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Mayor Breaks Tie By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met Monday night and Garrison Lake was the center of attention. Mayor Gary Doran asked that the items under new business be moved up on the agenda ahead of the reports.

City public works director Jerry McNurlin gave a report on the problems on Arizona St. between Geer Circle and Madrona Street. He reported part of the street is settling and cracking up and there is a sewer pressure line under Arizona that he's concerned about. He referred to the Stuntzner Engineering report on the roadway failure on Arizona and said the road needs stabilizing. Councilor Robert Warring quoted from a part of the report "These slides appear to be typical of cohesive soils experiencing a "rapid draw down" which would be caused by draining the lake (either through natural processes or as assisted by man).

The council then considered Garrison Lake levels. Doran started with a statement of where the city is at now. He said the city has opened the lake outlet four times since November and has seen a big change in the lake outlet. Jerry McNurlin

stated the raising and lowering of the lake was creating problems on Arizona Street. He said some of the streets are in jeopardy if the lake level is too high as well as the manhole and pump station on Lakeshore Drive. Councilor Jane Cramer said she would like to avoid opening the lake again and recommended a task force form to come up with a different way to lower the lake level. Councilor Robert Warring said we need engineers not volunteers to solve the problem.

William Rebhahn, a resident on Lakeshore Drive, said the city has traditionally opened the lake since 1985 and added the lake has been artificially high for 30 years. He talked about the damage to his property from high lake levels. Rebhahn suggested two solutions including a pump system to drain the lake or to drain the lake at a lower level. Councilor Ralph Donaldson asked McNurlin if he could look into the Department of Beaches (State Parks) digging a trench in a stable area of the dunes and draining the lake in that area. Lakeshore resident Louise Langenbach said she has seen the lake percolating over the dunes on its own. She said the frogs and other animals are gone. Donaldson said the lake salt level was 14.5 last weekend as compared to ocean salt level of 30. McNurlin said the past weekend the salt level in the lake had

risen to 27.3. Lakeshore resident John Leuthie suggested a siphoning action to drain the lake with effluent and lake water going out the same pipe.

Councilor Nathaniel Wander said there are two alternatives – either open the lake or not open the lake and assess the consequences of this action. Lakeshore resident Joan Geiser went on record saying she is concerned about losing her water source and erosion of the banks of her property. She said there is no easy solution and recommended getting some experts in.

City attorney Randall Tosh had a few things to say to the residents including "the bad news is you live on the Oregon Coast." He said if the weir at the lake outlet existed prior to the 1977 land use laws the city might be able to put it back in. He reminded the council the lake is under the jurisdiction of the Division of State Lands. He said if it's an act of God, the City's decision to let the lake reach its equilibrium would be tolerated.

William Rebhahn suggested the city investigate an artificial reef. He blamed the port jetty for part of the problem saying the beach should be growing not eroding. Councilor Wander said Northern California and Oregon don't have long shore

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Thu Feb 11	1:31a	4.0	7:45a	7.0	3:06p	0.9	9:51p	5.4	7:18a	5:45p	4:23a	1:49p	
Fri Feb 12	2:33a	3.9	8:35a	7.3	3:49p	0.4	10:31p	5.8	7:17a	5:46p	5:11a	2:39p	
Sat Feb 13	3:24a	3.7	9:22a	7.6	4:27p	-0.1	11:06p	6.2	7:15a	5:47p	5:57a	3:34p	
Sun Feb 14	4:10a	3.4	10:06a	7.9	5:04p	-0.4	11:39p	6.5	7:14a	5:48p	6:39a	4:37p	
Mon Feb 15	4:53a	3.0	10:48a	8.1	5:40p	-0.7			7:13a	5:50p	7:17a	5:40p	NM
Tue Feb 16	12:12a	6.8	5:36a	2.6	11:31a	8.2	6:15p	-0.7	7:11a	5:51p	7:52a	6:46p	
Wed Feb 17	12:45a	7.1	6:19a	2.2	12:15p	8.1	6:52p	-0.5	7:10a	5:52p	8:26a	7:52p	
Thu Feb 18	1:19a	7.4	7:05a	1.9	1:02p	7.8	7:29p	-0.1	7:08a	5:54p	8:58a	9:00p	

**Rumors
By Paula Cracas**

Water is a big issue in Port Orford and the source of many rumors. At one time, the city had to keep switching back and forth between Hubbard Creek and Garrison Lake, but we have lost Garrison Lake as a water source, probably for years, as the salt content renders it undrinkable. Many people wonder why we are so concerned about water. After all, it rains year 'round and we have two rivers to the north of town. But we don't have water rights on the Sixes and Elk Rivers. That means we can't take water from those rivers. We do have water rights on Hubbard Creek. Some landowners have water rights on Hubbard Creek. Some don't. Only the people with water rights can pump water from Hubbard Creek. Now that Hubbard Creek is the only source of water for Port Orford, monitoring Hubbard Creek for "water theft" could become a priority during the summer months when the creek

gets low. The city is researching alternatives like wells and holding ponds, but doesn't collect rainwater. We have two holding tanks, one in need of repairs. Jerry McNurlin told me it is legal for a homeowner to have a well within Port Orford city limits. That's an option, if you've got the money to have one drilled. On the other hand, we could be conserving and protecting our precious and limited water supply.

A lot of water is wasted inside our homes. A leaking toilet, for example, can waste as much as 200 gallons of water a day. To test your toilet to see if it's leaking, add some food coloring to the tank (I'd suggest you don't use yellow food coloring) and leave it overnight. If the water in the bowl is colorful, it probably means your tankball doesn't fit properly and water is seeping underneath the edge. That's a fairly simple problem to fix. Oregon Landlord/Tenant Laws require landlords to fix water leaks. Garbage disposals use one

gallon of water a minute. A leaky faucet can waste 2000 gallons a year, which is usually nothing more than a washer that needs to be replaced.

In the meantime, Garrison Lake is filling with seawater. I heard a rumor that the city is planning to add a boat dock at 12th Street so I checked with Jerry McNurlin. In fact, it is Fish and Wildlife (742 Airport Way, Gold Beach, OR 97444; 247-7605) and not the city, who are planning to repave the parking area and add restrooms, more picnic tables and a boat dock. Why in the world would we want motor boats on a lake that will become our drinking water source sometime in the future? Motor boats disturb the banks and waterfowl, in addition to polluting the water. We should be protecting the lake as much as possible. When the lake was drained down 8 feet a couple weeks ago, people saw sewer leach lines draining from some properties along the lake.

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Rumors

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And pump lines were also seen. I asked Jerry McNurlin about that and he said it would have been a good time to check, but that the city is short-handed, nobody had time to do it. But McNurlin did say it is illegal to dump sewage into the lake and to pump water out of the lake without permits and water rights. More about water and sewer problems next month. 'Til then, as they said in the '60's, "Save water, shower with a friend."

Alumni Scholarship

The Pacific High School Alumni Scholarship was first initiated during the Spring of 1998. With the aid of dedicated PHS alumni, hundreds of letters were mailed to Pacific graduates with the end result being that over \$3000 was donated and awarded to the Class of 1998 in the form of post-high school scholarships.

During the fund raising drive of 1998, many alumni expressed a desire to establish a scholarship foundation to allow contributors the option of making a one-time larger donation, rather than annual contributions. That suggestion has now been incorporated into the PHS Alumni Scholarship.

The goal for this year is to establish three \$500 scholarships for the Class of 1999. Once \$1500 has been accumulated for the three scholarships, the remaining contributions will be placed in a PHS Alumni Scholarship CD account so that the money can begin to earn interest. When the principal of that fund reaches \$5000 the balance will then be transferred to the Oregon State Scholarship Commission which will manage the account as a foundation. Most alumni scholarship funds are handled in this manner, but a minimum account of at least \$5000 is required. OSSC has a web site (www.osscc.state.or.us) for contributors

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Port Board Meets

The Port of Port Orford board meets on Tuesday, February 16, 7:00, in the city council chambers.

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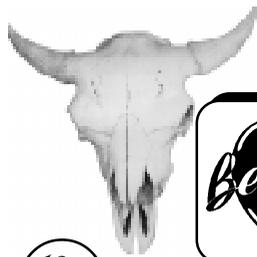
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“The facilities on the fairgrounds are definitely for public use, said Curry County Fair Board member David Smith, of Port Orford, in response to a letter presented to the fair board during the monthly meeting on January 21.

“Anyone can rent any of the facilities which are available,” Smith continued, in reply to the accusation that the fairgrounds may be discriminating against some businesses by allowing competitive businesses to rent the facilities.

During consideration of the proposed grant application to finish the inside of the Floral Building for use as meeting rooms and classrooms as well as continue to serve as floral exhibit building during the annual fairs, Fair Manger Ron Crook read three letters of support which declared interest in use of the building for various classes and meetings, once the building is completed inside.

Meeting rooms of smaller sizes than presently available on the fairgrounds, have been in demand for years, especially as “breakout rooms” for larger gatherings, Crook pointed out.

Several members of the audience expressed their enthusiasm and support for the possible completion on the Floral Building for year round usage.

Currently the Floral Building is an open-air structure, using only during the annual fair.

Viola Cuatt, of Port Orford, Floral superintendent of more than 30 years and Fair Board member for more than a decade, commented fondly on the historic significance of the Floral Building and the adjoining I and Products building.

The two buildings were built in the mid 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps for use as barracks.

“It is in our Master Plan that we developed in 1996 to complete the Floral Building,” said Crook. “The only way that we could do it though, is by getting a grant.

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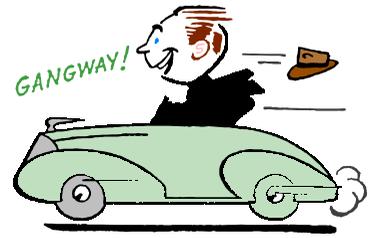
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is at the Gold Beach campus at the fairgrounds. The Port Orford class is Thursday, March 18 at Port Orford City Hall. The classes are held from 8:30am-noon. Unless a Curry Employee Assistance Program member, the cost is \$20.00 for the workshop.

Call SWOCC for more information or to reserve space in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or in Port Orford on Fridays at 332-3023.

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February 1, 7:23am: Report of barking dog nuisance. Report taken.

February 1, 8:15am: Report of cows loose on Highway 101, south of Elk River. Referred to ODOT and Curry County Sheriff's Office.

February 4, 7:04am: Black dog chasing cars at 12th and Idaho Street, gone on arrival.

February 5, 7:30pm: Verbal argument at Thomas residence. Handled by contact.

February 6, 6:30am: Arcing wires by the Wooden Nickel. Not a hazard.

February 6, 7:50am: Travel trailer flipped on its side, Highway 101 at Battle Rock. Removed by Hogard's truck.

February 6, 9:45am: Crosswalk lights at school blown down. Handled by ODOT.

Chautauqua Schedule

SWOCC, in conjunction with the Oregon Council for the Humanities is presenting Chautauqua lectures in Port Orford and Gold Beach. There is a change in the

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dates. The Port Orford lecture, **Sealores: Seafarers, Sirens, and Serpents** is Friday, February 19, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Port Orford City Hall. The Gold Beach lecture, **Loggers in the West: Oregon's Timber Beasts**, is Saturday, February 20, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Southwestern campus on the fairgrounds.

Both lectures are by folklorist Twilo Scofield. She uses stories, songs, anecdotes and customs to explore the history and myth of these two subjects. Watch for further information.

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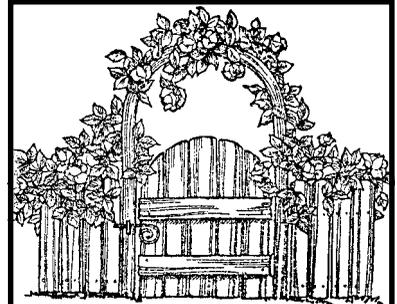
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Gas Price Misinformation

By Lloyd Olds

In a previous County Commissioner's Meeting, I voiced strong concern about the high price of gasoline in Curry County. I was not happy with prices and know many citizens are fed up with competing for the "Most Expensive Gas in Oregon Award". I have diligently conducted a quiet investigation along with the help of a handful of citizens.

My report at another Commissioner's Meeting stated gas prices in various areas, the fact that Brookings was still highest, and the fact that Gold Beach and Port Orford prices had dropped slightly.

I further stated that 6 cents per gallon fuel delivery charge did not convince me that Brookings residents should be paying \$1.25/gallon when it was .93 cents/gallon in Salem and \$109.9 in Coos Bay.

I stated that as far as legality, I had not found enough evidence to make accusations, so I did not intend to do so at the present.

I went on explaining the facts surrounding us:

- 1.) This is America – Home of the "Free Enterprise System."
- 2.) If the dealers want to, they can charge whatever they desire for gas.
- 3.) If the consumers buy it, then the dealers are offering goods at a price the market will bear.

Was I happy about this? Definitely not! Siding with businesses? Never, will I side with businesses that I feel are ripping the citizens off.

Do the businesses have a right to make a profit? Yes, they do "legally," but I don't have to be happy when I feel we are being gouged every time I buy gas and know 50-100 miles away it is 20 cents a gallon cheaper.

I did not start this gasoline price question

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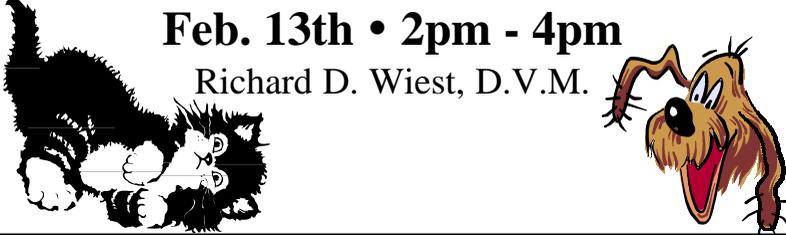
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to make points or be politically popular. Everyone who listened during my campaign in 1996 knows I agreed with my wife and family to devote four years in an attempt to help Curry County Citizens have a County Government they could rely on I have attempted to fulfill that goal regardless of popular political mumbo jumbo.

I did not blame Bill Lundquist in his initial report as I realized it was hard for him to express my sarcasm when stating whatever the charge was per gallon was legal without proof otherwise.

I discussed this with David Graham after his letter to the editor and I believe he agreed with me on the matter. We don't like it but it's legal!

Now along comes Mr. Keusink just itching to get in his 2 cents worth – no facts, no follow-up to ask anyone what was really said – just starts writing a statement that sounds good. The citizens deserve more responsibility than that!

If the Pilot thinks the prices are too high – say so! If not – say so!

I keep remembering a past statement about Bill Roberts and me coming on "Board"

a sinking ship. We haven't given up on damage control yet and we sure welcome anyone who volunteers to help on repairs. Constructive criticism is great, but senseless launching of torpedoes at a badly damaged ship will drastically slow down repair time.

Suggested Solution – One idea is either the gas stations should establish a realistic profit margin, or perhaps enough concerned citizens can form and fund a co-op gasoline station and bring prices down to a realistic level. Will it work? No one will know until it's tried. "Worth thinking about."

The way it stands at the present – the Motto of "shopping at home to help our local economy" is a very hard pill to swallow in face of so blatant difference in gas prices.

Disney Night Fundraiser

The PHS Choir will have a Disney Night fundraiser concert on Wed., Feb. 24, at 7 pm in the gym. Tickets are \$3 per person or \$5 per family. Funds will be used to purchase music and outfits and costs of competitions. Call Richard Brown at 348-2293 for more info.

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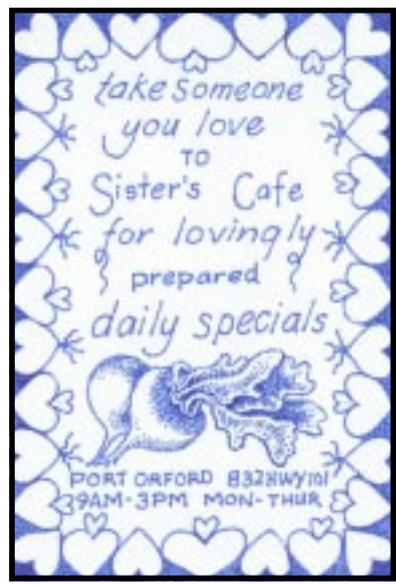
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Easter Island III
By Graeme Graydon



The steep-walled crater of Rano Kau had been blasted by a massive explosion that tore a perfectly round hold in the corner of the island. My body trembled as if

from the shockwave of an event that still echoed in that brooding silence. Pulling myself together I walked around it, keeping back from the edge until I came to the huddle of stone buildings called Orongo. The crate rim narrowed until there was only a good track threading along the knife edge between the cauldron on one side and the ocean on the other – 1000 feet below. There was a heavy, forboding presence about the whole place, I had to push myself to explore the dark cave like stone huts clustered above the cliffs – it was such a relief to get away when I was done. I walked out through a guard post which I had somehow missed on my way around the crater, the ranger was not amused and I paid \$11.00 for the entry fee. The brochure that he gave me told some, but not all of the story of that disturbing place. On Easter Island, only the ghosts know all the story. There had

been a time, about 225 years ago when the island, Te Pito O Te Henua, translated “Center of the World,” had been wracked by terrible social upheavals. Shortly after, a religion based annual event conveyed powers of rulership to one of several feuding family groups. The strongest young men waited for the migratory sooty terns to lay the first egg on a tiny rock islet just off the coast below the village. The first one to make it through the swells and up the formidable cliff with an egg conferred authority to the head of his family group for one year. That leader became sacred and his followers had the right to steal, kill or destroy in any way they wished. The insanity of this religion, known as the Bird-man Cult brought great misery and accelerated the loss of their heritage and the desecration of their land.

As I walked back, taking a shortcut through pine and eucalyptus plantations, I began to hear a word in my head that would be repeated often in the days ahead – Why? Why would people do this to themselves?

I don't see how anyone could be a tourist on Easter Island, the past is the present, more strident than anything today. For a week I would walk on a stage where

something terrible had happened, where ghosts spoke more loudly than the present day people, where I could touch what those ghostly hands had touched, where all I could hear was a desperate – Why?

But no answers came on the island at the Center of the World. Surely I could find some lesson, some light to take with me.

To be continued.

Powers to Agness Road (FRD33)

On December 1, 1998 the Federal Highway Administration, who is administering the contract to repair the Powers to Agness Road, terminated their contractor due to nonperformance. As a result the work was unable to be completed as originally planned. Currently the Federal Highway Administration is in the process of hiring a new contractor to complete repairs. The road is still impassable from the junction of the 33 and 3348 to Agness Pass. The road condition is a safety hazard to anyone traveling past the closed gate, please respect the closure for your own health and safety. Work is scheduled to begin this summer, with repairs completed by year 2000.

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of many large trees not to mention beachfront property.

Meanwhile on Tuesday morning of this week it snowed briefly early in the morning.

Garrison Lake Notes

By Evan Kramer

The lake outlet looked and acted like a lagoon on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. By Sunday afternoon the outlet had sanded in and water was not flowing out at low tide.

On Wednesday afternoon, Dick Gamble from the Army Corps of Engineers met with Johnny Alexander, Jerry McNurlin, councilor Jane Cramer, Nathaniel Wander and Mayor Gary Doran at city hall. Alexander said he had been looking for a little guidance from the Corps on the lake situation.

Gamble talked about the Corps of Engineer Shoreline Erosion Protection Program. He said it takes 2-3 years to get something going. Gamble said the funding for any program would be 35% local and 65% federal.

The group then drove out to Agate Beach so Gamble could get his first look at the situation. He took numerous photos and will get back to the city at a later date with recommendations.

Port Orford resident William Tremmel called me on Thursday morning and told

me he saw a couple of teenagers going out in the mud portion of the lake bottom to get a fish that was still alive and release it out into deeper water.

Local resident and long-time lake fisherman JD Smith brought a western pond turtle into our store on Thursday afternoon. He had found it upside down and tangled in the now exposed weeds from the drawn down lake. We called Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in Gold Beach and later that day John Toman from the Charleston ODF&W office showed up. He took the turtle back to the lake and put it in at the 12th St. fishing dock despite the heavy salt water content of the lake. Toman told me the western pond turtle is classified as a "sensitive" species because Fish and Wildlife is not seeing enough young turtles. JD Smith was very upset about the condition of the lake and the death of so many fish and took me on a tour of the damage.

City councilor Ralph Donaldson called me on Thursday and told me the salt level of the lake water was 50% of the salt level of ocean water.

Erosion of the bluffs at Agate Beach continued through the week with the loss

League of Women Voters

Port Orford unit, League of Women Voters of Curry County, will meet Friday, February 12th at 10am at the home of Dot Mathews, Doug Johnson Lane. Topic will be financing K-12 education in Oregon. The League will be updating its position in order to work with the current Legislature on school funding.

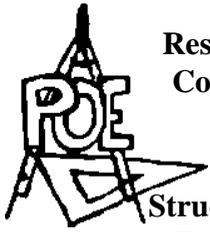
Men and women citizens of voting age are welcome in the League of Women Voters. For further information, call 332-9002.

Project Graduation

The annual Project Graduation auction will be held on Saturday, March 13, at 7:00pm, in the Pacific High School gym. Admission to this "All You Can Eat Dessert Night" is \$2.00 for students, \$3.00 for non-students, or \$10.00 for families.

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Curry General Hospital

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"Anyone at any time is welcome to see what's been purchased with the bond funds we received from last May's vote," Randy Scholten, chief executive officer, says. "We're encouraging district taxpayers and other patients to visit on Valentine's Day, though, to enjoy free refreshments, live music and ballroom dance demonstrations."

Taxpayers in the Curry Health District last May passed a five-year, \$1.5 million bond for capital improvements, facility and equipment upgrades for the 48-year-old hospital and its medical clinic in Port Orford. The health district stretches from south of Pistol River to the Sixes area north of Port Orford.

Since the bond funding became available last fall, Scholten adds, the district has spent about \$325,000 on items outlined in the bond's budget.

Auxiliary volunteers will serve as tour guides which will be offered from 1 to 3pm during the open house.

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gical stretcher; and laparoscopic insufflator. In radiology a GE ultrasound unit and update of the soon to be remodeled radiology and fluoroscopy room. An upgrade of the blood drawing room and specimen collection area in the laboratory. A new Datascope monitor on the nursing floor.

Other bond dollars have been spent on a new vacuum cleaner for the housekeeping department; a new freezer for the dietary department; a modern phone system and computer for the hospital; new roofing materials; and architectural/engineering preparations for installation of a hospital heating and air conditioning unit and upgrade of the hospital patient admitting area, clinical education center and emergency entrance.

Valentine's Day Play

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The play is "Harvey," the place is Brookings-Harbor Performing Arts Center. The time is 2:00pm on Sunday, February 14. But, if you arrive at 1:30pm you can help yourself to a spread of hors

d'oeuvres and sweets and beverages, included in the price of admission. The ticket, at \$15.00, also entitles you to a chance on a door prize (basket of goodies).

Tickets are available at the Downtown Fun Zone or by calling 332-9002.

Fish Fry

The Sixteenth Annual Squaw Valley-North Bank Fish Fry is Saturday, Feb. 13, from Noon to 8pm at the Curry County Fairgrounds. It's the major fund-raiser for the all-volunteer fire district.

All you can eat batter fried snapper (either regular or Cajun style), coleslaw, baked beans, garlic bread and a beverage for \$6.95 for adults and \$3.00 for children under nine. Home-baked desserts, beer and wine will be available for an additional charge. A Valentine's Day Dance will follow featuring "Timberwolf".

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HOW'S OUR CORNER of the third rock from the sun today? Terrible! Garrison Lake is not cooperating with the

meager efforts of man to control the level of water. Do you have a better lake trap? Present your ideas to Councilperson Jane Cramer. She is forming a citizen group to visualize a solution. You too can help. If you can't make a meeting on February 18 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers to present your ideas, please jot down your thoughts and mail to: Hold that Level, PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

February 2 was nutrition meeting. I counted eleven people there – doing the planning – and all else to fix for the luncheon – really takes lots of time and work.

February 3 was tax aides – this is every Wednesday from 9:30am to noon until April 15. Need help come on down to the center.

February 4 was Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were Greta Carver, Mary Evans, Bessie Laursen, Norma Ellis and Dorothy and James no last name – also Bill Butt doing dishes, etc.

Oh Yes February was a luncheon for AAA Volunteers working were Bessie Laursen, Kay Neal, June Dennison, Norma Ellis and doing dishes James and Dorothy.

February 9 is board meeting. I'll tell about it next week.

February 13 is the luncheon at 11:30am also the birthday party and rummage sale from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Oh I missed Beth Newkirk's name she has a birthday this month too.

February 14 that's Valentine's Day – breakfast from 8:00am to 1:00pm – also rummage sale from 8 to 1. So why don't

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February 15 is pinochle at 7:00pm. Come join the fun – one more thing – the Lion's Club is having bingo Friday night February 12 at 7:30pm – money goes as I said before for kid's glasses. Also other people who can't afford to buy them – come and do a good turn – hope I've covered it all.

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Mayor Breaks Tie *continued from front cover*

drift of sand and that most of the sand remains within the littoral cells (the local cell being Humbug Mountain to Cape Blanco). He said it is unlikely the erosion of the dunes is caused by the jetty.

John Leuthie asked about draining the lake more frequently. Ralph Donaldson said we should suspend operations until the March 18 agency meeting city administrator Johnny Alexander is arranging. Ron Leach advised the council to advertise in journals asking for private enterprise solutions. Councilor Wander reminded everyone the city does not have permission to open the lake because their emergency permit has expired. Another idea put forward was for a lake improvement district be formed composed of all lake front properties, they tax themselves and pay for improvements to the lake.

Wander offered a motion that it is the policy of the council to let the lake reach its own natural level, the city take no further action and any action be deferred until after the March 18 conference. Councilor Norm Leeling said he was very much against the motion with lake levels threatening streets and property owners.

Councilor Jim Campbell agreed with Leeling and added the city should apply for the emergency permit and then decide what to do with the lake. Councilor Jane Cramer said we have tried four times to drain the lake, it doesn't work and we need to find another solution. Councilor Warring said this is not an unusual circumstance. He said he has seen high water before and doesn't see the city has a problem. Wander said he would consider an amendment to his motion letting the city request an emergency permit from DSL but not to act on it until after March 18. The motion was defeated 4-2. Wander referred back to the original motion and said we have demonstrated four times we don't know what will happen when we open the lake.

Fire Chief George Gehrke said the rural fire district taxpayers pay the city to fight fires and the city would have a liability if the streets were blocked with water.

The council then voted on the original Wander motion. The council tied 3-3 with Warring, Wander and Cramer voting for it and Campbell, Leeling and Donaldson voting against it. It was left to Mayor Doran to break the tie and he looked like a lot was going through his mind as he struggled to make a decision.

Finally he voted no on the motion and it was defeated.

Leeling said the city should do whatever was necessary to obtain an emergency permit to open the lake. Wander said the council should make the decision when to open the lake. An emergency meeting will need to be called before opening the lake. Wander offered a motion that the city apply for the emergency permit but the city council makes the decision when to open the lake outlet. The council voted 4-2 for the motion with Campbell and Leeling voting no.

The council unanimously passed a motion to do whatever is necessary to obtain the emergency permit. John Leuthie said he didn't want to live by the whims of the city council and that lakeshore residents would have to take care of the problems themselves.

A meeting will be held at Port Orford City Hall on March 18 to discuss solutions to the Garrison Lake problems with county and state agencies invited.

Bussman Property

The council conducted much other business but for space reasons we'll jump to item 10 on the agenda which is an offer from Ernie Bussman to sell 80 acres of forestry land on the North Fork of Hubbard Creek to the city.

Bussman's agent Dale Dearing spoke to the council and said Bussman's asking price of \$127,000 is what he has invested in the two tax lots. City Administrator Johnny Alexander said there are loan funds available from the Safe Drinking Water Act at 4-4.5% for financing this kind of acquisition.

Councilor Wander offered a motion directing the city administrator to continue exploring purchase of the Bussman property in the larger context of the Port Orford water situation. It passed unanimously.

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