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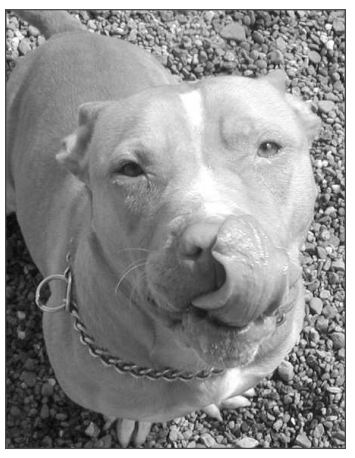

"Red" is eager to find a new home.
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Photographer Lois Miller takes some great photos of the Rotary's "Hollywood Nights."
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Coming up

Port Orford Rotary Club

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

Water Festival

The Port Orford Water Festival will take place Friday and Saturday, April 17 & 18. See story below.

Lighthouse meeting

The Oregon Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society will meet at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 18. See story below.

Also inside

Rays Food Place, McKay's Market

Health center set at PHS

A ribbon cutting ceremony marks the opening of new center

The center will service the 2CJ students weekly

By Jo Rieber
For the Port Orford News

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Phillip Maddi, Student Government President; Tony Jones, PHS Principal; Ruby Price, Superintendent, Patty Savage, CCHD Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, cut the center's ribbon.

A group gathered at Pacific High School on Tuesday, April 7 to watch Superintendent Ruby Price, Principal Tony Jones, Curry Health Department Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Patty Savage, and Student Government President Phillip Maddi cut the ribbon to open the School Based Health Center. Sponsored by the Curry Department of Health, the Center will provide a variety of services one day a week for the students of the 2CJ School District.

Ruby Price praised Dr. Janine Jason and School Based Health Center Coordinator Linda Morgan for bringing the concept and a lot of enthusiasm to the 2CJ Board. State statistics show that teenagers are the most underserved when it comes to health care needs. Having a Health Center where they go to school every day will help to keep students in the classroom, concentrating on their studies. The School Board voted to proceed with the project last summer and the Superintendent set up an Advisory Committee to assist with the facility, raise public awareness, and gather resources and funding. Advisory Committee members are Jo Rieber, Chair, Bill Hawkins, Jan Bennett, Ollie Jones, Dave Holman and Barbara Faulkner. The School District signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Curry County Health Department in February, and the work to set up the facility began in earnest.

Cecil Ashdown and Liz Foster volunteered to act as reception/clerical assistants to the pediatric nurse practitioner. Curry County Health Department searched storage and basement areas for medical

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Fine dining in Port Orford/Northern Curry County

Griff's on the Dock: A pair of veteran businesspersons come out of retirement

By Brice Wagner
PON staff writer

PON photo by Brice Wagner

Pat McGriff is shown with a tray full of great food in front of one of Griff's display cases.

Jerry and Pat McGriff found out retirement wasn't for them. They tried retirement for one and a half years and Jerry got antsy and wanted back busy again. They had built two restaurants previous in their lives together both in North Bend and Winchester Bay. So to Port Orford they came and here they are operating a seafood restaurant on the waterfront.

I must get in a kid to "Pat" as we needed her photo and she said, "Oh I have got to put on my lipstick". I laughed and said, "Pat the photos are in black and white, nobody will know you haven't freshened up"— but she went and did her lady thing anyway!

On to business: The seafood is prepared lightly breaded or grilled. There are 25 entrees to choose from. Plus steaks, sandwiches and Burgers.

There are two kinds of soups, clam chowder and cioppino(sea food stew which is delicious).

Salads offered are crab Louie, shrimp Louie, Chef salad, chicken salad, and green salad with fresh bay shrimp.

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Common Good update

A quick primer about P.O.'s free food pantry

By Jackie Granados
For the Port Orford News

It occurred to me that our new residents may not know what or who The Common Good is. Simply put, we are Port Orford's only free food pantry, clothing closet and miscellaneous item reuse facility. We are here to assist those in need. Our location is behind Ray's Food Place. We are open the first 4 Wednesdays of the month from 10-12 and 1-3:15. Our staff is completely volunteer.

We fund raise by collecting Ray's Food Place grocery receipts we have a drop in savings account at Chetco for those wishing to contribute money. We also have several food drives a year, and bake sales working with "Delectable Desserts," a part of the Friends of the Common Good. We especially enjoy the bake sales. We have some scrumptious bakers !

Often we put out a needs list. In this economy we accept almost anything that is clean, mended, and usable by the work

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News briefs

Forum set on single payer healthcare

The forum will be held on Wednesday, April 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and will feature the Movie, HR676: The Single Payer Solution. The forum (open to all) will be held at the County Courthouse Annex, Downstairs Blue Room, 94235 Moore St. in Gold Beach.

HR676 proposes a fiscally-conservative plan of health care for all. Unlike the British system of socialized medicine, HR676 preserves our American privately-delivered health care. For directions to the forum call 541-412-DEMS (541-412-3367).

Lighthouse meeting is Saturday

The Oregon Chapter of the United States Lighthouse Society will hold a meeting in Port Orford Saturday, April 18 at the Senior Center.

The meeting begins with lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a program and short business meeting.

Historic architect Sue Licht of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will present the program, explaining the work she does with restoration and maintenance of Oregon's historic lighthouses. The U.S. Lighthouse Society and its Oregon Chapter are dedicated to restoring and preserving these coastal gems.

The meeting is open to the public, but people wanting to attend should call 332-9002 by Tuesday, April 14 to make a luncheon reservation.

Free Flight to hold garage sale

Free Flight, the only bird and marine mammal rehabilitation organization on the Southern Oregon Coast will host a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 18, at the Odd Fellows Hall on Hwy. 42S in Bandon.

To donate items call 347-4561 or 347-2950 and we are always looking for new volunteers. For more information call 347-3882.

Port Orford Water Festival weekend has arrived

By Briana Goodwin
For the Port Orford News

Do you want to learn more about watersheds while having fun? Join the Port Orford Ocean Resource Team and the Surfrider Foundation for the Second Annual Port Orford Water Festival on April 17 and 18.

The Second Annual Port Orford Water Festival kicks off with the Keynote Address delivered by Cindy Deacon Williams, Senior Fellow at the National Center for Conservation Science and Policy. In her address titled "Facing the Risks of Climate Change: Chance Favors the Prepared Mind,"

Williams will discuss the likely consequences of climate

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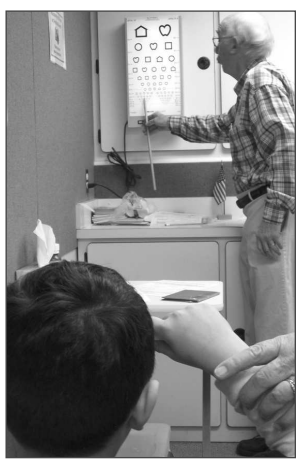
Lions help local kids

Lions bring sight/hearing test van to 2CJ schools

By Jo Rieber
For the Port Orford News



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A vision test is given.

On Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7, a huge tractor and with a 47 foot trailer pulled up to the Driftwood School and then the Blanco School to give sight and healing screening tests to students. Brought to our schools as a service by our local

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League of Women Voters will hold April 23 forum

Candidates forum will be at 7 p.m., at council chambers

A forum for candidates running for contested seats in the May 19 Special Districts election will be held Thursday night, April 23 at Port Orford City Hall Council Chambers. Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Curry County, the forum will begin at 7 p.m.

Candidates who have accepted the League's invitation include David Bassett and Ken Fliszar, Position #2 on the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District board and Dennis Woodard for Position #4. Also participating will be candidates for Southwestern Oregon Community College board: Marcia Jensen, North Bend, and Dick McMahon, Coos Bay, for Position #2; Julie Kremers and John Robert Shilling, Coos Bay, and Brett Kenney, North Bend,

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