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Being Prepared, whether for tsunami or just plain rain, is always a good idea!

Creighton Sworn In

By Evan Kramer



Mark Creighton was sworn in as Port Orford Police Chief on Monday morning at 10:00am in the city hall council chambers. City recorder Beverly Manes gave the oath of office to

Creighton as Mayor Jim Auburn, councilor Milton Finch, and the local press looked on.

Creighton will share the chief's responsibilities with interim chief George Simon through Thursday of this week, when Simon's time as chief will end.

Mark Creighton asked me to thank the people of Port Orford for their support of him for being police chief. He also thanked the city council and the mayor.

Creighton went to the police department office after being sworn in and was beginning to familiarize himself with the office when his first call as chief came to him. It was about a possible drunk driver and off he went on his first call as police chief with officer Scott Halse.

Congratulations Mark, and know that you have the support of this community.

Head for Higher Ground

By Evan Kramer

There was one theme which kept coming up at Wednesday night's meeting about tsunamis and that was head for higher ground when an earthquake hits this area.

Curry County Commissioner Lucie La Bonte chaired the tsunami preparedness meeting at the Community Building, which featured a dozen speakers from public and private agencies. Curry County Emergency Services Coordinator Mike Murphy spoke about the two different kinds of tsunamis including ones generated from a distance. He said with this kind there is a lot of warning and that the fire sirens would be set all over the county in three-minute solid blasts. He said the fire districts would be used for evacuating people. Murphy spoke about a local subduction zone earthquake. He said the shaking is your warning to head for higher ground as soon as possible. He said a 9 on the Richter scale earthquake could generate waves up to 50-65 feet high. Murphy warned people in case of a local earthquake the water supplies could get contaminated and a lot of rebuilding of infrastructure would be necessary.

Tom Wiley, from the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, spoke

about the Cascadia Subduction Zone off our coast. He said the North American plate is moving west as the Atlantic Ocean widens. The North American plate is colliding with the Juan De Fuca plate off the Pacific Coast with the Juan De Fuca plate going under the North American plate (known as the Cascadia Subduction Zone). He said the last big quake to hit this area as being in 1700 and that the interval for big quakes was from 270-1,100 years. Wiley said a tsunami would be precipitated by displacement of water in the ocean caused by an earthquake. Wiley said if we did have an earthquake in the Cascadia Subduction Zone the tsunami would arrive in 5-30 minutes and people wouldn't have time to pack before heading towards higher ground.

Curry County Sheriff Mark Metcalf described his role in an earthquake/tsunami situation as conservator of the peace and head of search and rescue. He said he didn't have the manpower to go door-to-door warning people to leave. Metcalf said he would coordinate and manage the emergency resources. He described the local fire departments at the "go to people" in case of a tsunami and continued that the eight fire departments in the North and Central part of the county are really on top of this issue.

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Fri Apr 1, 2005	3:32a	7.1	11:12a	-0.2	6:26p	4.9	10:38p	4.1	5:57a	6:45p	2:37a	10:45a 3Q
Sat Apr 2, 2005	4:43a	6.8	12:27p	-0.2	7:42p	5.2			5:56a	6:46p	3:24a	11:56a
Sun Apr 3, 2005	1:16a	4.0	7:08a	6.7	2:36p	-0.4	9:37p	5.7	6:54a	7:47p	5:01a	2:10p
Mon Apr 4, 2005	2:43a	3.4	8:30a	6.7	3:34p	-0.4	10:20p	6.2	6:52a	7:48p	5:30a	3:25p
Tue Apr 5, 2005	3:50a	2.6	9:42a	6.9	4:24p	-0.4	10:57p	6.7	6:50a	7:50p	5:55a	4:38p
Wed Apr 6, 2005	4:46a	1.6	10:43a	7.0	5:07p	-0.2	11:31p	7.1	6:49a	7:51p	6:18a	5:54p
Thu Apr 7, 2005	5:36a	0.7	11:39a	7.0	5:47p	0.2			6:47a	7:52p	6:39a	7:04p

Head for Higher Ground
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Port Orford Volunteer Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox introduced the many Port Orford, Sixes and Langlois fire fighters in attendance at the meeting. She said the Port Orford department has practiced notification of the public. Wilcox said in the case of tsunamis caused by a distant quake, where there is ample warning, the fire department members would go to the low-lying areas in pairs and notify people to move to higher ground. She emphasized the importance of people having their addresses posted where the fire department can see and read them, both during the day, and at night. Wilcox said the department would use loudspeakers and knock on doors to notify people but wouldn't be individually assisting people. She said they could get the notification done in the low-lying areas in 15-20 minutes. The Port Orford Ambulance will move their equipment to higher

ground at the Cedar Terrace fire station. She said that station has no running water, bathrooms and no communications for the public. Wilcox added later on that it is very important for families to have a plan of where they will meet once they evacuate.

Port Orford City Administrator Ken Knight said public works director Dave Pace will work with Mike Murphy to get the evacuation routes posted. Some of the evacuation route streets include Paradise Point Road, Lakeshore, Washington and Eighteenth Street up the hill. Knight said the city has applied for grants for emergency generators for the city reservoir pumping station and the water treatment plant. He said in case of an emergency the city might pump water that will have to be boiled before being drunk. Commissioner La Bonte noted the importance of water in an emergency and urged people to keep at least a 3-5 day supply at home.

Butch Zimmerman, representing the Sixes Rural Fire Department, said they would notify people by phone. The Sixes fire hall does not have a siren. He said a major concern would be for campers at Cape Blanco State Park. The emergency evacuation center for the Sixes area will be Pacific High School.

Phil Barker, a ham operator, said the ham operators would help with logistical support for the police and fire departments by relaying information. He said the hams drill frequently and have the ability to communicate with the military. Commissioner La Bonte said we need to make sure homebound people are helped.

Lori Kent, Director of Curry County Home Health Hospice said her department needs to provide continuity of care for home bound people. She spoke about preventing panicking and making safety a key issue.

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Letter to the Editor,

Thank you to the Port Orford Library staff for being so generous with computer time for homework use. This past term I needed access to software programs that I didn't have on my home computer and the nearest Southwestern Community College computer lab is in Gold Beach. Without the use of the Port Orford Library computers I would not have been able to complete my class. It is one more example of our excellent library staff making the extra effort to meet the needs of the residents of Port Orford.

Thank you again,

Karim Shumaker

Beachcomber News By Patty Reese

The Beachcombers annual election of officers will be held prior to the monthly dance Saturday, April 2. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and dancing starts at 7:30 with pre-rounds. Lennie Ludiker of Junction City will call and Ed Phillips of Brooking cues rounds for the evening.

This year's beginner class will receive their "Bachelor of Square Dancing" diplomas during graduation festivities on Sunday, April 3 beginning at 3 p.m.

Everyone is invited out to the Cove on Nicholson Drive to see what American Square Dancing is all about. There is never a charge for spectators.

functioning. He said Alaska is the most seismically active state in the county. There is a tsunami evacuation map for Port Orford showing the evacuation routes and the part of town, which is the evacuation zone. Copies are not available currently but the map is accessible online at the city's website which is www.PortOrford.org. The map can be printed on your home computer. The Port Orford web page includes evacuation maps for many other cities including Coos Bay, Bandon, Gold Beach and Brookings.

Students will not be sent at home but kept at school. Both Pacific High School and the Langlois Middle School are out of the evacuation zone. Driftwood School is close to, but not in, the evacuation zone. Mike Murphy said tsunamis remain dangerous for up to ten hours as waves continue coming in (and going out). He said the first wave is usually not the largest one.

Plan Ahead

The Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department is holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, April 24 at the fire hall at Idaho and Nineteenth Streets.

Head for Higher Ground

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Jan Henault with the South Coast Humane Society said they are working on an animal disaster plan. She said 25% of the people in an emergency won't evacuate because of their animals.

Jack Nottingham represented the Citizens for Emergency Preparedness (CEP). They have chapters in Gold Beach and Brookings but not Port Orford. He encouraged formation of a CEP in Port Orford and that they meet monthly. He said some of the accomplishments of the CEP have been reestablishing the Red Cross in Curry County, procuring Tsunami signs, working on a brochure, and making presentations to the public. Nottingham said they were working for a countywide siren system. Lucie La Bonte said it would cost \$800,000 for a countywide siren system.

The many people who attended the meeting got a chance to ask questions of the panel at the end of the talks. One person asked about the NOAA (North American Atmospheric Administration) tsunami warning buoys. Jay Wilson, representing Oregon Emergency Management, said there are six buoys and three are non-

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Free Geology Lecture

Dr. Christopher Brochu will be giving a talk titled "The Science of Sue" on Saturday April 2 at 7:00pm on the Southwestern Oregon Community College campus in the Performing Arts Center located in Empire Hall. Dr. Brochu will be discussing his postdoctoral work on the *Tyrannosaurus rex* "Sue" which he completed at the Field Museum in Chicago. Chris earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Iowa and his master's and doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin in 1992 and 1997, respectively. From 1998 through 2000 he worked as a postdoctoral research scientist completing a taxonomic description of Sue. Chris has been on the faculty of the University of Iowa Geoscience Department since 2001. Dr. Brochu has over 30 peer reviewed articles in *Nature*, *Journal of Paleontology*, *Paleobiology*, *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology*, *American Zoologist*, and *Systematic Bi-*

ology. He served as Associate Editor for the *Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology* from 1999-2003, has been a distinguished lecturer for the Paleontological Society since 2002 and is currently a co-editor of the *Journal of Paleontology*.

The *Tyrannosaurus rex* "Sue" is arguably one of the world's best known fossils. It was discovered near Faith, South Dakota in 1990 by fossil hunter Sue Hendrickson. When the gavel came down at Sotheby's in 1997 with a bid of \$8.36 million, "Sue" became the world's most expensive fossil. The winning bid belonged to a consortium made up of the Field Museum, McDonald's Corporation, Walt Disney World Resorts and several private individuals. In 2000 "Sue" went on display at the Field Museum as the most complete (200 bones making up over 90% of the skeleton) and best preserved *T. rex* in the world. The skeleton is 42 feet in length, stands 13 feet high at the hips, has 58 teeth ranging from 7 1/2 to

12 inches and an estimated live weight of 7 tons. Dr. Brochu's postdoctoral work preparing a monograph that will provide a full scientific description of "Sue" gives him an insight to this fossil that is unique.

This lecture is generously supported by Menasha Forest Products Corporation, the Southwestern Arts & Lectures Committee and the Southwestern Geology Club. For more information contact Ron Metzger at 888-7216 or rmetzger@socc.edu.

Also mark Saturday April 23 on your calendar as Dr. Jerry McManus from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute will be discussing Pleistocene climate change at 7:00 pm in the Southwestern Performing Arts Center. Dr. McManus is coming to Southwestern as part of the Joint Oceanographic Institutions/U.S. Science Advisory Committee distinguished lecture series.



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Chamber News By Jay Stoler

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With the tourism season about to open, the Port Orford Visitor's Center needs some volunteers to work as greeters and host/hostesses. The ideal candidates will be able to work regularly. Volunteers should have a good knowledge of the area and enjoy meeting and greeting travelers and tourists. In addition, all volunteers will go through a training session. Please contact Jim Billings at the Visi-

tor's Center between 10am-3pm, Thursday through Sunday at 332-4106, or drop by the Visitor's Center in Battle Rock Park during those hours.

The Chamber has just opened a new website: PortOrford.info. Actually, it's an old domain name that was on hold for several years. Now, it just made sense to populate the site with local information about the city, a business directory and an event listing page, as well as information about local organizations. Ultimately, the goal is to have many contributors, inputting information about their organizations, and having that info be immediately available. That's real "information age" technology and is what the

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The Chamber of Commerce is located in the Visitor's Center, stop by for a visit or call 332-8055 for information.

Sunset Garden Club

The April meeting of the Sunset Garden Club will be held at 1:00pm at the Senior Citizen Center on Friday, April 1. Our speaker will be Jenya Kiepinski of Gold Beach who works on the Curry County Soil and Water Conservation Board. Her subject will be Noxious Weeds, particularly the eradication of Gorse. The meeting is open to all. For further information you may call 332-1073.

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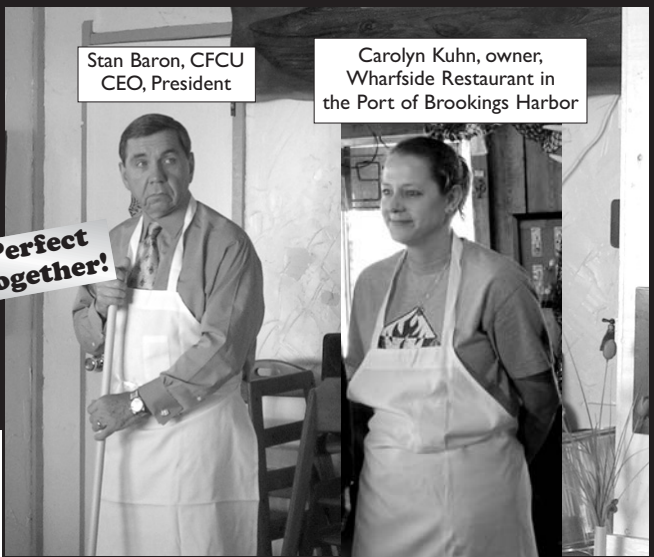


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Milton and Dee Finch, owners of Finch's Custom Jewelry and Highway 101 Li-

quor store recently lost their companion "Ace" an 8 year old Blue Healer who was in perfect health the day before. "We were completely devastated and had Ace since he was a puppy. He was like one of our children", Milton said. This was within just a week or so of the most recent incident, where because of early detection, the last victim may apparently live through the ordeal.

The killer has apparently been using the same method all along...rat poison which is suspected to have been tossed into the yards on a piece of food for the animals to pick up and eat. The poison, a deadly toxin that causes loss of appetite, unusual restlessness, bruising to the skin and eyes, and severe internal bleeding, usually leads to death in less than a day if not caught early enough. Early warning signs also include blood in the urine and/or stools. These events have the residents of Port Orford on edge, many not letting their pets outside without direct supervision.

The reward now referred to by the Finch's in remembrance of their pet, as the "Port Orford A.C.E. Fund" (Animal Cruelty Eradication) has come in the form of hundreds of pledges from Port Orford area business owners and residents, as well as several animal agencies throughout the county.

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The support of the community has enabled our pack to continue offering our young boys the opportunity to be a part of Cub Scouts. Without their support, Pack 98 would not be able to participate in any of the exciting activities we have planned for this year. We thank you.

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Judiciary Committee Meeting

The Oregon House Judiciary Committee will meet on Friday, April 8, starting at 8:30am, in room 505 of Tioga Hall on the Southwestern Oregon Community College campus, according to Representative Wayne Krieger, Chair of the House Judiciary Committee. Representative Krieger stated that this meeting will give the community a chance to view the legislative process close up.

Representative Krieger stated that the April 8 meeting will concentrate on criminal justice issues impacting public safety and the rights of Oregonians. He added that the House Judiciary Committee will consider legislation calling for greater penalties for those involved the manufacture and sale of methamphetamines, more treatment for those addicted to methamphetamines, and greater regulation of those substances used to manufacture methamphetamines.

In addition to methamphetamines, Representative Krieger, stated that the committee will consider legislation better regulating government forfeiture of private property and sentencing criminal defendants in Oregon.



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Admission for this special presentation of Guys and Dolls is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Curtain time for the Friday and Saturday night performances is 7:00pm and for the Sunday matinees curtain time is 2:00pm.

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Guys and Dolls is based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon. The book is by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows with the music and lyrics by Frank Loesser.

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Curry Family Medical Changes By Evan Kramer

The Curry Health District Board met in Port Orford on Wednesday, March 23, at the Senior Center. There are a couple of major changes coming to the Curry Family Medical clinic. Carol Milne, Nurse Practitioner at the clinic since 2002 is leaving in 2-3 weeks to take care of her husband at their ranch in the Merlin-Grants Pass area and will be missed by many of her patients. She said on Monday that she would continue working in the medical field.

CEO of the Health District Ginny Hochberg spoke about the new pharmacy machine at the clinic. The machine arrived on Monday and was being installed at the time of the meeting. She said it was the first of its kind in Oregon and that it is expected it will be up and running by next week (now delayed until the week of April 4). Carol Milne and Dr. Tom Pitchford compiled a list of the 90 most commonly prescribed medications, which will be stocked in the machine. A pharmacy technician will distribute the medications and handle any money involved. The new in house pharmacy will be open to clinic patients and other people who need the 90 drugs, which will be stocked. The in house pharmacy will be open the same hours as the clinic

Hochberg said Carol Milne would be replaced by Minnie Mercer, a nurse practitioner. Hochberg said Mercer and the clinic were “trying each other out” and if it doesn't work out there are other plans.

Hochberg (Ginny) said Hochberg (Dr. Charles, Ginny's husband) would be seeing patients with female problems on Wednesdays at Curry Family Medical.

The board discussed the Brookings Medical Center. Ginny Hochberg said the Health District operates two clinics in Brookings but is going to combine them into one building. This will be a satellite access of Curry General Hospital. The move will be done by April 9 and the combined facility will be called Curry General Hospital Medical Center. Brookings is not in the Curry Health District but the District brings in more money from its Brookings facilities than the hospital in Gold Beach. From July 1, 2004 to through March the District has brought in revenues of \$4,917,082 in Brookings; \$4,320,586 in Gold Beach; and \$660,882 in Port Orford.

Hochberg said that Cardiology Consultants from Medford would rent space in the medical center in Brookings.

Chief Financial Officer Gary Short said January and February had been good months for the district, noting the flu season as one reason. He said the hospital inpatient load was busier than ever. Short said the district had a positive bottom line after taxes. They made \$33,000 from Shore Pines Assisted Living Facility, which is managed for the district by Sun West. Short said the district had a reserve of 10.6 days of operating cash. Short said it takes \$31,000 per day to operate the health district.

Ginny Hochberg gave a management council report and said there was a shortage of nurses in the United States but that the district was keeping up with its need. She spoke about getting people in the local community trained as nurses and having them come back and work in the community. Hochberg said there would be more activities for the people residing at Shore Pines including more excursions and better and more varieties of food.

The Health District board plans to meet twice a year in Port Orford with the next meeting scheduled for September 28 at the Senior Center.

Knapp Resigns

Port of Port Orford Commissioner Dave Knapp has resigned from the Port Commission, position #4, citing personal reasons. Knapp was appointed to the commission in March 1999 and was elected to the position in May of that year and again in 2003. He served as president of the commission during a very turbulent period of time when the new dock was being constructed.

At the next Port meeting on April 19, the Commission will fill this vacancy with an appointment. Any citizens of the district wishing to serve in this position until June 30, 2007 should submit a letter of interest to Port Manager Gary Anderson, either in person at the Port Office or by mail to Port of Port Orford, PO Box 490, Port Orford, OR 97465.