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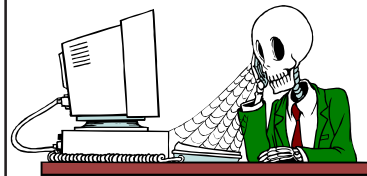
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**Citizens Ask
for Faster Internet**

Charter Gets 3 Months

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met on Monday night in special session and went into executive session on the advice of city attorney John Trew. When they came out of executive

session and into special session Mayor Jim Auburn said that councilor Jim Campbell would be appointed as the day-to-day liaison to the police department until the city gets a new city administrator. Auburn then said the city employees would be sent a letter asking them if they want the council to pursue the harassment matter with an outside agency doing the investigation or mediation by an outside agency.

The council chambers were nearly full at 7:00pm when the council began their regular session and heard from Beth Pietrzak. She spoke about the car crusher program coming to Port Orford in the beginning to middle of August. Pietrzak was representing the South Coast and Lower Rogue watershed councils, which have been organizing the car crusher project. Currently the car crusher is in Gold Beach where 30 cars have been crushed so far and another 30-50 more

are expected. Pietrzak said the watershed councils have gotten a grant to pay for some of the towing, tires and disposal of fluids. The grant will reduce the cost of having some of the cars towed to the crusher from \$35 to \$17.50. The consensus of the city council was to allow the car crusher program to use the city yard.

Paul Hewitt presented the radar trailer to the city, which was on display in front of the council chambers. He said all that was needed was some paperwork to complete the job and get it in use.

Frank Cramer had a question for city administrator Ken Knight about plans for replacing the water delivery system. Cramer said there was much more water being produced than consumed. Knight told Cramer the city has a water meter replacement program and the system does not have any major leaks. Knight blamed the problem on inaccurate meters, backwash losses and small leaks. The council will soon hold a workshop meeting on the Draft Water Master Plan.

Knight had recently returned from a meeting of city managers and discussed potential problems with city councilors sharing e-mails. He said they could constitute an illegal meeting. Knight said if a councilor uses their personal computer

that all their computer's files could be subject to a public information request.


Chief Mark Creighton presented the police department report. He asked the council that the two excess police vehicles be sold and the proceeds go the police reserve program which will file for 501c(3) status. Mayor Auburn told him the cars must be declared surplus first and that the proceeds from the their sale would be put in the police department budget.

Public Works Administrator Dave Pace reported he had replaced one water meter last month. He told councilor Steve Abbott that he had no new information on the grant request for backup generators for the water treatment plant and the Hubbard Creek reservoir. Pace said he had received a request from Verizon to put an antenna tower on the water storage tank on Coast Guard Hill Road. Verizon offered to pay \$600 a month rent for the tower. The council authorized Pace to negotiate with Verizon on renting space on top of the tank.

Ken Knight was asked to start advertising for the position of part-time planning director as current director Chuck Nordstrom is retiring on August 31. Closing date for applications will be August 5.

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Sat Jul 23, 2005	1:11a 8.6	8:10a -1.9	2:49p 6.9	8:11p	2.4	6:00a	8:48p	10:42p	9:22a	
Sun Jul 24, 2005	2:05a 8.1	8:53a -1.4	3:30p 7.1	9:11p	2.0	6:01a	8:47p	11:05p	10:36a	
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**Charter Gets 3 Months
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Arts Council president Stacey Romele asked the city to co-sponsor the Arts and Seafood Festival, which will be held on September 5. Councilor Steve Abbott made a motion for the city to co-sponsor the Arts and Seafood Festival on city property with the Chamber of Commerce and Arts Council and it passed 6-0. The Arts Council wants to come under the umbrella of the city's insurance.

SHN Engineer Steve Donovan presented the council with five sewer improvement projects that were ready to go out to bid. The council decided the public works subcommittee would meet first, review the projects, and make suggestions to the full council. Councilor Ed Beck expressed concern that the contract with SHN for engineering services had been signed in 2002 and the company's rates have been going up the past three years unbeknownst to the council.

Many people had come to the council meeting to hear about the Charter Communications franchise agreement but by 9:15pm many had left. Mayor Auburn recommended the city only execute a three-month extension of the contract with Charter and that he appoint a committee of Councilor Abbott, Valerie Kramer and Ed McQuade to look at the franchise agreement.

Chamber president Jay Stoler recommended the council give Charter a three-month extension and find out what the citizen's want. He said a printing business he had talked to had been interested in relocating to Port Orford but didn't come here because of the lack of high speed Internet service.

Valerie Kramer handed out a two-page information sheet on the Charter Franchise and Internet possibilities. She said the franchise coming up for renewal with Charter was an excellent opportunity to

negotiate for high speed Internet like the service they provide in Gold Beach. Kramer said she had thought the City could negotiate with Charter about requiring high speed Internet service in the agreement but a Supreme Court ruling on June 27, 2005 (the Brand X case) made it clear city's cannot negotiate for high speed Internet service. Cities can still negotiate for high-speed service for city hall, schools and other government facilities. Kramer said Verizon was not interested in providing DSL service in Port Orford and that they had allowed two high speed lines be installed but no more would be provided. She recommended the city take a do it yourself approach toward providing high speed Internet service. This would involve forming a local non-profit group to build a network for Port Orford.

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sco. This 6' X 12' structure will surely thrill young knights and maidens alike. Special thanks to David, Stanley, Heather, Chris, Jonathan, Loretta and Jerry for cutting the cardboard.

And here are a few more upcoming library events:

August 4, 10, 17 & 24, 2-4pm, Water Color Class for Adults (and for kids who are so interested in water color that they can act like adults). Classes will include technique practice and painting. \$20/class at the Langlois Library. Call 348-2066 to register.

August 14, 6:30pm, Planning meeting for a book discussion group at the Library.

September 3, 10a-4p, 2nd Annual Langlois Peddler's Faire at the Langlois Library. We're collecting rummage for the library table at the Peddler's Faire. Now's the time to clean out your closets and cupboards.

We hope to see you at all or some of these events.

Antique Computers?

How old does something have to be to be an antique? Well the Vintage Computer Festival (<http://www.vintage.org/>) considers items suitable for the "marketplace" at their upcoming VCF Midwest event if the item is at least 10 years old. They just don't make antiques the way they used to!

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Ed McQuade said he had spoken with Charter and they told him they would be providing high speed Internet service to Port Orford but they couldn't tell WHEN. Charter doesn't offer high speed in either Myrtle Point or Bandon. He urged them not to sign a 15-year contract.

Gordon Corbett thanked Kramer and McQuade for their efforts and repeatedly emphasized how much he wanted speedy Internet service in Port Orford.

Knight urged the council to sign a three-month extension with Charter. He scolded the councilors for not attending a meeting he had set up on June 22 to discuss the franchise agreement with Charter. He reminded them the infrastructure wasn't here in Port Orford for Charter to provide high speed Internet. He said Verizon had a better infrastructure and the city could negotiate something with them over the antenna tower.

Carl Eskelson made a motion to execute a three-month extension of the agreement with Charter and appoint a committee to look at the issue. You haven't heard the last of this issue.

Langlois Library News By Nancy Angelesco

Summer always seems to be filled with local happenings and events, and this one is no different. On June 26, the Langlois community said farewell to long-time volunteer and library employee, Buzzy Nielsen and hello to new Library Director, Nancy Angelesco. About 65 people attended a wonderful outdoor barbeque hosted by the Friends of the Langlois Library. Guests were entertained by The Librarians who spoofed Buzzy and libraries with their droll songs.

World-renowned storyteller Christopher Leebrick visited the Langlois Library for Campfire Tales on June 28. Seventy-seven people and one dog sat around the campfire enthralled as Christopher spun Irish, American Indian and Appalachian tales.

Photographs from both of these June gatherings are on display in the library.

On July 26-28, the Port Orford and Langlois Libraries are presenting a castle-building event as part of the STAMP program. Kids will help assemble and decorate a cardboard castle designed by the castle-king himself, David Angelesco.

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Fire Season Alert By Gayle Wilcox Chief, POVFD

All citizens should be well prepared for our fire season. If we plan and prepare as a community; we will be more able to escape the fire season with **no** damage or loss of life.

The first step is to remember to immediately phone 911 if you see fire, think you see fire or smell unexplained smoke. We would rather respond to a false alarm than to an out of control fire that was phoned in late.

You need to make your property and home as safe from fire as possible.

- Follow all burn permit rules and regulations. Permits are required for all burn barrels and open burns. Call 332-5383 for permit info.
- Remove overhanging limbs – especially dead ones and ones close to flue outlets.

- Remove all flammable material from against buildings, under foundations and in eaves. Remove leaves, moss and needles from gutters and between shingles.
- Outdoor fireplaces and barbecues should be maintained in good working order, screened when appropriate, be clear of surrounding debris and overhanging limbs. Extreme caution should be used in disposing of brickets. Have a method of extinguishing fire close at hand.
- Make sure your road is clear for our fire apparatus. We will be happy to inspect your road for access if you call us. (Daytime 332-0445). The current County driveway specifications require a 16-foot wide clearance and must include a vehicle turnaround if your driveway is longer than 150 feet. For additional details, please consult the County Planning Department.
- Wood piles should be uphill and at a safe distance from your home.

- Rake leaves and twigs away from your home.
- Keep hoses attached to your outside hose bibs.
- Keep grass mowed, especially when dry.
- Remove accumulations of dead wood, limbs and shrubs from under trees.
- Have an escape plan from your home and your property.
- Make sure your home has smoke detectors and that they are working.
- Be aware of fire dangers and potential dangers wherever you are. Lend a hand to a neighbor or friend if they cannot accomplish these tasks themselves.
- Call us (Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department at 332-0445) if you have any questions or concerns.

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Please make your property fire safe.

Letter to the Editor,

Last night I started sorting photos to place into albums for the Curry County Fair and the celebration of 150 years of Curry County existence. It was a wonderful, yet saddening experience.

As I looked through photos, memories came flooding back of time spent at the fair with family and friends. There were photos of watermelon eating contests, egg tosses, carnival games and rides, animal scrambles and the parade. The photos of the different departments showed bursting exhibit halls full of flow-

ers, baked goods, and needlecraft exhibits. The fair was a time for our local communities, clubs, families, and individuals to get together and have pride in our accomplishments, as well as have fun!

Sadly, times are changing and the old-time traditions are fading away. This doesn't have to happen in Curry County. I encourage you to take the time to enter your baking, canning, garden produce, hobby crafts, flowers, livestock and much more in this year's fair. It's not too late, and there are lots of volunteers to help you if you need it. Contact the Curry County Fairgrounds at (541) 247-4541 or check the Exhibitor's Handbook available at many locations throughout Curry County for more information.

It's time for us to realize that while growth, development and change are vital to our community, it is also important to realize that the past needs to be remembered and appreciated so that we don't forget our beginnings.

Thank you from a Curry County Fair exhibitor for too many years to count!

Ruth Dixon

Diabetes Info Group

Facilitator Anita Brauer, R.N., will lead a discussion on "Thing you need to know when you're newly diagnosed with diabetes," when the Diabetes Information and Discussion Group convenes at 3 p.m., Monday, July 18, in the Chetco Community Public Library, Brookings. The program will be repeated at 2 p.m., Thursday, July 21, in the Curry County Courthouse Annex, Blue Room, in Gold Beach. The sessions are free and open to the public.

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Police Report

7-10 A report of Harassment between two female subjects. Upon arrival, one had left the area in route to Sacramento, CA. Report taken; under investigation

7-12 A call was received of an alarm going off at Sea Cliff Dr, off of King St. False alarm. The owner was trying to program his alarm and it kept going off.

07-13 A complaint was reported that a Fed Ex Vehicle had driven by a home on Jackson Street and the driver threw out a dog biscuit to a dog in the yard. The owner came out, and attempted to contact the driver who according to the complainant, sped away. The dog bone was given to police as suspicious. The driver was later identified and it was determined that it he often throws doggy bones to dogs in the area. Pending further review.

07-12 Criminal mischief to a vehicle. The complainant advised that while her vehicle was parked at Rays Food Place, someone had thrown some purple liquid on the roof of her vehicle. The liquid appeared to be PVC pipe primer which caused the paint to crack. Under investigation. If you saw this incident please call the Police at 332-9013.

07-13 Police were dispatched to a residence on Vista Road to assist the County. A burglar alarm had sounded, and when dispatch made a call to the home the person who answered the phone im-

mediately hung up. It was determined by police that the home did not exist, and dispatch later advised they determine the call to be a hoax. No further action

07-13 A 911 call was received from the Battle Rock pay phone. No one, and no problem found. No further action

07-13 Circle K reported a female trespassing. A citation to appear was issued for criminal trespass II. Report sent to Curry County D.A.

7-14 Household trash being put in the dumpster at Battle Rock Wayside (Theft of Services). Report taken; under investigation

7-14 Trash being thrown into a dumpster at the Battle Rock Motel (Theft of Services). Report taken; under investigation

07-14 Police were dispatched to a home on Port Orford Loop road in regard to an assault. Harassment by a female against a male. The male subject did not wish to pursue a criminal complaint if the female left the residence. The incident was resolved by the female advising she would leave the residence to find happiness elsewhere. A report, but no criminal action, was taken.

07-14 A 911 report of a possible gunshot from the residence of the earlier call. It was determined that no actual weapon was used, and the female half determined to keep the jail population down by completely leaving the area. No further action

07-14 Male subject in Nevada reported that his daughter was being flown to her mother in another state by the grandparents who reside in Port Orford, and had temporary custody of the children. It was determined that no actual custodial papers had been filed by either parent. A report will be submitted to the Curry County District Attorney for review if the complainant wishes. Case is pending further contact by complainant.

07-15 Shoplifting reported. A juvenile took several magazines from the store without paying for them. The juvenile was cited into the Curry County Juvenile Court on two counts of Theft III and released to his mother. A report will be sent to the Curry County Juvenile Department for prosecution.

07-15 Police assisted Oregon State Police and Sixes Rural Fire Department on a motorcycle accident at mile marker 293. Police assisted with traffic control, and gathered information until State Police arrived.

07-16 An alarm at a local bank proved to be a false alarm. No further action

07-17 a 911 report was received from an unknown female that an elderly female was being beaten at a home in Port Orford. Police responded to the home and made contact with the woman. It was determined that everything was alright and the call was unfounded. Report taken

We have five reserve officers that were sworn-in last week. They will be working closely with police department personnel in a ride along, and office status until all the background, testing, and basic training has been completed by each member. We also have three volunteers who will be starting the community patrol (neighborhood watch) program. These volunteers and the reserves are essential components in crime prevention and crime control. We are looking

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Safety Tip: Our community has been having a continuous problem with dogs at large, chasing people, and in general causing a public nuisance. The highest complaints we receive from citizens are speeding cars, and dogs at large. If you have noticed, our traffic enforcement has increased dramatically in the past several months. Within the next week we will have a speed reader board which is being built by Paul Hewitt. The board will be placed around town to help reduce speeding in your community. Additionally we are enforcing the State Dog Statutes. Several people have already been to court, and have been fined regarding their dogs. I would like to stress that if you own a dog inside the city limits. It must be



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CHIEFS NOTE: The Police Dept. is building several walls in the office to provide a secure atmosphere for volunteers and employees, a secure property room, and a secure interview room. We need help in obtaining wood, and doors to complete this needed addition for your Police Department. If anyone can donate lumber in the form of 10 foot 2 X 4s and/or hardwood doors, and sheet rock, or if you just wish to donate funds (all donations are confidential) please contact the Police Chief at 332-9013 or 253-7547.

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Grant Opportunities

Curry County Cultural Coalition, a local affiliate of the Oregon Cultural Trust, has announced that it is making grants of up to \$1,000 available to organizations in Curry County involved in everything from art and music to local history.

"The council invests in Curry County's arts, humanities and heritage, promotes and perpetuates cultural awareness and serves as a spring board for much-needed financial support," according to Paul Fleming, the coalition's chairman.

To receive a grant, organizations must submit a written application no later than September 15. If their grant application is approved, the applying organization can receive up to \$1,000. In determining which grants will be approved, the council will review the performance and needs of applying organizations, as well as the projects for which they are seeking funds.

For an application or simply more information about the grant program, interested organizations should contact Paul Fleming by phone: (541) 412-8477; or by e-mail: paulbrigitte@nwtec.com.

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Planning Commission

The Port Orford Planning Commission met on Tuesday, July 12, and spent over three hours discussing a request for approval of a preliminary plat and plan for a 20-lot residential subdivision by the Carey Corporation on behalf of Ajit and Charlotte Gill.

The commission began the meeting with a motion to continue the hearing on the 13-lot subdivision on Deady Street by Randy and Beverly Pierce until the August meeting, as the developers were not ready.

The commission began the hearing by each member declaring they had no personal bias toward the 20 lot residential subdivision although many declared ex parte contact with members of the community.

The staff report for this subdivision is available for the public to read at the city hall offices and the library.

Planning Director Chuck Nordstrom read letters about this subdivision from the Division of State Lands and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife with their requirements for the development.



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They include limitations on the amount of fill which can be removed and establish a 25 foot riparian setback from Garrison Lake. Nordstrom read a letter from Perry Oldenberg concerned about the density of the development and asked the lot size be bigger.

Anthony Thompson spoke on behalf of the Carey Corporation and said the company was going to ask for preliminary approval of the subdivision tonight. He described the Carey Corporation as general contractors operating in Washington and Oregon. He said they were not mall builders and that they had created a diverse layout for the property, which they have named "Talus at Garrison Lake." He described it as a private woody subdivision. Thompson said that Jim Rogers had done a wetland delineation of the property. The property is nearly one-third wetland. It borders California Street south of Hamlet and ends before Thirteenth Street. It borders Garrison Lake on two sides. Chris Hawthorne told the commission we were lucky to have Carey Corporation doing the development.

Several people spoke either against the development or parts of it including neighboring property owner Bob Drummond. He owns property in the South Garrison Lake subdivision and said this new subdivision was very high density compared to the one he owned property in. Steve Montana Lawrence said we would lose a lot of trees and urged the

commission to think about the traffic generated by the new subdivision. He said the lots should be bigger. Larry Sellon told the commission there wasn't much buildable land on some of the lots because of the wetlands and riparian zones. Caroline Clancy asked why the developers couldn't do their subdivision according to the rules and urged no variances be granted.

Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox said the fire department wasn't comfortable with the variances on the road radius and road width. She said they would like to see the minimum road standards met.

The planning commission ended their discussion of the "Talus at Garrison Lake" subdivision past 10:00pm with a motion voted on unanimously by the commission. They approved the preliminary plat and plan for the subdivision but put a list of 13 conditions of approval in their motion. They are as follows:

1. CCR (covenants) to include all recommendations by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW).
2. Increase the width of the paved surface of the proposed easement roads to twenty feet.
3. Increase the right-of-way width for the proposed city street to fifty feet.
4. Increase the width of the north side of the proposed loop turnaround to twenty feet.

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- ty-four feet of pavement with six-foot wide gravel shoulders. The Planning Commission will approve a variance to the curves for the loop being less than 100-foot radius.
5. Increase the radius of the two curves on the proposed city street to 100-foot radius.
 6. The wording of the CCR to be a part of the approval of the final plat and plan for the subdivision.
 7. Make all corrections on the plat and plan listed on pages 6-7 of the Staff Report.
 8. The Planning Commission will approve a variance to the 400-foot length limit for a dead end street to allow a proposed city street to be 450 in length.
 9. The Planning Commission will allow the radius curbs at the California Street intersection to be constructed on existing California right-of-way in lieu of filling the adjacent wetland.
 10. The final plat and plan must comply with all requirements listed in the City Engineer's report on the subdivision except for the request for additional base rock and asphalt paving on the proposed city street.
 11. The Planning Commission will grant a variance to the fifty-foot riparian set-



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back from the lake shore in those "impact areas" indicated on the plat and plan and approve the mitigation for the impact with the additional "buffer increase" areas.

12. The wording of the CCR must have language that clearly states that the wetland common areas cannot be altered or that their habitat value cannot be damaged by any activity of the lot owners.

13. The final plat and plan shall include fire hydrants at the north and south curves of the west side of the loop turnaround for the proposed city street.

Country Ties and Apple Pies

"Country Ties and Apple" is the theme of this year's Coos County Fair & Rodeo, which runs from Tuesday, July 26 to Saturday, July 30, at the Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point.

This year will mark the ninety-second edition of the Coos County Fair & Rodeo. It began back in 1912 and has become a countywide showcase of agriculture, crafts, industry and business. The Fair provides an opportunity for all ages, from young to seniors, to exhibit their livestock, floral, land products, culinary, needlework, photography, arts, and crafts.

Admission to the Coos County Fair is \$5.00 for adults on Tuesday, opening day, and the \$7 the remaining days. Friday

is Seniors Day and admission for them is \$3.00 for people sixty years and older. Admission for children ages 6-12 is \$3.00. A season pass for the Fair goes for \$25 and weekly parking for \$12.00. Rodeo box seats are available at \$15.00 per seat. All entertainment during the Fair is free with your paid admission.

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Police Issues By Evan Kramer

The city council public safety subcommittee met on Tuesday, July 12, and held a meeting that had more people in attendance than the average council meeting.

Councilors Steve Abbott, Ed Beck and Jim Campbell (chairman) serve on the public safety and ordinance committee. They discussed the Intoxilizer with Chief Mark Creighton. He told them it had been in the police department office for the past ten years and belongs to the Curry County Sheriff's Department. Creighton said that County Sheriff had asked for 17 sets of keys to the police department office so the sheriff's department could access the Intoxilizer. Creighton said there were 89 criminal reports missing from the office in describing the security issues. The Sheriff also wants access to the police department office for their civil process papers. Creighton said in the past seven months there had been five arrests for DUII and they didn't need the Intoxilizer in the police office. He proposed removing the Intoxilizer and putting it in the Curry County Blue Building in Port Orford along with the civil process papers. He said that way the

Sheriff wouldn't need to use the office anymore. Creighton said the police department needed a secure spot to store evidence. The consensus was to remove the intoxicilizer and civil process papers.

Creighton said that city ordinance compliance officer Deneen Kahman was now working for the police department office.

Chief Creighton was asked about the progress of the speed trailer. He said it was almost ready but needed to be painted red.

Creighton said the department would be starting a Neighborhood Watch in the next 2-3 weeks. He discussed the Ford Crown Victoria, which had been donated by Judge Mickelson to the city for the police department. Deneen Kahman will use that car. She works three days a week.

Chief Creighton had issues with the way the police department was being overseen. He said he had been harassed and intimidated and that he had passed the psychological exam that former Mayor Doran had demanded. Creighton wanted to know who oversees him now and said he had already received a letter of reprei-

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mand. Creighton said he didn't need to be micro-managed. He said he preferred that councilor Campbell oversee the department. The council will meet in executive session on Monday, July 18, regarding the police department.

Chief Creighton said there were three women volunteers who had come in to the department and helped send out letters to people who have not paid their traffic tickets. He said the rest would be turned over to a collection agency. He said the department could include a \$25 late fee on tickets not paid in a timely manner.

Officer Scott Halse said the five police department reserves would be sworn in on Friday. They are Conrad Coffey, John Fink, Teresa Legg, Daryl Newsom and Isaac Jamieson. Halse thanked the reserves for their help with the July 4 parade and said the reserves put in several hours a week working with him. Halse said the department had changed 110% and recognized Chief Creighton for the positive changes.

Ordinance officer Deneen Kahman spoke about various ordinance problems in-

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Police Issues

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cluding those related to animals. She said she has been sworn in now and can issue citations. She said she needed some animal control ordinances to work with. Kahman said she would inspect the restaurant grease traps once a year. Other ordinance issues included fences built on the city rights of way, unregistered vehicles and the height of fences and shrubs on corner lots affecting the view for drivers.

Cardiac Maintenance Program

Curry General Hospital's Cardiac Health Center is now open to anyone at risk of heart disease or stroke who wants to reduce that risk by participating in a professional health maintenance program.

Classes in exercise and healthy lifestyle started earlier this month. They are held from 2 to 4 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Cardiac Health Center, 94220 Fourth St., Gold Beach.

The main purpose of the program is to provide a continuing exercise class for former cardiac patients wishing to work out in a safe environment, according to Amy Keusink, P.T., director and cardiac rehabilitation specialist. Trained supervisors monitor the patients and their progress.

Participants need authorization from their health providers to register. The cost is \$40 a month. For inquiries, phone Keusink at Curry General Hospital, (541) 247-3128.

Letter to the Editor,

The week of July 11 has started out very sadly. I walk the beach from Battle Rock to Hubbard's Creek every morning with my dogs. Monday began with four dead young seals, Tuesday the total was six. One more dead seal was being rolled in the surf. This one had not begun to rot yet, so it was easy to see the bullet hole in the side of the head. I do not know if all the seals were shot. At one point I thought maybe some had been run over at night as they rested on the sand. A few times I had seen them early walking the beach daily. I have never seen so many rotting bodies of young seals in such a short time.

My wonderful spirit lifting morning watch has turned into a deathwatch.

To whoever is killing the seals – Please Stop.

Maybe it's the same person who killed the dogs of Port Orford. There is too much senseless death in this world, too much sadness. Hopefully tomorrow I will not count more dead bodies.

Caroline Clancy

Crab Season a Record

The 2004/05 Oregon Dungeness Crab season is one for the record books! The total catch of crabs landed in Oregon from Dec. through June is 33,144,898 pounds. This breaks the previous record catch of Dungeness crab by nearly nine and one half million pounds. The previous record catch was the 2003/04 season when 23,739,504 pounds of crab were landed in Oregon's ports. This year's crab catch represents at least \$50 million dollars to Oregon's crab fishermen.

Port Orford has had a great crab season and as of the end of June landings totaled 1,311,921 pounds. Over fifty percent of the crab came into the Port of Port Orford in December with 795,994 pounds landed.

Prices started at \$1.45 per pound at the beginning of the season and have gone as high as \$2.25 this year. At \$1.45 per pound the Port Orford crab haul represents \$1,902,228.45 and because of the price increase the dollar value is well over \$2 million. Crab rules in Port Orford.

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Batik Artist Featured

At 8:00pm Friday, July 22, the Biscuit Art Gallery at Gold Beach Books will host a reception for acclaimed Arizona artist Kate Rinzler, whose specialty is large format batiks, several of which will be on display, including an eleven foot masterpiece, titled "Long Day's Journey." During the reception, she will share insights into batik art, which involves intricate fabric dyeing.

An actress as well as an artist, Rinzler has also taught theater arts. She recently served as a folk lore and oral historian for the Smithsonian Institution's Folklife Festival. Rinzler resides in Arizona and is visiting the south coast at the invitation of Chungliang Al Huang, as part of the Living Tao Institute's current seminar, which Al Huang is conducting. Seminarists from around the world will be in attendance Friday. Rinzler and Al Huang met while choreographing stage productions in Los Angeles many years ago, and subsequently danced together in theatre productions.

Rinzler will offer signed prints of her works at the reception. The original batiks are currently on display until this Sunday. Refreshments will be served at Friday's reception. Admission is free and open to all ages. The Biscuit Art Gallery is located inside Gold Beach Books at Pacific Highway 101 and First Streets in Gold Beach.

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Port Orford Library News By Tobe Porter, Director

This just in from the new library fund raising front...The income survey is completed, and we now have official word that we are eligible to apply for the \$500,000 federal (HUD) Community Block Grant. We will begin work on the grant right away, and anticipate hearing positive news by the end of this year. Once we receive this grant, we are there; or so close to there that all that will be left is an "Over the Top Party." On behalf of the Library Board, I extend many thanks to the people who took the time to participate in the survey.



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The price for this, finger-lickin' chicken feed (with coleslaw, beans, roll, cake and lemonade) is just \$7.50 for those 12 and older, and \$5.00 for children under 12. Join us for lunch on the 31 to help us celebrate the news of a possible \$500,000 grant, and that ain't chicken feed.

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In other Curry Transfer and Recycle news the company collected 600-800 of yard debris at the Port Orford Transfer Station during the free spring clean up week and approximately 100 yards of metal.

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Letter to the Editor,

We want to thank everyone for their love, hugs, food, flowers, cards, and calls due to the loss of our mother and grandmother. It really means a lot.

Mary Loan

Jeff Loan

Teresa Engdahl

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Grade A

Shelby Mickelson, Curry General Hospital dietary manager since 2001, exhibits her diploma from the University of Florida, Gainesville, marking completion of a rigorous course in dietary management training. Mickelson consistently scored 100 percent on all assignments. She supervises the Curry Café, including six dietary staff, for the 24-bed hospital in Gold Beach. She also manages Curry Catering, a public fund-raising arm of the hospital's dietary department.

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Bosley Butte Walkabout

Hikers are invited to join Curry General Hospital's free Sole Pursuits program for the second annual Bosley Butte Walkabout beginning at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, July 23. Tree ranchers Ted Fitzgerald and Roy Hendrick will lead the moderately difficult, 6 1/2-mile hike through their tree ranching property off Carpenterville Road, northeast of Brookings.

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Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Port Orford hosted our local volunteers working on the new literacy program called SMART which stands for Start Making A Reader Today. SMART Volunteer Rosaria Williams explained that the nationwide program is new for our school district and has just started up this past school year at Blanco School serving 16 children in grades K-3. Rosaria, a retired educator and administrator, explained that school districts traditionally work to see that children are reading at grade level until the 3rd grade and then move on expecting that each child is at grade level. The problem is that not all children are at grade level then and consequently fall far behind and struggle all through school. This program catches them early by teaming them with trained volunteers who work individually with each student. Ginny Etherton, an experienced SMART advocate who worked with Bandon's

successful program was also on hand to describe how she works with parents, teachers and community volunteers in this research based proven program. Parent Liz Foster and her son Anders Foster attested to the success of the program. Students get to take home 2 books per month and Anders told the Rotarians about his favorite book. The program always needs new volunteers as well as funding that is required for training, manuals and books. The Rotary Club of Port Orford is supporting the program. Community members wishing to know more about this program can call the 2CJ District office at 348-2337.

DSAC Meeting

The Curry Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) will meet on Tuesday, July 26, from 10:00am-11:30am at the Department of Human Services in Gold Beach at 94145 Fifth Place. For more information or if you have questions, please call Marilyn Green or Marilee Stewart at voice/TTY 247-4515 or voice/TTY 1-800-257-1385. Reimbursement for transportation to the DSAC meeting is available upon request. Hope to see you there!

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