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Legislature Opens Session By Evan Kramer

The 2009-10 State of Oregon 75th Legislative Assembly got underway on Monday, January 12 with a State of the State Address by Governor Ted Kulongoski. The State Legislature meets for approximately six months in the odd numbered years and occasionally for special sessions in the even numbered years.

The Legislature opens their session with the Democrats holding decisive leads in both Legislative Houses. There are 18 Democrat State Senators with 12 Republican Senators and in the House there are 36 Democrats and 24 Republicans. Curry County is represented by Republican Wayne Krieger in the House and Republican Jeff Kruse in the Senate. Coos County is represented by Democrat Arne Roblan in the House and Democrat Joanne Verger in the Senate. Roblan has been elected the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House. House and Senate members were sworn in on January 5 as well as state office holders like the new Secretary of State, Kate Brown.

Next month Oregon celebrates its 150th year since being admitted into the United States on February 14, 1859. Back then news didn't travel as fast as it does today and word didn't reach Portland

about President Buchanan signing a bill granting statehood until March 15 of 1859. Oregon had earlier been admitted in the Union as a territory on August 14, 1848. At that time the Oregon Territory comprised all of what is now Oregon, Washington and part of Idaho. The "organization of the state government was completed on May 16, 1859" according to the American Guide Series book on Oregon - One of the Works Projects Administration guides to the states.

The Oregon Sesquicentennial as it is known is being celebrated and observed in many ways. It has been named "Sustain the Spirit". One way is the US Postal Service is issuing an Oregon Statehood postage stamp on Wednesday, January 14. They have also designed a unique special commemorative postmark which will be issued in each of Oregon's 326 post offices. The postmark includes an outline of the state's boundaries. The postmark is going to be available for postal patrons for 60 days from January 14. The Port Orford Post Office hopefully will have plenty of the Sesquicentennial stamps and you can get them postmarked locally. Nearly all other mail goes to Eugene to be postmarked.

Ending Homelessness in Oregon

One Oregon goal for the coming year is to come up with a plan to end homelessness in ten years. This started as a national goal with efforts being made in all 50 states and in many counties and cities. The efforts to end homelessness in Curry County began two years ago and are well underway. The first distribution of needed supplies to the homeless was accomplished last November.

On Friday morning, January 9, the Curry County Homeless Coalition held a meeting at Port Orford City Hall at 11:00am. The Coalition is led by Curry County Economic and Community Development Director Susan Brown, who led the meeting, though as she said she doesn't like public speaking. The Curry County Homeless Coalition has been meeting for the past two years to come up with a countywide plan but Friday's meeting was the first one in Port Orford. Brown said that people from Port Orford were needed on the planning committee and she was fortunate to have at least ten interested people at the meeting. Two or three people are needed from this area to sit down and write the ten year plan to end homelessness in Curry County.

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Also needed in Port Orford is what is known as a "homeless portal". This would be a place where people could pick up supplies, make phone calls, use as an address, etc. It is a place that needs to make the homeless feel welcome. Brown said in the recent study they had done that the homeless in Port Orford tend to be here longer and are not as transient or transitional as the homeless people in the Brookings/Harbor area.

The goal of the Curry County Homeless Coalition is to get a countywide plan in place by the end of this school year in June. The Coalition is looking for volunteers to help with the plan from Port Orford. There will be two meetings a month until the plan is formulated but they won't all be held in Port Orford.

The next meeting of the Curry County Homeless Coalition is set for Friday, January 16, 10:00am at the Port Orford City Hall council chambers. They will meet to work on our local homeless issues.

The goal of this plan and the other ones throughout the United States is to end homelessness within ten years, not to manage or maintain it in perpetuity. One of the many causes of homelessness is illustrated by the following statistics. In 1970, there were 300,000 more affordable housing units available, nationally, than there were low-income households that needed to rent them. By 1995, there were 4.4 million fewer affordable units than low-income households that needed them. The issue of ending homelessness involves many things from lack of affordable housing, lack of good paying jobs, mental illness, alcohol and drug abuse, lack of health care, and societal prejudices towards the homeless.

Letter to the Editor,

Here's to some exciting changes in 2009 in Port Orford since it has been all over the news that our new President Obama will be ready to invest in national infrastructure the minute he takes office. I sure that our city council and mayor has grant writers already writing grants to solve our long-term water problem

and that we will be one of the first communities to receive money to replace our worn-out water system. Think of the jobs that will create. When the city's grant writers are finished with that project, we need a fuel-efficient, handicapped-equipped van to help people get to doctor appointments, the supermarket and laundry, and to church and social events. That would create a couple more jobs. Lots of grants will be available for that as Obama wants energy-efficient programs started ASAP. Bike paths! With our wide streets, why bike paths could encompass the whole city. How about retrofitting some of our drafty old homes to conserve energy? Here's the best part. Port Orford is an easy fit for just about any type of grant. We have a high percentage of our population earning under the poverty level. We have lots of seniors. We have a high unemployment rate. We have many people who want to work. Plus lots of volunteers who are ready, willing, and able to help our wonderful community.

Happy New Year!

Paula Cracas

Theatre 101 Update

Well, it's 2009 and we have already begun rehearsal for our upcoming production in February of, "*The Kitchen Witches*", a hilarious comedy by Caroline Smith. More about the show in next week's edition. We have also started work for the next 2 shows "*Seascape*" and "*Fool's Hill*".

2008 was a great year for us and we would like to thank everyone that supported us either financially or with their valuable time helping us with the business of entertaining.

A special Shout Out of thanks to some wonderful volunteers: Mike Hewitt for all the last minute construction of stage and sets in Steel Magnolias, and our attic storage area;

Joyce Kinney, for her very artistic self decorating the Steel Magnolias set;

Sy Martinez, for all the help with props and just about anything else; Wendy Thomas for her marketing help and great moral support; Jennifer Wilson, for serving wine and being a gracious and entertaining hostess, and Sonja Mason, for prompting and costumes and great advice. Also, a very special thanks to WildSpring Guest Habitat for the very generous donations to our fundraiser Garage Sale.

We are so excited about our season of shows and are starting to read scripts to develop next year's season. The process of show selection is very challenging. We have only a limited amount of actors in our company and this limits which plays we can select from. We could have more choices of plays to do if we had more performers to choose from. Like our director Perri says, "you don't produce "*Fiddler on the Roof*" unless you know you have a "*Tevye*". It's also very easy to "burn out" people when they are in one show after another, plus working, and having a life! To solve these problems, we will be holding open auditions



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We are also always looking for carpenters, painters, seamstresses, grant writers, and all around support! Theatre 101 is a non-profit company staffed entirely by volunteers. Come be a part of the fun we all have! If you can't volunteer, please be a part of our ever-growing, supportive, wonderful audience! If you have any questions, you can call us at 332-PLAY (7529).

Port Commission Meets

The Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers located at Idaho and Twentieth Streets.

Letter to the Editor,

On Friday, January 9th, Port Orford Community Ambulance, Curry County deputies and Search and Rescue responded to a call on Elk River of a person in the water. We are all aware that swift water rescue attempts often result in more people lost, including Emergency Services personnel.

The positive outcome of this incident was the result of excellent interagency teamwork, training and communication. All personnel worked together on a difficult and dangerous incident to rescue and transport the victim. In addition to the personnel on scene, the deputies on duty at Dispatch at the Sheriff's Office were an essential part of the rescue. The patient was ultimately transferred to Bay Cities Ambulance and we are grateful for their quick response. The patient was released late the same afternoon.

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State of the County Address

Curry County Commissioner Georgia Nowlin gave a State of the County address on January 5 at the swearing in ceremony for the new commissioners and other elected officials. The following is an abridged version of her full speech.

The most significant event of 2008 for Curry County was in October. That was when the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Realization Act (referred to as SRS 2008) was reauthorized. Ironically, SRS 2008 was reauthorized because it was attached to the \$800 billion plus Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 passed by Congress. The original "county payments" provided 68% of the County's General Fund revenues in 2006. The new SRS 2008 will reauthorize payments for four years, but the amounts will decrease or "ramp down" each year from 2008-11.

In December we received the first payment, which was 90% of what we received in 2006. In 2009 we will get 81% of that amount. Then, in 2010, 73%. On the fourth year, 2011, the formula for Oregon counties' share of the monies will change, resulting in a drastic reduction in the amount to be received that year. Then there will be no more.

Susan Brown, The County's Economic & Community Development Director, who also serves as chair of the Curry

County Homeless Coalition, has been working to develop the "10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Curry County". She is also active in the Curry County Promotional Alliance to promote Curry County as a quality destination, and the Information Technology Advisory Committee that is researching telehealth projects for the county.

The economic downturn and its impact on the construction industry in Curry had a similar effect on the county's Department of Public Services in 2008. Building permits were down 22% from last year, and over 57% from four years ago. Planning Department activities and septic permits have also fallen significantly. There have been no layoffs, but hours have been reduced. In spite of this, much was accomplished in 2008.

Two long time county commissioners, Marlyn Schafer and Lucie La Bonte, have stepped down after eight years of service to our county. They served honorably, accomplished many good things and have our appreciating and thanks. Now we have two new county commissioners, Bill Waddle and George Rhodes. Congratulations and welcome. I look forward to working with you both.

City Council Meeting

The Port Orford City Council meets on Thursday, January 15, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Arts Council News By Elaine Roemen

If you have experienced Kelly Thibodeaux and Etouffee then you know their jazzy, rhythmic Cajun music is full of life, the kind you can't resist dancing to. On Valentines Day we are throwing a Mardi Gras Dinner Dance party complete with Etouffee's live music, a scrumptious New Orleans menu cooked up by Julie Hawthorne, Lauri Prouty and Joyce Kinney: jambalaya, corn bread, and all the fixin's, like pecan pie and King cakes. Beer and wine will be available.

To come in style to this "masquerade friendly" event, there will be two Mask workshops at the POAC office on January 31 and February 7th. (Of course you don't have to wear a mask, if you are the serious type.) You can buy tickets for the dinner dance, \$20, at the Fun Zone (\$25 at the door). This is a fundraiser for the Port Orford Arts Council to help provide Port Orford with art and cultural events throughout the coming year. A grant from the Kinsman Foundation helps in part to sponsor this festive event.

See you (if we can guess who's behind that mask) on February 14th, at the decked out Community Center.

More upcoming POAC events:

Musicians are invited to "Jammin' Nights" Friday Jan 16th, 7PM at POAC office. Call Francie MacLeod 332-7100 for more info.

Rhythm and Rhymes, Musicians and poets getting together -101 Theatre Space, Saturday, March 7th. Call Weldon Champneys 332-9026 for more info.

We are sending out a call to artists for the 4th Annual Cedar Festival, which will include a "lightly juried" Fine Arts Show as well as Cedar craftsmen and vendors. The Cedar Festival will be on Memorial Day weekend, May 22nd through the 24th. Call POAC office 332-0487 for more info.



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Copper Salmon Moves Closer

The proposed 13,700 acres Copper Salmon Wilderness, located within the Siskiyou National Forest is a step closer to becoming law. On Sunday, January 11, the United States Senate voted in favor of the Omnibus Public Management Act of 2009, getting more than 60 votes, thus avoiding any possibility of a cloture. There are seven public lands bills within the Omnibus Public Management Act (All sponsored by Senator Ron Wyden) affecting Oregon including the Copper Salmon Wilderness, The Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act, and the Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Agreements of 2007. Each of these bills had passed the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee at the end the 110th Congress but were blocked by the threat of a filibuster by U.S. Senator Tom Coburn of Oklahoma. According to Oregon Senator Ron Wyden "after five years and well over a hundred meetings the Senate has finally overcome the procedural hurdles that have delayed action to safeguard some of Oregon's most special places." "Countless Oregonians, including Senator Gordon Smith, worked tirelessly and in a bipartisan fashion to protect these

natural resources which define Oregon as one of the most beautiful states in the Union."

The Copper Salmon Wilderness Act was forged from years of Wyden's work with members of the local community in Southern Oregon, which is renowned among fishermen as one of the last intact watersheds near the Southwest Oregon Coast. The bill designates 9.3 miles of rivers at the headwaters of the North Fork of the Elk River as Wild and Scenic and adds 13,700 acres of new wilderness adjacent to the existing Grassy Knob Wilderness. The Elk River is known as the most productive wild salmon and steelhead river of its size in the lower 49 states.

The Omnibus Public Management Act of 2009 now needs to pass the House of Representatives and then be signed into law by the President.

Gail Ann Foster

A memorial luncheon for Gail Ann Foster will be held on Saturday, January 17 at 2:00pm at the Langlois Lions Clubhouse. Come and share with family and friends. Call 348-2351 for more information.

Beginning Folk Dance

SWOCC presents a beginning folk dance class in Port Orford on Tuesday evening, from 7:00-8:20pm at the Port Orford Senior Center. No partners or experience is needed for the class. The fee is \$32.00 for the eleven week course and though it has already begun you can still join up and have fun. Learn line and circle dances for the beginning folk dancer with dances from Serbia, Russia, Greece, Israel, Bulgaria, Armenia, Turkey, Gypsy, Hungary, and others! Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

For further information please contact Vicki at 332-0950. The Senior Center is located at the corner of Jackson and Sixteenth Streets.

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Police Report for January 12

1/2/09 Police received a complaint about a dog off leash at Battle Rock Park. Dog gone upon arrival.

Police received information concerning an assault suspect contacting the victim, in violation of a protective order.

1/3/09 2 dogs were found by a citizen at Elk River. They are being housed at the Curry County Animal shelter.

A dog was found on the dock at the Port of Port Orford. If you have any information, please contact your police department.

Police investigated a possible assault by several juveniles. That case is currently under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact the police department.

1/6/09 Police received a report of attempted theft of fuel from several trucks. No fuel was taken due to the design of the vehicle fuel systems.

1/8/09 Report of a child locked out of the house, mother not home. Mother had returned home, and child was inside before officer arrived at the location.



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Traffic activity was light this week. 11 citations were issued for speeding, along with 10 warnings. There were also 6 warnings issued for seatbelt violations, 5 for pedestrian violations, and 19 warnings for various equipment violations.

Safety Tip: Police would like to remind our citizens to please remember that dogs must be on a leash when on City or State park property. This is necessary for the safety of the public, and for the safety of the animal as well. We continue to receive complaints about dogs running at large in our parks. Please help to keep our parks safe for all visitors, including our furry friends.

Dr. King National Holiday

The nation honors the memory and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 19. In observance of his birthday, schools, government offices, the Post Office and banks will be closed on Monday. Dr. King was only 39 years old when he was slain in Memphis, Tennessee, while



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standing on the outside balcony of his room at the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. This motel has now become a national civil rights museum. Dr. King was born on January 15, 1929 but the holiday is always observed on the third Monday in January.

Martin Luther King's most famous speech is the one he gave in Washington, D.C. on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in conjunction with the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963. The "I Have a Dream" speech is one of the most famous and often referred to speeches in American history. (see <http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/mlkihavedream.htm>.)

In the words of Dr. King: "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith will we be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."

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Deputies were immediately dispatched to the scene along with Port Orford Ambulance and Fire.

Deputy Joel Hensley and members of the ambulance and fire department arrived at about 12:04pm, where they found 33 year old Nicole Krist of Raleigh, North Carolina, and 30 year old Huaing Ling of Grove Side, North Carolina clinging onto a tree that had fallen into the river during the last flood. Captain Bob Rector, Curry County Search and Rescue, and the Marine Patrol responded from the Gold Beach area.

At about 12:20pm, Marine Deputies, Ted Heath and Walter Scherbarth launched their drift boat at the fish hatchery and responded down stream to the incident. At about 12:40pm, Sergeant John Ward, S.A.R. member Larry Prestininzi, Captain Rector, Deputies



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Joel Hensley, Walter Scherbarth and Ted Heath, along with fire rescue personnel were able to get Krist and Ling safely to shore with the use of ropes and ladders.

The Sheriff's Office would like to extend a special thank you to the local residents who assisted in the rescue with the ladder and extra ropes. Ling received treatment at the scene from ambulance personnel. Krist was extremely hypothermic and was transported to the hospital in Bandon where she was reported to be in fair condition.

Both Krist and Ling were wearing life jackets to which their survival is attributed.

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"EAGER LIPS" Jazz band extraordinaire @ Paula's Bistro. Saturday, January 17th. Open @ 5:00pm. New Orleans menu!

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Pampered Pooches

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9:00am – 3:00pm
332-0520 For Appointment

Classified Ads

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100 & 250MIN PHONE CARDS are now in stock at the Downtown Fun Zone! \$5.50 & \$12.50 respectively..

NEW VIDEOS: "My Best Friend's Girl", "The Family That Preys", "Brideshead Revisited", "Swing Vote", "Humboldt County", "Appaloosa", "Mirrors", and "Rest Stop – Don't Look Back". Please remember all items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. Reservations must be prepaid so cannot be taken over the phone. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. Open 9:30-5:30 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-6:30 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

CD / DVD / GAME WON'T PLAY? Don't throw it out! Fix it! Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. now offers disc cleaning/repair services. (single sided) \$3.00 for basic cleaning, \$5.00 for deep scratches. See store for details.

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CLEARANCE SALE SATURDAY, January 17th 10-3 next to Paula's Bistro.

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HOME FIREARMS SAFETY Class satisfies the requirement to apply for a Concealed Handgun License. Ongoing Saturday classes. 541 253-6240.

NEW YEAR ALBACORE TUNA for sale still have lots left \$4.50 each. \$100 for a case of 24 8oz cans. Custom birthday or Valentine baskets also available. Please call 332-0361.

QUANTUM TOUCH Energy healing video interactive workshop Jan. 24-25, 10am to 5pm at the Port Orford Library. Fee \$40 (certification practitioner credits \$90.) QT teaches simple breathing and awareness techniques that create a remarkably powerful field of healing energy which helps the body accelerate its own healing for yourself and others. Call QT Practitioner & video workshop facilitator Linda V. Hammerberg for more information and to pre-register by Jan. 21st. 332-1581. www.quantumtouch.com.

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COMPUTER INK PRICES For HP, IBM, and Lexmark will go up Feb. 1. Epson prices are also expected to rise in February. Stock up now and save at the Downtown Fun Zone, Inc., 832 Hwy 101, Port Orford. 332-6565.

WANTED: AGATES, AGATES, Agates & more agates. Will buy large or small quantities of beach agates. Call (541) 253-6336.

Healing Grief

"Healing Grief" is a 6 week series designed for individuals who have lost a loved one through death. Marian Kraai, a Grief Counselor for Curry County Home Health & Hospice will be facilitating each class session that will be held at the Home Health/Hospice office in Gold Beach on Thursdays from 1:30-3:00pm. The classes are schedule to begin January 22nd and last through February 26th.

For further information on the class or to register please contact Marian Kraai or Pattie Slagle at 247-7084

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Barack Obama Inauguration

President Elect Barack Obama and Vice President elect Joe Biden Jr. will take the oath office at the Presidential Inauguration on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. The formal program begins at 11:30am Eastern Standard Time with musical selections from the United States Marine Band followed by opening remarks from Senator Dianne Feinstein, the invocation by Dr. Rick Warren of Saddleback Church, and a musical selection by Aretha Franklin. The Oath of Office will then be administered to Vice President elect Joe Biden, Jr. by the Honorable John Paul Stevens, associate justice of the Supreme Court followed by a musical interlude and the President Elect Barack Obama will the administered the Oath of Office by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court the Honorable John Roberts. This will be followed by President Obama's Inaugural address. Barack Obama will become the forty-fourth President of the United States.

Holiday Lighting Contest

The Residential winner of the Port Orford and North Curry County Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lights Contest is Ed Shriver; second place is the McGowan's. The winner in the Commercial category is the Wooden Nickel; Second place goes to The Downtown Fun Zone. Certificates will be ready and awarded ready at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 30.

POAC Musical Jam

The Port Orford Arts Council is coordinating a few musical jam nights at its office at the Seaside Plaza. The format of the evening will be a casual jam with hopes that those who attend will be prepared with several tunes to share. Please bring 3 or 4 extra readable charts of those tunes so everyone who is capable can join in with the possibility of passing the lead around the circle. This

will be an acoustic and casual affair and we will have chairs for musicians. It's a rather small space so if you are interested in coming to listen, it's recommended to bring a folding chair in case there are not enough extra chairs to go around. Our first music night will be Friday, January 16 at 7PM. If you have questions or comments call Julie @ 332-7635 or Francie @ 332-7100. Hope to see you there.

PHS Clothing Drive

Cleaning out your kids' closets for the New Year? Bring those boxes of gently used school clothes to Pacific High School!

Pacific High School has volunteered to assist the Shoes for Kids program by collecting an assortment of school clothing which will be provided to students in need. Thanks to the hard work of student volunteers, clothing for high school students is already available at Pacific High all during the school year. In addition, the school will now collect school clothing for all ages from January to May. Pacific students, lead by Courtney Lakey and Ashley Curry, will sort and store school clothes to be distributed to those in need at no charge next August as part of the Shoes for Kids program.

Please bring your donations of school-appropriate clothing in good repair to Pacific High School, during school hours (8:30AM – 3:00PM) Monday – Friday.

Shoes for Kids is a program of The Common Good food pantry. Shoes for Kids provides local students-in-need with new shoes, socks, personal care supplies and the opportunity to choose from a big selection of gently used quality school clothing each August. This support can make a big difference to struggling families, and help kids feel good about going to school. To help, please clean out your closets and donate those useable school clothes! Or, send a check to "The Common Good – Shoes

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Shoes for Kids is a program of The Common Good, a non-profit, all volunteer administered organization and equal opportunity provider.

Red Cross Blood Drives

The Red Cross has scheduled blood drives at the following locations. Please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule your donation appointment.

February 3 Noon-6:00pm Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 355 Oregon Ave., Bandon.

February 4 1:00-6:00pm St. John's Catholic Church, 1476 Oregon Street, Port Orford.

Project Graduation Yard Sale

Project Graduation is collecting clean, useable items for the upcoming yard sale. No clothes please. Items can be dropped off at Driftwood School on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00am-1:00pm. Contact 332-4503 for more information.

GED Classes

Free GED winter classes begin at the Port Orford Public Library on Thursday evenings from 5:00-8:00pm. Call 332-7100 or 541-247-2741 or show up.