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It's Water Time By Evan Kramer

Now that the Special District Election is over we can move along into the second spring election of the year; this being the City of Port Orford water bond measures election. The ballots which only go to City of Port Orford residents will be out later this week and are due back to the Curry County Elections Department no later than Tuesday, June 7, 8:00pm and can either be mailed in or dropped off at the City Hall Ballot Drop box.

There are two measures on the ballot including a general obligation bond authorization for up to \$6,000,000 in general obligation bonds (at an interest rate of 1%) and another for a revenue bond authorization for the City to issue up to \$4,000,000 in revenue bonds (at an interest rate of 3.5%) for the water system improvements. This split between a general obligation and revenue bonds was called a "compromise" by Mayor Jim Auburn though there was some sentiment to have the whole thing put on the ballot as a \$10 million general obligation bond. However the city council voted to proceed with a split between a general obligation bond and revenue bond and that's what you'll vote on.

The general obligation bonds would be paid back through an increase in property taxes within the City at a rate of \$2.3249 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for 30 years. Total property tax valuation in the City is \$100 million. The revenue bonds would be paid back through an increase in the water rates and currently is estimated at \$23.80 per hookup though that figure is not firm as it has not been resolved whether all hookups will pay the same rate or it will be based on water usage. Both bond measures need to pass by a 50 percent plus one vote and there must be at least a 50 percent plus one voter turnout plus both bond measures have to pass in order for them both to pass. If one is passed and the other goes down to defeat they both are defeated. This is known as a double double majority election but really it's a trip double as both bond measures need to pass for this project to proceed to the construction phase.

The City has received two grants totaling \$3 million to complete the \$13 million needed to go through with a complete reconstruction of the water delivery system including new water pump stations and over 15 miles of distribution lines. The city council recently approved a motion to accept a Community Development Block Grant for \$1.895

million dollars plus it has a second grant for \$1.2 million from the United States Department of Agriculture. The first money spent on the project will be the ten million dollars if approved by the voters and then the three million in grants will be used.

This election does not involve replacing or enlarging the City's North Fork Hubbard Creek reservoir. That is a separate project for another day and is estimated to cost four million dollars. Assuming the City bond measures are passed and we get a new water distribution system it is expected the water loss rate will drop to near zero which means saving one to three million gallons of water a month that have been disappearing into the ground through a series of major and minor water leaks. The water distribution system replace is known as Phase 1 and improvements to the reservoir known as Phase 2. It is estimated that it will take about one year for construction to begin if both bond measures pass meaning summer of 2012. First comes the final engineering design and then the bid packages for construction and according to the city manager lots and lots of paperwork.

As of Monday, May 16, there are 703 registered voters in the City of Port Or-

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**It's Water Time
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ford. So it would take 352 people voting at a minimum to pass the measure and of that 352 it would take 177 yes votes so as you can see every vote is going to count. According to the elections department the ballots will be mailed on Friday, May 19 and should arrive in your mail box either Saturday or Monday and then the voting begins. My advice is no matter how you feel on this issue that you vote and don't count on not voting as a vote.

Gold Coast Apartments

Umpqua CDC (Community Development Corporation) is privileged to have been a part of the Port Orford community for over a decade. In 1999 we constructed Cedar Point Cottages located at 600 Arizona Street. An element of that project also brought funding to install an increased water line from the bridge at Garrison Lake to the Cedar Cottages site, improving fire flow and increasing potable water capacity to the neighborhood at no cost to the City.

Over the last several years we developed the Gold Coast Apartments, a "scattered site" housing project with 6 apartments in Port Orford and 2 apartments in Gold Beach. We are currently experiencing some unexpected issues at these complexes. The beautiful and highly visible new complex located on Madrona and Highway 101 has proven to be problematic for the residents and our company. Due to water intrusion issues, we've had to relocate several of the tenants while we corrected the problem. More than three months into the process and with the assistance of construction forensic experts, we are still working through the issues. We still don't know when this will be resolved.

It is clearly frustrating for our tenants and our development staff to wrestle with the problems this situation has brought. Umpqua CDC has sincerely attempted to accommodate our tenant's needs throughout all of this. What we had believed to be a temporary disruption to their lives now appears to have no predictable end date. As a result, we are in the process of assisting our tenants with finding other long term hous-

ing solutions. In the meanwhile, we are striving to make this facility what it should be; healthy, affordable and comfortable homes, and a point of pride for the community and our company.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Mickey Beach
 Chief Operating Officer
 Umpqua CDC

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Drinking Water Project

The City of Port Orford is proposing to make improvements to the community drinking water system, focusing on the distribution system. The following is a summary of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's).

Why does the City need to make improvements to the drinking water system?

The Port Orford drinking water system is dated, and the distribution system is in need of repair. It is estimated the distribution system loses half of the treated drinking water which is not only wasteful but puts the community at greater risk of emergency. Failures of drinking water lines are becoming more frequent and the City is trying to be proactive about addressing problems with the water system.

How much will the proposed drinking water system improvements cost?

The City has been working with agencies and resource providers for three years to target funding. City representatives attended a One Stop meeting with agencies to discuss funding scenarios for Port Orford. The City completed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) with an estimated cost of \$13 million for water distribution system. Agencies view the need for water distribution system improvements as a top priority for Port Orford which must be done for the entire system rather than a "patchwork" approach.

Why does the City need to move forward with drinking water project now?

The City has been working closely with state and federal funding agencies to target the best possible funding package available for Port Orford this year. Funding trends for the past 10 years indicate steady reduction in funding for water infrastructure overall, with significantly less grant funding, greater emphasis on loans, and this year loan

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programs are also getting cut. Oregon agencies have indicated they can offer a best case funding package which will likely not be available in the foreseeable future.

What happens if the City does nothing to improve the water system for Port Orford?

If Port Orford does not take action to make improvements to the water system the community will continue to be wasting resources on treating water which is literally going into the ground through leaks throughout the system. The city continues to spend time and energy dealing with repairs, including a the recent major disruption in the system. The likelihood of this type of emergency will increase over time, costs will increase over time, financing for the system will be more limited and expensive.

What are the local benefits for Port Orford by improving the water distribution system?

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tion for long term sustainability in the future. Benefits of improving the drinking water distribution system include a safe, reliable drinking water for Port Orford residents and businesses of the community.

Citizen of The Year

The North Curry and Port Orford Chamber of Commerce will honor a citizen selected by the community who lives in the area between the north county line and Prehistoric Gardens to the south and need not be a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

The member will receive a plaque, ride in the fourth of July parade, have free admission to Chamber events, and other benefits.

Ballots to enter your candidate of choice can be obtained at the Visitor Center, Paradise Cafe, Port and Starboard Restaurant, and Lee's Market in Langlois until June 20.

City Council Meets

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The following athletes qualified for the 1A Oregon Track and Field Championships. The Pacific High School Boys Track team won the Mountain/Skyline District 1A Championship in a dominating fashion by scoring 179 points (the 2nd place team scored 114). On the girls side, Pacific finished a very respectable 5th out of 11 teams. Congratulate our athletes and coaches! Way to go Pirates!!!

State Qualifiers**Peter Swensen** - 110 meter hurdles, 300 meter hurdles, triple jump**Josh Valentine** - long jump, triple jump**Jonathan Everest** - 4x100 relay**Tim Wagner** - discus**Mike Wagner** - 4x100 relay**Tim Hunter** - 300 meter hurdles, 4x100 relay**Travis Ongley** - 110 meter hurdles**Charlie Jensen** - high jump**Jeremy Johnston** - 100 meters, 4x100 relay**Manuel Finley** - 3000 meters**Riley Engdahl** - 200 metersMeet results are posted at <http://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/MeetResults.aspx?Meet=115382#121>**Letter to The Editor,**

This weekend the ballots will start arriv-

ing for our "Special Election" to borrow \$10 million to replace our supposedly defunct and unusable water delivery system.

Let's go over the numbers.

The Mayor and his "Voting Block" claim our situation is desperate and urgent with clean water being "lost into the ground" at an astounding rate of 60%! Is this really true?

The loss rate they claim is based on two numbers provided by the Public Works Department: "Water Treated" and "Water Metered". "Water Treated" is clean water sent from the plant to the reservoir for our use. "Water Metered" is the water counted by customer meters for billing purposes. The difference between the two numbers has been improperly labeled as totally "Lost into the ground" by the Mayor and City Manager. In fact it is not all "lost", but simply not measured, or "unmetered".

It seems that a significant amount of water is regularly used, unmetered (ie, "free"), by city services and fire departments in their routine activities of maintenance and repair, etc. It is estimated that this amounts to about 15% of monthly water use (it is unmetered, therefore not known exactly).

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unmetered "loss" is now down to about 20% or less. The accepted target level for this is 10%. I'd say our Public Works crew is getting very close to that level today. Our system is in capable hands.

Yes, we still need to stay vigilant and continue to replace pipes on a regular basis, but a complete overhaul does not seem warranted, and a complete failure of the system does not appear eminent, contrary to what public slide shows may have led us to believe.

As you decide how to vote, consider this - \$10 million for 704 voters is about a \$14,000 commitment each, and with interest over 40 years its about \$22,000 for each one of us.

The numbers don't add up - we just don't need this project as presented, or the massive debt!

I urge you to Vote no by throwing your ballot away!

(I know it unusual to request that we not exercise our power to vote, but this is a very special case whereby not casting a ballot actually makes a statement against the proposals. They must receive over 50% of the total ballots for any 'yes' votes to count - so, don't add to the count if you vote no)

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Letter to The Editor,

In the coming Special Election we are being asked to approve funding for a \$13.3 million repair and upgrade of our water system including a \$10 million debt, which will saddle property owners and water users for the next two generations.

When I'm asked for money, my first question is always, "For what?" What are we getting for our money? Why have we not seen the city's Capital Improvement Plan which lays out the specifics of what we need? Where has our city engineer been during the information process?

We have been told that there are plans for a second phase in which the water impoundment at Hubbard Creek will be expanded twenty fold. The city's 2005 Water Master Plan projects the combined population of the UGB and the city in 2050 to be 3922. So, why would we build a water source to accommodate over 20,000 people when our present population is 1135?

What kinds of allowances have been made by the State requiring Hazard Mitigation regulations for removing and disposing of asbestos pipe?

What alternatives to pulling old and laying down new pipes have been investigated? What about cured in place pipe (CIPP)? Pipe relining?

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If the old asbestos pipe is left in the ground, why can't newly hired Public Works employees, solely dedicated to the project, lay the new pipes to bring down the cost of the overall project? In the past year, this department has reduced water loss from 57% to 32% through piecemeal repairs of failing pipes.

These are not new questions. These are questions which have all been asked, but never answered. Without hard information and open discussion, no amount of dire predictions, tales of "no water in the tap" or even the pressure to "get the money while we can" is enough for my vote and/or my money.

Erna Barnett

Chili Cook-Off Winners

The winners of the 2011 Chili Cook-Off were: Entry #8 First

Prize and People's Choice went to Diane Schofield for her Chili Verde with smoked pork; Second prize went to Pat Ross Entry #3 for his Chili Red Hot.

The Talent Show winners for 14 and under were: First Prize to David Vincent of Bandon; Second Prize to Dune

Fougerolles of Port Orford, Third Prize to Aria Giovannetti of Bandon.

Winners of the Talent Show for ages 15 through 18 were: First Prize Ryan Marsh of Port Orford; Second Prize Terri Straley of Bandon.

Letter to The Editor,

I agree that the water situation needs attention, but the manner in which the city council is dealing with this problem troubles me. We are being asked to bankroll an ambitious project that will eventually benefit big development. Many a little town has been taken down this path and ended up a sprawl mess. I, for one, will not make a decision based on fear and dire threats. My vote is No!

Francie MacLeod

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Letter to The Editor,

Last week's paper reported the virtues of creating a 28 thousand acre Elk River Salmon Emphasis Area. This project was presented to the Port Orford City Council by Mr. Jim Rogers who is described as a "professional forester" and an apparently self-proclaimed biologist. It seems that the council has taken the bait and will formally support the project at an upcoming meeting. What are lacking in this discussion are the opinions of recognized and unbiased experts in the field. Those that do not have a personal or professional stake in the game. The article also described the North Fork Elk River watershed as THE most productive salmon fishery in the state. Really? More than the Rogue River system? This sounds like more hyperbole to promote an environmental project, rather than a fact based on unbiased research.

If Mr. Rogers and his supporters are truly interested in developing a thriving salmon/steelhead population, how about a proposal to limit or ban the use of drift boats on the Elk River? Each day during the season, dozens of drifters grate down shallow riffles scaring fish popu-

lations out of their wits and more likely the desire to procreate unmolested. On some days I think the boat population outnumbers the fish population. At certain times you can hear these boats coming from hundreds of yards away. Not to mention that many boat occupants publicly relieve themselves (number 1 and 2) in the river or on nearby banks. They also leave an assortment of trash along their route. So why are these issues never addressed by people like Mr. Rogers? Are not polluting the river and frightening fish an environmental issue? Maybe, but he would incur the wrath of those who make a living from the fish population and therefore not have their support for projects that do not directly impact them but that further restrict the utilization of public lands by the rest of us.

Bob Hansohn

Dancing People

The Dancing People Company from Ashland will perform at the Savoy Theater in Port Orford on Sunday, May 22 at 7:00pm. Sponsored by the Port Orford Arts Council, Dancing People Company's art is one of musicality, emotional

resonance, and wit, that delights audiences everywhere.

We don't often see professional dance troupes on the South Coast, but Veronica DeWitt, a member of The Dancing People Company, wanted to bring her passion home to the place she grew up. Other dancers are Emily Abrahams, Erin Drummond, Alonzo Lee Moore IV, Will Cooper, and Brianna Rae Johnson. Founder and Artistic Director of the Dancing People Company is Robin Stiehm.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$10 for seniors and children. Tickets are available at the Downtown Fun Zone or at the door. To reserve tickets, call Marilyn, 541-290-9857.

Member Of The Month

Sterling Savings Bank located on Highway 101 in Port Orford became the honored chamber member for the month of May. Sterling's manager is Toni Hall. Four employee's work at the bank. The branch in Port Orford opened in 2004. Sterling bank began in Washington State and now has branches in nine Western States. Sterling bank has a "Home Helpful Commitment."

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(3/16/10) states that “To maximize the City’s opportunity to acquire funding, it is also necessary for the City to phase the project into smaller elements and to implement the project over several years as funding becomes available.” I agree.

This election is very important and affects everyone’s pocket book. Yet, few people vote in mid-term elections. How few will be needed to pass these bonds? At this time only 352 people need to return their ballot (half of the 704 registered voters). Of that number, only half – 177 votes – will be needed to pass or reject these two bonds. That right 177! If you mark your ballot with a smiley face, it is still counted toward the 352 necessary. If you don’t intend to vote yes or no, don’t return your ballot. In other words, every returned ballot counts.

I’m returning my ballot with a NO vote.

Paula Cracas

Letter to The Editor,

“An informed citizenry is the bulmark of a democracy.” Whether or not Thomas Jefferson actually spoke these words, they certainly capture the spirit of the group of Port Orford citizens who participated in our informational public meeting on the water bond issues last Thursday evening. I’d like to personally thank everybody who turned out for this last meeting, for their questions, rele-



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vant comments, suggestions and spirited discussion. Despite the relatively large turnout, we still had only about 20% of the voting population represented in our total of six meetings. I hope that those of you who did attend speak with your friends and neighbors about the importance of voting in the June 7 Emergency Election. BOTH bond measures must pass for us to secure the funding package to replace our deteriorated water distribution system.

If you did not get to participate in one of these meetings and have a group that wants a repeat performance, please contact me via my personal e-mail (auborn@aol.com) or leave a message on my telephone (541-332-1307) and we’ll try arrange it. Alternatively, you can catch me informally for a more specific discussion at your convenience.

The Special Districts Election is now over and it’s time to devote time and energy to the Emergency Election. Everybody needs to get the information required to make an informed decision on this important issue. The ballots should be out shortly after you read this. This is a double majority election. Over half of those registered must vote. A majority of those who do vote must vote for BOTH the General Obligation and Revenue Bond measures for the project to proceed.

Mayor Jim Auburn

Letter to the Editor,

In a few days we will be asked to vote on two water-related bonds. The cost will be over \$13 million dollars to replace our failing system. I have asked myself over what is best for the whole community? Do I have enough information to ask all the residents of Port Orford to take on this staggering debt in the midst of a deep recession? Can people afford almost \$300 a year more on their water/sewer bill; already one of the highest in the state? And increased property taxes on top of that?

Yes, we have had water losses. Yet, at this time, taking into consideration water that the city and fire department uses but doesn’t pay for (about 15% which is standard for most cities), the loss is down to less than 20%. After reading about the repair of a very complicated and huge water line failure on Arizona, I’m convinced that our city crew (with a few extra hands) could do the job. We don’t need to replace all the new pipe that has been laid in the past five years. We are a small town that needs to take small steps. The study by SHN Consulting Engineers & Geologists, Inc.

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Letter To The Editor,

Soon city residents must make an important decision that requires each of us to carefully examine the whole picture prior to casting votes.

The city has a funding package that is in fact a great one time deal. If passed, there will be sufficient funds to completely replace our water delivery system.

What is important to consider though, is that this funding package has two important goals; Water and Growth.

Tied to the water delivery system is a rather large expansion of the Hubbard creek impoundment to accommodate further growth within the city. Much discussion has already been made over Water. How about Growth?

As well pointed out by our city leaders, growth has many benefits. It is a fact that more rate payers/tax payers can help to lower costs for each of us. Growth also means more customers for our local businesses, helping to offset fewer customers resulting from diminished tourism. Growth would also mean more businesses offering goods and services not presently available in town.

Bottom line; Will this plan work as a means of improving life and the cost of living in Port Orford?

Growth takes time and requires careful management. Perhaps growth could also

be achieved by extending city limits a bit east, north and south to properties that at times receive city services at no cost? It could save a lot of bickering over petty PORFD matters, (only kidding).

Seriously - think it over and vote. The future of Port Orford is yours!

Russ Hepworth

Rotary Club News
By Emily Francona

Bees can become disoriented and never find their way back to their hives, local beekeeper Lee Lawrence told Rotarians last week. Commonly used insecticides and fungicides can cause colony collapse disorder which affects bees' memory function. Since bees pollinate every crop we consume, they are a critical component of human nutrition. Farmers and gardeners can help by choosing "bee safe" products and dispersing them in the evening after the bees have retired to their hives. Special plantings are encouraged to preserve and create bee-friendly habitats and certain properties can also become certified as bee-friendly habitats. The *Bee Friendly Farming Initiative*, sponsored by the non-profit volunteer-based Partners for Sustainable Pollination (www.pfspbees.org), offers a wealth of advice to beekeepers, farmers, land managers, gardeners and growers. Lawrence, who owns 360 hives on her Cape Blanco Road property and produced over 550

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gallons of honey last year (www.Lees-BeesHoney.com), concluded her presentation with a honey tasting.

Last week Rotarians also honored students-of-the-month Wren Carter, PHS, and Jasmine Hardcastle, DS. Golfing Rotarians, led by past club president Dick Wold, raised another \$1,000 for the Rotary Scholarship Foundation during a golf outing at Bandon Crossings last Saturday. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating Pacific High School students next month. For more information about the club's community service visit the club's website (www.PortOrfordRotary.org) or email info@PortOrfordRotary.org or call 541.366.8015.

Letter to The Editor,

Port Orford take note; the lovely subsidized housing at the north end of our Village is bursting with springtime flora. The grass, growing up through the gravel has a beautiful green hue which blends especially well with the gray of the gravel and the charming chain-link fence. I do hope the Sunset Garden Club will include this landscape spectacular in their tour this year.

Lee Kincaid

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Common Good News
By Jackie Granados, Manager

What a generous town we live in. First let me thank all of you who donated food to the NALC Food Drive last Saturday. Over 400 pounds of canned, boxed and bagged food was picked up by our rural postal carriers, dropped off at the Post Offices and donated to The Common Good, Inc.. If you would like to donate food this week you can leave your groceries at Sterling Bank and it will be counted towards the Letter Carrier Food Drive.

Next let me compliment you for your quality donations to our clothing/house wares closet. We are overwhelmed. June is housekeeping month for the closet so that area will be closed to clients and donations. Please consider donating your non edibles to Langlois Library rummage sale until we reopen in July. Dates we will be closed in June for re-organization & cleaning are June 15 and 22 with the whole building being closed June 29.

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We are pleased to announce the funding of our West Family Foundation Grant. The grant funds will be used for food area equipment updates, replacing some items that have out lived their function. These items will continue to insure our food quality and safety.

For those of you who are new to our town, The Common Good, Inc. is Port Orford's food pantry and free closet to those in need, qualifying by income.

We are a non-profit, volunteer managed, equal opportunity provider. We are supported by a very generous town. We Thank You for your sustenance.

Letter To The Editor,

Oh well.... the week is over and I didn't win the lottery, lose even an ounce, get any younger or hear anybody come up with a better and cheaper plan to replace our water system (except for that "when I wish upon a star" thing).

The May 12th Water Meeting at the Legion Hall was well attended. The City Administrator did a great Power Point



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and the Mayor explained the specifics and things. When the effects of rising inflation, rising interest rates, the loss of the grants making borrowing the entire amount necessary, and duplication of costs and efforts were clarified, people began to understand the importance of this "here and now" election.

Friends... you, me, our kids, and yes, our whole town needs this project and we need it now! We need our "yes" votes on both issues... the General Obligation Bond and the Revenue Bond. They both must pass or the whole thing fails!

Remember, our City Council is working very hard for us on this. This has absolutely no connection whatsoever with the County Commissioners and their nefarious attempts to raid our County Road Funds or acquire the Cape Blanco Airport for whatever purpose they are reluctant to reveal to us.

We must take care of ourselves and that means "YES" votes on June 7th!

Respectfully,

Jim Hajek

The Cat's Meow 
 Vacation Cottage **Wi-Fi**
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CLASSIFIED ADS

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

RV OR VEHICLE STORAGE available at Seaside Storage. Open fenced lot in great location. \$35/mo and up depending on size. Call 541-643-5955.

SEASIDE STORAGE has units available. 541-643-5955.

FOR RENT - Many homes to choose from 1 to 3 bdms. Please call Robin for current listing 541-253-6107 or www.rentportorford.com Port Orford Property Management.

RV OR MOBILE HOME SPACE available in park. Nice setting. \$300/mo. inc. water & garbage. (541) 991-2363.

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Rent to own. \$500 per month plus deposit. 541-366-1013.

COMPLETELY REMODELED 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath house on large, fenced corner lot. Lake view, large and private backyard. Semi-custom kitchen with new cabinets. Updated plumbing and electrical: all new lighting fixtures. About 1500 sq ft, plus finished upstairs bonus room. Asking \$152,000 608 W. 18th, Port Orford. 541-332-7101 Also on the web <http://earthseaimagery.com/608-18th-st.html>.

FOR SALE OLDER 35' fifth wheel trailer. 2 tip-outs, everything works, needs lots of TLC. Sold as-is \$400 541-991-2363.

**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.

\$595.00 FLORAS LAKE COTTAGE, lake view from upstairs bedroom, w/d hookups reference required 541-290-8419.

FOR RENT: 2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, office, 1400 sq ft Modular home. Woodstove, detached garage, potting shed. 4½ miles up Sixes. \$850.00 month first - last + \$600 cleaning deposit. References required. Call 541-290-5530.

STUDIO IN LANGLOIS. \$385. Pets ok. 1 parking space Water & Garbage included. You pay electricity. Negotiate security & last month rent. 541-253-9253.

2 BDRM MANUFACTURED in Langlois Mobile home park. \$485. Pets ok. Washer, dryer, dishwasher. You pay electricity. Small yard. 1 parking space. 541-253-9253.

LIVE THE LIFE you've dreamed of in this lakefront ocean view home for sale. Watch the waves crash on the Port Orford Headlands from the big, sunny South facing deck. Prepare a gourmet meal in the all new kitchen with granite counters and stainless appliances. Kayak and fish on the lake. 2 BD 2 BA - Perfect getaway or year round home. 1221 Lakeshore Drive. \$495,000. 541-332-0172.

SERVICES

PAINTER - Get on summer's list now for painting & deck restoration. 35+ years experience. Excellent references. Licensed & insured. Ccb# 188865 541-332-1697 Christine Hatfield.

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ELDERHOME ADULT FOSTER care has an immediate opening for a long-term resident. Private room, shared bath, great staff, great food. John @ 541-332-1007.

SPRING HAS ARRIVED! We can help get your yard in shape and maintain the appearance. Call for a free estimate. By the Yard, Inc. 541-332-1503.

HOUSE CLEANING SERVICES Home, apt, rentals, sales, maintenance and cleanups. References. Call Cindy 541-260-4195 or Jane 541-348-2992.

EXPERIENCED HOME CARE provider registered with seniors and disability. Jonell 541-332-0834.

EMPLOYMENT

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE worker wanted. Must have ODL and good record. \$10.00 hr to start. 541-332-1503.

COOKS WANTED. Apply by calling 541-332-8985 for interview.

Pampered Pooches

Monday thru Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm

541-332-0520 For Appointment

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REVENUE SHARING HEARING The City Council of the City of Port Orford will be conducting a Public Hearing on Revenue Sharing for the FY2011-2012 Budget just prior to the regular Council Meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in Port Orford City Hall Gable Chambers at 555 W. 20th St., Port Orford, Oregon, for the City Council to obtain citizens' views regarding Revenue Sharing. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by May 30, 2012. Both written and oral comments will be reviewed by the City Council. Written comments by mail should be sent to PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465; e-mail comments should be sent to djohnson@portorford.org or call David Johnson at 541-332-3681.

GARAGE SALE

PORT ORFORD JUBILEE: Vendors, have anything to sell? Interested, call for a space now! July 4th festival dates: 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Jubilee 541-332-0326.

OPHIRTHRIFT STORE now open Fri, Sat, Sun 10-4pm. Also have flea market starting 5/13 Fri-Sun 10-4pm. Volunteers & donations always needed. Reserve your space now. Call 541-373-0872.

BEADS OF ALL KINDS. Findings, focals, crystals, coral, agate, bone, natural stone, pearls, chains, too much to list. Antiques and collectables. 15 sellers. Sixes Grange Market Place daily 10-4.

SATURDAY GARAGE SALE 333½ 9th St. Check it out. 8:00 the back house.

THE WOODEN NICKEL

Myrtlewood factory and gift shop. Unique wooden products plus souvenirs, T-shirts, jams, salt water taffy. FREE factory tours.

www.oregonmyrtlewood.com
1205 Oregon St. 541-332-5201

MISCELLANEOUS

SEAWEEED NATURAL GROCERY has Valley Flora salad mix, Arugula and Asparagus.

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

NEW VIDEOS: "The Illusionist", "The Mechanic", "The Rite", "The Other Woman", "Broken Hill", and "Elephant White". We have added the following titles to our library: "The Oregon Trail", and "Gasland". 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.

JOHN'S HAULING DELIVERS Composts, Bark Nuggets, Bark Mulch, Soil Blend, etc. Also Currydale Farms pick-ups. 541-290-4722.

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.

CUSTOM PHOTO, negative and slide scanning, Photoshop work and restoration of images, archival printing. 541-332-0353 or stephen@earthseaimagery.com

WEST COAST CANNABIS CLINIC: 519-A Tenth Street, Port Orford. OMMP patients only. Treating pain from terminal illness the natural way. We are non-profit and all workers at the clinic are volunteers. Clinic open Monday-Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm.

CURRY COUNTY HOSPICE is accepting gently used, re-sellable items for the Hospice Market Place, Saturdays from 11-2 pm until July 30th; at the North Curry Service Center next to the Library. Call Pattie (541-332-0273) for information.

COMPUTER CABLES, INK, drives, and other parts - If you bought it elsewhere in Oregon, you probably paid too much. Check out the Downtown Fun Zone's prices and save! 832 Hwy 101, Port Orford.

SEA CLEAR WINDOW CLEANING Enjoy your beautiful view. Licensed. Insured. Reasonable rates. 541-247-7039.

PLANTER BOXES, windmills, trellises, birdhouses, feeders and more. Beautifully handcrafted redwood, reasonably priced. Tuesday thru Saturday 9:00 to 11:00 and 1:00 to 3:30. Bandon 350 Fillmore SE off 101.

SEAWEEED NATURAL GROCERY: Starting May 1 will be closed on Sunday and Monday.

BULLHIDE & SHEEPSKIN MOCS. Custom made, old mocs repaired. Sixes, 541-290-2638. Walterslanding.com.

PERUVIAN SEABIRD GUANO. 100% organic. 55lb bag \$55. Sixes, (541) 348-2484.

PORT ORFORD'S CEDAR FESTIVAL is seeking wood artist exhibitors for its annual show May 28 and 29. Cash prizes and ribbons. Bill Hanna (541) 348-2371.

CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE for sale. 1976 BMW R-90/6 restored, runs great! B. O over \$7000.00 541-234-7270.

DRIVEWAY AND LANDSCAPE rock, bark, and sand. Small truck loads. Bob 541-253-6240.

PIANO, Kohler and Campbell console, matching bench, very good condition, recently tuned, Dampchaser installed, piano lamp, photo on craigslist.org. \$375, 541-404-9123.

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COPIER, Canon laser, excellent condition, low-cost operation (3¢/copy), FREE 10 reams HQ paper, includes easy-roller cart w/storage, photo on craigslist.org. \$150, 541-404-9123.

CARTER'S NURSERY 4" pansies and petunias \$1.00. Asst'd mints \$1.50. 5G Australian Mint Bush \$15.00. 4" tomatoes \$1.50. Open Fri, Sat & Mon. 10-4. 41863 Old Mill Road. 541-332-8899.

WANTED, SINGERS AND Musicians for Jubilee concert July 4th beginning after the parade. All ages call to sing up and audition. 541-332-3010.

UPTOWN FRAMES will be closed from May 10th to June 15th.

This Week In The Garden
By Jennifer Ewing

Weeds! Weeds in the garden. Every gardener's nemesis. No matter what we do, they keep showing up to give us more chores to do in the garden. To keep your soil (and you) healthy, I encourage people to take other methods of ridding your garden of weeds besides getting out the chemicals and spraying.

What to do? Personally, I enjoy weeding. In the quiet of the garden I can think and let my mind wander. Kneeling on a soft cushion to protect my aging knees, I'm level with my plants where I can savor the blossoms on the flowers and brush the fragrance of the herbs past my nose. I get a close look at the soil and its secret inhabitants and a heads up on any bad bugs or diseases that may be trying to invade the garden. I also love the look of a clean, neat garden when I'm done weeding. Such a prideful act.

Your best way to halt the spread of weeds is to never let them flower and go to seed. Annual weeds can be "beheaded" at ground level but perennial weeds must be lifted roots and all from the soil. Just removing the top growth will only

MEXICAN DINNER



Saturday May 21 ♦ 5:30 pm-7:00 pm

***Cheese Enchiladas, Pico de Gallo (Salsa),
Rice & Beans, Flan Dessert,
Beverages (Soda Extra)***

Adults \$10.00 ♦ Children \$5.00

Port Orford Senior Center, 1536 Jackson St.

Senior Center Fund Raiser

(limited to 70 dinners)

cause them to make stronger roots and reappear.

Mulching with a thick layer of something that will decay slowly and add to the quality of your soil – such as bark, grass clippings, or leaves – is a great way to smother those weeds.

(to be continued next week)

Langlois Fishing Derby

Bring your fishing gear and come to Floras Lake in Langlois on Saturday, May 21st for the Langlois Lions annual Van Wormer Memorial Fishing Derby. Boats and drivers will be provided for this free fun event. Registration is at 7 a.m. Take-out/ weigh in at 11 am. Prizes will be awarded in each age group for the fish that weighs the most, is the longest and most fish caught [5 being the limit]. There will be one grand prize for the largest fish overall. Age groups are 5

and under, 6 to 9 and 10 to 13. So please join us for a great day on the Lake.

For more information, contact Velma Foster at 541- 348-2351

Cedar Festival Speaker

Les Stansell, the Pistol River guitar maker will show his documentary "A Guitar Maker's Path" on Friday, May 27, from 7:00-9:00pm in the Port Orford Library Community Room. This film was featured at the Ashland Film Festival last month. This free event is sponsored by the Port Orford Arts Council and Southwestern Oregon Community College. Stansell creates his musical instruments using Port Orford Cedar. "Instrument building is the ultimate in woodworking, and in my opinion the Flamenco Guitar is the ultimate in beauty, design and function." After the documentary, Stansell will host a question and answer session on one of his exquisite hand-built flamenco guitars.