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### Council Supports Local Police By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council held a Monday afternoon meeting and was greeted by a near capacity crowd in the council chambers. The agenda included discussion about the future of

the police department. The two issues on the front burner were finding a replacement for Bill Rush who resigned as police chief last week and passing the police levy on the November 2 ballot.

Mayor Gary Doran began the meeting, not with the pledge of allegiance, but by telling people he was not going to allow testimony from the public on personalities or individuals.

Councilor Jim Auburn asked Knight what the statutory requirements are for a police department as mandated by the state. Knight said the DPSST does not require a chief to have an intermediate or higher certificate but he said the city's insurance company said a supervisor should have an intermediate certificate.

Councilor Carl Eskelson asked what the city was going to pay a new chief. Knight told him Step 1 pay would be \$33,000. He recommended \$35-39,000 for an in-

terim chief with an advanced certificate but to advertise the salary to begin at Step 1. Jim Auburn asked Knight what other small departments do. Knight had checked around and found one-person departments and up to three person departments where the top person was called chief. Councilor Jerry Steinhorst asked if hiring a lieutenant would cost less. Councilor Jim Campbell said the title doesn't make any difference. He said the city needed to get an advertisement out there and get someone.

Knight said he had invited County Sheriff Mark Metcalf to the meeting today and he would talk about an interim level of support for the police department. Knight said he had contacted the Oregon Police Chief's Association and they have a list of retired police chiefs who are willing to work as interim chiefs around the state. Jim Campbell wanted to know where the money was coming from considering the lucrative package they gave Chief Rush when he resigned. He noted that took care of the police budget for the rest of the year. Knight told Campbell there would be some savings if they hired an interim chief because that person wouldn't get paid as much.

Jim Auburn said the city should call the head of the police department chief.


Next to speak was County Sheriff Mark Metcalf. He said he had discussed providing some support and supervision for officer Halse and mentioned an inter-governmental agreement between the city and county. Metcalf said under this agreement Halse would report through the Sheriff's Department chain of command, which he described as not a perfect situation. Metcalf then made a comment that was well received and it is "**Port Orford's best option is to have your own police department.**"

Metcalf said he was prepared to do an "interim" supervision of our police department for a short period of time at **no cost** to the city. He said the inter-governmental agreement would provide a continuity of service for Port Orford. Metcalf suggested the agreement be for 30 days. Ken Knight said this could give the council time to contact the Oregon Police Chief's Association and get an interim chief and then the city could work on a recruitment program.

Councilor Auburn asked Metcalf what kind of backup we have from the Sheriff's Department. Metcalf replied that his department provides backup on major crimes, investigative and detective services, and drug enforcement issues.

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**Council Supports Local Police  
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Ken Knight described the recruitment period for getting a new chief as between 90 and 120 days. Sheriff Metcalf told the council his department has adequate personnel now to provide 24/7 service in the county and that people in the north county will now see sheriff's patrols out in the middle of the night.

Ken Knight recommended to the council they accept Sheriff Metcalf's offer of an inter-governmental agreement and they begin looking for an interim chief. Councilor Auburn made a motion that we (the council) expedite ORS 190 for an inter-governmental agreement with the Sheriff's Department to provide supervision at no cost and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Doran then opened the meeting up to public comments. Michelle Sweet said she hoped the council would take the opportunity to have a meeting where

personal input is allowed. She asked if the interim chief would be local and live in the city and Mayor Doran said living here is a large consideration. Frank Smith said that all the police chiefs who have been hired here had gotten their management certificates after being hired. He urged the council consider hiring someone local for the interim chief job. He said it would help pass the levy by hiring a popular interim chief. He also made the point that if someone in the sheriff's department had made statements that a "person" is not qualified for the job they should be held accountable.


Steve Abbott, taxpayer and candidate for city council, said people need to know we're going to keep our police department. He urged the council consider local talent for the interim position. He told the council that if the public passes the police levy they continue with a local police department. Paula Cracas recommended hiring someone who knows and

has roots in the town. Caroline Clancy asked the council if we could lay the rumors to rest that a "person who cannot be named" is not well qualified. There was no response to this by the Sheriff or council. Clancy said the person who cannot be named should be considered for the job.

Jere Langston spoke to the council as one of 1,100 employers in this town (as taxpayers we are the city workers' employers). He said it was not good for people to not understand what the city is doing.

Milton Finch talked about a positive incident, which happened at the liquor store on Saturday when a gun was pointed at him in the parking lot. No one was hurt and both Office Halse and the Sheriff's Deputy Ted Longton responded quickly to the 911 call and arrested a suspect within two hours.

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Ken Knight noted that people want the interim chief to live here but said nobody local has the proper certifications. He then described the difference between what they were paying Bill Rush and what a Step 1 interim chief would be paid and said between the difference in salary and savings on PERS they had \$5,000 to pay an interim chief for the rest of the year.

Councilor Auburn made a motion that if the police levy passes it will be the council intention to have a local police department and it passed 6-0. The vote was greeted by a hearty round of applause.

Councilor Campbell said the council needed to pursue a qualified interim person NOW and councilor Ed Beck said he agreed. Councilor Emily Francona said if the council couldn't find an interim chief they could look for an interim person. Councilor Auburn said the council personnel committee could act as a screening committee for the interim chief.

Sheriff Metcalf spoke again and told the council the 30-day inter-governmental agreement could become effective on

October 18. That would give time for county counsel to draw up the agreement and time for the county commissioners to vote on it at their Monday, October 18 meeting. The city council meets in regular session later that evening and could vote on it then. Metcalf said between now and October 18 the sheriff's department could provide informal supervision of our police department. Metcalf said he was "not in the gossip business" and that he will work closely with all law enforcement agencies in the county.

In response to question from councilor Steinhorst Ken Knight said he expected delivery of the radar cart between October 29 and November 15. This radar cart will display motorists driving speeds as they pass the unit and is considered a traffic-slowing device.

And in case you're curious the man with no name is Mark Creighton. Many people including myself strongly support Creighton for the interim and full time police chief position. Creighton has an intermediate and advanced police certification and is ready to work and could have already been on job last week. He knows the town and the people and won't require months of on the job learning.

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The Democratic Party of Oregon announced its official statewide ballot measure endorsements for the November 2 election. Endorsements are considered by members of the Democratic Party of Oregon's central committee. The state central committee is comprised of representatives elected from county party committees and Democratic elected officials. Voting delegates selected one of the following choices in considering each of the eight measures on the November ballot: "Support", "Oppose", or "No Position". In accordance with party rule, a two thirds majority of votes cast was required for endorsement.

The Democratic Party of Oregon endorses the following ballot measures:

Measure 35: Amends constitution: limits noneconomic damages (defined) recoverable for patient injuries caused by healthcare provider's negligence or reck-

lessness - DPO Position: OPPOSE (Party endorses the NO On 35 campaign)

Measure 36: Amends constitution: only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or legally recognized as marriage - DPO Position: OPPOSE (Party endorses the NO On 36 campaign)

Measure 37: Governments must pay owners, or forgo enforcement, when certain land use restrictions reduce property value - DPO Position: OPPOSE (Party endorses the NO On 37 campaign)

Measure 38: abolishes saif; state must reinsure, satisfy saif's obligations; dedicates proceeds, potential surplus to public purposes - DPO Position: OPPOSE (Party endorses the No On 38 campaign)

The following measures failed to achieve a two-thirds majority for either a support or oppose position:

Measure 31: No Position

Measure 32: No Position

Measure 33: No Position

Measure 34: No Position

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## Letter to the Editor,

In regards to Nella Reed Abbott's letter to you in the September 30 issue, I have a follow-up to her remark quoted from the American Conservative which said, "A cabal of young zealots calling themselves neo-conservatives has wormed its way into the highest echelons of government and hijacked American foreign policy." These neo-conservativeless people have duo-citizenships with Israel. Sharon said to his Parliament sometime ago, "We are running the United States." That is why we are in Iraq and likely to be in Iran and why President Bush had to manufacture a different reason for being there.

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I'm writing this not only in support of Mark Creighton but also Bill Rush. I had an incident when a friend's vacation house was broken in. When I checked on it I think someone was still in the house. When I call 911 I was told they (Sheriff Dept.) would not respond, it was up to Bill Rush who they could not reach. I found out later Bill was out of town and they knew it. Three hours later, only after the out of state homeowner called (he's a retired cop) did they respond. All they did was "clear the house", as if anyone was still there three hours later.

When Bill returned he called me immediately. Bill did a thorough investigation. He was very professional and I thank him.

As for Mark Creighton – He has been a concerned member of our community for several years. Everyone likes and respects him.

Mark is more than qualified, having been a deputy sheriff with an advanced certification. He is not only qualified to be interim chief but police chief.

How dare Ken Knight criticize him. Ken Knight is a newcomer to our community. The council may have "confidence" in him. I do not.

This idea of hiring an interim from Oregon Police Chief's Association is ridiculous! Someone who does not know the city and the city does not have the budget to pay.

We have someone here qualified. Mark Creighton. If Ken Knight threatens to quit if Mark is appointed, maybe he should.

Also can you imagine what this city would become without a police department? I can – please vote yes on the police levy.

Blanche Sanders

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- Former public health nurse, administrator, educator
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### Chamber Adds Board Member

The full board with city liaison Emily Francona and guests Jim Auburn, Ken Knight and Rick Francona met at the Port and Starboard restaurant on Monday, October 11. The agenda was full and covered the following business:

Parks Commission Chairman Jim Billings became the seventh Chamber of Commerce Board member. Billings is also the manager of the Visitor's Center and is a native of Port Orford.

High speed Internet service and the offer of DSL from Verizon were discussed. A visit to a Verizon office to talk with supervisors is planned. Ed McQuade heads up that committee.

The chamber made a \$200 donation to NCFCC to help sponsor the KUDANA Dance on Saturday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Bldg.

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The Chamber will be opening a new website. PortOrford.info will have Visitor's Center information, as well as links to city, chamber, port and other informational sites in North Curry. A City Business Guide, a directory of every licensed business is in the development stages and should be up and running before the end of November.

Other end of year business was discussed, including elections of new board members, a membership drive, the annual Children's Christmas party and a Membership Christmas Party. Marilyn Oberbeck is organizing the Christmas Parties.

The board, by unanimous consensus, endorsed voting yes on the Police Levy and agreed a local police presence is vital and necessary.

The Chamber will present Joe Schweinhart from Associated Industries at the Wheelhouse on Thursday, October 21 at

1:00p.m. to give a talk on state ballot measure 37. The public is invited to attend.

The next chamber Board meeting will be on November 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the Crazy Norwegians.

### Letter to the Editor,

On October 8 an incident occurred at the Highway 101 Liquor Store. This involved a man with a gun. A call was placed to 911 and within three minutes our local police officer, Scott Halse, responded. Within two hours the individual was behind bars in the Curry County jail. Deputy Ted Longton was in Gold Beach at the time and responded rather quickly. Thanks go to Scott Halse of the police department and Deputy Longton of the Sheriff's Department.

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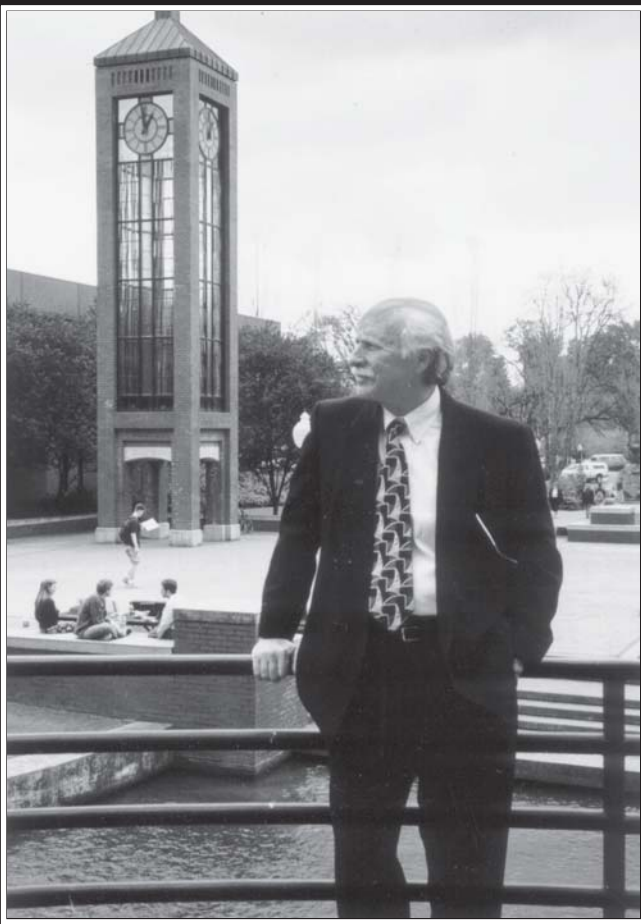
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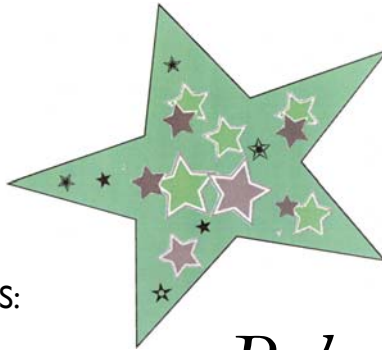
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## Candidates Speak Out By Evan Kramer

The Curry County League of Women Voters held a voter forum for county and state candidates on Wednesday night, October 6. Shirley Nelson moderated the evening for the League and announced that each candidate had three minutes for opening remarks and would be allotted one and a half minutes for answers to questions. The questions were provided by the people in attendance at the meeting.

First to speak was Jeff Kruse, Republican candidate for State Senate District 1. Kruse described himself as a farmer from the Roseburg who has served eight years in the Oregon House of Representatives. He said he considered himself a conservative who opposed the last two tax increases (Measures 28 and 30), which had gone before the voters. Kruse said he authored the Patients Bill of Rights in the House and spoke of wanting to get health insurance for the working poor.

Charles Hochberg, Democratic candidate for State Representative District 1 said he was a physician and surgeon operating in Curry County. Hochberg said government should be no bigger than the people represented by the government. He said health care was needed for everyone and that too many people were without health care. He said 1,000,000 Oregonians couldn't afford health care. Hochberg said the schools needed to be better funded. He said that better health care and schools would bring jobs to Oregon.

Wayne Krieger, Republican candidate for State Representative District 1, and two-term incumbent, said Oregon's challenge in the next legislative session would be there would be no new tax dollars. He said it wouldn't be easy to prioritize spending. He said K-12 grades need to be funded first and that the politics needed to be taken out of the funding. He

described our area as resource based and that it provides family wage jobs.

The next group to speak was the five candidates for county commissioner. Cheryl Thorp (D) running for position #2 said she had formerly been a commissioner and in 2001 was forced to retire for health reasons. Thorp said the O & C funding will expire in 2006 and that the counties would have to fight to retain it. She said that the county elected officials salaries had increased by 46% and that she supports reducing them. Thorp said they should pay half of their PERS retirement. Thorp recommended the county go to a system with three part time commissioners and a full-time county manager.

Marlyn Schafer ® is the incumbent in position #2. She said when she was elected four years ago the county was in disarray. She listed as one of her achievements the sheriff's department hiring five new deputies and that county buildings had been repaired. Schafer pledged that the county would stay fiscally sound if reelected. She said the next two years were critical for the county, as they needed to keep receiving the \$3.4 million federal tax receipts. She said the county received \$1 million a year in property taxes.

Steve Bradley (independent) for position #3 said he had been born in Curry County and was running as a non-partisan candidate. Bradley said he believed all county elected positions should be non-partisan. He said he wanted to improve county communication.

Craig Mickelson ® for position #3 said his theme is working together works. He said he was committed to the public safety program. He talked about needing to manage the county's growth. He described the county codes on land use planning as not adequate and that landowner's rights must be protected.

Lucie La Bonte, (D), is the incumbent in position #2. She said it had been a pleasure working on issues for the people of Port Orford. She listed some of her accomplishments as working to get State Parks to purchase the property at Agate Beach, obtaining tax dollars to purchase a conservation easement for Port Orford's watershed, and speaking up to keep the Elk River Fish Hatchery open.

There are two candidates running for county treasurer including Isabel "Izzy" Brock, who has been treasurer for the past 15 months. She was appointed to fill the position when the former treasurer resigned. Brock said she had streamlined the tax collection process with new software. She spoke of her goal as making "pay on line" available for taxpayers. Brock said she believed in attending conferences to keep current on relevant information.

Linda James is also running for county treasurer. She said she was qualified to become the treasurer and had an AA degree in business administration and 27 years accounting experience. She said she has worked as the chief deputy tax collector. She advocated a pro-active investment policy and said she would work closely with all the county departments.

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### To Be Continued Next Week

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### Letter to the Editor,

This letter is to support Lucie La Bonte, who is running for county commissioner, position 3

I believe her insight and dedication to office have earned her your vote for reelection. We need her experience and understanding of watershed problems and her respect for wetlands. She will work to bring jobs in the area, and knows how to cooperate with all the agencies involved so as to promote balanced good government.

Vote for La Bonte

Dot Mathews

## Fire Season Officially Over

The Coos Forest Protective Association officially ended fire season Saturday, October 9. The end of the 2004 fire season comes after significant rainfall and an overall cooling trend.

Industrial fire precaution restrictions are no longer in effect and outdoor debris burning is now allowed without a permit outside incorporated cities in Coos, Curry and western Douglas County.

CFPA fire managers advise residents to exercise caution when burning. This time of year, several days of sunshine and dry weather can create a fire risk even if a week or more of rainy, cool conditions precedes them. The only type of burning requiring a permit is for logging slash. To request a burn permit for slash disposal or if you have other general questions regarding debris burning, call your nearest CFPA office: Coos Bay (541) 267-3161; Bridge (541) 572-2796; Gold Beach (541) 247-6241.

CFPA suppressed 53 fires in 2004 that burned a total of 187 acres.

The Coos Forest Protective Association wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation in helping us make this a very successful fire season.

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## Bounty for Chairs

The Port Orford Arts Council board met on September 28 to set events for 2005. Citing a plethora of other community fundraisers, the Board cancelled an office equipment fundraiser costume party for October. A Mardi Gras style party with casino games, costume contests, live entertainment, and the annual silent chair auction (all proceeds from chairs going to the Summer Arts program) is now scheduled for Saturday, February 26.

The 2005 chair auction theme is "A Wild Adven-Chair". Chairs will be available for decorating, modifying, or redefining at the General Members meeting on No-

vember 19. Stacey Romele, Arts Council president, is gathering chair stock at the office. The Arts Council will pay a bounty of up to \$5 for "chairs", any item that could conceivably be sat upon, including small benches, stools, doll chairs, etc. Contact Stacey at the Arts Council, 332-0487, regarding drop-off of chairs and bounty. Of course, you may donate a chair towards this fundraiser for the Summer Arts program.

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## Port Orford Police Levy

Passing the upcoming police levy does not increase taxes, but only maintains what we are currently paying. Look on your property tax bill and you'll see that a homeowner or other property owner is paying \$1.41 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for the police department. A homeowner with a house assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$141 per year for the police levy.

The vote on the police levy in this November's election is to continue paying the \$1.41 per thousand of assessed valuation for another four years. This tax revenue plus ticket monies and money from the city general fund will pay for a two police officer and one clerk police department. If the police levy is turned down by the voters the department would have to be eliminated, as there isn't enough money in the city general fund to pay for it. The general fund permanent tax levy is for \$2.226 per thousand dollars of valuation.

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## EMT Classes

There's still time to sign up for Basic EMT (emergency medical technician) classes starting this winter. The classes are free of charge as well as the books and other class materials thanks to a grant obtained by the Port Orford Ambulance Association. The classes will be held in Port Orford. Call Heidi at the Ambulance Association office on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 332-0384 for more information.

## Ballot Measures for Lunch

Ready to vote? Know all the candidates and what they stand for? How about ballot measures? These are important issues and knowing who is behind them and what would happen if you vote for them is something an informed voter should know before marking the ballot and mailing it.

Join the League of Women Voters member's lunch on Friday, October 15, at the Paradise Café (no-host) at noon. Balanced pros and cons for each measure will be given. These have been carefully researched by volunteers and do not represent any special interests. All welcome. Please call 332-9002 by Thursday night if you plan to attend, so the restaurant can be prepared.

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## City Burn Pile

Fire season is over but in the City of Port Orford you still need a permit to burn. You can get this by calling George Gerhke at 332-5383. The city burn pile on Port Orford Loop Road is now open. Brush and yard debris can be brought down to the city burn pile but not household garbage, construction lumber and no commercial land clearing debris.

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## City Charter Meeting

The common council of the City of Port Orford will hold a Town Hall meeting on October 20, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers for citizens to review and discuss with the council Ballot Measure 08-49 for a new City Charter.

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## Bottle Drive

The girls basketball team at Pacific High School will be conducting a bottle drive on Oct. 16, from 10:00am to 1:00pm. If you have bottles but will be gone, please leave them in a sack by your front door. Thanks for the help!

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## Port Commission Meets

The Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Oct. 19, 7:00pm, at City Hall.

# Re-elect MARLYN



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Like it or not, Curry County is growing. It is critical to elect leaders that will work with developers to establish a growth pattern that the community can live with. Marlyn has the experience to work out issues that come as a result of growth. Change is inevitable; Marlyn is the best commissioner candidate to assist in the transition.

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### Port Report By Gary Anderson

Recommendations from Governor Kulongoski during his visit to the Port of Port Orford in March included advice to update our Strategic Financial Plan. We are nearing the end of that process now. All of the input has been provided and the draft plan should be available by the end of this month. Because of the Port's poor financial condition, some of the goals in the plan would provide for immediate financial relief. These include raising fees for boat dockage, raising the fee the Port receives for landing the catch from the fishing fleet, incentive pricing for dockage fees that would reimburse fishermen for the frequency of trips, and cost-based pricing determined by the frequency of hoistings. Other ideas examined include potential litigation for high dock construction errors, restructuring a substantial loan from the state obtained

during construction of the new dock, expanding the district boundary, and developing RV parking and tent sites. Over the long term the top priorities are to clean up the contaminated shop area at the top of Harbor Drive and lease that area, install a sport boat ramp, restore or rebuild the cannery for fish processing, and develop retail outlets and a marine research facility. Ideas that are not revenue generating but are desirable include construction of a public fishing dock, installation of a permanent dredge pump for the boat basin, installation of a new sewer pumping station, and the development of a more attractive access road.

The purpose of the strategic plan is to provide a roadmap for the board and in the administration. And not inconsequentially, state and federal granting agencies do not take seriously grant requests that are not a part of a strategic plan.

### Books and Art By Tobe Porter

It was a great weekend for the Port Orford Public Library. The Friends' Fall Book Sale brought in over \$1,300 and the Book Art benefit reception and silent auction netted over \$1,700 toward construction of the new library. What's more—it was all fun.

The Book Art Show at Face the Wind Gallery was marvelous, and I'm sure that the Friends put on the most elegant book sale in Oregon. Both events offered music, food and good company in addition to books and artwork for sale.

There are many thank yous to be delivered, but for right now I will just say thanks to the artists, Gallery owners Chane and Helen Fullmer, members of the Friends and to the many other volunteers who made very heavy work seem easy. Details to follow.

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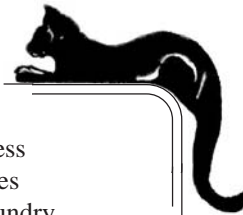
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## **Letter to the Editor,**

The October 2004 Ruralite had a special announcement by Coos Curry Coop Manager Werner Buehler.

In a dear member letter he asks a rhetorical question. What do Coop members "think" should be done to improve Coos-Curry Electric's performance.

Reverting back to a previous Coop meeting ten proposals were offered to streamline public relations that would better serve the needs of the coop membership. The proposals were geared to rectify some of the archaic Charter bylaws. Each of the constructive suggestions was shot down by the CCEC board.

Now that the damage is done and rate-payers burdened with intolerable increases in the cost of their electric standby fees and adding insult to injury a three tenths of a cent increase in kilowatt rates the CEO is attempting to placate the membership with overtures of peace offerings

saying we will be more open and accessible to the coop membership in the future.

It's too late with too little to pacify the membership after years of secrecy and non-communication. And the final blow being unaffordable rate spikes without consultation with the ratepayers as to an equitable rate hike that would be acceptable, not excessive and punitive.

If he really sincerely means what he says Buehler will back off somewhat on the standby charge and slash the exorbitant outlay attendant to board expenditures and provide audit reports that are more articulate. That in itself would be a good start in the right direction toward restoring member's confidence.

Louis Mincer

## **City Council Meeting**

The Port Orford City Council meets in special session on Oct. 18, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

## **Letter to the Editor,**

I urge all of the Port Orford and North Curry County voters to re-elect Lucie La Bonte. She is the only commissioner to give our north county the attention we both deserve and need. In all of the time that I have both lived in Port Orford and the time that I have been on the city council, she is the only commissioner to take a great interest in us. Most recently, she has been largely responsible for getting the Parks department to buy the Muchawar property and then to have Park take over responsibility for solving the lake problem. I know that she has worked with other organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce in trying to stimulate economic activity in this area. I feel that if we lose La Bonte, we will lose most of our support on the county commission. Let's get together and re-elect her.

Ralph Donaldson

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### Letter to the Editor,

Two little-known news stories are troubling in a way never felt before in America.

The first, by AP, is "Pentagon restricts overseas access to voter registration site." At the Pentagon, Bush's crony Donald Rumsfeld is in charge. Americans who use the site were expected to vote for Kerry because they are exposed to overwhelming anti-Bush sentiment abroad. The second story, from Reuters, is "Millions blocked from voting in U.S. election." Black voters will be blocked by illegal means, especially in Florida, where Bush's brother is in charge.

Maybe, it's not enough that Bush has saddled us with the largest federal deficit ever, jeopardizing Social Security. Maybe it's not enough that he wants to make permanent his tax cuts showering almost all the benefits on the extremely wealthy. Maybe it's not enough that his unjustified war has slaughtered 1,000 of our own people, let alone tens of thousands of civilians – a loss that dwarfs our own on 9/11 and will spawn terrorism like never before imagined.

Maybe none of that is enough to convince the "swing" voter, but surely it must be enough to realize that the very basis of democracy is at stake because the right to vote has been denied. While Bush spouts hollow platitudes about bringing democracy to Iraq, he has taken it away from our own people in the United States of America.

John Kerry will win this election, but Bush's cheating means that Kerry must win by a wide margin, if democracy in America is to survive.

Tim Palmer

### Letter to the Editor,

When you vote, take a close look at Measure 37. It says that "governments must pay owners, or forgo enforcement, when certain land use restrictions reduce property values." This measure ignores the fact that local ordinances and zoning protect the property values of ALL own-

ers. That's the reason we have these voter-approved laws in the first place.

For example, existing zoning protects people from nearby developments that would harm them, such as wetland developments that would cause flooding. Under Measure 37, the people violating the zoning would have to be paid to follow the law.

Measure 37 guarantees unfairness because it will give governments the choice to enforce the law or not. That means that different land use standards will be applied differently to different people.

In addition, Measure 37 would require a huge bureaucracy to process claims, appraisals, and appeals. The State Treasurer has estimated that this alone would cost up to \$344 million per year, not counting the money needed to pay the claims. All these costs would fall to local and state taxpayers.

Finally, this measure would abolish Oregon's land use planning law. Yet only planning can solve growing conflicts over water, minimize sprawl, and keep our corner of Oregon a special place. Without these laws, we'll see lots of forests and farmlands converted to housing tracts and strip malls.

For all these reasons, I am voting NO on Measure 37.

Ann Vileisis



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### Quilt Program

The Langlois Public Library is pleased to sponsor an Oregon Chautauqua program by quilt historian Mary Bywater Cross entitled "The Ties that Bind: Quilts of Community." This free, public program will take place on Oct. 14 at 2:00 pm at the Langlois Library.

Once delegated to the realm of quaint handicrafts, quilts are now recognized by historians as valuable visual social records of women's contributions that were often overlooked in official histories and traditional documents.

Ms. Cross will illustrate her discussion with slides of contemporary and historic community-based quilts, using the maker's documentation to help participants develop an awareness of the many roles that quilts play in communities. They are artifacts that connect the diverse geography, history, and culture of the Pacific Northwest. Guests are encouraged to bring quilts that they have made or which

have special meaning to share with the audience.

This program is made possible by funding from the Oregon Council for the Humanities, dedicated to providing opportunities for life-long learning in communities throughout Oregon. For more information on the program, call (541) 348-2066.

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### Letter to the Editor,

After attending this Monday's 1:30pm meeting, and speaking with people there and on the phone, the situation concerning Bill Rush seems to be this. Bill was hired six years ago to write citations on speeders and generate revenue, that's all. He had no other job description given him though he asked often. He received commendations every year, but this year four of the council threatened a bad report if Bill refused to sign the resignation written up by the city attorney. The city

administrator did not want Bill to leave however. I also discovered that Jim Auburn approached Mark Creighton days before the time he stated on record and that he is active in the move to rewrite our city charter in a manner giving more power to the major in a voting council meeting. He will run for mayor soon so some of all this begins to become clearer. It also seems that the personas of our officials differ depending on a public or executive venue. And this if it is intended to mislead is a problem.

The exact reasons for Bill's forced departure remain undeclared though one point centers around a request concerning some ordinance which Bill could not comply with.

So these are the questions that need airing and the sooner the better.

Jere Langston

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## R.A.D. Hiking Guide

The R.A.D. Outdoor Club, a North Curry Families and Children's Center (NCFCC) program has just reached a new milestone achievement with the publication of their first book, a Trail Guide. The formal title of the publication is "From Sea to Summit" and is sub-titled "The R.A.D. Guide to Trail Hikes in Curry County, Oregon."

The book is a true field guide with maps, photos, illustrations, narrative and directions to 15 of the most accessible hiking trails in Curry County. The trails are equally divided, with five each from in the North, Central and South sections of the county and true to the title will take hikers from wonderful hikes along the seashores to awesome mountain summit vistas.

In addition, the interpretive section, entitled "What to Look For" is a compendium of nearly 100 hand-crafted illustrations and graphs of everything from the geology of the area and ultramafic soil zones, to helping you recognize wildlife tracks, plants, ferns, mushrooms and berries and much more.

The Trail Guide is the brainchild of R.A.D. Director Cathy Boden. Boden, a Portland native with a degree in Recreation from the University of Oregon, has been leading the group since 1998.

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The book project became a reality in 2002 when Cathy Boden met Ann Vileisis, a seasoned Outdoor Educator with the Outward Bound program and a writer. The grant was written by Boden and Vileisis in 2003 and the book project started in the fall of 2003.

The first printing of 3,700 books has just started being distributed via Visitor's Centers, bookstores, and other outlets all over Curry County. The group has a website [www.RADadventures.org](http://www.RADadventures.org) that will have specific and updated information as to distribution points. The publication is being offered on a suggested donation basis and is currently available from the Chamber of Commerce office at the Port Orford Visitors Center, the

Downtown Fun Zone, and the Port Orford News office. New locations are being added daily. Please refer to the website.

### Low-Income Bill Assistance

Coos-Curry Electric has initiated a Low Income Bill Assistance program. Members are requested to allow their bill to be rounded up to the next dollar. These funds will be utilized to assist low-income CCEC members. If you wish to participate, please contact us by email, phone, letter or through your local area office. Your donation of less than \$1.00 per month along with other members who are able to give, will assist many in need. Coos-Curry Electric's Board is initially funding the program with a \$5000.00 donation from reductions in their compensation. Members that feel they are in need of energy assistance should contact Community Action (CAP) 541-469-3155.

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and T's, keychains, spoons, thimbles,  
magnets, postcards, shells, shells, shells  
and a "bazillion" other things! Oldest  
curio chop in town!

**DARK WALNUT AND MAPLE** din-  
ing room set. Butterfly leaf table and six  
chairs \$400.00 nice. Powermatic 2 horse  
10 inch commercial duty table saw. 3 foot  
table extension new motor \$1200.00. 332-  
0208.

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Curry Public Transit

**Remember: We are  
here for you**

332-5771

## Classified Ads

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**THAT BIRD STORE** is closing it's 12th St. doors. However look for us in our New Digs at 264D 6th St. (Highway 101), 2 doors south of Lichtig Law Office. Please feel free to call us at 332-2473(BIRD) for an update. We hope to be open in our new location by Halloween, with a Grand Reopening to follow on December 1. See ya soon!!

**WANTED: ONE UNSEAWORTHY** boat to replace old decrepit one used as "welcome" planter box north of town. Contact Joan McDow 332-1073 (Sunset Garden Club)

**CROISSANT BENEDICT** A fresh baked croissant – filled with scrambled eggs, ham, cheese, & Hollandaise sauce – only at Java Casa next to Paula's Bistro. Open 7-11am Tues-Sat.

**WANT TO GET IN SHAPE** and maintain it? Personal training for all fitness needs, beginner to advanced. Over 15 years experience. Reasonable Rates. (541) 251-1495.

**TAMALES! TAMALES!!** Support the PHS Spanish Club Mexico trip. Chicken, Pork, and vegetarian \$12.00 a dozen. Call 348-2293 ext 111 to order. Leave message.

**STAND-ALONE CD DUPLICATOR** Just add a CD-ROM drive and a CD-RW drive. \$49.99. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. 832 Hwy 101 Port Orford. 332-6565.

**NEW OWNERS** - come in and meet the new owners of BASS Art Supply, Susan and Dan! I wish to thank all my friends who have purchased merchandise from my store for the last few years. It has been a pleasure to serve you (I will be around the store helping out the new owners thru Christmas so come in and see me too). John Schiefer BASS Art Supply 175 Second St Old Town Bandon Open Daily.

**PLANT SALE.** 10% off all items at "God's Green Earth Nursery and Things". 551 19th St. Port Orford Mon. to Fri. 9-5 Saturday Noon to 5pm 332-0880.

**CARPETS DIRTY?** Call Sunrise Carpet Cleaning! Licensed & insured. 347-3164.

**FREE CLEAN FILL DIRT** wanted. Port Orford. 9th & Arizona. 1-858-229-5670.

**HIGHTECHROCKETENGINES** Inc. accepting applications for investors, engineers, machinists, welder. P.O. Box 313, Port Orford, OR 97465.

**FOR SALE: 1992 NISSAN SENTRA** One owner, very good running condition, new clutch. \$995 obo. 332-0179.

**GREEK FISHERMEN'S HATS,** excellent selection of sizes and colors, and the best price around! At the Shell Shack at BattleRock Park.

**CINNAMON ROLLS** A fresh baked cinnamon roll heated to perfection, dripping with melted butter – only at Java Casa next to Paula's Bistro. Open 7-11am Tues-Sat.

**TRADITIONAL CHINESE** Medicine formulas available for Herpes, sleep, allergies, hepatitis C, joint tendon, chemo support, glucose balance. Sea Breeze 332-0445.

**CARPET TECH** Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning now serves Port Orford. Satisfaction guaranteed or the job is free. All we leave is the clean. 347-2259.

**MISTY MEADOWS JAMS** and syrups at the Shell Shack at Battle Rock Park, a locally made Oregon product! New sugar free varieties now in stock!

**PREPAID PHONE CARDS \$7.00** – 2-hour cards – no minimum usage! The Downtown Fun Zone.

**NEW MOVIES THIS WEEK:** "The Day After Tomorrow", "Stateside", "Raising Helen", "Breakin' All The Rules", "Nat'l Lampoon Christmas Vacation 2", "Reversible Errors", "Man on Fire (wide screen)", "Dragons Fire & Ice", "Salem's Lot", "A Crime of Passion", "Coast to Coast", "Monster Man", "Santa vs the Snowman 3D" Coming out Tuesday, October 19 "Van Helsing" and "Garfield: The Movie". 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.

**MINISTORAGE/U-HAUL.** 200+ storage units, 150+ climate controlled. Airport-U-Stor, across from Ocean Spray 347-4356.

### Letter to the Editor,

I have known Wayne Krieger for about 40 years. As a person I cannot see any difference in him now, other than maybe a little less hair.

What has always impressed me about him is, what you see is what you get. He is not going to put on any airs of any kind. He is a straight shooter and very honest. He is not going to just tell you what he thinks you want to hear.

Wayne is a workaholic. It doesn't make any difference whether he is cutting wood, planting trees, working cattle, building a fence or representing people in Salem, he gives it his all.

There is one thing I can assure you, he will not be pushed aside or bullied by anyone in Salem.

With Wayne's knowledge, honesty, integrity and dedication to helping the people, regardless of your political views, Wayne Krieger should be your number one choice for State Representative.

Herb Looney  
Brookings