

Catching up with the Chamber: Katy Neal plans to move away

By Carol Berger
PON staff writer

April Prestwich took over as the new owner of the Seacrest Motel on May 1.

Prestwich lived in the Port Orford/Langlois/Bandon area when she was a child and plans on retiring here in the next three to five years.

Longtime community volunteer Kay Neal recently broke her hip and will be relocating to Washington State on May 24.

Neal, who is 86, has been volunteering since the 1950s and is just shy of 20 years as a Visitor Center volunteer. She has been honored in the past with a

Upcoming events

Saturday, May 24 - Wild Rivers Wool Factory Grand Opening, ribbon cutting at 10 a.m., 48443 Highway 101 in Langlois (across from the Langlois Market); cake and door prizes; World War I sock machine on display (541) 348-2911 or (541)348-2550 for more information.

Sunday, May 25 - BBQ Fundraiser for Pacific Wind Riders Horse Association, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Buffington Park A-frame; \$5 per person.

Tuesday, June 17 & Wednesday, June 18 - POORT Stewardship Area Launch (332-0627 for more information).

Lifetime Achievement Award. The Chamber plans to present her with the newly-created Kay Neal Pioneer Award before her departure.

Dr. Mark Sytsma, Portland State University Associate Professor of Environmental Sciences, director of the Center

for Lakes and Reservoirs, and co-director of the Aquatic Bioinvasion Research and Policy Institute will be in Port Orford on June 9th touring Garrison Lake by canoe with John Leuthe. He will give the Garrison Lake Committee a proposal of how much it will cost to

do a lake plan. Travel Oregon has a free on-line training program called Q Care for employees to learn how to give quality customer service. Call 541-247-7526 or go on line at TravelOregon.com for more information.

Tickets for the Port Orford

Skate Park Fun Package (\$200 value) raffle are available at the Downtown Fun Zone, the Visitor Center, and Chetco for \$5.00 each. The proceeds go to help with the State Park expansion. Drawing to be held over Memorial Day weekend.

News in brief:

This meeting was attended by Curry County Commissioner Georgia Nowlin, who was anxious to know more of what is going on in north Curry County ... Starting in June, the Surfrider Foundation will be doing water testing on the coastline and of Garrison Lake ... The Chamber's fireworks trailer will be at Battle Rock Park again this Fourth of July ... The Chamber will have a booth at the Curry County Fair July 24-27 ... The Chamber is still taking donations for speed signs. It has collected \$1300 so far.

The next Chamber board meeting is June 9 at 1 p.m. at the Paradise Café.

Senior news: Spaghetti Feed is Saturday

Spaghetti Feed set for Saturday

Everyone in the community is invited to the Spaghetti Feed at the Port Orford Senior Center, at 15th and Jackson, from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 24.

It's a holiday weekend, so leave at least one meal to us! We'll be serving spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and ice cream to adults for \$5 and children for \$3.50.

A reminder to Senior Center members that you ballots for the upcoming election of new officers should be cast by 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 27 when we will hold our annual member meeting and announce the election results.

Ballots are available at the Senior Center from Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.. Please support your Center by casting your all-important vote.

Those running for office are as follows: President, Duane Beyers; Vice President, Jennifer Ewing; Secretary, Mickey Beyers; Treasurer, Fred Zarlino; Members-At-Large, Martha Crew-Zwetz, Sonja Mason and Warren Jewel.

While you're voting at the Senior Center, take a look at the handsome Bar-B-Que Grill that is on display and purchase your raffle tickets for \$1 each, or six for \$5. The drawing for the grill will be July 4 at our holiday cookout.

The Mother's Day breakfast was a huge success and we would like to thank everyone for attending.

Congratulations to the winner of the Mother's Day raffle, Wayne Smyer.

— By Jennifer Ewing

Port Orford Masons to hold fish fry

The Port Orford Masonic Lodge will hold a fish fry on from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday May 24 and Sunday May 25.

The fish fry will be at the American Legion Hall on 11th Street one half block east of Highway 101.

The \$10 price includes barbecue beans, coleslaw, fresh local fish, ice cream, and ice tea or coffee. Proceeds from the event will help the Masonic Lodge fund scholarships and other local community services.

David Jacobs-Strain to play during Expo

David Jacobs-Strain, a young finger-style and slide guitarist, will be featured musician at the Port-Orford-cedar Expo in Port Orford Memorial Day weekend. Jacobs-Strain will appear at the Community Building at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 24.

Jacobs-Strain says he comes "from the language of the country blues." Festival, Montreal Jazz Festival and the Lugano Blues to Bop Festival in Switzerland.

Centered seniors

By Beverly Dunlap
For the Port Orford News

"Sadness, fear, frustration or any troubling feeling cannot last. Nature doesn't create a storm that never ends."

— Dr. Wayne Dyer, author of *Change Your Thoughts - Change Your Life*. Taken from the May 2008 Guideposts magazine.

How long is it going to rain this spring? It seems endless but then a day will clear to the most elegant sunny spring day! A few hours later, we are back into wind and rain. I don't know about you, but that brings out the sadness, fear and frustration that Dr Dyer is talking about. Like he says, no storm can last forever! Thank God! We have all been buying the wood to build our ark! Of course, we will need to row the boat with no gasoline powered devices because we have no idea how long it will last - the storm that is! (nor the price of gasoline!)

I heard a commentator on TV the other day talking about gas prices that he thinks may rise to over \$6/gal! I wonder if that will have any affect on the amount of RV's and cars we normally see all summer up and down 101. They make movement around our little town difficult. I let that bother me at first but having lived here for awhile, I realize that the traffic equals income for our merchants. So that is a good thing.

I just thought, there are many things that are both good and bad. I am thinking of friends now. People that we associate with frequently can sometimes get on our nerves and then on another day, we find and enjoy the great relationship with them. Not that they do anything bad, just that we all have our little idiosyncrasies. The next day, they are right back to being the person that is our dear friend.

One of my favorite sayings is; "this too shall pass!" I am sure it will. The sunny fun of summer, gasoline prices will

return to more normal - houses will sell again and the economy will reverse - it always has.

I am not a political person, but I feel like trying to find someone to live in the White House has everyone in the tilt position. Maybe, just maybe when that lofty position gets filled, we will begin to settle down in our country! (Do not hold your breath!)

The fine quality of patience is needed by all of us today and always. We are able to develop skills within ourselves and so it would seem that would be a good time to develop our patience, that is while we sit inside and wait for the rain, wind and gas prices to calm down!

Hang in there readers - if the rains come, can the dry summer be far behind? Have a happy week, and you may want to try walking. They say it is very good for you and the people that do it always seem happy to me!

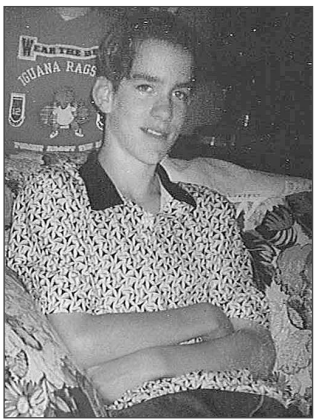
Remember to be happy - always!



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It was fun and games at the recent bridge gathering held at Bev Dunlap's home.

Seriously ill ...



To friends of Jorma Smith. Jorma is seriously ill and any phone calls would be appreciated. Afternoons at (541) 782-3223.

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May 24, 10am-5pm: Art Exhibit
May 25, 11am-3pm: Prizes Awarded
At the Seaside Plaza

ArtWalk
May 24, 2-5pm
Seven Galleries

Guest Musician
David Jacobs-Strain
May 24 @ 7pm
Community Center
Tickets: \$10

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May 25 @ 2pm
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