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Council Passes on Ordinance By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met in a relatively short session on Thursday, January 7, with all councilors and the mayor present.

Dale Bures spoke to the council under citizen's concerns about the Dark Sky Ordinance. He said there was nothing in it that should be in an ordinance and that we are in "Dark Sky country." He said if people are concerned about light shining on their property from another person's they should deal with the problem between neighbors rather than needing government interference. He said the main thing should be light efficiency and the council could come up with a pamphlet on the best lighting for Dark Skies as the issue would best be served with education.

Mayor Jim Auburn did the second reading by title of Ordinance 2010-02 – the Noxious Weed Ordinance which would prohibit noxious and invasive shrubs, plants and weeds and provide for abatement of these plants. Councilor John Hewitt made a motion seconded by Councilor David Smith to adopt the Ordinance. Councilor Scott Luhr said he couldn't support the Ordinance because the City was not in a position to fol-

low the Ordinance. Councilor Caroline Clancy agreed with Luhr and questioned how this Ordinance even came about. It began because of property developments in Port Orford where land was cleared, never built on and then covered in noxious weeds. (As defined by the Curry County Noxious Weed Board). David Smith asked Public Works Director Allan Wagner if it would be possible for the city to comply with the Ordinance and he said it would be impossible for the city to comply for some time. David Smith then withdrew his second and the motion died for lack of a second as did the Ordinance.

The council then adjourned their regular meeting and went into executive session to consult with their attorney on labor negotiations. They resumed their regular meeting twenty minutes later with David Smith offering a motion to accept the union contract. The council voted 5-1 in favor of the five year contract with the city employees with Councilor Luhr voting no.

The council approved the consent calendar with a unanimous vote. It includes the mayor's reappointment of Alicia Billings to the Parks Commission and Dave Holman to the Planning Commission.

The City Planning Commission was scheduled to meet on Tuesday and continue reworking the Dark Sky Ordinance before returning it to the council for their vote.

Allan Wagner thanked the public works crew and volunteer Stephanie Welch for their efforts.

Mayor Auburn said the city has a very good council, that the administrative staff is doing well, and that the public works crew have done an outstanding job and also complimented the new police chief.

Councilor Clancy advocated that there be no increase in the city water and sewer rates this year.

City budget hearings for the 2010-11 budget begin in April. The next city council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, at 6:00pm.

Representatives Talk Taxes By Evan Kramer

State Representative Wayne Krieger and State Senator Jeff Kruse held a town hall meeting in Port Orford on Tuesday, January 5 and spent a lot of time talking about Ballot Measures 66 and 67. Voting began for both measures with the arrival of the ballots this week. Both

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	L1816 -0.5	L1846 -0.3	L1915 -0.0	L1943 0.4	L2011 0.9	L2039 1.5

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Measures were put on the ballot by petition of the people.

Krieger talked about Measures 66 and 67 saying there had been no cuts in the general fund this past year. He said the gross receipts tax (Measure 67) was not fair and equitable and said if it passed Oregon would be number one for corporate and business taxes. He said if they pass people won't bring new businesses to Oregon and that Nike might have to move out of the state. Krieger continued that the taxes would stifle the ability of businesses to hire new employees.

Senator Kruse said in the past decade Oregon has grown by 10% in population but state government has grown by 60%. He said the governor is required by law to hand the state legislature a balanced budget but since he has been in the Senate hasn't seen one once. Kruse claimed even the Democrats in the legislature said the governor's last budget was fiction. Kruse spoke about the recent increase in state fees and licenses

and the increase in the gas tax by six cents. He said if the two tax measures do not pass it will only make a difference of six tenths of one percent in the revenue coming into the state. Kruse said Oregon had lost 130,000 private sector jobs in the past year while the state government had increased jobs by 2,000 last year. *Note: Democrats control both the State Senate and House by a super majority and both Krieger and Kruse belong to the minority party in the legislature which does not support these tax increases.*

One alternative Kruse offered to raise revenue was asking state employees to pay for their health care at the same rate that school teachers in Oregon pay for their health care. He said the state employees don't pay one cent for health care. He also advocated rolling back the pay increases for state employees. He ended his opening remarks by saying the tax is wrong and that state government is bigger than it needs to be.

Krieger and Kruse were questioned about growing government and reminded that state employees spent their

money on private enterprise and that the state government spends a lot of money purchasing supplies, etc. through private enterprise.

Krieger was asked about the salmon situation. The recent salmon bubble fishery off the mouth of the Elk River only allowed for a catch of 300 fish. According the questioner thousands of returning Elk River hatchery salmon – up to 6,000 fish were clubbed to death this year and then their carcasses used for stream enhancement rather than being used to feed people. Krieger said that Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife projections for the amount of returning salmon were way off this past year. Krieger said he would look into the numbers of returning fish at the Elk River Fish Hatchery which he said was built as a commercial fish hatchery in 1964

When questioned about wind and other forms of energy Kruse stated his was in favor of nuclear energy saying 98% of the waste was recyclable. He also stated that Oregon State University is one of

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the top universities in nuclear research in the nation. He said that 70% of the energy Europe uses is nuclear. Kruse got on the President's case before his remarks about nuclear energy saying that Obama wants to be king of the world.

Ballots for the election need to be returned to the Curry County Elections Department by January 26, at 8:00pm.

That's Entertainment By Blabette

Over 700 people sang Happy Birthday to Elvis Presley on Saturday night, January 9, in Florence. They were attending a concert by Elvis impressionist Justin Shandor at the Three Rivers Casino Events Center in Florence which was sold out for a second night in a row for the Elvis show. Four people from Port Orford drove up on Saturday night to enjoy the music of the King of Rock and Roll. His seventy fifth birthday was on January 8.

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While Elvis was busy getting out of his leather and into his white jumpsuit with fringes Ted Vigil in the form of John Denver took the stage. He played the guitar and sang six of Denver's songs. Vigil is the spitting image of John Denver and sounded just like him. Then Justin Shandor took the stage for the second half of his performance and continued to entertain the fairly sedate crowd – few people rushed the stage. He ended with a gospel number followed by God Bless America and then came back for a rendition of Viva Las Vegas.

The 25 year old Shandor looks uncannily like the young Elvis and has the magnificent voice to go with it. He is talented enough that you can expect him to spread his wings and do more with his career than keep the music and spirit of Elvis alive. He proved that with a moving version of Eric Clapton's song "Tears in Heaven".

Chris Speed presented a night of bawdy comedy at the Savoy Theater last Thursday night featuring the talents of Seat-

leites Bret Hamil and Vince Valenzuela. The over-21 show was well attended and got in their share of laughs. There was even a third comedian not on the bill but in the audience but he was received less enthusiastically than Hamil and Valenzuela.

Hamil opened the show with tales of his background growing up in the south (Florida) and went from there into uncharted territory. Valenzuela headlined the show and had some well developed but well interrupted routines and was quite talented using different voices. He was well received by the audience and is welcome back to Port Orford any time.

The Savoy Theater presents comedy acts on stage the first Thursday of the month.

Port Orford Parks News

Your Port Orford Parks Commission has lofty goals for 2010. In November, the Parks moved to a new style of agenda that has really gotten things moving, and will continue to do so in 2010. Look forward to seeing more news about the Parks in the coming year. And as always, thanks for your support!



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Letter to the Editor,

Confessions of a tax parasite

For the first half of my life I worked hard, real hard, but not very smart. I experienced long hours with low pay in vehicle repair, cooking and non-union construction work, all small business jobs, none of these jobs provided any medical insurance, vacation or retirement benefits and in the case of the construction jobs not even Social Security or unemployment insurance. We just had to hope and pray that no one in our small family needed medical care or had an accident; I didn't have vehicle insurance as all of our income went for food, rent, utilities, and fuel and I just couldn't afford it. Existing hand to mouth, we were the working poor and defiantly not "the creative productive sector". I was working very hard but, not very smart.

So in the mid eighties I applied for and landed an entry level job with The University Of California and for the very first time in my life at age forty I was receiving medical insurance complete with dental, vision and retirement plans. I was ecstatic; our family future no longer seemed so bleak. But this job came with another benefit, one that I couldn't put a dollar value on, that benefit was the knowledge that directly and indirectly I was providing support for the students, professors, medical doctors, mathematicians and research and development into every area imaginable. This

support helped to bring more prosperity and knowledge for America and also a better and more prosperous world for all of us.

I was working in Transportation Services in a garage that operated day and night, repairing and servicing all types of vehicles from small electric carts to large trucks and busses. As time went by I moved up to different positions and the garage evolved as well, going from hand written work tickets and reports, to computerized files, from having to go with a purchase order in hand to another department for authorization to buy something, to being issued a credit card so I could purchase it immediately, we became highly efficient in our operation. I found myself tracking, managing and repairing over five hundred vehicles, maintaining a full parts room, complete with tires, batteries and a twenty-four hour fuel station. I was spending in excess of three million dollars a year all of it in the private sector. These tuition dollars paid by student loans or their parents and tax dollars that I spent all went to the private sector. Most of my paycheck went to the private sector and now most of all my retirement and Social Security dollars are spent in Port Orford, anyone here complaining about that?

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a C-corporation will not make Oregon go bankrupt.

Asking someone making more than \$125,000 or a couple making more than \$250,000 for a small amount more is not called penalizing them. It's called helping out for the common good of all of us and it will not result in the financial collapse of the State of Oregon, quite the opposite.

Vote yes on Measures 66 and 67.

From a tax parasite

Gary Wickham

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School an Economic Asset By Mick Lane, Superintendent

Most people agree that good schools are important contributors to a strong healthy economy. As evidence, consider that when the economy struggles, as is the case today, schools receive a substantial part of the blame. It is common to hear that the economy would be better if the schools did a better job of teaching math, reading, work ethic and character. Yet, inevitably when the economy takes an upturn, schools are rarely recognized as deserving some credit. Blaming schools and educators is easy, but educators are reluctant to be assertive enough to claim credit when we clearly deserve it.

It is risky to claim credit for economic recovery even after being blamed for the downturn, but there is solid research available that makes the case that good schools and education make significant contributions to local, state and even national economies. Other studies have shown, not surprisingly, that education increases worker productivity, essential for good economic health. Educated

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workers are more adept at learning new skills, adjusting to changes, and facing new challenges than less-educated and lower skilled workers

It is a well known that good education directly correlates with decreased social and correctional costs. Well-educated people are more likely to be employed, in less need of assistance programs, and far less likely to commit crimes that require incarceration. Good schools can help redirect social service resources to more life-enhancing programs.

Good local schools are the easiest way to attract businesses that provide high skill and good paying jobs. We all know the relationship between education and quality of life, and working parents put the highest value on the educational opportunities and experiences for their children in good schools.

Also, several studies have demonstrated the tight relationship between high quality schools and property values. Money magazine advised parents that buying a house in an areas served by high-quality schools is a better investment than paying for an expensive private school be-

cause of the savings and return on their investment. Studies have shown that good schools can contribute up to a 14% increase in home values.

Even though these assertions are well-supported by research, we seldom hear conversation on the topic. We are more likely to hear about overpaid teachers, wasted resources, education costs, and high taxes. You would think that schools are an unavoidable cost instead of a compelling economic development strategy.

Our community schools are especially susceptible to economic problems because of our isolation and demographics. A majority of families live below or near the poverty level and the large population of retired folks do not have a strong vested interest in the schools, and many are on fixed incomes. We need to face the challenges together and realize that the only way things will improve is through an investment in the kids.

* Resources include: John R. Rickabaugh and The Quarterly Journal of Economics

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Letter to the Editor,

Dark Skies” again..... Well, it seems like we have covered just about every reasonable aspect of the topic. “Up light” is bad. “Down light” is good. Light on your property is good. Light on your neighbor’s property might be bad. I don’t quite understand how many millions of watts of light we need at Circle K before the bad guys can’t find it, but then, I guess that is probably an equation known only to that “Letter to the Editor” writer. As long as the direct lighting doesn’t go up or out onto the street it seems fine to me.

Folks, this is the time to pass this ordinance. There are very few compliance issues at present and having an enforceable ordinance in place will spare the council and the city these divisive, time consuming, emotional conflicts. Attempting to handle city planning and development concepts without a “road map” results in uncoordinated and contentious decisions. A “Dark Skies Ordinance” is just one of the components of that “road map” for intelligently planned development and should not be left to the Andy Griffith “Mayberry

R.F.D.” good neighbor approach (otherwise known as the “Pollyanna Principle” or head in, ah, sand).

We have reached another of those “crossroad moments” for our City Council. Are they once again going to give us just mediocre theatre by agonizing, mind-boggling questioning, and then, heroically maintaining the status quo? Are they finally going to rise up and give us good government and good governance by passing the “Dark Skies Ordinance”?

We are watching.....

Respectfully

Jim Hajek

Letter to the Editor,

Tax dollar parasites? Who are they? Let’s start with those pesky school children who are getting a free education. Some get a free lunch compliments of the government. We’d have to include all the school teachers, school administrators, and bus drivers, janitors, etc. Tax dollar parasites would include all of the Veteran Administration: doctors, nurses, everybody connected to the VA, includ-

ing veterans, their spouses, and children. Include the builders of VA facilities; they are paid by the government. All the city, county, state, and federal employees. And the people who build their buildings. Museums like the Smithsonian. Zoos. National Parks and their personnel = tax dollar parasites. Let’s not forget prison personnel, even the prison builders. Anybody who sells to the prisons, schools, government. Police. Fire department personnel in big cities. National Guard and all our soldiers here and abroad. The Coast Guard. Airport TSA (Transportation Security Admin.). Amtrak and their personnel. Wow! This is beginning to sound a lot like the middle class. Our dock was built with tax dollars. Dredged with tax dollars. I’m a tax dollar parasite: Social Security and Medicare. So include all seniors and disabled people. I guess any privately-owned company or corporation that has ever had a government contract (i.e. for roads, bridges, military equipment) is a tax dollar parasite. I approve of the tax dollars that support these tax dollar parasites so I’m voting YES for Measures 66 and 67.

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Letter to the Editor,

Dear Friends. Here we are again with another year past and a new one starting. And that means another Children's Christmas Bazaar is ended and we're already starting to talk about next year's event.

Before we can even start planning for next year, we have to thank all of you in the community who gave so gener-

ously to help make 2009's bazaar such a success. Over 100 children took home more than 500 gifts, wrapped and ready to give to their family members. I find it unbelievably amazing that this small community could make this happen!

So thank you all; for the donations of money, of gifts and of your time and efforts to make this event such a success. And thank you Evan for your train fundraiser in your store – that was so

thoughtful of you.

Without the help of all of you, we could never have been able to make Christmas special for so many of the children of Port Orford.

May God bless you all in this new year of 2010.

Gail Conwell
Women's Ministry,
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A Community Garden for PO By Elaine Roemen

Although we are still in the discussion stage, in our minds Port Orford Rotary is “shovel ready” to start a Community Garden in the Spring. Two locations in town are being considered: the BMX area in Buffington Park and the lot adjacent to St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church.

Ronn Kerr has a special interest in organizations who work to feed the hungry and recommended PO Rotary join First Harvest of Oregon, a charitable organization in our district which networks with farmers, truckers, markets and food banks to provide food to the poor. Some First Harvest communities have large-scale transport operations from farmers to distribution centers. However, a small community such as ours can contribute more practically by simply designing a community garden. This week Port Orford Rotary officially joined First Harvest of Oregon.

Bill McArdle, our First Harvest Chairman, is very enthusiastic about a Port Orford community garden for families and interested local

organizations; a community garden that will nurture the soul as well as offer fresh produce. He understands the spiritual strength of a project like this. “Might be better than going to church”, he teases. He has already talked with the City and Parks Department about water and fencing. He expects Rotarians will help with the work of installing the physical layout. The gardening opportunities will be open to all, bringing in mentors from the Sunset Garden Club, Valley Flora, churches, businesses, Common Good, the Arts Council, Chamber of Commerce, and Main Street, etc. All gardeners will be welcome to be part of planning and creating a healthy, harmonious spot to grow fresh food for Common Good and our families. Bill enjoys learning about the wide variety of vegetables, flowers and berries that flourish here and Ronn feels this is something the town will enjoy and feel pride in. If you see Bill McArdle or Ronn Kerr at Rays or around town, let them know your thoughts on the community garden.

Thanks Bill and Ron for planting the seeds, it will be fun to dig in! www.portorfordrotary.com

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Chamber News

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Winter Whale Watch

The annual winter whale watch at Battle Rock Park is complete! The event started on December 26, with Port Orford resident Jim Billings and several state volunteers from Corvallis, Monroe, and Gresham Oregon and Phoenix, Arizona available everyday from 10am to 1pm. Before the event ended on January 1, 186 visitors signed in to count 29 whales.

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Letter to the Editor,

I don't know what to say

On the front page of the Port Orford News there is a article about (Our) the towns Wild Turkeys.

What a sight to see right here in our little town. Just like all of the other wild-life we live with in our town. At times it is really like living out in the woods, with all of natures beauty surrounding us, including dark sky's at night and seeing the Milky Way. Watching Whales and Winter Storms come and go. Wonderful beyond words!

Do you think that has anything to do with why we all have chosen to live here??

If that is truly the reason were all here, why in the world would you be calling ODF&W about a few Turkeys.

Trying to remove a few wild turkeys is the same as not understanding why you live here. Also consider that these are just a few people out of the hundreds of us that live here. If you enjoy Our Wild-life speak up.

Maybe we all need to slow down a little bit, and realize again why we live here.

Joanne L Ruoff

Community Events

The musical group Four Shillings Short entertains with a free concert at the Port Orford Public Library on Wednesday night, January 13, beginning at 6:30pm.

The Port Orford Rural Fire District Board meets on Thursday, January 14, 5:30pm, from 5:30-6:30pm in the Cedar Terrace Fire Station.

A meeting concerning wave energy will be held on Friday, January 15, 6:00pm, at the Port Orford Public Library. Topics include discussing how commercial, charter, and recreational fishermen may participate in a mapping project regarding wave energy facilities on the Oregon coast.

The Port Orford Port Commission meets on Tuesday, January 19, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

The Port Orford City Council meets on Thursday, January 21, 6:00pm, in the city council chambers.

Donations Needed

The Pacific High School metal shop teacher, Mr. Klea, is in need of metal for projects. With the state of the art equipment in our shops, just about anything is possible: gates, signs, tables, heavy duty work benches, decorative posts, etc. The welding class does not have the material to do anything but practice welding. Donations are always appreciated. If you have anything to donate please contact the school at 348-2337.

City Weather Report

The City of Port Orford Public Works Department recorded 6.11 inches of rain in December. The high temperature for the month was 59 degrees recorded on December 25 while the low temperature for the month was 22 degrees recorded on December 9, 10 and 11.

Tsunami Sirens

The tsunami sirens at the Coast Guard Hill water tank and the one on Arizona Street are not working properly, apparently due to a communications link failure. The siren at the fire station is ok. We hope to have the problem fixed soon.

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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.

REAL ESTATE / RENTALS

FOR RENT: Multiple 2 Bed 1 Bath units. \$625-650/ Month. Please call Bandon-Rentals Property Management, LLC for information. 541-347-1876.

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Local Fish For Sale at the Ocean Resource Team
 Available M-Th, 8-noon
 Come by the office or call Julie at 541-332-0627 for more information.

FOR RENT: Multiple 2 and 3 bedroom homes currently available. Cute cottages, some pet friendly with fenced yard, shop and carport, woodstove, washer/dryer. 2bd from \$600, 3bd from \$725.00. Call for further details. Robin @ Port Orford Property Management 541-253-6107 www.rentportorford.com.

FOR RENT: Available January 16th, 2010. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, attached garage, 1080 sq. foot home on city lot, no smoking, no pets. \$600.00 with \$200.00 security deposit, please call 541-472-1852 or 541-659-3518.

FOR RENT ON MISTY LN. 2 bdrm 1 1/2 bath \$750/m and \$250.00 cleaning deposit. Call Carla 541-332-4761, Brandy 541-260-7004.

RENTALS AVAILABLE. Floras Lake cabin \$600.00. Intown 2 bed 1 1/4 bath \$825.00. Intown 1 bed \$625.00 near mill pond. Call 541-290-9857.

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EMPLOYMENT

DO YOU ENJOY seeing new sights? Do you enjoy eating out? Do you enjoy kids? The Port Orford-Langlois School District is looking for a substitute school bus driver. Must have a clean driving record. No experience necessary, training is provided. Rate of pay is \$11.80 per hour. Contact the Transportation Department at 541-348-2176 for more info. 2CJ is an equal opportunity employer.

GARAGE SALE

NEW SHIPMENT OF BEADS & findings in, jewelry, knit goods, collectibles. Too many nice things to list. You have to come out and see. Sixes Grange Marketplace 11:00am-4:00pm., 7 days a week. Vender space available.

Pampered Pooches

Monday thru Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm

541-332-0520 For Appointment

Classified Ads

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MISCELLANEOUS

MINI STORAGE/U-HAUL. 200+ storage units, 150+ climate controlled. Airport-U-Stor, across from Ocean Spray 541-347-4356.

NEW VIDEOS: "The Hurt Locker", "50 Dead Men Walking", "Departures", "Theory of Everything", "In The Loop", "I Can Do Bad All By Myself", "Moon", "The Burning Plane", "Halloween II", "The Riverman", "Post Grad", and "Fame". 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.

DIGITAL CAMERA and Photoshop lessons, call Steve @ 541-332-0353 or stephen@earthseamagery.com.

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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THE CAFÉ AT SEAWEED Natural Grocery will be open for soup and rolls starting Jan. 4th.

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FADED AND/OR DAMAGED photo restoration, call Steve @ 541-332-0353 or stephen@earthseamagery.com.

BE GOOD TO YOURSELF IN 2010! Therapeutic massage for mind, body & soul. New years special \$60.00 for a 90 minute massage. Call for apt. Maria Forty license #16171. 541-253-6216.

CLEARANCE: Hundreds of VHS tapes and books 95¢; DVD's \$4.00+; 20% off adult DVD's; Check out our "cozies" (mysteries). Beach Loop Books, Hwy 101 3 miles south of Bandon. Wed-Sat 12-5.

FREE – FULL SIZE BED, good shape. Downsizing. 541-348-2155.

WANTED: OWNERS (OR INFO OF owners) of border collie and brindle pit bull with red collar seen running together in Port Orford Loop area Sunday, Jan. 10th. Please call 541-332-8000.

DEARBORN PORTABLE massage table \$120. Ryobi benchtop bandsaw on stand \$75. Both like new. 541-332-1300.

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Homebuyer Education Class

With the Homebuyer Tax Credit Extended into 2010, it is understandably tempting for people to rush into home-ownership. Umpqua Coastal Housing Center is presenting a homebuyer education class for all Coos and Curry County residents on January 23rd, 2010. This 8-hour class is designed to help you prepare for home ownership. The ABC'S of Home Buying class will walk you through the home buying process. You'll learn about housing decisions, financial preparation, mortgages, shopping for a home, closing your loan, and protecting your investment after you have moved into your new home.

Come join us and learn how to get \$3,000 to \$6,000 for down payment or closing cost money in grants with the DreamSavers Program.

Call Valorie Rose at 756-1000 for class date, time and a registration form.

Registration Deadline: January 20.

Phone Number Change

As you have probably discovered, as of January 10, you can no longer just dial 332-xxxx or other local 7 digit numbers. You must dial 541-332-xxxx etc. It was only 20 years ago when you could just dial five digits (2-xxxx) for a Port Orford number!

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Dr. MaryKay Wagner, Pediatrics

Dr. MaryKay Wagner grew up in Dallas, Texas, attending medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch. She moved to Portland, Oregon in 1985 and completed a pediatric residency at Oregon Health Sciences University. She joined a Pediatric group practice in Portland and became certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Dr. Wagner has interests in adolescent medicine, ADHD, learning disabilities and international adoption. She has been a member of medical teams providing medical care, food and supplies to orphanages in Romania and Chile. Most recently, she has been a part of a pilot television program "Parenting Today", in which she wrote and presented medical information for families.

She will debut in Port Orford on January 9 with a free fluoride clinic for children 1-6 years old from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Starting Friday, January 22, she will be at Curry Family Medical every other Friday.

Dr. Fitts, OBGYN, will be at the clinic every other Thursday beginning January 14.

Dr. Wright, Orthopedics, will be practicing in Port Orford on the third Thursday of each month.

To make an appointment with any of these specialists, call Curry General Hospital at 1-800-455-8085.

Also at Curry Family Medical, Dr. Pitchford, MD, will continue to see patients Monday through Wednesdays and Sandra Johnson, FNP will be present Monday through Fridays. For appointments or other information, call 541-332-3861.

Property Tax Exemption

According to Curry County assessor Jim Kolen, Oregon has a property tax exemption for some war veterans. If qualified this program may exempt as much as \$20,259 of the assessed value of a veteran's home from property tax liability.

To qualify, veterans must have been members of the United States armed forces, discharged or released under honorable conditions and must own and live on the property for which they will receive the property tax exemption. The veteran must be certified by the Veterans Administration as having a 40% or more service or non-service connected disability. Surviving spouses of veterans, who have not remarried also qualify, even if the veteran was not disabled.

If you received a Veteran's Exemption and there are no changes to your disabili-

ty rating or to the ownership of your primary residence, your exemption will automatically continue.

You must continue to file by April 1 of each year if you are a veteran certified disabled by a physician. Your total gross income cannot be more than 185 percent of the annual Federal Poverty Level Guidelines.

"We have mailed applications to veterans that we know of and we are requesting that any veteran or veterans widow who has not received an application to contact us right away," Kolen added.

Persons needing assistance, applications or information should contact Wendy Kerr of the county assessor's office at 541-247-3294 or 1-800-242-7601.

Sponsor a Day at the Library

Many thanks to the following people who sponsored an December day at the library: Happy Birthday to Clark from Therese Menzel, Happy 70th Dusty from Helene Collins, Kathy O. Davis 70 years on the planet, Lin Smith honors Gene "Buck"'s life, from Jennifer Ewing to Kathy Rogers, Happy 80th Ted from Elaine Owen, Happy 92nd Birthday Dad from Sandy Westerman, Sherma Archer honors Casie Leigh Archer, The Wilhites would like to welcome Jada Brook to the world, Ken, Laurie, and Katie McCoy wished a Merry Christmas to Charles and Diane McCoy.

You can say thank you, or celebrate a special occasion by sponsoring that day at the Library. Stop by and find out how - it's fun and it can't cost more than \$25 maximum! All proceeds go directly into the Library Endowment Fund.