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Tuesday, June 28, 7:00pm

By-Law Changes Pass

By Evan Kramer



Coos-Curry Electric Coop held its annual meeting on Saturday at Pacific High School. One of the highlights of the annual meeting was the election results, which were announced

at the end of the business part of the meeting. By-Law change #1 to make all voting by mail passed overwhelmingly by a 985-204 margin. By-Law change #2 which would reduce the number of board members from nine to five and the number of zones from nine to five districts by the year 2008 passed. Owner-members voted by a margin of 848-335 in favor of it. Gary R. Schlottmann was elected to the board from District 3 with a total of 886 votes but the position was eliminated by the by-law change. There is now one board position in Gold Beach held by Dale Thomas.

Myrtle Point zone 7 Director Grant Combs was elected. He ran unopposed and received 848 votes. Over the course of the next three years the Myrtle Point, Coquille and Bandon zones will be reduced to one district.

Zone 6 (Langlois) had two write-in candidates. Daryl Robison was elected in that race with 165 votes to David Penson with 74 votes but By-Law change #2 eliminated Zone 6. Jean Shank will now represent Port Orford and Langlois in District 4. There are now seven board members.

Several employees of Chetco Federal Credit Union and Sterling Savings Bank in Port Orford counted the votes. The vote counters were Denise Piggott, Ruth Pagano, Maria Forty and Jeanie Hensley from Chetco and Cher Marsh, Kari Engdahl and Nicole Green from Sterling.

The business meeting began with an introduction of the board and a special presentation to recently retired Gold Beach board member Vern Kolen. He served 48 years on the Coos-Curry Board from 1956-2005. Board chairman Terry Hanscam presented Kolen with an antique electric meter, which had been converted into a lamp. Kolen said everything was going smoothly with the Coop and urged people not be afraid of change. He described his time on the board as the best years of his life.

Retiring board member from Langlois Zone 6 Dick Hildebrand was also given the same going away present as Kolen. He had served 21 years on the board.

Board president Terry Hanscam called 2004 a year of making changes to ensure the Coop's stability.

Board secretary Dale Thomas said he ran for the board two years ago to help out with the South Coast Satellite tax problems. He spoke of other problems including the core electric business running in the red for three years, two overdue audits, back taxes and subsidiary ventures under-performing. Thomas said the Coop's tax-exempt status with the IRS was at risk because the zones did not have equal representation.

Board treasurer David Itzen gave a review of the Coop's operating margins from 1999-2005. In 1999 the margin was \$2.9 million positive but by 2002 the operating margin was \$2.6 million in the negative. In 2004 the margin was \$400,000 and in 2005 it is project the Coop margin will be \$1.3 million to the positive. Itzen said the Board was forced to raise rates as cost for power had gone up 71% at the same time Coos Curry rates only rose 21% during the years 2000-2003.

The executive board and general manager presented an overwhelming amount of financial and other information about the Coop at the meeting. We were told it

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**By-Law Changes Pass
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would be available at their web site at www.cooscurryelectric.com.

Board president Hanscam explained where the Coop is today. He said the Coop in compliance with their tax status and has improved communication with the public. He said the audit information is available on the web site. Hanscam said the Coop got a clean bill of health from the auditor. The Coop will be purchasing paid newspaper advertising in a question and answer information format in the seven newspapers within the Coop's boundary. They will also be providing Coop news in with your monthly bill.

The owner-members were allowed to submit questions in advance and a small portion of the meeting was dedicated to answering questions. The sound system

wasn't very good and thus it was hard to understand what was being said.

Once the business part of the meeting was over it was time to eat. The Port Orford Rotary Club was in charge of feeding the several hundred people at the meeting and they served us a delicious barbecued chicken lunch with beans, cole slaw, rolls, cake, lemonade, and coffee. Thank you to the Rotary Club for their excellent barbecuing skills.

**Thank You
By Gayle Wilcox, Chief
Port Orford VFD**

The Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department would like to say thank you and congratulations on a job well done during the recent Tsunami Warning. Our citizens were orderly, polite, helpful and fast during the evacuation. People went to several different higher locations so no one place was overcrowded. For the

most part, people parked to one side of the road to allow other vehicles to continue to utilize the roadway. Please remember there are people behind you; do not stop to talk or turn around. This is extremely important. You checked on your neighbors and offered assistance. There was no chaos or panic.

Our job as your Fire Department, in the event of any potential catastrophe is to notify as many people as possible in as short amount of time as possible. Our information comes from our dispatching center at the Sheriff's office. At this time, there are several methods of notifications.

One method is with our siren. Our siren is hand set off in our hall and is only capable of producing the sound you are familiar with. That may change at some point, but it is the only siren we have now. As you know, during the warning,

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it wailed for **much** longer than when we have a fire or other emergency calls.

We do not rely only on the siren because many of you will not hear it, **regardless** of the tone it emits. When the wind is blowing, the distance and direction that the sound of the siren carries varies tremendously. If you are mowing your lawn, in your car with the radio on or taking a shower, etc. it is likely you will not hear the siren.

When the siren has stopped sounding, it does not mean an all clear. It means that we have evacuated our Fire Hall and no one is left to continue to reset the timer. We evacuated our equipment and ourselves when our dispatcher informed us that there was between 5 to 10 minutes before the possible arrival of the tsunami.

Our other method of notification is to go into our low-lying areas and notify with our loudspeakers and go house to house knocking on doors. We did that until we were given the 5-10 minute notification. We did not get to every home, as we

ultimately had to evacuate our equipment and ourselves.

A great deal of notification was by word of mouth; even from out of town. That, in combination with the siren, fire and police personnel resulted in a very effective response to this Tsunami warning. As you know, in the event of a Tsunami or other catastrophic event occurring following the warning, your emergency services personnel will have a vast undertaking before them. This is why it is essential to get our people and equipment evacuated in a timely manner. Fire, Ambulance, Police and Public Works evacuate to the same place so, if necessary, we can begin a coordinated effort once the initial catastrophic event is over.

Our City and County Emergency Services personnel are using this recent Tsunami Warning to pinpoint ways to improve our plans and response. We encourage constructive comments and also encourage families; neighbors and friends to work on your own plans as there is **no one plan** that can notify every person in our community. If everyone committed to warning one neighbor; we all could cover a lot of territory with that plan.

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Additionally this is a good time to prepare your own survival kit if you haven't already done so. Remember to include your medications.

As Fire Chief, I am very proud of the work your volunteer firefighters did. They deserve the heartfelt thanks of this community for their dedication, quick thinking and excellent response. They put our community first. I am proud to be a member of this Department.

If you're considering joining the Fire Department, you may pick up an application at Sea Breeze Florist.

Again thanks to this community for an excellent response.

Fair Volunteers Needed

The Curry County Fair is looking for citizens of Curry County who would like to donate some of their time during our annual fair. Do you enjoy working with flowers, vegetables, arts, crafts, needlework, quilts, food & preserving, or livestock? We need volunteers with some knowledge in any of these areas to man our exhibit display areas during the fair. We are also looking for office help during fair week. This is a wonderful opportunity to donate your time to the fair. Compensation for several hours of your time would be a free day pass to the fair.

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Proposed Wildlife Refuge By Evan Kramer

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) came to Langlois on Thursday night and presented a proposal for a New River Wildlife Refuge.

Roy Lowe, team leader for Service on this proposal, began the meeting at Blanco Middle School, with an overview of the National Wildlife Refuge System. He said there are 96 million acres in the United States under the Refuge System with six of the Refuges on the Oregon Coast including Coquille Point, Blanco Reef, Cape Meares, Nestuca Bay Refuge, Siletz Bay, and Bandon Marsh.

The proposed study area for the New River Wildlife Refuge area encompasses 5,900 acres and goes as far north as Croft Lake and south to Floras Lake Road, west to the ocean and east to parts of Highway 101. Lowe described this area as mostly open ground and that it encom-

passed New Lake, Bethel Creek, June Creek and Croft Lake. He said a large population of Aleutian "cackling" geese inhabits the area in spring before flying non-stop to the Aleutian Islands. He said there were 40,000 geese in the area last year and 20,000 at the peak this year.

Lowe described this meeting as part of the planning process to study the feasibility of establishing a National Wildlife Refuge in the New River area. He said the Service was interested in acquiring "conservation easements" for establishing the Wildlife Refuge and made a point of saying the Service was "only looking for willing sellers of conservation easements." Lowe said the scooping phase of the project goes through **July 8, 2005**, when the Service must receive public comment. He said a final decision on a Wildlife Refuge wouldn't be made until January 2006 of whether to establish a refuge or not. He emphasized that participation in the refuge was voluntary.

Lowe said that part of a property and not all could be an easement and that all easements would remain private property. If the property owner were to sell a conservation easement on all or part of their property the Service would have the right to enhance pastures and wetlands and that geese and other wildlife would have the right to use the property. Land-owners would not be allowed to haze the geese.

The public was invited to make comments and ask questions. Curry County Commissioner Lucie La Bonte said she had found out about this project on a flyer and asked why the Service didn't contact the commissioners. La Bonte said she felt very uncomfortable with this process. Local rancher Mike Knapp told the Service "thanks but no thanks" and described the conservation easements as a "cloud" on your deed.

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Lowe was asked how much money had been budgeted for buying conservation easements and he said he didn't know. Lowe was asked why this area should be turned into a Wildlife Refuge and he described it as a guarantee for the future of the wildlife. Lowe said the Service couldn't pay farmers for depredation caused by the geese (who like to eat the fresh new grass shoots).

Lowe was asked what the benefits were to local residents and he used as an example having and knowing there are open spaces. He said the conservation easement lands would only be open to the public with the landowner's permission. Lowe said the Aleutian cackling goose would be coming off the endangered species list and that hunting of it would be allowed.

Lowe was asked again why the Service couldn't just subsidize farmers for what the geese eat in their fields and Lowe said the money is for buying conservation easements, not mitigation of damages.

People wanting to make comments on the proposed New River Wildlife Refuge

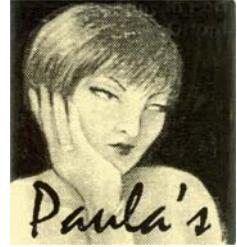
can contact Amy Wing, Natural Resource Specialist, Division of Refuge Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. Eleventh Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-4181 or e-mail FWIPlanningComments@fws.gov. Please put New River in the subject line.

Letter to the Editor,

I want to share some personal observations about the Walk for Truth, Justice, and Community Jared Tarr and I shared with others from across Oregon. I was there two days of the Walk and I came away thankful for the respectful reception we were given by the staff of the capitol building: from the security guards to the aides and legislators we met. I never felt I wasn't welcome to be there and express my views.

Also I was heartened that so many felt so strongly enough to make the journey, knowing they were backed by many others who could not come. When it comes to world affairs it's easy to feel isolated and alone, but more and more people want changes made in the way our state and national administrations interact with the rest of the world.

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Jared completed the entire walk. Regardless of how you may feel about the goals of the Walk, Jared deserves the town's thanks for representing Port Orford in a positive, respectful way. I know the Love Monkeys are proud of him.

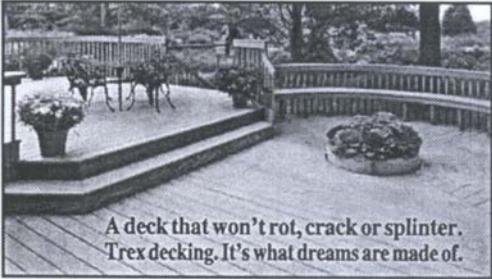
Mark Lankton

Coos-Curry Board Meeting

The Coos-Curry Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, June 24, 10:00am, at the Coop's headquarters in Port Orford. Agenda items include budget analysis, financial and statistical report-Form 7, and staff reports.

Please remember that the road down to Battle Rock Beach will be closed to ALL vehicle traffic from 7:00pm on the 4th of July until after the fireworks show by order of the Port Orford Fire Department.

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Police Report

06-13 Report of a male stalking a female in Port Orford. The complainant advised that a past male acquaintance has been stalking her while she visits in Port Orford. An informational report was taken, and she was referred to the local police department in her residence city so a complaint could be filed with them to avoid any contact there, or further contact here. NOTE: Under Oregon Revised Statute 163.732, a person commits the crime of stalking if the person knowingly alarms or coerces another person or a member of that person's immediate family or household by engaging in repeated and unwanted contact with the other person. The entire ORS Statute can be found by going to the State Of Oregon homepage and looking for ORS.

06-14 Police responded to the Tsunami warning to assist with the Port Orford Rural Fire Department with evacuation, and traffic control. Chiefs Note: I would like to thank everyone for getting to high ground as soon as possible without any problems.

06-15 A complainant advised that a male subject had beat on his house and was yelling something on 06-14. The complainant insisted the person be charged with criminal trespass. It was determined through the investigation that the neighbor was warning the complainant's family of the Tsunami. Because of insistence by the complainant, the Curry County

District Attorney's office was contacted. It was determined that no crime had been committed. No further action taken.

06-15 A female reported that her biological children were being kept from her. Police contacted the subject keeping the children. Police and a Curry County Deputy responded, and the incident was handled by contact. An informational report was taken.

06-15 A report was taken about a truck driver driving through a neighborhood, honking the horn, and yelling obscenities. A report was taken, and the case is pending contact with the driver for causing unreasonable noise with a vehicle, and the comments.

06-15 A missing person report was filed. Information was taken, and the case is being investigated by Police.

06-15 A call was received from Children Services for a welfare check on an infant

juvenile. Contact was made, and the information obtained was passed on to that agency.

06-15 A report was filed by an outside agency of possible sex abuse with a juvenile. A report was taken, and the case is currently under investigation.

06-16 A complainant reported they observed a male subject pull up to a trash dumpster at Battle Rock Park, and dump residential trash into a dumpster. The vehicle license number has been obtained, and the report is pending contact with the perpetrator. NOTE: it is illegal to dump trash in anyone's trash receptacle without consent of the owner. The dumpster at Battle Rock Park is not for dumping residential trash. The cost to the City of Port Orford is \$398.22 per month for a dumpster of that size. Please report anyone dumping other than small amounts of trash in any dumpster. Obtain a description and a license number and report it to the Port Orford Police Department at 332-9013.

06-16 Police checking property found juveniles, and under-aged adults trespassing and consuming alcohol on the property. The six subjects were taken to the Port Orford Police Station, and given Intoxilyzer tests. All were cited for minor in possession of alcohol, and the juveniles were released to their parents. Report sent to the Curry County Circuit Court for prosecution.

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Chiefs note: Our new ordinance compliance officer Deneen Kahman is now assigned to the Port Orford Police Department and can be contacted by calling the police department at 332-9013. Remember: The Port Orford Police Department is only manned part of the time. During the past year, there was someone available at the office Monday through Thursday between 9:00am. and 2:00pm. After June 30 the office will have staff available Monday through Friday. If you have a complaint that needs to be handled immediately such as an emergency, Call 911. If it is not an emergency, and you need immediate assistance call the Sheriff's Office at 1-800-543-8471 they will know how to contact your local police after hours. If it's not important, leave a message at the police department at 332-9013, and someone will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your patience.

Port Orford Library News By Tobe Porter, Director

Great news—a master storyteller is coming to a campfire near you! On Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00pm, around the Langlois



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No doubt you are gearing up for the 4th of July Festivities. Please be sure to include a visit to *The Library Gallery* at the American Legion Hall. The work of over 30 local artists will be on display the artists are generously donating one-half the sale price of each item to the new



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Of course summertime is the time for relaxing with a fun read. We have a number of books that fit the bill: *Metro Girl* by Janet Evanovich, *Two Dollar Bill* by Stuart Woods, Mary Higgins Clark's *No Place Like Home* and *Trojan Odyssey* by Clive Cussler. If you enjoy non-fiction, try *The Complete Pond Builder* by Helen Nash, *How Dogs Think* by Stanley Coren, or the *Complete Book of Card Games*. Stop by today and pick up some summer fun at your local library.



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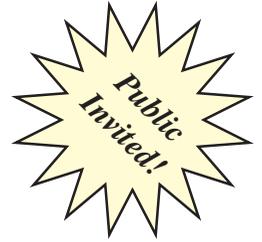
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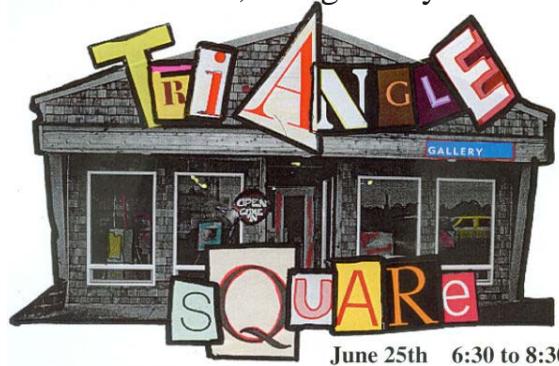
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Tsunami Warning Meeting

The Curry County Sheriff’s Department is holding a tsunami warning meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 7:00pm, at the Port Orford Community Building.

The meeting will cover what you personally need to know in case of a Tsunami Warning including where to go, what to take, what to expect from emergency personnel, and when you should call 911. This meeting with Sheriff Metcalf will not include a detailed analysis of the June 14 event. It will include “Lessons Learned” from June 14 and what public safety is re-evaluating for the future. It will also include handouts from NOAA to include tsunami inundation zone maps, how to personally prepare for evacuation and what to think about before the tsunami warning.

This will be an interactive meeting with citizens and questions are encouraged. If you are unable to attend this meeting but

would like to obtain the handout material, contact Sheriff Metcalf at the Curry County Sheriff’s Office or by calling 541-247-3242 or 1-800-543-8471.

Campfire Tales in Langlois

Christopher Leebrick, award winning storyteller and professional actor, will present an evening of “Campfire Tales” at the Langlois Public Library on Tuesday, June 28, at 7:00pm in the evening.

A storyteller since the age of thirteen, Leebrick utilizes a rich flexible voice, dynamic stage presence, and powerful acting to bring these tales alive for each and every audience member. This free performance of funny and spooky stories is appropriate for ages 5 through 105.

The Langlois Public Library is located on the west side of Highway 101 near the south end of town. The not-to-be-missed evening of family entertainment is

sponsored by the Langlois and Port Orford Public Libraries and the Bandon School District’s Talented and Gifted Program.

For more information call the Langlois Library at 348-2066 or Carol Waxham at 348-9992.

Volunteer of the Decade

George Gehrke was honored at the Port Orford City Council meeting on Monday as Volunteer of the Decade. Public works superintendent Dave Pace nominated Gehrke for this special award. Pace said that one of Gehrke’s careers was as “volunteer for the Community of Port Orford.” Gehrke has been on the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department over 45 years. He was recently seen mowing many of the city rights of way in preparation for July 4. Congratulations George!

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Sculptor Travels to Russia

Stone sculptor, Eric Johnson, of the Johnson Gallery in Port Orford, has recently received a remarkable invitation and honor. At the beginning of July, he will be traveling to Russia as a guest of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Moscow region. He is one of twelve sculptors from different parts of the world asked to come to Russia where each will create a large outdoor public sculpture in stone depicting the chosen theme: The Religious Orthodoxy of Old Russia. The opening ceremony of this event will be on July 5 and is scheduled to conclude on August 25. The sculptors will live and work together in facilities provided for them on the outskirts of Moscow during the eight weeks. Several of the top sculptors in Russia will be among the twelve but there will also be artists from Greece, France, Mexico, Germany, Bulgaria and Eric Johnson, from Port Orford, Oregon, USA.

Copper Salmon Hike

The Friends of Elk River will lead a hike into the proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness this Sunday, June 26. The three and one half mile round trip hike is moderately easy, gaining about 800 feet in elevation in one and three quarter miles to the top of Barklow Mountain. The mountaintop affords a view of the proposed wilderness as well as the Grassy Knob wilderness to the west and beyond that, the ocean.

Bring a lunch, water, and sun protection for use at the top of the mountain, which is bare open rock. We do have to ask that you not bring a dog.

Meet at the Elk River Fish Hatchery (8 miles up Elk River Road) at 8:00am, where we'll carpool to the trailhead up Butler Mountain Road. We'll return to the hatchery at 4:00pm. We would appreciate it if you'd call Jim Rogers (332-2555) to let us know you're coming,

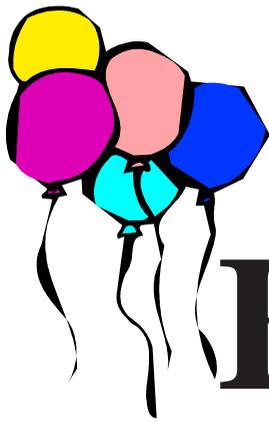
but feel free to just show up at the hatchery.

Roaring Sea Open House:

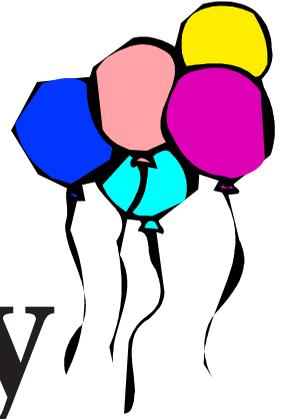
Everyone is invited to enjoy the sharing of artistic, musical, and edible treats at the next Roaring Sea Open House, from 2:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, June 26. Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Open Houses are held at Roaring Sea Studio-Gallery located at 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford. The entrance from the highway is shared with the Sea Crest Motel.

Featured this month are felt art by Brenda Dell and Kelly Fleming, nature and fish prints by Sandy Eisman, and the ceramic art of Larry Dildine of Gold Beach. In addition, during the afternoon, there will be musical programs by the Kammeroque Ensemble, with original prose or poetry by Joyce Mueller.

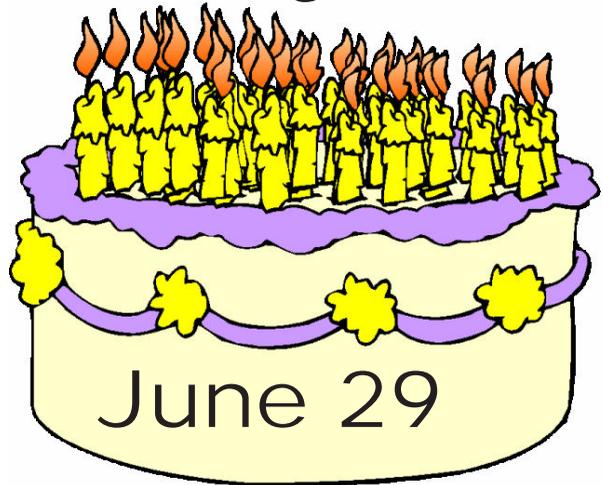
Refreshments will be served, as well as pot-luck snacks. For further information, please call Donna at 332-4444.



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Tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.00. You may purchase tickets now at Chetco Credit Union where the quilt is on display.

Tickets will also be available during the Jubilee festivities. You won't want to miss this opportunity.

DSAC Meeting

The Curry Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) will meet on Tuesday, June 28, from 10:00-11:30am at the Chetco Senior Center in Brookings. The Center is located at 550 Chetco Lane in Brookings. For more information or if you have any questions, please call Marilyn Green or Marilee Stewart at

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Pick of the Week

One of the more fun annual events in Port Orford is the yearly Sunset Garden Club tour. It takes place this Saturday, June 25, from 10:00am to 4:00pm and will include five local gardens. Maps are available for the garden tour at the Downtown Fun Zone, Campbell Realty, and Creighton Plants and Things for a \$4.00 donation. The five garden hosts are looking forward to showing you what they've done in their yards so enjoy.

Maps and Arial Photos by Valerie Jean Kramer

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Threats and Statistics By Valerie Jean Kramer

Tsunami's travel at an average of about 450 miles per hour. On Tuesday, June 14, a strong quake occurred at 7:50pm. Had it produced a tsunami, it would have hit Crescent City, 90 miles away about 8:02pm. The alarm was sounded in Crescent City at 8:14pm – much too late to have done any good. Likewise in Port Orford, the news was spread too late.

I am impressed with the local neighbors and volunteer heroes who, for all they knew, risked their lives to warn others. My hats off to them! Should you get a

tsunami warning, don't rush to the beach overlooks to see the tsunami arrive. If it is a tsunami, it might well be the last thing you ever see! Instead, head for high ground calmly. Don't create traffic jams, car accidents, injuries, or other problems.

The government and local folks have been spending a lot of time and money lately to put up warning signs and to prepare for tsunamis. The tsunami last December 26 showed that they CAN be deadly. But, is the risk the same here on the Oregon coast as it is on south Pacific islands that may only be a few feet above sea level? I don't think so! The fact is that only one tsunami in all of recorded history

has been known to cause deaths in the continental United States. That was the 1964 tsunami that killed 11 in Crescent City, CA and four in Newport, OR. Let's compare that to a few other causes of death (From www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/deaths.htm, statistics for 2002):

Heart Disease	696,947
Cancer	557,271
Accidents	106,742
Diabetes	73,249
Flu/Pneumonia	65,681
Tsunamis	0

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source as the CDC, I like their breakdown better in some ways. It seems to go back more to the root cause of the deaths:

Tobacco	435,000
Poor Diet / No Exercise	365,000
Alcohol	85,000
Microbial Agents	75,000
Toxic Agents	55,000
Motor Vehicle Crashes	26,347
Reactions to Prescriptions	32,000
Suicide	30,622
Firearms related incidents	29,000
Homicide	20,308
Sexual Behaviors	20,000
Drug Use, Direct+Indirect	17,000
NSAID's Such As Aspirin	7,600
Marijuana	0
Tsunamis	0

All other things being equal, I'd think Tsunami preparation was a great idea, but all other things aren't equal. There is only so much time, money, and manpower available for good causes so we need to put them where they will do the most good. Looking at the statistics. Do you think tsunami-related projects are the best use of our taxes? I certainly don't.

Win \$1,000 in Gasoline

Curry County 4-H is having a gasoline raffle. There is one prize of \$1,000 in gasoline. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Only 300 tickets are for sale. The drawing will be Sunday, July 31 at the Curry County Fairgrounds. Find tickets by contacting the Langlois 4-H Community Club at (541) 347-9218, or by e-mail fundraiser@compellingcrafts.com

Senior Center Meeting

The Port Orford Senior Center holds their monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 11:00am, at the Center. This month the Center has invited Coos-Curry Electric Coop general manager Werner Buehler to the meeting for a question and answer session.

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CLASSIFIED ADS are \$3.50 for the first 25 words or less, and 10¢ each additional word (if any.) Deadline is 3:00pm Tuesday. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc., 832 Hwy 101, Box 49, Port Orford, OR 97465 (541) 332-6565.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Port Orford Planning Commission will hold a special meeting and hearing on Tuesday June 28, 2005 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Port Orford City Hall at 20th and Idaho Streets, Port Orford, Oregon for the purpose of completing the public hearing and other agenda items scheduled for its regular meeting of June 14, 2005. The regular meeting of June 14, 2005 was adjourned early because of a tsunami threat to the city that required evacuation of the City Hall building. The public hearing for the following application will be resumed at the point it was at when the meeting was adjourned. Application: PO S-0501, Applicants: Randy & Beverly Pierce. A proposed preliminary plat and plan for a 20 lot residential subdivision including the construction of a street, public sewer and water lines and the division of the subject property into smaller lots for residential use. The subject property is identified as Assessor Map 33-15-04BC; Tax Lot 700 and is located on the east side of Deady Street between 10th and 11th Streets within the City of Port Orford. All are welcome to be heard. For further information call (541) 332-3681, or mail to City of Port Orford, P.O. Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465. Chuck Nordstrom, Planning Director.

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