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Jail Hearing Set By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met on Monday night and began with citizen's considerations. Wendy Thomas told the council the city was entering a period of growth and she urged the council to adopt land

use and animal control ordinances and plan for the growth. Jody Bulaich told the council the animals that live here are assets. Bulaich works with the 4-H program, which recently held a successful horse day event in Buffington Park. She asked people with animal/horse concerns to share them with the 4-H people. Mayor Jim Auburn urged Bulaich to work with the ordinance committee.

Mayor Auburn said the jail issue would have a formal land use hearing before the next council meeting. Frank Smith told the council another option for the former city jail, now sitting on private property, is to move it forward twenty feet into Seventh Street. He said it wouldn't interfere with traffic. Smith said he had talked to a local contractor who told him it could be moved. Mayor Auburn said the owners of the property the jail sits on

have rejected the planning commission options, which were listed in last week's paper. Volunteer Fire Department Chief Gayle Wilcox said the fire department was willing to be the lead entity to do whatever it takes to preserve the jail.

City Administrator Ken Knight spoke to the council about his recent trip to the Northwest Manager's Conference. He called it a very good conference focusing on the many challenges faced by cities including tax revolts. There were also seminars on ethics.

City attorney John Trew recommended having the public hearing on the jail when Planning Director Chuck Nordstrom is available. The date when Trew and Nordstrom plus the council are available is Wednesday, April 13, 7:00pm. This date and time is now set as the land use hearing on the jail and was described as "quasi-judicial". The council will decide on the fate of the historic city jail at the hearing. The property owners have requested a permit to demolish the jail. The City has 120 days from the date the permit was requested (February 23) to respond. Later on in the council meeting Mayor Auburn asked Gayle Wilcox to contact the owners of the property the jail sits on and discuss a solution to saving the structure.

Chamber of Commerce president Jay Stoler gave the chamber liaison report. He said the Chamber was moving forward on the Wind Fest set for Saturday, May 28. He said it might be a wine and wind fest.

Mayor Auburn told councilor and streets liaison Carl Eskelson he needed to send a letter to ODOT about the City being given Coast Guard Hill Road.

Councilor Milton Finch recommended that court clerk Ellen Mundell be given more hours so she could write grants for the city.

Councilor and watershed liaison, Steve Abbott, attended the last watershed meeting. He said a car crusher was coming to Port Orford in June and that people could bring cars, refrigerators and washing machines to the city shops area to be crushed. Abbott had taken a tour of the Port Orford conservation easement in the North Fork Hubbard Creek watershed and noted a lot of gorse has been cut but help is needed watering all the recently planted trees.

Steve Donovan, Senior Project Engineer with SHN on the wastewater treatment plan upgrade told the council we didn't have final completion on the project. He

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Sun Mar 27, 2005	12:20a 7.3	6:44a 0.3	12:56p 6.3	6:39p 1.6	6:06a	6:39p	9:03p	7:12a				
Mon Mar 28, 2005	12:47a 7.4	7:24a -0.1	1:43p 6.0	7:10p 2.1	6:04a	6:40p	10:13p	7:38a				
Tue Mar 29, 2005	1:18a 7.5	8:09a -0.3	2:36p 5.6	7:45p 2.7	6:03a	6:42p	11:25p	8:11a				
Wed Mar 30, 2005	1:53a 7.5	9:01a -0.3	3:40p 5.2	8:26p 3.3	6:01a	6:43p	12:35a	8:52a				
Thu Mar 31, 2005	2:36a 7.3	10:01a -0.3	4:58p 4.9	9:19p 3.8	5:59a	6:44p	1:41a	9:43a				

**Jail Hearing Set
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said the contractor is continuing to incur liquidated damages and that currently the city is holding back \$40,000 in payments to Laskey-Clifton. The general obligation bonds for the project cannot be sold until the project reaches final completion. The city has incurred damages of \$16,000-\$18,000 so far.

Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox presented the council with a quarterly report on the fire department. There were 32 calls between July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 and 68 calls for service between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004. So far in this reporting year there have been 31 calls since July 1, 2004. Calls range from structure fires, controlled burns, false alarms, medical assistance, hazardous materials, and motor vehicle crashes.

The council passed Resolution 2005-18, which would transfer \$250 from the

Buffington Park's budget to the reward fund regarding the trees being chopped down in Buffington Park. This resolution also creates a contribution fund.

The council passed Resolution 2005-19 approving the annual adjustment for inflation to the water and wastewater systems development charges. The rate of inflation calculated out to 7.19759% between December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004.

The council passed Resolution 2005-01 concerning a supplemental budget for the Parks Department of \$300. This will pay for two parks commission members to attend a grant-writing workshop, which will be held locally.

The council passed Resolution 2005-20 "declaring the Chief of Police a city officer to be supervised by the mayor and city council. This resolution says the Chief of Police shall be employed and supervised by the mayor and council.

The Chief of Police shall also "continue to receive administrative and budgetary support from the City Administrator." The resolution continues that the City Administrator's job description shall reflect these changes.

Milton Finch made a motion to accept the modified city administrator's job description as presented by the city attorney and it passed 5-0.

The council accepted the consent calendar on a motion by Milton Finch. It included approval of the right of way form as edited, the mayor's appointments of Jody Bulaich to the Parks Commission and Jeff MacFarlane to the Transient Lodging Tax Committee, the Mayor's reappointment of Jim Billings to the Parks Commission, and approval of the minutes for three previous meetings. It also included a letter written by Mayor Auburn to the State Senate Transporta-

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tion Committee regarding Senate Bill 894, which he does not support but instead, encouraged them to support Senate Bill 566. Senate Bill 894 would designate every national highway in Oregon a freight route while Senate Bill 566 would according to Auburn "maintain the integrity of our scenic highway system."

There are now three ways to speak at council meetings. You can speak at the beginning of the meeting under citizen's concerns. You can either sign a sheet at the beginning of the meeting and speak or you can get the subject you want to speak about on the agenda. You have to have your request to speak to the city recorder by the Tuesday before the meeting at 5:00pm. Thirdly citizens can now speak at the end of the meeting under citizen considerations.

Jack Pruitt thanked former Mayor Gary Doran for his comments at the last council meeting. Pruitt said the council had done a disservice to the law enforcement panels with their decision.

City Administrator Ken Knight spoke about water issues regarding the North Fork Hubbard Creek watershed and the need for more impoundment of water. He said by summer the City may have to offer residents a blend of water from Garrison Lake and North Fork Hubbard Creek. You read it here first – the next big issue for the city once the final completion is done on the sewer treatment plant and Mark Creighton serves his first day as police chief is going to be WALTER!

Langlois Library News

By Nancy Angelesco

Assistant Director

Thank you, gracias, merci, danke... however it's said, we can't convey enough how much we appreciate the many hours and hard work donated by those of you who helped make our annual book sale such a huge success. I must say, we worked long and hard sorting and moving books, setting up the tables for the sale, conducting the actual sale, and moving the books yet again; but it was well worth it. The Langlois Library Foundation earned a net profit of \$1,277.29, which will directly benefit the Langlois Library. Whew! Job well done, folks!

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Speaking of the Library Foundation, at our last meeting it was decided to change the name of the organization to The Friends of the Langlois Library. The name sounds a little friendlier and much more inviting, although the purpose of the organization will remain the same... to raise funds to augment the general budget of the library and to support library functions and events. The Friends will meet the last Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at the library, and our meetings are open to all who would like to attend. Our next meeting will be on March 31. At that time we'll begin planning Buzzy's going-away party and also the 2005 Peddler's Faire. Don't be shy; come join us. We work hard, but have lots of laughs.

As we approach the end of this fiscal year, we begin the process of developing a new budget. The Langlois Library District Budget Committee will meet on Thursday, May 5, 6:00pm at the library to review and approve the new fiscal year budget. This meeting is open to the public for comment. Prior to this meeting, the proposed budget will be posted in our local newspaper and a reminder of this meeting will be posted in the Langlois Post Office.

We just received a huge order of new books and will begin processing them this week. Drop by the library during the next few weeks to see what appears on our "new books" shelves.

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March Port Meeting By Jane Cramer

Commissioners Gifford Barnes, Ed Dowdy, Evan Kramer and George Welch, as well as Port Manager Gary Anderson were present at the March 15 regular meeting of the Port Commission. Commissioner Dave Knapp was absent.

Under Unlisted Items for Commissioners, Kramer reported that a phone call to the Curry County Board of Elections had revealed that as of March 15 no one had filed for any of the vacant Port Commission positions. Commissioners Barnes, Dowdy and Welch are not running for reelection. Kramer stated it was important to have at least one person running for each position and filing deadline is March 17. Some people expressed interest in running for the position and were encouraged to speak with Anderson to learn which positions were open.

Dowdy and Anderson reported on a meeting they had attended with Curry County Commissioner Ralph Brown which covered the possibility of individual quotas being set for groundfish and efforts to have community quotas be considered as well. Individual quotas would favor trawlers, while community quotas would work better for those fishing from the Port Of Port Orford. Community quotas will be included in a secondary discussion.

They also discussed the possibility of a marine research institute being sited on Port property, but Brown advised this was unlikely because of the lack of infrastructure (motels and restaurants) available in Port Orford. Bringing the facility to the Port would fit in well with the Strategic Plan.

Under Public Comment, Jane Cramer spoke about the Port being honored during the 2005 Jubilee. She suggested the commission look into sponsoring some

activities in and around the Port to attract visitors to the dock.

The new ice machine has arrived and should be up and running by April 1. Anderson is working on pricing and billing procedures.

Port employee Ed Schrieber gave a report on his estimates for refurbishment of the Cannery to prepare it for rental. Much of the work would be done by Port employees and would consist of cleaning up and painting. They would work on small areas at a time in order to be able to rent out space as it is finished.

Under New Business Anderson spoke about applying to ODFW for a grant to install an aluminum stairway from the dock to the beach near the port office. The old metal stairway from the former dock to the beach is rusty, disintegrating and unsafe to reinstall.

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Commissioners also discussed Senate Bill 734 which could have adverse effects on local fisheries. Anderson will write a letter in opposition and Kramer will help him research the matter.

Anderson reported on his recent trip to Washington D.C., which included meetings with people who might be able to assist in getting more money for dredging, as well as with Peter Friedman, a lobbyist for small draft ports. Dowdy and Welch moved and seconded that the Port pay Anderson's expenses for the trip. The motion passed unanimously. Anderson will check to see if a supplemental budget is needed to implement this and if so, will have it ready by the next meeting.

After review and approval of a letter of support for the Port of Brookings, commissioners reviewed the Manager's Report and Financial Report and adjourned into Executive Session under ORS 192.660 (1) (e) Real Estate and ORS 192.660 (1) (h) Pending Litigation.

Port Orford GED Class

Southwestern Oregon Community College is offering ABE/GED class for spring term. This class is for people who want to study for their High School Equivalency Preparation (GED) of just want to increase their basic skills in writing, communication or math.

Students will meet on Monday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00pm at the Port Orford Zion Lutheran Church. The first class is Monday, March 28 and the cost is \$25. Francie MacLeod is the instruction.

Call Southwestern for more information or to register in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or in Port Orford at (541) 253-7573.

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School Board March Meeting

The 2CJ School Board met in regular session on Monday, March 14, in the Pacific High School (PHS) Library. Board members in attendance were: Virginia Hughes (Chair), Nancy Dowdy, Gail Rathbun, and Shirley Van Loo. Board members absent were Liz Brady, Alan Brown, and Joseph Brown. Members of the public questioned the policy for selection of Salutatorian and requested inter-district transfers. The Board upheld the current policy on the criterion for selection of the Salutatorian. The inter-district transfers were granted due to extenuating circumstances.

Virginia Hughes, Joseph Brown, and Shirley Van Loo will be the team negotiating the certified staff contract. Gail Rathbun will serve as an alternate if needed.

The nutrition policy and the intra-district transfer policies were adopted. With these adoptions, the policy manual is completely updated for the first time in about twenty years.

Tony LaPlante, Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor, said that the CB radios in the busses have been replaced by cellular phones, which work better and eliminate the problem of inappropriate language on the CB radios being heard by the children.

Marvin Ott, Superintendent, reported on the status of classified and certified contract negotiations. A curriculum development day will be held on April 1. Teachers will hear a budget update and be offered training in United Streaming/Digital Curriculum, Crisis Management, Blood Borne Pathogens Review, Talented and Gifted Instruction and Accommodation. Curriculum Alignment (Read-

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Contracts were awarded to Jerry Alexander as Middle School Track Coach and to Joseph Culley as High School Track Co-coach.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations and personnel matters. Back in regular session, the Board approved offering contract renewals to probationary and contract teachers. The probationary teachers are James Freitag, Millie Geller, Dwain Lakey, Mick Lane, Gareth Pooleon, Roger Rasmussen, and Chris Sheehan. The contract teachers are Fred Betz, Diane Casse, Kathryn Cowan, Jerry Cox, Joe Culley, Tom Dill, Chris Eidemiller, Kate Foster, Anne Guerin, Dixi Allison Howard, Will Jarvis, Cheryl Kuehn, Robert Lemerande, Penny McLeod, Chuck Mitchell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Earlyene Pendergrass, Mike Ringo, Lucinda Sheeran, and Georgia Weinblatt. Letters of understanding were approved for Tony LaPlante as Transportation and Maintenance Supervisor and for Karen Cooley Jennings as Executive Secretary.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, at 7:00pm in the PHS library. A Board workshop to review previous plans and estimates for a single-site school will begin at 6 PM, preceding the regular meeting. The Bud-

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get Committee will meet on April 18 at 7:00pm in the PHS Library. The public is welcome at any of these meetings. Further information may be obtained by calling the district office at 348-2337.

Letter to the Editor,

Gary Doran was quoted in last week's paper regarding the recent hiring of Mark Creighton as Port Orford's new Chief of Police. He stated that it was "possibly illegal and unethical," on the part of the City Council. Those are heavily charged

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words to use against six men who were elected by the people to represent them.

He then admonished that they should "have integrity and be honorable men." Implying what exactly?

One of our challenges is that we have in place an intelligent, capable and sometimes affable City Administrator who does not yet seem to understand that Port Orford plays by the rules, will follow the law, but does not want to become a rigid bureaucracy.

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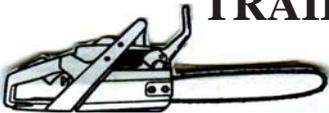
they never saw him? Are they not to vote for the man with the proper credentials who has been a Port Orford neighbor and respected acquaintance?

Instead of hiring on the basis of ambiguous regulations and a mild recommendation by only one of the two committees, these men voted their conscience within the guidelines, for the person each believed would best serve the city.

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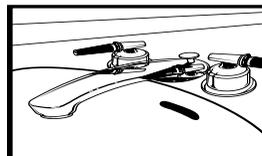
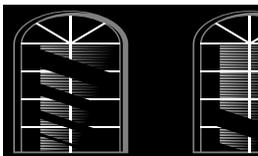
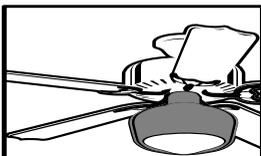
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Special Districts Election

The filing deadline has passed for the May 17 special districts election. Most positions have one person running in them but that's not the case with the Port of Port Orford Commission where nine candidates filed for three positions. The following is a list of who filed for the various districts in Northern Curry County. The current officeholders are listed in parenthesis.

Port of Port Orford Commission

- #1 (E. Dowdy) – Scott Luhr, John Mobley, and Michael Bulaich
- #2 (G. Barnes) – Chane Fullmer, Ronald Sperling, David C. Rickel, Jeff MacFarlane.
- #3 (G. Welch) – Robert L. Mielenz, Paul M. Hewitt

Port Orford RFPD

- #2 (J. Johnston) – John F. Johnston
- #3 (B. Foster) – Brenda Fanning Foster
- #4 (L. Foster) Rick Hazard
- #5 (Vacant) – Mary Hathorne

Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District

- #1 (G. Rathbun) – Rosaria D. Williams
- #4 (V. Hughes) – Virginia Hughes, Micheal Collins
- #5 (N. Dowdy) – John Jensen
- #7 (A. Brown) – Alan Brown

Sixes Rural Fire Protection District

- #1 (R. Johnson) – Alan Heckard
- #2 (W. Moore) – Wayne Moore
- #4 (F. Bitgood) – David E. Pesonen

Langlois RFPD

- #4 (B. Smith) – Billie M. Smith
- #5 (C. Eggert) – Carrie Eggert

Langlois Water District

- #1 (J. Heinzman) – Jo Ann Heinzman
- #3 (S. Chinowsky) – Stanley Chinowsky
- #4 (E. Whitacre) – no filing
- #5 (W. Peck) – no filing

Langlois Cemetery Maint. District

- #2 (A. Haga) – Annabelle Haga
- #3 (E. Bjerg) – Evelyn Bjerg

Port Orford Cemetery Maint. District

- #2 (R. Gibbs) – Roxanne M. Gibbs
- #3 (G. Gibbs) – Gregory Gibbs, Sandra Luhr

Langlois Library District

- #1 (M. Brown) – Michael Brown
- #2 (D. McDermott) – Ginney Etherton
- #3 (D. Terrusa) – Dave Terrusa

Port Orford Library District

- #1 (M. Affonso) – Sherry Johnson
- #2 (J. Cramer) – Jane Cramer
- #3 (W. Champneys) – Weld Champneys

Curry Health District

- #2 (R. Davis) – Roger K. Davis
- #3 (A. Freeman) – A. E. Freeman
- #4 (D. Jamieson) – Doug Jamieson

Easter Egg Hunt #1

The annual ESA Easter Egg Hunt in on Saturday, March 26, 1:00pm, at Buffington Park. The egg hunt is for children ages 0-8. This is a fun event so come on down to the park and take part in it.

Bloom Where You're Planted!

Susan Brady is a busy mom with ties to the community. She didn't want to leave the area to pursue her education. Susan started taking classes at Southwestern in 2002.

Susan will graduate in June with an AAOT transfer degree and will complete her Associate of Science in Human Services this summer. She'll start work on her Bachelor's degree in the fall. Susan's goal is to become a therapist.

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Butterfly Garden By Paula Cracas

Have you visited the award winning Butterfly-Hummingbird Garden, just north of the Horse Arena, in Buffington Park? The Butterfly-Hummingbird Garden was started in the late 90's by local Master Gardeners and by the Friends of the Park, a local non-profit organization. Money from a SOLV grant, a bed tax grant, a Curry County Master Gardeners' grant, and private donors has purchased supplies and plants, a handmade bench, installed irrigation, and maintained and enhanced the Garden. Many people donated many hours to work on the garden. Acknowledging that cooper-

ation and community dedication, in 2002 the Butterfly-Hummingbird Garden was awarded SOLV's "Best Development of Partnerships" for the state of Oregon and received the award in Salem from Governor John Kitzhaber. The Butterfly-Hummingbird Garden, one of only five awards, was chosen from a pool of hundreds of applicants. It was and is quite an honor for our little town.

However, that was then and this is now. The Butterfly-Hummingbird Garden, with its beautiful mature plants and trees, needs to upgrade its path with permanent ground cloth and gravel. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$250, with deep discounts from Creighton's Nursery for

the ground cloth and from the supplier of the gravel, Janet Dougherty. The Garden also needs willing hands to help weed, prune, and work on the path. If you can donate a few dollars, please send or drop your much-needed dollars at Chetco Credit Union to deposit to the Friends of the Park account. If you can spend an hour or two helping with this project, phone me at 332-1945.

Easter Egg Hunt #2

St. John's Catholic Church will hold an Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 27, at 9:30am. All children 10 years of age and younger are welcome. We're located at Highway 101 and Fifteenth Street.

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Chamber News By Jay Stoler

The Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce met at the Port & Starboard restaurant on Monday, March 14, and tackled a full agenda and added a new board member. In addition, Dave and Linda Kight were guests at the meeting. Dave is the new president of the Powers Chamber of Commerce and is a former Port Orford resident. Other guests at the meeting were Mayor Jim Auburn, Administrator Ken Knight and Chuck Schaumburg. All members of the board were present except Nick Qualls who has resigned and moved out of the area.

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Jim Billings reported that Visitor Center traffic had doubled in the last month to nearly 900 visitors. Billings also said Whale Watch week would start on March 19, and go until the 26th. The Whales will be migrating back north and in fact some have already been sighted.

AWRC President Cindy Schaumburg reported that the consortium received a \$2500 grant for phone lines so a bigger presence can be established.

There was discussion of upcoming festivals. Ken Knight suggested that the Wind Fest be a Wind & Wine Festival with local vintners on display. The board will follow up on how that can come about, as well as lining up a pop band for some kite

flying, music and food/wine on Saturday, May 28 and perhaps a breakfast at the Senior Center on Sunday.

The board accepted the resignation of Nick Qualls and appointed Langlois resident, chamber member and President of AWRC, Cindy Schaumburg to that seat. Cindy and Chuck Schaumburg have attended nearly every meeting for the last three or so years. Cindy is a business consultant.

The board voted to sign an endangered species conservation pledge and write a letter to Senator Wyden in favor of endangered species act funding.

The board voted to endorse an Oregon Senate bill SB 566 that would oppose designating federally funded highways as freight routes. A letter will be written to the transportation committee.

The membership meeting on Monday, March 28 at 1:00 pm at the Port and Starboard will feature Kevin Poirier of the Portland Car Rally Club who will talk about a proposed rally from Portland to Port Orford on October 8th and 9th. It is hoped that it can be an October Fest of sorts. Everyone interested is welcome at the meeting.

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Campground Closed

Cape Blanco State Park's campground and other overnight facilities will be closed from Monday, March 21 through June 30, 2005 for electrical and water system improvements.

Cape Blanco State Park's day use area and trails will remain open. Regularly scheduled tours of the historical Hughes House and the Cape Blanco Lighthouse will begin again on Friday, April 1.

The campground, which is normally open year round, has 53 campsites with electrical and water hookups. All sites are available on a first-come first-served basis. Cape Blanco State Park is located at the western edge of Cape Blanco Road of US Highway 101 and covers over 1,800 acres. The park is laced with day use trails and horse trails, which will remain open for the public while the electrical and water system improvements are made.

Tioga Sign Relit

The Tioga Hotel is the tallest building in the Coos Bay North Bend area. It is now a residential hotel with a couple of restaurants in it as well as a bus station and a ballroom and dominates the landscape of downtown Coos Bay. The Tioga Hotel has a multi-story sign on the front of the building. For at least fifteen years it has not been lit but all that has changed. The ownership has invested money into the grand old sign and now the pink neon letters are lit. The sight, especially at dusk, is stunning and an example of one of the many ways historic renovation and rehabilitation of buildings is going on throughout the country. Buildings in downtowns like department stores are being renovated and turned into housing for downtown dwellers. Beautiful old movie theaters are being restored to their original grandeur and reopened as playhouses and concert venues. Old signs that sat on top of theaters, hotels and other buildings are being relit to reinvigorate the neighborhoods they occupy, just as what has happened in downtown Coos Bay.

The new stadium seating multiplex at Pony Village is well along the way construction wise with the front nearly complete as of last week. The theater complex will include eleven screens with all rooms having stadium seating. The new Ross Store has opened in Pony Village and is already drawing huge crowds of bargain conscious consumers. Something new, something old but things are changing in Coos Bay and North Bend.

Senior Center Easter Brunch

The public is invited to Easter Brunch at the Port Orford Senior Center on Sunday, March 27, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The menu is Eggs Florentine or scrambled eggs, Dutch apple pancakes or waffles, banana bread, bacon or sausage patty, fruit compote, Wild Rivers Roasters special coffee, teas and juices. Cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.



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Episcopal Church News

The holiest part of the Christian calendar begins this year on March 20 with Palm Sunday which will be celebrated with an outdoor procession with palms, reading of the Passion Gospel and the Holy Eucharist. The service begins at 10:00 a.m. at St. Christopher's.

The Maundy Thursday evening service will be on March 24 at 6:00 p.m. beginning with washing of feet, an Agape Supper with Eucharist and the stripping of the Altar. This service commemorates the institution of the Holy Communion and the preparation of the church for the Good Friday services. Dinner is provided free and all are most welcome to join us for the evening.

The Good Friday Liturgy will be celebrated on March 25 at 6:00 p.m. with the reading of the Passion Gospel of St. John, the unveiling of the Cross, and the



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The Easter Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 27 with a special champagne reception to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome.

St. Christopher's is located on the corner of 9th and Washington (behind the Downtown Fun Zone) in Port Orford. For more information, call 332-0998.

\$3,000 Reward Offered

A \$3,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the conviction of the person responsible for the poisoning of dogs in Port Orford. Another dog was found poisoned on Monday night and is still alive thanks to quick action by the dog's owner.

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Celebration of Life

A celebration of life will be held for Marian Jones at Buffington Park on Saturday, April 2 at 2:00pm for everyone who knew her. There will be public barbecue. A tree will be planted in her name.

Marian was a long time resident of the Port Orford area. Even though she left in 2000 her heart remained here. At age 62, she passed quietly in her sleep on March 4, 2005.

Her biggest joy in life was her great grandkids who will remember her with love. Last December she rededicated her life to our Lord and Savior. She had a way of reaching out and touching everyone she knew.

Marian is survived by her four children Kathy Jones of Langlois, Ron Jones of Spokane, Washington, Steve Jones of Newport, Oregon, and Suzanne Thompson of Woods Cross, Utah; four brothers, Darrel Waterman, Gary Albertson, Fred Albertson, and David Albertson. She has 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be given to the Port Orford Head Start Program.

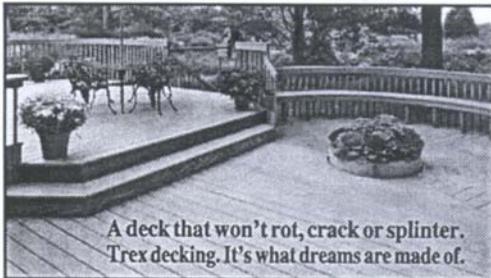
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Holy Week Schedule

The following is the schedule for the Holy Week and Easter observances at St. Christopher's Church in Port Orford.

Thursday, March 24: Maundy Thursday foot washing and meal at 6:00pm.

Friday, March 25: Good Friday liturgy at 6:00pm.

Easter Sunday, March 27: Easter Service and champagne reception to follow at 10:00am.

Chamber Membership Meeting

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce is holding its membership meeting on Monday, March 28, 1:00pm, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant. The Chamber will meet with the Portland Car Rally group. Anyone interested in the car rally please attend and help with the plans.

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Computer Tidbits by Valerie Jean Kramer

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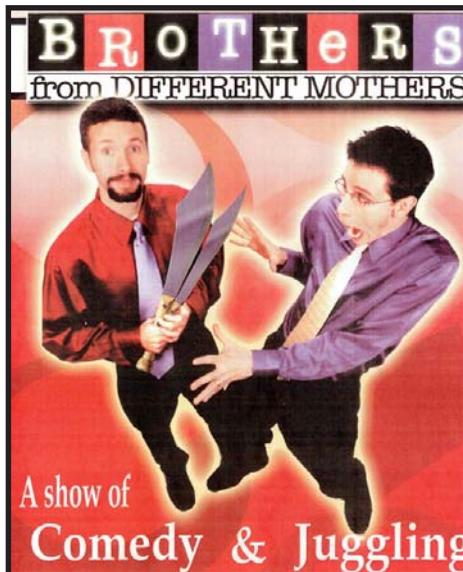
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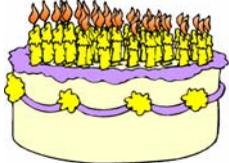


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Letter to the Editor,

As most people in town now know someone has been poisoning animals in the Port Orford area for the last several months. I don't know how many cats have been killed, but I understand that at least ten dogs have.

Whoever is doing this should keep in mind that, under certain circumstances, animal abuse in Oregon can be a class C felony, if the perpetrator has been convicted of assault involving domestic violence or assault against a minor child at least twice in the past. It is also a felony if the animal abuse was committed in the presence of a minor child. A class C felony can bring five years in prison. Even if the above special conditions don't apply, animal abuse is still a class A misdemeanor, which can result in one year in jail for the perpetrator.

Whoever is doing it should also keep in mind that if the poison bait is picked up and eaten by a child, instead of an animal, the charge could be first degree manslaughter, a class A felony good for 20 years in prison.

Sincerely,

Howard S. Lichtig

Roaring Sea Open House

Everyone is invited to enjoy the sharing of artistic, musical, and edible treats at the next Roaring Sea Open House, from 2:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, March 27. Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Open Houses are held at Roaring Sea Studio-Gallery located at 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford. The entrance from the highway is shared with the Sea Crest Motel.

Featured this month are Bandon artist Barry LaBoie, with "intimate landscapes" in oil, watercolor, and pencil; well known paper artist Karen Butts, showing some of her recent books and other creations; and Carol Waxham, who runs the Ran-coast Arts Gallery in Langlois, bringing some of her colorful woven garments.

In addition, during the afternoon, there will be musical programs by the Kammeroque Ensemble. A special presentation of poems by winners of the Celia Piehl Young Poets Contest will be read during the programs. The theme of the poems this year was "What is Peace?"

Refreshments will be served, as well as pot-luck snacks. For further information, please call Donna at 332-4444.

Water News

Water, water everywhere. Not this year. Mitch Lewis, headline speaker for the panel discussion on water in Curry County communities reports 2005 is a very dry year. This is enough reason for all concerned citizens and officials to attend the League of Women Voters sponsored Water Forum at Gold Beach City Hall, Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00 pm.

County Commissioner Lucie LaBonte will moderate. Representatives of Brookings, Gold Beach, Port Orford, Harbor Water District and the Watershed Councils will speak, followed by a period for dialogue and questions from the public.

Come learn about surface water, ground water, quantity and quality, and possibilities for increased capture and storage, not to mention the dollar costs of revised and extended infrastructure.

Parks Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Port Orford Parks Commission has been moved up to Tuesday, March 29 in the Council Chambers at 7:00pm.

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Letter to the Editor,

During the three years that I have lived in this area, I have always paid my Coos Curry Electric Co-op (CCEC) bill in person at the Port Orford office on or before the due date. That is, until last week when a problem at home prevented me from dropping off my check on the Eleventh.

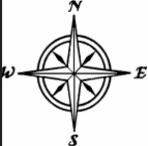
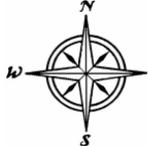
So I did just that on Monday, the Fourteenth, the next business day. On the sixteenth I received a "Final Notice" in

bright bold red typeface stating that service would be disconnected if the bill was not paid by March 22!! I am outraged! We, the people, are The Co-op, are we not?

So our Coop wasted paper and 37 cents postage and likely an employee's time, but what really galls me is the demand for payment by March 22! Is there anyone else out there who's fed up with the way CCEC does business?

I certainly regret that I did not write a letter of complaint to CCEC regarding the damage and desecration done on my property by the tree pruners/cutters sent out by the Co-op in September of 2003. They cut down trees which never would have interfered with the lines crossing my property. And they left one hell of a mess; it looked like a war zone. I assumed my voice would fall on "deaf ears". I also regret not filing suit.

Dave Meeker

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