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Peace and Joy To All!

Council Supports Wilderness By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council held their last regularly scheduled meeting of the year and Mayor Gary Doran wished everybody happy holidays.

Mayor Doran thanked public works administrator Dave Pace for putting larger letters on the measuring stick at the Twelfth Street boat ramp fishing dock. The measuring stick shows how high the lake is and on Monday morning at 10:00am it showed 16.4 feet. The lake was opened on Monday at around 1:30pm.

Councilor Jim Auburn said the parks commission needed a secretary and the city needed to solicit volunteers for the position. The secretary doesn't have to be a member of the commission. Mayor Doran suggested putting some large rocks at the gazebo at the Twelfth Street boat ramp to stop people driving around it and causing damage.

Councilor Jim Campbell, liaison to the police and fire departments, said that Randy Foster had stepped down as chief of the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department. Foster will stay on the depart-

ment. Campbell said the department was getting low on experienced personnel to take the chief position.

SHN engineer Steve Donovan gave a report on the sewer outfall project. Councilor Ed Beck asked about the status of the lifting of the moratorium. City administrator Erna Barnett said the Department of Environmental Quality would release 10-20 permits as soon as the next contract goes out. Barnett said DEQ wouldn't lift the total moratorium until sometime between next July through fall. Barnett said there are 13 requests for building permits now. Steve Donovan said some of the Arizona Street work would take place in January. He said that the bids would be let for Phase II (which include improvements to the sewer treatment plant) of the project on March 1, 2004.

Caroline Clancy spoke under citizens concerns and said she wanted her water-sewer bill itemized. She said every other utility bill is itemized.

Councilor Auburn made a motion to accept the 2002-03 city audit as completed by Michael Piels, CPA and presented by auditor Steward Parmele and it passed 6-0. Mayor Doran noted that the city is now caught up on their audits. Parmele said the accounting records were ade-

quate for the audit. He told the council the interfund transfers don't balance and they have to.

The council discussed annexing four pieces of property into the city including two on Cemetery Loop Road. The council was led to believe by their attorney John Trew they would also have to annex part of Cemetery Loop Road, which is now a county road. Ed Beck said he was against annexing the road. Councilor Jim Campbell asked the question "why are we doing this?" Mayor Doran said while he was coloring in the map he noticed the properties weren't in the city and if they were they would offset (property tax) revenue lost when Agate Beach RV Park became a state park. He estimated revenues of \$1,000 from the four properties. Ed Beck restated that he doesn't want the city to have the responsibility of Cemetery Loop Road. Erna Barnett referred to the properties being considered for annexation as "islands". The council tabled the annexation matter until next

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Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the deadline for submissions to the next two week's papers will be 4:00pm MONDAY instead of the usual Tuesday.

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Mon Dec 22, 2003	3:54a 3.5	9:59a 9.3	5:13p -2.0	11:59p 6.7	7:44a 4:48p	7:54a 4:16p						
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**Council Supports Wilderness
Continued from Front Cover**

month and will check on the situation with Cemetery Loop Road in the meantime.

The council next took up Resolution 2004-10 regarding support for the Copper Salmon Wilderness proposal. Mayor Doran invited Jerry Becker to speak about the issue. Becker is a board member of the Friends of Elk River. He said the Copper Salmon Wilderness is known for truly outstanding salmon runs. He said the wilderness would protect the water quality that provides the fishery. Becker said that a Wilderness designation for an area still allows for hunting. This remark was in response to Jim Campbell who said hunting wouldn't be allowed. Becker said the wilderness proposal would protect what we have now and maintain a base for eco-tourism and protect the fishery. He said it would take

an act of Congress to get the Wilderness proposal made law. Councilor Jim Auburn made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-10 and it passed 4-2 with Auburn, Beck, Carl Eskelson and Emily Francona voting yes and Campbell and Jerry Steinhorst voting no. The Resolution states the city council supports the proposed creation of the Copper Salmon Wilderness and that they support permanent Congressional protection of the upper Elk River watershed.

The council considered a request from Ali's Auto for a street light at Thirteenth and Highway 101. The issue will be referred to the planning commission who will then forward their recommendation to the council.

The council unanimously approved the consent calendar, which included a Port Orford Library Day proclamation. The proclamation makes April 8, 2004 "Public Library Day to honor the library vol-

unteers as well as supporter of the new library project, and to encourage the continued support of a new public library."

The council will hold a meeting in January concerning the Garrison Lake Rehabilitation study and the Water Master Plan. The exact date was not chosen. Happy holidays.

Christmas as Hughes House

Enjoy cider and cranberry juice and cookies at Hughes House. There is no charge for the Hughes House holiday celebration. All eleven rooms in the historic home have been decorated for the holidays. Open on Dec. 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 from noon to 5:00pm. The Cape Blanco Lighthouse is also open for tours the same hours. Lighthouse tours are \$2.00 per person or \$5 for a family. The gift shops at both Hughes House and the Lighthouse are both open for the holidays and feature many items not found in stores around town.

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Bus Service Added By Evan Kramer

Curry Public Transit General Manger Bill Dooley announced on Monday that they were going to add an additional bus from Port Orford to Gold Beach and back in the morning.

The added bus will go into effect on Monday, January 5, 2004. The bus will leave from Ray's Market in Port Orford to Gold Beach at 7:40am with a stop in Nesika Beach and arrive in Gold Beach at 8:15am. For those people wishing to continue on to Brookings a bus from Brookings will arrive in Gold Beach at 8:15am and then turnaround and go back to Brookings. The Port Orford-Gold Beach morning bus returns to Port Orford at 8:20am and arrives back in town at 9:00am. The cost for the bus service is \$2.00 per segment making a round trip to Gold Beach \$4. Dooley said that Curry Public Transit would serve Langlois residents on this morning bus run as long as the company is given 24 hours prior notice. There are also three other buses a day going both north to Coos Bay and south to Brookings.

Dooley said that the Dial-a-Ride service in Port Orford has been adjusted and will now operate Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 1:30pm on a trial basis.

Dooley said the newly added Port Orford-Gold Beach bus is predicated on the voters not turning down the State tax increase. He said a state grant is being used to fund this new bus route and Curry Public Transit would get hit very hard if they don't receive their proposed budget.

Dooley said that Curry Public Transit does a lot more than transport passengers. They also do book transfers from the different libraries in the county and take water samples from the water districts to Coos Bay for testing. He said ridership on Curry Public Transit was up 50% over last year at this time. He said Dial-a-Ride ridership has remained static.

Curry Public Transit buses are available for charter and have been used by the Port Orford Senior Center. They have been chartered by the RAD Outdoor Group in Port Orford. The leaders of that group were certified to operate the buses

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so they didn't have to hire a driver to go along with the bus.

Curry Public Transit has ten buses and 18 employees, including 17 drivers. Their buses are wheelchair accessible and accommodate bicycles as well. Dooley added that well-behaved dogs and cats in carriers are allowed on the buses.

People wanting more information about the bus service can call 1-800-921-2871.

Holiday Safety Tips

Drive carefully – it gets dark early. The roads are wet and many people are distracted by the holidays and parties.

Don't overload electrical sockets.

Keep your Christmas tree watered so it doesn't dry out and become a fire hazard.

Make sure there are no bare wires on your string of lights.

Don't leave your tree lights on while away from home or while sleeping.

Don't put your tree too close to a fireplace, wood stove or heater.

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**Senior News
By Mary Yoder**

December 11 Rotary luncheon – head cook Ed Dowdy, volunteers working were Arlyne Mossholder, Jean Lewison, Sonja Mason, Warren Jewell – all went well. A very nice luncheon. The dessert special – made by Sonja Mason. Arlyne Mossholder setting up the dining room. What was so special the high school choir performed for the Rotary and we were invited - all of us came in and enjoyed it which we did.

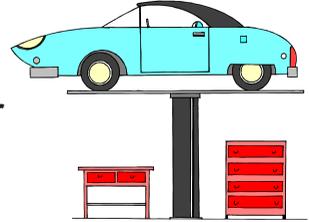
The Center is nicely decorated by Paula Cracas. Thank you.

December 14 Sunday breakfast. Head cook Ed Dowdy – volunteers working were Jackie Sellon, John Suchy, Carol Suchy, John Heida, Connie Heida, Tina Buchholz, Owen Miller, Juanita Henrick, Shayla Richards, and Nancy Dowdy. The breakfast was very nice – all en-

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joyed. Taking care of the moneybox Nancy Dowdy. The rummage sale – what’s his name and Lois Ambrose. What I liked each volunteer had a job to do and did. All went well.

December 20 is the birthday lunch at 11:30am.

December 23 hearing aid from 9:30am to noon.

December 25 Christmas potluck. The Center is furnishing the turkey I was told. So bring your favorite food and all will enjoy. It’s at 12:00pm.

December 27 rummage sale.

December 30 membership meeting at 10:30am.

Blood pressure every Tuesday morning.

Rotary Club every Thursday at noon.

TOPS Mondays at 9:30am and 6:00pm.

Art and quilting every Wednesday from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Monday osteoporosis exercise at 5:30pm.

Walking group Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30am.

Hope I haven’t missed anything or anyone.

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High Water Mark

This past weekend’s heavy rains left their mark at the Elk River Fish Hatchery. The Elk River crested at 15’ at 6:00pm Saturday, Dec. 13. According to Fish Hatchery Manager Robin Crisler the 15’ comes from the measuring device at the fish ladder. There is a viewing deck above the oversize yardstick and on Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm the river had receded back to the 9’ level.

Crisler didn’t have Sunday off to do his Christmas shopping. He was waist high in murky river water at the Elk River Fish Hatchery research station separating the returning fish. The male and female salmon are separated and put into different penstocks. The Research Station keeps a record of incoming fish and on Friday, Dec. 12 had recorded 25 male and 25 female Chinook salmon and one jack.

Crisler and crew were busy on Saturday morning in anticipation of the river being “blown out” as he put it. Emergency generators were readied and other precautions taken to keep the hatchery going. Crisler had help from Port Orford student Ry Fanning on Sunday. Students participate in community service programs and according to Ry’s mother Tammy he loves working at the hatchery.

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Letter to the Editor,

This letter is written regarding the Biscuit fire salvage Article printed in your paper. Some facts need to be straightened out, firstly fire is a natural event for the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest, one that has been happening longer than humans have lived here. Oak trees particularly respond to the fires and don't forget to see the wildflowers this spring. Secondly 500,000 acres did not burn during the fire; only 16% of the acreage actually burned hot enough to kill all trees, 24% of the above area was a moderate burn where most but not all trees burned, and the remaining 60% area burned very lightly with low to no tree mortality, this is according to original estimates done by the Forest Service itself. The claim that 100 hundred percent of the canopy was killed and the trees can't reseed naturally is an untruth. Please read a greater diversity of relevant articles, or visit the area yourself.

Sincerely,

Sunja Goldenrose

[Editor's Note: Having had the facts called into question by this letter, I did a brief bit of research. It seems that hard facts are a bit difficult to be sure of. www.biscuitfire.com has lots of information including a concise assessment page but the numbers there disagree both with this letter and with the original article. While the EPA site at [http://](http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-IMPACT/2003/March/Day-19/i6503.htm)

www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-IMPACT/2003/March/Day-19/i6503.htm lends credibility to the biscuitfire site with a link to it, it also has a disclaimer cautioning that the site is NOT an EPA site. It would appear that some people are interested in making the situation look better than it is and others paint it worse than it is. Researchers should be careful of their sources and no research can beat a personal visit as Sunja suggests (though exploring a half million acres of damaged wilderness in any detail is going to be beyond most of us!) Whatever the numeric damages, this was an unusually bad fire and the consequences will continue for many years. – Valerie Kramer]

Holiday SnuggleTales By Viv Williams, Director

Excitement is building as everyone awaits our very special Holiday SnuggleTales December 18 at 6:30pm. Amanda and Tony Kamph are joining Elma and Weld Champneys and Dan Ells who will all read their favorite Holiday stories. As the Circus Ringmaster says, "Ladies and Gentlemen and Children of all ages" are invited. Please come and share your Holiday memories with us while enjoying delicious refreshments provided by Nancy Jensen.

Many tickets are in our basket for our Burgundy Poinsettia Door Prize Drawing to be held during our Holiday

SnuggleTales. You can complete a ticket right up to the time of the Drawing. Just visit the Library and you will receive a free ticket. Join in the fun. Who knows, this beautiful and rare poinsettia could grace your home this Holiday Season!

At this time we would like to extend additional thanks to Gunther Vogel and to Ellen and Rudi Tomaszewski for their delectable donations to the Library Table at the Langlois Library and Lions Club Craft and Collectibles Fair. We would also like to thank Jo-Ann Asbury and the Lions Club for her organizational skills and their hospitality. If we have neglected to thank anyone either this week or last, please accept our apologies and know that we are deeply grateful for the donation of your time and talent.

The Langlois Library Staff once again extends their wish that you and yours enjoy the best of all Holiday Seasons and that the New Year brings peace to all the world.

Driftwood Science Fair

The public is invited to visit the eighth-grade science fair at Driftwood Elementary School on Thursday, December 18 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Students have designed and built machines and devices based on Rube Goldberg concepts and they will be on display and operated by the eighth grade scientists. Everyone is welcome.

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The City of Port Orford opened Garrison Lake (at Agate Beach State Park) on Monday afternoon at approximately 1:30pm. The City hired a private contractor to do the sand excavation. The City, with consultation from other agencies, had decided to open the lake when the level rose to 14 feet. However, the contractor's equipment was not avail-



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able last week when the lake reached 14 feet. This weekend the City received 6.91 inches of rain and by Monday morning the lake was at 16.4 feet. The measuring device is at the Twelfth Street boat ramp fishing dock.

The situation at the lake opening got out of control despite efforts by the private contractor and city public works department to close the opening. The lake blew out and on Tuesday morning the level was at 9 feet. The gaping maw of a lake opening allowed wave after surging wave to pound the 5,000-year-old sea cliff, which protects Agate Beach State Park and the new \$1,000,000 sewer outfall discharge. Huge chunks of the sea cliff were claimed by waves big enough you could have surfed them into the lake.

According to city administrator Erna Barnett, Oregon State Parks department issued the City of Port Orford an emergency permit to open Garrison Lake when



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it got to the 14-foot level. This lake opening level was decided on at a meeting attended by Oregon State Parks, ODF&W, the City of Port Orford, SHN – the city engineering firm, the Coquille Indian tribe, and the Division of State Lands. Barnett said the city council had given authority to open the lake to the city administrator last year.

Reach To Recovery

Curry General Hospital's Breast Health Network Support Group invites anyone ever diagnosed with breast cancer, family members and friends to learn more about initiating Reach To Recovery visits in Curry County.

Joan Haucom, of the American Cancer Society office in Medford, will speak on the Reach To Recovery program during the support group's next regular gathering, at noon, Monday, Jan. 12, in Grant's Pancake House, 29790 Ellensburg Ave. (Highway 101), in Gold Beach.

The program consists of trained, certified and re-certified volunteer breast cancer survivors who are at least a year out of treatment. Volunteers talk with patients by phone or in person to provide emotional support and general info.

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Born August 29, 1945 in Jersey City, New Jersey to Edwin and Ruth McDermott, he graduated from Northwestern University with a B.A. in English in 1966. He then spent two years in the Peace Corps as an agricultural worker in Niger and Chad in Central Africa.

As a founding member of the Langlois Library Foundation, Joe was instrumental in wrangling funding from a variety of sources and was ultimately successful, as the doors are now open to all. Joe's wit and roaring laugh will echo in our minds now and hereafter, while whole species of fish rejoice heartily in his untimely passing. He will be heartily missed. He is survived by his wife of 36 years Deanna, his two children, Joshua and Zachary, his father, Edwin McDermott of New Jersey, his brother, Tom McDermott of Maine, and nephew and niece Jake and Erin McDermott.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Langlois Library, Habitat for Humanity, the American Civil Liberties Union or other char-



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Tai Chi Classes

Continuing a fifteen year history at the Port Orford Senior Center, weekly Tai Chi classes taught by Laurie Johnson will resume after the holidays on Friday, January 9 at 8:30 a.m. as part of the Southwestern Oregon Community College winter quarter. Johnson has taught Tai Chi in Port Orford and Gold Beach since 1988 - first as a student teacher and then in 1999, after training and testing, as a Certified Tai Chi Teacher.

Suitable for all levels of physical ability, Tai Chi is an excellent cross training exercise as well as being recommended for those recovering from illness or injury. A basic martial art, Tai Chi enables practitioners to reduce stress and relax through movement.

In addition to her teaching, Johnson manages the Health Shop in Brookings which offers a full range of general supplements in addition to specializing in Chinese herbal formulas. She continues to study with her first teacher, Professor Jon Loren of the International Tai Chi

Tum Pai Gung-Fu Association which has its headquarter school in Brookings at the Club Center and additional schools in Portland and Washington State.

The Port Orford class includes students of all levels from beginning to advanced. New students will be accepted for the winter term and can register either by calling Janet Pretti at 541-247-2741 or at the first class session on January 9. The charge is \$38 for ten weekly sessions.

Fair Board Vacancies

On Nov. 24, the Board of Commissioners announced that two positions on the Curry County Fair Board which expire on Dec. 31 are open. Those positions are currently held by Jackie Crook of Pistol River and David Hoenie of Gold Beach. To apply for these positions, contact the Commissioners' office by Dec. 23. The mission of The Event Center is to conduct the highest quality annual county fair, promoting, showcasing, and portraying the agricultural, industrial, natural resources, and cultural lifestyle of the county. It also conducts other activities for the benefit of County residents which compliment the fair and generate revenue to make the facility self sufficient.

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Deadly Pleasures

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During the holiday season it is difficult to call attention to unpleasant matters. However, some youth in our area are engaging in dangerous practices that may cause brain damage or death. They risk their lives for a few moments of pleasure. Parents, teachers, and caregivers need to be aware of these “deadly pleasures”.

One of the deadly risks involves cutting off the blood supply to the brain. This is sometimes done alone to get a head-rush or while masturbating, or done in groups while hanging-out, at parties, or at sleepovers.

When done alone, a ligature (rope, cord, necktie, scarf, sheet, dog leash, etc.) is placed around the neck to cut off blood to the brain. When done for sexual pleasure it is known as autoerotic asphyxiation (AeA), sexual asphyxiation, erotic suffocation, or erotic strangulation. This practice is sometimes done just for the head-rush with no sexual activity. A fail-safe system is put into place in an attempt

to prevent death, since suicide is not the intent. It is estimated that these fail-safe systems “fail” for as many as 250 to 1000 young victims per year. Sometimes, the person who discovers the victim will remove any evidence that sexual activity was involved. Paramedics or law enforcement officers untrained about the practice, mistakenly report many of these “accidental deaths” as suicide.

Dr. Andrew P. Jenkins, Professor of Community Health, Central Washington University, offers the following warning signs that young men may be involved in AeA: unexplained marks on necks; women’s clothing and/or pornography in closet, under bed; short ropes, padded ropes, neckties tied in odd knots; bloodshot eyes; complaints of headaches; and locks on bedroom doors.

The most common characteristics of victims are that they are white males under the age of 30. The age range of reported deaths is from age 9 to 80. There does not appear to be a strong correlation with sexual preference, gender identity, sado-masochistic interests, or cross-dressing. However, some professionals believe that youth with a history of child abuse, sexual abuse, interest in bondage/sadomas-

ochism, rope play, or piercing of genitals and/or nipples may be at greater risk for these dangerous behaviors.

Group activities may involve one person hyperventilating then holding his or her breath while another person bear hugs them from behind. This causes the person to pass out. This may be referred to as the blackout game, space monkey, suffocation roulette, the fainting game, the pass-out game or flatliner. The “slamming” game includes the person’s head being “slammed” against the wall. Some times the unconscious person is picked up by the group and put in another location so they wake up somewhere else. Sometimes, they never wake up.

Kids think that because they are not using alcohol or other illegal drugs, that these activity are harmless. Many teens, and even preteens, have suffered permanent brain damage or death the first time they play these “games”.

Another deadly activity currently practiced by youth in our area is known as “huffing” and involves inhaling solvents that may have been sprayed into a bag. Some of the items used include spray paint, compressed-gas dusters, waterproofing agents, liquid eraser, anything in an aerosol can, or anything found under the kitchen sink they can use as an experiment.

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The Cat's Meow

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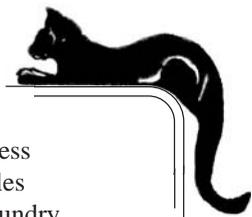
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Pediatrician, Alan Greene, MD, FAAP, offers the following signs of huffing: "The characteristic odor is the biggest clue. Be on the lookout for breath or clothing that smells like chemicals. Look for clothing stains. Watch for spots or sores around the mouth. Nausea, lack of appetite, weight loss, nervousness, restlessness, and outbursts of anger can all be signs of inhalant abuse. A drunk, dazed, or glassy-eyed appearance might mean your child is abusing inhalants right now."

Another activity involves mouthing butane gas then igniting it as it is blown out of the mouth. Some of the dangers of such behavior include: Heart failure-volatile substance use can cause irregular heart-beats, which may cause heart failure. This risk is increased if the user increases physical activity after inhaling. Suffocation-when a bag is placed over the head, and the youth becomes unconscious. Drowning-volatile substance inhaling may cause nausea and unconsciousness, which can lead the victim to drown in his or her own vomit. An overproduction of fluids may also cause drowning. Asphyxiation-when the butane is sprayed from the refill container into the mouth, it may go directly down the throat causing the trachea to swell. Respiratory failure-if the freezing jet of

gas hits the area surrounding the vagus nerve.

There is always the danger of information such as this, giving kids the idea to try these activities. There is greater danger in not warning parents so they can do what is necessary to educate and protect their children. Hundreds of computer web sites offer youth very specific information about these deadly activities. Parents need to be aware of the sites their children visit. Any parent who does not know how to block certain sites or how to get a history of sites visited, needs to enroll in a course that teaches these computer skills, such as those offered at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

If you suspect your child may be involved in any dangerous activity, you are urged to call for help. It is easier to call a physician or therapist than it is to call

911. Ask any parent who has buried their child.

Resources:

School counselor, school psychologist,

Curry County Health & Human Services, in Gold Beach at 247-4082, in Port Orford at 332-9191;

Coos County Mental Health, 756-2020 ext. 528;

www.cwu.edu/~jenkinsa/Autoerotic_Aspixyia_Page.html

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Demos Support Higher Taxes

At its meeting on Tuesday December 9, the Curry County Democratic Central Committee unanimously resolved to actively support the revenue package, HB 2152, passed on a bipartisan vote by the 2003 Oregon Legislature. The committee voted to strongly support Yes on Measure 30, which refers the HB 2152 to the voters in a February 3 Special election.

Measure 30 (or HB 2152) is a temporary revenue package designed to assure delivery of critical services until our state fiscal crisis is resolved. If Measure 30 fails, major impacts will be felt on education, senior services, family and children health services, and the criminal court and correction system.

The estimate of spending cuts in Curry County if Measure 30 fails is \$4 million as follows:

1. K-12 schools- \$2.18 million including \$542,054 to Central Curry SD 1; \$384,702 to Port Orford-Langlois SD 2CJ; and \$1,253,923 to Brookings Harbor SD 17C. (State School Finance Office)
2. Higher Ed; Children, Family, Senior, Disabled services; Prisons/Parole, Courts, Juvenile Corrections/State Police- \$1.9 million (Estimated from data supplied by Association of Oregon Counties)

The total estimated cost to Curry residents and businesses if Measure 30 passes is \$910 thousand as follows:

1. Personal income tax increase- \$671,518 (see table below)
2. All other taxes- \$239,463 (Estimated from data supplied by Association of Oregon Counties)

Democratic Chair and Brookings business owner Pat Sherman said that the Curry Democrats would join with other civic and business groups to inform voters of the impacts of the GOP sponsored measure. An MBA, Sherman noted that the loss of state funds in the county will not only affect schools and other essential government services, but also will have a negative effect on the local economy. The loss in funds is estimated to be more than four times what Curry resi-

dents will pay in taxes. Because most of the funds are spent locally, the loss will have a ripple effect, and hurt local businesses.

More than 60% of Curry residents earn less than \$30,000. Many receive essential health care and other services provided with state funds. Our school children clearly will be hurt if there are more "budget shortfall days". Yes on Measure 30 will maintain funding for these essential services.

The Democrats are pleased to announce that Secretary of State Bill Bradbury will be the featured speaker at their fundraiser on February 7, 2004. The event will be held at Docia Suite Hall at the Event Center on the Beach in Gold Beach. Tickets are \$20.00 each and may be obtained from Democratic Central Committee members.

Estimated Personal Income Tax Increase from Surcharge, Curry County (source Legislative Revenue Office)

Income	# Returns	Avg Tax Change	Total Tax Change
Less than 10,000	2,372	\$0	\$0
10,000-20,000	2,094	\$4	\$7,685
20,000-30,000	1,311	\$19	\$25,355
30,000-40,000	942	\$43	\$40,591
40,000-50,000	711	\$62	\$44,366
50,000-70,000	927	\$102	\$94,786
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Sole Pursuits hikes

Ted Fitzgerald, a Brookings attorney who grew up on his family's Fern Hill Ranch northeast of Brookings, will lead hikers on moderately easy, six-mile round-trip hike near Bosley Butte when Curry General Hospital's *Sole Pursuits* program gears up for its first outing of the new year, Saturday, Jan. 3.

Participants should gather at 11 a.m., just inside the metal gate marking Bosley Butte Road, east of Carpenterville Road. Bosley Butte Road crosses Carpenterville Road about 9 miles south of Pistol River and 11 miles north of South Coast Lumber Company (intersection of Highway 101 and Carpenterville Road) The hike is free and open to all in reasonably good shape.

Carpoolers can depart at 10:20 a.m. from The Brookings Clinic, 412 Alder St. in Brookings; or 10 a.m. from the Curry General Hospital Annex parking lot.

The route - a change from the originally scheduled trek above the Thomas Creek Bridge - will follow a "mostly flat" ridge between the Pistol River and Chetco River drainages.

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Walkers should prepare for wet weather by wearing waterproof trail shoes and rain gear. Bring trail snacks and water. Organizers suggest that out-of-shape walkers bring a buddy to accompany them back to the trailhead if they are not up to walking six miles.

Sole Pursuits is an incentive walking and fitness program featuring scenic hikes and prize drawings for walkers who turn in their "time" cards. The next walking card drawing will be held March 13. The winning cardholder will receive a \$50 gift made possible by the Chetco Federal Credit Union.

Upcoming hikes include:

Feb. 14, the group will follow Walt Schroeder past a hidden lake, through the forested sand dunes of Pistol River, toward Crook Point.

March 13, hikers will walk at low tide, starting about a mile south of the Ore-

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Community Music Night

The Port Orford Arts Council presents the monthly Community Music Night on Friday, Dec. 19, 7:00pm, at the Community Building. Enjoy musical entertainment and refreshments with a holiday theme. Everyone is welcome.

Xmas Eve Service

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church will be celebrating a Christmas Eve service with carol singing on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend. The church is located on 9th street behind the Downtown Fun Zone.

Coos-Curry Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative has been scheduled for 10:00am on Friday, Dec. 19, at the Coop's headquarters in Port Orford.

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