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Happy Birthday to Us!
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Thank You Port Orford By Evan Kramer

This Thursday's edition of our newspaper marks a full five years of Port Orford Today!. The first edition of this paper came out on Friday, November 2, 1990. Many things have changed during the past five years. We first started printing it on a copy machine in our home. In February, 1991, we rented the corner space of the building we are currently located in and started putting out the paper here. After several issues, we decided that because of all the interest in garage sales in this area, our paper should be distributed on Thursdays. The original issue of the paper was one 8 1/2 by 14" sheet printed on both sides and folded down the middle. I keep that copy on my bulletin board at home as a reminder of how things do change.

A little less than three years ago we switched from printing the paper on the copy machine to printing it with a Risograph machine. The "Riso" allowed us to start printing greater numbers of the paper and now we have reached a print run of 1,250 with the paper averaging 12 pages.

Thank you to all of our readers and your kind remarks, thanks to those of you who have written articles, letters and poems that we have published and thanks to our wonderful advertisers who make this free newspaper possible as well as all the

businesses that help us distribute this paper.

Change is constant and the next big step around the Downtown Fun Zone is the startup of local Internet service in Port Orford. It was scheduled for October 25 but complications with equipment have set back the date and we're hoping that by the time this week's paper comes out, the local Internet phone number (332-7043) will be activated and many local people will be busy navigating the information superhighway.

Dr. Pitchford Opening Office

I am pleased to share with everyone that Dr. Tom Pitchford will open a private practice in Port Orford. I spoke with Dr. Pitchford and he told me his new office will be at 535 12th Street in back of the Chevron station. He will sharing office space with Chiropractor Ben McMakin who is open on Tuesdays. Dr. Pitchford will practice basic clinic medicine and his office will be open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The office will be staffed with a nurse and receptionist.

Dr. Pitchford's last day at Curry Family Medical was on Tuesday, October 31. He will begin practicing in his new office on Monday, November 6. Good luck to you in your new location Dr. Pitchford.

Community Assessment

Three representatives from Rural Devel-

opment Initiatives (RDI) met with many of the people in the Port Orford area on Monday night at City Hall and presented the Port Orford Community Assessment Review Draft. Eric Hovee, who wrote the assessment led the large and interested gathering of people through the 50 page report. The report also know as the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) assessment was divided into four main areas of concern. They are business development, workforce, quality of life and physical infrastructure. The comments that were used in this preliminary draft came from a series of interviews RDI conducted with a total of 31 people who were listed at the end of the document and comments from the public meeting they held in Port Orford on September 13.

The next RDI meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 7:00pm, in the council chambers where work will begin on a community vision statement.

Port Orford Community Theater

Congratulations to the Port Orford Community Theater for their production last weekend of *Monster Soup* at the Community Building. The building was packed for Saturday night's performance which was punctuated throughout by much laughing, hissing, booing, cheering and the odd huzzah. The theater group did an excellent job constructing

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Port of Port Orford News

The Port of Port Orford would like to expand on a recent article regarding the Cape Blanco Airport. Over the years the State Aeronautics Division has approached the Port to take over ownership of the airport in order to have it under local management. In May of 1994 the Port decided to look in to the feasibility of acquiring the airport. In August of 1994 Betty Stansbury from the Aeronautics Division attended the Port meeting to discuss the airport and answer questions. In November the Port was informed that there was another party also interested in acquiring the airport and that both applications would be considered. At the December meeting Bruce Anderson from the Coquille Indian Tribe attended the meeting to see what the Port's intent for the airport was. Shortly after that negotiations began to explore the possibility of a joint ownership agreement. As both the Port and the Coquille Indian Tribe were qualified to assume ownership under the State's guidelines, it was decided that in order to ensure local control of the airport, that joint ownership was in the best interests of the Port District.

State Aeronautics requires that the airport be maintained as a public airport facility. Normally after 20 years of ownership the receiving party can use the property for other purposes if desired. As Cape Blanco airport was built by the Dept. of Defense it must always be main-

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tained as an airport.

The Port feels that the airport is an asset to our community and that local management and marketing of the facility will allow us to better be prepared to meet the future needs of the area.

The 60 acre parcel located next to the airport belongs to the County and they are best suited to answer questions as to its eventual use. The Port District has no intention of acquiring this parcel.

I hope this answers any questions that may arise. I would encourage interested persons to attend our meetings if possible. This issue has been on the agenda and discussed at every meeting since



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August of 1994 and there have been no executive sessions held regarding this issue. If you have any questions, please call Gayle Paige, Port Manager at 332-7121 and she will be happy to help.

Powder Puff & Pig Bowl

It's football time once again at Pacific High School! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 18th; 6pm is the Powder Puff and 8pm is the Pig Bowl.

For those of you who haven't witnessed a Pig Bowl or Powder Puff, you don't know what you're missing. The Pig Bowl is an event in which the Curry County and Port Orford policemen play a muddy, messy, football game against the sophomore, junior and senior students with Steve Martin coaching the Pacific team. But don't think that's all because the Powder Puff is just as much fun to watch. The freshman and senior girls coached by Wayne Chandler are going to scramble around against the sophomores and juniors coached by Perry Pendergrass.

The junior class is sponsoring this event and will split the profit with the Save Our School Sports program. For more info, please call Amber Smith 348-2219 or Maureen Heyl 332-2175.

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Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Nov 2	7:50am 7.1	1:19am 0.8	8:04pm 6.1	2:12pm 1.6
Fri Nov 3	8:34am 7.4	2:13am 1.1	9:07pm 6.2	3:10pm 1.0
Sat Nov 4	9:13am 7.7	3:01am 1.4	10:03pm 6.2	3:58pm 0.4
Sun Nov 5	9:50am 7.8	3:45am 1.7	10:53pm 6.3	4:42pm 0.0
Mon Nov 6	10:24am 7.8	4:26am 2.1	11:38pm 6.2	5:19pm -0.3
Tue Nov 7	10:55am 7.7	5:05am 2.4	NONE --	5:56pm -0.4
Wed Nov 8	12:20am 6.2	5:40am 2.6	11:26AM 7.6	6:33pm -0.4
Thu Nov 9	1:00am 6.1	6:19am 2.9	11:56AM 7.4	7:10pm -0.3

Letter to the Editor,

As a Senior Citizen, I am really upset to learn that we are losing our Dr. Pitchford. When my late husband was unable to leave the house, the good Doctor stopped by our home.

He has been my Doctor and it has given me peace of mind to know that I am being well cared for. No long drives to Coos Bay.

I don't believe his patients are being given any consideration. It is not that easy for older folks to become comfortable with a new Doctor.

Jean Reinke

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Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Oct. 20	72	46	---
Oct. 21	64	45	0.11
Oct. 22	64	40	---
Oct. 23	59	38	---
Oct. 24	60	41	000
Oct. 25	62	41	---
Oct. 26	57	51	0.36
Oct. 27	61	47	0.07

Community Children's Center

The Port Orford Community Children's Center will hold a Board Meeting on Monday, November 6, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Children's Center and the public is invited to attend.

<http://www.disaster.net/index.html>

Disaster Info Center - check out the latest world disaster

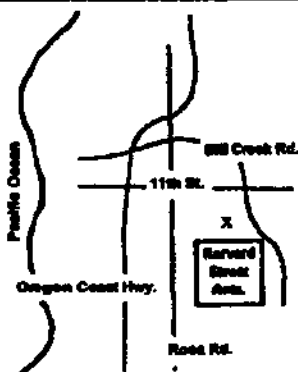
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Christian Women's Club

You are invited to the next meeting of the Christian Women's Club Ladies Night Out on Wednesday, November 8, starting at 6:30pm. The Club will meet at the Port Orford Senior Center this month and the theme is "Country Store". The cost for the dinner is \$5.95.

The special feature is "A Silent Auction" with the proceeds going for Christmas gifts for Village Missionaries. Music will be provided by Linda Berge and is entitled "Old Fashioned Melody". The speaker this month is Helen Lunsford, from Tacoma, Washington. She will speak on "Extra Value". She found out

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Dahlia Farm Open Field

The dahlia fields in Gold Beach continue to stop traffic along Jerry's Flat Road. The Rogue River Dahlias Open Field held two weeks ago brought over 600 visitors to the dahlia farm to admire the 20 acres in bloom. "Because of the late flowering this fall," noted owner Ralph Mathison, "the flowers are just coming into full bloom. And because of all the requests from visitors and passers-by, we

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will host another Open Field on November 4 and 5, from 10:00 to 4:00pm.

Folks will be welcome to come down into the field, snap photographs and enjoy the view. In addition, BYOS (Bring Your Own Shovel) U-dig dahlia sales will also be available.

Rogue River Dahlias is located in Gold Beach, two miles east of Highway 101, on Jerry's Flat Road. For additional information, call 247-2828.

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Stevia has been used as an important dietary supplement for hundreds of years in countries such as Brazil, Paraguay and Japan, and it has been shown to have unique health-related benefits, including those associated with regulating blood pressure, balancing sugar levels, and preventing tooth decay.

Stevia leaves are grown primarily in Brazil and Paraguay. The natural extract from the leaves Steviocide, contains no calories and is 250-300 times sweeter than processed sugar. According to the new FDA ruling, however, Stevia in the United States may not be labeled as a sweetener.

In anticipation of it's arrival, Sunrider International purchased 100% of Stevia crops in Paraguay. "Sunectar" is the first Sunrider product featuring Stevia as its main nutritional ingredient. To enjoy health benefits, simply add a few drops to your foods or drinks. Now available at "Rising Sun" Whole Food Store.

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What's the hot drink from Seattle? It's like Latte, but with tea, not Espresso. Try one, mild or strong full of herbal whole foods at Rising Sun!

Silk Road At Pistol River

Silk Road, two musicians professionally trained in mainland China, is characterized by its unique artistic style. The group, being featured at the Pistol River Concert, Saturday, November 4th at 8pm, uses traditional Chinese instruments in such a way they create passionate new interpretations of both Chinese and Western music.

Qiu Xia He (Chiu Sha) and Shirley Yuan have combined their talents playing instruments from their native China, to bring the extraordinary heritage and cultures of the Orient to Canadian and American audiences.

Qui Xia He plays the Pi pa, a four stringed "tear drop" lute that parallels the Flamenco guitar in its dynamic range, yet easily matches the expressive and lyrical nature of the Erhu or Chinese violin played by Shirley Yuan.

According to "Mary T Presents" Production company, "Silk Road has met with remarkable success, both for its technical brilliance and musical innovations. Silk Road is more than just an ensemble, it is truly a musical adventure for all."

This concert sponsored by the Pistol River Concert Association (PRCA) will be held Saturday, November 4. The fun and music will start at 8pm at the Pistol River Friendship Hall.

Tickets are available at the door for \$8, with the usual discounts for members, seniors and children. Refreshments will be available from the Pistol River Volunteer Fire Department.

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**Senior News
by Mary Yoder**

Saturday the luncheon was really nice, well attended - good cooks - Grita Carver, Kay Neal, Norma Ellis and Marge Kyle. Pauleen Lenox was the cashier. David and Judy Klien were doing their part helping with the dishes and clean up. Hope I haven't missed anyone as I said all did really nice.

The same night the dance was held - good crowd. Lots of people came dressed for Halloween. No prizes were given. I liked them all, but the fellow and girl - she was dressed like a fellow and he like a girl - they would have been my choice for first prize. The got a lot of laughs. Anyway every one had a good time. The people who did a real good job fixing the lunch and serving it. were: Dave Elsdon and Verna Hauglum - and over all June Denison and Lee Hyle taking care of all other details. During the dance Betty

Harper and Mickie Harper were honored. It was their wedding anniversary.

Coming up next will be the birthday party Nov. 5th. Monday night Nov. 6th pinochle. Nov. 8th will be the board meeting at 1pm. Sat. the 11th is the rummage sale and luncheon. This will be the only luncheon in Nov. The sing-alongs will entertain. Now that should do it for this time.

See you at the center.

Hospital District Board Meets

Curry Health District board members will hold a regular board of directors session in the Port Orford City Council Chambers on Nov. 15 (note date change.) The Board normally meets in Gold Beach.

The meeting is set for 4:00pm and is open to the public.

On the agenda for the November 8 meeting board members will discuss new

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proposals for serving the medical needs of Port Orford residents. Earlier, a task force met to gather information about community health needs and possible new directions in health services. All those interested in health care services, or having specific ideas or concerns, are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Also on the agenda, the board is scheduled to hear a recommendation from Dave Smith, auditor, and Dwight Corner, director of fiscal services, regarding a retirement package for district employees.

For more information on the upcoming meeting, phone Curry Family Medical at 332-3681 or Curry General Hospital at 1-800-445-8085.

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North Curry Activities Calendar

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November Highlights

- **November 2, 9, 16 & 30:** *Thurs. nites @ Driftwood - Parenting For a Positive Future class!*
(childcare at Port Orford Community Child Care Ctr.)
- **November 6 & 10:** No School Monday and Friday (Inservice and Vet's Day)
- **November 16:** No School at Driftwood Today - Parent/Teacher conferences
- **November 17:** All Schools No School - Parent/Teacher conferences
- **November 23:** *Thanksgiving!* Thursday & Friday school holidays

North Curry Activities Calendar

- a service of North Curry Families

			9:00a North Annex 10:00a COMMON GOOD 1:00p Langlois FC @ Comm. Church 4:00p Langlois Li After School Stor 7:00p Langlois Co Church Club each 7:30p Langlois Li
1:00p Soccer League Playoffs 6:30p Christian Center Royal Rangers every Sunday: Contact Gary Dorran 332-6161	8:00a NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice 7:00p PO Fire @Fire Hall 7:30p Langlois Water Board	9:00a North Annex / Health Dept.; Veterans 12:00p AA @ North Annex 6:30p Lion's Club @ Truculent Oyster Board 7:00p Langlois Fire Board 7:00p PO Planning Comm 7:15p Langlois Lib.Board	8:00a Mobile Mam @ Curry Family Me Clinic 9:00a North Annex Corrections 10:00a COMMON GOOD 1:00p Senior Ctr 4:00p Langlois Li After School Stor 7:00p PO Library
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North Curry Children's and Family Center

In case you missed the last calendar, we have hired a new coordinator who is 3/4 time as of the 1st of October. He is Ernie Thayer, a resident of Port Orford for the last two years. Until recently Ernie had a private counseling practice in Ashland. We also hired a new Activities Facilitator 1/4 time - Maureen Wayne, a Teacher Assistant at Driftwood. Maureen will be your contact for information you want in the calendar (let her know by Monday Nov. 27th). And tell her your ideas for kids' activities for minimum days - or for anytime. Phone 332-5810.

You might have noticed that your calendar has been included in the *Port Orford Today!* Many thanks to Evan and Valerie Kramer at The Fun Zone for supporting our non-profit work. This will make the calendar more available!

NCFCC was awarded an *Oregon Together!* grant of \$4,000 for parent training and information projects. We will be forming an *Oregon Together!* committee for this project - anyone interested call Ernie at 332-5810.

We've been awarded a Curry County Commission on Children and Families' grant of \$17,200 to develop a county-wide child care resource and referral service. CHILD CARE PROVIDERS please call Brenda Sims at the North Annex (332-8044) to register with our new *Child Care Link*. There'll be a newsletter and access to parenting and resource materials! The county-wide toll-free number for child care referrals is 800-611-7555. We're still just getting started on this project so referrals are limited so far.

INTEGRATED SERVICE NEWS

North Annex

The Annex is staffed by Brenda Sims, receptionist, daily between 8am - noon and 1 - 5pm. There are 39 Service Integration Projects in Oregon which are designed to provide help for children and families in a local, non-threatening way. Part of the idea is to reduce the bureaucratic red-tape so often involved in public services and, when possible, bring services to one location - like our North Annex building!

Workforce Quality Learning Module

A reminder that the Workforce Quality Council's computerized Learning Module is in place at the North Annex. The VCR/TV unit is there now. Come explore and learn in the following six areas: medical careers exploration, business procedures and communications, introduction to business and workplace ethics, computer skills, entrepreneurship, and multi-media presentations for small business owners. Contact Brenda Sims, 332-9191, for further information and to schedule time on the module.

State Services Available Locally

In addition to County departments, several state agencies provide service at the Curry County North Annex. Adult and Family Services takes food stamp intakes 2 - 3 days a month; call 1-800-419-1371 to schedule an appointment. An Employment Department representative is available the third Tuesday morning of every month. Senior and Disabled Services schedules appointments as needed.

The North Curry Families' and Children's Center

Women's Hall of Fame

On Saturday, October 14, 1995, Mary Baker Eddy, discoverer of Christian Science and founder of the Church of Christ, Scientist, was among eighteen distinguished American women inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. Mrs. Eddy was selected as "the only American woman to found a lasting American-based denomination." The ceremony took place in Seneca Falls, New York, the birthplace of women's rights. Among this year's inductees were Sandra Day O'Connor, Ella Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Dole.

Virginia S. Harris, Chairman of the Christian Science Board of Directors and Publisher of the Writings of Mary Baker Eddy, accepted the Hall of Fame medalion on Mrs. Eddy's behalf.

Mrs. Eddy's election to the Hall of Fame took place approximately 120 years after the publication of her major work, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, and the founding of the Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Since the book was first published in 1875, Science and Health has been a consistent best-seller, with sales to date topping the nine million mark.

Mrs. Eddy's rise from obscurity in rural New Hampshire to prominence as the founder of a worldwide religion was a remarkable achievement for a woman all the more remarkable because it took place in the male-dominated society of the 19th Century. Following what Mrs. Eddy understood to be God's direction, she was led to discover a practical, spiritual means of healing, and set it forth in Science and Health, the textbook of Christian Science. In 1908, in her eighty-eighth year, she established the highly regarded daily newspaper, The Christian Science Monitor.

Local Christian Scientists have recently opened a study room where everyone can come and study the Bible, Science and

Health with Key to the Scriptures and Mrs. Eddy's other writings. Books, videos, cassette tapes and periodicals published by the Christian Science Publishing Society may be read, borrowed or purchased. The study room is located next to the Downtown Fun Zone. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am - 1:00pm and often on Saturdays. Other times people are welcome to call 332-0702 for appointments. Please come and enjoy the inspiration.

Church services are held each Sunday at 11:00am in members' homes. Call 332-0185 or 332-4965 for information.

Let's Murder Marsha

I think you should know that a murder is being planned in Bandon. Well, actually, four murders! Let's murder Marsha is where it all begins and finally ends. Come and enjoy the comedy at Ocean Crest School Auditorium. Opening night Birthday Party for Marsha, Friday, November 10; 7pm curtain at 8pm, tickets \$7 at the door. Sunday afternoon performances, November 12 and 19; doors open at 1:15, curtain at 2pm, tickets \$7 and \$10 for a family of four, sold at the door. Let's murder Marsha is written by Monk Ferris, with special permission by Samuel French, Inc., Directed by Linda Radford.

My Pet Stick By Ronda Lynn

I have a stick
his name is Rick.
He does not bite,
he does not kick.
He does not scratch;
and he doesn't get sick.

Rick has a friend,
his name is Nick
and of course,
he is my other stick!

Planning Commission

The Port Orford Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7:00pm in the Port Orford City Hall Council Chambers.

The agenda includes hearings on Paradise Terrace Subdivision and Brueske, Gold Run Subdivision. Old business includes Coos Curry conditional use permit and Planning Commission prerogative on zoning.

As with virtually all public meetings, this meeting is open to the public.

Moon Struck

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The full moon is coming
be wary of its beam...
strange things happen if you're
caught in its gleam!

Some people act oddly...
when they're moon struck
their moods are affected...
and thoughts run amuck!

Rarely, but it happens...
some odd folk grow hair
on the palms of their hands...
above eyes that glare.

Nature's creatures will wail,
as they pace the moonbeam,
until daylight appears...and
the moon loses its gleam.

Where's My Internet?

Local internet access for Port Orford-Langlois should be up soon - hopefully by the time you read this. We were supposed to have been on-line by Oct. 25 but the phone lines were nearly a week late in being installed and then the installation has been plagued by difficulties with equipment and parameter settings. We expect to have it up shortly and apologize for the delays.

Those who have pre-registered can pick up their new-user packets at the Downtown Fun Zone now. See you on the net!

Letter To The Editor,

Our family and business will be moving to the Oregon Coast in the near future. We fell in love with the fabulous scenery in and around Port Orford and were impressed by the friendliness of the people. Because we have three school age sons, our primary concern after location is quality of education. Therefore, we wrote to three school districts on the South Coast, inquiring about the SAT test results for the past five years. We immediately received a response from two school districts with the requested information. We even called Bandon High School and spoke with the principal who, without hesitation, gave us the SAT averages for the past seven years, along with a great deal of other pertinent information.

We were shocked and outraged to receive a letter from Supt. Richard Wold of Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ District. This letter stated that in order to determine these SAT scores "much time and effort" would be required and that he would charge us \$224.36 to receive the information! Does the 2CJ School District administration not KNOW their SAT scores? Or, are these scores so low that the District is ashamed to divulge them? Aren't these scores sent to the District by the testing service after each testing session? Would it take more than ten minutes for a 5th grade student to average these scores? What is going on in the District? Most states publish these scores in the local newspapers as a State requirement. Many Districts are required by law to make available complete reports on individual schools, including test scores on standardized tests.

Needless to say, we will be relocating our family and business to one of the Districts that quickly and responsibly divulged their test scores. Are there any citizens in the 2CJ District who are also concerned by the heavy handed and inappropriate control of what should be readily available public information?

By the way, we were surprised to learn

that Mr. Wold is also president of the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce. Wold has certainly found a way to represent and promote an apparently fine community in a very negative manner!

Irene Eraut
Aptos, CA

Letter to the Editor,

Once again the residents of Port Orford have had a decision vital to their interests made for them without their knowledge or approval. Suddenly we find that our good doctor has been fired. One reason given is that he didn't send enough business to the Gold Beach Hospital. I don't think that reason has any merit at all and I'm sure the vast majority of Dr. Pitchford's patients here would agree with me.

Both my husband and I wish to thank Dr. Pitchford for the great care he has given us over the past seven years. His expert efforts have added years to our lives. It's been such a comfort knowing that Dr. Pitchford was available to us whenever we needed him.

Be assured that we still will not patronize Gold Beach Hospital.

Margery Heyman

Letter to the Editor, (in response to Mr. Warring)

This is in regards to your letter about the bed tax in Port Orford. If you think that the 5% we get for collecting the tax is such a reward then why don't you collect tax on your baskets. This tax is not in the best interest of the City anyway especially when you say it's for the beautification of the City boy is that a laugh. And why don't you think the people that collects it doesn't have a right to say how it's used. Another bright move in closing I think you and Mr. Wold ought to get a life and find something else to stick your nose in because the bed tax doesn't wash anyway

Charles E. Kincade

Letter to the Editor,

I'm disappointed in Curry General Hospital for terminating Dr. Pitchford's contract. He has competently and faithfully served the Port Orford community for nine years. It takes a long time to build a good doctor/patient rapport, to abruptly abandon us to strangers is not in our best interest.

To remove him for political reasons is irresponsible. One of the reasons is that Dr. Pitchford refers his patients to the hospitals and physicians of their choice rather than to the Gold Beach Hospital for treatment. It seems awfully silly to waste precious time and financial resources by going to the Gold Beach hospital when they usually send us back up to a Coos Bay specialist anyway. (It's like going to Saturn by way of Mercury.) Just because Northern Curry County was, a few years ago, forced to remain in the Curry General Hospital District as a result of a county-wide vote, that doesn't mean we have to go to the Gold Beach hospital. I wonder where the board members of Curry General Hospital go when they are ill? It wouldn't be Coos Bay would it?

Although it appears we can't change what the CGH board of directors has done, the good news is that Dr. Pitchford hasn't abandoned us. He will be opening his own practice in Port Orford soon.

Teresa Kolibaba

Letter to the Editor,

The new Republican majorities in Washington DC, and Salem have done an enormous service in their short tenures. They have demonstrated that there are indeed profound differences between the parties. For years we have told ourselves "they're all the same, they're just out to take care of themselves and their friends". Maybe that's true, but at least Democrats had a couple hundred million friends, while the Republicans have shown that their friends are limited to a couple hundred thousand, as in dollars per year of income, mostly unearned.

Debby Shields