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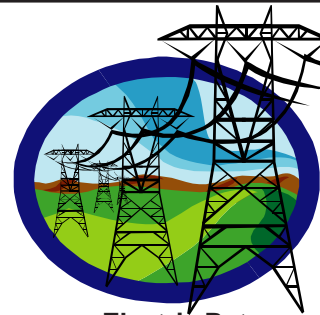
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**Electric Rates  
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### Electric Rates Double+

By Evan Kramer



Coos Curry General Manager Werner Buehler and board member Jean Shank stopped by the store on Friday afternoon to drop of this press release and talk about the implications

of the upcoming rate increase. It goes as follows:

“Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative (CCEC) announced on Friday, August 20 it would take steps to streamline operations and stabilize finances to ensure the long-term viability of the member-owned utility.

In a letter to all members, the co-op's Board of Directors explained that rising wholesale power costs, continued poor water years, and other factors over the past several years have led to financial difficulties for CCEC. In response, the Board has made several changes designed to reorganize and strengthen the utility, and bring costs in line with revenues.

“We are first and foremost our members' utility and providing the best possible electric service at an affordable price has always been our top priority,” said Terry Hanscam, Board president. “Now is the

time to take steps to manage our finances in a way that will ensure that we continue to provide our members with safe, reliable power and service in the years to come.”

The Board's first step was to appoint Werner Buehler as the co-op's general manager/CEO. Buehler, who has more than twenty years in private and public/cooperative utility management, is charged with addressing finances and operations while maintaining the high quality of service members have come to expect from the utility. Buehler assumed his new position on May 1, 2004.

Next CCEC will raise its Residential Minimum Monthly Service charge [base rate] from \$14 to \$33 and proportionally raise its Commercial and other rate classes. Effective, September 1, this is the first Minimum Monthly Charge increase in nearly two decades and is roughly equivalent to one dollar per year for the past 20 years. [Editor's note: the base rate for commercial users is \$15.]

The increase will generate revenue to meet the escalating industry and operating costs. The cost of electricity has escalated, as well, including a 50 percent increase in wholesale power costs by Bonneville Power Administration in the past three years.

In an effort to further reduce expenses, CCEC will temporarily furlough approximately 10 percent of its workforce throughout the south coast system effective September 1. The employees whose positions are reduced will retain their employee and health benefits during a four-month period and furloughs will be reevaluated in January 2005. Editor's note: no linemen will be furloughed out of the approximately 70 employees.

Members are invited to share their views or seek additional information by attending the Board's Friday, August 27, 10:00am, meeting in Port Orford or a series of town hall meetings in September, the times and locations for which will be announced. Members can also call 541-469-0700 or visit CCEC's website at [www.cooscurryelectric.com](http://www.cooscurryelectric.com).”


The base rate for residential users will increase \$19 per month or \$228 per year.

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### Notice

Due to the increased number of submissions and particularly to the number that come in shortly before (or after) our deadline, effective With our Sept. 9 paper, our deadline for submissions will be changed to 3:00pm Tuesdays instead of 4:00pm.

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Sat Aug 28, 2004	5:20a -1.2	11:59a 6.4	5:12p 2.8	11:10p 8.3	6:38a 7:59p	7:50p 5:30a						
Sun Aug 29, 2004	6:04a -1.2	12:36p 6.8	6:03p 2.2		6:39a 7:57p	8:17p 6:44a						FM
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**Electric Rates Double+  
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The commercial rate will also increase \$19 per month or \$228 per year. You pay the base rate no matter how much electricity you use so low use consumers will pay a greater percentage of increase than say the Port of Port Orford. Coos-Curry has stated this is the first increase in the base rate since 1985. According to Werner Buehler the utility is hoping not to have to increase kilowatt rates. Kilowatt rates were raised 20% in 2002. He stated that as a cost savings measure, the tree trimming services would be cut back. Buehler said the company has \$29 million in long-term debt that needs to be paid back. These measures are an attempt to pay down the debt.

Asked about the debt from the South Coast Satellite situation he said the company has sold all its Pegasus stock and after paying off the tax burden still man-

aged to make money. Jean Shank said the amount made was \$780,000. Buehler said the board and management would have their hands full with the core electric business. He said the Northwest is the recipient of low cost power from the Columbia River purchased from the Bonneville Power Administration. This has been affected by eight years of low rainfall totals in the Columbia River drainage. Shank said the reason for the rate increase is to get the utility "house" in order. She said the base rate fee goes to pay for basic operations including maintenance of the poles and other infrastructure.

Coos-Curry is involved in one side business that being NOANET – a fiber optic attempt to bring high speed Internet access to the coast. They have a \$1.6 million loan guarantee with NOANET.

Buehler also spoke about line extensions being paid for by contractors similar to a


systems development charge used by cities to hook people into the water and sewer systems.

This increase in electric rates is unhappy news for utility users who had to deal with the recent increase in the sewer "base" fee by the City of Port Orford and the fact gasoline prices in Port Orford are the second highest in the state as reported on [www.oregongasprices.com](http://www.oregongasprices.com).

**Shoes For Kids**


The last day to register for school shoes for the "Shoes for Kids" program at Common Good is Wednesday, August 25. The shoes and socks will be distributed at St. John's Church (at the corner of 15th and Highway 101) on Saturday, August 28 from 11am to 3pm. For additional information or late orders call 332-0865.

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## August Port Meeting By Jane Cramer

Commissioners Gifford Barnes, Ed Dowdy, Evan Kramer and George Welch as well as Port Manager Gary Anderson were present at the August 17 regular meeting of the Port Commission. Commissioner Dave Knapp was absent.

Under unlisted items, Kramer reminded commissioners about the Planning Workshop scheduled for the next evening and mentioned that the public was welcome to attend. Welch commented on summer weekend parking problems, citing a recent case where a truck and trailer blocked four parking spaces for most of the day. Commissioners discussed the possibility of posting signs and/or leaving warning notices on windshields of vehicles that take up more than one space. Removal of crab pots would also alleviate the parking problem. Anderson was encouraged to enforce the ordinance about crab pots on the dock.

There was no public comment. Under New Business commissioners reviewed correspondence with Congressional members about the Port's dredging needs and advised Anderson to send a letter to

Wyden asking for the return of the Sandwick. Correspondence with OECDD about the Port's finances and progress toward reducing the debt to OECDD was reviewed and it was noted there has been no response to the letter as yet.

A lot of discussion concerned the problems of dealing with vendors and contractors that do not carry liability insurance because it is too expensive. Commissioners asked Anderson to ask for advice from Special Districts, to find out what the Port's liability would be, and if vendors can be added to the Port's policy. They also discussed the possibility of hiring Jim Walker as a part-time employee doing maintenance on the hoists.

Anderson advised he will do employee evaluations and commissioners decided they would handle Anderson's evaluation in Executive Session in connection with the regular September meeting.

Commissioners discussed the proposed Oregon Coastal Ports Council which would be coordinated by Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association. They decided it would be good for the Port to have a membership in the OCPC depending on the fee schedule for member-

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ship. They will wait and see what comes of the proposal to form the new group.

Representatives of Oregon Baits Company spoke of plans for an addition to their ice house. Anderson stressed the need to have planned development of dock structures. Dowdy moved and Welch seconded a motion that Anderson will make a recommendation to commissioners about the Oregon Baits addition. Motion passed unanimously.

Under Old Business Anderson advised that DEQ will begin the Brownfields assessment of the upper building on August 23. Other business concerned the possibility of purchasing ice from the Port of Brookings and changing the grant to be used for repair/upgrade of freezers in the cannery building to facilitate rental of the building and freezers. Commissioners asked Anderson to contact Russ Crabtree for a firm commitment on the ice purchase arrangement before they make any decision on the matter.

The Manager's Report covered an update on the progress of removing the trimaran from the navigable channel, as well as disposition of damages from a minor accident. The City has decided not to pursue the sidewalk grant, so the Port will not be able to get a sidewalk down to the Port at this time. Anderson will call for bids to get the best price on the next load of fuel the Port purchases.

After a review of the Financial Report, the meeting was adjourned.



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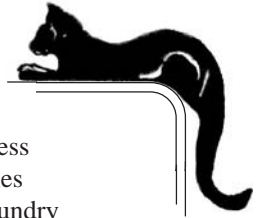
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### Letter to the Editor,

I attended the City Council Meeting last night and was very pleased to see that they are lowering the rental price for the community building for the non-profit organizations that put on benefits for the community. Good work.

In my next comment please be aware friends & neighbors that I am not trying to make trouble or problems for anyone in the area. However, I am a great believer that what is RIGHT FOR ONE IS RIGHT FOR ALL. To start off, the 4-C ordinance is just fine in as much as I believe that a prefabricated, mobile, or temporary office/commercial structure or anyone in this zone should abide by all the building code rules.. When you place a prefabricated, mobile, or manufactured structure in the 4-C zone, commercial use or dwelling, I think that it should be placed on a permanent foundation and support capability to meet the state code for wind problems, remove all axels, landscape the lot, hook-up to any needed utility service in accordance with all state building and City utility codes. The building of a carport or garage constructed to the house for vehicles or any recreational units should be left up to the person. I used to have a carport at my office but it got tired and blew down in one of our storms. I haven't decided on what I want to replace it with so I am one of those many "stick" buildings that does not have either a carport or garage. There is

an existing ordinance that states that all prefabricated buildings, mobile or otherwise must have a carport or garage. Why just them?

It was stated last night that if a manufactured residential dwelling was placed in the C-4 zone that it could never be used for an office or commercial rental, Why Not?? There are several businesses in the C-4 zone that the proprietors also live in the same building. Why is that different? If a person wants to reside at their place of business, that should be their choice but don't make it unfair for people who purchase manufactured dwellings. For example, take my situation. I have a business in town and a home outside of the city limits. Well, as we all get older we sometimes want to become less responsible for a lot of property. What if I wanted to sell my home, buy a very nice manufactured home, put it on a lot in the C-4 Zone, have it landscaped and jump thru all the hoops. After a few years, I may want to size down on my business, sell my office building, and build an adjoining office to my manufactured home so that I can work closer to home in order to take care of my mother and have a little more free time. How come I can't be allowed to do that when you can just move in to your existing business and set up housekeeping? I also think it is unfair for the existing ordinances to make manufactured homes either have a carport or garage when there are some existing "stick-homes or buildings" in this zone

that has neither. (I am a perfect example) I know that some of our community members still think of a prefabricated home or building is a cheap built structure. I decided to do some checking and here are some of the construction features such as 8'6" sidewall height, longitudinal floor system, heavy structural I-Beam, true 3:12 roof pitch (5:12 optional) 2x6 exterior walls on 16" centers, architectural designed 30 year shingles, cement lap siding optional, 3/4" floor decking, kiln dried lumber, 2x6 floor joists, open truss roof system, all copper wiring, shut-off valves to water sources, GFI receptacles at all wet areas, 36" fire-rated exterior doors, grid-style windows, 2x6 rough-sawn cave fascia, GFI exterior receptacle HUD approved insulation, r-28 ceilings, r-19 walls, r-22 floors. The list goes on and on but I won't bore you with it. Some of them are beautiful homes and they aren't cheap. A number of people just want the convenience of this type of home and like I said above it should be what is law for some-should be law for all. I know what the council members' intention was and is but I hope they will stop and think and not make something an ordinance that is unfair to a few, I have lived here for 35 years, been in business for 33 and I love our community. I was always under the impression if you had property in the commercial zone that you could develop as you could afford in order to bring people and revenue into

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## Letter to the Editor

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our area. If someone in the C-4 zone isn't keeping their area neat and clean and not complying with the sanitary and utility codes then lean on them, not the business and property owners that are trying. I can't even vote on anything or anyone because I have my home outside of the city limits but I own property and have a business that employs 3 local residents. I think that gives me the right to be concerned,

Mary O. Loan

## State Parks Programs

The following is the schedule of Humbug Mountain State Park programs for the week of August 24-29.

Thursday, August 26: 4:30pm Dragonflies are incredible flyers – learn about their strange lives and make a pipe cleaner one to take home.

8:00pm: Oregon or bust! They walked, rode, and drove wagons over some of the roughest terrain in the country to settle here. Slide show presentation by Lyn Kindred.

Friday, August 27: Build your own lighthouse. Learn about how these buildings kept people and their cargo safe from dangerously rocky shorelines. Build a model of Cape Blanco Lighthouse to take home.

8:00pm: Cape Blanco Lighthouse Restoration 2003: A member of the United States Coast Guard Aides to Navigation Team will be with us to talk about the 2003 restoration of Cape Blanco Lighthouse.

Saturday, August 28: 10:30am Beavers - the animal kingdom's architect. Have you seen Humbug's newest resident? Make a beaver dam and learn about these infamous and helpful builders.

4:30pm: Salmon Run – play this game and learn what it takes to be a salmon. Have fun and win prizes, too.

8:30pm: Tour the night sky – talk and slide show by Dan Neil from Hardin Optical. Look to the heavens through his giant telescope.

Sunday, August 29: 8:30pm – Birds – soar through the sky, and around the world, with this amazing video about the bird's ancient past to amazing present. Discussion, displays and photos of area shore birds.

Afternoon programs are held at campsite B43 and evening programs at the amphitheater. All events are free and last approximately one hour. Non-campers may park at the Humbug Mountain Trailhead. Walk through the tunnel under Highway 101, then a short distance west to the amphitheater trail, near campsite B7. Everyone is welcome to attend these events.



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### Labor Day Festival By Evan Kramer

Several Port Orford groups and organization have come together independently and come up with a fun filled plan for a Port Orford Labor Day festival. The Port Orford Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Port Orford Arts Council, the Port Orford Public Library, the Langlois Library, and the Beachcomber's Square Dance Club have scheduled three days of public events starting on Friday, September 3. It begins with four Arts Council events including a Gallery Art Walk in Port Orford from 5:00-8:00pm. Maps for the gallery walk are available at the Arts Council office at 913 Highway 101 or the Johnson Art Gallery located on Eighth Street in back of the Savoy Theater.

Saturday morning starts out with the Langlois Library Peddler's Faire from 10:00am-6:00pm. Enjoy everything from arts, crafts, a petting zoo, and food. The Arts Council has three events scheduled for Saturday.

Sunday is the highlight of the Labor Day Festival and starts off early with the Port

Orford Rotary Club Show and Shine from 8:00am to 3:00pm at Driftwood Elementary School. There will be anywhere from 70 to 90 classic cars on display and of course the Rotary Club will be serving their famous barbecued hamburgers with grilled onions. Take lots of photos and meet lots of people at this one.

The Port Orford Library is putting on an Artful Flea Market from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the American Legion Hall. They're also serving a special breakfast of delicious Loreto Breakfast Burritos. There will be many second hand art objects for sale with all proceeds going towards construction of the new library. One new sign one of the times in Port Orford is the money "gauge" (showing how much has been raised for the new library) at the site (Fifteenth and Highway 101). The gauge has books of different sizes as markers and is shy two slim books of \$415,000. Go take a look at it and watch it grow on Labor Day weekend.

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce is throwing a 153<sup>rd</sup> birthday party for the town at Buffington Park from 3:00-

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The Beachcomber's Square Dance Club is always looking for new members to join in their square and round dances. Even if you're not ready to sign up you're welcome to come out to the Beachcomber's Cover on Labor Day weekend and watch the square dancing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Plus the Beachcombers are going to do their surf dance at Battle Rock Beach on Saturday morning at 11:00am and serve up a might fine breakfast on Sunday morning.

The complete schedule for the Labor Day Festival is available in the Chamber of Commerce publication put together by Chamber president Jay Stoler and called Naturally Historic North Curry. Copies of it will be included in this week's edition of the Port Orford News. Other copies will be available at businesses throughout town and next week the schedule will be printed in this paper.

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Each speaker will speak for about 10 minutes on what they are working on to handle water flows from rainwater with



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the increase of development. Craig Harper, rainwater specialist Rogue Valley Council Of Governments, will give a short 10 minute power point presentation showing examples of what the homeowners can do to modify construction to address water and problems created if rainwater is not handled. The meeting will then be opened to the public for questions and discussion.

Both Curry County and the City of Brookings Planning Departments are addressing the issue through ordinances and land use requirements. Curry County Planner Grant Young will have new information regarding the County's proposed storm drainage ordinance. This

meeting is open to the public and the public is encouraged to come and participate.

### Roaring Sea Open House

Everyone is invited to enjoy the sharing of artistic, musical, and edible treats at the next Roaring Sea Open House, from 2:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, August 29. Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Open Houses are held at Roaring Sea Studio-Gallery located at 41687 Hwy 101 South, Port Orford. The entrance from the highway is shared with the Sea Crest Motel.

Featured artists this month include Weld and Elma Champneys, showing their surreal and whimsical ceramic art; Magda Druzdzal of Gold Beach, a well recognized painter; and Curtis Hempt of Port Orford, whose impressionistic paintings are also well known.

The Kammeroque Ensemble will provide informal music performances during the afternoon. An original piece of prose or poetry will be read by Joyce Mueller.

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## Fire Safety

As bow hunters gear up for the season opener, wildland fire protection officials are spreading the word of caution. Coos Forest Protective Association fire managers advise hunters and all forest users to be careful with fire and to remember that a Regulated Use Closure is still in effect on all private, county, state and BLM lands in Coos, Curry and western Douglas County.

The following provisions are in effect in an effort to ensure wildland fire safety.

Smoking, open fires and off-road driving is prohibited in wildland areas. In addition, vehicles must remain on roads that are clear of grass and other flammable debris.

Campfires, charcoal, cooking and warming fires must be in approved campgrounds, such as state or county parks with fire rings. Please remember to completely extinguish any campfire before leaving. To do so, pour water on the fire while stirring the coals with a shovel. Wait until the coals are completely soaked and appear cool, then double check the coals with your hand.

Each vehicle must have a good working exhaust system and be equipped with at least one axe, one shovel and one gallon of water or fully charged and operational 2.5 pound or larger fire extinguisher while traveling in wildland areas. ATV's and motorcycles must be equipped with one operational 2.5 pound or larger ABC type fire extinguisher, except when traveling on state and county roads.

Aside from abiding by all fire prevention requirements, hunters must check with private landowners to see if any further use restrictions are in place. Many large landowners have closed their lands due to fire danger.

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As the body's outer-most covering, our skin offers protection from heat and light, injury, and infection. But as we all know, if you are exposed to the sun for long periods of time, you have a greater risk of developing skin cancer. And skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States.

There are three main types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. Melanoma is the rarest and

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of new library.**

### Hunter Safety Month

Oregon Governor Theodore R. Kulon-goski has proclaimed September to be Hunter Safety Awareness Month. The proclamation is supported by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon State Police, and Oregon Hunters Association. "With September being the traditional start of the hunting season, this is a good time to remind both hunters and others about the importance of being safe when recreating outdoors," said ODFW Education Services Section Manager Kenn Condon.

ODFW plans to kick off a statewide hunter safety campaign Sept. 1 that will focus on the use of blaze orange by hunters and non-hunters alike, noted Condon. This will be the second year ODFW has sponsored a fall hunter safety campaign with OSP and OHA. ODFW and OHA also are teaming up to offer outdoor survival and safety workshops at a series of September meetings being

held by local OHA chapters. "No matter how much you think you know about hunting safely, you can always learn more safety tips with the refresher courses being offered around the state in September," said OHA President Ken Hand. "Remember, safety is the difference between the hunt of lifetime and the haunt of a lifetime."

"Oregon's hunting community takes safety seriously," said Condon, "Oregon traditionally has a very low number of hunter injuries and fatalities, and we want to keep it that way." Last year's one hunting fatality occurred shortly before the 2003 safety campaign began. There were three fatalities in 2002, three in 2001 and two in 2000, according to OSP reports.

### DeFazio Town Hall Meeting

U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio is holding a town hall meeting in Port Orford on Wed., Sept. 1, from 2:30-3:30pm, in the city hall council chambers.

### A Gallery Toast!!

Face The Wind Art Gallery has announced a reception honoring all the artists and artisans in the Gallery – A "Gallery Toast". The reception will held this Friday, August 27 from 5 to 8pm. The public is invited to join us in a toast to these very special people who have allowed the Gallery to offer the most unique collection of Fine Art and collectible handcrafted works on America's Wild Rivers Coast. Refreshments will be served, and entertainment will be provided by local talent Steve Montana.

Face The Wind Art Gallery is a new gallery here in Port Orford showing the works of over 20 local and regional artists. The Gallery is located at 246 6th Street (Hwy 101) in the former Grantland-Mayfield building. Normal viewing hours for the Gallery are 11:00am to 6:00pm Thursday through Sunday. They may be reached by phone at (541) 332-0989.

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**Letter to the Editor,**

This weekend, August 27, 28 and 29 the largest Rummage Market on the Southern Oregon Coast is coming to the Event Center in Gold Beach. Curry County Hospice's Fifth annual sale will fill an astonishing 20,000 square feet – the Showcase Building, Docia Sweet Hall and the land in between. There is no junk at the Rummage Market. Clothing and personal items are clean; appliances, equipment and tools are in working order. This is virtually a garage saler's supermarket.

Naturally, it takes hundreds of volunteers thousands of hours to organize such a sale. Yet, I am not sure everyone in our community realizes the critical purpose that this fundraiser serves. Curry County Hospice provides care, medications, supplies, equipment and emotional support to individuals who are receiving end of

life care, regardless of their ability to pay. Although a county program, hospice receives no local tax support and uses the proceeds from the Rummage Market to offset expenses for patients who have no insurance, or for those whose costs exceed insurance reimbursement. This financial assistance means absolutely everything to those patients and their families.

Here is an opportunity for neighbors to help neighbors in a very special way, while having a truly great time doing it.

Barbara Phelps  
 Hospice Advisory Board Member  
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**Letter to the Editor**

I am the mother of Noah Mysiewicz, who was assaulted across from Battle Rock



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on July 4. At the August 3 Police Workshop, Chief Rush said he would provide me with the crime-scene workup allegedly done (originally discussed on July 8), but neither I nor Noah has received it as of August 20. (This follows our requests for the crime report, which the police never gave us – we got it elsewhere.)

On July 8, Chief Rush promised Noah would be properly interviewed. He NEVER was. Other important witnesses were not interviewed or even identified, changes were made in statements, and the investigation seems to be concerned with proving my quiet, chess playing son deliberately provoked a juvenile delinquent who was perhaps four inches larger and many pounds heavier. Why?

The night of the assault the assailant's name was not called into Curry County Juvenile to find a prior history and there was a weeklong delay in reporting it.

I have asked the City Council to change the direction of this investigation so some consideration is given to the victim – most notably getting the police department to provide my son with materials essential to his case. The citizens of this town should know that the local government is interested in fairness and justice for all.

Sincerely,

Deborah Mysiewicz

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### Langlois Library News

The Langlois Public Library would like to invite you to a couple of events we think might be of interest to you and your family and friends.

This Friday, August 20, author Monte Killingsworth will be the guest speaker at "Booktalk". Cosponsored by the Port Orford Public Library, this presentation will take place at 4:00 at the Langlois Library. Monte writes somewhat controversial books for young adults, and his presentation will include music, poetry, excerpts from the author's books, and some of his personal experiences.

"Support Your Local Libraries" weekend is Labor Day weekend... a time for family fun. Join the Langlois Library Foundation on Saturday, September 5, 10a-6p for the Langlois Library Peddler Faire to be held at the Langlois Library.

We'll have lots of tables filled with arts, crafts, games, food and entertainment... all to benefit the library.

On Sunday, September 5, 9-4pm, the Port Orford Public Library is hosting a "Lore-to Burrito Breakfast Feed" and "Artful Flea Market" at the American Legion Hall in Port Orford. Proceeds will benefit the construction of the new library.

Hope you'll be able to join us.

Buzzy, Nancy  
and the Langlois Library Foundation

### Council Candidates Qualify

The five candidates who filed for the Port Orford City Council election and the one mayoral candidate were all certified for the November ballot by the county clerk's office. The five people running for city council are Steve Abbott, Carl Eskelson, Milton Finch, Emily Franco, and Alison Mysiewicz. The sole candidate for mayor is Jim Auburn.



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### Letter to the Editor,

On behalf of the Sunset Garden Club of Port Orford I wish to thank all those who made our recent Garden Club tour a success. To the 17 faithful members of the Club and the three husbands, Steve Roeman, Paul Lee and Tom McDow who gave so willingly of their time I wish to extend very special thanks. Without the able leadership and organization of Ann Goetzman, Pat Lee and Bernice White the tour would never have happened. Also special thanks to the five homeowners who welcomed all the visitors to their gardens, Marilyn and Arthur Sullivan, Christine and Jack Marohl, Marjorie and Curtis Hempt, Paula Cracas and Nancy and Ed Dowdy. Finally, thanks to the Port Orford News and especially Evan Kramer of Port Orford Today for the publicity they gave us and to Ray's Market for providing the balloons to mark the homesites.

The monies raised by this tour will be used to maintain the flower boxes that are along Highway 101 and other projects designed to beautify our wonderful community.

New members are always welcome and the next meeting will be September 10 at 1:00pm at the Senior Center.

Sincerely,

President, Joan McDow

### TLAP Day is Coming!

Avast matey! There's less than a month remaining until this year's "Talk Like a Pirate" day. This year TLAP day, Sept. 19, falls on a Sunday so the cap'n has decided to take the whole weekend for a real pirate fling. Celebrate Friday through Sunday with yer growling, swaggering, grog and other piratical tricks! If ye party proper like on Saturday, the "Aarr!" ye'll wake up with on Sunday morning will come to ye natural.

Last year TLAP day was celebrated on all the seven seas or at least on all seven continents including aboard a research ship in Antarctica. This year plans are already afoot for celebrations at the South Pole, in Iraq and in plenty o' other ports to boot! (If you don't have a port, use a fine Zinfandel but don't tell anyone!)

Now some o' ye may be a bit embarrassed that ye can't sling the lingo befit-

tin' a proper pirate. No worries matey! Cap'n Slappy has written a book to help! Order the book, read the ship's log (blog), and report your plans and piratical adventures at [www.talklikeapirate.com](http://www.talklikeapirate.com)!

So, loosen up yer cutlass and get ready to shiver yer timbers for a great TLAP weekend!

### Letter to the Editor,

Why does our prospective mayor candidate think that volunteers painting our grammar school are such a travesty that we should raise property taxes so we can pay professionals. Punish us because we have a community that cares.

Happy to volunteer,

Claudette Kahman

### Pete Lenihan Trio

The Pete Lenihan Trio plays this Saturday night, August 28, from 7:00-10:00pm at the Paula's Bistro. The Lenihan Trio is Pete Lenihan on keyboards, Ted Owen on Drums and Ryan Collins playing guitar.



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**Letter to the Editor,**

I have to stop and say “Hats-Off” to the number of area businesses along Highway 101 who have done a fantastic job of improving the look of their places. A little paint, landscaping and cleanup goes a long way towards great curb appeal. Places like Finch’s Jewelry & Art, The Savoy Theatre, Sixes River Peddler, the Shell station, and several others have really done a nice job. Even the school looks much nicer thanks to local volunteers.

It’s my opinion that Port Orford doesn’t have any problem getting tourists here...

it’s keeping them here for more than an hour or a day that will benefit the many businesses that really count on tourist traffic to survive. If we can continually improve the look of the town we can all share in added business that will be picked up by people staying and contributing to our local economy. They all have to buy groceries, gas, and have lodging, and many will visit our local art galleries and gift shops if we can keep them here. Again... great job to our citizens and business owners. It is very much noticed and appreciated.

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Dog and cat owners need to be aware of the potential problem and keep an eye on their animals. Don't let them eat "stray" food items found in the street and watch

out for things thrown in your yard that could be hazardous to the health of your animal. If you think your dog or cat has been poisoned or there has been an attempt made please call the department immediately at 332-9013 and speak to Chief Bill Rush or Officer Scott Halse.

Dog owners also need to put a stop to their dogs running free and unsupervised in the city and county areas. It can be harmful for them and potentially harmful for the public. Dog owners also need to keep their dogs licensed and make sure the rabies certificates for their dogs are current.

### **Bland Mountain Fire Update**

As of August 25, cooler weather, higher humidity, and cloud cover all aided fire fighters battling the Bland Mountain #2 Fire on Tuesday. Crews continued reinforcing and improving fire lines on several sides of the fire. The fire has reached 4691 acres and is 70% contained.

Rain was expected on the fire lines Wednesday. Rain will help but will also likely reduce visibility, causing a decrease in the effectiveness of helicopter support for water drops. In addition to the rain, the firefighters facing other hazards including poison oak and bee stings.

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Gayle Wilcox, an EMT volunteer and volunteer fire fighter said that they have an excellent teacher for the EMT class and described this as an excellent time to take the class and become an EMT.

The EMT's and volunteer fire fighters are one of the main reasons it's possible to live in Port Orford. Imagine having a medical emergency and not being able to dial 911 for an ambulance or spotting a car or house fire and not being able to get fire personnel and equipment on the way as soon as possible. These services exist because of the volunteers that make up both departments. Please think about serving your community and making a difference.

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