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Happy New Year!

2004

The Year in Review

By Evan Kramer



Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers opened at the Savoy Theater of Friday, January 10, 2003. The big question on everybody's mind lately was, "When will Lord of the Rings: The

Return of the King open at the Savoy Theater?" The answer is "This Friday!"

Three new Port Orford city councilors were sworn in on Friday, January 3. They are Ed Beck, Jim Auburn and Jerry Steinhorst. The City of Port Orford opened Garrison Lake on January 7 by recreating the old lake channel and it worked out without causing much erosion.

Three delightful outdoor murals were dedicated at Blanco Middle School in Langlois on January 17. The murals were designed and painted by the students with adult assistance.

Construction on the boathouse at Port Orford Heads State Park began on January 27. This building is now the home of the Coast Guard Lifesaving Boat #36498.

Mark Dennett was the guest speaker at the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce membership meeting on February 24.

His turned out to be the most interesting and best-received speaker of the year as he critiqued the outside appearances of several local businesses.

The March 11 general obligation bond election results in Port Orford showed every voted counted. The general obligation bonds to pay for improvements in the sewer outfall went down to defeat by one vote with 208 people voting no and 207 voting yes.

Architect Rich Turi spoke to a gathering of over 55 people at the Port Orford Community Building on Thursday, March 20, about planning for the new Port Orford Public Library. Those in attendance were asked to tell Turi what they wanted in their new library and the people weren't bashful.

The three Curry County commissioners held a public meeting in Port Orford on Tuesday, March 18. Ralph Brown, Lucie LaBonte and Marlyn Schafer spoke and then answered questions from the small group that came to hear them.

Work on the Cape Blanco Lighthouse continued through April as the tower was framed in scaffolding. The 133 year old lighthouse was repainted; it got a new roof and the Fresnel lens were being renovated at Hardin Optical in Bandon.

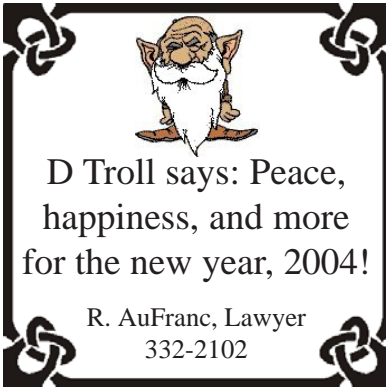
Patty Reese wrote several articles about the Beachcomber's Square Dance Club including one in the April 10 about the history of the club, which began in January 1953.

Port Orford Volunteer Firefighter and training officer Jim Garwood died on April 12. He contributed a lot of time and effort to the department and is missed.

Garrison Lake was "mysteriously" opened on Sunday, May 4. The lake level dropped rapidly and the bluff at the Mouchawar property at Agate Beach suffered further erosion. The city referred to it as a "seemingly unnatural breaching". Arizona Street between Madrona and Geer Circle was severely damaged as the street sank and large cracks opened up in it. The street was closed and remains closed at the dawn of a new year.

Votes in the spring Special Districts election were counted on May 20. The City of Port Orford Revenue Bonds passed by a 330 to 79 majority. I discovered the secret of winning an election by getting elected to the Port of Port Orford Commission unopposed. Gary Anderson defeated Dale Thomas and kept his seat on the Curry Health District Board.

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Fri Jan 2, 2004	1:16a 3.6	7:45a 7.5	3:05p 1.0	9:43p 5.3	7:47a 4:56p	1:35p 4:08a						
Sat Jan 3, 2004	2:09a 4.0	8:24a 7.6	3:48p 0.5	10:38p 5.5	7:47a 4:57p	2:04p 5:09a						
Sun Jan 4, 2004	2:59a 4.3	9:03a 7.7	4:26p 0.1	11:21p 5.8	7:47a 4:58p	2:38p 6:08a						
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**Senior News
By Mary Yoder**

December 25 was Christmas potluck – volunteers working were head cook Ed Dowdy and Nancy Dowdy – helping with the cleanup were John Suchy, Carol Suchy. If you missed the potluck I'm sorry. There was food beyond belief. I never saw so many happy smiling faces – all enjoyed. It couldn't have been any nicer. Then there was the singing. Someone playing the piano for it. The voices sounded so happy. I hope there will be one next Christmas. I just have to say a great big thank you to the volunteers who give of their time and talents for us. Please don't ever move away. Others working were Al Granados, Jackie Granados, Savannah Tremmel and E.J. Wyeth. I hope I haven't missed anything or anyone.

January 1 Thursday – have a happy New Year.

Blood pressure every Tuesday morning.

TOPS Mondays at 930am and 6:00pm.

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Osteoporosis exercise Mondays at 5:30pm.

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

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

Rotary Club luncheon on Thursday at 12:00pm.

December 30 membership meeting. More about it next week.

January 5 pinochle at 7:00pm. All are welcome. Come and enjoy.

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Marie Barrington

Funeral services for Marie Barrington will be held on Saturday, January 3, 11:00am, at the Port Orford First Community Church. Pastor Mark Newman will officiate.

Marie Barrington died on December 28 in Coos Bay. Viewing will be at the Port Orford Funeral Service on Friday, January 2, from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Internment will be held at the Port Orford Cemetery.

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DeFazio Seeks Improvements

As a follow-up of their visit to Fort Hood, Texas, U.S. Representatives Peter DeFazio and Darlene Hooley sent letters on December 23 to General Peter Schoemaker, Chief of Staff of the Army and Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense calling for improvements at the military base.

On December 10, DeFazio and Hooley conducted a congressional fact finding trip to Ft. Hood, Texas, where members of the Second Battalion of the One Hundred Sixty Second Infantry of the Oregon National Guard are preparing to deploy to Iraq in March. DeFazio and Hooley traveled to Ft. Hood to meet with members of the Oregon National Guard to discuss their training, equipment and needs. The trip to Ft. Hood was scheduled in response to concerns regarding living conditions and other issues related to training and deployment.

Representatives DeFazio and Hooley were incredibly impressed with the dedication and spirit of the Oregon troops and their officers. However, they were disturbed to learn about continuing short-

falls in equipment and training that are confronting the troops.

The Second Battalion is stationed in Cottage Grove, Oregon with units in Eugene, Coos Bay, Corvallis and Newport, Oregon. The Oregon National Guard 162 Infantry, Second Battalion, Cottage Grove was transferred to Fort Hood on October 29, 2003 to prepare for deployment to Iraq in March.

Currently there are 2,134 Oregon Guard members deployed throughout the world, including 640 serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The full text of DeFazio's and Hooley's letters are available online at www.defazio.house.gov

Letter to the Editor,

I read with interest your article entitled "Different Set of Rules" in the December 25th edition of the Port Orford *Today!* about the Coos Curry Electric Cooperatives (CCEC) board meeting. You are correct, a cooperative is not subject to the Oregon Public Meeting s laws which apply only to municipal or public entities.

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Remember, when dealing with any non-municipal corporation, the owners, whether shareholders or members, have limited rights to participate in the operations of the organization or to have access to its books and records. Their participation is generally restricted to the election of the organization's board of directors. That's the law!

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December 12: Report of child endangerment. Unfounded.

December 13: Alarm at residence on Coast Guard Hill Road. False.

Report of man screaming near Circle K. Unable to locate anyone.

December 13: Report of disturbance at apartments on Arizona St. Subjects contacted and advised.

December 17: Suspicious activity near residence on Arizona St. Checked location and found nothing. Owners out of area.

December 18: Arrested Stanley M. Morris, 44 years old, on warrant out of Curry County Sheriff Office. Transported to Curry County Jail and lodged.

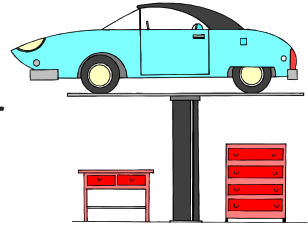
December 21: Report of domestic dispute at apartment on Arizona Street. Male

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subject left without incident. Handled by contact.

December 22: Minor motor vehicle crash on Port Orford Loop Road. Drivers exchanged information and went on their way.

December 23: Report of barking dogs on Wyoming St. Owner notified and advised.

Report of someone driving on grassy areas causing damage. Under investigation.

Safety Tip of the Week

When crossing Oregon Street (Highway 101) remember you are actually crossing six lanes and not just the four that are marked. Leave yourself plenty of room and time to cross safely.

Bandon Playhouse Presents

The Bandon Playhouse has a full schedule lined up for 2004. They begin the new year's season of plays with Letters Home by Rose Leiman Goldemberg on February 14 through 29. The opening performance will be staged at Southern Coos Hospital in Bandon with the following performances held at the Rip-tides Restaurant in Bandon. The second play in the season is One Flew Over the Cookoo's Nest by Dale Wasserman from the novel by Ken Kesey, starting on March 5 at the 250 seat Sprague Theater

in City Park in Bandon. Tickets for this R rated play are \$12 with senior matinees costing \$10.

The widely anticipated musical this season is Camelot with book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Fred Lowe. Camelot opens on August 20 at the Sprague Theater with tickets \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Other performances of this musical are on August 21, 22, 27,28,29, and September 3,4,5. The magical kingdom of Camelot brings together King Arthur, Lancelot, and Guenevere with such memorable songs as "If Every I Would Leave You," "What Do Simple Folk Do?", "Camelot", "Lusty Month of May", and others.

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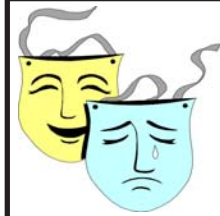
Bill of Rights Question

The following is the text of the Bill of Rights Question submitted to the City of Port Orford.

Caption: Reaffirms citizen's civil rights; may prohibit cooperation with Patriot Act.

Question: Shall the municipal code be amended to reaffirm rights and prohibit city cooperation with agencies acting under the Patriot Act?

Summary: This amendment does not contain a specific reference to any federal statutory law. However, the amend-



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ment may prohibit city employees from cooperating with federal agencies charged with the enforcement of federal law such as the USA Patriot Act.

The amendment to the Port Orford Municipal Code reaffirms citizens' rights as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution, the Oregon State Constitution and certain Oregon

state statutes. It prohibits City employees from violating citizens' rights and provides that the City shall expend no funds or resources for activities to be performed by City employees which violate citizens' rights.

The amendment mandates the City Administrator to regularly advise the City Council and the public of any attempts by federal agencies to require the City to violate any citizen's rights. It further requires that the City provide a legal defense to any employee who is criminally charged based on his or her actions in compliance with the amendment and provides for a fine not to exceed \$50 based upon a violation of the amendment.

Suicide Survivor Support

The Suicide Survivor Support Group meets Tuesday January 6 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Health and Human Services building, 306 Wharf Street, Brookings (across from the post office.) The group is for any family member, friend, significant other and loved one of a person who died by suicide. For information, contact Heather Adam at (541) 469-3786.



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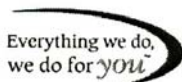
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Speaker, Karon Heineman of Sherwood, Oregon, a retired funeral director and former office coordinator, has learned the value of living each day to its fullest potential. As a novice oil painter, Karon explores the impact day-by-day living has on the portrait of life.

To make reservations and arrange complimentary child care today, please call Marge - 347-4224 for Bandon/Langlois; Patti - 332-2703 for Port Orford or e-mail Maybelle at maysway@juno.com. Reservations must be honored, given to a friend or cancelled 24 hours prior. Wednesday Women's Time Out is sponsored by Stonecroft Ministries.

Animal Shelter News

The Curry County Animal Shelter can now be classed as a no-kill shelter with the dogs now being taken to the Portland Humane Society to be placed for adoption there. After keeping the dogs in the county shelter for several months or when it becomes over populated, the shelter now has volunteers that will take the dogs to Portland, so that the shelter will never have to put down a healthy dog again. The Shelter feels that all their efforts have been well worth it to be able to see this come to life.

The Shelters Advisory Board have been such a great help with all their effort of fundraising and with all funds being divided between the spay and neuter program and the new puppy nursery that is in the works to be built. The shelter now gives to each dog that is adopted a free spay or neuter certificate, all provided with funds from the board's fundraising efforts. This board runs a one-day garage sale every Saturday from 10am to 2pm to help with all its efforts and projects.

The next project is to start a building fund drive to try and raise money to add ten new kennels to the shelter. At this

time the shelter is over populated with thirty-six dogs in the kennels. The shelter has only twelve indoor kennels. Some of the dogs have to stay outside when it becomes so crowded. This is way too many for this size of shelter. So look for all the new improvements that will be happening at the Curry County Animal Shelter in the up coming year.

Women's Time Out

Ladies of all ages are invited to a Wednesday Women's Time Out buffet luncheon and program "Healthy Choices" on Wednesday, January 7 at 11:30am at our new location, Bandon Face Rock Golf Course, 3235 Beach Loop Dr., Bandon. Cost is \$9.00 Inclusive.

Holly Armstrong, Director of Bree's Foundation will help you take control of your health as she reveals the life style choices that put us at risk for cancer and other diseases. Holly will show how we can empower and encourage ourselves and others as she offers insights into how to prevent and protect against breast cancer.

Music guest, Tammy Wickstrom will entertain and delight with gentle vocal selections.

Power Outage

There was a dramatic power outage in Port Orford on Sunday night at the corner of Ninth and Highway 101.

A power line snapped on the southeast corner and fell on another line creating a danger and a fiery display of sparks. The incident occurred around 7:30pm and caused a power outage in the immediate area. The Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department and the Police Department responded and worked on traffic control, narrowing traffic on Highway 101 down to two lanes and kept the highway open. A crew responded from Coos-Curry Electric and by 9:30pm the power was restored and Circle K was up and in business again.

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Elk River Road Landslide

Elk River Road (Forest Service Road 5325) is closed at milepost 6 above the Elk River Fish Hatchery because of a large landslide. Elk River Road was just reopened to public access after being closed from mid July to November 21 because of road repairs from Forest Service Road 5502 (Panther Creek Road) to just downstream from Sunshine Bar.

The massive landslide occurred the weekend of December 12-14 during heavy rains. A mixture of large and small trees, rock and mud slid down the steep hillside completely covering the road. Some material sloughed of the embankment towards the river. The US Forest Service Powers Ranger District, which has jurisdiction in the Siskiyou National Forest, had not as of Christmas day posted any

signs warning motorists that the road is closed at the landslide. Turning around in a recreational vehicle at that point in the road would be difficult. A representative of the Powers Ranger District said on Monday morning that bids had been sent out for cleaning up the landslide but they didn't anticipate the work getting done for a couple more weeks. The people knowledgeable about the bidding process and timetable were out of the office until Monday, January 5.

Langlois Library News By Viv Williams, Director

We wish all of you a New Year of Peace and Prosperity!

Paul Nelson has generously donated a beautiful onyx chess set to the Langlois

Library. In celebration of this acquisition, the Langlois Library will be sponsoring Wednesday Chess Afternoons beginning at 2:00pm during the month of January. Refreshments will be served.

Are you a beginner or an expert? Would you like to learn how to play chess? All are welcome. We encourage you to bring your chess sets to share as we have 3 additional tables that can also be used. Even if you don't play chess, please drop in and see this magnificent set.

On a sadder note, once again we bid farewell to a dear friend - Gerald Eggert, husband of Carrie, a Staff member here at the Langlois Library. Gerald passed away peacefully in their home early Sunday morning December 21. The Langlois community celebrated his life Sunday December 28 at the Langlois Community Church. Gerald, we will miss you!



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Letter to the Editor,

Suggested CCEC New Year's Resolutions:

1. Keep working together and focus on Due Diligence and Fiscal Responsibility.
2. Hire a certified in-house accountant for CCEC.
3. Communicate Information to District Wide Owner/Members such as new rule/law of not working within 10 feet of a transmission/distribution lines without turning off the power,
4. Increase communication openness by having the owner/members speak prior to Board leaving for lunch.
5. Tape Record every meeting and hire Secretary to monitor recorder and transcribe the tape. Will save attorney fees for doing this work.
6. Get second opinions: Jim Arntz stated that CCEC gave 4.9 Million to SCSC. 4.5 Million is to pay off taxes and the rest is to pay for tax preparation. Mr. Arntz stated that he was told not to pay the penalties and then when the IRS starts proceedings to collect on the penalties, the tax advisors will work to appeal the penalties. Does this sound logical? Won't

we then have penalties on the penalties not paid?? Plus more tax advisor fees?

7. Create a legal Line-of-Credit Loan Document between CCEC and So. Coast Satellite.

8. Make a resolution to receive accurate, up-to-date monthly budget documents. Accrual accounting methods? Or have the budget document cover the 18th through the 17th of the month?

9. Make a Resolution requiring pre-approval of any money going to SCSC at CCEC Board meetings. This way we don't get surprised with a .4 Million "loan"- that we don't know about until 3-7 weeks after it happened. (They looked at October's budget at the December meeting.)

10. Notify Owner/Members as to their Capital Credits totals. CCEC Owner/Members have not received information or value for the year 1971 up to present contrary to what is done in other cooperatives. (Have you seen a check in the mail or a discount on your electric bill?) Note that on the annual audit summary that the Patron's Capitol lost \$2,138,445 in 2002. Where did it go?

11. Board Members will attend all summary and discussion meetings with NRECA's evaluation team.

12. To keep building trust with Owner/Members and the Cooperative.

Resolved,

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The Extension Service of Oregon State University will be offering a training class for Master Gardener volunteers starting in January, 2004.

Applications are now available at the Extension Office or by calling Heather High, Master Gardener Program assistant at 541-247-6672 or 1-800-356-3986. The training will take place every Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm from January 16 through March 26 at SWOCC campus in Brookings. The courses will be taught by professors from OSU, County Extension Agents and experienced Master Gardeners.

Topics to be covered are botany, entomology, water quality, soils, plant propagation and pruning, plant diseases and diagnostics as well as many other topics. Graduates will be able to help the Extension office answer horticultural questions from the public. Part of the class is a commitment to volunteer at least 50 hours during 2004. At the completion of the volunteer time, the student will receive a refund of \$40. For more information, call Heather High at the Extension Office at 247-6672.



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Christmas Trees

Christmas trees are an important part of Oregon's economy. According to the Oregon Employment Department the state is a leading producer of Christmas trees nationally. In 2001, 8.5 million trees were harvested and sold with a production value of \$151 million, according to the Oregon State University Extension Service.

The most popular Christmas trees are Douglas Firs of which 3,465,000 were sold in 2001. The second most popular Christmas is the Noble Fir of which 2,165,000 in 2001. Other less popular Christmas trees are the Grand Fir, Nordman Fir, and Scotch Pine. Oregon had almost 51,000 acres planted in Christmas trees in 2001. Clackamas County is the top producer of Christmas trees with 15,200 acres planted. 46% of Oregon's Christmas trees are sold in California and 9% in Mexico.

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The Port Orford Discount Drug store closed permanently on Wednesday, May 15. Port Orford still doesn't have a pharmacy.

On Friday May 23 the sale of Agate Beach RV Park to Oregon State Parks was finalized and Port Orford had a state

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park within the city limits. On Memorial Day weekend residents and visitors were treated to the first ever Wild Rivers Coast WindFest. The display of colorful kites at the Port Orford Dock beach was something those who saw won't forget.

The Pacific High School Class of 2003 held their graduation ceremony on Friday, May 30. The most popular college to attend by Pacific High grads is the University of Oregon.

Owen Miller became president of the Senior Center on June 24 taking over from June Heyl.

The RAD outdoor club held a lasagna dinner fundraiser on June 1 at Driftwood Elementary School and we learned that RAD equals fun and good food.

The Coos-Curry Electric Annual meeting was held on June 7 and the owner members elected a new board member – Dale Thomas and reelected an incumbent – Terry Hanscam.

Port Orford Police Department reserve officer Brian Coady died on June 7 of complications from cystic fibrosis. Coady put in countless hours for the police department and achieved one of his dreams, which was to be a police officer.

Port Orford held its annual Fourth of July Jubilee July 3-6 and the parade and fireworks topped people's list of favorite activities.

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The Curry County Fair was held on July 24-27 and featured the NPRA Rodeo and the OMSI Science Show. Curry Public Transit provided shuttle buses from Port Orford to Gold Beach during the four day fair.

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce held their annual awards dinner on Monday, July 29 at the Senior Center and named The Crazy Norwegian's as business of the year, the Point Orford Heritage Society as organization of the year, and Jon and Tobe Porter as volunteers of the year.

The Port Orford area got its second new state park on August 1 when State Parks and Sause Brothers Towing Company completed a deal for Parks to purchase an additional 53% of the land at Frankport/Sisters Rocks giving them 100% ownership.

Port Orford celebrated Coast Guard Day on August 3 at Port Orford Heads State Park. The park and Coast Guard Museum have come a long way the past few years.

Congressman Peter DeFazio spoke at the Port Orford Senior Center on August 5. DeFazio spoke about disintegrating Veteran's benefits and problems with the cost of prescription drugs and the high cost of health insurance.

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Port Orford was hit with motorcycle mania as Stan Dishong's Antique Motorcycle & Auto Museum opened on August 14 in the building formerly occupied by the Battle Rock Garage.

The City of Port Orford held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new sewer ocean outfall project at Agate Beach. The US Department of Agriculture presented the City with two ceremonial checks; one a grant for \$1,000,000 and the second a loan for \$2,542,000 at 4.25% interest for 40 years to build the project and make improvements at the sewer treatment plant.

The city council met on Monday, August 18 and voted no on one Bill of Rights Resolution. A previous but different motion to support the Resolution died for lack of a second.

Oregon Crab Commission director Nick Furman reported that the 2002-03 Oregon Dungeness Crab harvest was the third best in the 100-year plus history of the fishery. The crab harvest in Port Orford totaled 366,918 pounds.

The Port Orford Arts and Seafood Festival was held on Labor Day weekend and one of the highlights was mandolinist Evan Marshall playing at the Community Building. The Sunset Garden Club held a Labor Day garden tour of five area gardens and it was lots of fun.

Port Orford Langlois 2CJ School District welcomed students back to classes on September 2.

The Pacific International Trap Association held a competition at the Cape Blanco Gun Club on September 12-14.

The Port Orford City Council voted 6-0 at their September 15 meeting to accept the conservation easement on the 140 acres of North Fork Hubbard creek property in the city watershed.

The Curry Health District board met at the Senior Center at the end of September and discussed plans for an automated drug distribution system (pharmacy) at the Curry Family Medical Clinic. The proposal has not come to fruition yet.

The Friends of the Port Orford Public Library held their semi-annual book sale at the Community Building on October 7 and it was their biggest and best sale and raised nearly \$2,500.

North Curry Families and Children's Center working through the R.A.D. Outdoor Club was awarded a federal grant to publish a hiking guide to Curry County.

The Port of Port Orford Commission by a 3-2 vote approved a request from the Port Orford Bill of Rights Defense Committee approving a resolution where the Port of Port Orford defends the Bill of Rights and the civil liberties of its district residents.

Architect Rich Turi unveiled plans for the new Port Orford Public Library on November 6 before an appreciative audience in the council chambers. The plan was met with much approval and recommendations.

The Port Orford Liquor Store changed hands on November 14. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission had contracted with Viola Cuatt to run it for the past 25 years. Milton Finch and Dee Farris now operate the liquor store in a new location.

The 2003-04 Oregon Dungeness Crab season opened on time on Monday, December 1. Opening day was incredible with 100,000 pounds of crab being brought in to the dock. However, problems with the quality have caused a voluntary closure of the Port Orford crabbing season.

Port Orford residents and visitors enjoyed the biggest shopping day of the year on December 6, also known as Port

Orford's Bargain Holiday and the four shopping bazaars were packed.

Members of the Port Orford Senior Center held a going away party for Henry and Bobbetta Kron and Betty Berger. All three were active members of the Senior Center.

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce overwhelmingly supported the Copper Salmon Wilderness proposal in their vote by mail election by a 26-3 margin.

The Elk River rose to 15 feet at the Hatchery on December 13, the highest level since the flood of November 1996. However, this time the three bridges on Elk River remained intact.

The City of Port Orford opened Garrison Lake on December 15 and as a result more erosion occurred at the bluff at Agate Beach State Park.

The Port Orford Common Good distributed holiday boxes to 72 families and a total of 1035 boxes of food during the year. They did an excellent job this year.

Thank you to our advertisers for making this paper possible and our readers for making it worth our time and also a special thanks to the numerous people who wrote articles and letters to the editor to the paper over the past year. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

Minimum Wage Goes Up

The minimum wage in the State of Oregon goes from \$6.90 an hour to \$7.05 per hour on January 1, 2004. This adjustment for inflation, based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index, is required because of the passage of Ballot Measure 25 in November of 2002.

The federal minimum wage for covered, nonexempt employees is \$5.15 per hour. In cases where an employee is subject to both federal and state minimum wage laws, the employee is entitled to the higher of the two minimum wages.