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High Speed Internet By Valerie Jean Kramer



You have said that you want it or need it. Now is the time to make those wants a reality. Time is running out to sign up for high-speed Internet in

Port Orford. While there is no fixed time limit, the Carroll's Web branch manager and I discussed it and both of us agreed that if we can't get enough contracts signed within 30 days, then there is a good chance that the project will be dropped. More than half of that time has now passed and we're a long way from having enough people sign up. No money is required at this time. We just need to get people to sign a contract committing to a year of service.

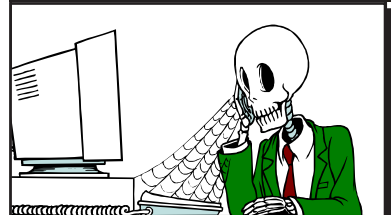
The antenna that will be installed at your site as part of the \$199.99 activation fee is a wire frame affair about 2 feet wide and one foot high with little wind loading. A coax runs from it to a small electronics package and your computer(s) will get the Internet from a standard Ethernet network port on that box. If you wish to use the Internet from more than one computer, you can purchase a router/gateway box for about \$50 or less. (I recommend them anyway – the hardware

firewall in them can save you a LOT of grief from worms and other malware.

In order to use the wireless service, you need to be "line of sight" from your receiving antenna to the antenna that will be about 20-25 feet above the roof at the Downtown Fun Zone. Rule of thumb is that if you can stand somewhere on your house and see downtown, you should be able to get the service. Most residences and businesses in the city core should meet this requirement though there may be some exceptions. I'm afraid Internet users in outlying areas including the Sixes and Elk Rivers, China Mountain, Hubbard's Creek, and Port Orford Loop are out of luck for the time being.

Wireless service provides three benefits. The obvious one is higher speed – the minimum 768kbps download speed is about 14 times faster than a 56kbps modem! While that sounds impressive (and is,) it isn't quite as good as it sounds. When a web site sends a page, the signal may go thru 10, 20, or more computers before it gets to you. (A "trace route" program allows you to see which sites the data travels to get to you. Search www.google.com for "download trace route freeware" without the quotes to find free trace route programs.) Making your connection to the Internet faster only fixes one link. If the sending system

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is slow or there is congestion anywhere between your system and the one with which you are communicating, then the slowest link determines how fast you see the data. I don't mean to say you won't notice a major improvement, just don't expect every page to load instantaneously or every download to come blazing thru full tilt. It doesn't work that way.


A less-obvious but, in my opinion, more important benefit is that the Internet is always on. You'll never have to wait for your computer to dial up the number and connect again. Just open your browser and start surfing! That's way cool! I've been enjoying that kind of service for several years and I can tell you it is addictive. Even though the dialing process isn't all that time consuming, it puts a major damper on using the Internet for quick lookups or just dashing off a quick email. You'll really appreciate it once you've tried it and I'll bet that, like me, you won't want to go back!

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There will be no paper next week, Feb. 5. We will resume publication as normal with our Feb. 12 issue.

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Sat Jan 31, 2004	12:18a 4.2	6:49a 7.0	2:31p 1.1	9:35p 5.1	7:32a	5:30p	12:38p	4:03a						
Sun Feb 1, 2004	1:29a 4.5	7:42a 7.1	3:20p 0.7	10:26p 5.4	7:31a	5:31p	1:17p	5:01a						
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Tue Feb 3, 2004	3:28a 4.4	9:20a 7.5	4:42p -0.1	11:35p 5.9	7:28a	5:34p	2:58p	6:41a						
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Garrison Lake Meeting Set

On February 5 at 1:00pm state, federal, local government, tribal and watershed council representatives will be holding a public meeting to discuss two alternative long-term solutions to the on-going Garrison Lake flooding and lake level problem. The meeting, arranged by County Commissioner Lucie La Bonté, will have a set agenda. It will include: presentation of the two solutions that have been discussed at previous meetings, an hour for public input on the alternatives, discussion among the agencies and invited representatives to come to an agreement on a solution, discussion of funding opportunities and a wrap up of what the next steps will be to achieve a project with a solution.

The following have agreed to attend: Andy LaTomme, Pete Barrell and Frank Eckley (Oregon State Parks), Harry Hoogesteger (Coordinator - South Coast

Coordinating Watershed Council), Don Ivy- (Coquille Tribe), Todd Confer (Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife), Jonathon Allan (Department of Geological and Mineral Industries) Todd Purchase (Division of State Lands), Douglas Putman (Army Corps of Engineers), Pam Blake (Department of Environmental Quality) Wayne Krieger (Oregon State Representative), Gary Doran (Mayor, City of Port Orford), Erna Barnett (Manager - City of Port Orford), Mike Murphy (Curry County Emergency Coordinator, Lucie La Bonté (Curry County Commissioner) and Steve Donovan (SHN - Engineers and Geologists Inc.)

Solving the problems of the Garrison Lake flooding have been in the works since the El Nino washed out an existing lake drainage system maintained by Port Orford. Several times the sand dunes have been breached. The alternatives for a long-term solution have been looked into since 2001. Purchasing the new

Agate Beach State Park lands to put the area where solutions are being considered under public ownership was the first step, according to La Bonté. "Everyone agrees that a creek needs to be re-established. The question is whether that should be along the beach or inland on land. Those are the two alternatives that agencies, governments and consultants have come down to. In order to get something done in the near future an alternative needs to be selected and we need to begin writing grants for funding."

Parks Commission Meets

The City of Port Orford Parks Commission meets on Tuesday, February 3, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. The Commission welcomes the public's attendance and participation in these meetings and is working on issues regarding Buffington Park and Battle Rock Park.

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Boat Runs Aground By Evan Kramer

At approximately 3:10am on Thursday morning, January 22, the Coast Guard headquarters in North Bend received a mayday call from a fishing boat south of Port Orford. It was running aground or had run aground. The 78 foot long steel hulled fishing boat known as the Pacific Future, out of Newport, Oregon, was fishing for crab in Port Orford waters when it drifted onto the beach one quarter mile north of the Oregon Department of Transportation Ophir Rest Area. No one was injured in the incident and an effort later Thursday morning at high tide to get it back into the water proved unsuccessful. The Coast Guard had a contingent of people at the site who left around 2:00pm but were due back to supervise the operation. The crew of the Pacific Future remained onboard the stranded boat along with approximately 25,000 pounds of Dungeness Crab and 7,000 gallons of fuel – this according to State Parks. The boat's anchor was retracted. One of the many bystanders at the scene told me that the captain of the Pacific Future told him the accident was caused by navigational error.

Oregon State Parks was involved in the incident and gave permission to the owner of the boat to bring trucks onto the beach Thursday night to salvage the tons of crab. A tug boat (The Triton) was scheduled to head to Ophir on Friday morning from the International Port of Coos Bay and a second attempt will be made at high tide to pull the Pacific Future off the beach. ODOT decided to close the rest stop on Friday because of the amount of traffic this incident is bringing into the area and will work with State Parks, the State Police and the boat's owners tomorrow to get the boat back on it's way to its home port of Newport, Oregon. Numerous motorists were ticketed on Thursday for parking along side the road where it said no parking.

Meanwhile the fleet of trawlers continues to fish the Port Orford crabbing grounds with one of larger vessels bringing 97,000 pounds of crab into the Port of Brookings for unloading. Even as the Pacific Future was stuck in the sand at Ophir trawlers plied the waters off that part of the coast catching the last of this season's crabs.

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Dozens of bystanders walked the beach, took photos and had their picture standing in front of the stranded fishing boat. The parking area at the Ophir Rest Area was SRO on Thursday and the sunny mild weather made it all the more pleasant to stroll the beach.

Rescue efforts were made on Friday afternoon at high tide to get the Pacific Future off the beach and back in the water. The efforts were unsuccessful but another attempt was made on Saturday afternoon and it was successful.

Theft in Sixes

On Saturday evening, Jan. 10 or early Sunday Jan 11, the fire station of the Sixes Rural Fire Protection District (SRFPD) was entered. Items taken included a Kenwood 64 channel radio, 15 gallons of gasoline, gloves, two large flashlights and fireman's goggles. Initial inventory valued the items at approximately \$5,000.00. The Curry County Sheriff's department is investigating the break-in. It was a district patron who initially reported a door ajar that led to the discovery of the break-in.

The SRFPD board and volunteers request anyone who may have seen activity around the station within this time frame please notify them or the Curry County Sheriff.

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January Port Meeting By Jane Cramer

Commissioners Ed Dowdy, Evan Kramer and George Welch, as well as Port Manager Gary Anderson were present at the January 20 regular meeting of the Port Commission. Commissioners Gifford Barnes and David Knapp were absent.

Dowdy led off with a status report on the Brownfields Assessment for the Port's building at the top of the hill. This information could be important in any future plans for the site, such as improving, leasing or selling the property.

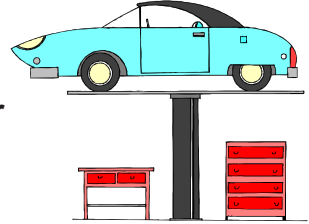
Under New Business, Commissioners reviewed Congressman DeFazio's recent letter sent in response to a letter from Anderson asking for help in purchasing equipment for the Port to do its own dredging in the future. They felt the letter was encouraging.

Next, Commissioners unanimously passed a motion to approve a one-year lease of the former PPS hoist to Oregon Bait Company for \$480 per month, with the provision that Oregon Bait Company will lift product for fishermen at a reasonable fee.

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A final item of New Business was the selection of an auditing firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. Commissioners unanimously approved using the Michael L. Piels accounting firm of Medford.

Under Old Business, Anderson advised that the new cannery roof carried a one-year warranty as required by the state. Some work on the south wall remains to be finished as weather permits.

When Ordinance 6.10 was read for the third time and unanimously approved. This ordinance will bring the Port into compliance with OSHA requirements about Personal Flotation Devices.

Since Port employees have been so busy recently, they haven't had time to get surplus equipment organized for sale. They will try to complete the project by February 1.

The Manager's Report covered items such as repair of the sewer pump motor with the Port's share of the expense estimated at \$3,400; status of the Ice Machine Grant; an upcoming meeting about dredging; and possible refinancing of the OECD loan.

Much of the discussion of the Manager's Report involved problems with as many as 12 vessels, some very large, that come from as far away as Newport and Astoria to catch huge amounts of crabs locally and sell them in Brookings. This activity hurts the whole community as well as the Port and local fishermen. After discussing possible action that might be taken by the Port, Commissioners decided it was too late to do anything about it any more this year.

After a review of the Financial Report, the meeting was adjourned.

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The Point Orford Heritage Society will host Jan Emerson, PhD. Who will present a Chatauqua Program, "Monks in the Wild West: The Early Days at Mount Angel Abbey" on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7:00pm in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

In 1882, a small group of Swiss-German monks founded Mount Angel Abbey in Fillmore, Oregon, 50 miles southwest of Portland. The monks drew inspiration, in part, from James Fenimore Cooper and his German counterpart, Karl May, to become what they considered "spiritual pioneers" in the "Wild West." Accounts of their early adventures reflect their attraction to Native American cultures, both real and fictional, and their desire to bring aspects of European culture to the wilderness.



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ture, stewardship of the land and the call to peaceful outreach.

Dr. Emerson studied English and German at Indiana University, German at the University of Massachusetts, and received a Ph.D. in German and Medieval Studies from Brown University. She has taught at Reed College, Mills College and the University of Oregon. She is currently a Research Associate at the Center for the Study of Women in Society at the University of Oregon, where she edits the Center's newsletter and coordinates community activities.

This event is free and open to the public and made possible, in part, by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information on this program, call 332-0131.

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Chamber Makes Plans

The first Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce membership meeting took place at the Wheelhouse Restaurant at 8 a.m. on Monday morning, January 26, 2004

About a dozen members and community leaders including Stacy Romley Arts Council President, Tobe Porter, Port Orford Library Director, Bill Dooley Curry Public Transportation manager, Ed McQuade, SCORE Business Counselor, Paula Cracas, Writer and Worm Farmer and Ronn Kerr, immediate past-president of the Chamber. Most of the board members were present including, Jay Stoler, Evan Kramer, Rusty Gibson, Chuck and Cyndi Schaumburg, and Judy Taylor. President Grace Bonnell was out of town on personal business.

The focus of the meeting was shaping the Chamber of Commerce annual plan which

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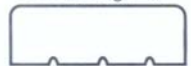
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includes a great deal of coordination with other community groups including the Port Orford and Langlois Libraries, Port Orford Arts Council, NCFCC, Heritage Society, Friends of Cape Blanco, Curry Transportation, the City of Port Orford, America's Wild Rivers Coast, and area Churches, just to name a few.

The vision is a two-pronged approach that promotes local businesses to the local market and also promotes local businesses to the tourist and visitors market. The first project of the year will be the publication of a large fold-out map of downtown Port Orford with 5000 copies published at the end of February or beginning of March with strategic distribution points in the local area. All Chamber members will receive a free ad on the map.

Other promotions include the Chamber partnering with NCFCC to promote Community Learning, partnering with AWRC

to present a small business workshop in Gold Beach in March, presenting the Jubilee in July, partnering with the Arts Council to help celebrate a month long Art Festival in July and perhaps a cook-out on Labor Day. In addition, if all goes as planned the Christmas of 2004 will be one of the brightest, biggest celebrations ever for Port Orford.

In other planning news the Chamber has formed a lobby group to find a way to bring High-Speed Internet to North Curry County. This group is open to the general public as well as Chamber members. Call 332-8055 and please leave a message. You will be contacted.

The next Membership meeting is on Monday, February 23, 2004 at 1 p.m. at the Port and Starboard Restaurant. Ed McQuade will present a program and there possibly could be another speaker. To find out more about your local Chamber of Commerce visit www.PortOrfordChamber.com and www.DiscoverPortOrford.com, the official tourism site of the Port Orford and North Curry Chamber.

Keisha Castle-Hughes, the young girl who starred in "Whale Rider" was nominated for an Academy Award for "Best Actress" in this year's awards. She's the youngest person ever to be nominated for "Best Actress." Whale Rider is available for rent in both VHS and DVD at the Downtown Fun Zone.

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Hikers can stay one or two nights. All meals and lodging will be provided. Guides will be available for additional exploring and botanizing once hikers arrive upriver. The group might see unusual birds, river otters and bears. Participants will return to Foster Bar via Jer-

ry's Rogue River Jetboat Trips. Special arrangements can be made in advance for those planning to return on foot.

Hikers should bring their own head-toe waterproof clothing, and first aid kits, including treatment for allergies and other appropriate supplies. Overnight gear can be shuttled upriver to Paradise Lodge several days in advance, per request.

Organizers plan a pre-trip meeting for registrants in April, in a location to be announced. Space is limited. Registration is strongly advised by the end of February. The trip costs \$130 per person for one night's lodging, including dinner, breakfast and lunch to go. The cost is \$200 for a two-night package. For more information, or to obtain applications, email Sole Pursuits, Curry General Hospital's incentive walking program, at chdhealthcare@gb.wave.net. Or phone Curry General Hospital, (541) 247-3187 or 1-800-445-8085, ext. 187.

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A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.

- G. Gordon Liddy

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. - James Bovard (1994)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

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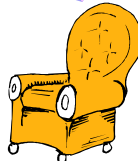


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Senior News By Mary Yoder

January 22 was Rotary luncheon. Volunteers working were head cook Ed Dowdy, Kay Neal, Jackie Sellon – setting up the dining room Kay Neal. All went well – very nice luncheon and really special dessert made by Ed Dowdy.

Well how was the membership meeting? More about it next week.

January 31 Saturday is potluck. All are invited – bring your favorite food at noon or a little earlier. I'll be waiting. There will be a rummage sale from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Here is a reminder. The bus is available 5 days a week – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30am to 1:30pm. You don't have to be a senior – any age or anyone can ride. Isaac can take you up to six miles from town. Just give him a call at 332-5771 and he'll pick you up.

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Rotary Club January 29 at noon.

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

Osteoporosis exercise Wednesday at 5:30pm and Monday at 8:30am.

February 2 pinochle at 7:00pm.

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Head Start Fund Raising

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Funds are used for classroom and parent activities. We thank the Port Orford Rotary Club for their recent \$250 donation earmarked to purchase books for kids. We will have another open house on March 3 and look forward to seeing you all there. For more info, call 332-1243.

Port Manager's Report By Gary Anderson

From about December 10-28 no crabs were delivered into Port Orford because of their poor quality. The outside boats respected the "Gentleman's Agreement" by not coming into our grounds until about January 13. The agreement was the 21st. It was reported yesterday that one boat delivered 97,000 lbs of crabs, from our grounds, into Brookings. I have personally witnessed 12 outside boats, at one time, in our waters in the last week. I have no idea how many there may be here now. Per pot production is off by over 50% since this onslaught began. Since the Port Orford boats started fishing again on December 29 they have been on 1500 to 4000 lb limits per day. This has been an extremely tough situation for the local fishermen, seeing what they had hoped would be theirs taken down the road by someone else. The loss to the port is substantial.

About a week before Christmas the sewer pump motor went down, shutting down the restrooms and causing much consternation amongst those who use our showers, the Port's bill is about \$3,400. The City's Crew did the work at their ex-

pense. We painted the inside of the restroom while they were closed down. There was an electrical fire on the F/V Tiburon but have not gotten the results back from the inspector yet on the cause.

I have not heard back about the Ice Machine Grant except that the money is somehow tied up in the now defunct CEDAC. I have a grant application for planning and marketing. It seems to me part of that money should go to having a land survey done.

The ACOE has sent us and local newspapers public notices about dredging in Port Orford. I will meet with a representative of the Corps on January 28 to discuss our plans for dredging.

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“Beach Walkers” Group

Carol Kellis, longtime walking enthusiast, invites all those interested in healthy walking habits to join the “Beach Walkers,” an informal weekly walking group, at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 31. The group will meet at the Otter Point parking lot, located at the north end of Old Coast Highway north of the Rogue River.

Kellis says she usually varies her wakening pace from “window shopping” to power walking at 15 to 20 minutes per mile. Last year she completed her first official “half marathon” walk of 13 miles. She got in shape for the event by following a training schedule outlined by Hal Higdon, on the web at <http://www.halhighdon.com/halfmarathon/walk12.htm>.

For more info, phone Kellis at 247-6751. For a schedule of other guided hikes, phone Sole Pursuits at Curry General Hospital, 1-800-445-8085, ext. 187

Arts Council Opens Office

The Port Orford Arts Council held an open house on Saturday to celebrate the opening of their new office. The Arts Council has rented the ‘Neath the Wind Studio at 736 N. Highway 101, adjacent to Sterling Savings Bank. This small but beautiful space was formerly the ‘Neath the Wind Basket studio owned and run by Ellen and Bob Warring for many years. It was a place for the community to gather back then and it has become that again thanks to the Arts Council.

The Port Orford Arts Council has many events coming up including the monthly Community Music Night held on the third Friday of each month at the Community Building and starting at 7:00pm. The next one is on February 20.

The Arts Council is holding a fundraising effort with the theme of “Musical Chairs”. You can stop by the Arts Council office and pick up a chair to paint or create your one of your own. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the Summer Arts Program. The chairs will be sold in a silent auction. A reception for the Musical Chairs will be held on March 28, from 2:00 to 5:00pm at the Roaring

Sea Art Gallery & Studio. The musical chairs will then be moved to the Trans-Action Gallery the week of March 29-through April 3 while the silent bidding continues. The bidding concludes on Saturday night, April 3, at the Musical Chairs evening gala at the Community Building. This event features live Broadway music from local men, desserts, coffees, and a game of musical chairs. The chair art will be sold to the highest bidder.

The Arts Council is looking for people with baskets made by either Bob or Ellen Warring for a display they would like to do of their work. You can contact the Arts Council at 332-0487.

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Bill of Rights Initiative

At the Port Orford City Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 20, the Port Orford Bill of Rights Defense Committee appeared for the third time before the councilors. Now that the City Council has failed to pass the measure, following Councilor Jim Auburn's motion, it will move to the ballot for a vote on May 18.

Speaking for the initiative committee was Milt Nelson. He stated the following: "Twice the Bill of Rights Defense Committee appeared before the City Council with a proposed resolution and it did not pass. We were told by Councilor Francona that the 'silent majority' had

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not spoken and we should take our intention to the voters. We have now followed all of the legal procedures required to take our ordinance to the people of Port Orford. We have a legally authorized ballot initiative: The words have been summarized by the Port Orford City Attorney. In three days we collected 115 signatures from Port Orford voters.

And tonight, according to Oregon election law, this council is required to consider this issue for the last time before it goes to the ballot in May. We urge you to do the right thing – and in support of the United States Constitution, which you have sworn to uphold, pass our proposed ordinance – tonight.

The 'silent majority' have just begun to speak."

City Administrator Chosen

The Port Orford City Council met in executive session on Monday for over six hours and interviewed six candidates for the position of city administrator. They adjourned the executive session and went into special session at 3:30pm. Councilor Jim Auburn made a motion to

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offer the job of city administrator to Dennis Lancaster if his references and background checks turn out okay. The motion went on to add that if Lancaster does not take the job it would go to Kenneth Knight. Knight was interviewed by phone from Maine on Monday. He will be interviewed in person on Tuesday, February 3 if Lancaster declines the job. The motion passed 5-0 with Jerry Steinhorst abstaining because he hadn't attended the whole meeting.

Later on that afternoon City Administrator Erna Barnett called and said that Dennis Lancaster was not accepting the job. It will go to Kenneth Knight who the council will get a chance to interview on Tuesday. Erna Barnett has said her last day as city administrator will be February 29 and wants some overlap time between her leaving and the new person starting.

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free. — P.J. O'Rourke

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Later on that evening starting at 6:00pm the Curry County Democratic Party holds its annual dinner at the Docia Sweet Hall at the Fairgrounds. Keynote speaker for the event is Secretary of State Bill Bradbury. The evening begins with a no-host cocktail hour and is followed by dinner and secretary Bradbury's speech. The theme for the evening is "Brother Can You Spare a Dime". Tickets are \$20 and are available in Port Orford 332-6060 or 332-9110.

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While we're on the subject, let's look at a few alternative solutions to high-speed Internet:

ADSL – This service requires the phone company to install ADSL equipment in the local branch. I'm told that would cost them about a quarter million dollars and they are unwilling to invest the money. Basic monthly cost usually runs about \$64.95/month plus a one time \$199.99 modem purchase and a \$60 install fee.

SDSL – This uses a special modem at each end of a "bare copper pair" of wires. The phone company allowed Harborside (before they sold to Carroll's Web) to install a couple of these links but now says that such wires are to be used for burglar alarms only and refuses to lease the wires except at rates I consider extortionate (over \$100/month). The price for this service was an astounding \$1,200.00 install/equipment fee plus a minimum \$174.00 monthly fee.

Cable – The cable company has service to Gold Beach and at least parts of Bandon. I don't know why they still refuse to come to Port Orford. Some claim that they would have to spend too much money replacing inadequate cable in our town. I don't know if that's the real reason or the only reason or not. Their 15-year lease in Port Orford comes up for renewal in a few years. Perhaps their next lease should require them to provide service here? This service would be able to reach

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people in the surrounding areas however price would be the same if not more than the wireless solution presented by Carroll's Web.

Satellite – This is a viable solution and several local people have it and seem happy with it. It is probably the best solution available for people who are well out of town. Initial equipment installation is more expensive than the proposed wireless and the satellite system has a small, but significant, time lag which makes it unsuitable for real-time game players. Carroll's Web is also looking into a lower cost satellite service that they are hoping to bring early this year.

PowerLine Transmission – This is a very new technology. Supposedly it has worked in some test environments but I don't think anyone is deploying it commercially yet. It will probably be several years before this becomes a local possibility.

DIY – If one could get the proper permissions, it would be possible to run a private network of wires and bypass the phone company completely. This would be expensive and require a lot of commitment by a lot of people to form a business, co-op, or non-profit group to make it happen. While it's an intriguing thought, I wouldn't hold your breath for this solution either though there is something very "Port Orford-ish" about it. J

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our community Red Cross Blood Drive, hosted by the Langlois Lions Club, will be held Tuesday, February 17 from 1:00 to 5:45pm at the Senior Center in Port Orford. Sign up sheets for new donors will be posted at the libraries and post offices. Call Jean at 348-2202 to make an appointment. We're looking forward to your participation.