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Slip Sliding Away By Evan Kramer

It was Sunday and a fine day in the neighborhood to go out and see what the world looked like after days of rain. I loaded up Honeybear in the back of the pickup truck and off we set for Humbug Mountain State Park and a ride through the Highway 101 slide zone. Because of the barrage of rainstorms that have hit the area, Highway 101 from just north of the Rocky Creek slide almost to the Brush Creek Bridge is showing severe signs of wear and tear and sliding as are many areas all the way to the state line.

The southbound lane of Highway 101 just north of the Rocky Creek slide has dropped at least one foot and that part of the highway is closed. Before you get there from the north you reach the flagger and have to wait until the pilot car guides you south to the Brush Creek Bridge. Traffic is now limited to one lane with a waiting time between 15-20 minutes to head either south or north. There are a couple of other slides where the guardrails have noticeably dropped off along the southbound lanes. The pilot car averages no more than 30 miles per hour but the sun was shining and the view was spectacular which of course is why the highway was built in its present precarious location.

It is always enjoyable taking a walk in Humbug Mountain State Park in winter because you almost have the park to yourself. There are two park hosts staying at Humbug and on Sunday one family braving the weather and camping in their recreational vehicle. We hiked through the campground sections to the beach where Brush Creek meets the ocean but it was near high tide and there wasn't any beach to walk on that day. We walked back through the park along Brush Creek which was flowing quite full, as could be expected, and then walked part of the way up the trail that once was Highway 101. Even that wasn't easy as one of the main feeder creeks to Brush Creek flows across it and a few years ago it knocked down the substantial wood and concrete bridge. Normally you can walk across the creek but not this Sunday. Plans are to replace the bridge with one that can also be used by emergency and park service vehicles when the money becomes available.

Then it was back on through the slide zone and don't you know it I was the second car in line so had a 15 minute wait. From there we headed to the Port of Port Orford. You can keep track of road conditions at ODOT's web site www.tripcheck.com. As of Tuesday the most current update on road conditions from Mileposts 302-306 was dated January

13. ODOT has arranged the website for ease of use and updates it regularly and even includes contact phone numbers.

Crab season finally opened last week in Port Orford with Norcal making the first buy of crabs (the company only buys live crabs). Fishermen and buyers have agreed on a price of \$1.35 per pound for the crab. Vicky Nowlin, the buyer for Norcal, said that as of Sunday afternoon, they had bought 25,000 pounds of live crab. Many fishermen were taking their crab pots out and setting them on Sunday, so it won't be long before the other buyer, Hallmark Fisheries, has some sizeable totals to report. The third fish buyer at the Port – Starvin Marvin Seafood, was not at the dock on this very busy Sunday afternoon. Monday and Tuesday the area got hit with high winds and surf and activity ceased at the Port with many more crab pots still to set at sea before the fishermen get their first pull.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the Port have arranged for the area off the dock to be dredged started Monday, January 23. Nehalem Dredging will be back once again with their dredge pump and will work in an area 100 feet long (from the fueling station to the Norcal buying station), 12 feet deep and 30 feet wide. The 12 foot depth is at low mean water.

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Slip Sliding Away

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Representatives from the AOEC will meet with Port Manager Gary Anderson and fishermen on Thursday, 2:00pm, at the Port office to discuss dredging issues.

The Port received over \$600,000 for the fiscal year 2005-2006 (October 1 – September 30) for dredging and the goal is to team up with another port or ports and get the clamshell dredge back here and remove a large quantity of sand from the bay. Dredge it or lose it.

Fishing Industry Film

In an effort to rebuild rockfish stocks that are listed as overfished by the National Marine Fisheries Service, Oregon fishermen have experienced major reductions in rockfish trip limits. The Rockfish Conservation Area (RCA) closure restricts fishing effort in thousands of miles of federal waters in the Pacific Ocean. These drastic measures, taken to protect rockfish from further overfishing, threaten Oregon's fishing industry and the economy of coastal communi-

ties. The health of Oregon's ocean waters must be protected.

A groundbreaking new documentary, "Common Ground: Oregon's Ocean", presents solutions for protecting and restoring the state's ocean ecosystems backed by commercial fishermen and scientists.

The 30-minute film will screen in Port Orford on February 3 at 6:30pm in the Savoy Theater followed by a Q & A session with scientists, fishermen, conservationists, community leaders and the audience. An opening reception will take place at 5:30pm at the Wild Wind Café. This is a free event. The documentary features stunning views of Oregon's underwater world and the most up-to-date information about the condition of the ocean. Common Ground's release comes as the Bush administration pushes offshore fish farms and offshore oil and gas drilling, without a concurrent commitment to funding ocean protection, alarming state leaders.

Leesa Cobb, a fisherman's wife in Port Orford who is interviewed in Common

Ground says, "It is important to learn more about marine reserves. This documentary is informative and the panel discussion after the screening will be a great opportunity to get your questions answered."

Commercial fishermen say the documentary is a must-see cautionary tale. "Advancements in technology allowed us to very aggressively target fish that had been ignored before, or that had been barely fished for years and years," says Jeff Feldner a Newport commercial fisherman since 1972. "All of a sudden there's this goldmine to be exploited, and our nature is that we go do that. We now must do a course correction. Our ability to properly manage those species must catch up with our ability to catch them."

Jane Lubchenco, a marine biologist at Oregon State University, who served on the Pew Oceans Commission, agrees. "If we want to have healthy fisheries and healthy coastal communities we absolutely must have healthy marine ecosystems that provide the bounty."

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“A network of marine reserves is a very promising tool that is gaining a foothold around the world,” Lubchenco says. “It’s appropriate for Oregonians to learn about reserves, and talk about them quite seriously.”

“There’s a clear sense of urgency for establishing marine reserves on our coast because there’s probably no way to rebuild our rockfish populations without including marine reserves as part of the solution,” says Mark Hixon, Oregon State University marine biologist and co-author of a new study on rockfish. “We have recently learned that large, old, fat female fish are essential for replenishing rockfish populations because they not only provide more abundant eggs but also eggs that are much more likely to survive than eggs of younger fish. Marine reserves are an essential part of our fisheries management toolbox because they are the only way to ensure that big old fat fertile female fish survive.”

Robin Hartmann, the Ocean Program Manager of Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition and who now serves on the

Ocean Policy Advisory Council, says everyone has a stake in the ocean, everyone impacts the ocean and everyone benefits from the ocean. “When we make decisions about Oregon’s ocean we should have the common good, for all Oregonians in mind,” Hartmann says. “It is a must that we involve all stakeholders in the process of deciding of how to protect this public trust - our ocean resources - for the future.”

Common Ground has been shown to sellout crowds in communities throughout the state. The film is bringing people together to discuss ocean management and solutions aimed at conserving marine habitats and marine species in Oregon.

Port Orford Weather

City of Port Orford Public Works Director Dave Pace gave us the weather statistics for the City of Port Orford as measured at the water treatment plant in Buffington Park. For the month of December 2005 the average daily high temperature was 56 degrees and the average low was 41 degrees. The City recorded 15.37 inches of rain in December with

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some rainfall measured on 25 out of the 31 days in the month. The highest amount of rain on for one day was 2.26 inches on December 28. 12.69 inches of the total for December fell from December 19 to the end of the month. And it has continued to rain through the first 17 days of January the City recording 15.31 inches of rain as of noon on January 17.

Spaghetti Feed

There will be a benefit spaghetti feed and dessert auction benefiting Cub Scout Pack 98 on Friday, January 27, at the Port Orford Senior Center, from 5:00-8:00pm.

Cost for the spaghetti feed is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children ages 6-12 and a family can eat for \$12.00.

The dessert auction begins at 6:30pm. The desserts being auctioned have been created by the Cub Scouts. Come and see their works of art.

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01-07 A vehicle was stopped for a minor traffic violation and police determined the driver did not have a valid driver's license, and the vehicle was not insured. The driver was cited, and the vehicle impounded per city ordinance.

01-09 Police received a report of a missing black chicken in the area of Highway 101 and Madrona Street. If seen please contact the Police Department at 332-9013.

01-11 A vehicle was stopped for a minor traffic violation. It was determined the operators drivers license was suspended. The operator was issued a citation and the vehicle was impounded per city ordinance.

01-12 Police received a call from a citizen with a complaint of Criminal Mischief and Criminal Trespass at a resi-

dence on Deady Street. Stacey Potter was arrested and lodged in the Curry County Jail for the charges.

01-12 A complaint was received of Criminal Mischief from a resident on Hamlet. During the investigation police discovered a male subject had violated a restraining order. Bill Potter was arrested for violation of a restraining order. He was transported to the Curry County Jail and lodged on the charge.

01-13 A complaint was received from a citizen reporting a residential burglary on Oregon Street. Police responded to the residence, information was taken, and the case is currently under investigation.

01-14 A report from a citizen on Hensley Hill Road of a male subject exposing himself to several children. Police responded, the male was contacted, and the case is currently under investigation.

01-14 A report was taken by police regarding the theft of 12 commercial crab pots taken sometime in the last week from the Port Orford Dock. The Crab Pots valued at approximately \$1,620.00 are identified by blue paint on the tunnels, top ring and snap ring. If anyone has information regarding these Crab Pots contact the Port Orford Police Department at 332-9013.

01-14 During a routine police contact with a male subject on Port Orford Loop Road, it was determined he had a Detention Warrant for his arrest. Arrested was Michael White who was transported to the Curry County Jail and Lodged on the warrant.

01-15 Police responded to a domestic disturbance on 9th Street. It was determined that no assault occurred. Both parties were separated and advised of their options. There was some reported damage to property. A report was filed for the damage. No further action taken.

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New Chamber Officers

The Port Orford & North Curry Chamber of Commerce elected four new officers at their January Board meeting at the Port & Starboard restaurant on Jan. 9.

The new President of the Chamber is David Smith, manager of the Port & Starboard. Smith is a dynamic 29 year-old with leadership qualities that will bring a new energy and new blood to the organization.

Elected Vice-president is Cindi Hamby, owner of the Dock Tackle and Gypsy Café at the Port. Hamby is an enthusiastic business person who will also provide energy and ideas to the Chamber. Hamby is also a published author.

Kiki McGrath; is the new Chamber Secretary. Kiki is a lively and busy entrepreneur who owns the popular Prehistoric Gardens in Arizona Beach and in addition is a real estate broker for CA Smith.



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Jim Billings is the new Treasurer. Billings is the Chairman of the Parks Commission and the Manager for the Visitors Centers and is in his second year as a Chamber Board member. Billings has been a tremendous asset to the Chamber, coordinating events with the City.

Rounding out the Board of Directors is newly elected member Chuck Schaumburg, a tourism consultant and representative for Bay Area Directories. Staring their second term year are Cindy Schaumburg, co-owner of Wild Rivers Wool Factory and President of the America's Wild Rivers Coast consortium, and Dan Morin, acting superintendent for the 2CJ school district.

The new board truly represents the full span of North Curry County with Board representation from Langlois, Port Orford, the Port, the City, the Schools and Arizona Beach, with a strong accent on hospitality and tourist services.

The Annual Awards banquet will be this coming Saturday evening, January 21, 6:30-8:00 pm at the American Legion. For tickets and reservations go to the Visitors Center, Port & Starboard, Dock Tackle or call 332-3106. Last call is Wednesday, January 18. Call now.

The next Chamber Board meeting will be on February 13 at 1:00 pm at the Port & Starboard restaurant.

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Rotary News

The Port Orford Rotary featured "Students of the Month" and a presentation by Tere Tronson about the North Curry Families and Children's Center (NCFCC). The luncheon was February 12 with Elaine Roeman as a guest along with the honored students and their parents.

Tara Mitchell, who is only in the sixth grade, was the Driftwood School student selection. Her accomplishments include a straight 'A' average and numerous activities. Rob Ashdown, a senior from Pacific High School and a member of the National Honor Society, described plans for a Horticulture curriculum at Oregon State University.

Tere Tronson wore different hats to illustrate the different services and programs at NCFCC located in the Blue Building at 1403 Hwy 101. Many displays includ-

ed pictures from NCFCC' children and youth theater productions, the edible garden project, the Mommy and Me program, the RAD (Recreation + Adventure = Development program), and more. The Blue Building was started as a "one place center" to serve the many needs of Port Orford and Langlois. The NCFCC helps with everything from flu shots to food Stamps to mental health counseling and employment opportunities. The NCFCC is completely funded by grants and donations.

the Women's Groups discussed plans to jointly publish a Port Orford Christian Women's Cookbook with the proceeds benefiting local community projects. Two members from each group volunteered to serve on this committee. It was also decided that, for future gatherings of Christian fellowship, we would like to call ourselves the "Church Ladies". An interdenominational Bible Study was also discussed.

Church Ladies' Brunch By Viv Williams

The St. John's Women's Guild entertained members of the other Port Orford Churches' Women's Groups at an Ecumenical Brunch Saturday January 14. Good food, fellowship, and fun were shared by 48 lovely ladies. At this time,

First Aid Class Offered

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Children are not responsible for adverse conditions that parents may find themselves in and should not go hungry. When money is short and food is scarce, and the rent is due we, at the Common Good, are able to bridge the gap until the next paycheck comes and going hungry does not happen.

Thank you,

Frank Cramer, President

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DSAC Meeting

The DSAC (Disability Services Advisory Council) will meet on Tuesday, January 24, from 10:00am to 11:30am at the Chetco Senior Center in Brookings. The DSAC has the responsibility for reviewing policy and procedures as well as addressing any concerns related to persons with disabilities. This group also advocates for persons with disabilities within our communities.

If you would like to join this group or if you have any questions, please call Marilyn Green at voice/TTY 247-4515 or voice/TTY 1-800-257-1385. The Chetco Senior Center is located at 550 Chetco in Brookings. Hope to see you there.

Paint with Georganne White

Beginning on February 7, a basic watercolor painting class will be available in Port Orford. The instructor will share with students, explanation, demonstration and plenty of time for experimentation with watercolor painting techniques.

This is a 1.0 credit college-level class but can be taken for personal interest only, at half the tuition price. Class will meet at the Port Orford Senior Center from 1:30-4:20pm on Tuesdays, starting February 7 and ending March 14. The cost is \$69.00 for credit or \$39.00 for personal interest.

Please call the Gold Beach Southwestern Oregon Community College Outreach office at 541-247-2741 for pre-registration.

Felting Workshop

A felting workshop will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21 at the Port Orford Arts Council office.

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On Saturday, January 21 come and make a llama wool hat, from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The cost for this class is \$25.00. The class is limited to six persons. (Must have previous experience felting please).

To sign up for either class or for more info call Linda Nelson at 332-5061.

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GARAGE SALE Fri, Sat, Sun 9:00am. After Sunday if garage door is open, then we're open for business. 825 Jackson.

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FOR SALE – as seen at the Tea Cozy in Bandon. Near new – like new, large floral couch with matching chair & ottoman. Very colorful, country style \$700.00. Nice fiberglass canopy. Light weight. Easy on & off. Came off of 92 Ford short bed. \$100.00 or best. Four tires mounted on chrome wheels. Five holes. P225/60 R16 \$150.00. 332-0473.

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Classified Ads

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wash and fold \$1.00 a pound. Comforters, blankets, sleeping bags, tablecloths, shirts, pants, etc. Wash and press dry cleaning and alterations. Tuesday thru Friday 9am – 3pm 347-9493. After hours drop box available.

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Watercolors — The Basics

Southwestern Oregon Community College Winter Term

Port Orford Senior Center, 1536 Jackson Street (541) 332-5771

Feb 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 March 3, 7, 10, 14

(Tuesdays & Fridays) 1:30 to 4:30

Cost: \$69 for 1 unit college credit, \$39 to audit

Instructor: Georganne White

To enroll, show up at the first class meeting: Tues., Feb 7 — 1:30-4:30



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The driver education class in Port Orford will meet at the Port Orford Senior Center on Monday and Tuesday, February 6 and 7, from 9:30am until 1:20pm. The cost is \$10 (to AARP). Please call the Gold Beach Southwestern Oregon Community College Outreach Office at 541-247-2741 for registration.

Letter to the Editor,

What a caring community we live in! When a single Head Start mother had immediate need for a place to live with her two little children, a wonderful number of individuals and groups contributed to her first and second month's rent,

deposit, and electrical start up. Due to cutbacks, no public emergency funds were available! Special thanks go to Port Orford Rotary members, ESA, and to St. John's Catholic Church.

The Head Start mother is applying for housing assistance which might take six months to be awarded. So, further help is needed with rent until those funds are available. If you would like to help, please go to Chetco Federal Credit Union, say you want to donate to the Head Start Mom, and they will tell you how to fill out your tax deductible check.

This little family is looking for some furnishings: dressers, side tables, lamps, toy containers and twin bed sheets. If you can spare any of these, call me at 348-2174 and I will pick them up.

Thank you for your generosity. Your humanity certainly makes this a better world.

Jo Rieber

Port Commission Meets

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