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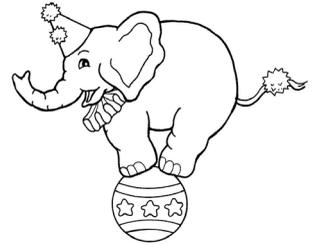
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Urban Renewal On Hold By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford Planning Commission met last Tuesday night and was presented with a 25 page feasibility study for an Urban Renewal District in Port Orford. They were led through the report by Susanna Noordhoff who had been hired by the City to do an urban renewal feasibility study. She guided them and the audience through the report before the commission opened up for public comments.

Planning Chairman Dave Holman told those in attendance that the meeting was not a public hearing on the feasibility on the urban renewal district but the commission was giving time to Susanna Noordhoff to make a presentation. Noordhoff runs Noordhoff Planning and Design, Inc. in North Bend.

Noordhoff led the Planning Commission through a review of the current city planning documents including the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinances, draft of the City of Port Orford Transportation Plan, Looking to the Future Phase 1, The Oregon Main Street Application and the Oregon Enterprise Zone and then discussed the three public meetings regarding formation of an urban renewal district.

An urban renewal district is funding by what is called tax increment financing (TIF). This means the money for the district comes from property taxes within the boundaries of the urban renewal district. First the tax base is frozen within the boundaries of the urban renewal district for 20 years. Then the increases in the tax base which would have gone to the districts like the library, port, etc. go to the URD but only the increases within the physical boundaries of the URD. It won't affect your property taxes nor increase them because what the URD does is take the increases you would pay anyway and diverts that money. The proposed Port Orford Urban Renewal District would include 11% of the Port and Library Districts and even less for Curry County and Curry Health District but for the City it would be 25%.

Some facts about urban renewal districts in Oregon:

The outer boundary of a URD must be contiguous and for cities under 50,000 population an URD cannot encompass more than 25% of the city's land area or assessed value. The proposed URD in Port Orford takes in the entire Highway 101 corridor from Madrona to Battle Rock Park and includes 17.8% of the city's land area at 185 acres.

There must be a declaration of blight in order to qualify for an urban renewal designation. According to Noordhoff's study there are several of the definitions of blight that apply to the Highway 101 corridor including buildings in a visibly deteriorated condition, the number of empty commercial buildings that have been for sale for over six months, and the fact there are 34.4 acres of vacant land out of 185 acres in the proposed boundaries.

The amount of money that could potentially be raised in a Port Orford URD based on tax increment financing is estimated at \$2,045,198 over the 20 year period of its existence; rising from \$7,993 in 2012 to \$214,767 in 2031 at a property tax growth rate of 3%. However the growth rate from 1997-98 to 2010-11 was 4.381% so the amount raised could be much more than \$2,045,198.

Dave Holman congratulated Noordhoff for doing a very good on presenting the financial figures in her report. Commissioner Sam Scaffo asked Noordhoff if there was historical data available on

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There will be no paper the week of February 23.

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the property tax value of urban renewal districts both as they were formed and at the end of their twenty year lifespan.

Planning Commission member Jim Kuhn made a motion to defer discussion of the urban renewal feasibility until the planning meeting in March with commission member Scaffo seconding his motion. Kuhn felt the planning commission members hadn't had the report long enough to fully study and digest it and wanted more time. The vote came down to a 3-2 decision with Scaffo, Kuhn and chairman Dave Holman voting yes and commission members Karen Auburn and Gary Robertson voting no. The issue will be discussed at the March 8 planning commission meeting.

Let me change hats and go from reporting to editorializing. I spoke against the urban renewal district because of the effect on the 13 taxing agencies which would be affected by the frozen tax base. The taxes for these thirteen districts would be frozen and the year increases of that portion of each dis-

trict within the urban renewal district would go the URD. For instance the 2CJ School District would contribute \$6,219 in 2013 while the City of Port Orford would contribute \$3,563. The Library would "contribute" \$781 in 2013 going up to \$2,949 in 2018. The Port of Port Orford 1.5 million dollar general obligation bond would be subject to this tax increment financing and contribute \$961 in 2013 going up to \$3,629 in 2018 and up. I supported the Port's 1.5 million dollar general obligation bond to build a new dock and not to pay for urban renewal projects.

The Superintendent of the Port Orford-Langlois School District, Mick Lane, recently issued a financial plan for the years 2011-12 and 2012-13. He says at the beginning of his report: "We are together in the biggest financial crisis the District has ever faced. The effects will seriously change people's lives, and will ripple through the school and community." His report states the District needs \$3,503,107 for the next school year and will need to make reductions in spending of \$511,611. They can't afford urban

renewal in my opinion nor can the city or the Port or the library but in all fairness let's hear from the elected boards of these agencies whether they support an urban renewal district. We heard from Port Orford City Councilor David Smith who isn't against the idea of an urban renewal district but has said it's not the right time for one.

Mystic Summer

Mystic Summer is coming to town. Read about how things really were in the 1950's, and not how you see them portrayed on modern TV and in the movies. Gary Carter will be reading from his new novel this coming February 26th, at the Port Orford Library, starting at 3:00 PM. Following the book signing Gary will give a brief seminar on the state of the art in books and the chances of getting your own book published. Mystic Summer is a multi-cultural love story and is "R" rated. This event is free to the public and sponsored by the Port Orford Library. Early reviews call the writing "Stunning" and the book "A must read".

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Police Chief's Report By Marvin Combs

On Thursday, February 10, 2011, at approximately 6:40 PM an emergency warning siren was activated in Port Orford and many citizens perceived this to be a Tsunami Warning. This alarm was, in fact, a **false alarm**. The City of Port Orford and Curry County have been attempting to locate the nature of the malfunction associated with the activation of the siren. At this point, we have been unable to ascertain the problem. If and when we locate the problem, we will let you know how the problem has been fixed.

With that said, I do want to thank some of the community for following what you should do in case of a tsunami. Many of you went to high ground in an orderly manner and waited to obtain additional information as to what exactly was going on. Some of you looked around town for local law enforcement to confirm what was going on and ask what you should do. As a reminder, emergency sirens are intended to warn about *distant* tsunamis that occur in other regions of the Pacific Rim, not for

local earthquake tsunamis. Distant tsunamis will not reach our coast for hours, and there will be time to access information about what is expected and what to do from local government, media reports, and via emergency radios such as NOAA weather radios.

The real problem with this false alarm on February 10, 2011, was that many of you dialed 9-1-1 to ask what was going on. This ties up the 9-1-1 lines for someone who really does have a true police, fire or medical emergency. Please DO NOT dial 9-1-1 when you hear an emergency siren. Remember to have a plan in place and move to higher ground. Buy a weather radio and keep it handy. We are living in a remote area and getting good information with this type of event is going to be difficult to say the least. Only as a last course of action should you attempt to contact the 9-1-1 center for confirmation and it should be using their non-emergency telephone number of 541-247-3242.

Follow-up David Windham Case:

Windham was sentenced to 35 years for Abuse, Child Porn involving Three Fe-

male Victims under the age of 10. The Port Orford Police Department along with Curry County Sheriff's Office received information on this case and contacted the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office because Windham had moved back to the Bend area. The three young victims are not from Curry County. During this plea agreement Windham plead guilty to charges out of Curry County, a felon in possession of a firearm, failure to register as a sex offender and encouraging child sex abuse.

Windham also plead to nine other charges which include three counts each of first-degree sex abuse and using a child in a sexual display as well as single charges of first-degree rape and unlawful penetration.

I want to thank the citizen for bringing this information forward to us, without this being done this person would still be on the streets. Also a special thanks goes out to both Curry County Sheriff's Office and the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office and their Detective Division for and outstanding job on this investigation.

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Adopt a Fish

You can adopt a dog and you can adopt a cat, now you can adopt a fish. Oregon State University graduate student Tom Calvanese has partnered with the Redfish Rocks Community Team to launch an Adopt-A-Fish program. The program is raising funds to support the Team's outreach and education activities as well as field work for Tom's thesis research.

Last year the Oregon State Legislature passed a bill (HB 3013) initiating a network of marine reserves along the Oregon coast. One of the first two sites, the Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area, will go into effect on July 1st of this year.

The Redfish Rocks Community Team works in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to manage the Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area located off the South coast of Oregon, near the fishing community of Port Orford.

An important part of the Team's work is to inform and educate the community about the Marine Reserve and Marine Protected Area. A portion of the proceeds from Adopt-A-Fish donations will be used to support this work.

"Our three grandchildren in NJ (ages 6, 8, and 10) love the adopted fish we gave them for Christmas. Max and Sam took me and the information to their school

librarian to share with several hundred students in classes at Ridgefield Avenue School in Glen Ridge." - Port Orford Mayor Jim Auburn.

Tom is tracking the activities of fish relative to the reserve boundaries to learn how much protection different species will receive from the area closure. To do this, he implants a small transmitter tag in the fish's abdomen, and releases it back into the sea. Underwater listening devices, called hydrophones, are set up to capture signals from the tags, revealing the movement patterns of the fish.

Once the recorded data are downloaded, maps of the tracks of tagged fish will be available at www.fishtracker.org. That means Adopt-a-Fish participants will be able to follow their fish as it swims in and around the reserve.

"Raising awareness about the Redfish Rocks Marine Reserve, the work being done there, and the importance of practicing good stewardship of the ocean is just as important as raising money to support research and education activities." - Tom Calvanese, OSU Graduate Student.

Adopt-A-Fish contributors will receive an adoption certificate, a picture of their adopted fish with "fish facts" about the species, a fishtracker sticker, and a reusable fishtracker shopping bag. In addition there are fishtracker T-shirts,

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Visit www.redfishrocks.org to learn more about the activities of the Redfish Rocks Community Team.

Visit www.oregonocean.info to learn more about the Oregon Marine Reserves process.

Letter To Editor,

I just recently discovered that there is a place on the Internet to check to see if there really is a Tsunami Warning in effect for our area. It is at the NOAA Pacific Tsunami Warning Center: <http://www.weather.gov/ptwc/?region=1>. On this government site you can also sign up for a message to be sent to your e-mail address in case there is an alert or update for tsunamis in the area that you select. If you choose, you can also ask them to send a tsunami alert message to your cell phone. This is a free service from NOAA (National Oceanic & Atmosphere Administration) that I'm hoping will come in handy the next time that siren goes off.

Sherry Johnson
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Letter to The Editor,

A couple of the County commissioners seem to be ignoring the fact that Curry County taxpayers are stretched to the limit. The County doesn't have two nickels to rub together and are cutting back in every department, yet they have embarked on a campaign to acquire Cape Blanco State Airport from the Oregon State Aeronautic department. For those who are unfamiliar with the airport, it is a seventy-year old WW2 reliever airstrip. It has no infrastructure whatsoever other than the originally paved five- thousand- foot runway and a rental port-a-potty, primarily used by hikers using adjoining Blacklock State Park. A few hangers are on the airport, of which more than half have no airplanes in them. The airport presently doesn't cost Oregon State or county taxpayers a single penny. The aviation fuel tax fund, and the pilot and aircraft registration fees cover these costs. The Oregon State airport management has capable personnel with airport management expertise to manage and acquire what little funds are available from the Federal government. This capability is completely lacking in the county government.

We have recently learned of our county road department being asked to share their already slim maintenance budget with the Sheriff's Department. Will they now be expected to also maintain the airport with the shrinking funds?

Will the county expect the already overburdened taxpayers to dig deeper into their pockets? How many more employees will be required take on this project?

Recent efforts seem to have been made to entice Kohler Corporation, a world leader in the manufacture of high quality sinks, bathtubs, etc. and also a golf course developer, to Cape Blanco to have a look at the possibilities of development there. Kohler fired up their Lear Jet 35, and flew in from Wisconsin for the cook's tour. Reportedly they were less than impressed due to total lack of infrastructure in the entire area to support such a venture. While this was a valiant effort to bring much needed economic stimulus to the area; it is premature and will require much more time and tens of millions of dollars to accomplish. Until there is a substantial improvement in the national and local economic situation sufficient to attract private investment, it is best to allow the state to continue to support and manage the airport with zero burden on the county taxpayers.

George Welch
Sixes, OR

City Council Meets

The Port Orford City Council meets on Thursday, February 17, 6:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Letter to The Editor,

Saw a letter to the Editor that I had to respond to. The writer of this letter has a misconception, in my humble opinion. This person was miffed that the Common Good wasn't open when they wanted to drop some items off, because they had the audacity to be closed for lunch, on the only day of the week they are open! Common Good is run entirely by volunteers. This is in contrast to Goodwill, where they pay their employees, have lots of employees, and are open 7 days a week! What a concept! Common Good has very few people working inside on the day they are open to the public, so there isn't always someone there at the exact second someone wants to drop something off. The hours are posted prominently on the front of the building, and to my knowledge, has been this way for several years. As far as the "last line", as was quoted, "If you won't use it, we don't want it", I'm afraid this letter writer took that entirely the wrong way! I'm sure we all know Common Good takes in almost all clean, usable items, with only a couple of restrictions. 1), they won't take "junk" because they have no budget to take "junk" items to the dump. 2) If they have "room" for it, and know they can pass usable, clean items on to others in the community who can use them, they will take them! In fact, I think they have a list of things they have a need for, and people waiting for them. As far as that goes, I have to ask, is an hour for lunch too much to ask for an all volunteer staff? If this person was there at 12:49, as stated in their letter, what is 10 more minutes going to cost them? Port Orford is a small enough community that the difference of waiting 10 minutes here in town, versus driving for an hour, (one way) to go to Coos Bay to drop off a few items, would make the 10 minute wait worth it! Talk about making a "special trip"!

Jim Kuhn,
Port Orford

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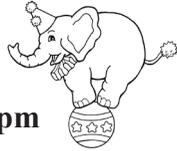
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Letter to the Editor,

Discouraged, disappointed, disbelief, but not yet clinical depression; that's how I've felt the last few weeks. The recent Planning Commission meeting plus conversations I've overheard or been part of were truly surprising. Being close-minded is one thing but the scope and vigor of the rumor mill could easily be the topic of a psychiatric thesis.

I realize that we all have issues of sorts with government. That being said, we still have to have some trust in our elected officials.

Our city needs help! The urban renewal district is a means of getting some. It is a "GOOD" idea. It is FEASIBLE. That is as far as we've gotten. The study should have been passed on to the council with that endorsement. It is the council that would get into the details. We can't seem to get there from here. I've heard that the city is going to put sidewalks in front of all homes and make the homeowners pay for them. (WHAAAAT!). Eminent domain will run wild. People are already squabbling about street lights, bulb-outs at corners, benches, water fountains and flowers, and I guess they also want to know what's for breakfast 2years,4 months, one week, and 5 days from now....(can ya believe it?).

Folks, let's all get our heads up into the sunshine and use them for intelligent thought.

It's just a suggestion.

Respectfully

Jim Hajek

False Alarm in Port Orford

On 02/10/2011 at about 6:40 pm, an emergency warning siren in Port Orford sounded off with a long siren that many citizens perceived as a Tsunami Warning, although there had been no tsunami warning order issued. ***This was a false alarm.*** No other sirens in Curry County went off when the Port Orford siren did. There is no current tsunami watch, warning, or advisory in effect. The cause of the siren going off is not yet known, but an equipment malfunction is suspected.

The Sheriff's Office is working with the City of Port Orford to determine what caused the siren to go off and to take steps to fix the siren to prevent false alarms from recurring. Most of the emergency warning sirens in the county are older equipment, however, and siren malfunctions are not uncommon throughout the county.

It is critical that persons living at or visiting the Oregon coast understand the difference between local and distant tsunamis, as there are different warnings for each. Emergency sirens are intended to warn about ***distant*** tsunamis that

occur in other regions of the Pacific Rim, not for local earthquake tsunamis. That is because it is expected that the ground shaking from a local earthquake may damage emergency communications infrastructure and make it nonfunctional. ***The warning for a local tsunami is the ground shaking,*** at which time all citizens living in tsunami inundation/flood zones must move to high ground as soon as the ground stops shaking. A local earthquake tsunami is expected to arrive within 10-15 minutes of the earthquake occurring. Distant tsunamis will not reach our coast for hours, and there will be time to access information about what is expected and what to do from local government, media reports, and via emergency radios such as NOAA weather radios.

Persons wanting more information about Curry County tsunami flood zone mapping can access the most current maps on the Curry County website at <http://www.co.curry.or.us/>.

Anyone wanting more information about current tsunami threats can go to the NOAA's Pacific Tsunami Warning Center website at <http://www.weather.gov/ptwc/>.

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Letter To The Editor,

Everybody in favor of more government, raise your hand!

Okay, now everybody who thinks Curry County is ready to shoulder new obligations and to take over work that the state is already doing, raise your hand too!

I don't think there would be many hands up out there, so let me offer a suggestion intended to help our hard-working county commissioners.

Don't waste your time and our money trying to take over the Cape Blanco airstrip. This runway is owned and maintained by the state of Oregon. Perfect! We get the benefit of having it there for emergencies; they do the maintenance, as they should for a multi-county airstrip big enough to land a B-52.

But according to the *Curry Coastal Pilot* on Jan. 15 and to a conversation I recently had with a commissioner, the commissioners are considering taking over ownership and responsibility of this massive airstrip. They note that the county owns land nearby and that the runway is important in case of a tsunami. But that's precisely why it should stay in state ownership. Let's face it, our county is on the verge of bankruptcy. It has reduced staff and programs to the bone. Taking on a new airport will only cost us more and stretch staff further. The state,

in this case of emergency preparedness, is more dependable.

If the real reason behind this airport scheme is to enhance development of county land nearby or to sell land off in some sweetheart deal for private use, then let's talk about that openly. Don't make the mistake that some commissioners made in 2005 when they tried to sign a back-room deal for a land trade at the same site with State Parks. That backfired big-time when the dealings were correctly recognized as an ethical low-point of officials elected by the people but trying to keep the people in the dark. And remember that the county in 2008 paid for one of the best economic consultants available to consider development in that remote gale-swept swamp, and he said forget it.

I support the commissioners in the work that needs to be done. But leave the Cape Blanco Airport alone.

Tim Palmer
Port Orford

Authors' Night

Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) is hosting Authors' Night as part of the South Coast Writers Conference. People everywhere are invited to join the Gold Beach community for this exciting and uplifting evening. Naseem Rakha will give the keynote presentation, *Swimming with the Tide: How to make a writing life*

and put life into writing. Readings by the other conference presenters, books sales, and signings will follow her talk.

Rakha, author of *The Crying Tree*, is an award-winning journalist whose stories have been heard on NPR's *All Things Considered*, *Morning Edition*, *Marketplace Radio*, *Christian Science Monitor*, and *Living on Earth*. Prior to journalism, Rakha taught Holistic Resource Management to farmers, ranchers, and tribes throughout the US and Canada.

Rakha is a graduate of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale where she received her degree in geology. She now lives in Oregon with her husband, son, and many animals. When she isn't writing, Rakha is reading, knitting, hiking, gardening, collecting rocks, or just watching the seasons roll in and out. For more information about Rakha, visit her website at www.naseemrakha.com.

Authors' Night is scheduled from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18 at the Curry Showcase on the Curry County Fairgrounds. The event is free and open to the public. Space is also still available for the Writers Conference workshops.

For more information or to register for the conference, those interested can contact the Southwestern Gold Beach Center at (541) 247-2741 or go to the conference website at www.socc.edu/scwriters.

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than 40 people came to enjoy a dinner of soup, salad and dessert. We had vegetarian minestrone, roasted butternut squash soup and chicken vegetable soup, along with salad, homemade bread and cookies, cakes, and cupcakes. We want to emphasize that these dinners are open to EVERYONE and free of charge. It is delightful to have so many people of all walks of life get together and enjoy a meal in the company of friends. We have families with children, single people, elderly people, young people all stopping by. Financial need is Not a requirement for coming in enjoy dinner with us.

We would especially like to thank the Women's Guild of St. John's Catholic Church for the wonderful homemade desserts that they bring for all of us to enjoy.

Our next dinner is Tuesday, February 22 (we switched to every other Tuesday) from 5:30 until 6:30 at the American Legion Hall.

It is our pleasure to share a meal and visit with you.

Sincerely,

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Letter to the Editor,

I was surprised and saddened to hear about the proposed \$126 surcharge for hoisting research vessels and locally chartered vessels for research.

Surprised because I have worked very hard to establish good relations with many citizens of Port Orford and feel like this exceptionally high fee is a slap in the face to my efforts to do collaborative research in your area. My research projects have always focused on the interests and information needs of Port Orford's fishermen, not just my own. I have presented information from the tagging project and other collaborative ventures to the public and to audiences that have included scientists and Fishery Management Council members, always with the purpose of increasing awareness of the uniqueness of PO's industry and its emphasis on good stewardship.

Saddened because it is very difficult to obtain research funding for nearshore fisheries ecology work, and the fact is that this surcharge will mean fewer charters and less collaboration in the future. We do not have deep pockets –

we put most of the funding we get into student support, and do everything we can to keep other costs to a minimum. In most cases, an additional fee will result in fewer trips, which means fewer charter dollars and less data to improve our combined understanding of how fish and habitats change through time.

I would really like to continue collaborative research in Port Orford. I regret that I have not taken the time to meet with you personally to discuss what we do and how we can help local fishermen and processors, and I hope that I can come present some of our findings and ideas for future research at one of your Commission meetings. I also hope that you will reconsider this unfair surcharge.

It's just not the neighborly thing to do.

Sincerely,

Selina Heppell, Associate Professor,
Oregon State University

Letter to The Editor,

Once again, we had a wonderful response to the Community Soup Dinner. More

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In conjunction with the 2011 Season for Nonviolence a variety of programs are being offered to the community. Dances of Peace will be held at Unity of Bandon on Friday, February 18 at 6:30 PM. The dances will be led by Jevanna Toribio, Elka Sky, and Rabi'a Neeno of North Bend and Coos Bay. Jevanna says, "The Dances of Peace invite us to deepen our own spiritual experience through movement, music and song. We honor and celebrate the various spiritual traditions of the world through singing and dancing. The words and music are beautiful, the steps simple, and joyous inspiration fills our hearts and souls. The dances are suitable for all ages and levels of participation.

"A Season for Nonviolence" is an international 64-day educational, media, and grassroots campaign, co-founded by Dr. Arun Gandhi of the Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, A Season for Nonviolence. It commemorates the 64 days, January 30 through April 4, between the memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., honoring their vision for a nonviolent world.



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The purpose of the Season is to create an awareness of nonviolent principles and practices to heal, transform, and empower people and communities. The goal is to demonstrate that every person can move the world in the direction of peace through their daily, nonviolent choices and actions.

Future events include "Sacred Art: Connecting with Your Creative Spirit" on March 26 and a concert of transformational healing music featuring Mount Shasta musicians, Anton Mizerak and Laura Berryhill on March 27. Ongoing events include the Peace Rock Project and Helmet Liners Project.

For more information, please contact the Bandon Task Force Coordinator, Robin Haruna at 541-347-4705 or check out www.peacerocks.org or www.unityofbandon.org.

Great Backyard Bird Count

This year's Great Backyard Bird Count will take place from Feb. 18-21. Everyone with access to the internet can participate. It takes as little as 15 minutes. It's free, fun, and easy, and it helps birds.

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As the count progresses, you can explore what is being reported locally and all across the U.S. and Canada. You can also see how numbers compare to previous years. There's a photo contest, too. Last year Oregon birders turned in a total of 1,203 checklists and saw a total of 189 species.

This year nearly 100,000 bird watchers of all ages and abilities are expected to help create a real-time snapshot of where birds are all across the continent. This citizen science effort aids Cornell University and National Audubon Society researchers to understand more about birds.

For more specific info about how to help, go to Great Backyard Bird Count website: www.birdcount.org. You can also find a link at the local Kalmiopsis Audubon Society website's Citizen Science page: www.kalmiopsisaudubon.org/citizenscience.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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Rotary Club News

Last week club members heard about the experiences of the three students who attended Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) last summer: Tara Mijs, Manuel Finley and Tyler Klein. All three valued their camp experience because of the numerous confidence building activities, including team trust, public speaking, making new friends and overcoming shyness. Tara, Manuel and Tyler all stated emphatically that they are encouraging their fellow students to apply for the camp and described it as an invaluable experience. Anything but a "nerd" camp, Manuel declared it one of the best weeks of his life!

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Each summer the club sponsors three local high school students to attend Camp RYLA, a Rotary camp near Cottage Grove dedicated to improving students' team building and leadership skills. Funding for the week-long camp, including transportation and team clothing of approximately \$600 per student, is raised through the club's various activities. Information about this year's RYLA program, scheduled for June 20-25, is available from club RYLA chair Norma Anderson (541.332.3711). Applications are available at <http://district5110.org/Committees/RYLEA>.

"Silent Circus" This Weekend

Strap on your silver listening ears, open your eyes wide and come to Theatre 101 to see "Silent Circus." You'll find the Ring Master and Patch with Jellybean. Clowns will silly along, and magic will be all 'round.

Performances will be February 18 at 7pm; February 19 at 2:30 and 7pm; February 20 at 2:30pm. Adults free admission with child. Children's tickets are \$5.00; adults \$10. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call 541-332-PLAY.

Library Sponsor A Day

The Port Orford Library Foundation thanks all the donors who sponsored a day at the Library in January with the following messages:

Happy Birthday Midge. From Kathy, Phyllis, et al.

Happy Birthday Carrie. From Midge.

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Want to sponsor a special day? Come fill out a form with your message and pledge 25c for every item checked out on the day you select, up to \$25.00. All monies raised from this program go to the Port Orford Library Endowment Fund.

Public Outreach Meeting

The community is invited to a discussion of a proposed Port Orford Visitor and Marine Education Center at Battle Rock Park on Thursday, February 24, from 6:00-8:00pm. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall on Eleventh Street just east of Highway 101.

The meeting begins with an open house from 6:00-6:30pm. Areas of discussion at the meeting include the history of the Center, fishing industry, tourism, and public education and the operation and maintenance of the proposed project.

The Umpqua Community Development Corporation is coordinating this meeting and has been hired by the City of Port Orford to develop a plan for this project at Battle Rock Wayside.

Senator Merkley Town Hall

Oregon's junior United States Senator Jeff Merkley will hold a town hall meeting in Port Orford on Saturday, February 19, 5:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. Merkley was elected a little over two years ago and has pledged to hold a town hall meeting in every county in Oregon every year. This will be his first town hall meeting in Port Orford and we welcome him to town.

Letter to the Editor,

From the family of Ernest "Sonny" 'White we thank you for the love, caring and kindness throughout his illness and our loss of him. We will forever be grateful to each and everyone.

A special thank you goes out to Gayle Wilcox, the Port Orford Ambulance Association, the Port Orford Fire Department, the Port Orford Senior Center, Wilbur Jensen and family, to the military group from Brookings and to Curry County Home Health, and the many people who provided food and sent flowers and cards, shared pictures, the phone calls and visitors.

Special thank you to Pastor Rick House for being here with us and thank you to some very special friends who never failed to stop by and to brighten Sonny's days and nights.

The outpouring to our family and to Sonny from this entire community exceeds anything I could even imagine. Thank you so much.

Donna White and family

Jubilee News February 2011

The winner of the Valentine's Day basket and dinner for two at the RedFish was Betsy Beinlich from Bandon. Congratulations Betsy.

Also a big Thank You to all who purchased tickets.

Other fundraising events; possibly a chili cook-off, Cinco de Mayo and for sure a rummage sale.

An upcoming project we hope to accomplish for the 4th is painting the flag pole at Driftwood School. We are in need of a cherry picker or some kind of a lift to get the job done, If anyone can help or knows of any one please call the Jubilee Coordinator, Millie at 541-332-0326.

Again thank you for your support.

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County Funding

As President Obama released his Fiscal Year 2012 budget this morning, members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation announced that it includes \$328 million to fund the first of a multi-year extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act, commonly known as "county payments." The Oregon members recognized that this is only one step in their long-term effort to ensure that county payments will continue to provide a stable source of funding for Oregon's historically timber dependent communities, but said the President's budgetary commitment to reauthorize the program "clears a major hurdle."

"Make no mistake, while today's budget is slashing and eliminating hundreds of government programs, having the President single out county payments for reauthorization is a very good sign for Oregon's timber dependent communities," Wyden said. "However, some of the President's proposed cuts go too far. It's not enough to just reauthorize county payments. A sustainable level of funding is part of the federal government's historic commitment to these communities and local governments

need more than a short term extension if they are ever going to get off the fiscal rollercoaster. Securing a stable source of funding for Oregon's rural counties remains my number one priority and I will be working with the administration and my colleagues in Congress to get it done."

The President's proposed budget includes a five year extension of the county payments program which has helped fund county services in 41 states where the federal government owns a significant amount of land. The President's proposal includes a 20 percent cut to the portion of funding that states receive directly under Title I with additional cuts expected to be made gradually in subsequent years. The proposal would also - after three years -- eliminate funding for states that receive less than \$10 million a year and proposes changing the program's budgetary distinction from mandatory to discretionary.

Over 700 counties in 41 states have received funding under the original county payments law, which was allowed to expire in September 2006. After a protracted fight with the Bush Administration, the program was reauthorized in 2008, but without reauthorization is set to expire in 2012.