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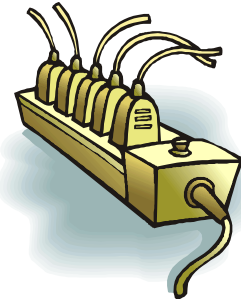
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Alternative Energy

Alternative Energy By Evan Kramer

The Coos-Curry Electric Board met last Tuesday and heard from a variety of people in attendance. Paul Stephan thanked the crew for the recent Coop efforts during the power outages. He spoke about a \$25 charge the Coop applies to a person's bill who sells electricity back to the Coop. Stephan said he wants to contribute to the power grid. He asked if there was a reason selling power back to the Coop was discouraged. Board member Grant Combs said he was concerned with electricity being fed back into the system during a power outage. Board member David Itzen said the board was interested in exploring the possibilities provided by alternate energy. The Board will put this issue (net metering policy) on their agenda for December.

The board as usual was asked about the progress on any changes to the outsourcing (several Coop functions have been outsourced) and also the base meter charge. There was no answer but will be one at the December 16 board meeting. By then it is expected the budget will be complete.

Guy Mullin spoke to the board about the base meter charge. He said he has several rental units of which many were vacant

but he still had to pay the base charge. He said \$33 was an excessive base rate and was hurting a lot of people. Board chairman Daryl Robison said if the board can afford to, it will lower the base rate.

Curry County Commissioner Marlyn Shafer introduced the new county economic director Susan Brown. Schafer spoke about the importance of quality Internet broadband access for Curry County residents. She spoke of telemedicine as one of the waves of the future, emphasizing the importance of Broadband Internet service to make that feasible.

The County has applied for a grant through the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department for \$25,000 to do a plan for Curry County. The plan is for "connectivity" and the county has hired a consultant named John Irwin to put together the plan. The county is asking the Coos-Curry board for \$10,000 to help pay for this project. The county wants to get a competitive price for Internet service for county residents.

Susan Brown said the county was at the beginning of the process and would be sending out surveys to businesses in Curry County about Internet service. The board

will consider the request for \$10,000 but did not vote on it in open session.

While discussing the motion to approve the consent calendar board member Gary Schlottmann asked how many credit cards were still out there in use. Financial officer Doyle Eden said the number was eleven but the number will be reduced to seven and go to the department heads and the general manager. Schlottmann recommended having one credit card at each office.

Doyle Eden then gave the budget analysis and Form 7 report. He told the board that the Coop was in the part of the year where we will be losing money. Eden said the first 5-6 months of the year the Coop shows a positive margin. The next six months the cost of power goes up and the sales go down. For the month of October the Coop brought in \$2,174,000 in revenue while the net income before taxes showed a loss of \$174,000. Through October the Coop has had revenues of \$23,346,000 with a net income before taxes of 3,918,000.

Eden was asked about the changes in where the Coop is keeping its money. They pulled some of their money out of Chetco and put it in Sterling Savings Bank and CFC (short for National Rural

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Utilities Finance Corporation) because the rates were better according to Eden.

Grant Combs explained the policy review committee decisions on policy bulletins beginning with Policy Bulletin #52 (service fees). The policy committee recommended reducing the charge from \$200 to \$100 for each service connected during "normal working hours" and to reduce it from \$400 to \$200 for after hours connections. The board voted unanimously in favor of the change and it went into effect on December 4.

Policy Bulletin #64 regards inspection of the Cooperative's books and records. The CEO/General Manager will decide if the request for information is valid and approve or deny it. The board approved this unanimously. Policy Bulletin #83 had to do with setting the equity and financial goals of the Coop and it was passed.

The next board meeting is on Saturday, December 16, 10:00am at the Coop headquarters in Port Orford.

Light up a Life Campaign

Volunteers and Staff members at Curry County Hospice are busy hanging commemorative ornaments on this year's Hospice Memorial Trees, as the Light Up A Life Campaign begins.

The 12th annual ornament has been "unveiled", designed by volunteer Donna Marie Priess. The design has a background of variegated blues and greens with a beach theme representing the communities of Curry County which the hospice program serves.

The commemorative ornaments are available for a donation in any amount to Curry County Hospice. They are then hung on the Hospice Memorial Tree in the community from which they were ordered. The trees are located at the North Curry Family & Children's Center in Port Orford; Gold Beach Books in Gold Beach and Chetco Public Library in Brookings.

Persons interested in obtaining an ornament just need to fill out and mail in one of the brochures mailed to each household in November. Additional brochures

are available at each of the Hospice Offices, at each Memorial Tree site or by calling 469-0405, 247-7084 or 332-0273.

The "Reading of the Names Life Celebration" ceremonies are scheduled for Brookings and Gold Beach. The "Reading of the Names" is an annual event in which the names of all the individuals that have a commemorative ornament are read. In addition to the names, there is inspirational music and readings and will end with caroling and reception. Everyone is encouraged to attend this moving ceremony.

The Life Celebration slated for Brookings is at the Brookings Public Library on Saturday, December 16th at 2pm with the reception following. In Gold Beach, the Celebration will be at 2pm on Sunday, December 17th at Gold Beach Books with a reception following.

Proceeds from the Light Up A Life campaign go towards the provision of hospice care throughout Curry County. Hospice includes medical care and support for terminally ill individuals and their families, medication, supplies, equipment and counseling.



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Crab Season on Hold by Evan Kramer

The 2006/07 Oregon Dungeness Crab season was set to begin on December 1 but is on hold as fishermen up and down the coast wait for an acceptable price. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is conducting another pick test to determine the fill rate on the crabs from the Columbia River to Fort Bragg, California.

Crab fishermen in other Oregon ports work under a different set of circumstances than those in Port Orford. In other Ports the fishermen have their crab pots loaded on their boats and are ready to go fishing. Meanwhile, in Port Orford thousands of crab pots line the dock awaiting the slow process of being loaded onto the boats. It takes up for four days to get all the Port Orford crab pots loaded onto the boats. Using the two product hoists only three crab pots can be lowered on to the boats at a time.

Another problem facing Port Orford fishermen is the lack of dredging. The Port didn't get its summertime clamshell dredging and is relying on the winter dredging to keep the Port basin naviga-

ble. Nehalem Dredging was contracted by the Army Corps of Engineers to remove 5,000 cubic yards of sand. They set up at the Port on Monday, November 27 and are proceeding despite some mechanical problems which have caused delays.

On Sunday, December 3, Port hoist operators lifted 32 fishing boats into the shallow waters. This included 18 resident commercial boats, six commercial boats not parked on the dock, and eight sport boats. The three main things they were fishing for on Sunday were live fish (groundfish), urchins and salmon. Several fishing boats dragged the bottom as they approached the product hoists.

Pacific Seafood is the largest seafood processor on the coast and handles up to 75% of the crab harvest. The two processors in Port Orford are Hallmark Fisheries, which handles most of the crab and Norcal which buys live crab. Norcal has offered to pay \$1.60 a pound for crab and buy from the entire Port Orford fleet. A memo from Pacific Seafood indicates they have an offer of \$1.60 on the table but it is contingent on the pick rate testing which was set to begin on December 5. Their memo says they won't pay the

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\$1.60 until all areas from the Columbia River to Fort Bragg show crab with the "legal size and fill." It is expected the other processors will follow Pacific Seafood's lead on the price paid for crab.

Letter to the Editor,

Many thanks to the Curry County Commissioners, Commissioner Elect and all the county employees who traveled to Port Orford on Tuesday night to meet with our citizens. They came to talk about the potential budget crisis that will ensue if our federal safety net payments don't come through. Tough choices were discussed, and the citizens in attendance made a wide range of suggestions. There were lots of veterans in the audience, but not nearly enough other participants, (or members of the press) considering how serious the issues under discussion were.

The commissioners will be back in late January or early February, to report on their research and to present their budget proposals. Please look for the meeting announcements in the papers and at the post office, and attend next time. If the feds don't come through this year, we will either have to tax ourselves or give up a lot of the county services on which we depend. If you aren't at the next meeting, please don't complain to me about the decisions that are made in your absence.

Molly Cooley

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Police Report by Chief Creighton Creighton@popd.org

11-25 Police and ambulance responded to a residence on a report of a possible overdose. The subject was checked and refused ambulance. The subject was cited for possession of controlled substance.

11-26 Police made contact with a subject at a residence on Jackson Street. A female subject answered the door with a marijuana cigarette in her hand. When questioned by the officer about the marijuana, she told him that she just wanted to be cited for it and handed the evidence to the officer. The officer even after realizing this might be a tough case to prove said "OK" and issued her a citation.

NOTE: Police thank people for turning themselves in when they commit offenses. If you have committed an offense and wish to do your public service and turn

yourself in, please contact the Police at 555 20th Street, and bring any evidence of the crime with you.

11-29 Police cited a subject on Jefferson Street for dog as a public nuisance.

11-30 Police did a welfare check of a female subject on Washington Street and determined that she was alright.

12-03 Police located three dogs running at large which were taken into custody and transported to the Curry County Animal Shelter. None of the dogs had licenses. If you're missing a dog or dogs, contact the Port Orford Police at 332-9013. We know where your dogs are.

12-03 Police assisted Oregon State Police with vehicles on the Battle Rock Beach. One citation was issued.

12-03 Police assisted Bandon Police with issuing a citation for a traffic crime committed in Coos County.

12-03 Police received a complaint that someone had unlawfully placed a cigarette lighter onto another's property, and moved their rain gutter. While not completely enlightened yet about the case, police have begun an investigation into the allegations.

CHIEFS NOTE: Remember it is close to Christmas and we will all be shopping and buying Christmas presents. Don't ruin your holidays by leaving your vehicle unlocked, and your valuables in plain site. Let's make it difficult for criminals to take our stuff. I was told by a person who works at one of our local True Value Stores that after reading last weeks police report she decided to lock her vehicle but forgot to take her keys out first. So if you're just learning how to lock your vehicles please take it slow.

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County Revenue Meeting

Last Tuesday night Curry County Commissioners held a town hall meeting in Port Orford to discuss the budget crisis the county will face if Congress does not re-authorize safety-net funding for O&C counties. Local veterans showed up in force.


The Commissioners first showed a film about the history of the O&C lands, which used to supply a percentage of timber revenues to fund most of the county budget. Since this funding dried up with the downturn of the timber industry, the federal government has continued to provide safety net payments. However, with high costs of war, these payments are now in jeopardy, and Curry County may be pressed to provide basic services.

Locally, the county is constrained in what it can do to raise revenues. In 1996, with Measure 50, Oregonians voted to tightly limit property taxes. County Assessor Jim Kolen explained that the measure lowered assessed values of property to 1995 levels and then capped their increase at 3% per year. As a result, even big expensive houses now pay relatively small taxes to the county.

The final part of the meeting was devoted to answering community questions and taking suggestions for how to raise revenues from citizens. Many ideas were suggested including attracting fast food franchises; exploring for coal and gas; wind and wave power; developing county RV parks, golf courses, or driving ranges; restructuring county government; passing bond measures; passing county gas, beverage, or lodging taxes; and consolidating with Coos County. Commissioner Lucie La Bonté emphasized that she would accept all ideas, then the commissioners would do more research, figure out which ones could actually work, and come back to share their findings in January.

In the end, local resident Frank Smith concluded: "Fundamentally, we have to address the fact that we have an artificial-ly low tax situation."

For more information or to submit your suggestions, contact any of the Curry County Commissioners by phone or via the Curry County website (<http://co.curry.or.us/>).

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Letter to the editor,

In the spirit of shopping locally this holiday season, I would like to recommend that everyone who hasn't already discovered the new Port Orford Arts Council Arts Guild go check it out. It's in Seaside Plaza, just around the corner from the new Port Orford News office, and it has a great selection of artworks and other handcrafted items perfect for gift giving or for your own home. The prices fall in a range from very inexpensive to moderately expensive, and everything is high quality. I bought some great handmade soaps and two seaweed rattles, but there are also jewelry items and glass work, to name just a few of the many things available. This is your chance to give friends and family some unique gifts at reasonable prices AND show your support for our local arts community. Don't miss it!!

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Community Room – This room is designed with the community in mind: it will contain state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment and a built-in kitchen area. It will be available to local groups and, located next to the Library Friends’ book storage area, this room will be ideal for their ever-popular book sales.

Construction cost: \$109,120.
 Naming Opportunity cost: \$ 50,000.

Computer Section – Our statistics show that over 700 patrons use our free public Internet access computers every month. Students, business people, visitors—all come together in this important 234 sq. ft. section that will be defined by an attractive half-wall, topped by plants.

Construction cost: \$ 30,100.
 Naming Opportunity cost: \$ 15,000.

The Oregon Room – This richly appointed 305 sq. ft. room will house our sizeable, and varied, Oregon and local history collection. There will be glass display cases and a table made of local myrtlewood. It will be a quiet place where patrons can do serious research, or enjoy a trek through our history.

Construction cost: \$ 43,440.
 Naming Opportunity cost: \$ 25,000.

Lobby (Entry Area) – “Welcome” is what every person will feel as they step into the 600 sq. ft. lobby of the new library. With its display areas and tables with chairs, patrons can enjoy a cup of coffee from the Friends’ book & gift store while catching up on the latest local news.

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 Naming Opportunity cost: \$ 35,000.

Young Adult Section – Tucked into the south west corner of the stacks, this area will allow teens to be “separate but equal.” With study carrels and comfortable chairs, it will be the perfect place to study, or just kick back with a book.

Construction cost: \$ 16,480.
 Naming Opportunity cost: \$ 8,000.

Friends’ Book Shop & Workroom – The Friends will operate a book and gift shop in this area, with the coffee pot brewing for folks to enjoy at lobby tables. The workroom will be an active area, where book donations are sorted and stored for the Shop and book sales

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Sheriff Metcalf's Response

By Mark Metcalf,
Curry County Sheriff

[Editor's note: This is Sheriff Mark Metcalf's response to a recall petition against him that was filed with the Curry County Clerk on November 27. The stated reason on the recall petition is: "Past and present criminal activities by the Curry County Sheriff have established a culture of corruption within the Sheriff's department that successfully renders all policies and procedures suspect." The chief petitioner of the "Citizens for an Honest Government" committee is James G. Newman and the treasurer for the recall committee is David Darnell.]

David Darnell, Treasurer of Chief Petitioner Committee, is under formal probation supervision by my office and he was recently incensed that his probation did not allow him to continue to volunteer at the Curry County animal shelter.

The only past matter remotely resembling the statement in the petition are 20 year old game violations that my ex-wife brought up during our divorce 17 years ago. Such were then officially investigated, subjected to public scrutiny, and put to rest.


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tained a lawyer to try and get some money. But, the specifics of the claim have to this date been denied me. However, I can categorically say there has been no "workplace harassment" of any sort, and when, and if, specifics are presented in a manner allowing for a fair and appropriate response it will be overwhelmingly clear that no such harassment has taken place.

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The holiday season is an especially good time to show your appreciation for the long hours worked by the business people of Port Orford. We work hard to provide you with services and goods you desire. We strive to keep Port Orford a viable and appealing small town.

Not only do your merchants need your support, so do our many local volunteer organizations. Take a moment to make donations to the organizations that provide so much. Thank you to the volunteers who give so freely of their time.

Have a safe, loving and peaceful holiday. Be glad for your friends, family and life in Port Orford. We are all blessed to live in such a beautiful place together.

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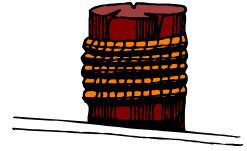
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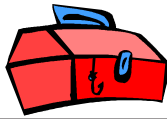
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The Port Orford Library and the Port Orford & North Curry Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring “Shop at Home Day,” a day on which up to 5% of the sales revenue collected at each participating business will be donated to construction of the new library. A list of the merchants who are going to participate will be printed next week. In the meantime, start looking for the bright green “Participating Merchant” flyer in store windows.

To win the \$100, register at each and every participating business location—the more you shop, the more chances you have to win! Mark your calendars, get up early and shop Port Orford. You will find something for everyone on your shopping list, and maybe, just maybe, a \$100 to help celebrate your holidays.

Attention Chamber Members By Evan Kramer

Chamber of Commerce members are currently voting for business of the year in anticipation of their annual dinner meeting on January 20. Please join me in voting for the Savoy Theater for business of the year. It is almost unprecedented for a town this small in the year 2006 to have an operating movie theater showing movies seven days a week. The only reason it happens is because of the owner Chris Speed and now it's time for Chamber members to recognize that accomplishment.

Letter to the Editor,

Over the last few years, we have all attended fund raisers for our new library, supported the book sales and cheered on efforts to obtain grant money. We have been amazingly successful for a little town the size of Port Orford, but alas, with building costs so high, we are still short of our goal. As a member of the Library Board, I have become aware of how much time, talent and energy so many people in our community have dedicated to something that will benefit

not only us, but those who will come after us.

My husband and I have come to the conclusion that we must dig a little deeper into our pockets and so, in the spirit of holiday giving, we are sending the library building fund a check for \$500. We want to encourage everyone to think about what you might be able to give to make this dream a reality by next summer. Stop by the library or call 332-5622 and talk to a member of the library staff or send a check to Port Orford Library Foundation, PO Box 294, Port Orford.

Together, we can do this!!!

Sherry and Eric Johnson
Johnson Gallery, Port Orford

School Board Meeting

The 2CJ School board meets on Monday, Dec. 11, 5:00pm, in the Pacific High School Library. The board meeting is two hours earlier than normal in order to make time for the school district winter concert which begins at 7:00pm, in the high school gym. The public is invited to attend both the meeting and the concert.

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Planning Workshop

The City of Port Orford and the Oregon Transportation and Growth Management Program invite you to a workshop to kick off Phase II of the Planning for the Southern Part of the City. The workshop will begin at 6:00pm, December 13, in the City Hall Gable Chambers.

The focus of this workshop is the Battle Rock shopping area and the Port area, and the balance between the needs of through traffic, pedestrians, shoppers, employees, business owners and residents who use the highway and enjoy the amenities. We look forward to seeing you there.

CURRENT REAL ESTATE MARKET CONDITIONS

The Port Orford and Bandon area real estate has entered a period of market adjustment similar to the national trend. The real estate market in this locality is healthy. Buyers have not disappeared, but they are reacting to inflated home prices that accelerated faster than actual real estate value. Successful sellers will attract buyers by pricing their real estate according to current market conditions and confirm real estate values to buyers, which will bring buyers back into the market. Pricing real estate at the listing stage is paramount to selling the property. For professional assistance in establishing the true market value of your property, call George Foulk at Prudential Seaboard Properties today.

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Red Hat Holiday Events

Red Hat women of Port Orford will meet for coffee and conversation at Wild Wind Cafe Thursday, December 7 from 9:00 to 11:00am. If you had a secret sister this year, bring a wrapped gift - the last one - and put your name on it this time. If you did not have a secret sister, do not bring a gift. Bring canned goods and Ray's

holiday coupons to add to our contribution to Common Good.

That afternoon, Dec. 7, we will decorate our room at Hughes House, starting at noon.

Christmas party/lunch at Bandon Dunes Saturday, Dec. 16, 11:00am. Bring a wrapped gift for exchange. Rides will leave Port Orford at 10:15am. You must have a reservation for lunch and for a ride. Call the Queen Mum at 332-0211 or contact her at grandmam4@hotmail.com

High Tea and Nativities

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Port Orford will be having a display of Christmas Nativity scenes from church members and friends with High Tea on Saturday afternoon, December 9 from 2:00 to 5:00pm in the church parish hall. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome to come, see and enjoy! St. Christopher's is located on 9th Street behind the Downtown Fun Zone on Highway 101.

St. Christopher's celebrates Eucharist (Communion) services on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. For more information, call 332-0998.

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Chamber Annual Meeting by Jay Stoler

Chamber members should have received ballots in the mail for the Board of Directors candidates, as well as a newsletter, awards ballot nomination form, and awards banquet invitation.

The Annual election presents us with three able and qualified candidates for the two-year term.

Cindy Schaumburg, current board member, co-owner of sever businesses including Wild Rivers Wool Factory in Langlois. Cindy also recently served as president for the America's Wild River's consortium.

Dian Marple, current board member has been Executive Assistant at Coos-Curry Electric Coop for more than a dozen years and has been a paralegal and small business owner. She has lived Langlois for more than twenty years.

James Billings, current board member and lifetime resident of the area is also the chairman of the Port Orford Parks Commission and manager of the Visitors Center. Jim has several local business interests.

Ballots can also be brought to the Chamber office at the Visitors Center but must be turned in before noon on Monday, December 11. Winners will be announced at the Annual Members meeting, Monday, December 11 at 1:00pm at the Wild Wind Café.

Special Transit Meeting

The Curry County Public Transit Service District will hold a special meeting on Friday, December 15, at 4:00pm in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex, 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon.

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Other matters may be discussed at the meeting. For further information call: (541) 247-3296

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Planning Commission Meets

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Letter to the Editor,

An American Apollo flag has come to a sad ending. On or around the last week of February 2006 a flag with a beautiful picture of earth, taken during the Apollo mission, an unbelievable space mission for America. Along with a tiny American signature flag to remind people what

pioneers Americans truly have been was pulled down and broken by someone(s) who could only have misunderstanding and hatred in one's heart. Sad.

Please remember that this is Christmas time and to support our troops.

Mac Foxx

Computer Tip

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The highlight of this month's easy-rated hike will be observing spawning salmon, if all conditions are right. Participants are encouraged to wear polarized sunglasses to help cut the glare on the water's surface and better view the returning ocean salmon in their nesting habitat.

The group will walk along the mostly level surface of Elk River Road adjacent to the river, from two to six miles or farther, depending on individuals' preferences.

To see a spawning salmon in the stream look for white flashes underwater in the same vicinity. This could be the female or 'doe' salmon turning on her side to dig her nest, also known as the redd. She selects the spawning location and prepares the redd. A salmon redd is a depression created by the upstroke of the female salmon's body and tail, sucking up the river bottom gravel and using the river current to drift it downstream.

The male, or 'buck' fights off other males ready take his place beside the female when she is ejecting her eggs. The female salmon digs a number of redds, depositing a few hundred eggs in each during the one or two days she is spawning.

Salmon spawn between 2000 and 6000 eggs, depending upon species.

Hikers are reminded to bring or wear warm, weather-proof clothing, cameras or guide books and snacks. Following the hike to the creek and back, hikers can

help themselves to complimentary dishes of homemade vegetarian chili from the Curry Café. Hatchery tours also will be offered.

Dogs are not recommended on this hike.

Carpools can meet at the Alder Medical Center in Brookings at 9:15am, or at the Curry General Hospital Annex parking lot in Gold Beach at 9:50am; or at the Battle Rock Visitor Center in Port Orford at 10:30am. Hikers also are welcomed to drive directly to the Elk River Hatchery parking lot.

Sole Pursuits will kick off its year of monthly hikes with a trek from Blacklock Point to Floras Lake, Jan. 13.

For more information, email leader Cathy Boden at solepursuits@curryhealthnetwork.com or phone Boden at 541/332-5039.

Library Board Meets

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