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Four Fishermen Lost at Sea By Evan Kramer

The fishing village of Port Orford has been hit by a tragedy of unimaginable proportions. On Saturday, December 16, the 43 foot fiberglass hulled fishing boat, the "Ash" captained and owned by 44 year old Rob Ashdown sunk after getting hit by a large wave at the Rogue River bar in Gold Beach. Ashdown's three man crew consisted of Mark Daniel Wagner (age 40) and Joshua Northcutt (age 30) from Port Orford; and Louis Thomas Lobo (age 39) from Las Vegas, Nevada. All four men are missing as well as the boat.

The boat had recently been bought and refurbished into a crab boat by Rob Ashdown and was headed out on its initial trip to sea with a load of crab pots when it capsized.

The boat went down at 3:30pm on Saturday afternoon. A Port Orford fisherman, who had been talking to Rob Ashdown's father Mike Ashdown on a cell phone at the time, watched the boat as it was overwhelmed by the wave and disappeared. He called 911 immediately and within minutes the Curry County Sheriff's Department was on scene. The Coast Guard responded with helicopters sent from their air stations in North Bend and

Humboldt Bay along with a motor lifeboat from the Chetco River station.

The Coast Guard, Sheriff's Department, and members of the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department were involved in the search as well as many fishermen, family members and people from Port Orford who went down to Gold Beach on Saturday night and Sunday to aid in the search for the missing fishermen and boat. They found the vessel's life raft, two survival suits and other pieces of debris from the boat.

The Coast Guard suspended their search for the crew of the fishing boat at 4:55pm on Sunday night. People continue to search the shoreline for the crew members and boat.

The Port Orford City Council began their Monday night meeting on a somber note with a moment of silence for the four missing fishermen. They then heard from Fire Department Chief Gayle Wilcox about what members of the community can do for the families of the missing men. She said the ESA Sorority has set up four separate accounts, one for each fisherman's family at Chetco Federal Credit Union. The ESA Sorority is a non profit charity so your donations will be tax deductible.

Wilcox said there would be a memorial service for the four men this Saturday, December 23, at 11:00am, at the Sixes Grange with Pastor Doug Jamieson presiding. It has been asked that people carpool to the Grange Hall because of the number of people who will be attending. There will be a potluck lunch after the memorial service.

The Port Orford and Sixes Fire departments will do a processional through Port Orford to the Sixes Grange at 10:00am that morning in honor of Rob Ashdown who was a long time member of the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department. The procession of fire department vehicles will begin at the north end of town and proceed to the south end and then turn around and go the Sixes Grange. Wilcox asked that people line the streets to honor the processional as it passes through town. Wilcox pleaded with people not to listen to rumors about the recovery of the fishermen and not repeat the rumors they are hearing around town. There have been many inaccurate rumors going around town. She said the Curry County Search and Rescue squad will continue to look for the men lost at sea.

Jay Stoler said that the Oregon Dungeness Crab Commission has donated mon-

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H0057 6.2	H0137 6.3	H0218 6.4	H0259 6.5	H0340 6.7	H0422 7.0	H0506 7.4	H0550 7.8
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H1117 8.4	H1200 8.3	H1245 8.1	H1335 7.6	H1432 6.9	H1541 6.1	H1704 5.4	H1839 5.1
L1840 -1.2	L1921 -1.3	L2002 -1.1	L2044 -0.7	L2127 -0.1	L2212 0.7	L2300 1.6	L2354 2.5

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ey to the four accounts of Chetco. The Crab Commission and Newport Fishwife's Association has donated \$1,000 into each of the accounts at Chetco.

A memorial fund has been set up at Sterling Savings Bank for the four families. The account is under the name "FV Ash".

It's time for the Port Orford community to band together and help these four families in this time of loss with you love, prayers and donations.

CCEC Board Lowers Rates By Evan Kramer

Good news came nine days before Christmas for Coos Curry Electric members as the board passed a 2007 budget with a rate decrease in the base meter charge.

The board met in an unusual Saturday morning session to accommodate the availability of all board members. There were more members of the public in attendance than at most meetings.

Board chairman Daryl Robison presented former board member Gary Doran with a plaque for his time on the board. He then presented former board member Dale Thomas with a lamp/electric meter for his term on the board.

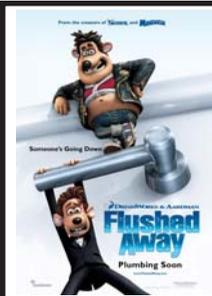
Chairman Robison then went around the room and invited the members in attendance to address their concerns if they had any. Dale Thomas read a two page letter to the board. He was aware that later on in the meeting the board was going to announce the results of their rate decrease and spoke to that issue. He said that one rate class (residential) should not be subsidized by another (business). He said the \$2 million surplus should be returned to the members as a lump sum refund to all members. He said all rate reductions should be equitable with 33% going to residential and 67% to business. He said the board would be stealing from one rate class to give to another.

Rick Hazard talked to the board about looking into the net metering charge and alternative energy. Former CCEC employee thanked the board for holding the meeting on Saturday.

The board approved the consent calendar including the minutes by unanimous vote. They also approved the general manager's safety report.

Board member Grant Combs gave the ORECA (Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association) report. He said at the recent meeting he attended there was a good discussion on wave energy and said it was the way we are headed. He said Brookings was one of the seven sites considered for wave energy. The former International Paper mill site in Gardiner is also being considered.

The board discussed a policy change recommended by the policy review committee. It is the whistleblower policy as recommended by the Coop's auditor. It is policy bulletin #84 and involves document destruction and whistleblowing. The board voted unanimously in favor of the policy bulletin. The board of directors will now be involved with the whistleblowing program along with the general manager.



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The board discussed the Round-Up program where CCEC members can round up their bill to the next even dollar amount. The money raised this way goes to subsidize low income users. The most your contribution could be in a month would be ninety nine cents. The money is distributed by Community Action.

Daryl Robison told the public the board had spent a lot of time working on the 2007 budget. Robison said there would be no change in the outsourcing at this point. He said the Coop was saving \$40,000 by having its billings outsourced. Board member Gary Schlottmann said the outsourcing decisions were made in the best interests of the Coop. The board will continue to investigate and look into the areas which have been outsourced and will have more facts to work with next year. Members were told they could fill out a request for information for more facts about the budget.

Dale Thomas asked several times for a full presentation of the budget and at one point Gary Schlottmann told him to drop it. Board member John Herzog made a

motion the 2007 budget be approved as presented. It passed unanimously

The board discussed a proposed change in the base meter charge (also known as the minimum meter charge) for residential users. The proposal was for the rate to go down from \$33 to \$22.75 per month; a savings to the consumer of \$10.25 per month. The energy charge for the months of May through November for residential users will remain at 6.30 cents per kWh per meter and the rate for the December through April billings will increase from 4.68 to 5.30 cents per kWh for usage over 1,000 kWh per month. This is known as the declining block rate. Total revenue impact on the Coop's margin from these changes was estimated at \$520,000 based on the rate reductions. Board member David Itzen said he was opposed to the change since it wasn't across the board. The motion made by board member John Herzog for the rate changes passed.

The board passed a motion to decrease the base meter charge for the "general service" class which includes schools, public buildings with single phase electrical service and small commercial with

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three phase service. Single phase commercial will drop from \$37.50 to \$35 and three phase will drop from \$47.50 to \$45 per month. The rate decreases are effective on the electric bills after January 1, 2007. This will have a \$53,000 effect on the Coop's margin. The board adjourned the meeting before 11:30am but continued to work on into the day in executive session.

Christmas Eve Service

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church invites you to a festive celebration of the birth of Christ at a Christmas Eve service at 6:00pm on December 24. There will be special music, the blessing of the manger, and sung Psalm, Gospel, and Eucharist. The church will be beautifully decorated with greens and poinsettias.

The service lasts about one hour and will be followed by a potluck supper at the home of the priest. Those attending the supper after the service are asked to bring a covered dish to share.

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Police Report

By Chief Creighton
Creighton@popd.org

12-11 Police responded with Port Orford Fire, Ambulance, and Sixes Fire to a rollover Tractor Trailer accident on Highway 101 near Battle Rock Park. A large empty Chip Truck was traveling south on 101 during the high winds and was blown over onto its side. The truck driver was not injured. Oregon State Highway Division controlled the traffic flow until Mast Brothers could respond from Coos bay and remove the vehicle. The crash investigation was handled by Oregon State Police.

12-12 A set of keys were turned in to the Police Department. If you're missing a set contact our department at 332-9013 or come down and identify them.

12-12 A report that someone was driving crazy on the beach. Police contacted the subject and advised him of state law.

12-13 Police took a domestic assault complaint. During the investigation Michael Davis was located and arrested on 18th Street without incident. He was transported to the Curry County Jail and Lodged for domestic assault.

12-14 Police assisted Port Orford Fire, ODOT and OSP on another tractor trailer rollover accident near Battle Rock Park. Traffic was diverted for some time until the vehicle was removed to a safe location. Remember: Big Truck Vs. High Winds, Equals Big Crash.

12-15 During the accident police issued a subject a citation for driving through all the fire trucks, police vehicles, and an

ODOT truck that had their lights on. Maybe they looked like Christmas Lights?

12-15 A subject was cited into Municipal Court under city ordinance for dog at large on Jefferson Street.

NOTE: The two biggest complaints we receive in our community are dogs at large, and speeders. We have been actively enforcing this ordinance since 2005 and the fine can be \$360.00. Please keep your dogs on leashes or under your control.

12-15 Police received a complaint regarding telephonic harassment. The suspect was called by complainant at the scene and told not to call or contact her again.

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Police Report

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12-16 Police were contacted regarding a subject drinking at Battle Rock Park. After contact the subject decided to find a less obvious place to be.

Several surprise decisions made by our Port Orford Municipal court Judge.

Driver cited for traveling 44 mph southbound between the intersections of 20th and 19th Streets. The decision: give the driver a refund because "Oregon at that location is a deceleration zone".

Driver cited for traveling northbound 48 mph at 19th street. The judge's decision was "Defendant was accelerating from a 30 mph zone to the permitted 45 mph zone" This citation was dismissed.

CHIEFS NOTE: Keeping the public informed is one of my highest priorities so I felt the public needed to be alerted of these two Port Orford Municipal Court decisions. The impact of the above decisions change state set speed limits in our town by allowing a one-quarter mile deceleration, and acceleration speed zone. This allows a driver to travel at least 18 MPH over the speed limit in a 30 mph

zone. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand that speed zones start and end at the speed zone signs, and your local officers enforce those laws exactly as set forth by Oregon Statute. The results of re-defining set state law, changes the way people drive and vehicle speeds will begin to increase. People will start driving even faster in our community because they know the ticket will be dismissed if they are speeding in those newly created speed zones.

We have speed limits to protect our citizens from injury and death. A pedestrian has over a 90% chance of being killed by a vehicle moving 40 mph or higher, and over 11% of all traffic fatalities are pedestrians. A typical vehicle crash in our city is the T-bone crash because drivers feel they have more time to pull out onto highway 101 but realize too late that vehicles traveling at high speeds get to them sooner. A passenger or driver involved in a T-bone motor vehicle crash is more likely to be killed or seriously injured than any other traffic crash. The faster a vehicle is traveling the more serious the injury.

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runs from 19th Street to the bridge and apparently one located at the south end of town ending at Jackson Street. The confusing part is what about the school zone? The school zone is less than one-quarter mile in length so according to this new change the school zone speed of 20 mph doesn't exist because when entering or leaving a school zone you would either be decelerating or accelerating. In my more than 30 years in Public Safety I have never seen such callous, and insensitive decisions the result of which can decrease our safety. Therefore I have instructed our officers to continue to enforce the laws as they are written under Oregon State Statute, and not by the court's new definition.

Grandparents ROCK

Grandparents ROCK (Raising Our Children's Kids) will hold their ongoing monthly support group on Friday, Dec. 29 at 5:30pm at the Faith Lutheran Church, 2741 Sherman Avenue, North Bend. The program this month will be "Our Year in Review; Our Year into View", a look at where we have been and where we want to go. The discussion will focus on the collective as well as any individual sharing that participants want to do. There will be pizza and juice for the kids; hot soup and bread for the adults.

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Clamshell Idea Sunk By Jay Stoler

With Crab season opening and the weather getting nasty, the Port of Port Orford is still wrestling with the shoaling problem of sand building up under the hoist, preventing fishermen from getting out.

The unusual timing of the 2pm meeting on Wednesday was indicative of the seriousness of the problem. All Port Commissioners, Manager Gary Anderson, POORT director Leesa Cobb, fishermen Scott Mecum and reporter Jay Stoler were present at the meeting in the Port office.

The main topic of the meeting was to give Manager Gary Anderson direction on pursuing grants and help. Part of the discussion centered around the Port operating its own clamshell dredging set-up, with two possible dump sites, each with its own set of problems.

The Port is only allowed to pump 7,000 cubic yards of sand over the back of the jetty on an annual basis. This is only a drop in the bucket to what is actually needed, according to virtually all Port Orford commercial fishermen.

During a stormy season, 7,000 cubic yards of sand could be removed one day and be right back under the hoist the next day. This has many fishermen visibly frustrated as their life-long careers hang in limbo.

A second problem would be getting the remainder of the shoaled sand to a dump site further out, one that would need about 1,000 feet of special tubing and high pump pressure to move it to an area approved for a much greater volume of sand. That area is 200 feet beyond the ocean end of the jetty.

Material durability would be a grave concern according to Port President, Scott Luhr, a veteran of the pumping and drilling industry. Luhr had little hopes of that as a realistic fix.

After much conversation on the pros and cons of this subject, the funds available and the uncertainty of the future, the Commission unanimously decided to scrap the idea of doing clamshell dredging on an in-house basis and go back to the drawing board.

Commissioner Dowdy made the motion and said he had reservations about the

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viability of the Port being able to actually do the clamshell dredging, and the impact it would have on the Port's relationship with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and perhaps even other nearby ports.

Both manager Anderson and Commissioner Ed Dowdy were in favor of keeping the ACOE in the loop and not severing ties with them.

Commissioner Bob Milenz was in favor of hiring an engineering company, possibly SHN, to answer key questions about the future possibilities of doing in-house dredging and making sure the Port stayed open. While Milenz voted to scrap the clamshell idea, he felt there were still too many unanswered questions, both of a technical and process nature, to just proceed without some serious engineering research. Milenz said he knew that SHN had experience in this type of work.

Manager Anderson said SHN was one of several possible engineering firms that could be consulted for this research and he said he would look into defining the scope of what the engineering firm would do. The Commission was in consensus to

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pursue this route, especially getting the technical concerns answered.

Port Commissioner Dave Rickle suggested that the Port go back to using drag lines and bring the sand back into the shore using buckets, something done in the distant past. It was even suggested that the sand could be sold for filler as that had also been done in the past.

There was some interest among the Commissioners to include this idea as one to be looked into, via the engineering research, and possibly used as an operative plan or part of a plan.

With the failure of the ACOE dredge, the Nehalem, to show up and pump sand, the fishermen in the room, Mecum and Rickle, were strongly making the point that something needed to be done now to save this fishing season. With Crab season kicking off, it is imperative the Port and fleet have a good season to salvage what has been a very rough year for the local industry

The Commission, after an hour and forty-five minutes voted to look for alterna-

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tive ways to dredge the Port, including keeping in touch with the ACOE and asking for help from Washington. Anderson will be visiting the Capitol on March 12 to lobby for the Port.

Anderson, at the behest of Commissioner Dowdy, will call the ACOE and ask for assistance from a Coastal Engineer, hopefully at ACOE expense to try and minimize Port costs.

Anderson will make a report at the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 19 at 7pm in the Council Chambers and Port Orford City Hall.

Dial-A-Ride Service

This letter was written to a business person in Port Orford by Curry County Commissioner Marlyn Shafer regarding the Dial-A-Ride program.

"No decision was made to cut the Dial-A-Ride service to Port Orford. We have

asked for additional information on the other two cost centers (Brookings and Gold Beach).

Could you help me and see if you can find two people from the Port Orford area to serve on the Public Transit Advisory Board. Since nobody from the north sits on this committee, in fact it is all Brookings people at this time; we don't get a balanced perspective. Also we need a driver for the bus. I think this can be worked out but we need some support from people up there.

The application is on the county's web site for appointment to committees and advisory boards. The web site is www.co.curry.or.us/ Mike Murphy has said that if someone doesn't have access to a computer he will print off the application for them and fax it to us at 247-2718. We really need a voice from the north so it would be really great if you could help."

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Climate Change Presentation

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Bradbury recently completed a rigorous training program led by former Vice President Al Gore to spread the message about the threat of and solutions to global warming. Each trainee took part in an intensive tutorial about issues sur-

rounding global warming, led by Gore and a team of renowned scientists and environmental educators. In addition, each person received technical training to become experienced presenters of a version of Gore's computer-based slide show, which became the basis of his best-selling book and documentary film, "An Inconvenient Truth."

"Bill Bradbury is an outstanding example of the millions of Americans who have been energized by the call to action on the climate crisis", said Gore. "We are so pleased that he has made a serious commitment to this challenge by coming to Nashville to become part of this unprecedented grassroots effort."

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St. John's Church News By Viv Williams

The Parishioners of St. John's Catholic Church cordially invite you to attend our Christmas Liturgy Monday December 25 at 8:30am. For more information, please call 253-6250.

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And until we meet again
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School Exclusion Date

The Curry County Health Department wants to remind parents that the School Exclusion Date is fast approaching. If your child is not current on their vaccines, they will not be allowed to attend school.

If you receive a letter from your school or local health department, please act now to get your child's shots up-to-date.

If you aren't sure if your child is current on their immunizations, please contact the school, or come to the health department with your child's vaccine record and we will be happy to help you.

The Port Orford Health Department office is located at 1403 N. Highway 101. They hold their open vaccination clinic every Tuesday from 9:00 – 11:00am and 1:00-4:00pm, of you may call 541-332-4041 to schedule an appointment.



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Refinement Plan II

About 35 people turned out for the kick-off of Phase II of the Port Orford Refinement Plan last Wednesday at City Hall. The presentation is aimed at cities like Port Orford, where the main highway runs directly through town. This is a common problem in Oregon, and an experienced team of planners, architects and consultants came to town to suggest some creative solutions.

The project is being funded by a \$30,000 ODOT grant that has several functions, the highway being only one of the parts. The other part of the plan is to develop what is known as the Battle Rock Shopping area. This area basically involves the entire south end of town, including the Port and Dock and the Triangle Square area,

The project is the next step in process started about six months ago by Planning

Consultant Crystal Shoji, who is also the contract Planner for the Port Orford Planning Commission.

The main presenter, Karen Swirsky of David Evan Associates from Bend made a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on what other cities have done and what Port Orford might implement. Swirsky also had a nicely bound book for audience members to take home.

Swirsky was very adept at explaining the subtle and not so subtle factors that go into this specialized type of planning. She paused many times to clarify points and answer many questions.

The presentation was broken down into three sections; the overview of a city with a highway running through it; Street improvements, walking and parking and infill, redevelopment and facades.

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Also speaking was Nils Eddy of Nils Eddy Consulting of Bend and Hilary Baker an Architect with Crow/Clay & Associates in Coos Bay. Baker showed a mix of architectural ideas that ranged from ornate to casual, but they all had one thing in common, they made the town more functional and more attractive.

Exactly what will happen in Port Orford is to be decided. Crystal Shoji said there would be only one public workshop and that the project plans, including the part with the Port must be wrapped up by June.

Be watching local publications for upcoming meeting schedules and attending Planning Commission meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. And check the city website at www.portorford.org for Phase II information.

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Letter to the Editor,

We have been attending the monthly board meetings of Coos Curry Electric Co-op. We wish more member/owners would attend and discover how their board functions. They do make decisions that affect all of us. Check out www.ccec.coop or www.cooscurryelectric.com to find out the dates. One can also find past months agendas and minutes.

Today the Board of Directors of Coos Curry Electric Co-op presented its member/owners with the best of good wishes for a Happy New Year. Starting with the billing in January of 2007 there will be a reduction of \$10.25 on the meter base rate from \$33.00/meter to \$22.75/meter/month!! For those members using over 1000kwh per month during December to April the kwh will rise from .0468kwh to .0530/kwh. There was also a reduction in single phase and three phase of the Gen-

eral Service class of \$2.50/month effective the first of January. The board passed both without incident from the board members; there were no nays. Also passed was a new whistle blower policy.

The initial proposed budget for 2007, with the current base rate of \$33.00, would produce a margin of \$2.949 million. The final budget for 2007 passed by the board on December 16, 2006 will produce a margin of \$2.429 million. This reduces the margin by some \$520,000, but it also is at the lower base rate of \$22.75 per meter. What good news.

Thank you board members for all your diligent work in making these important changes.

Don and Kay Jenson

Chamber News By Jay Stoler

In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, Santa and his helpers visited the

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2CJ School system last week. Santa brought candy and fruit and spent time talking with the children in each classroom. The helpers were Chamber vice-president Cindi Hamby and Lynn Voshall. Santa arrived via fire truck, thanks to Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox.

Santa also visited all the nursing homes in Port Orford on Saturday and was seen around town for the Shop Local Day Promotion. Santa drew the winner of the \$100 bill on Monday. The winner's name will be in next week's paper.

Chamber board elections are over. The board for 2007 will be David Smith, Cindi Hamby, Kiki McGrath, Jim Billings, Cindy Schaumburg, Chuck Schaumburg and Dian Marple. The new board will meet on Monday, January 8 at the Port and Starboard Restaurant and will elect new board officers at that time.

All green nomination forms for the awards of the year must be returned to the Chamber by January 5. Please mail them to POB 637, Port Orford, OR, 97465.

The Awards Banquet will be on Saturday, January 20. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber office or by calling 332-8055.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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100 & 250MIN PHONE CARDS are now in stock at the Downtown Fun Zone! \$5.25 & \$12.00 respectively..

NEW VIDEOS THIS WEEK: "American Pie: Naked Mile", "My Super Ex-Girlfriend", "The Wicker Man", "Lady in the Water", "All the King's Men", "The Celestine Prophecy", "Altered", "Little Miss Sunshine", "Step Up", "A Scanner Darkly", "Invincible", "Brooklyn Lobster", "Jet Li's Fearless", and "National Lampoon's Pledge This". In our New Arrivals section we've added four volumes of "Super Mario Bros. Super Show", "Mike Hammer", "The Penguin's Story", "Sweet Bird of Youth", "Family Pictures", "Virus", and "Innocent Victims". Please remember items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. Reservations must be prepaid so cannot be taken over the phone. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. Open 9:30-6 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-7 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

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Letter to the Editor,

One day last week while some friends and I were out for our morning walk we were approached by a gentleman we have encountered many times. We stopped to exchange greetings with him and he handed me a one hundred dollar bill and said he wanted to make a donation to the Port Orford library. He didn't want a receipt and said he wished to remain anonymous. I am continually amazed by the generosity of the people of this community.

My husband and I moved to Port Orford several years ago and one of the first things we did was visit the library. We were very impressed with the friendliness and helpfulness of the staff. I joined the Friends of the Library and have been an active member ever since. I am committed to seeing the new library become a reality and for that reason my husband and I have decided to make an additional donation to the building fund and urge everyone in the community to do the same. Every dollar counts.

Of the many places we could have chosen to live we have never regretted our decision to live in Port Orford and it is the fine citizens of this community that make that possible. Please continue to support the library and thank you for your past generosity.

Ann Voltin

Vice President, Friends of the Library
President, Port Orford Library Board

Victorian Tea

The Friends of Cape Blanco held a Victorian Tea at Hughes House on Friday December 15th to thank the many volunteers who helped to decorate the house

for this season's Holiday Open Houses. In the elegantly decorated dining room, FoCB members Linda Smith, Helene Harrington-Collins, and Dolores Care served an enthusiastic group cups of White Christmas tea. Guests enjoyed numerous sweets, sweet breads, cookies, and cucumber sandwiches, as well as traditional scones with lemon curd. Guests were also welcome to tour the house and see the final results of all their hard work.

Groups and individuals that decorated a room this year include the Friends of Cape Blanco, the Friends of the Port Orford Public Library (Charlie & Diane McCoy), the Sunset Garden Club, In-nominata Garden Club from Gold Beach, the Brookings/Harbor Garden Club, the Red Hat Society of Port Orford, Port Orford R. V. Village, St. John's Catholic Church, Now and Then Port Orford Mercantile, Oregon State Park Hosts, Mary Colozzi, and Rose Panozzo and Dolores Care. Each room is completely different and exudes the spirit of a Victorian Christmas.

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