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Coming up

Port Orford Rotary Club

The Port Orford Rotary Club meets each Thursday, at noon, at the Port Orford American Legion Hall.

Pacific High Basketball

Seniors get in for free at all PHS basketball games. The next tip off is at 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23 vs. Elkton.

Blanco Bell Ringers

The Blanco Bell Ringers will meet for class at 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26 at the First Community Church.

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Mardi Gras/Etooufee is coming up

No Mardi Gras celebration is complete without a mask. What do you like: Feathers, sparkles, veils, paint, or metal? Make a mask just your way at a Port Orford Art Council sponsored class, at the POAC office, 1320 Oregon St., Saturday, January 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or the following Saturday, February, 7, 1 to 3 p.m.

No registration is required. Complex masks (i.e. head-dress or armature types, painted dip-n-drape, or papier mache) should be started, at least, the first session to be finished on the second. Simple decorated half-masks may be done in the second session alone.

Facilitators for the classes are Weld and Elma Champneys, Rose Panozzo, and Linda Nelson. Prices for projects range from \$5 to \$15, plus additional options.

Etooufee dinner / dance, to be held a week following this last class, is a masquerade-friendly event. Here's your chance to do Mardi Gras in style.

Schedule change for Port Orford GED classes

Adult Basic Education and GED classes will meet on Thursday evenings at the Port Orford Library to take advantage of evening library hours. Southwestern Oregon Community College is offering this class for those who want to study for their High School Equivalency Preparation (GED) or just want to increase their basic skills in writing, communication or math.

Students will meet at the Jayel Gibson Conference Room from 5 - 8 p.m. Students may enroll at any time during the term. ABE/GED classes are also available in Gold Beach on Wednesday evenings. The cost for the 11-week session is \$25.

For more information or to register, those interested can contact the Southwestern Gold Beach Center at (541) 247-2741 or the Port Orford Center, which is open on Thursdays, at (541) 332-3023.

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City council to meet twice monthly

Public Policy workshop on police department is set for Jan. 27

By Matt Hall
PON staff writer

The Port Orford City Council met for the first time Thursday night, Jan. 15 with all new and

returning councilors; David Smith, John Hewitt, Bill McArdle, Tim Pogwizd, Caroline Clancy and Scott Luhr present.

Absent from the meeting due to health reasons was new Mayor John Roorbach.

Also present were city staffers Bev Manes, Allen Wagner, Mike Murphy and City Attorney Shayla Kudlac-McKenzie. Hewitt, who was voted

Council President, presided in the absence of the mayor.

In citizen's concerns:

◆ Wendy Thomas of Team Jubilee informed the council that a celebration of the 150th birthday of the State of Oregon would be held on Feb. 14. (For more information see "Exhibits wanted," in the briefs.)

◆ Mary Colozzi pointed out that parking at Battle Rock Park

was highly valued for tourism. "Approximately 22,000 vehicles came in and out last year came through the Visitor's Center," she said. "About 200,000 people a year - we need every available space."

◆ Jack Pruitt echoed Colozzi's sentiments, adding that parking spaces "with primo views should be left open to the

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P.O. Chamber awards banquet set for Jan. 30

By Carol Berger
PON staff writer

The Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, Jan. 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the Port and

Starboard Restaurant. Awards will be given out for Business of the Year, Organization of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Special Achievement, and Lifetime Achievement. The winners of the Christmas Lighting Contest

will also be announced, and Visitor Center volunteers will be recognized.

If you haven't already made your reservation, please contact Jim Billings, Chamber vice-president, at the Visitor Center (332-4106) as soon as possible.

At its Monday, Jan. 12 meeting, the Chamber held its elections for 2009 board officers. David Smith will continue as president, Jim Billings as vice-president, Dian Marple as

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Life with Brice: Kevin Lent fished in cold waters

Local man spends eight seasons king crabbing on the famous Alaskan fishing vessel 'Time Bandit'

By Brice Wagner
PON staff writer

The saltwater runs in Kevin Lent's veins.

Kevin grew up in both Alaska and Port Orford and has literally lived a charmed life escaping life threatening situations by some kind of built in instinct. Here is a short excerpt of his fishing and maritime experiences.

Kevin was born and worked on the sea at least for a portion of his early years. He graduated from Pacific

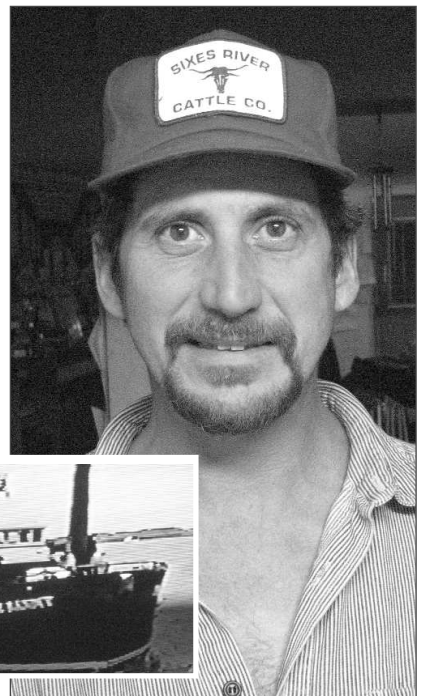
High in 1982.

Much credit goes to his Father Glenn Lent for teaching him a great work ethic as a youngster. Kevin and his brother Phil got their sea legs as children/teenagers on their Dad's gill-netter near Homer, Alaska.

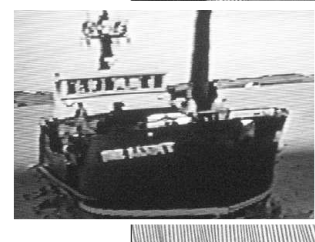
Kevin's life led him virtually to most all fishing ports in Alaska as well as professional maritime experience with the oil companies. The boat "Big Valley" served as a research vessel for ARCO and he served aboard this vessel.

The most terrifying event of his life was a trip to shore for a critical part to shorten sea miles and days (for repair to a main engine) of travel, so he donned a survival suit and put towards shore in a "Boston Whaler" launch. (This happened in the Chuchi Sea which is one of the

PON photo by Brice Wagner



Kevin Lent of Port Orford has fished off Alaska.



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Port holds its second 'Master Plan' workshop

By Carol Berger
PON staff writer

The Port of Port Orford held the second Port Facility Master Plan Workshop on Thursday, Jan. 15. Led by David Cheramy of Maritime Consulting International, the workshop was attended by Katy Eymann, Project Manager of Oregon Solutions (Portland State University).

Cheramy recapped some of the information from the first workshop, held in November, and said that the port is financially 'fragile' and needs to deal with shoaling, the jetty, and its present SPWF loan before moving on to utilize the Port Master

Plan, which assumes that these issues are "fixed." At the moment, there is not much breathing room for the port, which needs another \$260,000 a year to break even.

Cheramy's focus in preparing the Port Master Plan has been on unused and under-used port assets. For this workshop, he had prepared a detailed notional layout of buildings and parking areas, along with estimated costs.

The live fisheries building would have a 233 x 50 foot first floor, with a mezzanine open to the public and public restrooms. It would also have the fish tanks and HVAC system. The second floor would have three tenant labs (near water, deep ocean, and seafood) and three tenant offices, along with

the port office, a shared conference room, and an office for docents. Because this building needs to be welcoming and inviting to the public, it would have as much glass as possible, be open and accessible (through roller doors with air curtains in good weather), and be "not slab sided ... not fortress-like." The building would cost \$2.7 million, which includes demolition of the current buildings, site preparation, replacing the current drain, and upgrading the utilities.

The second building, with commercial retail space, would be adjacent to the live fisheries building and would be linked to it by a bridge between the second floors of

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CCEC Town Hall meeting: Port Orford, Part II

Cost-cutting measures include a switch to a four-day week

By Carol Berger
PON staff writer

Editor's note: The following is a continuation of a report Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Town Hall held in Port Orford on Thursday January 8. Due to the length of that report and limited space, here is the remainder of that report.

For a full report, readers are invited to refer back to the Jan. 14 issue of the Port Orford which can be accessed online at portorfordnews.net.

Cost-cutting measures, cont'd

CCEC's new donation policy limits any given donation from CCEC to \$300-500. Groups must be non-profit, local, and fill

out a form. Individuals, and private, religious, or political organizations are not eligible. Only eight-tenths of one percent of revenue goes to donations, and the bulk of those go to help youth in some way.

The switch from five eight-hour days a week to four ten-hour days for employees

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P.O. Planning Commission Sustainable development discussed

Grace Bonnell raises the issue at a short meeting

By Carol Berger
PON staff writer

The Tues., Jan. 13 Planning Commission meeting was a short one, as the Battle Rock Heights Subdivision's attorney, David Koch, requested an extension to the February 10 meeting, and the commission granted it, shortening the length of the meeting considerably as a result.

The meeting started with elections of officers. Dave Holman will continue as chair, Karen Auburn will be the new vice-chair, and Patty Clark will remain secretary.

Grace Bonnell of the Joan of Arc presented the commission with a packet of information on Sustainable Land Development International. SLDI Executive Director Terry Mock owns property just south of China Mountain and spoke with the Port Orford Watershed Council last May about sustainable land development. Bonnell said that SLDI helps small- to medium-sized communities to develop sustainable communities.

Stating that development is going to happen in Port Orford, "whether or not we want it," she said that it is up to the Planning Commission to guide that development. "Port Orford could become a 'poster community' ... you are on the cusp ... We could be a small, historic, artistic, fishing, sustainable

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Oregon's birthday stamp

PON photos by Carol Berger

The Port Orford Post Office celebrated the release of the new Oregon Statehood stamp on Wednesday, Jan. 14 with balloons and with a cake made by clerk Marie VanAart. Postmaster Wade Lindsay holds a sheet of the stamps that celebrate Oregon's 150th birthday.

