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**It's Great to be HOME!**

### There's No Place Like Home By Evan Kramer

Valerie and I attended the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last week and are glad to be back home. The huge trade show is so big it takes up the entire Las Vegas Convention Center as well as at the Las Vegas Hilton exhibition space and the Sands Expo Center at the Venetian Hotel.

There were over 140,000 attendees at the show and they came from all over the world. There was plenty to see with 2,700 exhibitors spread out over the three venues. What we did see was the world's largest flat screen television set at 120 inches and the largest LED display at 108 inches. At the same time computers and cell phones are getting smaller and more powerful. It seems like all the various technologies from televisions to cell phones to computers are merging into one big interconnected world. The show was a story of some things getting bigger and better and other consumer electronics items getting smaller and better. At least that's what they want us to think. Bigger and smaller are certainly true. "Better" may be more a matter of opinion.

The most startling thing for me is the swift pace of change in Las Vegas where hotels that wouldn't be considered old in other

parts of the country are blown up to be replaced by mega resorts. The 3,000 all suites Venetian Hotel replaced the Sands Hotel and the owners of that hotel are now building a second one called the Palazzo on their adjoining property with 4,000 rooms. The historic Desert Inn Hotel where Howard Hughes lived unseen for four years is now only a memory having been replaced by the tall and elegant Wynn Hotel and the now-under-construction Encore at the Wynn.

The other big trend in Las Vegas is that more and more people not only want to live there but live right on the Las Vegas Strip or adjoining it. A large number of luxury high rise condominiums have been built and it seemed like at least a dozen more were under construction last week including one gold colored high rise called the Trump. Perhaps they are overdoing it. (Not unusual in Vegas!) An article in today's New York Times indicates that sales of condos in many large cities is falling off and prices are starting to slump.

We stayed downtown at the Plaza Hotel which is located at the foot of Fremont Street where the Union Pacific Railroad station once stood. One of our favorite small casinos downtown was called Sassy Sally's but it closed and been remodeled into a place called Mermaids. Sassy Sally's featured the hypnotic song about

"double double jackpot time" and if you heard it enough, it stuck, so whenever I walk by the former Sassy Sally's I can still hear that catchy jingle.

The casinos have pretty much done away with coin operated slot machines and gone to a paper-in, paper-out style similar to the Mill Casino so the ever-present change ladies are a thing of the past as are the sounds of coins clunking.

Two days of walking around in the huge convention sites was enough for us and we headed out west to visit our friends in Monrovia on Wednesday morning. We beat the snow which later fell in Las Vegas and Cajon Pass and though it was cold in Southern California it was also dry. Too dry really as they've had barely one inch of rain for their rain "season".

We visited Valerie's friends from the world of juvenile series fiction, David Bowman and Marge and Richard Avery in Placentia. Valerie worked with David on the "Starman" series and helped in editing them and Richard and Marge were in the books as fictionalized characters. The Avery's offered to take us out to lunch and off we headed to Yorba Linda to a restaurant formerly owned by LA Dodger's catcher Jimmy Campanis. All well and good but as Valerie munched

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L0429 4.0	H0031 6.3	H0104 6.6	H0138 6.9	H0213 7.2	H0249 7.5	H0327 7.8	H0409 7.9
H1023 8.5	L0517 3.6	L0605 3.2	L0656 2.8	L0750 2.4	L0848 2.0	L0952 1.6	L1102 1.2
L1742 -1.4	H1108 8.6	H1155 8.4	H1243 8.1	H1335 7.4	H1432 6.7	H1539 5.8	H1701 5.1
	L1820 -1.5	L1857 -1.4	L1934 -1.0	L2011 -0.4	L2049 0.5	L2129 1.5	L2214 2.5

### There's No Place Like Home Continued from Front Cover

away on her cheeseburger she heard and felt a crack and realized she had just broken part of a tooth off. Once again we were far from home and in need of help. Thanks to the Avery's we found a dentist located a few miles east on Yorba Linda Boulevard who could see her that afternoon and by 3:30pm she had a temporary patch on the tooth. We then headed west on Yorba Linda Boulevard towards the 57 "Orange Crush" Freeway which deserves that name since we got in massive traffic jams on both our north and southbound experiences..

We passed the Richard Nixon birthplace and Presidential Library in Yorba Linda but didn't have time to stop in for a visit. They library had just opened a new exhibit (The Day Nixon Met Elvis) of the infamous meeting between President Nixon and Elvis Presley. They two met in the oval office on December 21, 1970, for 30 minutes even though Presley showed up at the White House without an appointment. A picture of the President and the King shaking hands is one of the more famous

photos of all time.

The next day we took a long and meandering trip around the LA Basin starting in Monrovia and headed over to West Covina to visit my friend Larry in the hospital. He had a bone marrow transplant last July at the City of Hope and has been hospitalized for nearly seven months. He is having to regain the ability to walk and is in rehabilitation for that and it's not going fast but it will happen, and be a great day when it does. It was wonderful to see him after nearly eight months and I wish him the best in his recovery. We did some more socializing and then on Saturday and headed home north along Interstate 5 back to Port Orford, both looking forward to getting back. It really felt like there was no place like home by the time we arrived in Port Orford.

### Letter to the Editor:

It's a new year and it's time for a new commitment to excellence. My commitment as a new City Councilor is to do the best I can for all our citizens.

My commitment as a local business

owner is to participate in improving my community. One of the best assets our town can have is a modern, convenient and well-appointed library. A library helps to educate young and old alike. It is a place of learning, a place to meet friends, a place that will challenge you with new facts. And it is as comfortable as an old friend.

As a member of the Library Foundation Board, I have given my time. As a supporter, I have given my money. But with rising construction costs it's simply not enough. I, for one, will personally dig a little deeper and contribute another \$50. My business, "Java John's Espresso," will also contribute an additional \$50.

It is my hope that others will also want to see our library rise from what is now just dirt and weeds. I hope you will join me as an individual, or as a business, and dig just a little bit deeper and give what you can afford. To everyone who supports the library, whether with money, as a volunteer or just with your best hopes and wishes, I give my sincerest thanks.

John Hewitt



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### Police Report by Chief Creighton Creighton@popd.org

11-04 After contact with the police, Bobbi Robson was arrested for Criminal Trespass II, and Disorderly Conduct II. She was transported to the Curry County Jail and lodged on the offenses.

01-04 Police received a complaint from a female who advised she was being harassed via the telephone. The caller was contacted and informed not to call or contact the complainant.

NOTE: If you are being harassed by telephone or have unwanted contact at your home. Before any enforcement action can be taken the person who is making the unwanted contact with you must be informed not to call or enter your property. Write the day and time you informed them, and keep the information or bring it us so it can be documented in a report form. If a person is advised to leave your property and they refuse, then call 911 immediately or use the county non-emergency number 800-543-8471.

01-07 Officers responded to Jefferson and

Sixth Street on a 911 hang-up call. Upon arrival it was determined to be a domestic disturbance. After an investigation police determined that it was a verbal argument only. Both persons were counseled and separated.

01-07 Police were contacted by Curry County Parole and Probation and informed of a wanted subject. Police located Mike White and arrested him on a probation violation. He was transported to the Curry County Jail without incident and lodged on the offense.

01-08 Police took a report of possible child abuse. The case was investigated and referred to another agency for follow-up and information purposes.

01-09 Police took a report of theft of gas cap on 20th Street. NOTE: Keep your eyes open for suspicious persons near your homes and contact police with the information. Were having some extra patrols during late evening and early morning hours so we can catch the thief.

01-09 Police received a report of theft of a credit card from one of our local businesses. It was later determined the card



had actually been dropped on the floor, and then picked up by a citizen when the victim left. The card was returned to the owner.

SPECIAL NOTE: Our department would like to congratulate Everett Dial for his appointment as our new District Attorney. Since the District Attorney resigned from her office last year we have had a very good working relationship with both Travis Elder, and Everett Dial who both currently work as assistant District Attorneys for our county. I felt the Governor made the right decision to appoint someone from within since both have already had taken some positive steps in building a professional partnership with our department and proven their concern for our citizens.

CHIEFS NOTE: Thanks to the Brookings Police Department we now have some needed equipment for our vehicles. Brookings Police donated a light bar, two in-car video systems, and some other needed equipment. For a small department like ours with limited funds it is tough to equip our patrol vehicles with essential equipment. The Brookings Police Department, Gold Beach Police and we have very strong philosophies on law enforcement networking. By communicating our problems and needs among the departments we can efficiently solve community and law enforcement problems.

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### 3 Cheers for a New Library by Tobe Porter, Library Director

Jon and I attended the grand opening of the new Siletz Public Library last week. The Siletz Valley Friends of the Library worked over five years to build their library, designed by our architect, Rich Turi. There was music and food and tours and a slide show. There was laughter and tears of joy. We were surrounded by the good feelings shared by a community that had worked hard together to build something fine, and it was--indeed--grand.

I wish all of you who support the new Port Orford Library project could have been there. Then you would know--you would feel--how grand it is going to be when we open our new library. We will have music by Steve Montana, or The Librarians, or The Pete Lenihan Trio, Michael Disbrow,

or maybe all of our musicians. We will have food, lots of food, prepared by the Friends of our Library and local restaurants. We will have to offer tours just to make sure nothing is overlooked in the 10,838 sq. ft. building. And, just so we're not outdone, okay, we'll have a slide show featuring Sheep and the Chicken Feed and Book Art and the Loreto Burrito Breakfast and... well, the many fund raising events that brought in over \$500,000 from the community. And I guarantee there will be much laughter and tears of joy and we will be surrounded by the glow of knowing we have accomplished much.

All you have to do is keep believing we will build the new Port Orford Library. And while you're believing, if you know of anyone--or any place--I should approach for a big donation, please let me

know (332-5622). We are at the point where we need to leave no stone unturned, we need every penny we can raise in order to get the construction underway this spring. Trust me, grand opening day is worth waiting for... and working for.

### DSAC Meeting

The Curry Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) will meet on Wednesday, January 24, from 10:00-11:30am at the Department of Human Services in Gold Beach, in the vocational rehabilitation office, 94145 Fifth Place. For more information or if you have any questions, please call Marilyn Green or Marilee Stewart at voice/TTY 247-4515 or voice/TTY 1-800-257-1385. Reimbursement for transportation to the DSAC meeting is available upon request.

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## Parks Commission News

By Jay Stoler

The Port Orford Parks Commission is very busy these days. They covered a lot of ground at their regular meeting on January 2nd.

Commissioner Jodi Bulaich reported that there are a possible total of seven funding sources for the upgrade for the horse arena in Buffington Park. This would be a full-blown remake that would include bleachers, a new surface, holding areas, lights and possibly a covered area.

There is a new horse association call Pacific Wind Riders and they are being

lead by Lori Pierce and Lois Miller and working closely with the Parks to make the upgrade happen.

The Commission made plans to have a work day in the Park sometime in mid-February. There are in need of tools, especially weed eaters.

New Park host Kay Hobson gave a report. She said she could use a wheelbarrow for cleanup and the skate park needs lights. She will close the bathrooms after dark to prevent vandalism.

There are two bench dedications in the works. The Commission is looking for a source for the plaques for the benches.

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They talked about a concrete bench for the overlook, with more inlaid tiles.

Thanks to Boomer Dormody, Jerry Becker and Evan Kramer there have been some Port Orford cedar trees planted in the Park.

The Parks Commission will work on a new application for groups wanting to use city facilities. The Parks Commission meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The meetings are open to the public.

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### Good Ideas at Meeting By Jay Stoler

The first in a series of brown bag lunch workshops kicked off Tuesday, January 9, at the Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT) headquarters in TriAngle Square.

The topic was brainstorming ideas for getting a Research-Science facility at the Port of Port Orford. The meeting was lead by POORT Director Leesa Cobb and included Port Commissioners Scott Luhr and Ed Dowdy, Manager Gary Anderson, citizens Nella Abbott, Chuck Schaumburg, Jay Stoler and POORT staff member Valerie Mecum.

The aim of the brown bag lunch program is a community outreach effort to make sure the visioning process for the Research-Science facility includes everyone in the area. This is accomplished by allowing an informal sharing of ideas on a focused subject during the lunch hour. It keeps the momentum of the project going by combining lunch and participatory conversation, without creating an "extra" meeting for the participants to come to.

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This meeting produced a wide range of creative ideas that encompassed many of the "spokes of the wheel" that will make the Research-Science facility a reality. Valerie Mecum gently reminded the group that they had to start from where they were at, and use what they had. While there are grants in the works, and financial people working with POORT, this project has to be "boot-strapped" with the available resources, which at the moment don't include a lot of cash.

Since the aim is to achieve tangible growth and results, the group was in strong agreement that it would be a good idea to get some scientists here to start on projects as soon as possible. While this would be a great start, it brought up a whole set of logistical concerns that had the group going in different directions for a while.

Commissioner Ed Dowdy, a scientist, suggested using the old "red brick schoolhouse" in Langlois as a temporary, or starter laboratory. That building, which is currently unoccupied and on the market for sale, would provide ample room for scientific experiments until a permanent structure could be financed and built at the Port.

Nella Abbott suggested that the energy that would be necessary to put that together might be better spent going directly for a new structure at the Port. Dowdy said he would agree, if there were millions in

the coffers, but an intermediate step might be necessary to get the ball rolling right away without a big bankroll.

Commission President Scott Luhr and manager Gary Anderson said there concerns were primarily for the immediate economy at the dock, but were open to exploring all avenues of obtaining a Research-Science facility.

The group also came to a consensus that this project actually part of a bigger picture for all of North Curry that included educational components, research involving nature, trees, agriculture and other scientific study that would benefit the area.

The meeting went for nearly two hours, but accomplished much with all participants going away with "homework" to bring to the next meeting. That meeting will feature a talk from a Shoreline Bank representative and will be announced in the papers.

### Gordon Royce Britton

A memorial service will be held for Gordon Royce Britton on Saturday, January 20, 11:00am, at the LDS Chapel at Twentieth and Jackson in Port Orford. Gordon Britton was 67 and passed away on Saturday, January 13. He and his wife Susie are the former owners of the B & B Farm Supply in Langlois. Gordon worked for the Oregon Department of Transportation for many years.

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## Remember the Silver Door By Evan Kramer

Happy birthday to Paul Lee who celebrated number 80 on Tuesday of this week. Paul and his wife Pat owned and operated the Silver Door restaurant in Port Orford from 1980 to 1993. The restaurant was very popular and featured a couple of home made baked specials each day plus Pat's homemade pies. Some of their more popular daily specials included Swiss steak and mashed potatoes served on Friday and on another day they featured pizza. There was no menu and most of us had their daily specials memorized from eating there so often.

The Silver Door started as a snack bar but evolved into the home of home cooking in Port Orford. The Lee's sold the Silver Door to Alan and Jethro in 1993 and they turned it into the Crazy Norwegians. It has been sold twice since then and is now owned and operated by Pat and Mary Evans and is very successful. Since the Lee's sold the Silver Door the building has been added on to in front and in the back and the "Silver Door" is long gone. Paul still has it at the home he and Pat built on Elk River Road.

Paul Lee taught school for many years included a three year stint at the Port Orford High School when it was located just down from the Port overlook on Oregon Street. He was also a basketball coach.

Paul and Pat operated a grocery store for several years in Lowell, Oregon. They

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met at what is now Western Oregon University way back when and this year will celebrate their fifty sixth wedding anniversary.

Paul said he missed election day at the Silver Door. This was before the vote by mail initiative eliminated polling places in Oregon. Back then people who rarely came to town would come in and vote and then take their lunch at the Silver Door. Paul and Pat Lee were among the advertisers in the first edition of this paper and were famous for their slogan "Remember the Silver Door". Back on November 2, 1990 it was Silver Door for "Best Lunch in Town". Happy birthday Paul and thanks for the great memories to Paul and Pat.

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## Sunday Arts Showcase

Beginning this month, the Port Orford Arts Council and Artists Guild will be presenting the first in a series of Sunday Arts Showcases at the Arts Council office in Seaside Plaza. This month's Showcase, featuring Lois Miller, Georganne White, Paul Bodtke, and Donna Roselius, will be held on Sunday, January 28th from 2 - 5 p.m. Come meet the artists, view their creations, and enjoy refreshments. We have lots of free parking!

In conjunction with the Showcase, the Artists Guild will be displaying and selling the showcased artists' works on Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., beginning on January 31st

and running through February 17th. This is a good chance to get your Valentine a special and unique gift.

Sunday Arts Showcases are also planned for February 25th, March 25th, April 29th, June 24th, and September 30th, with each being followed by a three-week Guild display and sale of the showcased artists' work. Each Showcase will feature four different artists, as well as a variety of different media. Our hope is to acquaint you with some local artists with whom you might not be familiar.

The Artists Guild will also continue to sell Gold Coast Soap's wonderful Port Orford Cedar and other specialty soaps, on days that the Guild is open. They would like to thank all the Guild members and shoppers who made the recent Holiday Guild such a tremendous success in its first year. Not only will there be another Holiday Guild this year, there will also be an Autumn Guild, in conjunction with the Arts & Seafood Festival. Look for more information on these events as the year progresses.

We hope to see lots of arts lovers at our first Sunday Artists Showcase! We also invite any artists wishing to participate in one of our upcoming Showcases to call Doug Cargile at 332-0708 for more information.

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## Grandparents ROCK

Grandparents ROCK (Raising Our Children's Kids) will hold their ongoing monthly support group on Friday, January 26 at 5:30pm at the Faith Lutheran Church, 2741 Sherman Avenue, North Bend.

The program this month will be Arla Ford, M.A. discussing "Unique Issues in Adopting a Relative". There will be pizza and juice; participants will share in the cost.

For more information or to register, call Char at 266-0806.

## Public Safety Meeting

By Jay Stoler

The Public Safety subcommittee of the Port Orford City Council had their regular monthly meeting last Tuesday at 5 p.m. in City Hall.

The subcommittee heard the monthly report from Police Chief Mark Creighton. He said the new officer John Fink is nearing the halfway mark in his training and is doing well.

Creighton said the department had four reserves, Derwin Boggs, Tom Forgash, Randy Farr and Chris Bussman. In addition, there were several other office volunteers helping with administrative duties. He said officer Scott Halsey will be going to a workshop in death investigation.

The Chief said there were 61 court citations and 17 burn permits issued last month. He said the two biggest problems in town have always been speeders on Highway 101 and unruly dogs. Thefts and criminal mischief have continued to go down as the police presence goes up.

There was some discussion about rewording the ordinances pertaining to the powers of the municipal judge and applying court costs on top of fines. There was no decision and the Council will talk about it at their monthly meeting.

There was also a discussion about the wording on a new application for appointment to official city committees or task forces. The application looks fairly complete, it is similar to the one the county uses. It was felt by some that there needed to be a more formal application process for city commissions.

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## HIV Testing Day

HIV Testing day in Curry County is on Friday, January 26. The test will be given at the Curry County Health Department in Port Orford from noon – 2:00pm and is anonymous, free and uses no needles. Results are given in 20 minutes.

## Rotary News

December Rotary Students of the month were 8th grader Daylend Wagner from Driftwood school and Amanda Randall from Pacific High School. They were able to share with Rotarians some of their interests and plan. Daylend was selected for his academic excellence and terrific sense of humor while Amanda's recognition was based on her outstanding academic record, her fine citizenship and congenial demeanor.

Rotarian Jim Auburn then introduced Teia Moore from South Coast Community Resource Center Mentoring Program. The mentoring program is active in all parts of Curry County. North Curry has 4 mentors placed with students but has 8 more children that need mentors and are on a waiting list. Teia urged Rotarians and others to consider becoming a mentor. Training is provided and mentors must agree to a legal background check and be able to commit a least 1 hour per week for 9-12 months with flexibility. Teia reminded the Rotarians that January is National Mentoring Month. Pacific High School students serve as mentors and the young children really appreciate having them as well. If you have an interest in being a mentor or if you know of a child that needs a mentor call South Coast Community Resource Center at (541)247-2412 or toll free at (877) 247-2412. If you would like to learn more about the Port Orford Rotary Club check out the award winning web site at [www.portorfordrotary.org](http://www.portorfordrotary.org).

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## Ready to Read Grant

The Ready to Read Grant program, established by the 1993 Oregon Legislature and administered by the Oregon State Library, has awarded grants to both the Langlois and Port Orford Public Libraries. The Port Orford Library plans to use their grant to purchase books and materials for children, and the Langlois Library will sponsor another Library Explorers program for middle-school children.

Since 1993, the Ready to Read Grant has been used across Oregon to purchase children's library materials, hire staff to provide library programs, bring library services and materials to at-risk children, and to provide children's computer equipment in libraries. The Ready to Read Grant was established to assist local libraries in helping to achieve the Oregon Benchmarks for childhood learning and development.

State Librarian, Jim Scheppeke, noted that since the Ready to Read Grant program began, library service to children have nearly doubled. "This program is really helping children develop early literacy skills, begin school ready to learn, and develop a lifelong love of reading."

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## Snowy Plover Presentation

Coos County CoastWatch invites you to attend free public presentations on the Snowy Plover: Behavior, Life Cycle and Habitat Restoration and General Rules of the Beach, on Saturday, January 20, from 1:00-3:30pm, at the Ellen Warring Learning Center, Storm Ranch, New River A.C.E.C. (9 miles south of Bandon on Croft Lake Lane).

Information about CoastWatch's Adopt-a-Mile Program also will be presented and people interested in joining CoastWatch are encouraged to attend.

For further information, please call Diane and Dave Bilderback, Coos County Coordinators, at 347-1335 or e-mail them at [dbilderback@mycomspan.com](mailto:dbilderback@mycomspan.com).

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## City Water Production

The City of Port Orford water treatment plan produced 6,575,000 million gallons of water in December. They metered 2,645,710 gallons of water to city residents and businesses and used 216,000 for backwashing the filters. 2,861,710 gallons were accountable out of 6,575,000 produced which means 56% of the water produced was lost.

## Art and Wine Festival

Remember Shelly Wierzbak's winning entry in '05? How about Mary Kearney's "Lost Boy" from '04? Last years theme art winner was Jean Shank. This could be YOUR year to win the bragging rights in the 21st Annual America's Wild Rivers Coast Art, Seafood and Wine Festival to be held Saturday and Sunday May 19 & 20, 2007. Every artist is invited and encouraged to submit artwork in all media and all dimensions to be used as the theme for this year's Festival. The artwork should reflect in some way the name of the event. The winning art will be showcased on posters, t-shirts, flyers, wine glasses, post cards, the official website, and all other promotional material.

But you'd better hurry. The deadline to submit your art is coming up quickly. You must submit your artwork by 3:00 p.m., Feb. 16, 2007 to the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce office, 29795 Ellensburg Ave, Gold Beach. The Theme Art Selection Committee will meet to make their selection at 6:00 p.m. on Feb. 19, 2007.

Please deliver your original art to:

Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce,  
29795 Ellensburg Ave., PO Box 489, Gold Beach, OR 97444, Elyse Power

For more information contact Elyse Power, Executive Director of the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce at (541) 247-0923

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## Oregon's Rocky Shorelines

Oregon's rocky shorelines, and how they are currently managed, will be the subject of a slide presentation offered on Sunday, January 28, at 3:00pm, in the Port Orford city council chambers.

The free public event is sponsored by the CoastWatch program of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition and the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society.

Laurel Hillmann, coastal resource planner for the Oregon Parks and Recreation

Department, will speak on "Oregon's Rocky Shores and How We Care for Them." Hillmann recently completed a two-year study of Oregon's tidepools and other rocky intertidal areas, surveying both the current state of these resources and the various management policies affecting them.

Her slideshow will explore rocky shoreline ecology and the diversity of rocky intertidal habitats found within the state. She will also discuss recommendations for improving management policies that protect Oregon's intertidal resources.

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## Auction Items Needed

Saleable auction items are needed for families of the fishing vessel Ash. New or used in good condition, something that you would buy yourself. No clothing please. It can be gift certificates for merchandising, services, etc. Items can be dropped off at Armstrong Storage or call George at 332-6265 or Pat at 332-0864 for pickup of large items.

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## Letter to the Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who participated in the fundraising given for my benefit. At times like these it makes a person realize they are not alone and that there are truly a lot of good hearted people in this world. Your generosity proved that many times over!

Thank you so much,

Donna Bryan

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## Art & Chocolate Festival

One of the most fun and arguably best tasting art shows on the south coast is about happen: The 2nd Annual Winter Art & Chocolate Festival. The festival takes place on the grounds of Brookings-Harbor High the weekend before Valentine's Day. David Willhite, creator of the event has brought together dozens of Artists and a select group of Chocolatiers to celebrate this festive time of year.

Many of last years chocolate vendors will return this year, as well as some new faces! One new chocolate vendor this year is Cone 9 Cookware, from the Pony Village Mall who will be hosting a chocolate fondue booth. They will have fresh fruit to dip in streaming fountains of chocolate sauce, for all to enjoy.

Also new to the show, and closely related to the festival's creator, is the Willhite Chocolate Company. Willhite Chocolates will bring handmade truffles in a variety of mouth watering flavors, available either as single truffles, or packed in 8-piece or one pound boxes. Umpqua Ice Cream will be represented at the Winter Art & Chocolate Festival, serving up their most popular chocolate flavors, as well as a couple non-chocolate varieties. Another new face will be Barbara Dolan, of Gold Coast Soap, who is excited to add chocolate varieties to her handmade soaps, lip balms and more.

This year's show will boast more not only more chocolate but also more artists! Artists from all over Oregon have signed up for the show, from painters and potters to jewelers and glass artists.

Returning artists include SRQ Rugs selling their hand crocheted Pendleton rugs. Coastal Creations, owned by William and Janice Hoffman of Waldport, Oregon, will display their coastal luminary lanterns for sale. Also returning award-winning jeweler Darrell Benoit, of Benoit Designs. His gold and silver originals are graced by a selection of precious and semi-precious stones. During Valentine's season, as at any time, diamonds are a girl's best friends. Vi and Len Burton of Burtonique will be marketing their paintings, prints and photos of coastal scenes.

The 2nd Annual Winter Art & Chocolate Festival is free to the public and will take place the weekend before Valentine's Day, February 10-11 from 10:00am to 5:00pm in the cafeteria of Brookings-Harbor High.

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Books can be brought to the library M-F, 11-6 or Saturday 11-4.

Please, no dictionaries, romance paperbacks, encyclopedias or Reader's Digest condensed books.

Any questions, call 348-2066.

**Friends of Cape Blanco News**

The Friends of Cape Blanco would like to thank everyone who attended the holiday open houses at the Hughes House and Cape Blanco Lighthouse. We appreciate your support in our mission to preserve and interpret these two historic structures. Our decorating theme for the Hughes House was "Christmas Memories". We hope you noticed the large fabric ornaments on the Christmas tree in the front parlor; these beautiful balls were handcrafted by the late Bonnie Woodley and now become part of our Christmas memories of both Hughes House and Bonnie.

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a room for the holiday open houses in 2007! Interested groups can contact Linda Smith to sign up for a room.

On Thursday, January 18th, the Friends of Cape Blanco will hold their Annual Meeting in the Port Orford City Council Chambers at 10 a.m. We will be electing the new board of directors, approving the budget, reviewing last year's successes, and hearing about upcoming projects. All members are urged to attend. Those who paid dues in 2006 will be able to vote. Anyone interested in joining is also welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Tax Payments Due**

Isabella Brock, Curry County Tax Collector, would like to remind taxpayers that the second trimester payments for the 2006/07 tax year are being mailed out this week. The due date is February 16, 2007. Taxpayers should make sure payments are postmarked by the due date to

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Payments should be mailed to the Curry County Tax Collector, PO Box 746, Gold Beach, OR 97444 or paid in person at the tax payment window in the Curry County Offices Annex Building at 94235 Moore Street in Gold Beach.

On-line tax payments are available by accessing the Curry County website at [www.co.curry.or.us](http://www.co.curry.or.us). Follow the link for Curry County tax payments. There is a \$3.00 fee for using an e-check payment and a 2.35% fee for using a credit card payment.

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### Heritage Society News

Membership packets have gone out to all present members of the Point Orford Heritage Society and the new membership year is about to begin. All residents of the area are encouraged to join this community group. Dues are \$15 for a single person, \$20 for a family and \$25 for a business. There are also other levels of membership for those who wish to contribute a greater amount. Dues may be

sent to Jim Auburn, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1132, Port Orford, OR 97465

The annual meeting for the Society will be held at the Life Saving Station Museum on Sunday, February 25 at 2:00pm. New officers will be elected at this time and plans will be made for the upcoming year. The Museum is open every day except Tuesday from April 1 to October 31. The main fundraiser for the year is the Heritage Dinner which is held in the fall. The funds earned here help to support the Museum and pay for various restoration projects, such as the life-saving boat that has been returned to its original condition and is on display at the Museum grounds. The public is encouraged to attend and become active in the Society.

volunteerism, however the class structure is such that anyone desiring knowledge about hospice in general and care giving for a dying person will benefit.

Some of the topics of discussion will include what hospice is all about, ways to assist and support others, stages of dying, available community resources, and the grieving process.

The course will be held at the Brookings Home Health & Hospice office located at 306 Wharf Street each Wednesday from 9am-12:30pm until March 21. The class size is limited. For further information and to register contact Pattie Slagle 469-0405 or 247-7084.

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### Hospice Training Class

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### Letter to the Editor,

Regarding the comprehensive plan for the south end of town. A number of questions may not have been asked of the citizens or if they have been asked, then not answered directly. After thinking about this for a time, I have a question for the people. Do we want to keep the historic integrity of the Old Town District?

I went online to the City's web site and looked at the drawings of the proposed Port Orford Plan. Those drawings show all new structures in that part of the city and in essence suggest demolition of Old Town and in fact, according to reliable sources, the razing of the old Orford's/ Candle Shop buildings on Highway 101, has been scheduled.

In 1986, when the city, with a citizens review committee, updated the plan as required by LCDC, a number of things were inventoried as important to Port Orford. One being the Historic Com-

mercial District of Old Town. Have we changed our mind?

Recently, citizens came out to save the Old Jail. That seems to me, to be in the spirit of preservation. When a turnaround parking lot was proposed in our park that would have impaired its natural beauty, not to mention the desecration of a sensitive battlefield, citizens objected. Again, isn't that in the spirit of preservation?

Perhaps we should identify, inventory and earmark certain structures and or districts, as well as inner city forestation and important Native American sites, as desirable and integral to the identity and soul of this community.

Rick Cook

### Chamber Elects Officers

The North Curry Chamber met for their annual board meeting and election of officers at Port & Starboard on Monday,

January 8th. The following were elected as new officers to serve the 2007 term: David Smith, President; Jim Billings, Vice President; Cindi Hamby, Secretary/Treasurer. Also elected as board members were Dian Marple and Cindy Schaumburg. Chuck Schaumburg and Kiki McGrath will also continue to serve on the board. The Chamber was pleased to see many new faces at the meeting, and also two people from the Gold Beach Chamber, Jeff Ferguson (Jerry's Jet Boats) and Susan Brown (Director of Economic Community & Development). John Hewitt also attended as the new liaison to the Port Orford City Council.

We would like to extend a gracious welcome to two new Chamber members: The Little Shop of Horrors and Nella Abbott of Events Unlimited. We are looking forward to great things for the upcoming year, and will be hosting our annual Awards Banquet to spin off an exciting new year! The Awards Banquet will be held at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, January 20th, from 6:30-8:00. We will be honoring the many individuals and organizations that volunteer their time, energy and resources to make the community a better place to live. You may still get tickets at the Visitor Center or call 332-8055 for more information. This will be a wonderful dinner event that you won't want to miss!

### Robert Burns Night

The Pacific High Choir invites the community to Robert Burns Night commemorating Scotland's best loved poet, on Thursday, January 25, his two hundred forty eighth birthday. Donna Barker, the local piper will open the celebration by piping in the haggis, a traditional Scottish dish. The evening will continue with songs and poems, food, and ceillidh (kay-lee) dancing. Guests are encouraged to enter the shortbread contest and don their kilts and family tartans. Donations for the evening will benefit the Pacific High Choir.

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## Planning Commission News By Jay Stoler

The Port Orford Planning Commission elected Dave Holman Chairman, reelected Frank Smith as Vice-chairman and welcomed two new members last Tuesday at City Hall. In addition, city staffer Patty Clark was elected Secretary. Clark is also training to be assistant planner.

Bill McArdle and Micki Snider were welcomed on board to fill two of the three vacancies. Eric Oberbeck had been selected for the third spot, but withdrew. Viola Cuatt, Erna Barnett and Michelle Duarte have all recently left the Commission, creating a third vacancy.

Long time member Joyce Kinney and fairly new member Ken Gibson round out the Commission.

The group discussed developing an annexation policy for the city. Chairman Dave Holman talked about capacity issues and ordinances. It was felt that an annexation policy would not be developed quickly.

Both Joyce Kinney and Micki Snider said that the Commission could speed things

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up and Joyce felt the Commission was not function at optimum level.

To get things moving an Ordinance Workshop dealing with a multitude of issues including subdivisions, annexation, the Phase 2 plan, and the model tree ordinance was scheduled for Thursday, January 18, at 2 p.m. at City Hall.

It was also announced that there would be a town hall meeting on Thursday, March 29, at 6 p.m. to talk about the Phase 2 refinement plan. This meeting will be lead by Crystal Shoji. There will also be a workshop to deal with lot line adjustments, dividing property and partitions on February 13. The time will be announced.

The Planning Commission meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in City Hall. The meetings are open to the public.

## Letter to the Editor,

I often wonder why there are not more people utilizing the Port Orford Senior Center. It is a nice facility! I was going to wait to bring this up at a membership meeting, but not too many people attend those, either.

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Theories abound about too many cable channels keeping people at home; in the winter, the weather keeps people at home; the good weather keeps people away in the summer... but these conditions exist everywhere, and many senior centers out there have active memberships.

I just don't get it. Can anyone out there help me figure this out? Better yet, come to the next membership meeting and let's talk about it!

Sincerely,

Pat Burns

## Late Breaking News!

Curry County Sheriff Metcalf was arraigned Tuesday on eleven charges.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**CLASSIFIED ADS** are \$3.50 for the first 25 words or less, and 10¢ each for any additional words. Normal deadline for submission is 3:00pm Tuesday. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc., 832 Hwy 101, Box 49, Port Orford, OR 97465 (541) 332-6565.

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### Letter to Editor,

The Coos-Curry Electric Coop owner/members began to regain control of their electric co-op in 2006, by electing three new members over the incumbents by wide margins. Present Board chairman Daryl Robison, John Herzog, and Gary Schlottman, who all pledged to restore fiscal responsibility and accountability, were elected. It is encouraging to see that their promises are now starting to materialize. It seems appropriate to recognize some of the accomplishments of the past six months that you can rest assured would not have occurred without their efforts. Some of these follow.

1. Reduced the connect and reconnect fee by 50%
2. Established an equity management policy.
3. Reduced the monthly Residential meter charge from \$33.00 to \$22.75. (\$10.25 extra in your pocket each month-We are no longer the highest in the state.)
4. Reduced the General Service monthly meter charge by \$2.50
5. Authorized refunding advance deposit by members down to \$250 for jobs not commenced.
6. Established policy that allows engineering to visit a member's property for up to one hour without charge.
7. Established a Whistle Blower Policy that allows an employee to report misconduct, theft, fraud, etc., directly to the Board or Cooperative attorney without fear of repercussions.
8. Authorized retirement of Capital Credits for 1972.

They are just beginning with the cleanup. We owner/members will continue to closely monitor the progress being made. We can all see the positive results of getting involved by voting and starting to bring about much needed change from the results of the last election. The "We Own Coos-Curry Electric" group that helped propel these three people (all incumbents running for re-election were soundly defeated) into office is alive and well and watching. The group is evaluating the performance of board members running for re-election this year, and are prepared to swing into action as necessary. Contrary to the hype being dispersed by a few of the old guard and management, the coop is in sound financial condition, and no future service is jeopardized, or any group unfairly "carrying" the residential users. The benefits returned to CCEC members have come mainly from reigning in the unbridled spending that would have continued without your votes in the

past election. Keep watching.

George Welch  
Sixes, OR

## LEAP Facilitator Training By Bev Dunlap

The LEAP Program has gotten some "wind in its sails." Thank you to those who braved the icy conditions Thursday, January 11 to attend the Open House. We got some good feedback and are excited to get more people interested and involved.

Now, here's the time to get on board and be part of setting the course of Port Orford's LEAP program.

January 18 LEAP is having a two-part meeting: from 3-6 p.m. at the Senior Center will be facilitator training. This communication training will provide people the skills to help navigate LEAP's next step. People attending this training will also be asked to stay for the evening session. From 6-8 p.m., come be part of Port Orford's first LEAP Talking Circle (aka: Action Team) gathering and "get on-board." Food and beverages will be provided.

To RSVP or for additional information, contact Tere Tronson (332-1042 or tronson@co.curry.or.us) or Pat Terranova (332-3940 or paterranova@harborside.com).

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