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Port Orford IS Music City!

School Enrollment Declining By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School Board met on Tuesday, April 9. Prior to the regular meeting the board held its first budget meeting for the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The budget committee elected Mary Lang as chairman, Steve Kalina as vice-chairman and board member Gary Anderson as secretary. Superintendent Phil Sword told the committee the figures presented were for the general fund only and the district didn't yet know the figures for ESD and Title 1.

The regular meeting began at 7:00pm. Tina Merryman read a letter to the board from a group of parents calling themselves Parents for Better Education. The letter presented the school board with a list of seven areas that the group wanted the school board to address. Some of them include every child having a curriculum book for each class, the district hiring a grant writer, putting arts and culture back into the schools, documentation of teachers performances – both positive and negative, and looking into consolidating the school district with Bandon's. Mary Lang thanked the group for their letter and said the district needed more

involved parents.

Pacific High senior class president Kean Fleming spoke to the board about the senior trip scheduled for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Memorial Day, May 25-28. Fleming said there would be three sets of parents serving as chaperones. He said there were 28 students going on the senior trip to Sun River. They plan to use two church vans among other vehicles to transport the group. Board chairperson Virginia Hughes asked about the liability and said the district needed to check with its insurance company. Phil Sword will check with the insurance company within a week. Board member Jim Arntz made a motion to approve the senior trip subject to approval from the insurance company and it passed unanimously.

The board considered a request from Project Graduation parents who have asked for a "simple reception" following the graduation ceremony rather than have people leave right afterwards. Lori Kent requested the use of a school bus for the day and night of Project Graduation. Shirley Van Loo made a motion that the senior class Project Graduation be allowed to use a school bus and a driver for graduation day and night. It passed.

The board considered two requests from parents for student releases. Board member Gayle Rathbun made a motion to ac-

cept the request to release Brittany Han from attending Port Orford-Langlois schools to attend class in Bandon for the remainder of the school year and it passed. Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the request of Michelle Mills to release her daughter from attending school in Port Orford to attend school in Coos Bay and it passed unanimously.


Shirley Van Loo made a motion to approve a resolution for a \$500 rural watershed grant. The motion passed unanimously.

The board skipped over the written school principals' reports but Superintendent Phil Sword promised next month there would be copies available for the public.

Transportation superintendent Justin Potter spoke to the board about his concerns with the senior trip. He said the school district cannot own a 15-passenger van but they will be used on the senior trip. He told the board by law they cannot authorize students to travel in a 15-passenger van. Potter said the cost of a school bus for the senior trip would be \$500 plus the driver's wages. He said the driver had to be paid for standby time. Potter said of the use of the two church vans, "I think it's a high risk move."

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Thu Apr 19, 2001	4:13a	2.4	9:59a	5.7
Fri Apr 20, 2001	4:53a	1.8	10:47a	5.9
Sat Apr 21, 2001	5:29a	1.1	11:31a	6.1
Sun Apr 22, 2001	6:05a	0.5	12:13p	6.1
Mon Apr 23, 2001	6:41a	-0.1	12:56p	6.2
Tue Apr 24, 2001	7:18a	-0.5	1:40p	6.1
Wed Apr 25, 2001	7:58a	-0.9	2:27p	5.9
Thu Apr 26, 2001	8:41a	-1.0	3:18p	5.7

Work Zone Safety

The City of Port Orford recognized last week as Work Zone Safety Week. Mayor Gary Doran spoke at the Council meeting about the importance of driving carefully when near roadway work crews. Driving safely in work-zones is important not just for a week, but all year long.

Last year in Oregon six people were killed in work-zone accidents. What may surprise drivers is that all of these fatalities were drivers or their passengers, not highway workers.

"These deaths and serious injuries are a direct impact on families and the communities they live in. They are not just statistics," says Larry Christianson of ODOT

But we can not forget that roadway workers often are victims of crashes themselves. Work crews are a familiar site here in Port Orford where a major highway runs through the center of town. Not only City crews, but ODOT crews can be

found repairing and working in roadways.

The law that doubles traffic fines in work zones applies to all roads and all types of roadwork, whether or not there is a "Traffic Fines Double in Work Zones" sign present.

Drivers can protect themselves and their passengers by paying special attention to work-zones. City Administrator Martha Weaver suggests that drivers heed these driving tips from ODOT:

1. The most important action for a driver is to pay complete attention to driving, especially in the transition zone before the work area.
2. Slow down when you see orange barrels, cones and signs – even when there's no construction work visible. Hazards still might exist.
3. Realize that it's not business as usual in a work zone. Expect the unexpected: The

roadway may have changed. There may be fewer lanes. There may be a detour or a flagger.

4. Maintain extra space between your vehicle and the one ahead to give yourself extra reaction time in case of a problem.

The good news is that you can help lower the accident rate just by following these common sense suggestions. So drive carefully.

Letter to the Editor,

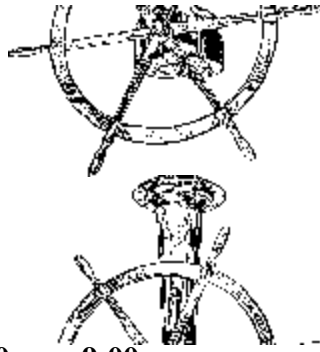
We, at Chetco Federal Credit Union, wish to express our thanks to the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department, especially to Gayle Wilcox and Randy Foster, who dropped everything last week to help us determine what was causing our odor. John Pigott also played an important part in figuring out what the problem was. Again we wish to express our gratitude to them for their help and caring.

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On Roles By Graeme Graydon



I've been thinking lately about one of the peculiar habits which I, and I suppose most humans, indulge in – it is called role playing. Roles are the parts we play with or for, other people, and most of the time they're not seen as games. They are costumes that I keep in my closet, real or imaginary, one for every possible interaction. The obvious ones have titles – grandfather, friend, husband, neighbor and so on. My father role has two different outfits, one for my son and another for my daughter. I can put on one of my real hats, (I'm a hat freak,) and adopt the role that goes with it. Badges and uniforms can really do it.

In 1945, my Primary School was selected to try out a totally new idea for New Zealand, school guards at pedestrian crossings. Six of us kids were coached by a Transport Dept. Officer, notices were posted all over the village of Karori. I began to get cold feet, how could I, a kid, walk out into the road with a sign and

expect all the trams, buses and cars to stop. On the morning of our first try-out, they gave us big, white gauntlets that came up to my elbows, a funny hat, and a bright sash. The gauntlets were just like the ones worn by the elegant Guards at Buckingham Palace. They gave me permission to be someone I'd never been before, and I stepped confidently into the new role. Well, it wasn't long before I began to wonder Who was wearing the costumes, Who was I without a role? I discovered that the real me hardly made any appearances at all – I was too busy being a husband, a good son, dairy farmer, student, and on and on – all of them roles, and from this came just one question, Who am I? – A question that has never been answered.

Last Easter-Sunday morning, I sat on a log on my favorite beach, alone, drawn by the glory of the morning into that clean space where there are no roles, a place, a feeling of reverence. I asked the Heavens again – Who am I, what am I doing here? But I couldn't hear the reply – so I shouldered my pack and set off into the wind with my head down, looking for curious pebbles. Without warning a dark shape swept into my field of vision from over my right shoulder – it was a startlingly

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black and white bald eagle and it hung in the wind just 20 feet in front of me. It surged ahead for a moment and then swept back in a circle, turning into the wind with a flare of brilliant white tail feathers, just above my head. It was a moment of amazing glory, all I knew was that my soul was bursting and somehow danced with the eagle. Twice more, the huge, powerful presence wheeled back to me, clearly inviting me to follow on the wind and then it sailed off. I was still flying as my feet led me back along the waters edge to the river mouth and then to the lagoon, quite unprepared for the next moment. A family appeared from the dunes, maybe 100 yards ahead. I caught myself, I actually caught myself reaching into my closet for one of my friendly-old-man-on-the-beach costumes. How stupid could I be? I turned away from them, choosing to stay where my eagle had led me, a choice, I suspect, made by the One who I really am.

Planning Department Update

Each week a representative from the Curry County Planning Department is available at Port Orford City Hall to assist citizens with various planning issues. Beginning April 26, 2001, the Planning representative will be available every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to provide assistance. The representative will no longer be available on Tuesdays. Appointments are not necessary. Stop by City Hall or call 332-3681 and ask to speak with the Planning Department representative.

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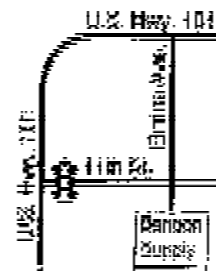
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RAD Rides the Tide

Wanting something new and exciting to do over spring break, 3 RAD Outdoor Club students, Audra Loeber, Rachel Fliszar, and Andy Gaffer, along with Andy's high school buddy from Portland, Josh, helped plan a trip to the South Slough. These four students, along with volunteer Mari Lochaas, and RAD leaders John Shipp and Cathy Boden, went to explore the nation's first protected estuary system, up in Charleston, Oregon.

The first day we hiked the trail system by the visitor's center and explored some tributaries of the estuary. We learned that an estuary is a body of water where the salty seawater mixes with the fresh water from streams. This is a unique tidal area where animal life is most abundant. Along our hike we enjoyed a boardwalk above the boggy tidal flat where skunk cabbage was in bloom all around us. We climbed up into a viewing platform high above the ground where we looked out

across the water, where we planned to paddle the next day.

The afternoon was spent exploring Cape Arago and Sunset Bay. Then we settled into our campsite right on the beach. We had some rain that night, but several tarps made our camp cozy. After a long evening beach walk we stayed up around the campfire.

The second day we rented "sit on top" kayaks and headed for the water. With perfect timing we rode the incoming tide high up into the reaches of the estuary. Exploring islands, and banks we found many treasures, and paddled far up into tiny rivulets. We paddled next to seals, and watched birds fly right overhead. We were lucky to bask in the sun out on the water. Later, we rode the outgoing tide back to the dock.

Plans are now being made for summer outings, including an internship for one RAD student with a commercial raft company on the Rogue River.

This program is sponsored by the North Curry Families and Children's Center. Please call Cathy at 332-1042 for ways you can help support our trips, or for high school students who want to get involved with our program.

Donkey Basketball

The Pacific High School Boosters club is sponsoring Donkey Basketball on Wednesday, April 25, in the Pacific High School gym at 7:00pm. Advance tickets are now on sale (\$1.00 less than at the door) at the following locations: Chetco Credit Union, Blanco School, Pacific High School and Frasers Restaurant in Bandon. The evening will consist of two games and then a playoff for the championship. Entertainment will be provided between the games. Come watch your friends and neighbors in a hilarious game and help a good cause. Proceeds are used to assist with the high school sports program and to provide scholarships to graduating athletes.

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

April 12 Rotary luncheon – volunteers working were Betty Berger, Gretta Carver, Pattie Young, Roald Young, Mary Evans – setting up the dining room June Heyl, Bessie Laursen – doing dishes and other things Norm Rice and Kay Neal.

April 14 was luncheon - birthday for April – rummage sale – volunteers working were Betty Berger, Lorraine Hass, Mary Evans, Bessie Laursen – doing dishes, etc. Norm Rice and a young man Jacob Morrow – rummage sale Kay Neal.

There were four birthday people. One was what's his name visiting from Portland. The birthday cakes yes 2 made by Bessie Laursen. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch and all had a fun time. Come join – the next luncheon will be April 28 at 11:30am. Rummage sale from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

April 8 – Shayna Denn received the electric wheelchair donated by the center. When I saw her she was driving it in the center as if she'd had it a long time. Good going Shayna – from all of us.

April 20 is the Community Music Night. All are welcome. If you play an instrument bring it with you and join in. If you like to sing you can do that too.

April 16 pinochle – high Barbara Knapp, second Ruth Goetter, low Wayne

Goetter. A good time was had by all.

Walking group Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30am. Dominoes every Thursday at 1:00pm. Computer class Monday from 4:00 to 6:00pm at the high school.

April 24 – office staff 10:30am – membership meeting 11:00am – hearing aide and blood pressure 9:30am to noon.

It's the tender hours of friendship
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That makes our heaven on earth.

Chamber Dinner

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce Board invites all Chamber members to join them for a banquet at Spaghetti West on Saturday, April 28. No host bar is from 6:00-7:00pm and dinner starts at 7:00pm. Entrée choices includes "soup to nuts": #1 chicken gorgonzola, #2 seafood med-

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Music City By Evan Kramer

Port Orford will deserve the nickname Music City after this coming weekend. There are two big musical events starting with the Community Music Night at the Senior Center on Friday night, April 20, from 7:00 to 9:30pm. The theme of this month's music night is "Songs of Love and Loss." This evening of music is open to one and all, musicians, singers and those who appreciate listening to a variety of music. People are invited to either play or listen and then participate in the sing-along, which begins at 8:45pm.

The next day Eddie Houck presents Port Orford's own Battle of the Bands (my phrase) at the Community Building. A \$5 ticket buys a person an all day pass to the event, which features nine musical acts. This may be the best deal going on the southern Oregon coast with the amount of talented musicians scheduled to appear. The music starts at 1:30pm with Ed

Houck and Faron doing an acoustic set and the last act – Port Orford's own Antique Dog takes the stage at 9:00pm. The first four sets are acoustic and/or jazz while the last four are hard rock. People who buy a ticket are free to come and go during the day. Refreshments in the form of espresso, juice, smoothies, Italian Sodas and more will be available at the American Legion Hall. Ed Houck wants to stress the fact that all ages are welcome and that is why the ticket prices were kept down so younger people could attend.

Now as for the other "Music City" there was a record and music store at the corner of Sunset and Vine in Hollywood called Clyde Wallichs Music City. The store, which closed in 1978 and was later demolished, had record listening booths so you could preview a record. It was a Hollywood landmark with a catchy advertising slogan though it wasn't the home of the best record prices. That title belonged to Aron Records on Melrose Avenue.

Letter to the Editor,

Why do we make everything so black and white? Every issue that arises seems to set people off on one side or the other. The recent article in the Oregonian which has started a mild furor is an example. Jane Cramer has a right to say whatever she wants as an individual. Nowhere in Foster Church's article did I read that she was speaking for the City of Port Orford or as a City Council person.

As far as the article itself is concerned, I think it will attract a lot of interesting people to our community. "The Past is Present in Unique, Unspoiled Port Orford." And the fact that we have not "rushed headlong into the future of the coast as carnival" doesn't bother me a bit. Come on...there are millions of people looking for such a place! Maybe the effect of Jane's statement will not be exactly what she intended.

Nella Reed Abbott

Prom Fashion Show 2001

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Where? Pacific High Gym
Time? 7:00 p.m.

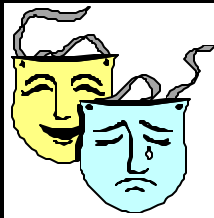
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April 10

1:10pm: Contact transient hitchhiker Jackson and 16th – advised to stay out of street.

1:30pm: Report of animal abuse/neglect – report taken.

April 11

Deliver emergency message – Port Orford Loop area.

4:00pm: Ordinance violation, Arizona St. – notice delivered to responsible party.

April 12

7:30pm: Report of dog at Battle Rock chasing and scaring people – owners contacted.

April 13

5:00pm: Report of reckless driving on Deady St. – unable to locate.

9:00pm: Report of possible criminal activity near Circle K – subjects under observation.

April 14

5:00pm: Report of runaway child – child located. Report of child abuse – under investigation.

Safety Tip of the Week

If you have a dispute with a neighbor (dog issues, loud music, etc.) try to discuss it with them **Before** it festers out of proportion.

Women's Health Screening

Curry Family Medical is now accepting appointments from north Curry County residents for free PAP tests when it hosts the second annual women's health screening dubbed "Strong and Healthy: A Women's Way!"

The screening is set from 9:00am to 3:00pm, May 9, in the Curry Family Medical Clinic, 525 Madrona, Port Orford.

Women of all income levels are also invited to take advantage of free cholesterol and glucose tests, free clinical breast exams with information on breast cancer, referrals to free or low-cost mammograms, free exercise and diet counseling, diabetes education and a free

at-risk checklist for osteoporosis.

New this year will be free skin cancer screenings, diabetes foot checks and screenings for colorectal cancer.

Participants also can help themselves to refreshments provided by Curry Catering.

A large part of the funding is provided by the federal Rural Health Outreach Program which granted the Curry Health District a total of \$400,000 over three years to curb problems in four areas: heart disease, cancer, chronic pulmonary disease and diabetes.

For information about upcoming activities, phone Cathy Boden at 332-1042.

Coast Baseball News

Red's Field at Buffington Park will be hosting a T-Ball fund day on Saturday, April 21 at 10:00am. Children from 5 to 8 are welcome to play. Baseball fundamentals will be taught with a game following. Parents are needed to coach and help out.

All entries are due on Saturday, April 21 with the season starting May 1.



Music Fest

April 21st • Port Orford Community Building

- 1:30 Ed and Faron, Port Orford acoustic and piano
- 3:00 Jack Ponting, Port Orford acoustic and piano
- 4:00 S&M, Port Orford Jazz
- 5:00 Tangled Wing, Port Orford Folk
- 6:00 Dragged, Coos Bay Hard Rock
- 7:00 Mr. Sparkles, Eugene Hard Rock
- 8:00 Gluttn, Coos Bay Hard Rock
- 9:00 Antique Dog, Port Orford Hard Rock



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Letter to the Editor,

After reading the Port Orford News last week, I was disgusted with the comments Mr. Warring made regarding the Police Department at the last city council meeting. It is apparent, in my opinion, that he only cares about the monies received for traffic citations. Naturally traffic control is necessary; however, major crimes do take precedence over a driver going 40-mph in a 30-mph zone. Imagine what it would be like if we did not have a local police department. We are fortunate to have Chief Rush and Officer Arneson. They do a great deal for this community and should not be criticized for not pulling over every other car that drives in this town. I would much rather let a \$115.00 ticket get away than a criminal. As a member of the Port Orford Fire Department and Port Orford Ambulance, I have worked hand in hand with these men and they are vital to our community. Police do much more than just write traffic tickets. We have to remember that these men

risk their lives every day for this community's safety. I hope that the councilman's words do not discourage our officers, they are doing an excellent job.

Jake Marshall

Spring Cleanup

The Community of Port Orford is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the town with a year long birthday party. Like anyone throwing a party we want to look our best for all the residents and visitors who will be our guests. The City is asking business owners and residents to help us spruce the town up for the party.

Curry Transfer and Recycle is offering free residential drop off the week of May 1st through May 5th. The City is asking that each household, along with each business owner, take a few minutes to look around your property and see what could be cleaned up. All metals, brush, yard

trimmings and cuttings can be taken to the transfer site for free during this week. Let's all take advantage of this to do our spring cleaning now.

Weeds are coming up and City crew do their best to mow and brush City right-of-ways, but could use a little help from residents and business owners. The City would appreciate any help you can provide in keeping the sidewalks in front of your homes and businesses cleared of grass and debris

Let's take pride in our City and show the world who we really are.

Navy Flare Found

A US Navy used flare was found washed up on the shore of Battle Rock Beach on Tuesday morning. A call was put into the Oregon State Police who responded shortly after noon and removed the spent can of phosphorous. The flare had a warning on it saying to call the local police or military if found.

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Letter to the Editor,

After reading Port Orford Today, I felt I had to express my opinion. One of the scare tactics used to get the bond issue passed for the Port Orford Department was the Sheriff's office was undermanned and they would not be able to respond to calls in Port Orford. We are paying taxes to support this department.

Councilor Robert Warring now says they are here for traffic control and nothing else. It appears that Milo cannot write enough tickets when he is doing the job we pay him for, and that is responding to criminal matters. If all he had to do is traffic control then get rid of the depart-

ment and hire a couple of crossing guards. Otherwise let him do the job he is paid to do.

Since Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford all have police departments we do not need any more sheriff's deputies or new bond issues. We are paying for too many bonds now.

Clarence D. Smith

Geology for Homeowners

The Geology for Homeowner class has been rescheduled to start on Friday, April 27 at the Port Orford City Hall. This will give prospective students enough time to

register with Southwestern. The original start date was April 13.

Led by Richard Bateman, students will learn basic geologic conditions affecting property. The class focuses on landscaping, erosion control, better gardening alternatives, as well as reviewing geologic field reports. The class includes two Saturday field trips to be scheduled. The meeting time is 6:00 to 8:00pm and runs for six weeks.

Tuition is \$30.00, with seniors 62 years and older paying half price. Pre-registration with payment is required. Call Southwestern in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or Port Orford on Fridays at 332-3023.



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Fun was had by all who attended our first pizza and game night at the Pizza Place on March 31. We had seven boys and girls who enjoyed a personal pizza and a soda and played a variety of games for 2 hours. It seemed as though the game of the night was Battleship. We also played Scrabble and Sorry! Since it was Spring Break, we realized that there were several kids who weren't able to attend, so we've decided to do it again!

Saturday April 21 st from 6pm to 8pm we will host another Pizza & Game Night for 8 to 12 year olds. (If there are interested kids and parents out there with younger or older kids that would like to participate in a game night PLEASE let us know.) This Saturday also happens to be the Music Fest at the Community Building. This could be the perfect time for you parents to enjoy this music filled evening and your children could enjoy a night of games and friends.

There is a \$5.00 charge to cover a personal one topping pizza and a soda. See you on Saturday April 21 at 6:00 pin at The Pizza Place. Call us at 332-2233 if you have any questions or suggestions.

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Now is a good time to come and see how nice the Hughes House stairs look since they have been refinished. Both gift shops have been stocked with exciting gift items and souvenirs so if you come early before the summer tourists get here you will have

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Alternative Education Program

The next meeting for the community's alternative education program will be held on Monday, April 23 at 7:30pm in the city hall council chambers. Parents,



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guardians and interested persons are encouraged to attend. The meeting will cover individual home schooling with group activity days, starting a Cooperative home school, hiring tutors and the possibility of working with interested groups to form a private school. Please join us for a meeting of planning and brainstorming.

Port Receives Grant

The Port of Port Orford has received notification of an additional grant award in the amount of \$321,000 from Oregon Economic Community Development Department for completion of the dock project.


Spring Plant Sale

Coastside Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is hosting its third annual spring plant sale on Saturday, April 21, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. The sale will be held at the Far West Hall on Highway 42 South in Bandon. Enjoy great selection and great prices for indoor, landscape and greenhouse plants.

Register to Vote

County Clerk Renee Kolen reminds Curry residents that the deadline to register to vote in the May 15, 2001 Election is April 24, 2001. Call (541) 247-7011, ext. 223 if you have any questions.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE Meeting. A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Port Orford, Curry State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 will be held at Council Chambers, 555 W. 20th St., Port Orford. The meeting will take place on the 26 day of April 2001 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 26, 2001 at Port Orford City Hall, between the hours of 9:00 to Noon a.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

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Chamber Meeting

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Illinois River Hike

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Participants will meet at the Southwestern Oregon Community College at the Curry County fairgrounds in Gold Beach, at 8:30am, Saturday, April 28. From there, they will carpool 45 minutes to the trailhead. Please note: Trailhead parking permits will be required for those vehicles going to the trailhead. The permits, available at Gold Beach Forest office, Rogue Outdoor Store, or at Cougar Lane, may be purchased ahead of time, but do not validate until the day of the trip. The cost of the permit is \$5.00.

This hike will be moderate to steep. Be sure to bring a lunch, along with water and to dress appropriately. To ensure an early departure time, please stop by the Southwestern office to register and sign a release slip prior to the hike date. This will help cut down on any delays.

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School Enrollment Declining Continued from Front Cover

Superintendent Sword gave the board some good financial news. He said the district now had enough money in the estimated fund balance to pay off their loan from the state. He said the district had gained \$46,000 over the last month. The \$245,000 loan is due in June. The loan was to keep the district running from July 1 to when the district gets its first payment from the state in mid-August.

Sword brought up the possibility of getting a maintenance levy for 5 years at a total of \$500,000 for maintenance of school buildings. He told the board he wanted to invite the Parents for Better Education to the May 3 school board workshop meeting.

Sword spoke to the board about the enrollment at the high school and said it was in a declining mode. He said the school was now under 135 students – the lowest number that he's ever seen since he joined the district in 1993. I spoke with Mr. Sword on Monday morning and asked him to share with me statistics regarding the changing school enrollment.

Currently there are 449 students enrolled

in K-12 grades with 133 at Pacific High School. The enrollment at the high school on September 30, 2000 was 148 students while district-wide there were 470 students. Sword gave me attendance statistics going back to September 12, 1989. The high school low since then was 108 students on June 30, 1990. Since 1996 the high school hasn't had less than 151 students until this school year. The highest attendance at the high school in the last 12 years was 181 students on September 30, 1996. The district-wide attendance peaked at a total of 572 students on September 30, 1997.

Sword had said at the school board meeting that there are 32 students enrolled in home schooling living within the district boundaries. This represents a loss to the district of approximately \$150,000. If an additional 12 students are withdrawn, as Parents for a Better Education implied might happen, that would be an additional \$55-60,000.

H.M.S. Pinafore Auditions

Auditions will be held April 29 at 2pm or 7pm at Ocean Crest School in Bandon. Production dates are Aug. 17-19, 24-26, 31 and Sept. 1. For audition info, call 347-9881.

MEN-tors Needed

The Mentoring Center at Curry Prevention Services needs positive male role models for boys in our community, some of whom have been waiting for mentors since October 2000. These kids, ranging from 5 to 12 years of age, come to the Mentoring Center with hopes of meeting a caring adult to spend time with. Most all have the typical interests in sports, pets, fishing, and hiking. Some have specific interests such as music, woodworking, and boat racing.

One 8 year old likes basketball, football and wants to learn more about raising goats. His favorite food is pizza. Hunting, wrestling, ATV's and motorcycles attract the attention of a 12 year old youth referred to the Mentoring Center in January 2001. Our youngest referral, a five year old boy whose favorite class is recess, has a very honest and child-like love of melted chocolate ice cream – lots and lots of it!

The bottom line is this, according to Jan Burris, Mentoring Coordinator, "We have some boys with great potential waiting for the chance to experience life beyond their present borders. I know there are adults out there who would love to offer them a new view and just some good fun. It's getting the two together that's sometimes a challenge."

Since the Mentoring Center opened in August 2000, 15 kids have been matched with adults in our community and each relationship is making a difference in the kids' lives. The Mentoring Center asks volunteers to commit to a minimum of one hour per week. "This small commitment has incalculable results in the life of a child. The results are clear; Mentoring Makes A Difference," says Thelma Maguire, Youth Services Coordinator at CPS.

If you can give a little of your time to a child in this community, please contact The Mentoring Center, 247-2412, located behind Paul's Pizzeria.

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