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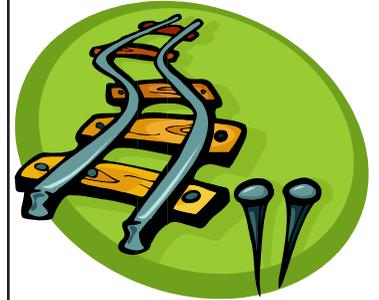
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Railroad Funding Secured

Railroad Funding Secured By Evan Kramer

Good news for rail fans, people who like railroads, shippers between Coos Bay and Eugene and those of us who would like to see passenger service somewhere along the Coos Bay-Eugene rail line. The following was sent to us by Congressman Peter DeFazio's Washington D.C. office.

"Congressman Peter DeFazio's effort to redirect \$8 million in funds to help the Port of Coos Bay to buy the CORP rail line become final last week when the Senate passed the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2009. For decades the rail line has provided a crucial transportation connection between Coos Bay and Eugene. The week after the line closed in 2007, a Georgia-Pacific sawmill temporarily shut down, laying off 120 employees. The average shipper along the Coos Bay line now pays 10-15 percent more in shipping costs because they have to ship by truck.

"This is great news for the Port, the state and the businesses in Southwest Oregon. I am pleased to have been able to help reallocate the funds to save the rail line", DeFazio said. "The rail line is vital to the economy of the south coast. Several major employers in the area de-

pend on the rail line to get their goods to market.

CORP, the private company that currently owns the line, embargoed it in September of 2007, and later sought to abandon the line altogether.

Congressman DeFazio is the Chairman of the House Highways and Transit Subcommittee, and had originally secured \$8 million in the *Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficiency, Transportation Act: A Legacy For Users* to help the Port make repairs to a railroad bridge on the Coos Line in 2005. The Port has made enough repairs to the bridge with funding secured by DeFazio in the 1998 surface transportation bill, the Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty First Century that the bridge will last another ten years so those funds can be safely reallocated to purchase the line. Combined with \$4 million in state funding the Oregon Transportation Commission has agreed to provide and the recent loan from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department, the International Port of Coos Bay will have the funds it needs to purchase the rail line."

Congressman DeFazio's office estimated there will be \$20 million available to rebuild the line but to rebuild it to pas-

senger grade would take up to \$50 million. The speed limit on the railroad line when it was embargoed was 10 miles per hour which is too slow for freight or passenger traffic. So here's my plea: When the line has been restored to high enough standards to operate trains on it why not add some passenger excursion trains say from Coos Bay to Reedsport or Florence or passenger service from Coos Bay to Eugene. Think big.

Never to Old to Learn

Thanks to an invitation from Cathy Boden I got to attend one of her classes as a volunteer in Mrs. Weinblatt's fourth and fifth grade class at Driftwood School. Boden is one of many local residents who volunteer time at the school. She is teaching the students a class on agriculture and food sheds centered on Oregon twice a week. The main theme of the class is teaching about community food sheds but Tuesday's class was centered on the importance of and history of agriculture in Oregon. Boden talked about the importance of water and spoke about the Willamette Valley being so important agriculturally because of the abundance of water and level ground to grown things on.

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Local historian Brice Wagner stopped by the class to get a photo and didn't get to leave before speaking about the part of agriculture he knows best. Wagner spent his adult working career as a dairy farmer on a farm that spans both sides of Elk River. The farm has been in his family for three generations, before and after the introduction of mechanized equipment. Brice has retired from dairy farming and now writes a popular column or three each week for the Port Orford News. Toward the end of his dairying career he converted his farm to certified organic and became part of the Organic Valley Cooperative. He explained to the class that his meant no more pesticides in his fields and no more artificial fertilizer. He said it was more difficult becoming an organic dairy farmer. Curry County was once home to numerous dairy herds, and cheese factories in both Sixes and Langlois that used locally produced milk in their cheese.

Cathy Boden told the class that in the 1800's one farmer could feed five people but today one farmer can feed 130 people. She spoke about the importance of the farm industrial revolution when farmers went from using horses to tractors in the 1930's. She had handed out several sheets of agricultural facts to the class and it was a lot to process even for me.

The 21 students ended the class with Boden handing out pretzels to all of them as she talked about the importance of reading the ingredients on the labels and thinking about where they come from as well as enjoying the taste. Later that week Boden led a group of Driftwood students over to Tseriadun State Park to plant trees. If you haven't seen the park recently it keeps changing. All of the Agate Beach RV Park buildings are now history. A man made creek has been constructed through the park and a few weeks ago the Cub Scouts spent time planting trees in the park. It's become a magnificent park and one with free beach access and lots of parking.

Letter to the Editor,

In a recent letter from Jennifer Ewing came a request for ideas for the Senior Center.

Here's a couple:

Hold "Port Orford Elders" coffee/tea/cookie gatherings to discuss a topic from recent PO newspaper articles. For instance: the Police Levy that is going to be on the May ballot, or other topics that affect the community and send out an opinion consensus to the local papers for publication. In other cultures the Village Elders are revered for their opinions. Why not here?

Because of our varied and fickle weather, Port Orford women have developed a unique style of dress. I'd love to see a fashion show called, "Port Orford Chic," featuring clothes from the Senior Center Bargain Basement. Include Pacific High School students and other local models.

Nella Abbott
 Senior Center Member

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**Stormwater Ordinance
by Briana Goodwin, POORT**

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, surface water pollution is the leading cause of water quality problems in the United States. As water moves across a surface, it picks up most of what it comes in contact with. A lot of what is picked up is contaminants such as oil, sediment, bacteria, nutrients and even litter. In the Port Orford City limits, surface water is routed to storm drains scattered across the City. Once water enters this system, it travels unfiltered to Garrison Lake and Battle Rock Beach before entering the ocean.

Sediment picked up by water can increase the turbidity, or cloudiness, of a body of water. An increase in turbidity can reduce the amount of sunlight that reaches the organisms that need it. Excess nutrients delivered by stormwater can cause algae blooms. When the algae dies, it uses up the oxygen in the process of decomposing thereby depleting fish and plants of the oxygen they need.

The City's current Stormwater Ordinance is outdated and does not sufficiently protect Garrison Lake and our



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nearshore environment. For this reason, the City decided to apply for a Technical Assistance Grant from the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) in order to amend the Stormwater Ordinance at no cost to Port Orford.

In December, the City of Port Orford unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT) and formed an innovative partnership in order to conduct better community outreach for the amendment. Work on the amendment officially started on February 9 when the grant was approved and signed by DLCD.

The process of amending the Stormwater Ordinance requires public input and POORT hopes to help the process run smoothly. A technical consultant will be providing a draft amended ordinance to the City's Planner, Engineer, Attorney and City Staff near the end of March. Public workshops are anticipated in April 2009. POORT will be conducting outreach for the duration of the process. Questions and presentation inquiries can be directed to Briana at (541) 332-0627.

Letter to the Editor,

I'd like to call your attention to this important training opportunity for local south coast contractors. At this free workshop on Friday, March 20, in Gold Beach, the Government Contract Assistance Program will teach attendees how to get registered as a federal government contractor, and set themselves up to be notified about potential contract opportunities. These electronic processes have been an obstacle preventing contractors from participating in the past, so we are excited about this workshop. In light of the potential for projects from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, workshops are being offered around the state to encourage contractors to be ready should projects become available. Thank you for anything you can do to support our local workers by spreading the word about this workshop. For more information please call 247-3661. The training will take place from 9:00am to noon at the Gold Beach Resort, 29232 Ellensburg in the Resort's conference room.

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Gold Beach Ranger District

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Letter to the Editor,

We are asking for your help in keeping teens safe during Spring Break. We want to prevent underage drinking, and the truth is that you, as a parent, have more influence over your teenager than we do! In fact, while it may not seem like it, research shows that youth care most about what you think. The best message is "zero tolerance" for underage drinking (excepting family/religious ceremonies).

Teens are drinking way too much in Curry County: over 36% of 8th graders report using alcohol in the last 30 days, and 15% of 8th graders report binge drinking. This is especially disturbing because of alcohol's impact on a developing adolescent brain. We know you want your kids to stay healthy. We also know that alcohol can damage their

brain development, shrinking its capacity by up to 10%!

We also want to protect you from lawsuits if a party is held at your home. Don't fall for the idea that your child is safer if he or she drinks with friends in your home; research shows this practice backfires. Instead, it sends teens the message that drinking is okay and consequently, they are more likely to drink (and drink to excess) than other teens. Plus, adults who host underage parties can be arrested for Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. And, if there is an injury or death, you could be sued.

For more information about underage drinking and resources for families, visit www.FaceitParents.com.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth W. Dukek,
John Bishop,
Jim Auburn,
Myrna Barber

Senior Center News By Duane Byers

Thanks to all who participated in our Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner. It was a huge success and there were many comments on how good it was.

A special thanks to Al Granados for the great meal he and his helpers prepared. And to the diners like Frank and Bonnie Smith, ate dinner and then jumped in to wash dishes because we couldn't keep up with the demand.

The Center is growing and it's all due to the people who come and support us. Thanks again. Don't forget the regular members meeting and lunch on March 31. You will be entertained by the Beach Belles from Gold Beach. See you there!

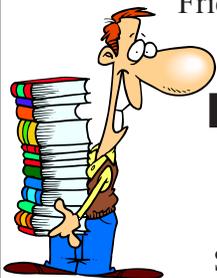
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Letter to the Editor,

Sometime next week co-op members will be receiving ballots for the Coos Curry Electric Cooperative Board of Directors election. I am Jim Kolen and I have filed for election to Director Position 3. My father held this position previously for 48 years.

I was born and raised in Gold Beach and am in my sixth term as assessor for Curry County. My experience also includes 16 years as Director for Knox-town Sanitary District and five years as Director for Gold Beach/Wedderburn Rural Fire Protection District. These positions have provided management

experience and education in budgeting, ethics, property management, personnel and program direction. I enjoy public service.

My previous experience involves meetings that are open to the public and I strongly support opening co-op meetings to the membership. From my previous experience I know that when directors listen to the membership good things happen for a district. As Director Position 3, I will listen to the membership and provide leadership so that our excellent employees can continue to light up your life.

Our electric cooperative is a vital part of our community. Each vote is important and will shape the co-op's future. I encourage all members to vote. Please vote for Kolen, Director Position #3, and allow me to put my 25 years of proven public service to work for you.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Jim) V. James Kolen
Gold Beach

Letter to the Editor,

Thank you Lord and St. Jude for answering my prayer.

Ann and Donn



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Letter to the Editor,

I'm writing to ask you to support the police levy. It is important to realize that the levy will not, I emphasize, will not increase your property taxes. It will only continue the current rate that you have been paying for the last four years.

After talking to many of you, virtually all said they want a police presence in Port Orford. With all honesty, I can tell you, without this levy, Port Orford will have no police. There may be periodic patrols by the sheriff's department or State Police, but not on a regular basis.

I'm aware that many of you, including myself were unhappy with all that trans-

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Conrad Coffey**

pired between our former city council and the former police chief. In an effort to correct this problem, the new council, mayor and city administrator, along with members of the community, undertook an all day workshop to develop a city police policy. This will soon be implemented in the form of a resolution. The police department is now under the direction of the City Administrator.

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Respectfully,

Scott Luhr, city councilor

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Throughout the classes participants will learn that each person's grief is unique; that this is a journey to move through towards healing; tools for good self care and how to treasure memories.

"Facing the death of a loved one can be overwhelming" acknowledges Mike Watson, Chaplain & Bereavement Coordinator for Curry County Home Health & Hospice, "we want to provide individuals with ideas for coping."

For those who would like further information regarding the class or to register please contact Mike at 541-332-0273 or 1-800-535-9472.

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Jim Alderman

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FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Myrtle, Maple and Tan Oak, \$150.00 as much as you can fit in a full size pickup. For a shortbed \$125.00. Selfload and haul from Sixes. Located at 44404 Sweet Ranch Road. (541) 290-0602.

FORECLOSURE SALE. On April 3, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Seaside Storage will hold a sale of items located in the following units: Unit #20 - Russell Rupe; Unit #16 - Darcy Quick; Unit #21 - Adeline Maddi; Unit #22 - Tinamarie Ragan; Unit #13 - Jodi Bulaich. 601 13th St., Port Orford. This sale is held pursuant to ORS 87.687 to satisfy liens.

DRIVEWAY AND LANDSCAPE rock, bark, and sand. Small truck loads. Bob 253-6240.

OLD PHOTO RESTORATION, photographic services, individual tutoring; photography and PhotoShop Point B Studio 246 6th St. See Steve Fri. and Sat. noon to 5 or call 541-332-0353 for appointment.

Essay Competition

For some talented college bound Oregon high school senior woman college may get just a little bit more affordable.

The Powder House

Vacation Rental

343 9th St. 541-332-5039

Great in-town location

Bright & cheerful - 3 blocks to beach

Specialize in Hiking Information



The Oregon Federation of Republican Women (OFRW) is holding their eighth annual essay competition, “How the 19th Amendment Affects My Life”. The competition is open to college bound Oregon high school senior women receiving public, private, or home school education. The winning essayist will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

The essay must be an original work by the individual woman, germane to the theme. The work should be typed, double-spaced, 750 – 1,000 words in length, and sources must be documented in end notes. Proper grammar and punctuation will be noted. The completed application, which must accompany the essay, is being distributed by the local OFRW Chapter, The Curry Coastal Republican Women. The submission deadline is 15 May 2009.

Call Shirley Hogben at 661-0920 in the South County and Sharon Zuber at 332-4465 in the Central and North County for the complete set of rules and details, as well as for any questions.

Wondering what the 19th Amendment is? It's the amendment to the U.S. Constitution that gave women the right to vote. Time is short, so call today.

Spring Break

Local students will have the week of March 23-27 for Spring Break. March 30. Have fun. The first day of Spring is March 20.

THE WOODEN NICKEL

Myrtlewood factory and gift shop. Unique wooden products plus souvenirs, T-shirts, jams, salt water taffy. FREE factory tours.

www.oregonmyrtlewood.com

1205 Oregon St. (541) 332-5201

Earth Hour

The World Wildlife Fund is sponsoring an "Earth Hour" on Saturday, March 28 at 8:30pm. They are encouraging people to turn out their lights for one hour in order to make a global statement about the planet and climate change. This is the third year that the Wildlife Fund is sponsoring Earth Hour and it is getting bigger every time. This year 250 cities in 74 countries have agreed to take part in this year's Earth Hour from Miami to Shanghai.

Port Dredging Funds

Congressman Peter DeFazio has secured funding for several Ports for dredging in the fiscal year 2009. The Port of Port Orford will receive \$387,000 for dredging while the Port of Gold Beach will receive \$545,000 for dredging. This funding was included in the Omnibus Appropriations Act and passed through the House of Representatives by a 398 to 24 vote.

Hospice Bag Sale

You asked for a Bag Sale and we are saying here you go...the Hospice Marketplace in Gold Beach will be having a Spring Cleaning Bag Sale on April 4th from 9 am until 4 pm. The bags will be sold at \$ 3.00 a grocery size bag for whatever you can put into it. Any items unable to be placed inside the bag will be sold ½ price. We have plenty of bags on hand; so we are hoping you can help us out with a few bags of treasures for yourself. We need space to display the wonderful donations we are receiving for our 2009 annual Rummage Market on August 28th, 29th and 30th.

Curry County Hospice provides care, medications, supplies, equipment, and emotional support to individuals who are receiving end of life care. Monies earned from donations and fundraisers are used to offset costs for patients who have no insurance, or for those whose

Christ's Resurrection - A Proven Fact Of History

Come hear **Dr. Thomas J. Kindell**, Founder & President of Reasons for Faith Ministries, speak about the case for faith.

Sunday, April 5th at 9:45am, 11:00am, & 6:00pm

Port Orford Christian Center

Corner of 10th & Washington Streets



The Passion of Christ

This award-winning film will be shown on

Easter Sunday, April 12 @ 11:00am

Come join us for dinner following the movie!

Child care will be provided

costs exceed insurance reimbursement. Although a county program, the hospice department receives no local tax support, so donations dollars are also utilized for equipment and educational needs as well.

The Hospice Marketplace is located on the North Jetty of the Rogue River, near the Coast Guard Station. If you would like further information regarding the Bag Sale, please contact Pattie at 247-7084 or 1-800-535-9472.

Police Report

3/6/09 Police received information concerning a Child Protective Services case that originated locally.

3/7/09 Police responded to a dispute concerning a minor.

Police performed a welfare check on a minor child at the request of her mother.

Police responded to a 911 hang up call. No one was at the location. Please, if you mistakenly dial 911, stay on the line and talk with the dispatcher. This will save an officer from having to respond when there is no emergency situation.

Police assisted Child Protective Services.

3/8/09 Police responded to a harassment complaint. The victim chose not to press charges, so the suspect was warned that further contact would result in an arrest.

3/10/09 Police received a report of vandalism at the Twelfth Street boat ramp. The portable toilet had been pushed over, causing damage to the unit. Anyone with information is encouraged to call your police department.

3/12/09 The portable toilet at the Twelfth Street boat ramp was damaged for the second time in three days. It is likely that the toilet will be permanently removed.

Speeder of the week for this week was going 43 miles per hour in a 20 mile per hour school zone with lights flashing. This driver also had no proof of insurance coverage in the vehicle. Both of these citations were \$355 each. Please protect your checkbook, and our children. Obey traffic rules in our community, especially in the school zones.