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Recycle It By Evan Kramer



While most people were busy planning their Christmas shopping, wrapping presents or headed toward their favorite stores I decided to take time off from the

holidays and find out what happens to all that packaging, newspapers and other materials we generate. I am also an avid recycler and when I take my garbage to the transfer station in Port Orford always bring a large supply of glass, plastic, office paper and sometimes tin cans. Curry Transfer has a newspaper recycling bin at Ray's Market, which many of us use, as well as a cardboard recycling bin at Circle K that we also use and appreciate.

I drove down the coast to Brookings on Friday morning to Curry Transfer and Recycle's main office and recycling center. I met Curry Transfer general manager Pete Smart and off we went for a tour of the company's facility on Carpenterville Road in Brookings.

Pete Smart got started in the garbage business in 1970 when he bought the Gold Beach garbage franchise. Before that he had operated a farm in Arkansas and moved to Oregon in 1959 and worked in the grocery business. He

bought the County garbage collection franchise in 1973 and later on added Port Orford and Brookings. Three years ago he sold Curry Transfer & Recycle to a much larger company called Waste Solutions, which he told me is a half a billion dollars a year company. Smart stayed on with the company as general manager.

We started with the large blue metal recycling building, which is divided into stalls where the different materials are gathered. We started with the newspapers. To begin with all the recycled material that Curry Transfer generates in Curry County is all brought down to Brookings for sorting, baling and then shipped on its merry way. One problem Smart pointed out to me with the newspapers and other recycled materials is the amount of, as he put it, "contaminated objects" found in with them. Curry Transfer employees not only have to bundle all the recyclables for transit but go through them to cull out bad or as they're referred to "contaminated" items. For instance in the newspaper stacks were brown paper bags (a no no). I didn't say anything to Smart but I recognized a couple of brown paper bags in the newspaper stall that I may have contributed from Trader Joe's. The newsprint is sold to a company in Portland for \$68 a ton. Smart estimates his cost of transporting it to Portland at \$45 a ton. We then moved

on to plastic containers. Curry Transfer can sell "good" plastic for up to \$125 a ton. Smart said that opaque #2 plastic containers are the most valuable. They only accept HDPE #2 milk and water jugs. He emphasized that people shouldn't include used oil containers in with their plastic recyclables no matter how clean they are. They are considered contaminated.

The next stall contained stacks of slick magazines. The company is paid approximately \$48 per ton by a company in Portland for them. The only acceptable magazines for recycling are those with slick paper. The next stall contained tin cans. They are sold to a company in Portland for \$10 a ton. The company wants them clean and with the labels taken off. Contrary to what I had always thought they don't have to be crushed. The next stall and it was a large area contained cardboard. This is sold to a company in Toledo for \$90 a ton. The important thing here is the cardboard has to be the corrugated type only and can include pizza containers if they're corrugated. The next stall on the other side of the building contained recycled office paper including shredded office paper. The company also recycles glass containers and they should be cleaned and have the lids removed.

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Fri Dec 22, 2000	2:50a 3.1	9:05a 8.1	4:08p 0.0	10:41p 6.0	7:44a	4:49p	5:25a	3:13p	
Sat Dec 23, 2000	3:38a 3.4	9:43a 8.2	4:49p -0.3	11:28p 6.2	7:45a	4:49p	6:23a	3:49p	
Sun Dec 24, 2000	4:23a 3.7	10:19a 8.1	5:26p -0.5		7:45a	4:50p	7:19a	4:28p	
Mon Dec 25, 2000	12:10a 6.3	5:04a 3.8	10:55a 8.0	6:01p -0.6	7:45a	4:51p	8:10a	5:13p NM	
Tue Dec 26, 2000	12:48a 6.4	5:43a 3.9	11:29a 7.9	6:36p -0.5	7:46a	4:51p	8:56a	6:02p	
Wed Dec 27, 2000	1:25a 6.5	6:21a 4.0	12:04p 7.7	7:11p -0.3	7:46a	4:52p	9:40a	6:55p	
Thu Dec 28, 2000	2:02a 6.5	7:01a 4.0	12:40p 7.5	7:46p -0.1	7:46a	4:53p	10:16a	7:50p	

Recycle It

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We walked over to the other large building on the property and it contained a transfer station similar to the one in Port Orford. Outside that building were the recycling containers for the people using that facility. Other recyclables the company collects are tires (the customer pays \$3 when they turn them in), which Curry Transfer pays \$65 per ton to unload, and used motor oil. They burn the used motor oil to heat their shop. The company operates the Wridge Creek Transfer Station north of Brookings, which processes junked cars and where white goods (refrigerators, stoves) are brought. Twice a year a portable crushing unit is brought in to downsize the cars, etc. for shipment to scrap metal buyers.

All the non-recycled garbage in Curry County is transported to a landfill in Medford. Smart told me there are no

landfills on the Oregon Coast. He said the Department of Environmental Quality requires landfills be located in areas with less than 35 inches of rain per year. This means there is a lot of garbage on the road at any time traveling long distances. Smart said the total amount of garbage generated in Curry County is 60 tons a day. He said the company processed 14,000 tons of garbage last year.

Smart said that the County will go to a new standard based on State Senate Bill 66 next year for recycling. DEQ has said the county will have to recycle 30% of its total waste, up from the 15% standard currently in effect. Smart said they were already in the high 20's percentage range. He said the company was doing a good job of recycling but to do much more it's going to cost a lot more money. As it is he said the recycling program loses money.

Curry Transfer offers curbside recycling in Port Orford and lends their customers blue plastic tubs to put the recyclables in at their curb. Smart said presorting the materials helps the company.

I came away from my visit with Pete Smart at the Curry Transfer headquarters feeling that my recycling efforts are worthwhile and intend to keep them up.

Whale Watching Spoken Here

The winter **whale watching spoken here** program begins on Tuesday, December 26 and runs through Tuesday, January 2.

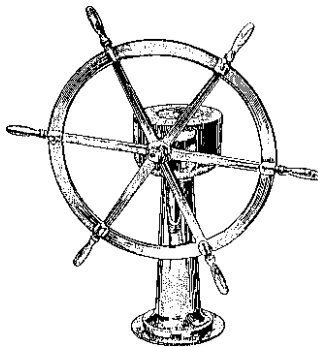
Local whale watching spoken here sites include Face Rock State Scenic Viewpoint, Cape Blanco Lighthouse and Battle Rock Wayfinding Point.

Whale Watching Spoken Here focuses on the migrating gray whales, usually peaking in numbers late December and March.

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Driving Around in Circles By Graeme Graydon



A friend told this story. He has an old friend who, as a young man emigrated to the U S from a Latvian country. Before coming here, he considered that he and

his family were relatively well off, they had all the usual comforts in their peasant community, but when he arrived in New York, he worked at a job which only took eight hours of his day, he had money, a bathroom with a toilet and hot water, and soon, a car, he thought that he must be in Paradise. He prospered over the years, accepting a lifestyle of abundance and convenience which, however, remained completely closed to his family although he regularly sent money. One day, he arranged for his aging father to visit. The old man was amazed, stunned even at the magnificence of his son's life, but the son never knew just how great the gulf was between their lives until the day he stood with him, leaning over the guard rail of a clover-leaf intersection on the L.A. Thruway, watching the traffic. After a long

time his father said, "That is very impressive, but why are they driving around in circles?"

"No, Father, they're not driving in circles, they're all going somewhere – each one is on his way to a different place."

The old man gazed at the streams of cars and slowly shook his head – "They must be going in circles, there can't be that many cars in the whole world."

Well, it made me stop and think. I came to realize that the father was only doing what most of us do, he had got to the limit of his understanding, and found a way, (in this case, an explanation), to feel secure. I have a limit too, it stretches beyond what I know for sure and reaches a long way with what I feel could be true, which gives me a place to receive it – but that's as far as I can go. From my human viewpoint, I am unable to know what it will be like to not be human, (unless I begin to remember where I've been in my meditations). I watch others get to their limit and, like the old man, find a way to be content with stopping there. I talked to a disciplined scientist about something that seems very obvious to me – the

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ongoingness of all life. His response was very clear. He had no proof of it, therefore it did not exist. His wonderful mind could not or would not allow a space to consider what could not be proved – therefore life would end and that would be that – lets not talk about it. And so he kept within his comfort zone. It's not much different from leaning over the guard-rail saying – "I don't see any sign of life beyond here, this must be as far as it goes." There are many heavy-duty questions that I have about birth, relationships, death and God – there don't seem to be answers but I suspect that they will appear in their own good time.

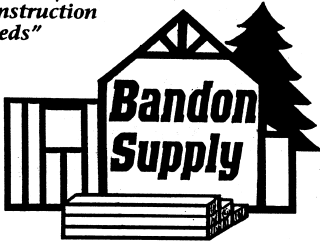
I wonder who is watching me leaning over the guard-rail. I'm pretty sure that s/he wonders how it can be that I don't know who I am, where I'm from or even what I'm doing here, amazed that I am able to be so comfortable in my life when I am so unaware of even the most basic stuff about myself.

Handbell Choir Performs

Ringers from the Cape Blanco Ringers Handbell Choir will be performing on Saturday, December 23, Tuesday December 26 and Saturday December 30 at the Hughes House Christmas Celebration.

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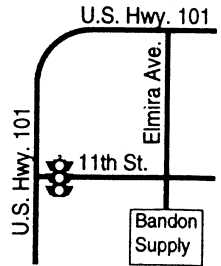
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County Emergency Plan

To the Curry County Commissioners:

Congratulations on the completion and recent promulgation of the Curry County Emergency Operations Plan (CCEOP). This project is of vital importance to the people of Curry County, who have been well served by your efforts. The plan is a culmination of months of dedicated work

by Michael Murphy, his predecessors, and many other public safety officials in Curry County. I am pleased to accept the plan on behalf of the State of Oregon.

Members of my staff reviewed the CCEOP and found it consistent with the state's approach to emergency management. The plan will serve as an important tool for the county's responsibilities under ORS Chapter 401.

The CCEOP utilizes "all-hazards" planning approach. The common response functions section of this plan provide a framework to guide emergency response activities. The specific hazards selection provides guideline checklists for those hazards most likely to occur in your jurisdiction. The CCEOP should be reviewed and exercised annually, and revisited as needed.

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**Senior News
By Mary Yoder**

Just a reminder the advanced computer class will be on January 8 – Monday at the high school from 4:00 to 6:00pm. That's the second Monday of January.

Rotary luncheon December 14 – volunteers working were Betty Berger, Betty Harper, Lorraine Hass – setting up the dining room Mary and Lila – doing dishes Kathy Goad, Norm Rice, Warren Jewell.

December 16 – luncheon and birthday luncheon. Working were Betty Harper, Betty Berger, Harold Pace, doing dishes, etc. Shirley Becker, Pete Becker – the money table Pauline Lenox. The birthday cake was made by Julia Barnes. It was beautiful and special. Adela Robison did a nice job entertaining at the piano. She played all Christmas songs. Thanks Adela – all enjoyed – do come again.

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Now last but not least the Christmas potluck December 25 at noon. All come – bring as I said before your favorite dish with something in it. Don't be home when you can come to the Center and have a good time. Yes, the Center has another new member. Who? Norm Rice. Welcome from all of us.

December 18 was pinochle – all had a good time. Bunny Planton brought home made delicious cookies. High Barbara Knapp, second Jean Shank, low Bunny Planton. Now this – January 1 at 7:00pm

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Cake and Ice Cream By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford Rural Fire District board of directors met in the warmth and comfort of the Port Orford Senior Center at their Tuesday, December 11 meeting.

Board member Jan Dacayana introduced Milt Nelson, from the League of Women Voters. Nelson said he was there to observe.

Chairman Jeff Barnes swore in new board member Dick Warrick.

Leonard Foster told the board the Senior Center was a better meeting place and thanked them for notifying him by e-mail of the meetings.

Brice Wagner presented the board with a letter about concerns with the city/rural district contract. He said the District should take care of maintenance themselves. He asked the board about equipment, which was stenciled this summer with a name other than the Port Orford

Rural Fire District.

Treasurer Jan Dacayana reported there was a \$560.26 balance in the checking account at Klamath First Federal and a balance with the Curry County Treasurer of \$53,224.35.

Assistant fire chief Randy Foster gave the fire chief's report. He said that on the previous Saturday 16 members of the volunteer fire department had passed the NFPA competency standards test. He said our people did well compared to other departments.

Jan Dacayana said the Cedar Terrace fire station electrical work was underway and that the dusk till dawn lights were in.

Board member Richard Mijs made a motion that the board put off discussion of the fire team and use of vehicles until after the new contract is signed. It passed 4-0.

Board member John Johnston gave an update on the contract negotiations. He

said everything was pretty much agreed to. He said the contract would run from July 1 to June 30 and be for two years with either side being able to terminate the contract by giving a 180-day notice. He said the district would pay the city an annual fee of \$15,000 per year and this would include the fire chief's salary. Brice Wagner objected to the rural district paying more to the city than what they pay currently. John Johnston said the district wouldn't be paying more and he wanted that on the record.

Four additional articles in the new contract include the city maintaining its activity records; reporting to the rural board on a monthly basis; a goal for the city will be work with the district to develop volunteers to respond to the rural fire stations; and both sides will appoint two people for dispute resolutions.

Brice Wagner objected to giving the city control of engine #6708 and tender

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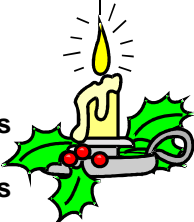
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Cake and Ice Cream

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#6716. Randy Foster told the board the department wants control over them so they can place the vehicles where they are needed.

Brice Wagner objected to holding the meeting at the Senior Center saying it was illegal. John Johnston responded the district was not acting illegally and quoted from the Special District's manual, which say the meetings need to take place within the district or "at a nearby practical location."

The meeting ended and those who stayed enjoyed a cake made by Jan Dacayana and ice cream provided by Mary Loan.

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Sewer and Water Audit By Evan Kramer

(continued from last week)

I had called Deputy District Attorney Charlie Steak twice on Monday, Dec. 11 and left two messages. By Friday I had received no response. On Friday morning, December 15, on my way back to Port Orford from Brookings I stopped in at the Curry County Courthouse and paid a visit to the district attorney's office. Charlie Steak was involved in the Perucci jury trial at the time and I spoke with one of two front office secretaries. I tried explaining what information I was looking for and who should come along but District Attorney Patrick Foley. I spoke with Foley about the sewer and water audit and he told me the information I was looking for was with the sheriff's department and then he told me with the Port Orford Police. I disagreed with that statement based on City Administrator Martha Weaver's article and reminded Foley he had two weeks left on the job.

I left the usual information with the secretary about what information I wanted, identified myself and left. As of press time on Tuesday night, December 19, I have not heard back from either Steak or

anyone else in the District Attorney's office. I spoke with Martha Weaver on Monday and she hasn't heard anything either about the audit.

Now let's contrast the behavior of the District Attorney to other officeholders in Curry County. After leaving the DA's office empty handed I walked down two flights of stairs to the Elections Division. I asked Connie if I could have a printout of the Curry County vote totals by precinct. She had a copy already printed and gave it to me. County Clerk Rene Kolen who oversees the election's division walked in and we exchanged greetings. I asked her if it was true that seven counties in Oregon used punch card ballots in the November election. Not only is it true but she had a sample punch card ballot which she showed me.

The three current County commissioners have been very professional when it comes to their phone calls. They either take the call when I have a question or comment or have called me back in a timely fashion. To my knowledge they do this for all county residents just as our District Attorney should do for either the press or public.

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Mouchawar Sues City

The City of Port Orford was hit with a lawsuit brought by Agate Beach Trailer Park owner Camille Mouchawar (the plaintiff). The lawsuit was filed in the Circuit Court of Oregon for Curry County on November 17, 2000. The two causes of action the plaintiff alleges against the city are Inverse Condemnation and Misrepresentation.

In the Inverse Condemnation charge the plaintiff is asking for \$120,000 from the City of Port Orford for the value of lost property (three acres) caused by draining Garrison Lake. The plaintiff is asking for \$79,000 for failure by the City to reveal the Mutual Agreement and Order they have with DEQ, which according to the plaintiff affected his ability to develop his manufactured home park. The plaintiff is also asking for lawyer fees, costs and disbursements. Roger Gould is the attorney for Camille Mouchawar

City Council Responds

The Port Orford City Council met in Executive Session on Thursday, December 14, to deal with pending litigation.

The met again on Friday morning, December 15 at 11:30am in special session. The purpose of the meeting was to respond to litigation as discussed in the executive session of December 14.

A motion was made by Councilor Ralph Donaldson that the Common Council of the City of Port Orford authorizes Randall Tosh, City Attorney to add the State of Oregon and Curry County as necessary parties in the Mouchawar Complaint filed on November 17, 2000; and to file an answer on the complaint with all of the appropriate defenses. Norm Leeling seconded the motion. Councilors Emily Francona, Ralph Donaldson, Jim Campbell, Norm Leeling and Robert Warring voted yes and the motion passed 5-0. The City took this

action to allow Randall Tosh to notify the State of Oregon and Curry County of the claim because they were involved. Garrison Lake is a state owned lake and Curry County opened the lake the majority of times.

Painting Lab

Marlene Gay is once again offering her painting lab for Winter Term. Watercolor, acrylic or oil painters are welcome to learn how to paint, or improve on skills they have. The basic fundamentals, as well as color theory, composition and the element of design are covered.

The painting lab is Wednesday, from 9:30am to 3:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center starting January 10 through February 7. The tuition is \$40.00 with a class fee of \$5.00. Seniors, 62 and older pay half price on tuition.

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

Featured Artist for December:

Mary Hedges

Decorative & Functional Pottery
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The TransAction Gallery

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Police Log

December 12

10:15am Assist other agency, Curry County Sheriff, with contact of citizen for message.

6:50pm: Disturbance at 1534 Arizona St., #11 – report taken for criminal mischief and harassment, under investigation.

December 14

2:00pm: Complaint of trailer on Arizona Street – owner contacted and advised.

December 15

8:00am: Dog at large at Driftwood playground, chasing seagulls – owner contacted and cited.

9:00am: Received noise complaint – referred to Curry County Sheriff.

1:45pm: Report of burglary at 935 Jackson St. – unfounded.

December 16

4:00pm: Owner requested a check of a rental on Arizona – checked okay.

4:05pm: Dog at large allegedly caused lady walking puppy to fall – treated and transported by Port Orford Ambulance to Curry General Hospital – under investigation.

6:00pm: Assist other agency, Curry County Sheriff, on civil information.

11:20pm: Arrested Shawn Todd Shuey, 36, for DUII (driving under the influence of intoxicants) – cited and released to responsible party.

December 17

11:50am: Disturbance at Jackson and 19th – handled by contact.

Tip of the Week

Port Orford Police Department wants you to all have a very Merry Christmas.

Library Foundation News By Dot Mathews

The Friends of the Port Orford Library bazaar on Dec. 2 was a great success. All the people who donated, all who worked and all who came out and bought deserve hearty thanks.

Chris Hawthorne deserves the Foundation's thanks for the stunning vase he donated to be raffled for the Library Building Fund. We also thank those who have or will buy tickets for it. And we thank the two banks for their help as they display it and sell tickets. The vase and tickets will be at Chetco Credit Union until Jan. 4 and at Klamath Bank until Feb. 8, when it will move back to the library. The winning ticket will be drawn in the library at 2:00pm on Feb. 13 in time for a happy Valentine's Day for some lucky Building Fund supporter!

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Exploring Our Back Yard

Thirteen hikers and two canines kicked off the first in a monthly series of "Exploring our Back Yard" trips Saturday, December 9, when the North Curry Community Health Grant sponsored a five-mile, historical loop to Blacklock Point, north of Port Orford.

The stunning, eroding cliffs parading north along the shoreline provided a backdrop of beauty, while hikers Jane and Frank Cramer shared historical tidbits.

For instance, who knew the desolate, wind-swept promontory once supported a group of buildings, including a post office? The group took turns scanning tidal rocks for remnants of the former railroad trestle leading to steam ships that carried locally mined sandstone to ports south. Jane Cramer told the group that a Hibernia Bank building, built from the stone in the early 1900s in San Francisco, still stands as testament to its quality. Many other Bay Area buildings built with Blacklock Point stone were destroyed in the early 20th century earthquake.

Cathy Boden, coordinator for the grant program, helped identify fern and other flora along the way.

Others participating included Linda Smith, Ken Fliszar, John Shipp, Frann Grossman, Jack Pruitt, Dan Hull, two dogs, and four members of the RAD Outdoor Club who helped assist. They are Norman Clark, Marvi Shumaker-

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Hikers ranged from age 14 to 70, not including dog years.

The series continues January 13 with a beginner's walk of four miles along Humbug Old Coast Highway. The RAD Outdoor Club co-sponsors the walks. Grant partners include Curry Family Medical, Port Orford Community Ambulance, Curry County Public Health Department, the Curry Health District, and North Curry Families and Children's Center.

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Avoiding Election Chaos
 By Peter DeFazio
 US Representative (D-OR)

A healthy democracy requires the active engagement of citizens and the legitimacy they grant to its institutions. I am concerned this cornerstone of our democracy is being eroded. Regardless of your party affiliation or how you feel about the recent national election results (or lack thereof), the ongoing disputes in the presidential contest and various congressional races around the country have raised a number of questions about the integrity of the federal election process. The recent election chaos seems more like something you'd see in an emerging democracy, not a country with over two centuries of democratic rule.

While the high stakes of the current election have created widespread public recognition of electoral irregularities, these problems are not new. We should take this opportunity to examine how we can prevent similar problems in the future.

That is why I have introduced bipartisan legislation in Congress, along with Representative Jim Leach (R-IA) to create a Federal Elections Review Commission, made up of experts in election law, the U.S. Constitution, and U.S. history, not elected officials or party loyalists.

The non-partisan commission would not be created to look into allegations of irregularities in the most recent election.



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Rather, the commission would take a more sweeping, analytical look at the process used to elect those who represent the American people in federal offices. A review of systemic, structural and procedural issues to ensure the integrity of, and public confidence in, federal elections is long overdue. Restoring faith in democracy demands no less.

The Federal Elections Review Commission would review the rationale for the electoral college as well as proposals to reform or abolish it.

The Commission would also look at a number of issues to guarantee citizens the right to exercise their vote. There have been a number of localized reports about problems reading ballots, inadequate staffing of polling places leading to long lines, and citizens turned away from polling places. In my first re-election race in 1988, because of a poorly designed ballot, more than 50,000 residents in Oregon's 4th District inadvertently missed voting in the congressional race.

The Federal Elections Review Commission would analyze concerns about voter registration, ballot access and design, and operation of polling sites in order to en-

sure voters are not disenfranchised. The Commission would also consider reforms such as same-day voter registration, uniform ballot design, mail-in/absentee/weekend or early voting options used in some states, all of which could raise our anemic voting rates.

The Commission would also be charged with studying proposals for a national, uniform poll closing time to prevent media distortions of elections. If there's one thing the American people can agree on, it's the deplorable behavior of the media on election night.

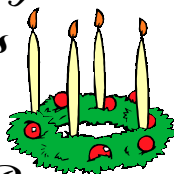
Democracy occasionally needs to be rejuvenated. Given traditionally low voter turnout in the United States and issues surrounding the current election, this may be one of those times. I believe a Federal Elections Review Commission would provide a step toward the necessary healing.



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If getting the blood pumping is more your style, join Donna Zitzelberger for an Aerobics class. Donna offers a morning and evening class. Morning classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9:00 to 10:00am, at the Lions Hall in Langlois. The evening sessions are Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Driftwood Elementary School.



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Flag Football

You can participate in flag football for kids age 10 through 12. The games take place at Buffington Park on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00am starting December 17 and going through March 31. For more information call 332-1216.

Wetland Trail

The Port Orford Wetland Trail Interpretive Project proposed for the City owned wetland between Highway 101 and Idaho at 17th is scheduled for bid in February 2000. It is listed on the ODOT advanced notice web page at: <http://www.odot.state.or.us/techserv/progrsrv/contract/schedule/schedule.pdf>

That list shows projects six months out. ODOT provides the advance notice list for contractors so that they can better plan and distribute their bidding to the projects most appropriate for them and their resources.

The "official" advertisement for the project will be three weeks prior to bid opening. That should appear in the Daily Journal of Commerce and may also appear on the ODOT web site at <http://www.odot.state.or.us/techserv/progrsrv/contract/notice.htm>.

The Port Orford Wetland Trail Interpretive Project will provide access for viewing of the wetland and interpretive information about wetlands. The site was chosen for its close proximity to scenic highway 101. The project is the first stage in developing access to some of Port Orford's premier wetland areas for the education and enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. The project has advanced this far thanks to the Port Orford Watershed Council's enthusiastic and determined support.

Candlelight Service

A special candlelight service will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:00pm, at the First Community Church. For additional information on the regular and special services, phone the church at 332-3664.

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We come gathered as a community family where God offers His own gift of love, grace, and life to all. Through word and song, and the lighting of the candles there is hope, promise and purpose that brings joy, comfort, and peace to us and the world in which we live.

Pastor Carraher and members of Zion Lutheran request the honor of your presence Christmas Eve at 7:00pm as we together hear and sing to the glory of God our thanks and praise for the blessed gift He has given us now and forever. Zion Lutheran Church is located at 2015 Washington Street in Port Orford.

Chautauqua Program by Tobe Porter

"Two-Way-Seeing: Pioneers and Native Oregonians," a presentation by Shannon Applegate and Esther Stutzman, will be given Friday, January 5, 2001 in the City Council Chambers at 7:00pm. The public is invited and admission is free.

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and divergence of their ways of life and beliefs. Applegate, a descendant of 1843 pioneers relates anecdotes of her family's emigration, and Stutzman, a Kalapuya/Coos woman, shares details of Kalapuya ways of life. This presentation focuses on reconciliation, understanding and acknowledging a difficult past.

The program is sponsored by the Port Orford Arts Council and is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities. Lodging is provided by Sea Crest Motel.

Christmas Open House

The community is invited to a Christmas Open House at Pastor Doug Jamieson's house on Christmas day from noon to 8:00pm. The address is 235 20th Street in Port Orford and the phone number is 332-7686. Drop in, play games and have a bit to eat and enjoy good company.

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What’s New at the Library By Paula Cracas

‘Twas the night before Christmas and...

Wait a minute. Not the night before Christmas. A couple days before Christmas. What? Here’s what? The Port Orford Library has a beautiful, live Austrian Pine Christmas tree right in the middle of the main reading table. One of our dedicated staff, Virginia Forgatsch, has a talent that until now had been hidden. But not any more. Our little tree is decorated with colorful origami ornaments handmade by Virginia. Each one is different. In color or design. Creative imagination doesn’t even begin to describe how sweet that tree looks all decked out with Virginia’s wonderful ornaments. Why don’t you go by and see for yourself?

Now here is the good news (and since it so close to Christmas there will be NO bad news in the article). That dear little live Austrian Pine Christmas tree with the one-of-a-kind handmade decorations ala Forgatsch will be given away at the Library at 4:00pm on December 23 (a couple of days before Christmas). You must do your part, which is to sign up and deposit your name and phone number in the box next to the tree. Only one entry per household. Just think, next year you could have a Christmas tree growing in your front yard.

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