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Give It Up for ODOT By Evan Kramer

I have to hand it to the Oregon Department of Transportation on their handling of the Rocky Creek landslide. They held a press conference at the site where the southbound lane had fallen off to the seaward side of the hill on Tuesday January 3, at 10:00am. After letting the television and print journalists take lots of photos and Ray Cranston conducting a brief interview the crew from LTM Corporation rolled up their sleeves and went back to work. The goal: reopen one lane of Highway 101 two days later at 8:00am on Thursday, January 5. ODOT paid LTM approximately \$70,000 to get the job completed and LTM worked around the clock and the mission was accomplished.

One lane of Highway 101 reopened and allowed traffic to again move north and south, alternating between northbound and southbound traffic. The one lane area will be operated with flaggers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The average delay has been three minutes or less.

On Sunday Honeybear and I drove down to try out the dip, as the road at the Rocky Creek fill has been lowered by 15 feet and we had very little wait going south-

bound and northbound. The temporary road had a nice bed of asphalt on it and was wide enough not to feel like you were at the edge.

ODOT officials made a commitment to the people of the south coast and the trucking industry to get Highway 101 open by Thursday morning and they honored that and are to be commended. The next step is working on a more permanent two lane fix. ODOT has committed to getting that done by spring break of this year with the least disruption possible.

Jared Castle and Lee Sparks from ODOT stopped in on Tuesday on their way to city hall to talk about the fix. Currently a contractor is drilling for core samples of the fill to determine what it is composed of and the condition. If ODOT has to remove all of the fill where the highway slid they would have to remove 50,000 cubic yards of material which equals a 28 mile long stretch of 10 yard dump trucks. Then, to put that much fill back would require another 28 mile stretch of 10 yard dump trucks. The culvert that Rocky Creek flows through under the fill has failed and needs replacing. Castle said he expected ODOT to make an announcement in February regarding the long term fix for the Rocky Creek slide.

ODOT has made it a point to get the word out that Highway 101 would be reopen on Thursday morning which is why they held the Tuesday and Thursday morning press conferences. They got the word out in the bigger papers like the Oregonian and Eugene Register-Guard. They also had reader boards on Highway 101 north of Port Orford and on Interstate 5 on Thursday notifying the motoring public that 101 south of Port Orford was **OPEN**. ODOT officials estimated in one of their press releases that the economic impact to this region from a Highway 101 closure at \$500,000 per day "based on increased travel times and transportation costs."

There are several other trouble spots south of Milepost 303 where Rocky Creek is located including the Rocky Point parking area which has seen some sloughing off and south of there where the highway is dropping and needed an asphalt fix on Monday by ODOT crews.

ODOT has a couple of ways for the public to find out the current road conditions and, the way things are going, they will no doubt change. Road condition information is available online at www.Tripcheck.com or by calling 511 or 1-800-977-ODOT (6368). California

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H0938 8.1	L0435 4.2	L0518 4.0	L0558 3.9	L0638 3.7	L0719 3.5	L0802 3.3	L0849 3.1
L1704 -0.7	H1022 8.1	H1103 8.0	H1141 7.9	H1219 7.6	H1256 7.2	H1335 6.7	H1419 6.1
	L1742 -0.7	L1817 -0.7	L1850 -0.6	L1921 -0.3	L1951 0.1	L2020 0.6	L2048 1.2

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highway conditions are available at 916-445-7623 or online at www.dot.ca.gov.

Garrison Coastal Lagoon Outlet Opened

Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department hired contractor Joe Marsh and crew to re-open the Garrison lake/lagoon outlet last Thursday and they were successful but so far the water level has not receded very far. State Parks Manager Frank Eckley told us that Marsh and crew worked on the opening on Thursday and finished their work on Friday. On Monday he estimated the lake had dropped one foot but all night Monday and into Tuesday it has been raining. Eckley said he was very "impressed" with their work and that the beach really looks good thanks to the sand build up at Agate Beach. He was also impressed with the flow volume through the outlet.

For the time being Twelfth Street at the boat ramp and Arizona Street between Madrona and Geer Circle remain closed because of high waters.

Police Report By Chief Mark Creighton

01-04 Police responded to Hamlet in Port Orford regarding a dog at large. Police determined the dog's owners were not home, and animal control could not respond to seize the dog because of the slide at Rocky Point. When the officer started to leave the area an additional dog walked up to the officer in the middle of the street, obviously to turn his owner in for permitting him to also run at large. Both owners were later contacted, counseled, and given warnings for permitting their dogs to run at large. Remember: It's not the dog's fault for being out of the yard. They can't read.

01-04 Police were contacted by Gayle Wilcox regarding a male subject walking on Highway 101 down the center of the road acting unusual. When police arrived, Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox and Assistant Fire Chief Wade Phillips were both on scene holding the male subject up. The Officer used the police vehicle for a place for the subject to sit while he received a medical evaluation. An ambulance was contacted and the subject was

transported to the hospital for immediate medical assistance. Upon interviewing several people, police determined the male subject had been flagging at Battle Rock. He began to act strange by waving the flag, and walking down the center line on the highway. Several people stopped, yelled at the man and threatened to turn him in to ODOT. One person took photos of him to send to ODOT as evidence. Thanks to the fast actions of Gayle Wilcox and Wade Phillips the man's life was probably saved. Thank both of you for living in our community. NOTE: if you're driving along and see someone acting unusual you might just save their life by calling 911.

01-05 Police received information from a mother that her daughter had been talking to a male subject (Age 17) in New Hampshire via the internet. After they got acquainted over some time, the 16 year old female was contacted via the internet by the subject's friends who told her that her friend had died, and they wanted her to have her mother fly her to another state so they could take her to the

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funeral. Police contacted a New Hampshire Police Department where the subject was supposed to be living, and no one with that name existed. NOTE: Port Orford Police are coordinating with the New Hampshire Police Department to identify the person or person's involved in this suspicious act. That Police Department has reported several similar cases and is assisting our agency with an investigation. If anyone knows of any similar contacts via the internet with children, please report it to the Port Orford Police Department at 332-9013. If you reside in the county contact the Sheriff's Office at 1-800-543-8471.

01-06 Police responded to Washington and Sixth Street on a report that a vehicle stopped momentarily, two possible gunshots were heard, the rear passengers window shattered, and a male subject dove out the back door, and walked away as the vehicle sped away. The subject appeared to be injured. Police investigated the incident and determined no gunshots were fired. The male subject had broken out the window and exited the vehicle on his own. Police were not

able to locate the male who had a restraining order not to contact the female driver in the vehicle he jumped from.

01-06 the male from the previous call came to the police department with a female to turn himself in. He appeared to be injured from the fall, and an ambulance was called to the police department. The accompanying female became disruptive, and was detained. Ambulance personnel arrived and transported the male to the hospital for his injuries. The female was released to a relative pending a report to the Curry County District Attorney for review for Disorderly Conduct, and other additional charges. A report will also be sent to the District Attorney for review for violation of a restraining order by the male subject who was transported to the hospital.

01-06 police responded to a residence on Oregon Street for a residential burglary. The residence was unlawfully entered and an undisclosed amount of property was taken. The case is currently under investigation.

01-07 Police assisted Port Orford Rural Fire at Geer Circle on a possible fire. It was determined the home owner acci-

dentally spilled water on an exposed electrical wire. No further action taken.

01-08 A report was received from Geer Circle of a vicious dog attacking a home owner. The case is under investigation.

Town Hall Workshop

The City of Port Orford is holding a series of workshop meetings on whether or not to update the City's Comprehensive Plan. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 31, from 7:00-9:00pm at City Hall. The meeting will be a discussion of our changing economy and current plans. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this and the following two meetings.

As part of the process a survey for the citizens of Port Orford was included in the current water and sewer bill which was mailed in an envelope rather than a postcard. If you live in the City but do not pay a water and sewer bill you can get one of the survey forms at Port Orford City Hall or at the Downtown Fun Zone. It is requested that the surveys be completed and back to City Hall no later than February 17.

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Letter to the Editor,

This letter responds to Werner Buehler's recent "Dear Member" letter in the Ruralite. It concerns CCEC's responsibility for control of noxious weeds-particularly Gorse - in its right-of-way.

Our organization has regularly gathered as a voluntary effort annually in the spring as "Gorse Busters," to control Gorse throughout the watershed. We have worked in cooperation with the South Coast Watershed Council. Because of these efforts, this watershed is relatively free of Gorse infestation.

Gorse is an exotic, noxious weed, recognized by the Oregon Department of Agriculture as one of the prime weed species affecting the Oregon landscape. It is especially aggressive in the CCEC right-of-way - a prime avenue for Gorse invasion into new areas.

CCEC's past efforts to keep the infestation from progressing have fallen into

neglect under your administration - as is obvious in the right-of-way corridor from Elk Creek to Crystal Creek along Highway 101. Accordingly, we request the following:

1. Designate appropriate staff to attend the Curry County Weed Advisory Board's "stakeholder meeting," January 11 at the Sixes Grange from 6:30-8:00pm for further information regarding Gorse and suggestions for CCEC's role in its control.
2. Promptly direct appropriate staff to devote resources this year to control the advance of Gorse in the CCEC right-of-way between Elk River and Crystal Creek Road this year.
3. Seek funding from the Oregon State Weed Board to support a permanent program for control of Gorse in those CCEC areas where control is still feasible, such as the right-of-way discussed above.

4. Include in the CCEC's annual budget a regular line-item allocation of funds to control state-recognized invasive plant species within CCEC's rights-of-way.

If CCEC fails to address this problem, as a legal matter it will be in direct violation of Oregon state policy.

Sincerely,

David E. Pesonen
Chair, Sixes River Alliance

City Openings

There is one opening on the Budget Committee and two on the Parks Commission. This is an opportunity to contribute to your community by volunteering to serve on a committee. Letters of interest in serving should be mailed or brought to City Hall, PO Box 310, 555 W. 20th, Port Orford, OR 97465. ATTN: Mayor Auburn, or e-mail to bev@portorford.org.

New Electric Meters

Late last year, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative selected approximately 200 members living in the Gold Beach area to participate in a project designed to test the effectiveness of a new, automated meter reading (AMR) technology.

“We are excited about this pilot project and the whole AMR technology,” said Werner Buehler, General Manager/CEO of the cooperative. “The last couple of years have been full of changes for CCEC. We’ve worked hard to manage local and regional challenges that are part of an ever-evolving electric utility and to control the costs that are associated with those changes. This project fits well with our desire to improve service and explore more cost-effective ways of doing business to improve our financial bottom-line on behalf of the entire membership.”

The pilot project crews have replaced approximately 170 meters served out of the Geisel substation with the new electronic meters. The majority of the meters replaced are in the area of Lobster Creek up to Mahe with others strategically placed along the remaining lines. Part of the installation work includes making changes to the communications system at the Geisel substation, which serves that area. Once the new meters are installed and substation work is completed, the technology will provide a communications infrastructure to transmit data and give CCEC the ability to read meters and monitor outages and voltage levels more effectively from remote locations. Monitoring outages becomes even more important during winter storms like those experienced the past couple of weeks. With AMR also comes the ability to reduce the cost of fuel and other costs associated with monthly meter reading activities and allow CCEC to better utilize its labor resources.

Members will receive more accurate billings for a number of reasons. First, the



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AMR meters record electric consumption with 100% accuracy, unlike traditional meters that may have been in place for many years. In addition, with the new AMR meters, electric bills will be based on exact readings instead of estimates – every month. And, those with the updated meters will have daily consumption records that will help them manage their own energy loads.

“We decided to do a pilot project as a way of gaining experience with the new equipment and technology and, more importantly, to use the results of the pilot program to test our assumptions with regard to the costs and benefits we have projected for the entire program,” Buehler indicated. The costs for a system-wide installation are expected to be \$5.3 million with a payback in 5 1/2 years and an overall 10-year savings of approximately \$11 million. “If the pilot project meets our expectations, we will continue to install the new technology throughout the entire CCEC service territory.”

Training for the employees assigned to the AMR program is being conducted in the field at the same time the new meters are being installed and focuses on electrical safety as well as the AMR technol-

ogy. During this training period, members should expect to see more employees than normal in the field as CCEC prepares them for the pilot project phase and to continue on to the next stage of the AMR program if the pilot project results are as expected.

Happy Birthday Martin! By Paula Cracas

“Darker yet may be the night, harder yet may be the fight. Just stand up for that which is right.” - Martin Luther King – Chicago 1967

Yes, that’s right. Martin Luther King’s birthday is just around the corner and the Port Orford Love Monkeys for Peace are going to have a party. And the best part is that you are invited to join us. We will don our party hats and wave our balloons on Monday, January 16 at 4:pm where Washington Street meets Highway 101. Martin Luther King had a dream and the Port Orford Love Monkeys for Peace have a dream also. In our dream the war in Iraq is over and our soldiers have come home. When our dream comes true, then we really will have a celebration. In the meantime, let’s gather to honor a great man... Martin Luther King.



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and a Eugene medical laboratory last week to make sure that urgent blood supplies and patient samples got where they needed to go – on time.

Kathy Furman, the hospital’s medical lab director, said the road closure at Rocky Point south of Port Orford posed at least three problems.

First, she said, the hospital customarily gets its supply of blood from Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay via the American Red Cross out of Portland. With Highway 101 closed, the Red Cross arranged to deliver supplies to the hospital from Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, Furman explained. She added that Curry General orders up to four liters a week.

Secondly, with the highway closed, the hospital was not able to send specialty tests to its Eugene laboratory. Tests such as hepatitis and some viral and bacterial cultures customarily are couriered to the Oregon Medical Laboratory (OML). “OML contracted with a courier from Brookings to pick up our samples and fly them to Eugene,” Furman said.

Thirdly, the hospital was unable to receive blood samples from Curry Family Medical in Port Orford, for testing at the hospital lab. Furman said an OML courier took those samples north to Eugene, instead.

“The storm posed a lot of challenges,” Furman said. “We always depend on going north instead of south for our testing and supplies. So it was great to develop contingencies.”

Additionally, the highway closure prevented Curry Family Medical physician, Tom Pitchford, M.D., from traveling to his office, Tuesday, Jan. 3. The clinic’s Sandra Johnson, F.N.P., however, was able to slip through the detour route over China Mountain before the detour also was closed. Unable to drive home, she spent the night in a Port Orford motel and saw patients throughout the closure.

Where the Buffalo Roamed

The Point Orford Heritage Society is pleased to sponsor an Oregon Chautauqua program by Dennis L. Jenkins of the University of Oregon Museum of Natural History entitled *Where the Buffalo and the Camel Roamed: Oregon’s Earliest High Desert Occupants*. This free, public program will take place on Sunday, January 22, at 2:00pm at the Port Orford Christian Center, 915 Washington Street, Port Orford.

Dennis Jenkins draws on his years of experience with over fifty archaeological investigations in central Oregon to illuminate the questions surrounding the earliest occupants of the High Desert region.

In the 1930s, Luther Cressman’s excavations in Fort Rock Cave, Catlow Cave, and the Paisley Caves lead him to postulate that people may have lived there as early as the Late Pleistocene era.

Unfortunately, few other researchers accepted his excavation results or interpretations. Later work at the Fort Rock and Connley Caves by Stephen Bedwell suggested that they were occupied 12,000 years ago, but the tantalizing question remained whether the archaeological data supported an even earlier date for human occupation.

For the past three years Dennis Jenkins has directed reinvestigation efforts at the Connley and Paisley Caves. He discuss-

es the process and results of his investigations, bringing audiences the most up-to-date information about the two oldest known sites in Oregon.

Mr. Jenkins’s program is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an independent, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. OCH is dedicated to providing opportunities for lifelong learning in communities throughout Oregon. For more information about OCH or Oregon Chautauqua, please call Carol E. Hickman at (503) 241-0543.

This special program is offered as part of the Point Orford Heritage Society’s lecture program to the local community (www.portorfordlifeboatstation.org). The mission of the Society is to preserve, protect and provide public education on the rich historical legacy of the Port Orford area through the operation of the Port Orford Lifeboat Station maritime museum and interpretive center, quarterly newsletters, a lecture series and special events. For more information contact the Society’s president, Barbara Breuer, at (541) 332-1502. The Castaway By-the-Sea Motel (<http://castawaybythesea.com/>) is a co-sponsor for this event and will provide lodging for Chautauqua scholar Dennis Jenkins.

Hospital vs Road Closures

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Letter to the Editor,

The Port Orford Rural Fire Protection district formed many years ago to give a large Rural Area from Hubbard's Creek south of Port Orford to Hensley Hill, Knapp Road, North Garrison Lake, and Elk River Road to the Oregon State Fish Hatchery structure fire protection. The early fire board members saw the need to establish an extensive fire station on the Elk River strategically located for emergency response time.

The fire district has since then achieved many pieces of apparatus for mobile water carrying fire safety equipment. This equipment was made available through many hours of work by our volunteer firemen and Fire Chief George Gehrke and others past.

Now comes the new idea of completely stripping the new Elk River Station leaving not one piece of fire fighting

equipment able to respond out of the Elk River hall.

I will not finger point, my only goal is as follows to try and persuade the Rural Fire District board a serious mistake of judgment has been made. A large sum of tax dollars is saved and available for improvement purchasing. If it's "really" necessary to abandon our surplus military 5000 gallon mobile water supply truck then perhaps we the district need to look at priorities and purchase a mobile water supply/pumper rather than the latest proposal. Shutting down Elk River Station after over \$100,000 in structures are placed there is a very "bad" decision. Yes I can answer how to improve this if asked!

Brice Wagner

20 years PORFD Fire Fighter,

Many years on the Rural Fire Board

[Brice is one of the original founders of the Port Orford Rural Fire District. – Editor]

Functional Art Works!

As chairperson for this year's Functional Art Works Events, I often get asked how a silent auction works.

Let me explain: From June 23-29 the Functional Art will be showcased at the Triangle Square Gallery. Come to the gallery and enjoy all the wonderful pieces on display. If you see a piece that you would like to bid on just use the "bid card" attached to a piece and write your name and bid amount in the space provided. Keep an eye on your selection during the week because you may not be the only person bidding. On June 30 all the art will be moved to the community building for the main event to be held on July 1. Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of art, snacks, the crazy, young lampshade contest and your last chance to bid on your desire piece. Bidding will close in the late afternoon and the highest bidders will be announced. Any questions? Call Wendy at 332-9082.

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Port Orford Library News by Tobe Porter

The number of donations made in December to the Library Foundation for new library construction is astounding, and humbling, to me. We received donations from \$15.00 to \$50,000, putting us over the \$1.3 million mark. We can begin to more than imagine our new library; we can look for construction to start in early summer! If you would like to get a start on your tax-deductible donations, feel free to match any amount from \$15.00 to \$50,000—every penny makes a big difference. Thank you generous community!

The Friends of the Port Orford Library elected new officers. They are: Pat Rhoades, President; Ann Voltin, Vice-President; Midge Hayes, Secretary; and Paulianne Balch-Rancourt, Treasurer. These officers will steer this hard working group through two book sales and the annual Christmas Bazaar. The Friends meet the first Tuesday of every month (except July and August) at 10:30am in the City Council Chambers. Dues are just \$5.00 a year.

This month's family story time is Alacazam! with the zany Liberry Pie readers at 6:30pm, and don't forget our weekly story time for the younger set (birth to 5



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years) every Wednesday at 10:30am. On Saturday, January 28, we are co-sponsoring a delightful Chatauqua program with Langlois Public Library: The Witch's Garden, the hidden meaning of fairy tales. The program will take place at 2:00pm at Langlois Library.

HIV Testing Day

The Curry County Health Department is holding an HIV Testing Day in the county on Friday, January 27 at the three health department locations. The HIV testing in Port Orford will be from noon – 2:00pm at the Health Department at 1403 N. Oregon Street. The test is anonymous, free and no needles. Take the test and take control. For more information contact Sherry Cleghorn, Curry County Health Department, at 541-247-3300 or Mary Murphy at the HIV Resource Center, 1-877-440-2761.

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**Contest Ends In Tie
by Jay Stoler**

It can truly be said that Port Orford has never lost the Holiday Lights Challenge with neighbor Gold Beach. We won last year and this years contest has been called a tie. Gold Beach will display the winner's plaque for the first half of the year and Port Orford for the second half of the year. Thanks again to the many businesses and residents who really worked hard to light up the town.

The Port Orford and North Curry Chamber Annual Award ballots have been sent to members and the winners will be announced on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at the American Legion building during the Awards Banquet.

The nominees are: 1. Business of the Year ; Port and Starboard, 'Neath the Wind Realty and the Downtown Fun Zone. 2. Organization of the Year; Arts



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The banquet will take place from 6:30 pm until 8 pm and will feature a choice of Roast Pork or Fresh Fish entrees. There will also be other awards. Tickets are available at the Visitor's Center or by calling and leaving a message at 332-8055.

Codes Enforcement Officer by Mark Creighton

John Fink has been hired by The City of Port Orford as the new Codes Enforcement Officer. John has been working with the police department in a reserve officer capacity since August of this year, and is filling the position left vacant several months ago when Deneen Kahman resigned to move back to Reno Nevada. John will working 15 hours a week in his capacity as Codes Enforcement Officer and will additionally maintain his reserve status as a community volunteer. John is a good asset to this community and we welcome him aboard.

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Square Dance Lessons

The Beachcomber's Square Dance Club is starting a new class for those interested in learning to square dance. Instructor Colleen Quigley from Coquille will teach each Thursday evening from 6:30-8:00pm at the Beachcomber's Cove on Nicholson Drive. Square dancing is a fun, healthy and mind stretching activity. The music is good and the friendship involved is exceptional. Once you can square dance you will be able to find a group dancing in almost any area where you might be traveling or visiting friends

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Project Grad Fundraisers

Project Graduation has upcoming fundraisers for the Drug and Alcohol Free Night. The New to You Sale/Car Wash (weather permitting) will be held on January 21 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Driftwood School. Please drop off gently used items at Driftwood from 4:00-7:00pm on Friday January 20. If you would like to have items picked up call Brenda Bowman at 332-8001, Maureen Wayne at 253-6230, or Virginia Hughes at 347-2785.

Also remember to save your store receipts from Ray's Place Market and Price'N'Pride stores. We receive one percent of sale. Please drop off your receipts at the schools or the Post Office.

City Council Meets

The Port Orford City Council meets on Tuesday, January 17, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. City Hall is closed on January 16 to observe the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Also closed in observance of the King Holiday are the postal service, banks and credit unions, schools, and county, state and federal government offices.

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First 2006 Baby

Surrounded by baskets of toys, baby products and other gifts, first-time mom Bradi Shanks of Brookings congratulates her newborn, Josiah Xavier Shanks, the Curry General Hospital First Baby of the Year. Gail Giles, left, president of the Curry General Hospital Auxiliary, and Ginny Hochberg, CEO, right, presented Shanks and Josiah with their new baby booty during their hospital stay, Friday, Jan. 6. Josiah was born at 10:40 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 4, weighing in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Shanks says a lot of people may recognize her as the Brookings Subway lady because that's where she is employed. She says he is not sure when she will be able to return to work. Josiah is the grandchild of Karen Shanks and Paul Sayurin of Honolulu. Jody Shanks of Brookings is the proud auntie.

Hike Postponed

Curry General Hospital's Sole Pursuits night hike and star-gazing activities, originally set for January 7, has been postponed until Saturday, Jan. 14, due to travel difficulties and inclement weather, announced Cathy Boden.



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Boden invites all hikers and those curious about winter constellations, to meet at 7 p.m., at Battle Rock State Park Visitors Center in Port Orford. If skies are overcast at that time, the walk will be postponed again until Saturday, Jan. 21.

For a schedule of Sole Pursuits, check out the Curry General Hospital Health Network website at www.curryhealthnetwork.com, and click on Sole Pursuits. Boden can be contacted at the email address: solepursuits@curryhealthnetwork.com.

Rainfall Report

23.18 inches of rain fell in the month of December as measured by DeBoyd Smith, a resident along Sixes River Road. This total beats the 2004 rainfall for December which was 19.71 inches but falls short of 2003 (27.62 inches) and 2002 (28.75 inches). The season to date as of December 31, 2005 stood at 47.16 inches of rain.

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Onis Junior Hathorn

A memorial service will be held for Onis Junior Hathorn on Thursday, January 12, 2:00pm, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Port Orford. The church is located at 2015 Washington Street. A gathering in the fellowship hall will be held immediately following the service.

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County Commissioners Report By Molly Cooley

Curry County Commissioners held a special meeting with the Fair Board on Monday January 9. The entire volunteer Board was in attendance. Commissioner Ralph Brown, who is a Fair Board Member, began the discussion with a summary of the current situation.

The Fair Manager, Tom Amsden, who has been working half time, resigned, and will not be working after next week. The Fair Board needs an interim person to keep the office open while they go through a formal hiring process. They want to get a loan from the County General Fund so that they can eventually hire a full time director. The County Fair, as a week long event, has shrinking revenues. The Fair Board recognizes that a full time manager is needed to develop a year round schedule of revenue generating events. All the money the Board made this year has gone into building maintenance, so they have no money left to spend on running events and programs.

Sharon Mitchell, Fair Board Chair, described some of what the Board members

learned while attending this year's Oregon Fair Association. She said that Josephine Co. has over 1500 events each year at their Fair Grounds compared to between 40 and 50 at Curry County's facilities. She said, "We are missing the boat by not using our Equestrian Facilities for horse shows." The Fair Grounds in Albany has an equestrian event every week in the year, and they generate revenue for the whole community. Mitchell said having our equestrian facility right next to a beach was unique in the state. Board members were advised by other Fair Boards to take advantage of the opportunity to offer beach rides during equestrian events.

The Fair Board agreed that the Fair Grounds should be seen as an economic development opportunity. They said they needed more accurate information about how much it cost to operate each building, so that they could gauge how much to charge in rent. Their last in depth business plan was done seven years ago, and, even at that time, there was an estimated two million dollars worth of deferred maintenance on the Fair Ground buildings.

Board Member Linda James said that in the past when the Fair had a full time director there was also an office assistant on staff. This enabled the Director to get out into the community to make contacts and get sponsorships while the assistant answered phones, did mailings and handled walk-in requests.

Commissioner Schafer said the Fair Board should come up with a specific proposal about how much money they needed to borrow from the General Fund. County Finance Manager, Ken McCann told the Commissioners that the Fair Board needed help in clarifying their expenses and revenues before they could come up with either a loan proposal or a new Business Plan. It was agreed that McCann and County Counsel, Jerry Herbage, would attend the Fair Board

meeting on Tuesday evening to assist them in their work.

In other business, the Commissioner's heard an explanation from Dave Pratt, Planning Director of a letter he had written to the Brookings City Commission in answer to questions they had raised about the Harbor Annexation activities. The Commissioners approved the letter with minor changes.

Commissioner Shafer brought up a suggestion she had received that the county explore creating an Urban Renewal District in South County to help with storm water drainage issues. Pratt said that he had considerable experience with Urban Renewal projects and would be happy to help her investigate the possibilities further.

Senior Center News

The Port Orford Senior Center has many things going on including a walking group which meets at the Center on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00am. The Tai Chi class meets on Friday mornings from 8:00-10:00am.

You can get your blood pressure taken every Tuesday from 9:30am-12:30pm.

The TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) group meets each Monday at 9:30am and 6:00pm.

The rummage sale will be held on Saturday, January 21, from 10:00am-1:00pm.

The nutrition meeting is on Tuesday, January 31 at 10:30am with the monthly meeting and lunch from 11:00am-1:00pm that day.

The Senior Center and office is open Monday through Friday from 9:30am-3:30pm. The coffee's always on and you are welcome.

Port Commission Meets

The Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Thursday, January 19, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.