-3
832 Hwy 101, Port Orford
(541) 332-3640

Colorful Landscape Rock

Available at

Jim's Gems

Hwy 101, 3 miles S. of Bandon

OPEN Fri-Sun 9-6 • (541) 347-7400

GARAGE SALE – Lots of watches, misc tools to toys, jewelry, radios. Armstrong Storage, Arizona St. Saturday 17th 9 to 4.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEED HELP with your chores? Will do light gardening, weed pulling, planting flowers, etc. or other misc. chores. Call Lori 332-1381. Other ideas? Just ask.

YUK! OOOZOID, Sludge Slider, Hydropede just crawled their way to the Shell Shack (the ultimate water worm toy!)

WANTED: LOCAL CRAFTERS who would like to sell their products on consignment in a local gift shop. A Stitch 'N Thyme 332-0729.

FOR SALE: TWO END TABLES \$30.00 each or \$50 pair. Gateleg dining table, antique, \$250.00. Call 541-332-8028.

LOCALLY MADE, Misty Meadows jams and syrups at the Shell Shack at BattleRock Park.

SPONGE BOB Square Pants...he's waiting for you at the Shell Shack!

FOR SALE: 15' SIERRA fiberglass boat 33½ HP Evenrude motor and trailer. Good condition. Runs great. \$1250.00. 332-8265.

THE WOODEN NICKEL Handcrafted Myrtlewood

Retail - Wholesale

(541) 332-5201

1205 Oregon St.

Port Orford, OR 97465

Family Hair Care

Open 9-5 Tues. - Sat.

Walk-ins welcome

Evenings by appt.

332-0504 or 332-5028

LIGHTED GLASS DISPLAY cabinet. 7' long, 2' wide, 38" high. See at The Downtown Fun Zone \$200.00.

LIVE DUNGENESS CRAB for sale 332-2245. Shrimp will be available in May.

DON'T GET CAUGHT with your kite down! Get your new kite and celebrate the Windfest! Just arrived, creative kites with moving parts, "edgy" graphics and designs, all at incredible prices, at the Shell Shack at BattleRock Park.

TOSHIBA DVD PLAYER \$85.00. The Downtown Fun Zone 332-6565.

EPSON PRINTERS C42UX works with PC or Mac. 2880x720dpi. Comes with one color and one black ink. Requires USB cable. \$59.99. Additional ink: Color \$18.99 Black \$15.49. The Downtown Fun Zone 332-6565.

PROFESSIONAL COUPLE moving to Port Orford. In need of rental home. Non-smokers. Excellent references. (541) 523-4777.

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ALANNA'S GALLERY

Featuring Local Artist

This week: **Bev Dunlap**

Open 11am - 5pm Wed. thru Sun.
264-C Hwy 101 (W. 6th St.) 332-7403

Curry Public Transit

Remember: We are
here for you

332-5771

Classified Ads

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BE READY TO FLY during Windfest, May 24th. 125-250 lb. Kite cord; High wind kites for beginners & up. Wide selection in stock now! Wind Dancing open sunny Fridays and Saturdays.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED for small martial arts and self-defense classes. Contact Pacific Wave Fitness (541) 332-7777, (541) 332-2025. Now offering Yoga! Membership fee's \$30.00 per month. Call for free tour.

WANTED: GLASS BALLS, clocks, banjos, antiques. Buy or consign in shop or Ebay. Timeworn Treasures, serving espresso & tea, 345 Oregon next to Micki's. 332-2046.

CARPET TECH Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning now serves Port Orford. Satisfaction guaranteed or the job is free. All we leave is the clean. 347-2259.

WHAT'S ROUND AND CLEAR and floats through the air? Just got a bunch in at The Shell Shack at BattleRock Park.

NOW! LOWER PRICE! Prepaid Phone Cards – 2-hour cards – no minimum usage! \$8.00 The Downtown Fun Zone.

NEW VIDEOS: "Analyze That", "The Hot Chick", "Equilibrium", "The Laramie Project", "Jerry Seinfeld Comedian", "Koyaanisqatsi – Life Out of Balance", "Powaqqatsi", "World Traveler", and "Children on Their Birthdays". The following have been added to our \$2 new arrivals section: "Devil in the Flesh", "Alien Tracker", "Time Out", and "Happy Campers". We've added "Doctor Zhivago" to our \$1.25 library titles. Please remember items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. The Downtown Fun Zone. Open 9:30-6 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-7 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

MINISTORAGE/U-HAUL. 200+ storage units, 150+ climate controlled. Airport-U-Stor, across from Ocean Spray 347-4356.

This is It

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Gasik outlined the consequences of the City not passing the Revenue Bonds. He said the City has already accrued penalties of \$100,000, which would become due. Gasik said the moratorium on new sewer permits would continue. He said the city council could borrow money from the State Revolving Fund to pay for the project over a 20-year period. Gasik said the DEQ could get a court order to make the City issue Revenue Bonds.

City Administrator Erna Barnett said we would lose the million grant from RUS if the bond measure fails.

Jon Gasik said the penalties issued against the City would not go to DEQ but instead into the state general fund. He again reminded people his department wants the bond measure to pass.

Erna Barnett said if we lose the million-dollar grant and have to borrow \$3.5 million from the State Revolving Fund

the sewer part of the water-sewer bill would be **\$95** bi-monthly.

Jon Gasik said DEQ will not allow the situation to go into September in reference to a proposed second General Obligation Bond election. Gasik said the situation can't go on another year. Steve Donovan said if the Revenue Bond passes we'll have a contractor signed by August 1. Gasik followed up with his pointed remark, "This is it."

Now it's up to the voters who have until Tuesday, May 20, 8:00pm to turn in or mail in their ballots. Ballots may be dropped off in Port Orford at Port Orford City Hall on Thursday, Friday and Monday from 9:00am to 4:30pm and on Tuesday May 20 from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

And last but not least if I was registered to voter in the City of Port Orford I would vote yes on the Revenue Bonds. I agree with many people that the sewer rates aren't fair, the GO Bond was the better way to go and most of the Port Orford City Council has been very passive in both elections but think it's time to move forward and get the project completed this year. Let's pass the bond and keep the cost as low as possible!

Port & Starboard Restaurant and Lounge

Breakfast Special

7:00 am-10:00 am
Monday-Saturday
9:00 am-12:00 pm
Sunday

No Substitutions

Two Eggs
Hash browns
Toast
Coffee **\$2.00**

Two Eggs
Hash browns
Two Bacon OR
Two Sausage
Toast
Coffee **\$2.60**