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The Giving Spirit

By Evan Kramer



This past Saturday morning and afternoon the Port Orford Christian Center held their seventh annual Children's Free Christmas Bazaar. I haven't been over to see what was

going on for a few years so decided to go this year. When I walked in the gymnasium building I was overwhelmed by the amount of children and adults taking part in the Bazaar.

Here's how it works if you've never been to one of them. People from all walks of the community and from the Christian Center donate a variety of gifts for all ages. Then the children are invited to come to the church on Saturday morning and with an adult escort go through the many well laden tables and select gifts for their relatives including grandparents, aunts and uncles, parents and siblings. Once they have assembled the gifts they are going to give their family members they go to the wrapping tables where volunteers from the community were there to help wrap the presents. Junior Childers, youth pastor at the Christian Center told me that 105 children participated this year and that 740 gifts were

given out. There were enough that each child also got a gift. Last year by contrast there were about 50 children who participated.

Childers was very impressed by how many parents who escorted their children through the Bazaar came back afterwards and volunteered to help out.

While waiting their turn to go through the gymnasium people were fed a nice lunch of homemade chili and corn bread, cookies and punch or coffee. Childers said the Christian Center would be holding their eighth annual Children's Free Christmas Bazaar next year and that they are accepting donations of gifts for next year's event now. The two age groups they ran out of gifts for were adult men and teenage boys.

The Bazaar got me in the spirit of the season and was one of the most delightful things I've witnessed in Port Orford in a long time.

Lake Outlet Opened

The new Garrison Lake outlet recently bulldozed into existence with Oregon State Parks and Recreation money worked briefly on Saturday afternoon. I received a call at 1:00pm that water was flowing out of the lake (thank you to people who call me when interesting things happen around town). I went to Agate Beach on

Sunday morning shortly before noon using the excuse that Honeybear needed to go for a walk. There was no water flowing through the lake outlet channel and it looked like overtopping of the temporary dune structure had occurred and the channel had filled in. Water was backing up across Twelfth Street at the boat ramp, which is always a good sign the lake is getting high. The lake level as measured at the Twelfth Street fishing dock was 15.8 feet on Tuesday afternoon and rising thanks to all the rain, and wave overtopping of the dunes. The anticipated acceptable level for the lake in the future is around 15 feet. There are potential plans to place a 3-4 foot wide culvert through Tseriadun State Recreation Site as an alternative to the lake outlet channels on the dunes.

Thanks to Anonymous

We ran a series of tips on how to conserve on electricity use in our paper in the past couple of weeks. The author of those tips remains anonymous but we'll thank that person again and tell you one of the reasons why. One of the tips was to clean your furnace filters. We have a heat pump at our store, which has two large air filters. That article reminded me how long it had been since I looked at them and on Sunday I took off the filter covers

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Fri Dec 17, 2004	4:34a	7.0	10:08a	3.5	3:41p	6.8	10:29p	0.3	7:42a	4:47p	12:26p	11:35p
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Mon Dec 20, 2004	12:16a	2.0	7:02a	7.7	1:54p	1.7	7:53p	5.3	7:43a	4:48p	1:26p	2:50a
Tue Dec 21, 2004	1:10a	2.8	7:45a	7.8	2:50p	0.9	9:11p	5.4	7:44a	4:48p	1:47p	3:53a
Wed Dec 22, 2004	2:04a	3.4	8:25a	7.9	3:38p	0.3	10:15p	5.6	7:44a	4:49p	2:13p	4:57a
Thu Dec 23, 2004	2:55a	3.8	9:03a	8.0	4:19p	-0.1	11:07p	5.9	7:45a	4:50p	2:42p	6:00a

The Giving Spirit
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and took a look. They were both completely coated with dust and dirt. I took them out and then home and hosed them down. They were so clogged with dust that it took awhile to get them cleaned up for use but they did clean up and are breathing much freer now.

Editorial Opinion
By Valerie Jean Kramer

Think of famous policemen. For many of us, the only names that will come to mind are Andy Griffith and his officer, Barney Fife. You can hardly have a discussion about how good or bad a particular policeman is without referring to them.

In Mark Creighton we have a chance to get a pretty good Andy Griffith type of chief for Port Orford. I urge the city council to give him the job and quit bringing in Barney Fife's from out of town.

Christmas Trains and Village

The Charleston Fire District is hosting free to the public Christmas Trains and Village at the fire hall located at 92343 Cape Arago Highway in Charleston. The trains are running from 6:00-9:00pm seven days a week until Friday, December 24. The train layout includes O, HO and N gauge trains. The Charleston Fire Department is located on your way to Shores Acres State Park. For more information call 888-3268.

Shore Acres State Parks is presenting its eighteenth annual Holidays Lights event this year through the end of the year. Shore Acres State Park is open nightly from 4:00-10:00pm nightly except Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Eve and day. This year the Friends of Shore Acres have put up over one quarter million lights on display in the seven acres of gardens at the park. Every night there is an open house with cooking, hot cider, punch and coffee.

You can also enjoy the HO fantasy (not to scale) train layout at the Downtown Fun Zone through New Year's Day. Thanks to Brenda Dell for decorating it so well and David Sanchez for getting the trains electrified and running.

To Mary Loan, Pat Campbell, and all other citizens of Port Orford:

Sometimes facts are irrelevant, sometimes the truth is both a spear and a shield, and sometimes reasons are just excuses. The facts, truth, and reasons for my grotesque comments at the December 6th Council Meeting are not relevant, my comments were just wrong. I would like to apologize to everyone at the meeting for said comments. I would also like to apologize to the Mayor, the Common Council, and to the citizens of Port Orford for my actions which served no purpose and showed tremendous disrespect.

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Letter to the Editor,

The Port Orford City Council goes blithely on its way unconcerned that they must abide by the provisions specified in the 1975 Charter which defines what authority is granted to the City Council and Administrator and which are denied or not in evidence.

As a consequence of human frailties the Charter did not give the Council unlimited power which might lead to abuse or the luxury of improvising new conditions or allocating new functions to unauthorized personnel without adhering to the rules and regulations that guide the activities of the City Council.

This obstruction is significant as seeking a replacement for Chief Rush.

The Charter makes no mention of appointing a police chief when a vacancy occurs. The fact is that when the Charter was initiated in 1975 the City had no police force. It first materialized when the Clinton Cops program created 100,000 cops and extended grants for counties and cities wishing to participate in the program.

The assumption, unless stated otherwise in the City Ordinance or Amendment would be that the Chief Officer is an elected position to be voted on in a general election by Port Orford residents similar in nature to electing city council members. This reasonable method of choosing a police chief should also apply to the City Administrative position since the Charter for reasons of its own makes no mention of the Administrative post except that the administrator's office shall have the recorder leave two copies of the boundaries encompassing the City of Port Orford in their office for public inspection.

Under the Charters intended guidelines these official positions should be advertised and applicants sought allowing Port Orford residents a diversity to choose from whom they feel will serve their best interest. It's time the function of government revert back to the people where it rightfully belongs. Finally in analyzing the Charter there is not a single indication in its text that City Council members can cloister themselves in secret session or executive conference that excludes public participation.

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Using a citizen's panel for recommendations in the hiring of the police chief combined with council deliberations as whom should assume the position are in conflict with the Charter. Council members have sworn an oath upon penalty of perjury to observe both the duties and limitations imposed upon them by the 1975 Charter.

Section 34 of the 1975 Charter states: Filling of Vacancies: Vacant elective offices in the city shall be filled by appointment. A majority vote of the full council shall be required to validate the appointment. The appointed term shall continue until the next General Election at which time an election shall be held for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Louis Mincer

Council Minutes on Web

The minutes of the Port Orford City Council meetings will be posted to the www.portorford.org website as soon as they are transcribed from now on. This means that minutes as yet unapproved by the council will be posted and marked as a draft. Once the Port Orford City Council has approved those minutes the draft will be removed from the website and replaced with the final approved minutes.

This change has been requested as people are interested in seeing the minutes without having to wait a month until they are approved. We hope this will be beneficial to the citizens of Port Orford.

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Letter to the Editor,

It is not uncommon for public servants to "lose their compass" from time to time, and stray from the direction dictated by those whom they work for. There are various remedies employed to solve this problem, and appropriate action is usually taken. What is uncommon, however, is for a public servant to be either stupid enough, or arrogant enough, to label their employers "idiots" in a public meeting. Incredibly, such was the case in the last city council meeting with City Administrator Ken Knight, frustrated in his feeble attempt to defend before the public their scrutiny of a poor personnel choice, uttered that word. Presumably Mr. Knight has fed at the public trough long enough to know better. In his case, a simple apology to his employers for his obvious disdain for them isn't enough. A more appropriate response would be a resignation.

Equally disturbing is the stunned, dumb-founded, lack of response to that utterance by Mr. Knight from his employer representatives on the City Council. The silence from them following that slur was deafening. The people of Port Orford deserve, and should demand better. Unless you don't mind being called an idiot by one of your employees, let your opinion be known through your City Council members, and insist appropriate measures be taken.

Sincerely,

Mike Campbell

Port Commission Meets

The Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Tuesday, December 21, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Community Music Night

Hear ye, hear ye, all those players of music, singers of songs, readers of poems and stories! This December 17, Friday night at 7pm is your last chance to participate in our very last community music night at the Port Orford community building.

The Port Orford arts council will welcome anyone who will to sing, play, or read in a night filled with a combination of music including a traditional Christmas caroling sing-a-long for the audience. We invite the Headstart children, grade school, middle and high school age folks as well. Refreshments and Christmas cookies will be on hand for all! Come and make this a big holiday celebration for the whole community!

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Letter to the Editor,

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To my mind the job of the Police Chief is to keep the community safe and healthy and to help maintain a high quality of life for all of us. We need someone who will work to keep the community safe through peaceful means whenever possible—stop speeders who drive through Port Orford without respect for the safety of our children and elderly and to ticket them so that they will remember next time. We need someone who our young people can respect — and who can talk to them about their mistakes without turning them into ‘criminals.’

We need someone who knows the community and its needs— someone who knows us — who is familiar with our streets, our homes and our community. We need someone who has roots in Port Orford — a Police Chief we know and trust. There is only one person who is the logical, legally certified, choice.

I certainly hope the two committees entrusted with the responsibility of selecting the candidate, who will be presented to the newly elected City Council for confirmation or rejection, realize the importance of their decision.

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Langlois Library News by Buzzy Nielsen, Director

Boy, do we ever have some thanks to give! Thanks to the generosity of the Meyer Memorial Trust, our little library will soon have high-speed Internet access! They are giving us \$2,249 to install and maintain a high-speed satellite Internet connection. We are very excited about this, and we hope that you will be, too! Meyer Memorial Trust already gave this community much when they helped us build our new library. Now they are contributing even more by helping us move into the 21st century! We hope to have this in place by March 1. Stay tuned in the next couple years for wireless access, too!



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Not to be forgotten, those of you with more of a flair for nonfiction may enjoy

some of our new titles, too. Why not try one of these: "Adventures of the First Settlers on the Oregon or Columbia River, 1810-1813" by Alexander Ross; "Journey from the Land of No: A Girlhood Caught in Revolutionary Iran" by Roya Hakakian ; or, "Living with Wildlife in the Pacific Northwest" by Russell Link.

And we've got a few titles for the younger (or younger-at-heart) out there, too. Fans of Peter Pan may enjoy Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson's "Peter and the Starcatchers". If you're in the mood for a little fantasy, try Cornelia Funke's "Dragon Rider". If a nice picture book is more your cup o' tea, "Knuffle Bunny" by Mo Willems or "Jungle Drums" by Graeme Base are sure to please.

As long as we're talking about picture books, don't forget that Winter Wonderland Snuggle Tales is coming! Join Mr. and Mrs. "C" (Elma & Weld Champneys) and the storytime readers for tales of Santa, snow, winter holiday cheer, and much, much more! Come enjoy the fun and festivities on Thursday, December 16 at 6.30pm. You'd better bring your mittens to keep yourself warm!

Just as a reminder, the library will be closed on Friday and Saturday, December 24 and 25, to celebrate the holiday season. We will also be closed on New Year's Day and will close at 3.00pm on New Year's Eve.

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Gary Doran Appreciation

Gary Doran has served as the mayor of Port Orford since 1997. Prior to accepting the responsibilities of Mayor for the city he put in 9 years on the city council which makes half of his 31 year residency of Port Orford being involved with the City government.

He and wife Norma of 40 years have raised three children and are strongly involved in the foster parent program and have been foster parents to 17+ children. Gary is a retired Equipment Technician from GTE. He is a church deacon, youth leader and substitute teacher and a part of many other organizations.

As mayor, Gary has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities which have contributed to lasting benefits to the City of Port Orford and our community as a whole. He has presided over changes in how the city does business and has delivered many essential services to our citizens. Gary has shown considerable involvement in both community affairs and intergovernmental relations. He has served as the City Representative on many committees including American Wild Rivers Coast Consortium, Coastal Policy Advisory Council on Transportation, School Grant from Ford Family Foundation, and the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association. He been the secretary/treasurer and on the board of directors of Curry Economic Development Alliance Corp., the North county representative



for Curry County Strategic Planning Core Group, the Curry County representative for the Regional Investment Board, a board member and the North County representative for the Curry County Prevention Services, the Curry County bed tax committee, the Curry County Budget Committee, Chair of Curry Governments, the South Highway 101 representative for the Southwest Area Commission on Transportation, for 3 years and until recently the Curry County Mayoral representative on the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council. Mayor Doran was on the Technical Advisory Committee for Garrison Lake Restoration and a member of Oregon Mayors Association and the South

Coast Mayors Association. As Mayor, Gary provided the leadership to develop the Port Orford Water Master Plan and worked to acquire funding to complete the sewer outfall project along with the sewer plant upgrades.

Gary has shown exceptional skills in helping to facilitate productive relationships between staff, administration and council. He has actively participated in staff meetings and helped in the process of solving any problems. Port Orford staff feels that their jobs would have been much more difficult without the assistance and support that Gary provided.

It is difficult to adequately express the appreciation that city staff feel for all that Gary has done and continues to do for Port Orford and the area around us. As Gary prepares to retire from public service, the City of Port Orford employees would like Gary to be recognized for his dedication. He will be missed.

Pat Favero

Pat Favero died on Monday, December 13. She was married to long time Oregon State Parks employee Jerry Favero. There will be a notice at the Post Office when services are scheduled for Pat.

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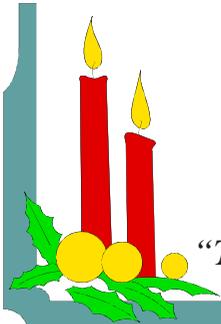
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Letter to the Editor,

A recent letter to the editor on the subject of salmon poisoning in dogs inspired this letter.

Dogs get salmon poisoning from eating the blood of a salmon. We've lived on Elk River on a major spawning stream for 28 years and had 6 dogs that have gotten salmon poisoning. All survived just fine. Any dog that isn't confined can find salmon blood from fish cleaned in their neighborhood.

If there's a chance your dog has eaten salmon blood just keep an eye on him. If you get up in the morning and the dog says, "Oh man I feel like s..." and shows little or no interest in food call the vet right away and tell them you're bringing in a dog with probably salmon poisoning. They'll take the dog's temperature and feel for swollen lymph glands, and if they determine that it does indeed have salmon poisoning they'll give it a shot of heavy-duty antibiotic and a bottle of antibiotic pills to give it over the next week. From then on, assuming the dog really did have salmon poisoning, it will be

immune and can happily eat as many rotten carcasses as it can find.

Jim & Carrie Rogers

Holiday Concerts

Cape Blanco Ringers wishes to thank our community for their support throughout the year by inviting you to their annual Christmas concerts, one at Langlois Community Church on Wednesday December 15 at 7:00 p.m. and another at Port Orford Community Church, 20th and Jackson Streets, on Sunday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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Port Report

The F/V Rosalie, owned and operated by Bill Cobb, is back on the dock after under going extensive repairs. Cobb 72, is the oldest active fisherman fishing out of our Port. In January, he began stripping paint and removing rot. Using a process developed in the Gulf Coast, an adhesive (3-M's 5200) is applied to the bare hull first then covered with fiberglass, this method forms a better bond to the hull preventing rot in the future.

The Rosalie was built sometime in the late '50's by a fellow by the name of Jim Martin on Cape Blanco Road and was first named the Eva-J. It was originally a plywood hull but later on, tar and cedar planking were added over the plywood. When it was first launched in '64 because of its design, it just rolled over so concrete was added to keep it upright.

In 1967 Cobb bought the boat from Harry White who had renamed it the Rosalie after his mother in-law Rose Curry, a pioneer woman. Since then he has fished salmon, rockfish, crab and tuna but fishes only salmon now; this is his second favorite sport. Bill Cobb is known up and down the Oregon coast for his salmon prowess, the Rosalie for its classic lines and color scheme, there are numerous paintings and photographs as well as at least one wooden model of the boat. Cobb said he thinks this repair work should keep him fishing for another 37 years.

Yes!

By Tobe Porter, Library Director

Great news... we received a \$40,000 grant from the Caryl M. and Norman F. Sprague, Jr. Foundation for construction of the new library! That is just the beginning of the private foundation and corporate grants that will make the ol' money meter rise quickly toward the goal of \$1.7 million.

The *\$300,000 Challenge* continues to pick up momentum. We have been averaging about \$200-\$300 a day, certainly not an amount to be sneezed at, and today \$2,710 arrived. The composition of today's mail made me remember what I enjoy so much about raising money—the stories behind the donations. We received a large contribution in appreciation for a staff member, another large donation from The Library Corporation—the company that provides our computerized catalog, and \$10 from a staff member's grandchild. There was money from children of some of our volunteers with short notes about how much their parents enjoy working at the library, and one staff member's relative thanked the library for allowing her to be part of the cause. We also received contributions in memory of a volunteer's husband and another in celebration of a brother's too short life.

And so I am reminded that the best way to build a library is one dollar at a time. It is the stories that make a library-old or new-and we are rich because of them.

Re-Appoint Jim Campbell

Reappoint Jim Campbell Committee

At election time councilman Jim Campbell decided not to run as he had already served two terms and thought it was time to let someone else step in. After careful consideration Jim has decided he would like to stay if the people want him. There is a voice of the people signature page going around so be sure and sign up if you would like to see Jim reappointed.

Councilman Campbell is an honest person. He speaks his mind and stands behind what he believes in, even if it means voting against the majority vote. He listens to the people who reside in the community (city and county) and working toward a goal that would help one and all who reside here. He always checks out the facts before stating his opinion, even if he has to pay out of his own pocket for this legal advice. We need Jim so let your opinion be known.

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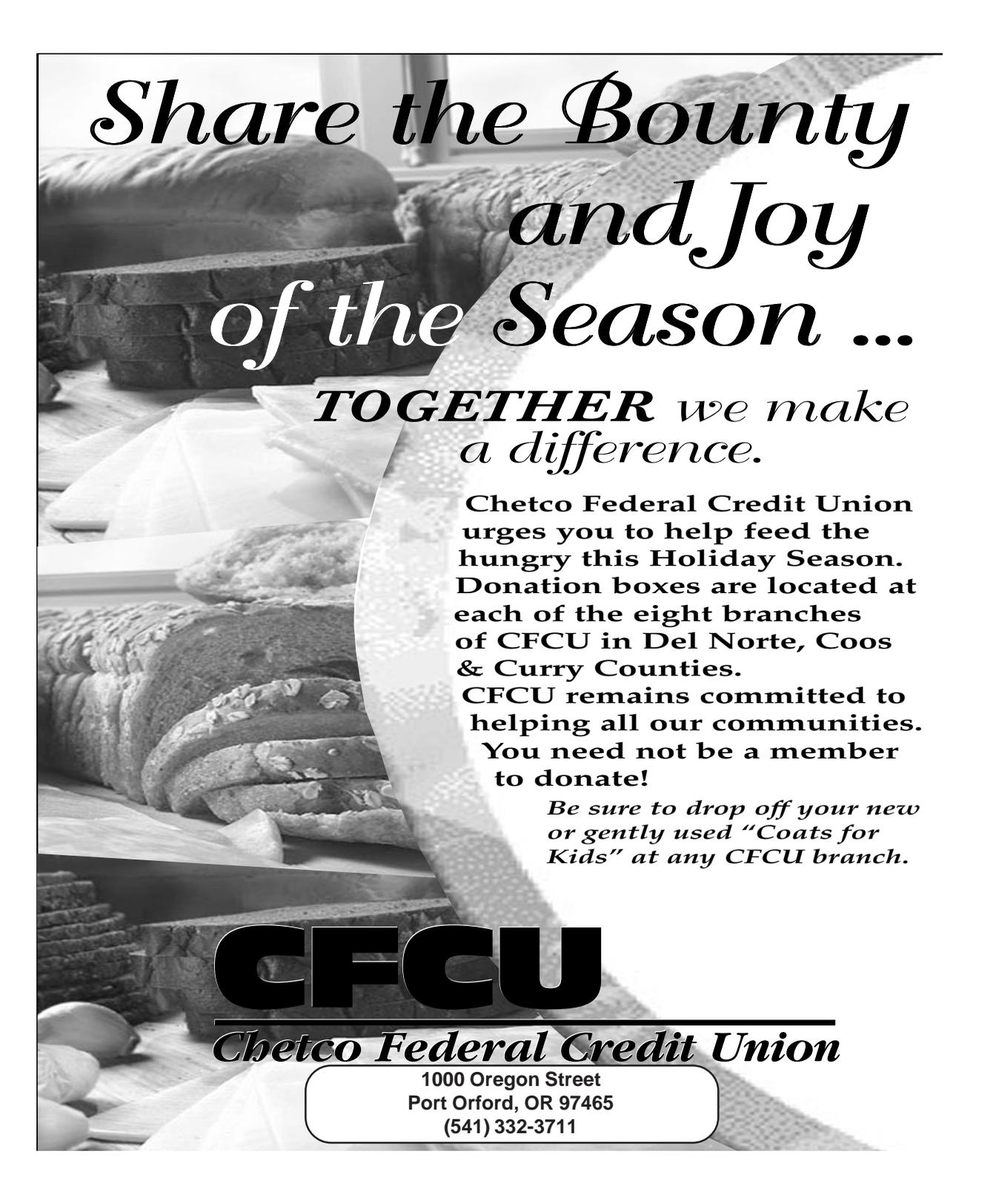
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Letter to the Editor,

No matter the time or season, all critters small and large play a large part in our lives. With each one that is adopted, bought, lost, found or abandoned, a human is responsible for each of these lives. With the Holiday Season upon us this year I would like to remind everyone that it is their responsibility to care for the safety of their own pets, whether they are big or small, chickens, ducks, cats, dogs or goat. If your pet gets loose or lost it is the animal's owners responsibility to make every effort to find it and bring it back home. It should not fall on the shoulders of someone else to care for its well-being and safety, plus the liability if the animal causes a wreck.

I would like to thank the gentleman that came to take responsibility for the goat that was found wandering on Port Orford Loop Road recently, even though it was not his. With all of our own critters to take

care of we just did not have the time or energy for one more.

Wishing all critters large and small, two and four legs, a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Brenda Dell

Reading of the Names

The highlight of the "Light Up A Life" campaign is the annual Life Celebration, which includes the "Reading of the Names" ceremonies.

Please join the volunteers and staff of Curry County Home Health & Hospice at this moving candlelight ceremony. Together we will celebrate the joy of life through honoring special people in our lives – husbands, wives, sons, daughters, grandchildren, friends & neighbors; as well as, celebrating the memory of those no longer physically present in our lives, but who we hold dear to our hearts. The ceremony includes music, inspirational

readings, fellowship and a reception.

There are two opportunities to participate in this heart-warming activity. Saturday December 18 at 1:00pm at Brookings Public Library and Sunday December 19 at 1:00pm at Shore Pines Adult Living Community.

If you haven't ordered your ornament, and would like the name of a special person to read, please pick up a brochure at one of the Home Health & Hospice offices or phone for additional information at 1-800-535-9472.

Community Christmas Sing

The public is invited to a Community Christmas Sing on Friday night, December 17, 7:00pm, at the Community Building. There will be Christmas carols, refreshments and plenty of holiday cheer. The Port Orford Arts Council sponsors the Community Christmas Sing.

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Letter to the Editor,

“The council dealt with the process for hiring a full time police chief and it turned into a disaster. Mary Loan asked the council why they were paying someone to be police chief when they weren’t certified. Ken Knight lost his temper and asked Loan how long have you been a city administrator. He then muttered under his breath but loud enough for people to hear – ‘idiots.’ Pat Campbell asked Knight to apologize to Mary Loan for calling her that and he didn’t respond to her request.”

“Knight advocated that he (Knight) sit on the law enforcement panel.”



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Crab Report

By Gary Anderson, Port Manager

Crab season started on midnight, December 1 as scheduled, and the first crabs of the season were delivered by 10:00am. Most of the boats fished the first three days but were not able to deliver everything they could catch because of a glut of crabs up and down the coast. As per agreement with the crab buyers the price dropped to \$1.40. This is based on recovery of meat. If the meat pick out was at least 25% the price would remain at \$1.50. However, in the tests the pick out was 24.1% in our area so the price dropped to our fishermen.

The weather had the boats tied up for seven days but as of December 14 there has been approximately 307,000 pounds of crab delivered into Port Orford for a value of \$430,000 into our local economy. The local fishing boats must compete with larger (60' to 90') boats of which there are five fishing around the clock in our local waters and delivering their crabs to other ports. Why this is important to the Port of Port Orford is that we receive 1% of the dollar value, payable by the fish buyers, for whatever comes across the dock.

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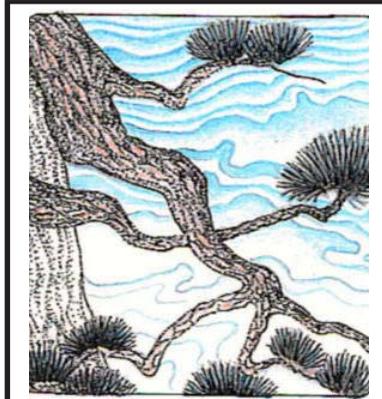
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Letter to the Editor,

Have you ever looked up the definition of "idiot"? Quote from the dictionary "a private, vulgar, unskilled person. A human being so destitute of reason or the ordinary intellectual powers of man; one hopelessly insane." At the last council meeting I was called an idiot by our city manger. The paper stated that he said "idiots". If that being the case he must have been including everyone that was present in the council chambers. Highly unprofessional conduct for a city manager. I was very disappointed in the mayor and council members when the name-calling started that the city manager was not reprimanded by them. Jim Campbell

made his opinion clear that he was against the behavior of the city manager.

I do not believe that myself or anyone attending that council meeting are idiots. I have been in business for 34 years, attend tax education classes every year, employ three people, and am active in several organizations. I am only concerned with the problems in our community, both legal and financial.

In a letter to the council signed by K. Knight there was a paragraph which contained this statement "people who display anger, engage in power plays, and threaten his/her would be supervisor is not someone I consider qualified." He

was talking about a new police chief but I am of the opinion that should be the case for any public employee.

Our community doesn't need this kind of controversy.

Mary O. Loan

Christmas Day Mass

St. John's Catholic Church of Port Orford would like to invite everyone to celebrate with us the beautiful Christmas Mass on Christmas morning, Saturday, Dec. 25. Services will start at 8:30am. Sunday services are at 8:30am. Any questions feel free to contact Father Heiko Junge at 347-2309 or Rick Williams at 332-0466.



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The criteria for receiving the flu vaccine are as follows:

All children ages 6-23 months

Adults aged 65 years and older

Persons aged 2-64 with underlying chronic medical conditions

All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season

Children aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy

Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged less than six months.

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- Nella

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