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**Should Port Orford have high-speed Internet from our cable TV company?**

### The Barge Is Coming By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met on Monday night and heard first from Arts Council president Stacy Romele. She spoke about Tere Tronson having sent a letter to the city about making the Community Building

a more workable space for a theater program. Romele said the building had inadequate lighting and sound. She was concerned about the blown in insulation they had found when removing the grid panels. The City will check into the insulation to make sure it doesn't contain asbestos. Romele will bring the theater issue up at the Parks Commission meeting and once all the work is approved and completed a local theater company will be formed.

City Administrator Ken Knight's report included a section on the Curry County Animal Control Department. He has been told they will only respond to Port Orford in "case of emergencies" and not provide any enforcement within the city limits because we have a police department. Councilor Ed Beck questioned if that was Animal Control's policy towards the cities of Gold Beach and Brook-

ings. Ken Knight will look into the matter further.

The council discussed the Twelfth Street boat ramp and the parking area adjacent to it plus the road. The part of Twelfth Street where the dip is located is owned by Oregon State Parks. They are planning on putting in a culvert and raising the road and eliminating the dip. There are also plans to pave the pothole plagued parking area at the boat ramp.

The police department is participating in the Three Flags Campaign through September 26. The emphasis on this campaign is seat belt enforcement, child restraint use, DUII and speeding.

SHN Project Engineer Steve Donovan gave an update on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade and the sewer outfall. He said the barge was leaving Coos Bay at midnight for Port Orford and will be here on Tuesday. He said Tuesday and Wednesday were expected to be good working days on the ocean. Councilor Jim Auburn pointedly said he thought it was unsatisfactory they didn't leave on Sunday for Port Orford. Donovan said there were seven concrete mats still to be laid on top of the outfall pipe and five of them he described as difficult. The work will be done from the barge. Donovan said work at the wastewater treatment

plant was going well and Laskey-Clifton was done with the pile driving. The importance of placing the concrete mats is then the outfall project can be completed and put into use. Between that and finishing the sewer plant upgrades the city will be allowed to lift the moratorium on water and sewer hookups by the end of this year.

Jim Auburn made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2004-05 and it passed 5-0. This ordinance allows prefabricated structures in commercial zones as a conditional use and establishes standards for the structures.

The council unanimously approved a lease agreement between the City and the Chamber of Commerce for the Chamber to use space at the Visitor Center at Battle Rock Park. The lease is for a six-month trial period.

Councilor Auburn made a motion to approve the revised fee schedule for the Community Building and the American

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Plans have changed. There **WILL** be a paper on October 7 after all. Our apologies for any confusion caused by our earlier announcement that there would not be one that week.

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Thu Sep 23, 2004	2:10a -0.1	9:17a 5.7	2:04p 4.0	7:56p 7.1	7:06a	7:13p	5:18p	2:04a						
Fri Sep 24, 2004	3:14a -0.3	10:08a 6.1	3:19p 3.4	9:10p 7.3	7:07a	7:11p	5:52p	3:17a						
Sat Sep 25, 2004	4:09a -0.3	10:49a 6.5	4:19p 2.7	10:13p 7.5	7:08a	7:10p	6:20p	4:30a						
Sun Sep 26, 2004	4:55a -0.3	11:25a 7.0	5:10p 1.9	11:09p 7.5	7:09a	7:08p	6:44p	5:41a						
Mon Sep 27, 2004	5:36a -0.1	11:59a 7.3	5:57p 1.2		7:10a	7:06p	7:06p	6:50a						
Tue Sep 28, 2004	12:00a 7.5	6:14a 0.4	12:30p 7.6	6:40p 0.7	7:11a	7:04p	7:26p	7:56a	FM					
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**The Barge Is Coming**  
**Continued from Front Cover**

Legion Hall without the non-discrimination clause and it passed 5-0. The main change to the fee schedule is that more groups have been included in the public/non-profit user category. These groups can rent the Community Building for \$20 a day and the American Legion Hall for \$10 a day.

The council voted 5-0 to adopt Resolution 2005-04. This Resolution provides workers compensation coverage to volunteers working for the City of Port Orford.

Next up on the agenda was a subject of interest to many. It concerned the franchise extension agreement between the City and Charter Cable. The extension was for one year from when it expired which was July 11, 2004. Jim Auburn said he wanted to see the City get twenty first century services like digital cable, cable on demand and broadband. City

Administrator Ken Knight said broadband couldn't be part of the agreement by federal law. A communications bill passed by Congress several years ago separated Internet service from cable TV and phone service according to Knight. Councilor Carl Eskelson made a motion to extend the franchise agreement with Charter Communications for one year and it passed 5-0.

The council approved the consent calendar. It includes recognition of Peggy Alessio, Norma Anderson, Betty Sejlund and Sally Johnston as volunteers of the month for their efforts on behalf of repainting Driftwood Elementary School. The calendar also included the Mayor's appointment of Erna Barnett to fill a vacancy on the City planning commission caused when member Maury Smith resigned.

The council approved a motion by Jim Auburn to approve a cost of services amount of \$8,753 to SHN Engineers for

the water master plan update. Ken Knight said it the plan would increase the water "model" to areas in the urban growth boundary and include additional water impoundment.

The approved minutes for Port Orford City council meetings can now be found on the City's web site. Go to the home page at [www.portorford.org](http://www.portorford.org). Go to the top right side of the page under the heading City Hall and click on the word more. You'll then be guided to the page with the council minutes, which are much more detailed than these newspaper articles.

Mayor Gary Doran said he had recently attended a transportation meeting in Myrtle Creek and having arrived early took a walk around town. He commented on how well kept up the city and the sidewalks were. He said he would like to see some of the business owners in our town clean up the weeds and grass grow-

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ing out of the sidewalks in front of their stores.

The council then set the meeting dates and times for three special meetings starting with the Monday, October 11 executive session to be followed by a special session for 1:30pm. The council will consider the police chief's job review as submitted by the city administrator during the executive session.

The city will then hold a town hall meeting concerning the police department tax levy on Tuesday, October 12, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. They will hold a town hall meeting to discuss the city charter revisions on Wednesday, October 20, 7:00pm. The ballots for the November 2 general election will be mailed between October 15 and 19.

## Board Upholds Policy By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District Board met on Tuesday, September 14 and dealt with an appeal to the distribution of the Port Orford News in the schools.

School Superintendent Marv Ott discussed the distribution of keys for the district's buildings. The district had them all re-keyed this summer. Ott asked for direction from the board on the distribution of keys. The consensus was to have them checked in and out when people need them.

Under the public forum part of the meeting Willowsong Hall, publisher of Port Orford News, spoke to the board about the Newspapers in Education (NIA) program. She gave each school board member a copy of the September 15 edition of the News. She told them 17 classrooms had been signed up for the program to participate this year and they had also gained new sponsors. She said the NIA program was going to a full year program as of this semester. Hall said several local writers has stepped forward and written articles for the current edition of the paper as part of the NIA program.

Todd Merryman told the board it was inappropriate for them to be accepting the newspapers. Tina Merryman said the Port Orford News had violated the trust of the community. She referred to the committee, which had handled the challenge to the Port Orford News and said

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she felt the committee report was in error. Todd Merryman told the board that the News had made a brutal and vicious attack on his wife in an article printed in the paper. He said the committee members all had a very liberal bias.

The board then dealt with the Merryman's appeal of the "Port Orford News Challenge" committee's recommendations. The committee had submitted their report at the July school board meeting and recommended retaining the Port Orford News and NIA program. Board member Gail Rathbun made a motion "to uphold the recommendations of the committee that was charged." Shirley Van Loo seconded the motion. Board president Virginia Hughes said that the board appreciated the Merryman's bringing up their concerns. The board then voted 5-0 in favor of the motion. The Merryman's asked what the next level of appeal was and were told the State School Board.

Marv Ott commended Sally Johnston for her "tremendous" effort with the Driftwood School painting project. He said Sally put in over 150 hours at the site. Sally Johnston told the board that she had made a commitment to finish what we started and that it couldn't have been done without the efforts of Superintendent Ott. Marv Ott said it took a lot of people and a lot of effort to get the school painted. There were three plaques on display thanking the many people and businesses that contributed to the painting project.

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## Letter to the Editor,

Friday night the community of Port Orford opened its arms happily once again with a community potluck and music to welcome the runners of the 234 – mile 10th annual relay from Siletz Oregon to the Rogue River. Each year the participation has grown since the first run when the children of the Siletz tribe suggested the idea of a run down to the ancestral lands as a way to retrace their heritage.

Organizer Bev Youngman says the run is a relay that begins on Thursday and goes around the clock until the all of the runners; support personnel and elders arrive at Oak Flats on the Illinois River Saturday afternoon. Their cultural resource spokesman Robert Kenta provides links along the way as they retrace their ancestral past.

Our potluck started a little later than normal with the weather to the north

slowing the arrival of the support teams and elders, but at 6:20pm a silver lining on the clouds to the west of town cleared the way for the beginning of a great evening of cultural enrichment. Local musicians Kass McLaughlin, Steve Montana, and Michael Disbrow put on a great show and there were also two drummers/singers from the Siletz peoples that played several traditional songs.

There were wonderful dishes contributed by many hands in the community along with all the help provide by the staff of the Port Orford Arts Council; Stacy Romele and Susan Shannon did an excellent job of organization. And a special thank you to all the usual suspects, Karen and John C., Paula C., Carol M., Joan and Al G.

Joan Geiser

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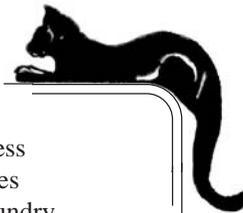
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### Statement

*[The following statement was read to the Coos-Curry Electric public meeting on Friday, Sept. 17.]*

My name is Kathryn Schneberk-King. I live in Port Orford. I have been an attorney for 28 years although I am not licensed to practice in Oregon at this time.

A year and a half ago, I was asked to attend Coos-Curry Coop meetings by a number of owner members. I have attended all but one meeting since then as well as all of the annual meetings.

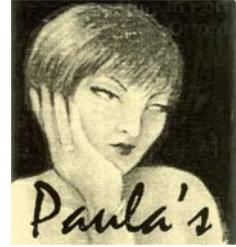
It took me a few meetings to figure out what was going on. The Board does not share materials with visitors at their meetings and their By-laws allow them to call a closed session with no visitors whenever they choose. To see the annual budget and financial statement, we had to make a private appointment with the CEO to go over the numbers. It became clear to me after a while that all was not well. The coop was borrowing heavily. Rates for power were set lower than cost. And perhaps most worrisome, their taxes were not filed on time. When finally filed, the coop was subject to penalties

and interest for the late filing. They are currently paying an accounting firm over \$20,000.00 to negotiate these penalties and interest with the IRS.

The Board members receive \$350.00 for their attendance at a monthly meeting. Every meeting costs over \$3000.00 just in Board time. That equals \$37,800.00 per year. The Board members also receive health insurance for themselves and their spouses if they choose. I have asked more than once what the cost is for this insurance. Receiving no answer, I can only guess that it could total as much as \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 dollars a year. Board members are also paid to attend meetings all over the nation. In March the Board voted to donate \$6000.00 to the Brooking Harbor High School to help refurbish their track.

This compensation and charity might be all right if the coop was prospering. But it was reported at the August Board meeting that the coop has lost money 35 out of the last 36 months. It was also reported that their lender contacted the Board and requested that they make some changes to continue their loans. The Board chose to furlough 6 employees. There are four new Board member appointed or elected

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in the last year and a half, Mr. Itzen, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Shank and Mr. Radabaugh. I applaud their courage for trying to assist the coop at this serious time when they will receive a lot of the flack from action taken before they were on the Board. To the 5 current Board members who watched the coop lose money for the last three years as they received their compensation, Mr. Kolen, Mr. Lund, Mr. Coombs, Mr. Hildebrand and Mr. Hanscam, I respectfully ask them to resign and allow the new Board members to choose others to serve. If they decline, three of the long term Board members will be up for re-election in 2005. I ask that interested persons in their districts come forward and start attending meetings and prepare to challenge them in the election. The long term Board members should be held accountable for allowing the coop to end up in this financial mess.

Thank you.

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### Coos-Curry Electric Meeting By Evan Kramer

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative held a town hall meeting in Port Orford on Friday night in response to the recent rate increase and layoffs. Coos Curry Electric board chairman Terry Hanscam led the meeting and introduced local board member Jean Shank and general manager Werner Buehler. Hanscam went around the room and asked people to speak. There were one dozen members of the public present and nearly that many from the cooperative.

Port Orford Postmaster Gary Romele said he was concerned about the mail service. Coos-Curry Electric has outsourced their mailings to Portland (Sterling Bank) as part of their recent cost cutting efforts. Romele said his office had taken a big hit with a 20% reduction in income. He said because of this the office couldn't hire another clerk. He

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said getting out of the mail will be slower and that he needed that extra person. The Port Orford Post Office is allocated employees by the amount of volume that goes through the office. All of Coos-Curry mailings were credited to the Port Orford Post office volume because they had a Port Orford cancellation. Hanscam said the board didn't know anything about the outsourcing. Werner Buehler said that outsourcing the mail saved the Cooperative \$60,000 a year.

Buehler said the crisis the Coop has its their banker told them they have to operate at a profit and generate net income.

Hanscam was asked why the base rate was raised and not the kilowatt charge. The chairman was told raising the base rate hurts the small users, the single people and people on fixed income. Raising the base rate means no matter how much or little electricity a person uses all were given the same rate hike. The rea-

soning for the base rate hike is the need for the cooperative to raise a guaranteed amount of money by the end of this year. Jean Shank said the board members were donating 10 percent of their monthly salary to a fund to help people who were having trouble paying their electric bill. Hanscam said there were other programs available for energy assistance for low-income residents.

Jay Stoler asked why the base rate had not been raised for such a long time and was told by Hanscam the Coop tried to keep the rates as low as we could as long as we could. Hanscam said the coop could sell excess power to other co-ops on the open market and help offset charges to Coos-Curry.

Buehler said the base rate hike would raise an additional \$1.1 million dollars over the next four months. He said they had laid off seven people and put aside the tree trimming projects. He also said the coop had deferred \$2 million worth of work this year to save money.

Hanscam told the public the coop had invested in Eastern Oregon Telecom and NOA Net and that they were looking to divest the coop of both of these investments.

Kathy Schneberk-King read a statement to the gathering at city hall. It is printed in its entirety elsewhere in this paper. She has attended every Coos-Curry meeting except one for the past year and a half and had some strong words for the Board.



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quire a 50% match in cash or cash equivalent.

"City area beautification" means the enhancement and beautification of the city within the city's urban growth boundary, but excluding acquisition, maintenance and/or repairs of city infrastructure.

"City area tourism development" means the expenditure of funds in areas outside

of the city's corporate and urban growth boundaries for the purpose of advertising and promoting areas within the City of Port Orford and its urban growth boundaries.

Applications are due at City Hall prior to 4:30 p.m. on October 8. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Port Orford City Hall.

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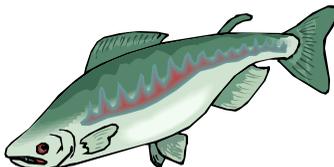
**Monday, September 27, 6:00pm**

**Abstract**

Legally sanctioned privileges and property rights are becoming the preferred method of fisheries management around the world. The structure and operation of these rights, however, has important implications for coastal communities. Shetland has tried to embrace the dynamics of ITQ's but maintain a community aspect through its *Groundfish Community Quota Scheme*. The first part of my talk focuses on the establishment of the system and its operation. The discussion strongly emphasizes that although the *Scheme* has generally worked, it is not without certain problems. The second part discusses whether a Shetland-type system can be successfully applied elsewhere.

**Biosketch**

John Goodlad was born and brought up in the Shetland fishing village of Hamnavoe and became the Chief Executive of the Shetland Fishermens Association for 20 years. During this time he established a number of innovative fisheries management initiatives including the community owned fish quota scheme. He now operates his own salmon farm and has recently established Shetland's first commercial halibut farm. He is a fisheries and aquaculture consultant and is President of the Association of European Fish Producers Organisations, Director of Shetland Catch (Europe's largest pelagic processing plant), board member of the British Sea Fish Industry Authority, and Buckland Professor, 2003.





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Sole Pursuits, Curry General Hospital’s free incentive walking program, invites hikers to explore secluded caves and coves at low tide when organizers host a guided walk along the cliffs and surf line of Secret Beach, beginning at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16. Secret Beach is located between Gold Beach and Brookings, north of Thunder Rock Cove.

The hike will start at the parking lot above Thunder Rock Cove, west off Highway 101. Some vehicles will be shuttled to the Secret Beach parking area, about a mile north of there.

To access the beach, participants must scramble over a steep rocky outcropping and cross a small stream. Walking sticks and sturdy boots or shoes are recommended. Hikers can pack picnic suppers and flashlights if they wish to linger for star-gazing opportunities and a gourmet dessert of Miner Creek S’mores. Participants also are encouraged to bring firewood and scary stories. Families are welcome.

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offshore seastacks and a protected cove below the cliffs. While the hike is considered moderate, hikers should note that they must climb a long, steep hillside to return to the parking lot.

Organizers suggest packing a wool cap and warm clothes for after sundown. In case of rain, the hike will go on, but after-dark activities will be canceled.

To carpool, participants can meet at 4:30 p.m. at The Brookings Clinic, 412 Alder St. in Brookings; or the Curry General Hospital Annex, 94220 Fourth St., just east of the main hospital building.

Next month, Sole Pursuits will host “Walking the Dog,” a romp to the Port of Brookings Harbor with your favorite canine pet, Nov. 6.

For more information, phone the Sole Pursuits office at (541) 247-3187 or 1-800-445-8085, ext 187.

### “Fair Fund Fling!”

Please join us on Saturday, October 23, at 7:00pm, for a fundraising event being held in Docia Sweet Hall at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. The proceeds from this event will be used to supplement revenue for operating expenses due to unexpected overcosts on the livestock building project. Tax-deductible donations for specific projects will be gratefully accepted. Entertainment and a silent auction will round out the evening’s festivities.

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### Wellness on the South Coast By Tina Vecera, L.Ac.

The windy, cold and damp climate of the Oregon Coast is similar to the climate areas of China where acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine were developed over many thousands of years. Thus, Chinese medicine is a valuable treasure for cultivating good health and preventing and treating sickness as we enter the rainy autumn and winter seasons here.

Coughs, colds, and sore throats are viewed in Chinese medicine as the invasion of external pathogens – wind, cold, heat, dampness or dryness. Immunity is known as “wei qi” and helps us protect ourselves from sickness.

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Tina Vecera is a licensed acupuncturist and a nationally certified Diplomate of Chinese Herbology (NCCAOM). She has a Master of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine from the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine. She practices at Shining Sea Acupuncture Clinic in Bandon with part-time hours in Port Orford and Gold Beach. She may be reached at 541-347-4539.

### Free PSA's

Curry Family Medical will offer free PSA blood tests from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 23, to mark National Prostate Cancer Awareness Week. Digital exams will be offered, but not manda-



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tory. The screenings will include a topical body check as a screening for skin cancer, as well. Low-cost cholesterol and glucose tests will be provided as an option. No fasting is necessary. Results will be ready instantly. PSA test results, however, will be mailed to each participant. The clinic is located at 525 Madrona, in Port Orford. Clinic staff will also offer refreshments and door prizes.

The PSA blood test (or Prostate Specific Antigen) is a useful marker for diagnosing and managing prostate cancer. Catching prostate cancer early before it has a chance to spread offers the best chance for fighting the disease. Screenings are recommended annually for those 50 to 75.

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## **Red Hat Events by The Countess of Scribe**

If you missed the scavenger hunt this past weekend, sorry. Got my article in too late. Here's some now and future events, so mark your calendars now!

Red Hat Days will be celebrated in October and The Divine Sisterhood of Red Hat Ladies of Port Orford will do their thing starting with a Coffee Kuppa at Java Casa from 9:30-11 a.m. on both Thursday Oct. 7 and Oct. 21. October is also "dooze" month so you'll need to get your \$5 to Queen Mum Micki before the end of October.

Saturday, October 9 from 1-4 p.m. there will be an Olde Fashioned English Tea at the home of that Olde Fashioned Englishwoman, Valerie Phillips. Please call Carol at 332-0952 to RSVP so they'll know how much Earl Gray to put out. There's no cost for this, of course, and you're invited to bring friends.

Saturday, October 23 at 5:15 p.m. the Red Hatters of Port Orford are making good on their promise to do an "away" event. They'll be leaving from the Senior Center for a trek to the Oktoberfest at the Honey Bear Lodge at 6:00 (you must be there on time or "no soup for you!"). Money for this event is tba soon.

Your Countess of Scribe is vacating Port Orford. Yes, it's true, it's true. The "Duke of Scribe" (aka Glenn) has taken a full-time teaching position at SWOCC in Coos Bay and we're moving to Winchester Bay as of the 1st of October. Queen Mum Micki has convinced me to keep my membership active with this group, and to keep writing, via email, this newsy column. I'll do it for a while, but I know there are many talented writers among our sisters, so come forward and volunteer. I'll still attend as many events with y'all as possible, and am hoping to have everyone up to the Bay as soon as we unpack.

Adieu Port Orford and we've loved every minute. 'tata

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## **Letter to the Editor,**

God's Green Earth and Nursery and Things wants to thank people and stores that contributed to the Youth Services Fund Raiser on September 25 at 551 Nineteenth Street. We want to thank Ray's Food Place for contributing hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. We also want to thank the Langlois Market for contributing their famous hot dogs, buns and mustard. Thank both of you. Please support both of these businesses, as they have been very generous in support of our local youth group.

God's Green Earth Staff

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### Letter to the Editor,

The latest letter to the editor regarding the actions of the Port Orford Police Dept. demands an answer. Having been an officer for nine years I personally know the conflicting stories and confusion at the scene of any incident. No one ever steps up and say's "It's my fault, I did it, arrest me". An officer observes the scene, questions victims, witnesses, bystanders, he then evaluates the quality of the witness and the evidence and applies the appropriate law. No two people see any event the same and stories are almost always conflicting. Many times you think you know what happened, but cannot prove it. The

District Attorney has the ultimate decision on whether or not to prosecute someone.

If you have questions about an officer's conduct you can contact the Chief of Police, the Mayor, the City Council, or the District Attorney. None of these people can comment publicly on an ongoing investigation, but they can and will investigate the allegations. You may not always like the answers you get. They cannot reply to "Letters to the Editor" or defend themselves in a public way.

If you think you have been wronged, you can contact a Civil Attorney and proceed against the other party. There are many

remedies for any situation.

I have personally observed the officer in question at fire scenes and ambulance/medical scenes and in potentially violent situations. I find him to be "professional and business like" in his conduct.

I do not wish to have a town with no Police force. If we do not retain the Police Dept. we will find ourselves with one deputy assigned to Port Orford on a part time basis. Traffic that already speeds through town will be out of control. Response time to incidents will go up dramatically. If the deputy is busy with another "Higher" crime you might not see him till the next day. Business will not locate in an area without basic Safety Services. We all want to live in a safe place both for ourselves, and for our children. I believe that supporting and retaining the Police Dept. is in the best interest of all of us.

Bob Mielenz

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God's Green Earth is having a fund raising sale for our local youth group. The Port Orford Christian Center has a new Youth Pastor and he wants to provide all of our local youth a safe place to meet and have youth activities Monday through Friday after school. God's Green Earth Nursery and Things will donate 50% of all plant sales and 100% of the food sales to the youth group. Please join us in supporting safe and fun activities for the local youths in our community.

We wish to thank the businesses that have contributed to our fundraiser: Downtown Fun Zone-Paper Supplies; Ray's Food Place-Hamburgers, Hotdogs; Langlois Market-Hotdogs and Sweet Mustard.

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## 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, September 26. Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Open Houses are held at Roaring Sea Studio-Gallery located at 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford. The entrance from the highway is shared with the Sea Crest Motel.

Featured artists this month include sculptor and multi-media artist Richard Herr of Bandon; Port Orford artist Roger Rasmussen, showing his "architectural" assemblage-paintings; well-known local artist Georganne White, showing her re-

cent work; and two local basket artists, Becky Flake and Jean Kilburn.

The Kammeroque Ensemble and guest composer-musician Geneva Miller 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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**Letter to the Editor,**

For U.S. citizens, voting is a right, a duty and a privilege. Countless Americans have sacrificed their lives so that we may live in a free democracy. Each citizen has a voice and together we choose our leaders and our destiny.

Yet, many Americans take this privilege for granted. They think their vote is not important. There is only one voice among the many. What difference does it make if they vote or not? Port Orford residents only need to look back at the last year to really appreciate the value of one vote. A bond election went down to defeat by only one vote. Those who had been too

busy or uninterested saw clearly that their voice could have made a difference.

Likewise many are not registered to vote. Some think they will avoid jury duty if they are not registered. (Not true.) October 12 is the deadline for registering to vote in the up-coming November election. Curry County residents can register at the Court House in Gold Beach or at the Democratic Party Headquarters (regardless of party affiliation) in downtown Port Orford. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It's easy and it's fast.

A very important election is coming up in November. Only when we exercise

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Patricia McArdle

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The chamber is now headquartered in the Visitor's Center and is open each day at 11:00 a.m. for business. Stop by and say hi and get involved with your chamber. We still have room for more volunteers to help with office work, answer the phone, pick up mail and do data entry work. Call Jay at 332-3106 for more information.

The chamber has 86 members and has a goal of 101 by years end. Now is the best time to get involved with your active Port Orford and North Curry chamber of commerce. Stop by the Visitor's Center and pick up an application and find out how the chamber can help your business.

## Senior Center News By Jane Black

Those working for the BIG breakfast on Sunday, September 12 were Sonja Mason, head cook; Linda Nelson at the money box – and wife of the treasurer; Jackie Sellon, Al Granados, Tina Buchholz, Connie Heida, Hal and Juanita Hennick, Kay Neal and Dolores Care.

Sonja says they all worked together without specific jobs to make a pleasant breakfast for about 90 people.

The Saturday evening meal (Fund Raiser) on September 18 went along smoothly with a crew that worked together very well. They wished more people had come.

Dues are due. If you do not renew your membership by the end of September, you will no longer be mailed the Calendar/Newsletter.

Tuesday, September 28 is a big day. The nutrition meeting is at 9:30am. Then at 11:00am comes the membership meeting. After that meeting lunch will be served. What's on the menu? Turkey breast with potatoes and gravy, salad and dessert. How about that for only \$4.00.

Dolores Care (office manager) says she needs two more people to be in the office. Anyone want to give it a try? It is enjoyable. It has on the job training. It is three hours a week. Call 332-5771 please.

## Lenihan Guest Player

The Pete Lenihan Trio plays at Paula's Bistro this Saturday night, September 25, from 7:00-10:00pm. This week the Lenihan trio features guest performer the renowned and great trumpet player from Coos Bay Wilbur Jensen.

## High Speed Internet by Valerie Jean Kramer

Elsewhere in this issue we were told that the contract between the City and Charter Cable expired on July 11 and has been renewed for one year. City Administrator Ken Knight expressed his opinion that broadband can't be part of the agreement by federal law but I believe he's mistaken. While the franchise agreement cannot regulate data services, I believe that it CAN require such services be present, particularly when other adjoining communities are already benefitting from such services from the same company. Even if I'm wrong, the City can at least shop around for another cable company to license who would be more willing to meet the needs of our local citizens! At some point the City should be forming a committee to negotiate a long-term cable lease. I hereby request to be on that committee.

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**ULTIMATE SOUVENIR SHOP!** Don't miss The Shell Shack at Battle Rock Park. We've got shot glasses, mugs, caps and T's, keychains, spoons, thimbles, magnets, postcards, shells, shells, shells and a "bazillion" other things! Old-est curio chop in town!

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**NEW MOVIES THIS WEEK:** "Mean Girls", "Star Wars IV, V, & VI and Bonus disk" (The first three movies that were released aer now on DVD for the first time.), "Touch the Wild Horse", "Coffee and Cigarettes", "Time for Dancing", "Asylum of the Damned", and "We'll Meet Again". Please remember items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. Reservations must be prepaid so cannot be taken over the phone. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. Open 9:30-6 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-7 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

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## Fisheries Expert To Speak

The public is invited to attend a presentation by John Goodlad about a community fisheries management program in the Shetland Islands, on Monday, September 27, at 6pm at the Port Orford City Hall Council Chamber.

John's community is heavily dependant on fishing and has developed a unique fisheries program that benefits the entire community. The Shetland Fish Producers Organization represents the fishermen of Shetland. During the past few years it has invested heavily in fish quota which it holds as 'community owned quota' for the benefit of present and future generations of Shetland fishermen.

The concept of community owned fish is particularly interesting to coastal communities like Port Orford, given the recent proposal by the Pacific Fishery Management Council to allocate individual quotas for the groundfish fishery.

Legally sanctioned privileges and property rights are becoming the preferred method of fisheries management around the world. The structure and operation of these rights, however, has important implications for coastal communities. Shetland has tried to embrace the dynamics of ITQ's but maintain a community aspect through its *Groundfish Community Quota Program*. The first part of John's talk focuses on the establishment of the system and its operation. The discussion strongly emphasizes that although the program has generally worked, it is not without certain problems. The second part discusses whether a Shetland-type system can be successfully applied elsewhere.