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Slow Down Zone

By Evan Kramer

Johnny Cat, Inc. of Medford completed the bypass road on Highway 101 at the Gregory Slide on Thursday, March 30, and traffic is moving along it smoothly. Meanwhile the part of the job to remove the fill above the Rocky Creek culvert is proceeding. Approximately 50,000 yards of natural material is expected to be bulldozed onto or above the beach at Rocky Point before the new culvert is put in place. The asphalt, concrete and metal were all removed to a different dump site. After the new culvert is installed Johnny Cat will then bring in enough "modern" fill material to rebuild the road. According to Jared Castle, public affairs specialist with ODOT, when the rebuilt Highway 101 is completed the bypass road will be removed and the area put back as much as possible in its natural state.

The bypass road is paved, one lane and controlled by brightly colored flaggers twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. The speed zone both north and south of the bypass road has been reduced to 45 miles per hour, though the speed limit along the bypass road is SLOW. There are many signs reminding people of the construction zone but nevertheless some people are driving up to

the bypass road too fast. The flaggers may be well paid but that doesn't mean they want to put their life on the line for the job. So please slow down so there are no more incidents in the construction zone. Better to be safe than sorry. Remember that traffic fines are double in construction zones. There are signs warning motorists of a 20 minute delay but usually there's hardly any wait.

The Highway 101 Gregory Slide project is scheduled for completion by May 25 in time for the Memorial Day weekend and the beginning of summer vacation. Both lanes of Highway 101 will be reopened and ODOT will have achieved its goal of not closing the road if all goes well.

Crab Season Third Best Ever

The 2005/06 Oregon Dungeness Crab Season is now the third best ever on record. The season which didn't even get started until January 15 turned out to be better than the experts predicted. Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission president Nick Furman had predicted that this year's harvest would be half of last year's 33.5 million pounds. The crab harvest for 2003/04 was over 23 million pounds, making it the second best season but that record will fall soon.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife keeps track of the Dungeness Crab harvest by monitoring the fishermen's fish tickets. Historically 10 million pounds has been the average catch for a year. This year ODF&W has recorded 22,711,825 pounds of crab landed at Oregon's ports through the end of March. January came in at 9,536,287 pounds while February topped that at 10,401,093 with March coming in at 2,771,106 pounds. The total crab catch this year at the Port of Port Orford is 740,525 pounds with 308,895 pounds in January, 352,897 pounds in February and 78,733 pounds in March. For people keeping track there were 3,339 pounds of crab caught in December of 2005.

The top six ports in Oregon for the crab season are Newport at 7,758,928 pounds, Astoria at 5,310,245 pounds, Charleston at 4,434,013 pounds, Brookings at 3,120,936 pounds, Garibaldi at 1,001,208 pounds, and Port Orford. The economic value to the coast is huge with the value of crab caught at over \$37 million and counting. The season opened with fish buyers paying \$1.35 per pound and as of Tuesday they are paying \$1.75 a pound. The Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission estimates that amount triples in effect as it makes its way through the local

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H2125 5.4	H2206 5.6	H2237 5.9	H2303 6.2	H2325 6.5	H2348 6.8		L1831 1.9

Crab Season Third Best Ever Continued from Front Cover

communities so call it the \$100 million fishery. Crab is king again. For Port Orford this translates to over \$1 million to the fishermen with a \$3 million effect on the local economy.

Port Orford Refinement Plan

The third and final workshop meeting concerning the Port Orford Refinement Plan will be held on Thursday, April 13, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. The meeting will deal with defining and expanding on the vision and goals. There will be a site walk around the southern part of town starting at 5:00pm at Battle Rock Park.

Letter to the Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to recent letters on the Coos-Curry Electric's base charge.

The base charge increased from \$14 to \$33 in September 2004. It was needed to cover large losses in the electric business, adjust for inflation since 1985, restore

our credit rating, lower interest and rebalance required fairness among rate classes. The rate change produced a reasonable and required margin.

If the \$14 base rate increased 4% per year for 21 years, the rate would be about \$33. Our kilowatt rate remains one of Oregon's lowest.

The combination of the kilowatt charge and \$33 base rate yields the required \$16.4 million annual revenue from 14,586 residential meters. If you lower the base rate, the kilowatt charge must increase or vice versa. The current base rate is essentially equal to the actual fixed cost per member which results in less financial risk to the cooperative and is fairer and more equitable to all members

About 20% of members are part timers, weekenders or snowbirds. If you lower the base rate and up the kilowatt rate to maintain equally the total necessary revenue to remain in the black, the majority, but not all, full time residents would actually pay more. Part timers would pay less since they use less. By increasing the base charge rather than

the kilowatt rate, part time residents and low utilizers now pay a fairer share to maintain the system all year long. Previously, they were unfairly subsidized by most full time residents.

Gary Doran, Port Orford
Dale Thomas, Gold Beach
Terry Hanscam, Brookings
Coos-Curry Electric Board Members,
Districts 4, 3 & 1

20 Years with Chetco

Thelma Belcher celebrated her twentieth year with Chetco Federal Credit Union last Friday. Thelma will retire in June of this year and has made many friends while working at Chetco. It's the service and friendly people that make it so pleasant to go into Chetco and Sterling Savings Bank and Thelma is the epitome of friendliness. She's also a big Elvis fan as you can see by the calendars at her desk and near her work station. She also collects boots and has quite a collection of them, some on display at her desk. Congratulations to Thelma and thanks for the friendly service.



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I went to work for United Parcel Service 24 years ago and have been delivering to the wonderful people of Port Orford. I have developed a rapport with the UPS patrons in the north part of the county and want to develop that same rapport and openness with the owner-members of Coos-Curry Electric.

I believe if elected to the board that I can make a difference and bring change to the Coop.

The 2006 Coos-Curry Electric Coop calendar has some information at the top of the page for each month. October is National Co-op Month. I quote from the

calendar, "Your electric cooperative is home grown, member owned, locally governed and not for profit. We are committed to meeting your needs and strive to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible price." As your home grown Cooperative Board member representing the owner/members I will work to make this a reality. Knowing the time and energy involved in being a board member, I am committed to serving you with a common sense approach. I want to be as open as I can with you and make information about the Coop readily available to you the owner-members.

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The house has a large two car garage with room for a shop. Call for details. #310. \$189,000.

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Senior Center News

The Port Orford Senior Center celebrated it's reopening on Tuesday, April 4 with an Open House. The Center put in new carpet and linoleum and spruced the place up so go by and check it out.

The Senior Center lobby and game room are open Monday through Friday from 9:30am-1:30pm. The coffee's always on and cookies often available.

You can get your blood pressure taken every Tuesday from 9:30am-noon. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Center on Mondays at 9:30am. The walking group meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday at 8:30am and then the group sets off around town for a walk.

The Red Hats meet at the Center on Thursday, April 6, from 10:00am-noon.

The Tai Chi class meets every Friday at 8:30am. The Sunset Garden Club holds

their monthly meeting at the Center on Friday, April 7 at 1:00pm.

The monthly Senior Center breakfast takes place on Sunday, April 9, from 8:00am-1:00pm and features omelets. The cost is \$4.50 and don't forget the rummage sale is open from 10:00am-1:00pm. The Senior Center Spring Dinner is on Saturday, April 15, from 5:00-

6:00pm. The dinner features ham and scalloped potatoes and the cost is \$6.50.

The Port Orford Rural Fire District Board meets at the Center on Tuesday, April 11, at 5:30pm.

The woodcarvers group meets on Tuesday, April 13 and 27 from 1:00-4:00pm.

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There is no single more important item in any household than a working class smoke alarm. Nearly one third of residential fires and two-fifths of residential fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms. Put another way, having a working smoke alarm in the home reduces your chances of dying in a fire by nearly half.

Place a smoke alarm on every level of your home and outside bedrooms. If you keep your bedroom doors closed, place a smoke alarm in each bedroom. Check the batteries once a month to make sure they work.

Get more information on smoke alarms and fire safety from the U.S. Fire Administration by visiting www.usfa.fema.gov or call your local fire department.

Sincerely,

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Chief Wayne Moore,
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Chief Gayle Wilcox,
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Joanne Ruoff,
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On the Rise by Tobe Porter, Library Director

As promised, here I am with a report on the amount of money just rolling in for construction of the new Port Orford Public Library. If you remember, I said we need \$135,000 to meet the requirements of the Community Block grant and insure that construction starts this summer. That figure has been reduced to \$128,000!!!

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Police Report by Chief Mark Creighton

03-27 Police were called to 9th Street regarding a possible deceased subject. An investigation determined the person died of natural causes.

03-27 we had a complaint about a plastic goose in a mud puddle in back of True Value Hardware that was scaring small birds and preventing them from landing in the puddle. Sometime this week a big Pink Flamingo showed up and the big goose is now gone. Now even the geese won't be able to land in that puddle. Police are searching for the Phantom of the Pink Flamingo.

03-28 police were contacted by the Curry County Sheriff's Office regarding a possible domestic assault that occurred in Port Orford. The victim was at the

Gold Beach Hospital. The suspect lived on 12th Street where the offense was committed. Even though the Port Orford Police Chief was available to handle the call, a Curry County Deputy was sent from Brookings to investigate the crime. Another Curry County Sheriff's Deputy later arrested the suspect in Port Orford.

CHIEFS NOTE: It's good to see that the sheriff's department is finally so adequately staffed with road deputies they can send them from Brookings to Port Orford to work our local cases even when your local police are available, and can handle the call in a fast and efficient manner. If you live in the city limits and a deputy responds to your call and it takes 45 minutes or longer for them to get there remember your local police might not have been notified. Our response time is usually under five minutes.

03-28 after posting a travel trailer, and motor vehicle that had been left parked on 11th Street for some time, the two vehicles were impounded.

03-30 Police were called out to a possible domestic assault. Police investigated the incident and found insufficient evidence of a crime.

03-31 Police stopped a vehicle for defective tail lights. It was determined the driver had a suspended drivers license, and the vehicle was not insured. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was cited.

03-31 Police received a complaint of a stolen credit card. It was determined that the credit card was used by a person in the North Bend area. Police are investigating with the assistance of North Bend Police Department.

04-01 police stopped a vehicle for a broken tail light. The driver could not produce proof of insurance or proof of registration. The vehicle was towed and the driver was cited.

04-01 police stopped a driver for 56 mph in a 30 mph zone. The driver told police that he didn't even see a town, and asked where the town was that he had just gone through. He was cited for speed.

04-01 Police were called out to a burglary alarm at one of our local banks. The building was found to be secure and the alarm was determined to be false possibly caused by the weather.

CHIEFS NOTE Police have received a lot of complaints of drivers failing to stop at stop signs, and for excessive speeds on some of the back streets. Police will be concentrating on those areas so if you are one that doesn't like to stop at stop signs "FYI" the fine is \$242.00. Police are looking for a donation of a metal gun cabinet to store police weapons in. Contact the Police Department at 332-9013, and we'll provide you with a receipt for the donation.



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The Odd Couple

North Curry Families' and Children's Center ArtWorks is pleased to present the Neil Simon play-"The Odd Couple" (female version) at the Port Orford Community Building on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at 7:30pm and on Sunday April 23 at 2pm. Tickets will be available at the door 20 minutes prior to performance. The cost is only \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Unger and Madison are at it again! Florence Ungar and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary comic classic: the female version of The Odd Couple. Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuits. The Pigeon sisters have been replaced by the charming Constanzuela brothers. "Very funny indeed." N.Y. Post. "Endearing." USA Today. "Lots of fun!" stated Tere Tronson, NCFCC director.

Young actors are hard at work preparing this entertaining play for the community. Actors include Crystal Hawkins, Signe Tronson, Adelinne Maddi, Cynthia McGowan, Robyn Culley, Cynthia Wyatt, Julian Carter and Bill Bailey. The play is a part of the Community Learning Partnership activities made possible by a grant from the Ford Family Foundation. If you have any questions about this or any of the programs of NCFCC, call 332-1042. Mark your calendars now!

WeOwnCoosCurryElectric.Com

The web site www.weowncooscurryelectric.com is up and running and getting busier every day. Stop on by and check out the candidate statements, letters and the forums and feel free to participate.

The web site is a part of an organization which was formed to elect John Herzog, Gary Schlottmann and Daryl Robison to the Coos Curry Electric Coop Board of

Directors. Donations to We Own Coos Curry Electric Inc. can be made at any branch of Chetco Federal Credit Union. Take your donation in and ask the teller to put your money in the We Own Coos Curry Electric Inc. account. Or donations may be mailed to We Own Coos Curry Electric Inc. at PO Box 256, Port Orford, Oregon 97465. Monies donated to the organization will be used to pay for flyers, advertising, and the web site with the sole purpose of electing three new board members on June 24, 2006.

Spring Car Wash

Please help the seventh grade class and get your car sparkling for Spring! The students will be holding a car wash on Sunday, April 9, from 10:00am-2:00pm in the Ray's Place Market parking lot in Port Orford. Your donation will help fund an educational field trip to Salem and Portland for all Blanco and Driftwood seventh grade students.

COAST YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

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Schedule this week:

- Monday through Friday - April 3-7
 - ◆ Players return sign-up forms to Driftwood and Blanco School main offices
- Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m. at American Legion Hall
 - ◆ Coast Baseball Registration & Kickoff Meeting
- Saturday, April 8 at Red's Field at the park
 - ◆ 9 a.m.-12 p.m.: T-Ball & Bambino Registration, Parents' Meeting & Baseball Clinic
 - ◆ 12-3 p.m.: Majors, Softball & Babe Ruth Registration, Parents' Meeting, and Softball Game.
 - ◆ 9-3 p.m.: Field and facilities assessment and cleanup

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**Port Commission Meeting
by Jane Cramer**

The Port Commission with all members and Port Manager Gary Anderson present met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21. Here are highlights of that meeting.

Evan Kramer reminded commissioners and public about the meeting set for March 27 at the Coos Bay Red Lion to discuss options for salmon closure.

Scott Mecum described the recent ODFW meeting in Newport where crab limits and how they should be set were discussed. Small boat fishermen like those in Port Orford need to express their thoughts on other options for setting catch limits besides the size of the boat, such as setting limits based on landings and participation since 2001 when limited entry permits began. Scott plans to attend the April meeting and speak for the idea that it is not the size of the boat that should count, but how many pots you have in the water.

Tony Cotter of Hallmark Fisheries asked for some No Parking signs to be posted to maintain clear access to his totes. Anderson will take care of it.

Scott Luhr reported on the handling of the request for Emergency Declaration and told of his appreciation of the attitude and helpfulness displayed by the County Commissioners.

There have been only two responses so far to the ad for lease of the 10 X 16 building owned by the Port. Commissioners decided to run the ad for another week and then make a decision within the next two weeks. That way the new tenant can be up and running in time for the busy season which usually begins in May.

Anderson spoke of the outlook for funding a Port dredging project and outlined a combination of grants and a no interest loan that could provide enough money to put a dredging system into effect. He will present a resolution at next month's meeting for the commissioners to adopt. Thanks to his hard work, the project looks like it is becoming possible.

Anderson spoke about the success of last year's 4th of July Crab Feed. He says he doesn't have the time to organize it this year, but will provide a place for it to be held and whatever support he can. To be

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a success, someone from the Fishermen's Association needs to take on the organizational process and fishermen will each need to donate 50 pounds of crab.

Anderson reported on his recent trip to Washington DC and the results of his meetings with various people in a position to help the Port get the dredging operation into play. Some recent legislation has already been passed that will be of help and more is expected. He reported that he had been able to keep expenses for the trip \$200 under the budgeted amount, a good bargain for what he accomplished.

Commissioners also passed a motion to lease additional space to Starvin' Marvin (OPAC) for freezer storage.

After a review of the Manager's Report and the Financial Report, the commission adjourned into executive session to discuss Pending Litigation.

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Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters of Curry County will host a candidate forum in Port Orford on Monday, April 10 at 7:00pm at Port Orford City Hall, for the May 16 Primary Election. Shirley Nelson, Port Orford League member will serve as Moderator.

Only candidates with contested positions were invited to attend. The following candidates running for County Commissioner Position No. 1 have accepted the League's invitation to participate. Republican Candidates: Bill Waddle, Bob Gilmore, TV Skinner and George Rhodes. (Republican candidate Les Walker is

unable to attend.) Democratic Candidates: Steven Bismarck and Georgia Nowlin.

Candidates for U.S. Representative in Congress 4th District, Republican Candidate, Monica Johnson will participate in the forum. Republican candidate, Jim Feldkamp, opposing Monica Johnson has been unavailable as of this date.

Each candidate will be given three min-

utes for an opening statement. A question and answer period will follow with questions written rather than oral. The public will be given index cards to submit their questions.

The League is a non-partisan organization which does not support or oppose any candidate running for office. The public is invited to attend and meet the candidates and hear their views on different issues at the forum. The League is also holding forums in Gold Beach and Brookings. For further information phone (541) 469-4668.

Thank You

A warm fuzzy thank you to my daughter for planning and organizing the great surprise birthday party last Friday for me at Paula's Bistro. Thank you also to Paula for the lovely and yummy food she presented. And thank you to everyone who helped me share the evening. The words 'Thank You' seem very inadequate to express how wonderful everything and everyone was.

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Flower Show Time

Flower show time is here! In the next several months there will be 5 separate flower shows in our area. On Thursday, April 24, the Rogue District of Oregon State Garden Clubs will hold their spring conference in Bandon and will have a mini flower show as part of the program. On May 5, 6, and 7 the third annual Rogue District Flower Show will be presented at the Event Center in Gold Beach. On July 4, our own Sunset Garden Club will have their annual non-judged flower show at Driftwood Elementary School. Also in July, there will be two county fairs, Coos and Curry, where there will be large exhibits of flowers, fruits and vegetables.

In anticipation of these events, the Sunset Garden Club will have Joan Cooper of Nesika Beach and Linda Stokes of Gold Beach, both National Garden Club Flower judges, presenting a program on information and examples of how to exhibit for a flower show. We will meet at the Port Orford Senior Center at 1:00pm on Friday, April 7 and members are asked to bring flowers and greenery from their gardens to participate in the demonstration. The meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Members are also preparing for their annual plant sale in conjunction with the Friends of the Library Book Sale. This will take place on Saturday, May 6, at the

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Marine Safety Training

Under the auspices of Alaska Marine Safety Education Association, the Coast Guard will present a two-day, hands-on safety and survival workshop for commercial fishermen in Port Orford on Monday, May 15 and Tuesday, May 16. 8:00am-5:00pm. The workshop is free.

This training meets USCG requirements for commercial fishing vessels operating outside the boundary line.

Participants will practice with emergency equipment that should be onboard any commercial fishing boat or other sizeable vessel - PFDs, life rafts, immersion suits, EPIRBs, fire extinguishers. They will learn and practice emergency procedures like man overboard retrieval, abandoning ship, fire fighting and flooding control.

Mariners who have already taken the course are encouraged to attend again to refresh their skills. A study by NIOSH determined that after five years, the effectiveness of training in reducing fatalities declines significantly.

For additional information or to register, contact Brian Marotta at (541) 888-1416.

Don Walz

Don Walz of Port Orford died at his home at the age of 56 from a heart attack. He was born in Minnesota and raised on a farm. Mr. Walz was a Vietnam Veteran, earning the Bronze Star, among other awards. Mr. Walz's ashes will be interred at the Veteran's Cemetery at Roseburg, Oregon. He was Catholic and is survived by his daughter, two brothers and four sisters.

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Letter to the Editor,

A comment by Dale Thomas in his article to the Curry Recorder "Answers to recent letters on Coos-Curry Electric" Mar 8 '06 of a resident from Bandon stating "he was not pleased with having to pay the higher rate when he is here only part time" is absurd and somewhat mean spirited.

I tried for six months to get the figures justifying the Minimum Monthly Charge (MMC). I expressed my disappointment at the Jan. '06 Board meeting for not being given the numbers and being stone walled.

Now, on the CCEC web site there is a table posted of residential rate class - cost of providing service. Wish this had been presented six months ago so I could have discussed the figures with Management and Board. There are too many discrepancies to cover them all in one article. Here are some questions:

#1 Where do the figures show the MMC should be \$33? Does this sheet imply the MMC should be \$55.91? The Board should "explain" why they are not charging that, if this is the case, each month. If the Board doesn't charge what's



correct, or close, then the rate must be made up some where else! Would it be the kwh rate or Demand charge for another rate class?

The figures look like they are on a one year analysis. That seems short sighted and hurriedly prepared. One wonders if any real thinking or planning went into the process or did the Board just need to get out of the red, after three years, and took the easiest way?

#2 On the CCEC web site, under retail rates, #2, there is a statement "the rate you pay for power and the other services the utility provides is determined by the actual cost to provide that service and does not include any profit. Please take a look at the "cost of providing service", margins are included - \$1,644,400. Folks, margins equal profit. In the Coop business, profit is called margins! Incidentally, \$1,644,400 is way - way too much margin! This year, '06, just for the first two (2) months, the margin is \$624,000, with a budget amount of \$198,000. Two Months!! Does the Board know what they are doing? They found out how to get into our pocket and now - watch out!

#3 We need to know if any of the Expense items shown on the table are capitalized! Had I been able to discuss this CCEC table six months ago we might have been able to come up with a reasonable MMC. Say in the \$15 to \$20 dollar category like most of the other Oregon Coops. The

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#4 The CCEC table shows a kwh cost of \$.0361. Who pays that little? And it will soon be going up more! Really, just what was the cost of providing service table meant to show? It poses more questions than it was meant to answer! Creative Accounting can have a problem when put to the scrutiny of interested people.

Dear Member/Owners we will have a chance to vote in June. Please do not let this opportunity pass without giving it some serious thought. Remember much of this Board has been around during the time when the Co-op was in the red. It is time for a change? Please vote for Daryl/Port Orford, John/Brookings and Gary/Gold Beach. Two of them had been voted on to the Board but were not able to take a seat because of downsizing. Now is the time to strike - while the iron is "hot"

Sincerely,

Don Heinzen
Bandon, OR

School Board Meeting

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board meets on Monday, April 10, 7:00pm, in the cafeteria room at Driftwood Elementary School. Note: The board is currently working on hiring a new school superintendent who will be the fourth one in four years.

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The show will host 50 woodcarvers from throughout the Pacific Northwest. Demonstrations by carving experts will be given throughout both days. The raffle table will include a wide variety of carvings, books and tools, with the drawing held Sunday afternoon. You need not be



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present to win! A portion of the raffle proceeds will be donated to the Coquille Valley Art Centers handicap access project fund.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC MEETING of the Budget Committee of the City of Port Orford, Curry County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 will be held in Gable Chambers at City Hall, 555 West 20th Street. The meeting will take place on Wednesday the 1st day of May 2006 at 5:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and budget document. A Revenue Sharing Hearing before the Budget Committee will follow the budget message. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 2, 2005 at City Hall, 555 West 20th Street, between the hours of 8:00am and 4:30pm. Additional public Budget Committee meetings where deliberation will take place are scheduled for the following dates: Thursday, May 4

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COMMUNITY CHURCH Rummage Sale April 8 9am – 2pm at Port Orford Community Building.

ANIMAL SHELTER Thrift Shop at old Ophir School 10:00 to 4:00 Change of Schedule: Starting April 1, 2006 we will be open only on the first and third Saturdays of the month. We need more volunteers. Please help us.

EASTERN STAR RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, April 8, 9:00 to 2:00 at Masonic Hall. Large variety of things includes many very small ladies casual wear and shoe size 5 1/2 to 6. Larger sizes also.

GARAGE SALE SATURDAY April 8, 9-4, 142 23rd St., Port Orford. Follow signs from Port and Starboard Restaurant. Woman's retro style bike, Black and Decker cordless drill, videos, audio tapes, books, collectibles, antiques. Rain or shine.

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Letter to the Editor,

This week, Coos-Curry Electric Coop has come out in the papers with a large ad under the heading Q & A. I've also noticed they now have local radio ads and hired a public relations person several months back. This is a not for profit corporation that has no competition. What is the reason for all these ads? What are they trying to convince us of with all this media exposure? Exposure that is paid for from our electric bill.

At the same time, the coop no longer has an energy conservation program, no water heater rebates or weatherization program. These days wouldn't our money be better spent promoting energy savings rather than them trying to convince us that they are doing such a good job?

Your voice can be heard in the June election. Vote for John Herzog – Brookings, Gary Schlottmann – Gold Beach, and Daryl Robison – Port Orford.

Malcolm Young