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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Jail House Options

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford Planning Commission met on Tuesday, March 8 and held a public hearing on a request to demolish the old city jail at Seventh and Jefferson Streets.

City Planner Chuck Nordstrom said the staff report on the demolition request was available to the public at city hall. He said the owners of the property at Seventh and Jefferson Streets want a building permit clearance form to demolish the jail. Nordstrom said the jail was constructed in 1937 and is listed as an historic building in the City of Port Orford Comprehensive Plan. He said the property is zoned commercial and that there are no other structures on the property. He said the jail was used from 1937 through the mid 60's and that the city sold it to a private party back in the 60's/70's.

Nordstrom said there were three things the Planning Commission could decide. They could decide that historic significance no longer exists, that the interests of the owners outweigh the public interest involved that historic values can be

preserved by issuing the permit either with or without conditions, or that compensation should be awarded to the owners for losses sustained in preserving historic values. This information is out of the Port Orford Municipal Code Section 17.16.070 Historical site provisions.

Nordstrom said the owners say the structure is a safety hazard. Nordstrom pointed at a later time in the meeting that the demolition of the jail was a "condition of sale" by the prospective new owners.

Planning commission member Joyce Spicer Kinney excused herself as a commissioner from the hearing because of her connection to the sale of the property and the other commissioners all declared ex parte contact meaning they had discussed the issue with people in town.

Chuck Nordstrom said one option was for the city to buy the property back and move the jail to Buffington Park. He said the building is not listed as a state or federal historic site so grants are not available.

People from the audience addressed the commission. Lou Dunn told them he moved here because he saw photos of the jail and that when a city destroys its history tourists won't visit. The commission was presented with the idea of the property owner giving that part of the


property containing the jail to the city and then the city giving the property owner a part of Jefferson Street. It was brought up that Eight Street adjacent to the back of the property has never and probably never will be developed and that it would be an alternative to Jefferson Street. Jack Pruitt asked if a decision would be made that night and Nordstrom said the planning commission can make suggestions but the decision will go to the city council.

Linda Smith read the description from Becky Flake's calendar about the old city jail and then told the commission it would be a shame not to salvage the jail. Gayle Wilcox urged people to work together to save the jail.

Planning commission member Frank Smith reminded people the property is privately owned and it's not the city that wants to tear down the jail. Commission member Erna Barnett said if the jail became city property the city would have to maintain it. She said the city could deed the jail and property to a group of people who would maintain it. Commission member Doug Jamieson asked if the city was willing to cover the building insurance for the jail and pointed out what we do needs to be expedited.

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Sun Mar 20, 2005	2:00a 4.1	7:39a 6.1	2:57p 0.6	9:53p 5.5	6:18a	6:31p	1:33p	4:42a				
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Tue Mar 22, 2005	3:39a 3.1	9:27a 6.6	4:13p 0.3	10:45p 6.1	6:15a	6:33p	3:38p	5:32a				
Wed Mar 23, 2005	4:18a 2.5	10:10a 6.7	4:43p 0.3	11:08p 6.4	6:13a	6:35p	4:44p	5:52a				
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**Jail House Options
Continued from Front Cover**

Joyce Kinney said this was only the beginning regarding historic structures and that there are six other historical buildings listed in the comprehensive plan.

People were asked if they would donate their time and labor to save and fix up the old jail and everyone in the audience agreed. No one of the twenty some people at the meeting wanted to see the jail demolished.

Commission member Frank Smith made the following motion. The permit clearance be forwarded to the city council with three options. The city can contact the applicants with the possible suggestion of trading 40 feet of Eighth Street to them and then the property owners would vacate the jail site to the city. Secondly the city council can contact the property owners about allowing a citizen's committee to move the jail with the concur-

rence of the council. Thirdly the city council can make a decision to purchase the property or authorize demolition. The city has 120 days to act on the permit clearance to demolish the jail. The planning commission voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

The commission discussed making Idaho Street a collector street by changing the stop signs "to allow more efficient travel north/south through the city. The consensus of the commission was to have stop signs on Idaho at Ninth, Twelfth and Fourteenth streets and remove the others. The reason for having stop signs at those three streets is the amount of traffic going to Agate Beach, the fishing dock and Buffington Park and Geer Circle. Frank Smith made a motion that the city council designates Idaho Street as a local collector with stop signs at Ninth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth as per the City's transportation plan. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the motion.

**2005 Fire Season
By Gayle Wilcox
Port Orford Fire Chief**

As it appears that the 2005 fire season will begin very early this year, now is the time to begin preparing. If you have Spring clean up planned and expect to do open burning; you should do it as soon as possible. It is very likely that we will stop issuing permits for burning earlier than usual. Remember you must have a permit for your burn barrel. Call George Gehrke at 332-5383 to get one. We also expect that we will close the City burn pile quite early.

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Understanding DVD's By Valerie Jean Kramer

Last time we talked about CD-R and CD-RW disks. Now let's look at DVD's. In some ways DVD's are a bit simpler. The main thing you need to know is whether your DVD drive can write DVD-R (and DVD-RW) or DVD+R (and DVD+RW) disks or both – and + disks. The + and – disks are NOT made the same and cannot be interchanged so make sure you get the right kind for your drive. From what I've read, the – disks are technically superior but the + disks are more compatible with older DVD players. Even though DVD's are the same physical size as CD's, they cannot be played on CD drives. A standard DVD can hold 4.7Gb or 120 minutes of video in SP (Standard Play) mode (though the actual amount of video may be more or less depending on image size and quality.)

DVD drives range in speed up to 16x. That sounds slow compared to the 52x CD drives but one has to remember that we're talking about the time to record 7.23 times as much data. Factor that in and a 16x DVD drive is comparable to a 115x CD recorder! Like CD's the drives are rated with respect to real time so a 1x

drive would take 2 hours to record a full DVD while a 16x drive would take only $120/16 = 7.5$ minutes. Neither CD's nor DVD's are likely to get much faster because beyond their present speeds, there is too much chance of the disk fracturing in the drive! That can be hazardous to equipment and even to nearby people!

The newest drives can now write "dual layer" disks with capacities up to 8.5Gb per disk! Unfortunately, the second layer can only be written at 2.4x and the disks are hard to find and very expensive (nearly \$10 each). This will probably change with time.

Like CD's, you use Nero or Easy Media Creator to burn DVD+/-R disks. You will need a newer version than you may have been using for CD's but one should come with most drives. You should also get some program, usually Power DVD, to play DVD movies on your DVD drive. Like CD's DVD+/-RW disks are slower to write than DVD+/-R, but they don't have as much problem with compatibility though there is a very good chance they won't play in most standalone DVD players.

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Most commercial movies are copy protected and may not play in all DVD drives nor will you be able to easily copy them though there are plenty of sites on the web that will provide information or tools to help you if such be your need. One big problem is that most commercial disks won't fit on a single 4.7Gb disk and splitting them across two disks messes up the menu. The new dual layer 8.5Gb disks promise to help solve that issue.

DVD-R/RW drives can often (but not always!) read DVD+R disks and some DVD+R/RW drives can read DVD-R disks and may be able to read DVD-RW disks. DVD-RAM is very rarely seen. It can be a good format for data storage on a computer but if I were betting, I'd bet on it to go the way of 8-track and Betamax tapes. In general you will want to use a DVD rated at or above the speed of your drive. However, drive speeds increased rapidly in the last six months while prices fell quickly. It's now easy to get a 16x drive but 16x disks may be hard to find. I routinely find myself using 4x disks in my 12x drive and I've had good success with that. Just be sure to set the recording speed in your software so it doesn't exceed the speed of the medium.

St. Patrick's Bingo Bash

Enjoy a St. Patrick's Bingo Bash this Friday night, March 18, at the Community Building. Bingo begins at 7:00pm with 15 games for \$10.00. There will be food and prizes for all leprechauns.

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AWRC Business Seminar

More than a hundred enthusiastic seminar attendees and exhibitors crammed into Docia Sweet Hall for the 3rd annual AWRC Small Business Seminar on Thursday, March 10, in Gold Beach.

The well run and informative seminar featured two keynote speakers, Craig Bradford and Mark Dennett, well known management and marketing gurus, who each spoke for an hour to the general assembly of more than 70 paid attendees, including a about 15 or more citizens from Port Orford.

Bradford talked about setting goals and how to successfully manage a business, while Dennett talked about the nuts and bolts of marketing a successful business in their keynote address, and then they led individual workshops in the afternoon.

Local Port Orford marketing guru, Michelle Duarte presented a standing

room only workshop on developing and building a truly great website. There was an overflow and very attentive crowd of about 30 who enjoyed an informative and lively presentation. Michelle and husband Dean own WildSping Spa in Port Orford. She has over 35 years experience in marketing and advertising.

The event is an annual presentation of the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce and was hosted by Jeff Ferguson, manager of Jerry's Jet Boats. In addition there was a presentation by Cindy Schaumburg, president of the AWRC consortium and Langlois resident. Cindy and husband Chuck also presented a workshop in the afternoon on the Q Training program.

There were about 20 exhibitors including representatives from the state, county and America's Wild Rivers Coast cities providing information on most everything related to starting and running a business, from licensing, financing, man-

agement, marketing, and advertising. There were also newspapers and chambers of commerce as well as some local vendors and county officials to round out the group.

Judging from the attention level and enthusiasm of the attendees, especially in the afternoon workshops, the seminar was a success.

Letter to the Editor,

"What is peace?" Come and listen to the student poets give their own version of peace at the ninth annual Celia Piehl Young Poet's competition. The six winners out of 110 poems submitted by students in the Bandon and Port Orford School Districts will read their poetry this Friday evening, March 18, 7:30pm, at the new Bandon Public Library next to the Sprague Theater in Bandon's City Park.

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Police Chief Hiring By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met in special session on Friday, March 11. The meeting was requested by three councilors and dealt with further discussion of hiring of the new police chief. The job has been offered to Mark Creighton.

Councilor Jim Campbell told the council he had called DPSST (Department of Public Safety and Standards Training) and he was told a psychological examination was not required for the police chief. Mayor Jim Auburn said he had attended a League of Oregon Cities meeting and at that it was recommended a psychological test be given to whomever the city hired for its police chief.

City administrator Ken Knight was asked what kind of check was done on interim police chief George Simon and he described it as minimal. He said phone interviews had been conducted but no check of his personnel files was done because the position was only to be an interim one.

Mayor Auburn said the day-to-day administrative support for the police would

come from the city administrator with the hiring and firing from the council. He suggested the public safety subcommittee could supervise the police department.

Councilor Campbell made a motion that the mayor and city council take over supervision of the police department/ chief and to get the proper documentation from the city attorney to have this done. The motion passed unanimously.

Campbell said Mark Creighton would begin as police chief before the end of the month.

Ken Knight has submitted a report to the council on the situation. He requested it be placed permanently in his personnel file. Knight said in his report that Creighton has "refused to sign a Personal Inquiry Waiver for the Curry County Sheriff's Department." Knight wanted his opinions on file in case of a lawsuit regarding the hiring of Mark Creighton.

Former Mayor Gary Doran spoke about the recent hiring of Mark Creighton and said it was possibly illegal and unethical on the part of the council. He said the psychological exam was a good idea and

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referred to two unsubstantiated incidents from Creighton's past with the Curry County Sheriff's Department. Doran then said Creighton was not the number one choice of the two police chief search committees and that the committee's recommendations hadn't been taken. He accused the council of not following their own hiring procedures. He urged them to have integrity and be honorable men. The information about the two panels was from the executive board session and was not to have been disclosed outside of the executive session.

Dr. Corey from Portland will conduct the psychological testing for Creighton at Gleneden Beach. Knight said he comes highly recommended. The cost will be \$375 for the test. Creighton's physical examination and drug testing was scheduled for March 15 at Curry Family Medical.

Health District Meeting

The Curry Health District Board meets in regular session in Port Orford on Wednesday, March 23, 2:30pm, in the city hall council chambers. The public is invited to attend this meeting of the board, which usually meets in Gold Beach.

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Chamber News By Jay Stoler

It's Whale Watching time again at the Visitor's Center in Battle Rock Park starting Saturday March 19, and continuing for eight days. This time of year the whales are heading back north and there have already been sightings. We now have three staff members who trained interpreters, Jim Billings, Anne Goetzman, and Millie North. There are usually two trained staff on duty at all times, so come on down and watch some whales with us.

A big Thank You to Chamber members Jeff and Angie MacFarlane of Camp Blanco RV. They spent several days last week in Redding, CA at the Boat, Sport and RV Show as exhibitors, promoting Port Orford. Jeff said, "We saw hundreds of people and a ton are now heading our way!" Camp Blanco RV is also an official WI-FI Hotspot along with the Crazy Norwegians restaurant.

On Wednesday, March 30 at 1:30pm at City Hall there will be a presentation from LCDC on coordinating Land Use planning between the City and Port so that everyone is on the same page as far as development is concerned. This is an important meeting for business and land-owners on or near Hwy. 101.

Chamber member Michelle Duarte, owner of WildSring Spa and marketing guru, put on a standing room only Website

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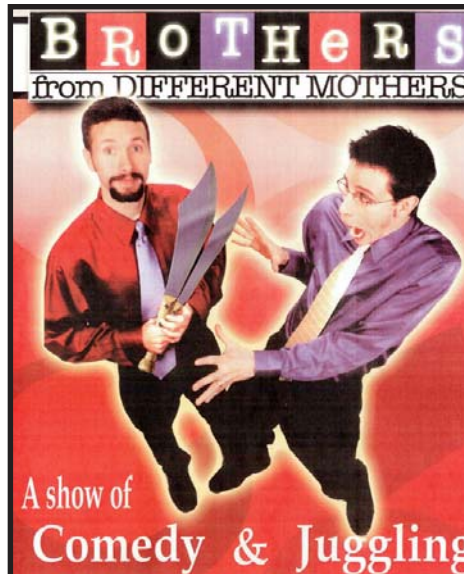
workshop at the AWRC Small Business Workshop in Gold Beach. Michelle was able to compress her 35 years of marketing and advertising experience into a very enthusiastic and dynamic 60-minute presentation. Chamber members Chuck and Cindy Schaumburg also did a presentation on Q Customer Service Trainings and the Chamber also had a booth. There were many Port Orford and North Curry folks there and the area was very well represented. Good Show!

Head Start Applications

South Coast families now have many options when submitting an application

to their local Head Start preschool program. To better serve the needs of the communities throughout Coos and Curry Counties, South Coast Head Start is inviting parents to apply by telephone. Families can call 888-3717 or 1-800-628-9629 to begin the application process. A staff member will be available Monday through Thursday to process the phone-in applications and answer questions from interested parents. Alternatively, parents can make an appointment to provide information in person at the Coos Bay Administration office. Families can access Head Start information and fill out applications at the South Coast Head Start web page www.schs.net. For those who prefer to drop off or mail applications, packets can still be picked up at participating businesses, community agencies and local Head Start classes.

South Coast Head Start currently serves over 300 children at nine sites throughout Coos and Curry Counties. Families with children who will be three or four years old by September 2 are eligible to apply for the 2005-06 school year.



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Water System Plans

Port Orford City Administrator Ken Knight will explain water system plans for his city as a panelist at a water forum at Gold Beach City Hall Tuesday, March 29 at 7:00pm. Port Orford citizens and public officials will have an opportunity to compare resources and potential problems with their counterparts from Brookings, Harbor and Gold Beach. Curry League of Women Voters is sponsoring the meeting.

Headline speaker will be Mitch Lewis, Watermaster for Curry and other nearby counties. He will explain human consumption rights and additional storage possibilities. State hydro-geologist Ivan Gall will address groundwater capacity. Communities in Curry County use surface water primarily. Harry Hoogesteeger, Watersheds Manager, will represent the needs of fish and speak to water quality and quantity.

City Manager Leroy Blodgett will represent Brookings. Herman Bloesma, of Harbor Water Public Utilities District will address quantity and quality concerns and solutions. Jeff Denny, Gold Beach City Public Works Superintendent, will

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Moderator will be Lucie LaBonte, County Commissioner. Presentations by the speakers will launch the meeting, followed by a dialogue period among the panelists and technical people. The give and take will be triggered by a set of questions developed by Curry League of Women Voters. Questions from the public will round out the evening.

Will lack of water curtail development? When might that happen? How is the purity of the water you drink protected? Should funding of infrastructure revisions and expansions be borne by developers, ratepayers or tax payers? Join the dialogue March 29.

Comedy and Juggling Show

Brothers from Different Mothers, a show of comedy and juggling, will be presented at the Savoy Theater on Saturday night, March 26, at 7:30pm. Tickets for the show are \$10 and \$8 for students and seniors. Also featured in the show is magician and escape artist Scotty Walsh. Tickets are available at the Downtown Fun Zone or by phone at 332-3105.

Anna Lori Creson Craige

Anna Lori Creson Craige was born: Dec. 29, 1916 and passed away at Midnight on March 8, 2005. She is survived by 3 sons, Floyd Raymond Creson, Jr. of Brentwood, California, Douglas Lee Creson of Dallas, Oregon, and Lyle Dean Creson of Charleston, Oregon; one sister, Georgia Thomas of Hermiston, Oregon; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Anna was preceded in death by her husband Floyd Creson, Sr., sons Victor Allan Creson, John Charles Creson, and beloved grandchild, John Charles, Jr.

Burial services will be held at Sunset Memorial in Coos Bay, Oregon on March 18, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Please arrive 30 minutes early. Call Sunset Memorial (541) 267-7182 for more information.

There will be a luncheon afterward for family and friends at long-time friend of all the family - Kathy Jaminson and fiancée Bill Trummel at 645 Madrone, Port Orford, Oregon.

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Dog Owners Be Aware

Milton and Dee Finch's eight-year-old Blue Healer Ace was poisoned last week and died on Friday. They asked us to print a message in the paper to the person or persons who threw the rat poison wharfarin in the dog's fenced in area.

"You know who you are and you accomplished what you set out to do. When we get the videotape back from being analyzed then we will know whom you are. Thank goodness for small cameras."

Dee Finch has a list of warning signs for other dog owners if their dogs eat rat poison. Look for broken blood vessels in the eyes, the gums will turn white, there will be blood in the urine and stools, massive bruising in the chest and groin areas, a loss of appetite and unusual restlessness. The first 1-3 days after they eat rat poison is the most important as if you can catch the symptoms early and get them to a veterinarian there is a chance to save the animal.

Please other dog owners be aware of your dogs whereabouts and any symptoms of poisoning. This isn't the first dog poisoned in Port Orford in the past six months. So far no one has been arrested

in the other dog poisonings, which occurred in the area of Idaho Street between Eleventh and Thirteenth Streets. Everyone in town can help by paying attention to what's going on around them. This is a tragic situation and can't continue going on in Port Orford. Stop the violence.

The Finch's are offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who killed their beloved dog Ace. They had him since he was a puppy. You can contact them at 332-4400 or visit them in person at the Port Orford Liquor Store.

Spring Beach Cleanup

The 20th annual Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 19. Thousands of volunteers are needed to help clean Oregon's beaches, from the Washington to the California border, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Volunteers are asked to check in at one of 42 Registration Sites, pick up a bag, and head down to the beaches to improve our coastline for wildlife and summer visitors. Coordinators suggest that volunteers dress for the weather, wear sturdy

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shoes and bring gloves. Beach Captains at the meeting sites will furnish bags to volunteers. Groups of 20 or more are asked to contact the appropriate Zone Captain prior to the event. Zone Captains and Registration Sites are listed on SOLV's web site at www.solv.org or you can call SOLV at 800-333-SOLV for more information. Volunteer Registration and Waiver form along with instructions, can also be found on the web site. Using them will let volunteers save time and avoid the need to wait in line at the registration site.

During the Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup of 2004, 4,900 volunteers removed 40 tons of trash from Oregon's beaches. This worldwide event, started in Oregon in 1984, has spread to 55 states and US territories and more than 100 countries and sovereign territories.

SOLV is a statewide nonprofit organization founded in 1969 by Governor Tom McCall and other community leaders to act as a catalyst in linking business, government, and citizens in preserving the livability of Oregon. SOLV's mission is to build community through volunteer action to preserve this treasure called Oregon.

Letter to the Editor,

In reference to Sandi Hunters letter about the trees in Buffington Park: I agree the loss of ANY tree is tragic. All over town I hear people saying, "Isn't it a shame" but no body has said a word about other treed lots within a couple of blocks of the park that have been rapped for urban growth. Maybe it's okay because *it's inevitable*.

When two lots were cleared for "Storage Units" last year, trees were bulldozed into piles and burned. I will miss the beautiful trees but what gets me the most is the waste. Since the trees "had to go", why not offer the wood to people who would have cut it into firewood for seniors or low-income families?

And what about the trimmed trees outside 'Neath The Wind? One cannot trim evergreen trees so radically and expect them to survive. Then the ground was covered with *green* Cedar chips - smells good but smothers trees and vegetation. Unfortunately the trees will now have to be removed (hard lesson.).

I understand urban growth is inevitable but we must also learn to share and nurture our natural resources before they are gone. How's that go - hindsight is 20/20.

Sam Sypolt

Community Pancake Breakfast

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with a mid-Lenten pancake breakfast for the community on Saturday, March 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and \$15 for a family of four or more. Scrambled eggs, ham, pancakes, orange juice and coffee will be served. Head cooks for the event will be Frank and Bonnie Smith from the Port and Starboard Restaurant. St. Christopher's is located at 9th and Washington Streets (behind the Downtown Fun Zone) in Port Orford.



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The March 19 holiday promises the coming of spring and this is also the famous day, annually, when the swallows return to Capistrano.

DSAC Meeting

The Curry Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) will meet on Tuesday, March 22, from 10:00-11:30am at the Chetco Senior Center, 550 Chetco Lane in Brookings.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call Marilyn Green or Marilee Stewart at voice/TTY 247-4515 or voice/TTY 1-800-257-1385. Reimbursement for transportation to the DSAC meeting is available upon request.

Moving Up!

By Tobe Porter, Library Director

Once again it was the show of community support that tipped the scale in favor of another \$150,000 grant to the Port Orford Public Library Foundation, this one from Meyer Memorial Trust. This fantastic news puts us at the \$800,000 mark!

The Meyer Memorial Trust, in Portland, offers resources to nonprofit organizations operating in Oregon and Clark County, Washington that "are working to build a better world." Trust Program Officer Charline McDonald told Library Director Tobe Porter that the main reason the Trustees granted the entire \$150,000 requested was because "the community has not wavered in its support of the project." Thank you all for your on-going support. You see how important it is to potential grantors, and it is absolutely vital to those of us so closely involved in raising funds.

There are more grants pending and more fund raising activities coming, but for right now let's just all rest and celebrate the good news. On behalf of the Library and Library Foundation Boards, and Library staff: congratulations everyone!

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Cape Blanco News

A new ceiling in the lantern room, four new windows in the watch room and more fresh paint await local visitors and guests and tourists from afar at Cape Blanco Lighthouse. Hughes House sports a brand new furnace with heat ducts both upstairs and down. Tours start again April 1, offered by informed and enthusiastic hosts from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in Port Orford and vicinity through October 31. Both venues closed Mondays, Hughes House maybe on Tuesdays also.

Admission is by donation to Hughes House, while a fee is charged at the lighthouse, to fund the \$20,000 needed every year to maintain the 135 year-old structure. A more efficient tour management scheme is offered this season. Gift shops featuring items to enhance the historic experience and help with funding are at each site.

Cape Blanco Road five miles north of Port Orford leads to Hughes House and Cape Blanco Lighthouse through Cape Blanco State Park. Entry roads are well marked.



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Duke Scholarship Award

Warren Manning, senior at Pacific High School, has received word from George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon that he will receive the Duke Scholarship Award with a monetary value of \$7,000. In addition, he will be awarded a The Science Scholarship valued at \$1,000. Manning will also receive a George Fox Grant worth \$6,700. Each of these awards is renewable for three additional years. Manning will focus on math and science at George Fox University and select a major at a later date. While at Pacific, Manning has distinguished himself in numerous public speaking engagements and recently was awarded first place in the Curry County Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest.

He has been a four-year member of the school's basketball team and has volunteered over 200 hours of community service during the past four years.

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Attention: Horse People:

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and to schedule a work day at the arena. We'll also discuss plans for the Fun Day Show on the 4th of July. The Sheriff's Posse, which has so generously organized this event in the past, has another commitment that weekend, so if we want to have the Fun Day, we need to get crackin'!

Anyone who is unable to attend the meeting but is interested in helping out, either with the arena or with the Fun Day, please contact Beth at 332-1013. Thank you!

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<http://www.romanm.ch/index.php?var1=text/ascii-movies-text&var2=text/titel/ascii-movies> - a bit tricky to type in but worth it. Movies made of nothing but ASCII characters - letters, numbers, and punctuation!


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City Council Meets

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“Earthquakes/Tsunamis Are We Prepared?” a public forum will be held on Wednesday, March 23 at the Port Orford Community Center beginning at 7 PM. The forum is sponsored by Curry County Emergency Services, Citizens for Emergency Preparedness and the City of Port Orford. Invited speakers include: Jay Wilson –Oregon Emergency Management, Tom Wiley - Department of Geological and Mineral Industries, Mike Murphy – Curry County Emergency Services, Phil Barker – Ham Radio, Karyn Dagenais – American Red Cross, – Lauren Porsch - Coos Curry Electric, Lori Kent – Curry County Home Health Hospice, Georganne Greene - Curry County Health and Human Service Department, Sheriff Mark Metcalf – Curry County, Ken Knight – Port Orford City Manager, Wayne Moore - Sixes Rural Fire Protection District, Gayle Wilcox - Port Orford

Ambulance/Port Orford Fire District, Jack Nottingham - Citizens For Emergency Preparedness, Gary Anderson - Port of Port Orford and Jan Henault - Southcoast Humane Society.

Each speaker will discuss what their organization’s role will be if an earthquake and or tsunami hit the Oregon Coast. Tom Wiley (DOGAMI) and Jay Wilson (OEM) will give presentations that will be the latest information on what Curry County could expect should an event occur. Curry County Emergency Coordinator Mike Murphy will show clips from the Indonesian event. Curry County Commissioner Lucie La Bonte will moderate the forum. Forums are being held in all three areas of Curry County to educate the public as to how the agencies have been preparing. “A lot of what happens in such an event is up to individuals and how well they have educated themselves to be prepared”, says La

Bonté. “We hope the information we can provide will help in these public safety efforts.”

After the speakers have spoken there will be a question and answer period. This is a public information forum and the public is encouraged to attend and participate.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City of Port Orford received a letter from SHN project engineer Steve Donovan last week full of good news regarding the sewer treatment plant upgrade.

According to Donovan the Department of Environmental Quality and the US Department of Agriculture representatives did a walk through at the sewer treatment plant on March 9. Donovan goes on to say, “Both agencies agreed that the project had achieved substantial completion and as soon as the control system is approved by the instrumentation engineer and the RAS gear changed out, the project can proceed to final completion.”

Donovan continued in his letter, “According to Jon Gasik with DEQ, the terms of the MAO (Mutual Agreement and Order) will expire in 60 days following his march 9 site visit regardless of DEQ notifications to the City or not. Jon can expedite the expiration date by providing the City of correspondence from the DEQ director.”

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Port Manager's Report
By Gary Anderson

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There will be a meeting on March 30 at 1:30pm to begin talks between the Port, City and DLCD (Division of Land Conservation and Development) about a Master Plan.

I was able to ride with Russ Crabtree up to Portland and then flew o Washington D.C. We met with Senate staffers from the Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden offic-

es and with Congressman Peter DeFazio. We also met with a policy advisor from the Office of Management and Budget, the manager of the Navigation Business Line of the Army Corps of Engineers, the executive director of the Association of Marina Industries and attended several hours of the National Waterways Conference.

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