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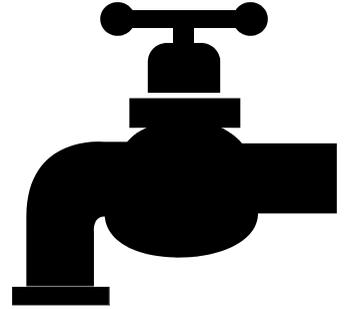
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## New Water Rates

### New Water Rates By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council passed an increase in the water rates at their Monday, March 19, meeting by a 4-2 vote. Here are the rates in more detail than was explained in last week's newspaper.

The current base rate through March 30 is \$14.96 per month and water consumption is \$2.38 per gallon. Under the new rates, commercial and residential users all pay the same monthly base rate of \$23.47

All water users get the first two thousand gallons included in the base rate of \$23.47. If you use for example 1,900 gallons of water in a month your bill for that month will be \$23.47.

2,001-5,000 gallons of usage a month is \$6 per thousand gallons. For example you use 4,500 gallons you pay \$23.47 plus \$15.00 for consumption.

5,001-10,000 gallons costs \$8.00 per thousand gallons. For example you use 8,000 gallons in a month you get the first 2,000 gallons for no charge, pay \$6 per thousand from 2001-5,000 gallons and \$8 per thousand gallons from 5000 - 8,000. Your bill would be \$23.47 plus \$42 for consumption.

10,001-20,000 gallons costs \$9.00 per thousand gallons.

Finally, 20,001 gallons and above costs \$10.00 per thousand gallons of consumption. For example if the Port of Port Orford uses 100,000 gallons of water in a month they would pay \$23.47 plus \$748 for their bill. (They don't use that much water by the way.)

The thing to remember is the water consumption rates are graduated and the more you use the more you pay per gallon.

The water rate increase goes into effect on April 1, 2007 and will be reflected on your May water-sewer bill. Water usage is not rounded off to the nearest thousand but instead prorated for every gallon you consume.

It is expected these new water rates will encourage water conservation with big users already making moves to cut back on water usage.

At the city council meeting Mike Murphy had the figures on water production for the month of February. Raw water treated at the water treatment plant was 5,647,000 gallons. The City metered 2,385,090 gallons of water and used 311,000 for backwashing the filters. According to his report the

City accounted for 2,696,090 of water of the 5,647,000 produced for a loss rate of 52%. This is a problem that needs to be fixed. When it is there will be a considerable cost savings to the City. They have hired American Leak Detection to conduct a formal leak survey of the city water system. The company is waiting for the right weather to do their work, which means no storms and no high tidal surges.

### Tree Chopped Down

The most notorious tree in Port Orford has now been felled. It happened on a quiet Friday afternoon around 3:00pm. The skateboard park across the street was filled with skateboarders, children and parents while across the street the only witnesses to the tree being chopped down were the press and the Mayor. The City of Port Orford council had voted by a 4-3 margin to have the Madrone tree along the Nature Trail in Buffington Park taken down (professionally). The City contacted Blue Sky Tree Service. They were in town on another job and gave the City a price of \$250 to take down the tree.

It may have taken up to 100 years for that Madrone to reach the height and girth it did but it took a mere 20 minutes to bring it down to earth. Blue Sky

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H0844 6.4	H0938 6.5	H1024 6.5	H1206 6.4	L0639 0.9	L0712 0.5	L0745 0.3	L0820 0.2
L1531 0.3	L1608 0.5	L1640 0.8	L1809 1.2	H1246 6.4	H1326 6.2	H1405 6.0	H1446 5.8
H2208 6.2	H2235 6.5	H2259 6.8		L1837 1.6	L1904 2.0	L1931 2.5	L1959 2.9

### Water Rates

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left several feet of the trunk of the tree standing. The chopped up tree was left alongside the nature trail. For photos of this event go to [www.northcurrynews.com](http://www.northcurrynews.com)

#### Comprehensive Plan Meeting

The City of Port Orford will hold a workshop on Thursday night, March 29, 6:00pm, in the council chambers regarding the Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendment options for the southern area of the City. Zoning amendments are proposed for the 4-C commercial zone only at this point. The study area includes Battle Rock Park, the southern portion of the Highway 101 Corridor, the Port of Port Orford and adjoining commercial and residential properties.

#### Letter to the Editor,

Let's see if we can put Coos Curry Electric Cooperative Inc. in the proper perspective in light of the ruckus that has been brewing.

Simply put: the previous Board of Directors holding office, prior to last year's annual election, in consultation with the General Manager, Werner Buehler, evidently decided it would be easier to control CCEC's overall policy and sensitive deliberations if there were only 5 Board Directors instead of 9 to contend with.

This strategy was subsequently implemented conforming to a predetermined time schedule that had to be adhered to since future plans of a secretive nature had been formulated for CCEC which required the total cooperation of the majority of Board Directors affiliated with the General Manager.

Everything was proceeding on schedule with but one major exception. The board size, as anticipated, was reduced to 3 members, but lo and behold the 3 incumbents seeking reelection were defeated. This thunderbolt was totally unanticipated since the 3 defeated incumbents were strong Buehler supporters. Thus the General Manager found himself in a dilemma striving

to contrive an alternative strategy of pursuing his long sought objective.

In desperation, realizing that their tactical blunder to regain a lock hold on the Board of Directors had gone awry, they were forced to devise a new plan to circumvent the impasse they found themselves in.

Presto! Out of the clear blue, Mr. Bill Waddle suddenly appeared from the South end of the county flailing a petition loaded with contentious suggestions- nine to be exact- indicating the dire necessity of placing 2 more Directors on the Board originating from Brookings-Harbor area. This Southern Curry district already had 2 directors situated on the 5-man Board of Directors. This sly maneuver would once again hand the General Manager, Buehler, Board control if his candidates were chosen in the forthcoming election May 15th.

Be assured the Waddle group will spend whatever funds it takes to accomplish that feat. We must not allow them to achieve their goal- for the sake of the

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survival of CCEC, and its Member-Owners.

You're probably still scratching your head as to the underlying reason behind all this cloak and dagger and what in the world it has to do with a 10 to 15 million dollar 10 mile transmission line and control of the Board. Bear with me a while longer.

According to expert utility planning engineers, such as David Smith, a previous employee of CCEC, the existing line is more than sufficient to supply power for Brookings-Harbor's future growth expectation. Despite excellent reviews about the potential of the transmission lines, to further pacify the complainants, CCEC, at some expense, engaged an independent engineering firm to allay the skeptics' misgivings.

Why then have the obstinate factions in Brookings-Harbor refused to accept the professional assessment given of the reliability of the transmission line and other apparatus pertinent to its operation?

As you now can very well glean from what has been said, other factors evidently are involved as yet left unsaid but bound to be revealed.

We Own Coos Curry Electric contends that the General Manager and the previous 9 person Board of Directors, some of whom undoubtedly were left out of the loop, had serious intentions of partitioning CCEC and joining Pacific Power and Light (PPL) in Crescent City which is a subsidiary for a for profit company, Pacific Corp., a corporation presently serving 1.6 million customers in 6 Western States.

This review by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) contains further corroboration regarding CCEC General Manager and his coterie of Board



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Directors' involvement and consultation with Pacific Corp. relating to the status of the transmission lines- information that is on public record with the PUC, titled Voluntary Consent To Share Non-Affiliated Customers Information.

It explicitly states: "Coos Curry Electric Cooperative provided BPAP Bonneville Power Administration with written consent to share certain customer information with Pacific Corp's Transmission personnel from July 12, 2006 to December 31, 2006."

Mr. Waddle, in a statement to the Curry Coastal Pilot also fortified our suspicion of partitioning CCEC by asserting that if the current CCEC Board of Directors rejected his petition suggestions (which foremost insisted on—or rather demanded- a new transmission line, redistricting, and Board manipulation) Brookings-Harbor would form their own electric utility, which he referred to as a Public Utility District (PUD) but more likely PPL. A tragic mistake since electric rates would escalate under a profit-driven, investor-owned company compared to CCEC.

Beware, Member-Owners in the South County, of the consequences entailed

in this utility separation. You might regrettably be joined with PPL instead of originating a PUD, losing your identity completely as a non-profit electric company. That probability is high on the agenda.

CCEC has always been a reliable, exemplary utility, serving Member-Owners with fidelity. The 3 new Board members, elected last year, are making great strides in resolving monumental problems created by a previous Board in collusion with management. Lend them your full support! Don't permit anyone, for whatever reason, to dismantle our Co-op using Member-Owners as pawns to further their own personal ambitions. Remember one salient point- the General Manager was once employed by Pacific Corp.! Can there still be a rapport between the two? Finally, what would a Member-Owner gain from dismembering CCEC except the certainty of steep price increases? The transmission line alarm is nothing but a ploy, a scare tactic!

Louis Mincer  
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## Water Rate Will Hit Port Hard By Jay Stoler

The Port of Port Orford is one of the biggest users of city water and the city water rate increase will nearly triple the Port water bill, according to manager Gary Anderson at the last regular Port Meeting. Using nearly 100,000 gallons a month will mean a water conservation campaign according to Commission consensus.

Anderson said that he would take immediate measures to conserve water usage on the dock so the Port doesn't have to raise rates. There was concern about non-renters using the water, which is for Port renters only.

Dave Holman, chair of the Planning Commission gave the Port an update on the Phase II Plan and the public meeting to be held March 29 at 6 pm at City Hall to take input. Holman also said there would be a joint meeting on April 18 with the City Council, Port Commission and Planning Commission for development planning purposes.

Commissioner Ed Dowdy went over the recent Ocean Resource Team brown bag lunch meeting and the on-going efforts to find funding for a research station and facility at the Port.

Manager Gary Anderson reported on his recent trip to Washington DC, where he met with Congressmen and Senators to plead for more dredging funds. Congress

is making the 2008 budget at this time. The Port needs about \$912,000 and there may only be \$333,000 available. Gary also said he is filling out two more grant applications for the Master Plan with the USDA and the Port Planning Marketing grant.

The Commission discussed representation at the quarterly Port Association meetings in Salem. It was unclear if it was worth the time and money to send the Port manager, if the minutes or an audio transcript were available.

The Port of Port Orford meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

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## Letter to the Editor,

Last week our city council adopted a new water rate plan. It targets water users such as the Port, nurseries, RV parks, motels, restaurants and the like. As a business that uses more water I am being penalized with a 300% increase in my water rates. I am one of the businesses in town that bring tourist dollars to this town. When they come here I do everything I can to extend their stay so they can spend more money in our community. They shop our local galleries, stores, restaurants, gas stations and support all our local fundraiser's. On the other end the people that stay in my park year around some on fixed income also support our city. They spend their money here to help keep all the businesses in town. So when you target us with such a large burden you are also passing that on to all the people who stay and visit our parks and motels as well

as the fishermen who use our port. The fishermen must wash the salt water from their boats and motors. It may look like waste to some but it is necessary to protect there investment. What about the laundry mat? Can it take an increase such as you have given us? What if it leaves town? Where will some of our city's residents wash there laundry? Drive to Gold Beach or Bandon? They may move to these cities and take their money with them. Port Orford would lose out again. As long as you punish the very people that bring people to our city it will continue to diminish!

This hardship you have placed on us must be passed on. So many in this community will pay the price. Maybe a higher rate at an RV park, maybe a higher rate for motel room, maybe more for a burger at your local restaurant, maybe more to store your boat at the dock or to wash off the salt water may now cost you extra. Could be the local nurseries find it

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not profitable to do their business here, maybe we lose the laundry mat. How could any of this be good for this town? Also I would like to state that giving away 1.2 million gallons of water away each month when we lose 5 million gallons a month is just a bad business decision period! We must find the cities leaks, if we don't you will just keep raising our rates till you force all business out of Port Orford! Think about it. Want to drive 25 miles one way to do our shopping? On the day you made this decision the Chamber met with the mayor, city administrator, and finance director we asked that you not vote on this that day. I am confident we could have come up with a better solution for all. As a concerned business person I must still Thank You for all you do for the city. I just can't see how this is the best solution to our water problem.

Tim Pogwizd  
Port Orford RV Village

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- Keith [last name unknown]

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**Police Report**  
by Chief Creighton  
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03-15 Police observed a dog at large in the area of 12th and Jackson Streets. The dog's owner was located and issued a citation to appear in Municipal Court for dog as a public nuisance.

03-17 Police responded to an incident at Rays Food Place parking lot where a male subject was harassing another. The complainant did not wish to pursue a criminal complaint but wanted the subject talked to. Police locate the man and warned him of impending criminal action if he did not cease his activities.

03-17 A male subject was stopped for a minor traffic violation and it was determine that his driver's license was suspended. He was cited to appear in Municipal Court and his vehicle was impounded.

03-18 Police stopped a vehicle for expired registration and during a check of the subjects it was determined that the passenger Daren Storm was in violation of a restraining order out of Coos County. He was arrested and transported to the Curry County Jail.

03-16 Police received a complaint from a local establishment that one male and two females came in ordered food and then after leaving a tip left the restaurant without paying.

03-16 Police received a report from a citizen that someone had called them and asked if there was a man in the home.

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03-19 Police responded to a residence on Jackson Street on a complaint of a possible domestic assault. Upon arrival police determined it was a verbal argument only. All were counseled.

03-19 Larry James Crume was arrested pursuant to a Curry County Warrant charging two counts of ex-felon in possession of a firearm. He was transported to the Curry County Jail where he was cited to appear and released.

03-20 Police contacted a female subject on Idaho Street, and issued her a citation to appear on an outstanding warrant out of the Circuit Court for Contempt of Court.

03-20 Police were dispatched to check the welfare of a female subject who had left a residence; and the caller was concerned about her welfare. She was contacted and talked to and it was determined there was no problem.

03-20 Police received a report from a caller that a dead horse was inside their spare bedroom. If anyone is missing a horse please contact the Port Orford Police Department.

REMEMBER: when taking care of a horse always remember that bedrooms are generally a little small. The living room is usually a little bigger and allows the horse some galloping room.

Chiefs Note: Remember April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month to increase awareness of the consequences of child abuse and neglect and to encourage all citizens and families to join together to support strong families and to make our community a more promising place for all.

### **Common Good Annual Meeting**

The 2007 Annual Member's Meeting for The Common Good, Inc., Food Pantry/Clothing Center will be held on Thursday, April 5, at 6:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center.

The agenda includes: Reports to Members: from President Ray Johnson; Annual Financial/Budget report; and, the Audit Report. Then, the Election of Directors will be held for two positions: Ray Johnson, incumbent for position 2, and Jo Kerr for position 1. There is an option for write-in candidates on the ballot. The election will be followed by an open discussion for members.

This is an opportunity for the Members of The Common Good, Inc. to learn more and participate in continuing to support this organization and help people that need food for survival.

## Statement about the Library Bond

*Paid for by the New Port Orford Library Political Action Committee (New POL PAC)*

**Why is a bond proposed to build the new library?** All committed funds must in hand before a construction contract can be signed.

**As of 3/15/07, more than \$1.6 million has been raised through grants and generous local donations, why not just continue doing that?** That will continue, but sufficient funds are difficult to raise that way before construction costs increase again.

**What bond amount is proposed?** \$450,000.

**What does it mean, “to pass the bond?”**

- At least 50% of the voters in the Library District have to turn out to vote on May 15.
- Over 50% of the voters in the Library District have to vote in favor of the bond question.
- Passage of the Bond would give the Library District Board the authority to issue a bond, but the Board is not required to do so. A smaller bond could be issued, or it could be that no bond would be issued.
- Passage of the Bond is equal to a commitment of \$450,000.

**If the bond passes, what would be the construction time line?**

- Shortly after the vote on May 15, the library project could go out to bid.
- The bids opened mid-June, and the bid awarded soon after.
- Construction could start by early August.

**If the bond passes, when would it start to cost money?** The cost would begin to appear on the November 2008 tax bills. Should the Library District raise all the money (\$450,000) before June/July 2008, it would be unnecessary to issue the bond.

**Suppose all the money isn't raised, what's the bond going to cost the taxpayer per year?** That depends largely on how much money has been raised by other means. If the full amount of \$450,000 were issued for the bond, it would result in an increase in property taxes of \$.15 per year per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the assessed value of the property were \$100,000, then a taxpayer would pay an additional property tax of \$15/year on a \$450,000 bond. Obviously, if the bond figure were lower, the additional tax would be less than \$15/year.

The law says that a bond authorization may be passed without having to issue it. Passage of the bond would buy time to raise the money as in the past—gradually—without delaying construction.

Spotlight on local author

# Gary Carter

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St. Christopher's Episcopal Church invites you to join us for Easter services on Sunday morning, April 8 at 10:00. The service, which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, will include special music, a renewal of baptismal vows and Holy Eucharist or Communion. All baptized Christians are invited to participate and receive the sacrament. Following the service there will be a festive champagne reception in the parish hall with many special treats!

Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter, begins the previous Sunday, April 1, with Palm Sunday services, also

at 10:00am. This service begins with a procession into the church from the parish hall with all parishioners carrying a blessed palm frond while singing the traditional hymn, "All Glory, Laud and Honor." After the solemn procession into the church, the palms are held again for the reading of the Passion Gospel where members of the congregation take part in the reading. The service concludes with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist (Communion.) Following the Palm Sunday service, there will be a reception in the parish hall for all.

After Palm Sunday, Holy Week continues with Maundy Thursday services on April 5 at 6:00 p.m. The service includes the traditional ceremony of the "Washing of the Feet," a symbol that directs all to serve rather than to be served. The service continues with the Holy Eucharist and is followed by an Agape Supper of lamb stew, breads, nuts, dried fruit and cheese. After the meal, all go back into the church for the "stripping of the altar" and the beginning of the "watch" which commemorates Jesus time in the Garden of Gethsemane when He asked his disciples to stay awake and

watch with Him during the night before His crucifixion.

The final services of Holy Week before Easter Sunday, will be on Good Friday, April 6 at 12:00 noon. The Good Friday liturgy will be said, followed by the "Stations of the Cross."

Everyone is welcome to join us for any or all the Holy Week and Easter services. The Episcopal Church welcomes all regardless of age, sex, racial ethnicity, national origin or sexual orientation. St. Christopher's is located in Port Orford on 9th Street behind the Downtown Fun Zone.

## Letter to the Editor,

To the Mayor, Councilors, Police Chief, and other city officials and to the public in attendance, I proffer my apology for my outburst and demeanor at Monday night's council meeting. I disrupted citizens enjoying their right to express themselves. It was uncalled for and as yet, unjustified.

Respectfully,

Harrison Keppel



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Port Orford's LEAP program would like to thank you for the incredibly FRESH Slope Rock Cod that you donated for the Community Dinner and Rally held on March 16th.

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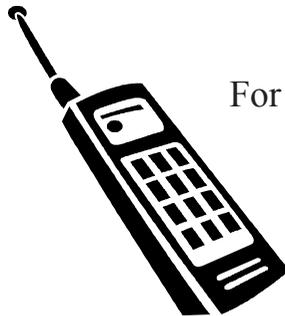


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- Wed., April 4, 7pm - Agness Community Building
- Tue., April 10, 7pm – Gold Beach Courthouse Annex Downstairs
- Tue., April 17, 7pm – Port Orford Community Building
- Wed., April 25, 3pm – Brookings (place to be announced)
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### **Rotary News by Elaine Roemen**

The featured speakers at Port Orford Rotary Club today were Nanci Johnson and Ginney Etherton coordinators of the SMART program at Driftwood and Blanco elementary Schools. With Rotary's help the program was launched at Driftwood in January and is helping children develop a genuine love of reading.

Nanci explained that SMART or Start Making a Reader Today is an Oregon based program that was started 14 years ago by the Oregon Children's Foundation after research showed that up to 50% of the children in school were not developing their reading skills enough to be successful. Children learn to read from K through 3rd grade. After 3rd grade they use reading to learn, so if they don't have that foundation of reading, they won't learn the way they should. So that's what SMART does. It puts a volunteer together with a student to read twice a week. "We don't teach them how to read; we teach them how to love to read," she said. Bright interesting books that the children enjoy along with one-on-one shared reading time with a caring adult twice a week is proving to make a big difference in the lives of all involved. Nanci introduced Craig Conway, 3rd grader, a happy SMART reader who answered questions about the books he is enjoying reading.

To help fund next year's SMART program there will be a Pie and Ice Cream Social on Saturday April 14, 9:00am to 3:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center. Local artists and businesses have generously donated items for sale.

The theme for the April 7 dinner/dance fundraiser is "The Fabulous Fifties." This year's event is special. All of the proceeds will be returned to the community to provide in-perpetuity scholarships for Pacific High School Seniors. The endowment goal of \$100,000 is already in sight as over \$79,000 has already been raised. Tickets are selling fast and can be purchased at Port and Starboard Restaurant and Hiway 101 liquor store. A silent auction is part of the evening and as usual many great items have been donated.

Tickets are \$50. Prime Rib or Halibut dinners. Dancing to Timberwolf. Cocktails at 6:00pm-Dinner at 7:00pm.

### **Letter to Editor,**

Recently the Port Orford Rural Fire District Board and Port Orford Fire Department hosted a State Fire Marshal fire codes class. This class is a requirement of all Fire Chiefs to be able to comment on development, road standards, and water supplies needed for fire protection. As a fellow Fire Chief and Curry County Fire Chief I commend your Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox for her efforts to acquire

this training and work hard to better her knowledge to protect and serve her community. It is a tough job to be Fire Chief of a volunteer Fire Department let alone also volunteer with the Ambulance. It is a tribute to the Fire District Board for their insight and support of Chief Wilcox and her Volunteers. She could not do the job she does without their support nor the support of the community. The next time you have the opportunity take a moment and show your appreciation for the job that Fire Chief Wilcox and the Fire Board does. Remember they do this for you because they care. Your life may depend on them so take time to thank them. You're lucky to have leaders like them who really care about the welfare of the community. These kind of individuals aren't found just everyday.

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Sincerely;

Lucie La Bonté  
Commissioner

## Letter to the Editor

Curry County has two great champions in Congress, men of integrity working hard for us. At this time when budgets are put together stress is high with intense moments, yet through it all two persistent voices are being heard. Due to the efforts of Congressman DeFazio and Senator Wyden one message cannot be ignored, the importance of Federal Forest and O&C funding for our small part of the world. This was evident when I traveled to DC last week.

Funding begins in the House. "Congressman DeFazio deserves the credit for getting the message across," is

what I was told by staff of his colleagues. They complimented his knowledge and persistence. Leadership is now engaged and rural county and schools funding is now in the House Supplemental Budget.

Funding also needs Senate support. Senator Wyden's constant voice to the Senate Leadership has also been heard. Tough negotiating with states

## Coos Curry Board Meeting

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### Sole Pursuits Hike

Curry General Hospital invites off-trail hikers to join Sole Pursuits – a free walking incentive program – when historian and trail enthusiast Walt Schroeder guides the group through Indian Sands in Samuel Boardman State Park, north of Brookings, Saturday, March 31.

Hikers can meet at the highway wayside just south of the Thomas Creek Bridge at 10am or carpool from Coastal Cardiology on Alder Street in Brookings at 9:30am. Other carpools will leave from the Curry General Hospital Annex in Gold Beach at 9:15am; and from the Port Orford Visitor Center at 8:30am

Schroeder will lead walkers from the Thomas Creek Bridge west along the deep canyon, through spruce wood, salal and crowberry to the huge, sculptural dunes known as Indian Sands.

Called the most unique and exciting spot along the Curry County coastal trail system, the area is marked by steep, unimpeded drop-offs to the ocean.

Oregon State University researchers in 2002 dated remains found at the site to humans living 12,000 years ago. That makes Indian Sands the oldest coastal archaeological site in the state.

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### Museum Opens for Summer

The time has come! Sunday, April 1 will be the opening day for the Point Orford Life Saving Station Museum at Port Orford Heads. The 2007 hours will be 10:00am to 3:30pm every day except Tuesday and Wednesday.

Many new exhibits will be displayed. The gift locker has been well stocked with clothing, note cards, books and coffee mugs among other items.

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Only candidates for contested positions are invited. The first forum will take place on Monday, April 2 at Port Orford City Hall at 7:00pm. The Port Orford forum will include candidates for the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District, Positions # 1,3,5; Sixes Rural Fire Protection District, Position # 5; Port Orford-Langlois School District,



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The Brookings forum will be held on Tuesday, April 17 and the Gold Beach Forum on Thursday, April 19, 7:00pm at Gold Beach City Hall. The Gold Beach forum will include candidates for the Curry Health District and the Gold Beach Port District.

Each candidate will be given three minutes 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. Shirley Nelson will serve as Moderator, with Milt Nelson as Timer.

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## Letter to the Editor,

I would like to share my support with the current Port Orford Fire Board members who are up for re-election this year. The unity, dedication, and hard work that the current board members as a group have demonstrated is outstanding. Their professional and courteous working relationship with each other, the volunteer fire fighters, Sixes and Langlois Fire Departments, our Community Ambulance, police department, but most importantly with the members of our community is to be commended.

With careful budgeting and planning our town now has a new rescue truck joining the fleet, and almost all of our volunteer firefighters have finished training and classes to become first responders.

As a past Board Member who regretfully had to leave due to an excessive amount of commitments, I fully support and hope you join me in the re-election of Marie Vanaart, Ed Tennent and Edna Auld. Thankyou,

Sincerely,

Chris Speed, owner Savoy Theater

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## Correction

In last week's paper the article on the city council meeting titled "Council Votes: Cut Down Tree" there was an error in the article concerning council Resolution 2007-13. There were three versions of this resolution – A, B & C. The purpose of the three resolutions was to set up a drug interdiction fund and policy for the police department.

Councilor Steve Abbott made a motion to pass Resolution 2007-13A with some amendments but withdrew that motion. The resolution he made contained the following language "In no case may any moneys from this Fund be utilized to pay for rewards for information." Councilor Milton Finch made a motion that the council adopts Resolution 2007-13C.

This resolution contains the following language at the end, "Money from this Fund may be used for controlled substance investigations, including "controlled buys" of illicit drugs, and reward purposes. Finch's motion failed by a 4-3 vote. The issue will go back to the city council public safety subcommittee for further consideration. The article stated incorrectly both motions included money for rewards.

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## Friends of Cape Blanco

The Friends of Cape Blanco kicks off its 2007 visitor season at both Cape Blanco Lighthouse and Hughes House on Sunday April 1. Both sites will be open for tours Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. until October 31st.

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## Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 98 held their annual Pinewood Derby March 24 at the Port Orford Community Building. Hand-crafted cars made by scouts sported racing stripes, little people, tanks, Leggos, and much more. These cars

comprised of a specific size and weight competed on the "state of the art" race track. Multiple heats determined the winners.

Winning Tiger Cub cars belonging to Aiden Loshway, Josh Engdahl and Alex Miller took first, second and third place. The Wolf winner (third). In the Bear den, Jacob Engdahl, Isaac Donaldson and Kaleb Warbus placed first, second and third. Webelo winners included Sterling Lashway, Cole Kreutzer and Cheyenne Warbus. Overall scout trophies went to Aiden Lashway (first place), Jacob Engdale (second place) and Michael Armstrong (third place).

"Money Dog" car from Chetco Bank placed first in the business entry, with Sterling Bank, Port Orford News, and Ray's Market in second, third and fourth place, respectively. The cars belonging to Jason Wilhite was the "judges' favorite. The most unique care belonged to Isaac Donaldson while the best design was Hunter Trimble's car.

The Pinewood Derby is a long-standing tradition in Cub Scouts and source of fun for scouts and their families. Scout leaders and scout parents planned this event. Many businesses and service organizations helped support it.

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## Letter to the Editor,

Port Orford Internet, Inc. Would like to thank those who attended our Monday meeting to hear about our new venture. Thanks to your enthusiastic support we are already nearly a third of the way to funding our operation!

If you would like to get on the waiting list to be notified when service is available or if you would like to purchase stock and be part of this adventure, see Valerie at the Downtown Fun Zone.

Thank you also to the Port Orford Senior Center for the loan of your coffee maker and pitchers.

Valerie Kramer, Secretary