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Happy Thanksgiving By Evan Kramer

Here we are that time of year when no turkey is safe. That is unless it's a talking turkey and then they might get a movie contract. It's the time of year when every airport, train and bus station are full and the highways are full of people returning home or visiting friends. Happy reunions.

I was reading the articles about the RDI meeting for Port Orford on November 28 and the creation of a community vision statement. One part of the RDI assessment is community strengths. Thanksgiving is a good time to pause and reflect and on some of the things I believe are strengths and positive parts of living in Port Orford.

The Fall Chinook salmon are back home and returning upstream. Eager fishermen are putting their drift boats in the Elk and Sixes River while others cast off from shore. Many are pulling in some big beautiful salmon. This past Sunday many were out on the rivers and they couldn't have asked for better weather. The sun was shining, the wind was down in San Francisco, and the water in the rivers was clear. I took a walk to the mouth of the Sixes River and enjoyed the assortment

of birds, ducks and other aquatic life who formed a greeting committee for the salmon.

Port Orford has a tremendous number of civic organizations and countless volunteers who make this community work. Take a look at Buffington Park. The Rotary Club has finished work on the children's swing and play area adjacent to the tennis courts and miniature golf course. What a job they did. The short "wall" around it is also a bench for parents to sit on while observing their children. The Common Good is one of my favorite organizations. They are currently taking applications for their annual Christmas basket program. They are also looking for donations of sleeping bags, blankets and towels which they

will launder and mend if necessary and then pass on to someone who needs them. The Good has many dedicated volunteers. One of them is Mae Ellis who takes the donated clothing, blankets, etc. home and washes them and sews them if necessary. She does a couple dozen or more loads of wash a week for the good of the Good.

The two garden clubs have worked tirelessly on sprucing up our town. When people are traveling from the north and enter Port Orford they are greeted by the two boat planters and whale flags at the corner of Paradise Point Rd. and 101. All through town there are planter boxes with trees and bulbs that the gardening clubs maintain year round.

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Letter to the Editor,

"Pacific High School students and Oregon students on the SAT tests are scoring above their counterparts across the country."

- Mr. Wold, Superintendent, Port Orford News, Jan. 11th, 1995.

Average SAT scores for juniors and seniors taking the SAT Pacific High School beginning 1988

	Verbal			Mathematics		
	Oregon	National	2CJ	Oregon	National	2CJ
95	448	428	397	499	489	414
94	436	423	461	491	479	488
93	441	424	445	492	478	488
91	439	422	275	483	474	385
90	439	424	488	484	476	529
89	443	427	422	484	476	428
88	441	428	414	482	476	451

Source of Information:

Italics; State of the school report Mr. Wold, Superintendent, Port Orford News Jan. 11, 1995.

1995 SAT scores; Scholastic Testing Bureau, Mrs. King Nov. 1995.

Bold type; Mr. Wold, Superintendent 2CJ School District, "Commentary", Port Orford News, Oct. 19, 1994

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The Pacific High School student's SAT scores have been averaged, tabulated, compared with the Oregon and national numbers and filed since 1986 AD.

The letters that Mr. Wold sent to Mrs. Eraut and Mr. Taurone claiming not to have this information and charging them to obtain it, is deceitful.

Why does the 2CJ School Board tolerate this behavior by Mr. Wold? Are they intimidated by Mr. Wold? Do they care about the 2CJ School District? Are they comatose?

Robert P. Carlisle

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Courtesy of the Port Of Gold Beach

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Nov 23	12:02am 6.4	5:18am 2.5	11:06AM 8.7	6:25pm -1.7
Fri Nov 24	12:51am 6.5	6:10am 2.6	11:53AM 8.6	7:13pm -1.7
Sat Nov 25	1:43am 6.5	7:00am 2.7	12:41pm 8.3	8:03pm -1.4
Sun Nov 26	2:38am 6.5	8:00am 2.8	1:36pm 7.8	8:54pm -1.0
Mon Nov 27	3:34am 6.6	9:07am 2.9	2:38pm 7.2	9:46pm -0.4
Tue Nov 28	4:30am 6.7	10:21am 2.7	3:48pm 6.5	10:42pm 0.2
Wed Nov 29	5:28am 6.9	11:38am 2.4	5:10pm 5.9	11:38pm 0.8
Thu Nov 30	6:21am 7.2	NONE —	6:34pm 5.5	12:54pm 1.9

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Nov. 4	56	34	—
Nov. 5	58	38	.19
Nov. 6	56	48	.01
Nov. 7	54	50	.17
Nov. 8	56	53	.20
Nov. 9	54	45	1.15
Nov. 10	52	46	.04
Nov. 11	54	46	.10
Nov. 12	54	52	1.66
Nov. 13	60	54	.42
Nov. 14	65	48	—
Nov. 15	57	51	.07
Nov. 16	58	54	.52
Nov. 17	60	54	Trace

Letter To the Editor,

To everyone who braved the storm on Saturday, November 11th. Thank you for attending the 9th Annual Mistletoe Express, and making it our best year yet! It makes us feel special when we see your friendly, and in this case, wet faces.

Your compliments give us the encouragement to make our 10th anniversary something spectacular and the planning

is already underway.

Thank you Soprano Singers. If you missed this group of talented Blanco students, you missed a truly inspiring show. The group of 30 students, under the direction of Diane Cassel, sang a selection of traditional Christmas Carols and even had the audience singing! This was the most well-mannered, polite group of young people and their voices got our holiday

spirits soaring.

A lot of time and effort goes into the Mistletoe Express and I applaud everyone for the support they showed by coming out in the weather.

The Mistletoe Crafters out did themselves again! With the outstanding quality and uniqueness of their talents, I am always amazed with the imagination used in their products.

As we close 1995, we look to 1996 with the hopes, dreams and enthusiasm for the 10th Annual Mistletoe Express.

Lynda Foster
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Whale Watch Training Site

Oregon's most elusive visitors, the great gray whales, are on the move again. As in years past, the call is out for volunteers to operate the 28 whale watching sites in Oregon. In Cooperation with Oregon State University and the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is registering whale watchers for the winter training sessions. This year the training session for the southern Oregon coast will be held in the community of Gold Beach. This training session will feature Don Giles, founder of the 17 year old "Whale Watching Spoken Here" program. The training session will prepare volunteers to act as interpreters during the 1995/96 winter whale watch week, December 26th - January 2nd. The number of whales seen, unusual observations and the number and origin of the visitors will be recorded daily by the volunteers at the sites.

The whale watch site for Gold Beach area is Cape Sebastian. An Oregon State Park just five miles south of town, it has proven to be one of the best sites on Oregon's coast. Rising 700 feet above the Pacific Ocean, the cape juts out into the ocean and offers a panoramic view of the coastline from two separate observing areas.

The two day training session will be held December 9th and 10th at the Gold Beach City Hall, 510 S. Ellensburg (Hwy. 101), in the Council Chambers. This training is free of charge. For more information you may contact Norma Christian, local whale watch coordinator, at (541) 247-7581 or the Chamber of Commerce at Gold Beach at (541) 247-7526.

Hot Internet Sites

<http://www.yahoo.com>

This site is a great place to begin searching for anything. It has links to almost every type of place organized into meaningful categories.

Stormwatchers

Bandon, Or - Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 2, from 2 to 5pm and plan now to attend the Storm Watchers' Batten-down-the-Hatches Pre-season Social at Heritage Place on the South Jetty. This is our way of introducing the activities for the 1996 season to the community.

The Bandon Storm Watchers have been hosting educational programs winter weekends since 1983. The goal of these programs has been to attract people to Bandon during the off-season by sharing information on subjects relating to the ecosystem and history of the southern Oregon coast.

The speaker program runs every Saturday at 3pm from January to April. Area member businesses provide support to the weekly program by supplying refreshments and goodie bags for the speakers. Attendance has been growing steadily, with many visitors returning year after year. The winter program culminates with the Seafood and Wine Festival Memorial Day weekend. The 2-day affair is acknowledged as the best on the south coast.

Memberships to this landmark Bandon group are available and entitle cardholders to a 10 percent merchandise discount on Saturdays during the season at participating Old Town businesses; phone Linda at 347-4721 or Jane at 347-8054 for more information.

Beachcombers

The Port Orford Beachcombers will hold their Christmas square dance Saturday, December 2, at the Beachcombers Cove, on Nicholson Drive, 2 1/2 miles north of Port Orford.

Guests Steve Hoisington and Donna Hiserote will cue the rounds beginning at 8pm.

Johnny Nichols will call the squares, beginning at 8:30pm.

Clinic Hours Changed

Curry Family Medical staff have announced changes in regular clinic hours.

The clinic now will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm, Mondays through Wednesdays, from 11:00am to 7:00pm, Thursdays, and from 9:00am to 3:00pm, Fridays.

"We're in the process of extending our hours one evening a week for the convenience of working people," Karen Laursen, officer manager, says. Karen Olson, our family nurse practitioner, and Dr. William Nickerson are here to see patients now five days a week."

For urgent care after-hours, patients can phone Curry General Hospital toll-free at 1-800-445-8085.

Hot Internet Sites

<http://www.cnet.com>

Another hub leading to lots of sites. They also have a new shareware download area with oodles of goodies. First time on you can register (free) and there are several mailing lists which let you have various kinds of news emailed to you.



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Letter to the Editor,

As the biggest shopping day of the season approaches, I'd like to ask the people of Port Orford to think about our business community for a moment before going to Coos Bay. I would like to encourage everyone to shop locally. We have everything from beautiful one of a kind works of art to fishing supplies for Dad to handmade pottery, clothing, jewelry, wooden bowls, antiques, jams, wreaths and more available in our town. If you give it some thought, I am sure you can find something wonderful for everyone on your list here in Port Orford.

Our business community works hard every day and as I'm sure you can tell from how many businesses come and go, it's not easy to stay in business, most of us belong to and work on civic organizations and projects that benefit our entire town. We are also called upon daily to donate money for good local causes and we do.

I realize that it is fun to "Get Out of Town" for an all day outing, including eating out. But if you think about all the dollars that do not support the local merchants, it amounts to thousands. Why not show your support and appreciation by shopping in town?

Let's Keep Local Businesses In Business!!!!

Gayle Wilcox

Public Meetings

Port Orford City Council holds its monthly workshop meeting on Monday, November 27, at 8:30am, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce holds its membership meeting on Monday, November 27, at noon, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant.

Port Orford Parks Commission will meet on Monday, November 27, at 7:00pm, in the city council chambers. The agenda includes reports on the status of grant applications for the 12th Street Boat Ramp, the Visitor Center at Battle Rock Park and the RARE Intern for the City.

Curry County Public Health Advisory Board holds its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 28, at 5:00pm, in the Commissioner's Meeting Room of the County Annex Building in Gold Beach. Any interested citizens are invited to attend.

Port Orford Community Response Team first area meeting on Tuesday, November 28, from 6:30 -9:30pm, at the Community Building. This is the follow up to the Rural Development Initiatives meeting.

Attention Fishermen!

There is a big misconception about the blue dot with arrow signs you see along the river roads. They do not mean fishing access! These signs are for the Fire Departments to let them know they can get water for the trucks at these spots. People are led to believe these signs are for fishing access and trespass on private property. This causes a headache for everyone. Guides please pass this on to your clients. Fishermen if there's a spot that looks good but is private property go up and knock on the door and ask if you may fish there. Who knows you might catch that big one that got away last year.

Salmon Restoration Program

The last five months 15 Curry County Commercial Fishermen have been at work in the fields. Projects have included building fence, cutting brush, planting willows and doing culvert surveys. All in the hopes of helping the Salmon Habitat.

Approximately 15 miles of creeks and rivers have been fenced. The areas include Floras Creek, Sixes River, Euchre Creek, Chetco River, Winchuck River and the Rogue watersheds. Site preparation was going on at the same time, to prepare the area for conifers this winter.

Surveys were done on over 155 culverts. The surveys will give information on Salmon passage and if the culverts need repair.

One project involved building a willow mat, this was designed for bank stabilization. The mat was built along Lower Rogue streambanks.

The projects were funded by grant moneys, and all labor and materials were provided free of charge to the land owners.

In the future...Conifer and willows.

If you would like to take part in these Salmon enhancement efforts and utilize the free labor and materials please call Curry SWCD Curry Salmon Habitat at (503) 247-2755.

Environmental Outer Limits by Valerie Jean Kramer

There is a group working to protect the moon from humans. Yep, that's right, the European Space Agency's Lunar Science Advisory Group wants to keep the moon safe from human interference so it can be studied in its pure, unaltered form. I can get pretty upset thinking about the extermination of Tigers and other major species. I can even understand, and sometimes agree with, protecting lesser species. But protecting a dead, airless hunk of rock??? Get a life!

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Internet Update by Valerie Jean Kramer

Two new modems were installed on the Port Orford Internet site on Sunday. They will bring the number of lines up from four to six as soon as the phone company enables them which should be any day. This will help eliminate some of the busy signals that folks have been getting.

Seems like Internet has become quite popular! I've noticed that Sunday mornings seem to be very busy with all modems working all morning. They were all busy this morning (Tuesday, Nov. 21) also. As I write this three lines are in service and one is open.

Windows 3.x users - Remember to disconnect when you are done using Internet. Switch to Trumpet Winsock, choose the Dialer menu then select the "Bye" option. If you forget, you are still connected even if you have closed Netscape or your mail program. This can lead to unpleasant surprises when you bill comes.

A "new-user" package of software and instructions is available to help subscribers get started. It is important to follow the instructions carefully and avoid making assumptions or skipping steps. Some frequent issues are:

You MUST get Winsock working before you try to use FTP, Pegasus Mail, Etc. The last line on the Winsock screen should say, "My IP number is 204.214.110..." Messages about "Connected at 14,400" or "PPP Enabled" do NOT mean that Winsock is working! Be sure you're running Winsock and not Winslrp - the icons look alike. If everything seems to be OK but it rejects your username or password, keep in mind that capital and lower case letters are not considered to be the same. Thus, "cat" and "Cat" are different. If in doubt, ask @Harborside how your name and password were entered.

Do NOT turn on PAP in the "File | PPP Options" menu. In the "File | Setup"

menu you should set your baud rate to the maximum possible for your modem which is often four times the base speed (14,400*4=57,600; 28,800*4=115,200)

It may help to edit the login.cmd script to set the modem setup command as follows: \$modemsetup = "&F&C1&D2"

Once Winsock is working, you can use FTP to download Netscape. FTP works a lot like the Windows file manager. On the left is your system - a box for directories and one for files. On the right is the remote system you are connected to, showing its directories and files. Use double clicks to change the directories on both systems until you have highlighted the file on the remote system that you want and the directory on your system into which you want the file copied. Then click on the arrow box that points from the Internet system to yours.

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Featured work this month will be water-colors by Gold Beach artist Jack Elliott, the exciting basket art of Doug and Joyce Spicer-Kinney of the Laughing Basket Studio, and photographs of Harry Mason, recently framed by Carol Malley. Mr. Mason is also bringing some lithographs by George Chebak.

Guest musician Steve Montana will be featured at 3:15; Nancy Mohr will read from O'Henry's *The Gift of the Magi* during the 2:15 music period, and members of the Kammeroque Ensemble will be joined by the new 'cellist in town, Kim Wurster at the 4:15 Christmas sing-along. Bring a good strong voice and join us!

Come share the entertainment, refreshments, and snacks - which are as usual, potluck. It's always fun, and always more fun with more people. If you have questions, call Donna at 332-4444.

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Lonely road
But just for me to catch a glimpse
Of his life
Showed me mine was nothing to
Compare
I saw my days so lonely I couldn't
Even stand myself.
To waste my days on someone
Else's wealth
Crying that mine was my own
Little hell
As I watched someone else walking
Along, hanging their own head
Could I have been so wrong, to think
Of only me
When lifes hardships threaten us
All
Who was I to complain that my lovely
Life was anything else
Than a drop of sand in the bucket of
The man who died for all.

Port Orford Library

The Friends of the Port Orford Library will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar at the Library on Saturday, December 2nd, from 9am to 4pm. They will have hand-crafted gifts, home baked goodies, plants and new White Elephants for sale. Please join the Friends for cookies and coffee. Donations for the sale will be gratefully accepted.

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From the PHS Site Council:

There will not be a meeting in December, but the next scheduled meeting will be January 9th, 1996 at 3:30 in the PHS Library.

Future agenda items include: Work on written plan due 4/96, discuss survey of students and staff on block or modified day schedule, parents will report on Blanco sit council meeting.

Public is welcome to attend!

Thank you!

Sue Blount, Secretary

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Letter to the Editor,

My, is it that difficult to get the SAT scores in 2CJ School District??? According to the Nov. 14th school board meeting many people asked, but none received.

Well, folks, all you have to do is call Salem. They, in turn, call the Scholastic Testing Bureau, and as though by magic the scores are read over the phone!!! They tell us how many took the test, and what the average was! The entire process takes 10 minutes. Now, had the principal, counselor, or superintendent called the STB, the time would have been cut to 2 minutes. The scores are public record and are free.

The same scores were requested by Mr. Dom Taurone from Brookings in August. He was treated to the same tactics as was Mrs. Eraut from California. Only he was told that 6 hours would have to be spent to find this very complex information!

STB routinely sends the SAT scores to Pacific High School. Before they are filed, they could be added and averaged. That might take 10 minutes, if you brought in a student to do the math.

This SAT situation is a power thing, Mr.

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Wold! It is suppression of public information, at which this school district is a master.

Shame on the school board which did nothing to find this information. Regardless of what the principal and counselor at Pacific High say, SAT scores are important if one is to attend college. They are definitely an indicator of achievement level, and future success in an institution of higher learning.

Oh, by the way here are the SAT scores for 1995. The test was taken 15 times. Some took it more than once, so about 10 students are actually on record.

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Math	414	499	489
Total	811	947	911

I can see why this district is suppressing these scores.

Joyce King

[Ed. note: At the last board meeting it was explained that most other school districts have only their best, college bound, students take the SAT exams while our district encourages a broader base of students to try the exam. This results in lower averages for our school. With this considered, we look pretty good. Other standardized tests are a better way to compare school districts.]

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REFRESHMENTS

Senior News By Mary Yoder

First today - I want to tell about the 55 alive - mature driving. There will be classes Dec. 11th and 12th from 8 to 12. The fee is \$8. To be able to qualify for lower auto insurance you must attend the whole 8 hours. The class is first come first served so here is the phone number to call 332-0116. The instructor is Alice Whitley.

Not to much going on in the rest of November. The dance Nov. 25th from 7:30 to 10:30pm will be held. Membership meeting Nov. 29th will be at 11am and lunch at 12:30 at the Port and Starboard. Now it looks like nothing doing - but wait a minute. Every Thursday the volunteers serve lunch to the Rotary Club. Last Thursday Nov. 16th the following people worked: Kay Neal, Marge Kyle, Betty Harper, Thelma Lagace, Dutch Heinauer, Clar Stahl, E. David Klien. So

even if the seniors haven't anything going on the volunteers are working like answering the phone, greeting the visitors, cooking for other groups and keeping up the grounds and the buildings. If you're lonely come on down there is always something to do.

A kindly thought so often helps a sad heart on its way. Although we cannot always see the good it does that day. Hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving.



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Letter To The Editor,

On October 30 Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) presented their Community Assessment to residents of the Port Orford area. I was happy to see people reflecting a wide variety of views at that meeting, the first step in creating a long range plan for our community.

The next step is to create a vision statement for where we want Port Orford and the surrounding community to be in 15 years. That vision will be created at a meeting Tuesday, November 28, from 6:30 to 9:30pm at the Port Orford Community Building.

Each of us has our own vision of what we would like our community to be, and many of us are already working on projects to make that vision real. A strategic plan will help us work together as we share our visions for the future.

I know that active citizen involvement does make a difference. I was told recently by someone who had participated in several other community assessments that Port Orford's was the best they had seen. I think it is the best because the people of Port Orford are committed to fairness, our community and protecting our quality of life.

Even if you will not be able to commit to becoming part of what RDI calls the "Community Response Team", if you care about the future of this area you should come to this meeting so you can have a say in that future. And who knows, maybe you will decide to help make one of your dreams for the area come true by joining the Team. See you all November 28.

Sincerely:

Martha Weaver-Britell
Community Volunteer

Chamber Holding Election

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce is currently conducting an election for three positions on its Board of Directors. Five candidates have been nominated for this election including Pat Campbell, Lance Cox, Frank Eckley, Al Luis and Dick Wold. The term of office for Board of Directors is three years. Ballots must be received by the Chamber as of Monday, December 11, at noon. They will be counted at the Board of Directors meeting that day.

Letter to the Editor,

I think that Dr. Pitchford is a very nice doctor so I will not go to another doctor. Because he helped me more than any other doctor has since I've been here. I've only been here ten months. Dr. Pitchford is the greatest doctor that I have ever known.

Linda Lovett