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## **Off and Running**

**By Evan Kramer**



2004 had hardly begun before things got interesting on the south coast. A major power outage occurred at 2:00 am on Friday morning, January 2, when trees fell on a major Bonneville

Transmission line near the rural community of Fairview. Coos Bay and North Bend went dark and didn't get power restored for over 26 hours. Many of the major businesses in Coos Bay and North Bend were open on Friday only because they had generators. Fred Meyer, Bi-Mart, and the Mill Casino were open for business with auxiliary power but gas stations and many other businesses were shuttered. The power outage had a big effect on Bandon and to a lesser extent in Port Orford as Bay Area residents and tourists drove south in search of gasoline and supplies. Some people waited as long as half an hour to get gas in Bandon and the motels were full. Other people seeking to escape the cold and lack of electric power came down to Port Orford and checked into motels for the night. The Chevron station in Port Orford had one of the busiest days in its history on Friday.

The power in the City of Port Orford stayed on during the major disruption but some outlying areas including parts of Elk River and Sixes River were blacked out by the electric co-op to keep other areas up and running. There was an area wide power outage on Thursday morning around 2:00am, which affected the entire area but it didn't last long.

Marty Curtis, Port Orford district manager for Coos-Curry Electric said sections of Brookings and Harbor were without power for 12-14 hours on Friday. As they were put back on line other areas were taken off circuit including the Langlois substation, which affected customers from Elk River to Bandon. The Elk River substation was also taken off circuit. Curtis described what went on as rationing and said everyone had learned a lot about the weaknesses of the electricity transmission system.

Elk River Fish Hatchery manager Robin Crissler said that on Friday morning at 11:00am the hatchery had voluntarily gone off the power grid. The hatchery stayed in operation with the use of their generators. Crissler mentioned that the rainfall total for the Hatchery in December was 29.69".

The Curry County Commissioners decided to close the county offices at noon

on Friday and send the employees home. Don't worry they didn't close the jail and send everyone home, nor did the sheriff's department close. The commissioners took this action voluntarily as the electric co-op had been asking people to close down to conserve power. Commissioner Lucie La Bonte said that both McKay's and Ray's Place Market in Gold Beach also turned off their electricity but continued to operate with generators. La Bonte said the power was out in the Brookings-Harbor area for 12 hours on Friday but Gold Beach didn't go down.

Power was restored to different areas at different times but we at the Fun Zone felt that things were pretty well back to normal when the Carroll's Web Internet service was restored just before noon on Saturday. Because it is routed through Coos Bay, it had been down since the power went out there on Friday morning.

The County Commissioners met on Monday, January 5 and elected Marlyn Schafer chair and Ralph Brown as vice-chair for 2004. The County welcomed new sheriff Mark Metcalf who was sworn in the previous Friday, replacing Kent Owens who had retired.

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Sat Jan 10, 2004	2:13a 6.5	7:09a 4.0	12:50p 7.7	7:56p -0.3	7:46a 5:04p	8:18p 10:17a						
Sun Jan 11, 2004	2:47a 6.6	7:56a 3.9	1:33p 7.3	8:31p 0.1	7:45a 5:05p	9:24p 10:41a						
Mon Jan 12, 2004	3:22a 6.8	8:50a 3.6	2:22p 6.8	9:07p 0.6	7:45a 5:06p	10:30p 11:03a						
Tue Jan 13, 2004	3:57a 7.0	9:51a 3.2	3:21p 6.2	9:46p 1.3	7:45a 5:08p	11:36p 11:24a						
Wed Jan 14, 2004	4:36a 7.3	11:00a 2.7	4:35p 5.5	10:29p 2.1	7:44a 5:09p	12:44a 11:46a	3Q					
Thu Jan 15, 2004	5:18a 7.6	12:11p 1.9	6:06p 5.1	11:21p 2.8	7:44a 5:10p	1:54a 12:10p						

**Cheaper Voters' Pamphlet**

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury is excited to reveal a new format for the 75 arguments filed in favor and against Measure 30. By reducing the amount of unused white space in each argument, the size of the pamphlet was reduced by 12 full pages. This saves the state an estimated \$21,000 in costs to the Emergency Fund, or 8.4% of the projected total Voters' Pamphlet cost of \$249,000. "I'm thrilled that we could conserve precious tax dollars while still allowing all voices to be fully heard in the debate over Measure 30," said Bradbury.

Delivery of the Voters' Pamphlet for the February 3, 2004, Special State Election, will begin tomorrow. All Oregon residences will receive their official state guide to Measure 30 beginning on January 7 and continuing through January 9.

The cover of the Voters' Pamphlet features the monumental Leo Friedlander

sculpture of Meriwether Lewis, William Clark and Sacagawea that stands in front of the 1938 Oregon State Capitol. 2004 marks the beginning of the Bicentennial of the Corps of Discovery Expedition. "As we celebrate this Bicentennial," said Bradbury, "I hope all Oregonians learn as much about the purposes and effects of Measure 30 as they can, register to vote if they are not now registered, and cast an informed vote to decide our state's future."

The pamphlet is also available online, in both English and Spanish, and audiotapes are available for free to the visually impaired. Ballots will be mailed January 16 to 20. New voter registrations must be mailed no later than January 13 in order to receive ballots for the February 3 election.

Visit [www.OregonVotes.org](http://www.OregonVotes.org) for more information about upcoming elections.

**Letter to the Editor,**

I would like to thank my neighbors Weld and Elma Champneys and Joyce and Bobbie for alerting me to the fact that my chimney was on fire. I would also like to thank the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Fighters, Gayle, Wade, and the others I didn't get the names of, for coming so fast and being so professional and kind. The fire didn't get into the structure because I have a stainless steel liner and we were alerted in time to stop the fire. I'd also like to thank my brother John and my son Jesse for getting the hose on the chimney.

It is a blessing to live in a town where you know your neighbors and people care enough to help each other. Thank you all again!

Happy New Year,

Jane Bolling

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## **Glaucoma Awareness Month**

The New Year offers a fresh start for reclaiming our best intentions—letting go of bad habits and establishing healthy ones—at least for the first few weeks. During January’s observance of National Glaucoma Awareness Month, the Eye Center reminds Curry County residents that among the healthy habits to take up in the New Year, visiting an eye care professional regularly is one of the most important.

Regular, comprehensive eye examinations are your best defense against vision-threatening diseases like glaucoma. A gradual degeneration of cells that make up the optic nerve which carries visual information from the eye to the brain causes the disease. As the nerve cells die, vision is slowly lost, usually beginning in the side, or peripheral, vision. Glaucoma’s effects on the eyes are slow and usually painless, but the vision loss that occurs is permanent—irreversible.

It is estimated that three million Americans have glaucoma and one-half of that population is not aware they have it. Those at high risk for glaucoma include African Americans over age 40, every-

one over age 60, and individuals with a family history of glaucoma.

A cure does not exist; however, early detection is the key to controlling the disease. Regular eye examinations are important in early detection.

If you or a loved one have not had a comprehensive eye exam in over a year, or are at high risk for developing glaucoma, make an appointment with your eye care professional today. It could be the most important appointment you put on your new calendar.

The Eye Center of Brookings is accepting new patients. Dr. Douglas Walker an optometric physician, is a primary health care provider, who examines, diagnoses, treats, and manages diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye, and associated structures as well as diagnose related systemic conditions. Optometric physicians provide more than two-thirds of the primary eye care services in the United States. Dr. Walker at the Eye Center of Port Orford is located at 929 Oregon Street. Appointments can be made by calling (541) 332-0899.

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## **Klamath Changes Hands**

Klamath First Bank is no longer as of January 1, 2004. The bank, based in Klamath Falls, merged with Sterling Savings Bank of Spokane, Washington as of the first of the year. Sterling Savings Bank calls itself the “hometown helpful” bank. Sterling has branches in four western states including Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. They serve many small towns in Oregon including Port Orford, Hermiston, La Grande, Ontario and Baker City.

Sterling Savings Bank Port Orford branch manager Toni Hall said that the merger between Klamath and Sterling was a “friendly one.” The building housing Sterling Bank in Port Orford has seen several changes over the past ten years as it went from a First Interstate Bank to a Wells Fargo to Klamath to Sterling. The employees who worked at the bank before it merged continue to work there and provide friendly hometown service.

## **Mommy and Me**

The Parents Unite schedule for January includes the Mommy & Me meeting on Tuesday morning, January 13, from 10:00am to noon. The subject of the meeting is child rearing – what parents might not know, but should.

The Mommy & Me meeting on Tuesday morning, January 20, from 10:00am to noon covers the subject of panic-free pregnancy tips for moms and dads.

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### Rural Fire Board Meets

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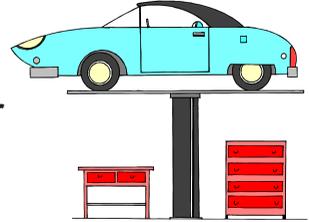
Items on the agenda include Cedar Terrace Fire Station improvements, station wagon disposal and election of new fire chief and assistant fire chief.

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### Letter to the Editor,

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When you look at your bill you will see everything lumped together. All other utility bills itemize the base rate and the cost of what you use, i.e. electric, telephone, and cable.

Did they lump it all together so they can slip increments onto the bills whenever they want?

Increases are coming this year on both water and sewer. So I for one would like

my bills itemized so I can see how much they are charging me for base and cost of usage. I would like the ability to compare my bills.

I have asked them many times to do something but unless other people care and say something they will do nothing.

If you would also like to have your bills itemized phone the city or mention it when you pay your bill.

Caroline Clancy  
Port Orford

### Sunset Garden Club

The Sunset Garden Club will be holding its monthly meeting in Port Orford's Senior Center at 1:00pm on Friday, January 9. We will be viewing a National Garden Club video entitled "Iris, the Rainbow Flower".

### "Exploring Our Back Yard" Series

Meet at the Family Adventure Center  
in Buffington Park, Port Orford  
(A-Frame, 14<sup>th</sup> & Arizona)

**10:00am.** We will car pool from here.



Children under 15 need to be accompanied by an adult, unless arrangements are made one week in advance. Call Cathy Boden at NCFCC 332-1042 for details & set up arrangements. Bring a small day pack, sack lunch, and water. Wear comfortable walking shoes and warm/weatherproof clothes (weather determining.) Camera & binoculars, bird & plant books optional.

### Sat., January 10 - Humbug's Old Coast Hwy

**Beginner - 4 miles or less**

Stroll along the old coast highway behind Humbug Mt. State Park. Enjoy views of the ocean, and coastal plants, on this wide, easy to walk trail. Recent floods have washed out the bridge above the campground so we will begin this hike at the Northern end (south of Milepost 304 *which is difficult to read*) just after the Humbug State Park sign, the road is off to the left (east). Meet at the A-Frame so you won't get lost. Options available for shorter or longer walks.

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January 10 rummage sale from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

January 11 breakfast from 8:00am to 1:00pm and rummage sale from 8 to 1.

January 13 nutrition meeting at 9:30am. Board meeting at 10:30am. Fired board at 5:30pm.

Blood pressure every Tuesday.

Beginning in January of this year there will be no birthday luncheons.



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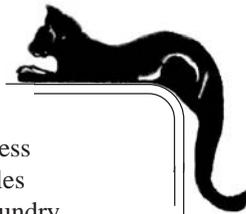
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The fee for an annual resident license is \$6.50. The fee for an annual non-resident license is \$16.50 and the fee for a three-day non-resident license will be \$9.00. All revenue collected from the

recreational shellfish license will be dedicated to shellfish-related programs operated by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The standard bail for not having a valid license is \$75.

Recreational shellfish licenses can be purchased in Port Orford at McNair True Value Hardware.

## Planning Commission Meets

The Port Orford Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, January 13, in the city hall council chambers.

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Lindsay comes to Sixes all the way from Langlois where he had been the Postmaster Relief since 1997. He may also be recognized as the Superintendent of the Langlois Water District where he was employed from 1985 to 2004.

"I am excited and honored to be chosen to serve this community. I have made a lot of new friends in the short time that I have been working here, and look forward to making many more over the years!"

The installation ceremony will be held at the Sixes Post Office. All are welcome to come by and meet Wade and have some cake and punch.



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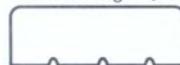
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A memorial will be held for Lewis "Dude" Edwards at the Langlois Lions Club House on Saturday, January 10, at 2:00pm. It will be an informal potluck. Dude spent his whole life in the Langlois area except for his time serving his country in World War II.

He was a private person who avoided public events while at the same time he was an easy person to talk to one on one. Dude was a good friend and neighbor to many and the memorial is a chance to say goodbye for those he touched in life.

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Steve Donovan of SHN Engineering will present the Water Master Plan at 6:00pm and Steve Newcomb of EGR Engineering will present the Garrison Lake Rehabilitation Plan at 6:45pm.



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### School Board Meets

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**BLM Fee Changes**

The new year will bring many new procedures and additional fees at some of the area's campgrounds managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

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In Curry County, the Edson Creek and Sixes River Recreation sites will have slightly increased fees. According to the BLM all fees collected will be used to help improve and maintain the sites. Fees are as follows:

- Day use ..... \$2.00 per vehicle
- Group use ..... \$30.00 per site
- Camping ..... \$8.00 per site
- Extra vehicle ..... \$4.00 per vehicle

Changes are also in store for BLM's very popular Loon Lake Recreation Area. Beginning January 12, reservations for the Loon Lake campsites can be made online at [www.ReserveUSA.com](http://www.ReserveUSA.com) or over the phone at 1-877-444-6777 (toll free). Most campsites at Loon Lake can now be reserved ahead of time, eliminating the long-standing practice of the waiting list at the gate that sometimes had potential campers waiting in line overnight for a campsite.

The BLM said the "reservation fee" charged last year for making a reservation, is no longer in effect. However, the per-night campsite fee has been raised slightly to \$18.00.

More information about BLM's Coos Bay District Recreation Sites can be obtained at 541-756-0100 or visit the BLM web site at [www.or.blm.gov/coosbay](http://www.or.blm.gov/coosbay).

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## Off and Running Continued from Front Cover

15.75 feet at the measuring device at the Twelfth Street boat ramp. An agency meeting is scheduled in Port Orford on Tuesday to talk about the lake level and how to deal with opening it. Agencies set to attend this non-public meeting include the City of Port Orford, Division of State Lands, Oregon State Parks and Recreation, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Curry County Commission with Lucie La Bonte representing the county. News from the meeting will be limited to who wants to talk or write something for the papers.

ODOT had this to say on Tuesday, January 6 to motorists, "The word on weather conditions for highways in NW Oregon: UGLY!" Interstate 5 was closed on Tuesday between Sutherlin and Cottage Grove and in Eugene and north there were major problems related to the snow and ice. Good time to stay home by a nice warm fire.

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## Democrats' Dinner

The Curry County Democratic Central Committee will hold their annual dinner on Saturday, February 7 at the Docia Sweet Hall at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. Tickets are now on sale from committee members: In North Curry County contact Flo Lichtig at 541-348-

2208 or 332-6060, in Gold Beach contact Jack Churchill at 541-247-2028 and in Brookings contact Pat Sherman at 541-412-8840. Tickets are \$20 per person.

Secretary of State, Bill Bradbury, will be the keynote speaker. The theme for the dinner this year is "Brother, Can you Spare a Dime," inspired by the 1932 popular song, decrying the state of the nation during the last year of the Hoover administration. A spokesperson for the Committee said, "We thought it would be an interesting motif, given the similarities in distribution of income today and in the Gilded Age." With the purchase of tickets, each person will receive a brown bag in which to save dimes. On the evening of the event, bags will be collected and weighed. The person weighing in with the heaviest bag of dimes will win a special prize.

There is great hope since the CCDCC is seeing a higher level of interest from people who have not been involved in party politics in the past. People are feeling a sense of urgency since we as a nation have gone from a completely balanced budget in 1997 — to the largest budget deficit in American history!

"We are parents and grandparents who are concerned for the future of our children and grandchildren — that is why we are getting involved!" said a new committee member, "we hope that other concerned people will join with us."

## Winter Storm Outages

These past few days of cold weather and snow brought with it several major power outages throughout the state. Several utilities are still dealing with outages caused by snow-laden trees leaning and falling into power lines. In addition to repairing some minor damage to our own system, Coos-Curry Electric crews provided assistance to Douglas Electric to repair some damaged lines in the Loon Lake area.

Here at Coos-Curry Electric, we were impacted when trees fell into some Bonnevillle Power Administration (BPA) transmission lines early Friday morning, which eliminated the main path for power into the south coast. BPA rerouted power to us via a line from Florence, but had to place a limit on how much load we could serve. As a result we had customers off for extended periods of time all day Friday and into early Saturday morning in our service area.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for being so cooperative and understanding, recognizing that this was out of Coos-Curry Electric's control and that BPA was dictating to us how much electricity we could deliver to our customers.

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