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Happy New Year!

Port Raises Rates By Evan Kramer

The Port of Port Orford management sent the following letter to the fishermen on December 1, 2010.

“Gentlemen: The Port Commission recently approved the following rate increases effective January 1, 2011.

Dockage	\$330/month
Boneyard	\$110/month
Non-tenant commercial	\$40/lift
Recreational	\$50/lift
Charter	\$75/lift
Research/Other	\$126.60 lift (new)

In another matter it has been suggested that fishermen load and unload their bait and tubs in their boat slips rather than at the hoist. If everyone practiced this the time that would be saved would be your own.

Good fishing to all of you

Gary Anderson, Port Manager”

The Port Commission had been discussing the rate increases for several months at their monthly meetings and approved the new rates at the November Port meeting.

The Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, December 21 and heard from several citizens about the rate

increase with emphasis on the research vessel hoist fee. Port Commission chairman Ed Dowdy read from the ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) about public meetings laws and said he would limit comments to five minutes.

John Hewitt brought the Commission up to date on what the Redfish Rock Community Team had discussed at their meeting a week earlier regarding their concerns about the research vessel fee.. Hewitt is a member of that team. Hewitt asked the Port Commission to delay implementation of the new fee schedule until many of the questions about the fees are answered. He said the Red Fish Rocks group would be happy to help and they desired good communication with the Port Commission.

Gary Wickham read a statement he had composed and did not get to finish his remarks as his time ran out and he was asked to stop. Wickham is a member of the Redfish Rock Community Team but made it clear he was speaking on his own behalf and not that of the team. He referred to the new lift fee for research vessels as “discriminating”, noting they would now pay the highest lift rate. He compared the new lift fee for research vessels to other vessels noting it was \$76.60 more for them than a recreational user and that the difference between a

research and recreational vessel is more than a charter boat will be charged.

Chairman Dowdy asked that questions to the Port Commission be submitted ten days in advance so the Commission would have time to answer them.

David Smith asked what the goal of raising the rates was and said they didn’t seem fair. Smith said he had looked at the Port books and understood the depreciation need for the Port. He said research would benefit the Port and the fishermen. He expressed reservations with the fee of \$126.60 for lifting a research vessel. The Red Fish Rocks Advisory Team keeps track of local economic development influenced by the Redfish Rock marine reserve and marine protected area and community team meetings and has come up with a figure of \$137,848.20 including monies spent on meals, hotel rooms, research and grants. Smith recommended a research vessel pay the same lift fee as a sport boat at \$50.

Chairman Dowdy said he had delegated two Port Commissioner and Gary Anderson to examine the fee schedule and they came up with the Port going insolvent in 25 years without increasing revenues. The committee recommended

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the new fee schedule. He said the Port is a taxing district and they owed a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers. He said the Port would operate in the red without taxpayer support. Dowdy continued by saying each boat slip is subsidized to the rate of \$7,200 a year and suggested the commission change the fees to "full cost recovery". The committee had figured the true cost of a lift was \$126.60 which is what the research vessels will start paying next week. He said no one else is paying the full fee for lifts. Port Commission member Brett Webb said the Port needed the money from the research vessels and he would not entertain a motion to reconsider the rate change. He spoke about the larger of the two cranes at the Port and said if it failed the Port would not be able to lift boats into and out of the water. The Commission is putting money aside for when the main bearing at the top of the crane needs replacing.

Susanna Stoike urged the commission to bolster research projects and said

the new fee schedule looked like it was meant to hinder research.

In other business the Port Commission and manager have restructured the \$500,000 loan with the Oregon Business Development Department. They will make 14 annual payments of \$41,280 and in the process save \$150,000 on what had been a loan that included some severe balloon payments at the end of the 20 years. The final payment will be made on December 1, 2024.

Gary Anderson reported the Army Corps of Engineers is once again looking for a solution to the shoaling in problem at the Port and they have found a company to do a \$175,000 study on it starting in January. Annual dredging funds for the Port were referred to as an earmark from our Congressional delegation and are what keeps this Port operational.

The Commission discussed the 25 ton crane and are working on a contingency plan if it fails. One solution is rent a crane and the cost for that came out to \$21,000 a month. There is no problem with the main bearing now but the

commission is looking to the future when it fails and needs replacement. They don't have much knowledge about the crane as it was a one of a kind crane and there is no on-the-shelf replacement available.

The Commission turned to discussion of the cannery building which is no longer insured for replacement in case of fire or storm damage but they do maintain liability insurance on it for their tenant Norcal fisheries. The cannery is not repairable and discussion led to the idea of building a 40' by 60' steel or pressure treated wood building to replace the existing building with the option of enlarging the building in the future. Commissioner Sam Scaffo recommended they meet with Kevin Lee, the owner of Norcal about some kind of partnership on a new building and volunteered to go meet Lee in Oakland to discuss the idea. Scaffo talked about Lee contributing to the new building up front in lieu of rental fees later on so they could get the project started.



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Lyle Keeler talked to the Commission about his unique situation being both a crab fisherman and doing some research work putting temperature sensors on crab buoys and said if he had to pay the new \$126.60 fee he couldn't do it. Chairman Dowdy said he would set up another committee to look at the rate structure but when the meeting ended the new fee structure still stood and goes into effect this Saturday, January 1, 2011. Now it is up to the committee to sort out the questions that have been raised by the fee increases.

Letter to the Editor,

It is devastating, to say the least, to read about our mayor and our councilors involved and how they conduct serious business.

Suddenly our little peaceful town is not peaceful anymore. Where are our leaders? Where are character and backbone? What are our children learning from them? What a disgrace to our Elders, the ones that built this precious town and are too ill to speak up.

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I do not say this lightly when I say: "You are fired."

No going to costly meetings will create a character to lead a town. We must have and expect from mayor and councilors selfless service, no blown-up egos, unconditional liking among all elected who must work together, and unconditional love to serve everybody in this town whether rich or poor. We need and must have service with gusto and zest, getting things done the old-fashioned honest and true backbone way. It takes hard work. And we need to create new jobs. Health insurance alone of \$600.00 net a month paid to each city employee from city funds takes away a lot of money to serve the ones living here that have NO health insurance. Take 50% of that money, let city employees pay the other 50% toward health insurance and create another job or two. That idea *excludes* police and fire department employees. Sharing in hard times is the only way to survive them.

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help. They will do a wonderful job by themselves. Rotary Club only lets people "in" that are "chosen".

We need more sharing. We need hearts that open. We do not need everything in one basket and under the control of one club. Open up! Let all help.

The windmill idea has been tried at Whiskey Run Beach about 30 miles north from here. These windmills are noisy. Will there be residents nearby? The outcome of this project was: yes, the windmills were ok but the money it "made" was not "enough". Therefore all was abandoned. Study this project then evaluate your idea.

Respectfully,

Jutta Benner

Hughes House Correction

Friends of Cape Blanco extend our heartfelt apologies to Sterling Savings Bank for omitting them from last week's story about Christmas Opening Schedule at Hughes House. Their decoration of Joseph Hughes' childhood bedroom were great. They have decorated a room for each of the past several years.

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Letter to The Editor,

Just a gentle rap to start the New Year
There are people being squeezed
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With things they can't have, things they don't need.
They're all mixed up and all maxed out.
This great American dream what's it all about?
Is it just about me, is it just about you.
Is it stepping on each other to get a better view,
Of the next level up, the fastest new toy,
Is all this push and shove bringing anybody joy?
We're reducing our chance of survival each day
With the decisions we make, the words that we say.
Playing with fire, building more bombs,
One life for another until the whole world's gone.
What the hell are we thinking, is it that hard to see?
It's about more than just you, about more than just me.
We're all the same stardust in a universal sea

Of dreams and possibility, miracles and light.

So go head and help somebody do it just for fun.

Rise up against injustice, revolution starts with one.

Keep the peace, by doing what's right

While bringing love and having fun.

We the people

We decide

Evolution starts with one.

Revolution starts with one.

The evolution revolution

Starts with one.

Christine Courtney

Letter to The Editor,

Thank you to all the wonderful friends and businesses of Port Orford that helped sponsor and donate to bring Comedia Dell'Arte to Port Orford! Thank you also to Weld, Elma and Francie for their enthusiasm and set up and take down help. It takes a whole community to keep the entertainment coming to our sweet town. Thank you sponsors Port Orford and Langlois libraries, Red Fish Restaurant, Wildsprings Resort, Port Orford Ocean Resources Team, Neath the Wind Realty, Pat Buffington, Karen and Jim Auburn, Elaine and Steve Roemen, Perri Rask, Amy and Dave Wilhite, Grace Bonnell, Francie MacLeod, Joanie and Billy McNerlin, Milton and Doris Finch, and Kerry Holman and Laurie Prouty.

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Letter to The Editor,

I sincerely hope you all had a merry and blessed Christmas. It is the most unique of all holidays. Not just "today" fun and excitement, but also good feelings, good wishes and memories, some bittersweet, but all part of the package.

And now, onward into the fog ! Let's start out with a really Big thanks and a stand-up round of applause for Millie Hass and her merry band of helpers for assisting and "encouraging" the business owners to so beautifully decorate along the strip. They certainly are an "irresistible force" for celebration and happiness.

Next, a "thank you" to Dr. C L Fullmer for his letter to Port Orford Today giving us the website for viewing our City Council Meetings. If you can't make it or T V is just too good at that time you can catch the whole thing a day or two later on your computer or at the library. Just make sure you go to "archive.org". I put an "s" in it making it plural and had trouble but Dr. Fullmer helped me out.

Now, for you "no growth" folks. Remember, we can have prosperity without the uncontrolled explosion of development that seems to be favored by some of our councilors. What we can't do is stay locked in place as in a time capsule. Infrastructure will crumble, values will drop, tax rates will rise, population will melt away and Port

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Orford will virtually disappear or a big developer will step in and do what it feel is best for its stockholders.

And lastly, January 6th the City Council meets at 3:30, and at 6:00pm is the last urban renewal feasibility hearing. If you can't make both try for the 6 and bring plenty of questions and above all an open mind.

Happy New Year ! God Bless

Jim Hajek

Letter to the Editor,

A thank you goes to all the individuals and organizations who volunteered to ring the Salvation Army bells in front of Ray's Market in the two weeks before Christmas, especially: First Community Church, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Port Orford Christian Center, St. John's Catholic Church and the staff of Ray's Market for their hospitality.

A heartfelt thanks to all the people in the Port Orford area for dropping donations into the Salvation Army kettle this year. We collected a total of \$2605.59, surpassing any previous year's collection! The money is all sent to the

Salvation Army office in Oregon, from there going out to help people all over the world and part of it also comes back into our community during the year in the form of vouchers, written by local volunteers, to people passing through and to members of our community who are in need of assistance in emergency situations.

First Community Church, besides volunteering for bell ringing, had a special fund raiser among the members of their congregation, collecting all their coins in the 3 weeks before Christmas and presented the Salvation Army with a check for \$426.55! St. Christopher's Episcopal Church rang the bell in front of Rays and in their bucket, beside the cash collected were 3 checks from members of their church totaling \$275!! Two people in Port Orford each put \$100 in the kettle anonymously. The generosity and the true spirit of Christmas in our little community is truly overwhelming.

Thank you Port Orford!

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Georgia Nowlin Says Goodbye

This is my the last board of commissioners meeting today and I would like to say thank you and how grateful I am to all of you for your support.

Serving as your county commissioner these past four years has been an experience that has been humbling and prideful; tedious and exhilarating; frustrating and enriching; but most of all, it has been an honor and a privilege.

Both the county and I have survived my tenure, and I hope, have been the better for it. I have learned and experienced so much since I decided to run for commissioner almost five years ago.

As a fellow commissioner and former state legislator from another county said to me, "Before I took office, the world was in black and white. Now I see it in technicolor." That is so true.

I have had the pleasure to represent Curry County on various boards, committees and task forces as well as to our state and federal agencies.

In 2008 I served on the "counties in fiscal distress" subgroup of the Governor's

Task Force on County Payments, which resulted in recommendation #53.

From that recommendation came SB 77 in 2009, which asked to identify and establish the minimally adequate level of public safety services. This year, in early 2010, I served on the County Services Planning Council, which recommended wrapping legislation around the standards set by SB77 as a "trigger" for state action. This will be pursued by the Association of Oregon Counties in the 2011 legislative session.

My belief is that it is through representation, relationships, partnerships and collaboration that a small county like ours can have a voice and leverage our influence on issues that affect us on the state and federal level. Collaboration brought into Curry County over \$190,000 in the past two years for youth summer jobs. Building trust allowed the County and Curry Public Transit to resolve their issues during my first year in office.

Good governance has always been very important to me. By striving for consistency, process and transparency in our county government I hope to have

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worked towards that end. New policies, forms and procedures have been adopted, including the new *Department Head & Elected Officials Handbook*, and a county mission statement, a first. Thank you to Pattie Cook, the author and our office manager in the Commissioner's office.

Speaking of Pattie, I have been so fortunate to work with many hard-working and dedicated people. Many are our county employees. I am always impressed that with all our challenges, we have these tremendous individuals that are self-motivated and caring about the public that they serve.

I thank these people for restoring my faith in local government. I also want to thank my former fellow commissioners, Marlyn Schafer and Lucie Labonte for working together so well with me for the common good of our county, and for truly caring about it.

Commissioner-elect Dave Itzen is doing a terrific job in getting up to speed before he takes office. The challenges our county faces in the near future are many, and I appreciate and support his efforts to learn as much as he can now. Thank you Dave.

Curry County government does face an uncertain future. But with careful planning and public input, collaboration, transparency and leadership, we can and

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will survive our challenges and perhaps, even thrive.

I would like to read you our county mission statement:

“ To honor and uphold the public trust by providing services to the citizens of Curry County in an open, professional, competent, fiscally responsible and ethical manner.”

It is a statement that I believe in strongly. May it also be Curry County's guiding light.

Thank you all again, and I wish you and yours a very happy holidays, and a prosperous new year!

Georgia Yee Nowlin,
 Curry County Commissioner

ARC Blood Drive

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood drive for January 4 from Noon to 6:00pm at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 355 Oregon Ave., Bandon. Please call 1-800- 448-3543 to schedule your donation appointment.

Police Chief's Report By Marvin Combs

Christmas has come and gone for another year. I hope that you and your family enjoyed the Holiday and all went well during this time. We are now headed into a New Year (2011), with that brings many parties and having fun bringing in the New Year. I want everyone to have fun during this time and to remember to not "Drink and Drive" during this holiday. We will be working late during this time period and will be working DUII overtime looking for the intoxicated drivers. I ask you all not to let anyone who is intoxicated to leave any bar or party and drive. Take their keys and let someone take them home. Let's be safe and bring the New Year in with positive thoughts and the safety of all of Port Orford residents.

Over the Christmas weekend someone broke out a window at the Battle Rock Visitor Center and stole the petty cash and the donation jar from inside the building. Anyone who may have information on this incident is asked to call the Port Orford Police Department.



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I want to say "Thank You to Councilman John Hewitt" for all he has done for this community and the Port Orford Police Department. Being a member of the city council takes many hours of dedicated time away from your personal time you could be spending with your family and friends. I wish you the best during this next year and hope to hear from you with any community concerns.

Letter To The Editor,

We extend a warm welcome to all the Christmas Bazaar volunteers, the donors and the shoppers for another very successful event. Proceeds from the bazaar (like the proceeds from our book sales) go toward supporting the library in many ways—from purchasing children's books and computers to providing programs for the community. Again, thank you for your support.

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Location: Port Orford Public Library, Community Room

The workshop is FREE and open to the public! Please RSVP by January 3, 2011 to confirm your presence.

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High School Blood Drive

On December 8th, the American Red Cross transformed the Pacific High School library into a three-bed blood donation center.

National Honor Society and Community 101 member Katie Foster coordinated the all-day drive. Students and other members of the community donated a total of 20 pints of blood, each having the potential to save three lives!

Thanks go out to all the wonderful donors and also to PHS students Matt Brady, Beth McDonald, Karissa Donaldson, Daniel Nielson, Brenna Sullivan, Harley King, Michael Parry, Melody Pittman, Alyssa Culbertson, Tera Mijs, Christ Stout, and Jesse Paulson who volunteered their time to help run the blood drive. These volunteers fetched students from class for their donation appointments, helped donors register, ran the refreshments table, talked to donors while they were giving blood, and helped set up and take down the equipment.

Thanks also to the grant-making organization Community 101 for

providing assistance for refreshments and to Port Orford Ray's Food Place for donating two cases of bottled water for donors and volunteers. Additional thanks to the wonderful bakers Michelle Wagner, Nancy Jensen, and Velma Foster who provided treats for the donors to help get their strength back after the donation process.

Another blood drive is scheduled at PHS for March, and hopefully it will be as successful as the first drive!

Letter To The Editor,

I would like to say thank you to all of you for making the community that we live in our home. During the season of giving, so many of you do so much for our friends and neighbors in our community and by doing so, enrich the lives of all those around us. Nevertheless, so many of you give to our community all throughout the year. There are numerous volunteers that give their time to make our community a better place for all of us and I would like to say Thank You. Without your dedication to all of us for our community, I feel we

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would not have the wonderful paradise we call home. Merry Christmas to all of you and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. May the New Year bring happiness to all of you and may we all continue to make our community a better place, a better home for all of our friends and neighbors.

Best,

David B. Smith

Redfish Rocks Meeting

The Redfish Rocks Community Team will be held on Monday, January 3 2011, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Port Orford City Hall.

All meetings of the Redfish Rocks Community Team are open to the public and allow time for public comment.

Letter to The Editor,

Thanks to the young man who brought the ham and trimmings to our trailer space 26 at Elk River Campground. Christmas blessings.

Dale and Kathy Kelly

Good-bye to Pastor Doug

Join with us in saying good-bye to our much loved

Pastor Doug Jamieson

who has served his church and community for over 20 years!

A potluck will be held after morning service on

Sunday, January 2nd

Potluck starts between 12:30pm & 1:00pm

Port Orford Christian Center

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Letter to The Editor,

It is wrong to ask our representatives for permission to steal from the Road Department Reserve Fund. Do the County Road Department employees have to organize as Teamsters to be treated fairly? For years they worked with commissioners who treated them equally with other employees. They took pay freezes and were the first to have four 10 hour days, all to save money for the day the Forest Funding would be cut. They built a Reserve Fund so that our roads could continue to be maintained in emergencies and on a daily basis. They go out in rain, sleet, snow and in flood and other dangerous conditions clearing our county roads for emergency responders and citizens. Now while union departments continue to get raises and compensation for earned certificates the Road Department employees continue to save for a rainy day only to have their fund raided.

The commissioners have now asked Representative Krieger and Senator Kruse to change the law so the Road Fund can be raided for Sheriff Patrol. I support Sheriff Bishop as one who was responsible for appointing him but the commissioners are wrong. Road Funds come from dedicated Federal Forest funding for roads. Other counties are wrong for doing this too. It could even be illegal if someone wants to go that route and check it out. Meanwhile fair is fair and if this is a done deal employees need to talk to the union. Fair is fair.

Lucie La Bonté, Citizen

Biggest Loser

Did you make a New Year's resolution to lose weight this year? Are your clothes fitting a little snug after the holidays? Here's your chance to make 2011 the year you finally lose those pounds and keep them off.

The Biggest Loser 2011 Challenge starts January 13 in the Driftwood School Cafeteria. Every Thursday for 8 weeks, we will get together and learn about all of the strategies that you need to know in order to be successful in your weight-loss journey. Conquering cravings, meal planning, exercising, and fueling for energy; these are just a few of the topics we will cover.

Weigh-ins will start at 4:00pm, and strategy meetings begin at 5:15pm. There is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee that goes into the prize money pool. Prize money will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners and the 1st place teams. Previous Biggest Loser participants have lost an average of 18 pounds and won up to \$600.00.

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Oregon has recently received \$220 million in federal money to help distressed homeowners avoid foreclosure. The Mortgage Payment Assistance Program pays the mortgage of a qualified recipient household for an entire year, up to \$20,000. If you have suffered a loss of income of 25% or more, this program may help you keep your home. The deadline to apply is January 14, 2011. More information is available at <http://www.oregonhomeownerhelp.org/>.

In many communities this program has gone unnoticed. These days, everyone knows someone for whom it could make all the difference. Please forward this important information to your friends, family and neighbors.

You can get foreclosure assistance help from the Umpqua Community Development Corporation. Contact Valorie Rose, Housing Program Specialist, 1984 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459. Phone number is 541-756-1000 or you can e-mail her at vrose@umpquacdc.org

End of the Year Thanks

By Tobe Porter, Library Director

My favorite time in the library is Thursday evening. As I leave for the day I see people reading magazines, the duo at the chess table, laptop users in the

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south alcove, all the public computers in use, folks browsing the new book section, and a short line at the checkout counter. In the Oregon Room the Ham Radio group is in deep discussion, kids (and teens) are lounging on the story book carpet in the kids' room, while a GED class is going on in the Jayel Gibson Conference Room. In the lobby there is someone looking at the magazines and in the Freedom of Speech Room there is the quiet beauty of Yoga class. Ahhhh, I think to myself, this is a library used and loved by the community it serves—as it should be.

Thanks to all our patrons and supporters, to the Library and Foundation Board Members, the Friends of the Library, the staff and front desk volunteers. It was a very good year.

Tsunami Preparedness Event

Please come out and learn for yourselves why our communities should take tsunami preparedness seriously. Come to the American Legion building in Port Orford on January 12 at 6pm or to the Showcase Building at the fairgrounds in Gold Beach on January 13th at 6pm to hear from James Roddey from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. James will educate and entertain the crowd with information regarding past seismic events that triggered tsunamis and he will help us understand what we need to do to be prepared.

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Urban Renewal Feasibility

There will be a final meeting to give public input on Port Orford's Urban Renewal Feasibility Study on Thursday January 6 at 6pm in the Gable Council Chambers. The meeting will present specific types of improvements that would be possible along Highway 101 with preliminary cost estimates. The public is encouraged to attend.

Elected Officials Installation

The installation for the newly elected Curry County Officials will be held at 8:00am, January 3, in the Circuit Court Room (top floor), Curry County Courthouse, 29821 Ellensburg Ave, Gold Beach. Elected Officials to be sworn in will be David G. Itzen, Commissioner #1; and Jerry Floyd Surveyor.

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Letter to The Editor,

What a phenomenal job you all did on the annual Christmas Bazaar held on Saturday, December 18! Over 90 children, along with their parents, had an absolutely fantastic time at the Port Orford Christian Center. While parents were eating lunch with friends and family, the children were taken one by one into the gymnasium to pick out gifts to give their family members. More than 625 gifts were selected by the children and then gift wrapped by the many volunteers.

For the first time ever, we even had enough gifts to supply all the needs of the children for their fathers, grandfathers, and teenage brothers. And let me tell you, this is not easy to do! We always push for men's gifts but many times have fallen short.

Thank you once again for making this event so special. With the help of the many volunteers, the people who generously gave either money for gifts or the gifts themselves, we were able to make this Christmas season special for the children and families here in town. And thank you Jubilee Committee for

the donation of the Christmas trees. The families went out with not only presents, but a tree to put them under (we even had decorations for them to take home and use).

Happy New Year to you all, and may God bless you this coming year.

Gail Conwell, Women's Ministry
Port Orford Christian Center

Animal Shelter News

The volunteer corps at the Curry County Animal Shelter is growing but we need you. Actually Scoobie, Franklyn, Jessie, Buttercup, Juno and all of the dogs waiting to be adopted need your help! Volunteers are essential in keeping the shelter open, clean and adoptions up. Thanks to the volunteers, the animal shelter budget is close to breaking even. Donations are up, adoptions are up and the dogs live in a nice temporary home until adoption. More volunteers are needed to walk dogs, file, help with laundry, answer phones, etc.

The dogs at the Curry County Animal Shelter are cared for by volunteers and

a 1 1/2 person staff. This is for 24 hour 7 days a week including holidays. Care includes picking up strays.

The shelter is a no-kill shelter. Kudos to Catherine Powers, Angie Mc Swain and Sheriff John Bishop and the volunteers for keeping our shelter and dogs alive and well.

Give a few hours, or a day, a week volunteering at the Animal Shelter and add something special to your life! Please call or come by the shelter. Call Patty at 541-247-8461 or 541-247-2514 to find out more information. Remember the unconditional love of a dog.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CURRY COUNTY BOARD of Property Tax Appeals. Notice of session. Notice is hereby given that beginning on February 15, 2011, at 10:00 A.M., the Board of Property Tax Appeals of the County of Curry, Oregon, will meet to: Hear petitions for reduction of the real market, maximum assessed, specially assessed,

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or assessed value of property as of January 1, 2010, or as determined under ORS 308.146(5) (a), ORS 308.146(6) (a), or ORS 308.428. Hear petitions for reduction of value corrected under ORS 311.208. Hear petitions for waiver of penalties for late filing of real or personal property returns. Petitions must be filed with the clerk of the board or postmarked not later than January 3, 2011. The board will meet at Curry County Annex in the city of Gold Beach. A schedule of hearings for those who request to be present will be posted 48 hours prior to the meetings in the Curry County Clerk's Recording office. If you have requested to be present at the hearing you will be notified of the date, time, and place to appear. All other hearings will be scheduled as time allows. Contact the board of property tax appeals for further information. Executive sessions may be held during the session as authorized by ORS 192.660, to consider documents and information made confidential under ORS 308.290(7), ORS 308.411, and ORS 308.413. It shall be the duty of the persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed. Dated at Gold Beach, Oregon this 13th day of December, 2010. Reneé Kolen, Curry County Clerk By: Shelley Denney, Board Clerk Publish Dates: December 22, 2010, December 29, 2010 & January 5, 2011.

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NOTICE

The Downtown Fun Zone will be closed New Year's Day, January 1, 2011.

We all wish you a safe and happy New Year!

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Transporting Firewood

As winter arrives, people across the country engage in buying or gathering firewood. In a recent poll conducted by The Nature Conservancy, one in 20 Americans said they moved firewood long distances (i.e., more than 50 miles, a distance widely accepted as moving it “too far”).

Moving firewood can increase the risk of introducing new invasive species that kill native trees. To prevent the spread of these pests, the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington launched a tri-state outreach campaign in 2010 to inform the public about the dangers of moving firewood to Pacific Northwest forests. The campaign, funded by the USDA, closely followed the messaging of a national “Don’t Move Firewood” campaign, which recommends buying firewood that was cut locally, preferably within the same county or region of where it will be burned (<http://dontmovefirewood.org>).

“When we see the level of destruction that wood-boring pests moved by firewood like the Asian longhorned beetle and emerald ash borer have caused in eastern and Midwest states, we realize just how much Oregon and the Pacific Northwest states have to lose if these pests are introduced,” said Oregon Invasive Species Council Chair Sam Chan. “We know that an informed public will make good choices about cutting and burning firewood locally to prevent spreading invasive species that might hitchhike on firewood—we can protect our forests and stimulate woodcutting jobs in local communities. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

Tree-killing pests cannot move far on their own, but when people move the firewood that harbors them, they unwittingly enable these pests to start a new infestation. These types of invaders have devastated native species of trees such as the American chestnut, hemlock, and the American elm.

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OSU student Damon Runberg shared preliminary results of his Master’s Thesis with participants attending a recent Oregon Invasive Species Council-hosted statewide summit.

“A total of 54% of campers that saw outreach materials on the dangers of moving firewood stated that they had changed their camping practices. Of those campers willing to change their camping practices, 70% said they now only buy firewood where they are going to burn it.”

Following are tips to help protect Pacific Northwest forests:

- Obtain firewood near the location where you will burn it – that means the wood was cut in a nearby forest, in the

same county, or at a maximum of 50 miles from where you’ll have your fire.

- Don’t be tempted to get firewood from a remote location just because the wood looks clean and healthy. It could still harbor tiny insect eggs or microscopic fungal spores that will start a new and deadly infestation of forest pests.
- Aged or seasoned wood is not considered safe to move, but commercially kiln-dried wood is a good option if you must transport firewood.
- If you have already moved firewood, and you now know you need to dispose of it safely, burn it soon and completely. Make sure to rake the storage area carefully and also burn the debris. In the future, buy from a local source.
- Tell your friends and others about the risks of moving firewood – no one wants to be responsible for starting a new pest infestation.