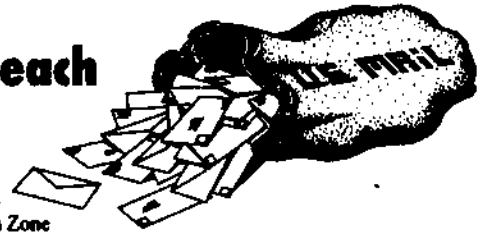


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Odds and Ends by Evan Kramer

Here we are on the opening day of the Curry County Fair. Last week I mentioned some of the "big" events and performers going on this weekend at the Fair. However, things like Demolition Derby and the Marcy Brothers are really like the display windows in a department store (we're not talking about the kind you find in malls but the large free standing downtown kind). The big names bring in some attendance and with them extra cost to the fair attendee. Take a look at your fair schedule for a moment and you'll see that programs like 4-H are the real substance of the Fair. The 4-H program is sponsoring horse classes and shows, livestock exhibitions including goats, cows, pigs, chickens and rabbits, a junior livestock auction, food contests, an archery contest and an awards program.

The Fair is also a place for regular folks to display some of their own artwork, canned goods, flowers, quilts, pies, and so on, and compete for ribbons. Last year I entered some of my hydrangea flowers and was impressed with how many other local people had their own efforts on display.

The auto races at Cape Blanco Airport take place next weekend. The racers, members of their teams and families will start arriving at the airport on Wednesday for the races which take place Satur-

day & Sunday, August 7 & 8. In regards to the "on again, off again, on again" banquet for the racers and their families, it will take place on Saturday evening at the Langlois Lion's Club hall with the Port & Starboard providing and serving the alcoholic beverages and Sarah Parten catering the food. Six non profit community organizations will provide the food booths at the races and be serving things like hot dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks. No alcoholic beverages will be sold at the races nor allowed to be brought in by people attending the races.

This week's edition of this paper should be entitled "the people have spoken". We received the largest number of letters we've ever gotten in one week. The school board recall election and the upheaval at the Fair have people talking and writing. Because of the number of letters and the size of many of them, they can't all be printed. The letters we didn't

print including ones from Marilyn Haga and Sue Blount can be found in this week's Port Orford Press. I would request once again when submitting a letter to this paper that you limit it to 250 words or less to increase the chance that it will be published. This paper doesn't really have enough space for the lengthier pieces. Maybe we ought to go to a larger newsprint format?

It's raining in Port Orford for the second Wednesday in a row. Is this the start of a new summer tradition?

Tuesday's 10 hour long halibut season was no windfall for our beleaguered local fishermen. The first several boats returning to the dock had from 0 to 4 halibut on them. The fishermen won't make enough money to pay for their hoist fees and gas. And you thought you had it tough.

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Events occur in Port Orford unless otherwise specified. Information must be received by Tuesday for inclusion in Thursday's edition.

Thursday, July 29, 1993

10:00am - Curry County Fair begins (7-29 thru 8-1)

12:00pm - Rotary meets at Senior Center. For info, 332-6325

2:15pm - Pinochle at Bandon VFW Hall, Bates Rd. & Hwy 42S 347-9277

6:00pm - Bingo at the Port Orford Community Building 332-3535

7:00-9:00pm Genealogical Society meets at the LDS Church. For info call DeBoyd Smith 332-7633 or Rachael Davies 332-2495

8:00pm - AA meets at Zion Lutheran Church. 332-4381

Friday, July 30, 1993

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2:00pm - Hanneke Cassel performs on the fiddle on the outdoor stage.

7:00pm - Port Orford Community Theatre meets at the Port & Starboard Restaurant to plan their next megasuccess. Guests and new members are welcome.

6:00-9:00pm Dinner at the Bandon VFW Hall, Bates Rd. & Hwy 42S, Bandon. 347-9277

Saturday, July 31, 1993

9:00am - Gates open at the Curry County Fair. Marcy Brothers concert at 8pm

6:00pm - Curry County Junior Livestock Auction at the fairgrounds livestock pavilion in Gold Beach

Sunday, Aug. 1, 1993

Happy Birthday to Dom Deluise (60), Herman Melville (1819), and Yves Saint Laurent (57)

9:00-5:00pm Curry County Fair, final day

10:00-5:00pm Tawanda Center for Art & Earth Studies presents Polymer Clay (Fimo) Jewelry Making Class at the Steelblue Chameleon Lodge on Elk River. All skill levels welcome. 332-3140 for info and reservations

2:15pm - Pinochle at Bandon VFW Hall, Bates Rd. & Hwy 42S 347-9277

Monday, Aug. 2, 1993

Happy Birthday to Carroll O'Connor (69) and Peter O'Toole (60)

Full Moon - drive safely

7:30am - Chamber of Commerce meeting has been rescheduled to meet at the Port & Starboard Restaurant 332-8055

9:30am - TOPS OR 769 meets 1403 Hwy 101. For info, call Pat 332-1175

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GARAGE SALE SATURDAY July 31 9am - Not earlier! Next to Langlois Market. Some collectibles, clothes 3/\$1.00. Also dumptruck 1964 5-yard \$400.00 and concession trailer \$600.00 348-2203

2 PARTY MOVING SALE 836 Jefferson. Lots of good children's clothes, household items & misc. Friday & Saturday 30th & 31st 8:00-5:00pm

GARAGE SALE SATURDAY July 31 American Legion Hall, 421 East 11th St. Port Orford 9:00am til ??

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- 1:30-3:30pm Toy Lending Library at 1403 Hwy 101 - back door
6:00pm - TOPS OR 871, meets at 1403 Hwy 101, rear door. For info call Becky 332-2335
7:00-9:00pm Far West Bonsai meets at Port Orford Trailer Village. Lance Cox will demonstrate grafting techniques. All are welcome to attend. For further info, call DeBoyd Smith 332-7633 or Al Affonso 332-1041
7:00pm - Port Orford VFD meets at fire hall. For info, 332-3681
10:00-12:00pm Employment Services for local veterans only will be provided at 1403 Hwy 101, Port Orford. 247-7043

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| Thu July 29 | 10:18am 5.3 | 3:42am -0.3 | 9:06pm 7.9 | 3:00pm 3.2 |
| Fri July 30 | 11:10am 5.6 | 4:34am -0.6 | 10:01pm 7.9 | 4:02pm 3.1 |
| Sat July 31 | 11:55am 5.9 | 5:22am -0.7 | 10:50pm 7.8 | 4:58pm 3.0 |
| Sun Aug 1 | 11:35PM 7.7 | 6:04am -0.7 | 12:34pm 6.1 | 5:49pm 2.8 |
| Mon Aug 2 | NONE --- | 6:42am -0.6 | 1:06pm 6.3 | 6:31pm 2.6 |
| Tue Aug 3 | 12:14am 7.4 | 7:14am -0.3 | 1:38pm 6.4 | 7:13pm 2.4 |
| Wed Aug 4 | 12:56am 7.1 | 7:46am 0.0 | 2:06pm 6.5 | 7:55pm 2.2 |
| Thu Aug 5 | 1:34am 6.8 | 8:17am 0.4 | 2:34pm 6.6 | 9:20pm 1.9 |

Tuesday, Aug. 3, 1993

- 12:00pm - AA Meeting, 1403 N. Oregon St. 332-4381
12:30pm - Bridge at the Port Orford Senior Center 332-5771
1:00-3:00pm Bingo at the Gold Beach Senior Center, 410 Airport Way. 247-7506
7:00pm - Langlois VFD meets at Langlois Fire Hall
7:00-8:00pm Sixes VFD Practice at fire hall. For info, call Ray 332-6325

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 1993

- 10:30am - Toddler & Preschool Story Time at the Port Orford Library 332-5622

- 3:00-4:00pm Summer Reading Program at the Langlois Public Library 348-2278
5:30pm Bingo at the Bandon VFW Hall, Bates Rd. & Hwy 42S, Bandon. 347-9277
6:30pm - Bingo at the Gold Beach Moose Lodge.
7:00-10:00pm Fun Night (pool & cards) every Wednesday at the Gold Beach Senior Center, 410 Airport Way 247-7506
7:30pm - Sixes VFD Board Meeting at Pacific High School

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It's a sad thing when a group of vindictive people can create a situation like the recall of our school board members. I hope the voters aren't taken in by the untruths and outright lies and will vote no on the recall.

I feel that recalls should only be enacted for fraud or some illegal act not because of a pet peeve or a difference of opinion. If the recall is successful, no one with any sense will ever run for the school board.

Having gone through an unjustified recall, I'll assure you it is a traumatic experience and leaves scars. I hold a very

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low opinion of people who sign recall petitions. It is the job of the school board members to make decisions. They were just doing the job were elected to do.

Ryce H. Wilson
Sixes, OR

(editor's note: the author of this letter is the father-in-law of school superintendent Dick Wold)

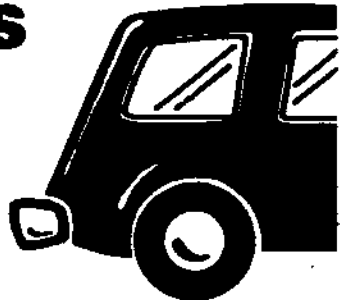
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Preparations Underway For Port Orford Grand Prix

Gentlemen...Start your engines! Well, very shortly at least. With less than two weeks remaining until the first Port Orford Grand Prix, organizers are hurriedly preparing Cape Blanco Airport for the sports car races to be held August 7th and 8th.

Preparations for the races, sponsored by the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce and Team Continental of Portland, a member of the International Conference of Sports Car Clubs, actually began July 10th, when volunteers started constructing temporary barriers from 2,000 tires delivered for the event.

This past weekend 15 members of Team Continental returned to the airport along with family, friends and local supporters to continue building the tire barriers. In addition, the workers unloaded 28 concrete barriers, erected a race officials tower and laid out the actual race course.

Bill Rose of Grants Pass had the honor of being the first participant to run the race course, helping officials test the viability of the track design.

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Admission passes good for both days of racing will cost \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under, if purchased in advance of the competition. Admission at Cape Blanco Airport will be \$8.50 for adults and \$6 for children.

Located on Airport Road off Highway 101, directly opposite Pacific High School, Cape Blanco Airport has previously been used for drag races. However, the racing on August 7th and 8th will be nothing like the airport or Southwestern Oregon has seen before.

The recall is a special political instrument that should be reserved for extreme violations of conduct by elected officials, primarily those on the public payroll. In the current case, the voters have already made changes, the Superintendent's contract will not be altered by recall...in short it seems silly and unnecessary to divide the community on this issue.

Ann Foss
Bob Wilson

Southwest Oregon's Native Americans Had a Rich Culture

"Southwest Oregon has some of the most important archeological sites in North America" Reg Pullen told a standing-room-only audience in Port Orford last Friday night. He told those gathered for the first talk in the Port Orford Arts Council lecture series on Native Americans that very few are aware of the high level of Native American culture that was in the area prior to the arrival of Euroamericans.

Pullen, an archeologist and planner for BLM in Coos Bay, covered the impact of the founding of Port Orford and the Rogue River Indian War on the indigenous population. Very few people survived the removal to a reservation at Siletz.

The recent discoveries at Blacklock Point are some of the oldest in North America, and Pullen emphasized how important it is to preserve this and other unique sites in the area. Artifact hunting destroys the information these sites can provide. And, artifact collecting on public lands or the disturbance of any burial sites is illegal.

He showed slides of some of the artifacts from the area that are now at the Smithsonian and other museums around the country. The exquisitely carved wooden spoons, for instance, were every bit as special as the family sterling. A carved stone head of a bear brought ooh's and ah's from the audience.

The next speaker in the series will be Robert Kenta, of Shasta decent and a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. He is scheduled to speak August 28th. Anyone wishing more information about the talks can call 332-9775.

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MISCELLANEOUS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 1993 - 10:00am-5:00pm Tawanda Center for Art & Earth Studies presents Polymer Clay (Fimo) Jewelry Making Class with Kathleen Kenney at the Steelblue Chameleon Lodge in Port Orford. Learn to mix colors, make canes, beads and baubles. Complete a piece of jewelry. All skills levels welcome. Limited enrollment. \$28.00 includes all materials and jewelry findings. 332-3140 for info and reservations.

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White Building

As of the 1988-89 school year drew to a close, the school district hit a low of 424 students. With the advent of kindergarten that next fall school enrollment climbed to 450 students. Now, four years later, our schools have reached an enrollment of 540 students - a 28% increase in students. The last time our schools had this many students was 1979. We had four schools open then including the white building. The white building was closed in 1985 when school enrollment dropped to 408 students.

When the kindergarten opened in the fall of 1989 Driftwood experienced a student increase in all grades. At mid year another teacher was added to grade 5 and suddenly Driftwood was lacking in space and the kindergarten was moved to Pacific High School. The enrollment was increasing at each grade level, Blanco Junior High was nearing its maximum in the placement of physical bodies into the building. Pacific High School continued to graduate classes smaller than those entering in grade 9.

On May 2, 1990 a board appointed Facilities Advisory Committee held its first meeting and was charged with the responsibility of investigating, exploring and recommending to the school board its findings on the status of the district's facilities. The committee submitted its first written recommendation to the school board in April of 1992. The report iden-

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tified short and long range needs at each building with a recommendation to keep the white building open. The report said, "The committee is not entirely sure about the future growth patterns within the school district. The members felt the white building might be needed as an overflow unit for the junior high school.

In January of 1992 the Facility Advisory Committee, in a work session with the school board, recommended an independent structural engineering analysis be conducted of the white building prior to the committee proceeding with further work. Endex Engineering, Corvallis, Oregon, was hired and reported to the board structural repairs required. The building was found to be in sound condition. Thus it became the consensus of the Facilities Advisory Committee, Budget Committee and the School Board that district budget funds be made available to open the building as soon as possible to relieve overcrowding. The next step was to design a time-line and consult with staff to analyze the best possible use of the building. After hours of work, meetings and considerations by the staff, community committees, county building officials, State Fire Marshal's office, dis-

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trict architect and State Department of Education officials, the school board established a budget to open the white building by the Fall of 1993.

The work will be completed with an expenditure under \$200,000 providing five additional classrooms, a library technology center, a lunch room, a staff room, principal and counselor offices, four restrooms, a handicapped restroom, health room, custodial area and storage areas. All of this being completed while taking no money from our educational program. The board only using dollars that would have gone elsewhere in the state. At a time when school construction costs are high, (over seventy-five dollars a square foot including modular buildings) we will be providing needed space for our crowded schools. This total remodel and opening will cost less than fifteen dollars a square foot.

Sounds like good planning and management to me.

Bill Oleson
Max T. Meeks
Jodi Madison
Terry S Panter

2CJ Facilities Committee

Letter to the Editor

We are involved in an issue that plucks at the moral fiber of our very existence. We are losing our freedoms and our right to the pursuit of happiness that has been the backbone of our humor, our children's heritage, and our own existence. We are losing our Curry County Fair.

The majority of the Curry County Fair Board has systematically destroyed the backbone of the Fair by undermining the morale of the long-time permanent staff and volunteers. Under the auspices of budget cuts and constraints, they terminated the one position that has been vital to the smooth and viable operation of the Fair, that of the Fair Manager, one month before the Fair.

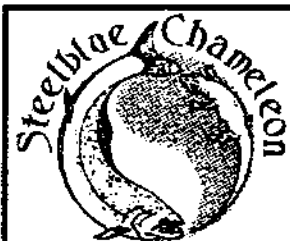
They have consistently and doggedly broken laws that govern their existence, honest conduct of meetings, and other responsibilities, and their own board policies. Their actions are deplorable, inexcusable, inappropriate and not acceptable.

If the present Fair Board is allowed to continue to operate, there won't be a Fair that we have all been so proud of.

If you are concerned, there is something that you can do. Numerous petitions are being circulated requesting the Curry County Commissioners to remove and replace four (4) Fair Board members. The locations in Central and North Curry County are Pistol River Store, the Agness Store, Lena James, Currydale Farms & Pat Masterson. Please sign the petitions and call or write the Curry County Commissioners to inform them that the conduct and major decisions of the Fair Board have been very unacceptable to a great many of our citizens. Any efforts for support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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Letter to Editor

In 1984, our son arrived to spend his high school years with us, 3 months later we were trying to explain to him and ourselves, how we could live in a community that would close its schools for lack of funds. So began our 9 year involvement with our local schools. For 5 years we watched enrollment dip to 408 students, schools merged or closed, busing was eliminated for a short time, the south wing of Pacific High burned, programs and staff were eliminated, maintenance and bus replacement was minimal, and salaries fell below the state average. This was not because our board was anti-school, anti-kids, they simply had less than bare-bones budget and were delivering the best possible education for what the community was willing to spend.

4 years ago, Dick Wold was hired. The following spring, through his efforts and that of the staff, the board and a committed group of parents and citizens, a tax base was passed. For the first time our school district had stable funding and could budget and plan for the future. Our antiquated bus fleet was replaced, salaries increased, curriculum and programs

were enriched, and buildings repaired and improved. A commitment has been made to staff training, incorporating computers into elementary classrooms, and a talented and gifted program. Test scores have risen each of the last 3 years and our drop out rate declined. All at a time when statewide over 1,000 teaching and professional position have been eliminated. Neighboring schools are eliminating programs, instituting pay-to-play sports policies, and are coping with over-crowded, under-maintained buildings.

Our board had only 3 years of stable funding to rectify the damage of years of underfunding and to prepare for a future of declining revenues and increasing enrollments. They deserve medals, not a recall. Many more changes are coming in the form of HB3565, Oregon's 21st Century School Act. We need this board, we need their expertise, their willingness to tackle hard questions, and their commitment to delivering quality education at a cost effective price. Please vote no in the recall election.

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Letter to the Editor

From what I see in the letters to this newspaper, the local Port Orford papers, and on the streets of this normally tranquil town, the school board recall is turning into a very hotly discussed issue with many charges and counter charges being thrown about by both sides. I have long felt that the only good voter is an informed voter. Unfortunately being an informed voter can take effort. I decided to take the time to resolve several of the more controversial issues being discussed. These issues are:

1. Did the renovation of the "white building" result in any property tax increase over and above that which would normally be collected?
2. Did the passage of Measure 5 result in funding cuts for the 2CJ school district so severe it justified extraordinary measures such as renewing the superintendent's contract a year early, for four years, by a lame duck school board?

Like Diogenes, I set out with my lantern looking for the truthful person. I was delighted to find that candid, well informed people are actually very easy to find in Curry County. I talked with Walt Schroeder, our representative during the time that Measure 5 mandated legislation was being written, Ms. Buchanan of the Curry county treasurer's office, Bob Plaep of the Assessor's office, Jay Johnson, Gold Beach superintendent and Joe Taber, a recently retired Gold Beach school superintendent.

The answer to the white building question is, in the words of the treasurer, "Yes, your property taxes went up". The

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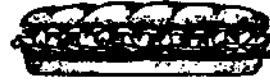
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route they took to go up is circuitous involving actions taken by all of the County superintendents, the County Commissioners, and the distribution formulas for the O & C timber moneys. And no, the money would not have to be returned to the State if it was not spent. It did not come from the State. Instead, it would have remained as a property tax offset benefitting the property owners.

The effects of Measure 5 for the long term are both complex and evolving, with probably no one being able to see into the future with any reliability. However, the short term effects are known with accuracy. Walt Schroeder saw to it in the legislative session that the Curry County schools would be protected for several years, with both the 2CJ and the Brookings districts actually getting more funding, not less. A later conversation with Mr. Wold confirmed this a fact. Incidentally, Walt said he felt that the inevitable decline in O & C timber funds was a far more serious problem for Curry County than Measure 5 will ever be.

For question number 3 I must depart from my Sergeant Joe Friday "just the facts, ma'am" approach and resort to some measure of conjecture and inference. My kids are through school, thank God, but I have talked to several parents of children in the school system and all in all they are very satisfied with the education they are getting. In terms of organizational efficiency the School seems comparable to

other organizations in the Oregon public sector. The test scores are fine.

However, (it had to come) I do remember reading a letter to the editor from the president of POLTA, the teacher's association, urging the school board not to renew the superintendent's contract early. I also remember seeing a teacher's picket line in front of Driftwood school in Port Orford. These actions do not indicate that we have a completely happy staff at the school. I am sure that some are probably quite content, but a sizable number do not seem to be.

Gold Beach former superintendent Joe Taber said a typical contract is for two years, not four. Gold Beach uses two year contracts. Over the objections from the staff and from the public the Board went ahead and renewed the contract for maximum term allowable, a full four years. Why not two? Why early at all? I have not yet heard a satisfactory explanation. If the Board does not listen to the public or to the staff, who are they listening to?

Ralph Donaldson, Port Orford

Livestock Auction

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Who Is Joyce King

Do you know this lady? Most people in our school district do not know Mrs. King. When I started asking around about this lady, here is what I learned. She has lived in our school district less than three years. Prior to moving to Port Orford she lived in Gold Beach for approximately one year. During that time she attempted to dismantle the Gold Beach schools by causing an investigation of their Chapter One Program. Unable to purchase housing in Gold Beach, she traveled north and settled in our district. During her short time in our school district, I have not heard of a positive contribution she has made. She claims to be a professional reading specialist, however, she is not certified in our state. She contacted our school district for work, was not hired, and it seems that is when problems began.

Mrs. King filed a complaint with the State Department of Education about our Chapter One Program. They investigated, approved of our program, its activities and accomplishments.

Mrs. King complained to the State Department of Education that the white



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building was unsafe. The State Fire Marshal's office responded that our plans and a visit to the school showed the building safe.

Mrs. King claimed the district used "slave labor" in the renovation. Investigation revealed the district used this as an opportunity to teach construction skills at Pacific High School - an example of an excellent practical experience linking students to the world of work.

Mrs. King called the State Department of Education checking on the superintendent's certification. Mr. Wold has a superintendent's credential. Mrs. King then told people in our community that Mr. Wold was untruthful in his credential and professional schooling - again false and unfounded.

What is Joyce King's agenda? Is she sincerely interested in improving our schools, the community, or as one person was told that Mrs. King said "I do not volunteer my time to the schools. I am a professional reading specialist and get paid for my work."

Lynn Bussmann
Sixes, OR

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**Open Letter to the Community
From Concerned Teachers**

We, the undersigned can see no benefit from recalling our entire school board.

We appreciated the community support during our contract negotiations. The contract negotiations was a time of intense, personal trial for many of us. We were grateful for that support, but now, we feel it is time to get back to business and let those wounds heal. We have a small community and we want to keep it working together, looking ahead and planning for some positive changes.

The past can't be changed. The white building is almost finished and was needed because of increased enrollment. A new school board, which would be appointed by people outside our community might not be the answer either. It would be a very difficult situation with all new principals in the district and the transition from one board to another!

In conclusion we do not support the recall. What we do support is the coming together for the benefit of the children.

Fred G. Betz
Stephen Hood
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Ray Davis
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Letter From A Victim

I am saddened by the attempted recall of our Port Orford/Langlois School Board. It brings back so many painful memories.

I myself was a victim of a recall. I was ten years old when my father and two other Curry County commissioners were recalled. As an idealistic ten year old I was shocked at the cruelty of people. Not wanting to believe that people intentionally were cruel, I convinced myself it was more a lack of understanding. As one cannot understand the loss of a child unless they themselves have lost one also, they could not understand the shattering impact a recall would have on lives

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if they themselves had not experienced a recall. They could not see the hurt expression of my mother and father or see my tears.

Please ask yourself before you vote for this recall. Is this truly the way to handle the situation? Wouldn't it be better to choose a candidate to run in the next election and campaign for them rather than to recall this school board? Shouldn't recalls be used for violations of the law, not just differences of opinion?

Take it from one who has experienced a recall. It is painful for the whole family and it is a pain one carries with them their whole life.

Please join me in voting no on the recall. Let us strive to be positive, not negative. Let us love not hate.

Shelley Wilson
Daughter of Ryce Wilson
Sixes, OR

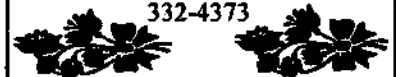
(editor's note: the author of this letter is the wife of school superintendent Dick Wold)



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