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Will Phil See His Shadow?

### Thank You For Your Support By Evan Kramer

It's been over a week now since the special school board meeting where the board voted to censure Valerie. I took the whole matter a lot harder than she did. But what was very heartening for both of us was the tremendous show of support for Valerie both at the meeting that night and in letters, phone calls and personal visits since that evening. I appreciate the kind words and thoughts. We did receive a negative note under our door on Sunday at work but it was unsigned so we won't be able to print it. I believe if the community could have voted on this censure issue it wouldn't have passed by a 4-1 margin.

We're introducing a new column in the paper this week. For this edition it is written by Valerie and is entitled School District Watch. It is an effort to keep the reading public updated on several current issues of interest concerning the Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ school district. The Port Orford News also has a weekly column about the school district written by superintendent Dick Wold.

### Rainy Days

Someone asked me this morning how many days of consecutive rain we've enjoyed in the Port Orford area this month. Referring back to recent editions of this newspaper and the weather statistics pro-

vided by the City of Port Orford public employee it comes to 18 days of consecutive rain as of January 30. The month of January had only 4 rainless days as of January 30. How wet is it? It's so wet I saw a flock of ducks at McNair Hardware buying umbrellas.

A couple of weeks ago we ran the weather statistics for the City of Port Orford. The 1995 totals were generously compiled and provided by Gene Traglio. This week in response to overwhelming demand we present some of the highlights of the weather statistics compiled at the Elk River Fish Hatchery. I called the Hatchery this morning and got a recorded message. I wasn't aware the hatchery staff offered this service. The message stated the river gauge level as 6 feet and falling. This information is provided so drift boaters, kayakers and other recreationalists can get an idea whether or not to go out on the river.

The total rainfall at the Hatchery for 1995 was 152.49 inches. The most amount of rain in a month during 1995 was January when 34.75" of rain fell. The highest day was recorded in November, 1995, when 5.14 inches of water fell on the Hatchery. The highest river gauge reading was 11 feet. The river gauge is located below the landing at the fish ladder. This information was provided to me by Elizabeth "Betty" White, an employee at the hatchery, whose official

title is Hatchery Technician I. I mentioned to Betty how much I enjoyed walking the short but peaceful trail that runs along the Elk River from the hatchery to what's referred to as Big Rock. She told me she was responsible for putting that trail in and maintaining it. Thanks for the good work.

### The Water's Edge

This past Sunday I took Myrtle the dog on a short trip to the end of Paradise Point Rd. where we parked and walked down to the beach. Imagine my surprise when the first thing I spotted after talking with Audrey Burner who was with her Dalmatian was a magnificent looking float right at the water's edge. I had floats (both glass and plastic) on my mind ever since Michael Myers came in the store and showed me the glass float he found at Agate Beach. It was about the size of a baseball - I guess they don't make them as big as they used to. The float that I spotted was oblong shaped, made of plastic and greyish in color and was quite full of water and heavy. It was unlike any I have ever seen. Needless to say, I hauled it back to truck for a trip to its new home in the yard. I found several agates in the Paradise Point area in my walk through the soft sand. It's good to exercise caution when walking the beach at Paradise Point, especially north toward the mouth of the Elk River. The wave action is

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### Letter To The Editor,

You can't see it from Port Orford or even from the Elk River Road but a clearcut spreads daily along the North Fork in a forest that has never been cut before. The Sugarloaf cut will be known among salmonids as a corporate takeover of the habitat that they have enjoyed for thousands of years. The old-growth trees and the critters they have nurtured and protected can delight knowing that it will take

them only another millenia to come back where they are today.

When McCullough of Los Angeles came out of WWII with outboard motors and chainsaws there must have been some shaking and shuddering in the forests and waterways of the country. But his profits built Havasu City where tourists jam up to walk the bridge that he brought over from London. The two-man cross-

cut, double-blade axe and horse-drawn drag became obsolete along with those who presumed there would be big trees forever.

The corporate takeover is now reinforced by the political deceptions that even our own Senator Mark Hatfield has joined. More than a thousand oldtimers are coming down to provide a handful of jobs, dividends for stockholders, bushels of bucks for Boise Cascade... and payoffs to our political leaders. Balancing the federal budget within 7 years is today's priority. In 70 years will be wishing we had made more of an attempt to balance nature's budget?

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Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Feb 1	9:08am 7.3	3:11am 3.1	10:56pm 5.8	4:23pm 0.0
Fri Feb 2	9:50am 7.3	3:59am 3.0	11:28pm 6.0	4:58pm -0.1
Sat Feb 3	10:28am 7.4	4:40am 2.9	Midnight 6.1	5:31pm -0.2
Sun Feb 4	11:04am 7.3	5:19am 2.7	NONE —	6:04pm -0.2
Mon Feb 5	12:27am 6.3	5:58am 2.5	11:36AM 7.2	6:32pm -0.1
Tue Feb 6	12:53am 6.4	6:37am 2.3	12:14pm 7.0	7:04pm 0.1
Wed Feb 7	1:21am 6.6	7:16am 2.1	12:50pm 6.8	7:36pm 0.4
Thu Feb 8	1:50am 6.7	8:00am 1.9	1:33pm 6.4	8:08pm 0.8

### Senior News

By Mary Yoder

Would you believe today is February 1<sup>st</sup> - and these are the birthday people for February: Ernie Gordon - February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harry White the 5<sup>th</sup>, Ray Pipkin the 6<sup>th</sup>, Ina Lefter the 8<sup>th</sup>, Calvin Dishner the 9<sup>th</sup>, Wayne Goetter the 10<sup>th</sup>, Forrest Kirby the 11<sup>th</sup>, Lorraine Hass the 12<sup>th</sup>, Beth Newkirk the 15<sup>th</sup>, Lucile Douglas the 18<sup>th</sup>, Nadine Olivier, Peter Bannon, and Gene Burrough the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mildred Welch, Kenneth Beldon and Grace Houck the 27<sup>th</sup>, Adda Rose, David Walkup, and Robert Swanson the 28<sup>th</sup>. Well just a few words - the birthday party will be Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Come help us sing happy birthday and have cake and ice cream.

Now on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday from 5 to 7 a spaghetti feed - no they said spaghetti dinner \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Come bring the whole family - I'm going to.

Then on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> the board meeting at 1pm.

Remember on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 9pm pool, cards or just come visit with your friends. Here's something else, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday a Valentine lunch and rummage sale.

Lets see - January 25<sup>th</sup> these volunteers who worked: Betty Harper, Bessie

### Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford  
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Jan. 20	53	39	1.00
Jan. 21	46	33	.12
Jan. 22	48	36	.88
Jan. 23	51	41	.88
Jan. 24	49	37	.24
Jan. 25	47	38	.34
Jan. 26	53	43	1.17
Averages	49.6	38.1	.661
		Total	4.63

If the rain is starting to get to you, just be glad we get it as rain. If we got snow instead, we would have gotten about 4 feet last week!

Laursen, Greta Carson, Beth Newkirk, Thelma Lagace and Clar Stalh.

February 27<sup>th</sup> luncheon and rummage sale. These are the ones who did the cooking, serving and so forth were Erwin Morgan, Peter Bannon, Thelma Lagace, Lorraine Hass, Bessie Laursen, Peigi Stalh. The food was really good as always - that's why the good turn out. Then same night the dance. Nice crowd and much fun, good music by the Champaynes - nice lunch at the break. With June Dennison, Lee Hyle, and Art Klima heading the works you know it will be special. Did someone say nothing happening in Port Orford?

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Capuccino and desserts will be available during the intermission. Admission prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Advance tickets are available. The seats nearest the stage will be reserved for advance ticket holders.

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The Cove is located 2½ miles north of Port Orford on Nichol森 Drive. The public is invited to watch.

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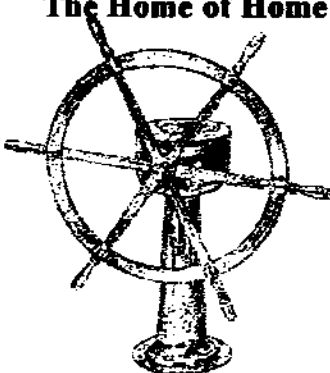
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### League Of Women Voters

Port Orford unit of the League of Women Voters of Curry County will meet Friday, February 9, at 10:00am at the home of Elaine Hamilton, Doug Johnson Lane (upper end of Deady Street). Members will discuss the Position Statements of the local League and determine whether they are in favor of continuing the positions for possible action or dropping a portion or all of any position. Their findings, determined by consensus, will be combined with those of the other units to form the county League position.

Subjects to be covered and the year of adoption are: planning, 1989; recycling,

1990; conditional use permits, 1992; water sources and uses in Curry County, 1993; and family violence in the county, 1995.

Curry County League currently has 44 members, six of whom live in Port Orford. Nationwide, the League has more than 90,000 members, including men. Although begun by women at the time they won the right to vote, the League welcomes any American citizen, age 18 or over, male or female. Visitors are also welcome at unit meetings.

Call 332-7501 or 332-9002 for more information.

### Proposed Youth Center

A Proposed Youth Center will be the subject of a meeting this Thursday night, Feb. 1, at 6:00pm in the Port Orford City Council Chambers. Teens, preteens and interested adults come and share your ideas and help design a Youth Center for North County. Oregon Together! And RDI Quality of Life participants - this is a great opportunity to make a difference. If you have any questions, call Ernie Thayer or Maureen Wayne at North Curry Families' and Children's Center at 332-1042.

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## School District Watch by Valerie Jean Kramer

Because of the many troubles at our local Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ, this new column will be run on a frequent basis to keep you posted on progress in a clear and orderly manner. Please note that it is not an official district notice and does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the board, the district, or its employees.

### Attitude Survey

In January 1995, a survey was done of district students in grades 6-12. It showed serious problems with substance abuse (13-64%), sexual activity (7-74%), child abuse (14-32%), and other problems. Our Sept. 14, 1995 issue reports that Robert Carlisle asked the board about the document at the September board meeting. No answer was given and the matter was referred to a "work session." Our Oct. 19 issue reports that at the Oct. 10 board meeting, the board voted to release the entire document and that it would be available after Oct. 31.

**STATUS:** 52 weeks since inception, 20 weeks since it became a public issue. Since the document was made available to the public, the district office reports that few have bothered to obtain one, and public interest has died down. The board has not taken any specific action on this material (other than making it available to the public) nor have there been any public reports to the board as to actions taken by the district to mitigate these problems in any way. I'm outraged at the problems in our community and at the seeming lack of concern about them. I don't know what can be done, but I think we, as a community, ought to be doing more than we are. This is not just a school problem.

### S.A.T. Scores

Superintendent Dick Wold has made claims at various times, both in his newspaper articles and at public meetings,

that our students score well on tests when compared with other students. For specific example, in the Jan. 12, 1995 issue of this paper we reported that his annual state-of-the-schools message said "Our students again scored at or above the state average on the statewide assessment testing. Pacific High students and Oregon students scored above their counterparts in the nationwide SAT tests."

In a letter in our Nov. 22, 1995 issue, Joyce King challenged his facts and offered evidence to the contrary. She had further information in a follow-up letter in our Dec. 7 issue.

In our Nov. 2, 1995 issue, we published a letter from Irene Eraut of Aptos, CA. She claimed that our district wanted \$224.36 to produce scores and did not promise a timely response for them even then. She stated that they would not move into our school district after such treatment.

The issues here are: How do our local students compare with other groups? Why is it so difficult to get this information from the district? Who is responsible for the response sent to Ms. Eraut and what can be done to prevent this kind of bad publicity in the future?

**STATUS:** 12 weeks since Ms. Eraut's letter. At this time, the scores have not been made public by the district. Superintendent Wold claims to be preparing a booklet that will give evidence and explanations.

### Superintendent's Contract

At the May 1993 school board meeting, the board voted to cancel the remaining year on Superintendent Wold's existing contract and to give him a new four year contract. This was also the year that Marc Farmer and Valerie Kramer were elected to the board. Their duties did not begin until July 1, 1993.

We are faced with a similar situation today. Mr. Wold's contract expires in

June 1997. Next year a majority of board positions, those of Marc Farmer, Valerie Kramer, Larry Blount, and Marilyn Haga, will be up for election. Larry and Marilyn have said publicly they do not intend to run for re-election though that is not a binding commitment and they may change their minds. Will the existing board vote to extend his contract, thus tying the hands of a new board?

**STATUS:** 74 weeks until Mr. Wold's contract expires. There has been no public statement nor action by the board on this matter. Perhaps this isn't even an issue yet, but several people have been asking about it lately so it seemed reasonable to include it here.

### Union Relations

The district has begun negotiation with POLTA (Port Orford-Langlois Teachers Association) for a new contract.

**STATUS:** This year the district and union have agreed to try collaborative bargaining. Piney Van Riper spoke briefly at the public meeting on Monday, Jan. 15, and said that the talks have begun well and that she hopes they will continue to a conclusion in the positive, cooperative way they've begun.

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### Bonsai Society

Monthly meetings of the Bonsai Society for 1996 will begin on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held in the Recreation Room of the Port Orford Trailer Village from 7 to 9pm. Visitors and prospective members are invited. The agenda will consist of displays, demonstrations, discussion and video of a popular Bonsai topic. Future meetings will introduce such topics as grafting, pruning, cuttings and other forms of propagation. Soil composition, fertilization and care will also be stressed. The annual Jubilee Exhibit will coincide with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

For further information, please call DeBoyd Smith, 332-7633 or Al Affonso, 332-1041.

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# **North Curry Activities Calendar**

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## **February Highlights**

**February 1st - Proposed YOUTH CENTER meeting - City Hall**

**February 19 - No school - Presidents' Day**

**February 22 - NCFCC public meeting - 6 p.m. City Hall**

# North Curry Activities C

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Sun. Feb. 4, 1996	Mon. Feb. 5, 1996	Tue. Feb. 6, 1996	Wed. Feb. 7, 1996
6:30p Christian Center Royal Rangers every Sunday: Contact Gary Dorran 332-6161	8:00a Parent/Teacher Conferences Min. Day 7:00p PO Fire @Fire Hall 7:30p Langlois Water Board	9:00a North Annex-Health Dept. - Vets 12:00p AA @ North Annex 6:30p Lion's Club @ Truculent Oyster 7:00p Langlois Fire Board 7:00p PO Planning Comm 7:15p Langlois Lib. Board	9:00a North 10:00a COMMON 1:00p Langlois @ Comm. Churc 4:00p Story 7:00p Langlois Church Club 7:30p Langlois
Sun. Feb. 11, 1996	Mon. Feb. 12, 1996	Tue. Feb. 13, 1996	Wed. Feb. 14, 1996
	12:00p PO Chamber Comm. @ Paradise 7:00p Lang Fire Bd 7:00p PO Fire @Fire Hall 7:00p PO City Council Meeting 7:00p PO Comm Children's Ctr Public Meet	9:00a North Annex-Health Dept. - Vets 12:00p AA @ North Annex 8:00p 2CJ School Board	9:00a N Annex 9:30a Mobile Mammogram@CFE appt. 10:00a COMMON 1:00p Senior 4:00p Story 7:00p PO Lib
Sun. Feb. 18, 1996	Mon. Feb. 19, 1996	Tue. Feb. 20, 1996	Wed. Feb. 21, 1996
	8:00a President's Day NO SCHOOL 7:00p Point Orford Heritage Soc. @Heads Old Coast Guard Bldg 7:00p PO Fire @Fire Hall	9:00a Employment Dept. @ N. Annex 9:00a North Annex-Health Dept. - Vets 12:00p AA @ North Annex 6:30p Lion's Club @ Truculent Oyster 7:00p Audubon Board Meet.	10:00a COMMON 1:00p Langlois @ Comm. Churc 4:00p Story 6:00p 4th of Jubilee meet. 7:00p PO Wat 7:30p Langlois
Sun. Feb. 25, 1996	Mon. Feb. 26, 1996	Tue. Feb. 27, 1996	Wed. Feb. 28, 1996
	8:00a PO City Council Workshop/Call 332-3681 for time & place 12:00p PO Chamber of Comm. @ Port & Starboard 7:00p PO Fire @Fire Hall 7:00p PO Parks @ City Hall	9:00a North Annex-Health Dept. - Vets 12:00p AA @ North Annex	9:00a North Annex-Correct 10:00a COMMON 11:00a Sr Ctr Meeting 4:00p Story 7:00p Port O Ambulance @ N



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### Curry County Sheriff

Curry County Sheriff Chuck Denny spoke before the Port Orford council meeting on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. He discussed law enforcement issues in general, but particularly addressed Port Orford's initiative in hiring a City police officer. The main points covered were as follows:

The sheriff will continue to support the City as much as he has in the past. The Port Orford police officer will not change this support level. The sheriff emphasized that he is under a very severe constraint in the support that he can offer to Port Orford or any other section of the county since recent county budget reductions have reduced the number of patrol officers to only eight for the entire county. If budget problems continue as they have in the recent past, then further reduction may be required.

The Sheriff urged the City to set up a detailed job description and set of performance guidelines for the new police officer. One particular problem to be dealt with is that of time allocation with only one city officer and twenty four hours in a day.

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Sheriff Denny assured the City that all costs incurred with the jailing of individuals arrested in Port Orford would not be borne by the City. This included both adults and juveniles.

The sheriff stated that one of the most important tasks of the Port Orford office would be to enforce City ordinances. The County sheriff could not be involved in these matters.

### Letter to the Editor

Do you remember High School and your freshman English class, where you were forced to read *The Human Comedy*, and hated it. It was embarrassing because it hit too close to home. You were barely a teenager and did not want anyone to think that you had ever shared the feelings of Saroyan's pre-adolescent hero. Hopefully you reread it at a later date. Maybe when you were safely into your thirties and delighted in the beauty and honesty of the book.

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ity, humor and dreariness, pretension and humility, are woven into a tale of John Quick's early childhood in Port Orford. He grew up here from 1934 to 1942. From about ages 4 to 12. Keep in mind, when you read, that *Hamlet* is not really about Denmark! This story would retain its power in any setting. *Fools Hill* is also not an invitation to argument from keener memories. The book is poetry and as such falls under the protective blanket laid down by Archibald McLeish, "A poem should be equal to, not true."

*Fools Hill* is at the Port Orford library. As you might expect, there is a waiting list. Call and put your name on it. It's a fun read.

Robert J. Warring

### Letter to the Editor,

In lieu of addressing each question, allegation and accusation presented recently in letters to the editor from Walt and Marilyn Kaplan and "Lea Kureth", I would like you, the general public, to stop in at city hall and get the facts and figures from the people who have them.

Delaine Kennedy  
Mayor, City of Port Orford

# Calendar - February 1996

Families' and Children's Center-

	Thu. Feb. 1, 1996	Fri. Feb. 2, 1996	Sat. Feb. 3, 1996
	9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 3:00p Lang Lib Teen Gp. 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo 6:00p PROPOSED YOUTH CENTER Meet. - City Hall	6:00p Langlois Sr. Potluck @ Firehall call 348-2227 7:00p PO Arts Council Meeting @ Sr Ctr	3:00p Lang Lib Rec Prog (Preschool-8)
7, 1996 Annex / WIC N GOOD Langlois Food Bank Arch Hr-Lang Lib Langlois Comm. each Wed. Langlois Lions	Thu. Feb. 8, 1996 9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo 6:30p RDI Meeting @ Senior Center 7:00p Blanco Boosters	Fri. Feb. 9, 1996 12:00p Bereavement Gp @ Zion Luth Ch	Sat. Feb. 10, 1996 11:30a PO Sr Ctr Luncheon 3:00p Lang Lib Rec Prog (Preschool-8) 8:00p 2CJ School Board
14, 1996 Ex-probation s FMC call for N GOOD r Ctr Board Hr-Lang Lib brary Board	Thu. Feb. 15, 1996 9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 3:00p Lang Lib Teen Gp. 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo 7:00p Pacific Boosters 7:30p Friends of Cape B.	Fri. Feb. 16, 1996	Sat. Feb. 17, 1996 3:00p Lang Lib Rec Prog (Preschool-8)
21, 1996 N GOOD Langlois Food Bank Arch Hr-Lang Lib f July ting rshed Meet Langlois Lions	Thu. Feb. 22, 1996 9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo 6:00p NCFCC Public Meet. @ PO City Hall 7:30p Sixes Grange Meeting	Fri. Feb. 23, 1996 12:00p Bereavement Gp. @ Zion Luth Ch. 7:00p Fourth Friday @ Langlois Lib.	Sat. Feb. 24, 1996 11:30a PO Senior Ctr Luncheon 3:00p Lang Lib Rec Prog (Preschool-8)
28, 1996 ctions N GOOD r Mems Hr-Lang Lib Drford Mortuary	Thu. Feb. 29, 1996 9:00a N Annex-Health 10:00a Lang Lib Pre-School Stories 12:00p PO Rotary Club 3:00p Lang Lib Teen Gp. 4:00p PO Lib 3rd-5th Gr 5:30p PO Lions Bingo		

## North Curry Children's and Family Center

NCFCC has hired a new Coordinator - Tere Tronson of Langlois! Tere has 2 kids in school and is extremely interested in issues facing families today. Most recently she was a consultant for the Western World newspaper in Bandon and previously was Marketing Director of the Pony Village Mall. Ernie Thayer will help smooth the transition and then is off to start his own local counseling practice.

Many thanks to Evan and Valerie Kramer at The Fun Zone for supporting us. This has made the calendar more available! If you have activities to include for March, call Maureen at 332-1042 by Monday, February 26th.

A grant to the county from the Oregon Department of Transportation provides some money to start a Youth Center in this area (as well as Gold Beach and Brookings). NCFCC is taking the lead in coordinating and facilitating the project here. Anybody - parent, teenager or concerned person - who wants to be part of the planning or operation of a Youth Center, call Maureen Wayne at 332-1042. There's a meeting Thursday, February 1 at City Hall!

The *Oregon Together!* training was held at the City Hall January 29th. Diane Glass and Caroline Cruz of *Oregon Together!* were here along with the Statewide director of the program, Barbara Groves, to train Coos and Curry County key leaders in the program - a risk prevention approach to negative behaviors of our kids. A core group has started - anyone interested in protecting our kids from the today's risks, please call Janet Pretti or Maureen Wayne at 332-1042. There's a \$4000 grant to spend on activities!

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS please call Brenda Sims at the North Annex (332-8044) to register with the new child care Resource and referral, *Child Care Link*. You'll be on our mailing list for access to training and subsidy opportunities and resource materials! The county-wide toll-free number for referrals is 800-611-7555.

## INTEGRATED SERVICE NEWS

### North Annex

The Annex is staffed by Brenda Sims, receptionist, daily between 8am - noon and 1 - 5pm. There are 39 Service Integration Projects in Oregon. Ours is designed to provide help for children and families in a local, non-threatening way, reduce the bureaucratic red-tape so often involved in public services and when possible, to bring services to one location - like our North Annex building! Watch for new signs in February!

### Workforce Quality Learning Module

A reminder that the computerized Learning Module is available to the public at the North Annex. You can explore medical careers, computer skills, business procedures and communications, introduction to business and workplace ethics, entrepreneurship, and multi-media presentations for small businesses. Contact Brenda Sims, 332-9191, for more information and to schedule time on the computer.

### State of Oregon Services Available Locally

In addition to County departments, several state agencies provide service at the North Annex. Adult and Family Services takes food stamp intakes 2 - 3 days a month; call 1-800-419-1371 to schedule an appointment. An Employment Department representative is available the third Tuesday morning of every month. Senior and Disabled Services schedules appointments as needed.