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## Senator Wyden Visits PHS By Evan Kramer

United States Senator Ron Wyden spent last Friday in Curry County and started his visit at Pacific High School. Principal Mike Nickless, David Wilken and Wyden assistant Brian Clem toured the high school starting a little before 10:00am with a visit to the special education class and computer room followed by a tour of the upstairs break room and a chance to look at the mural. Wyden asked to meet with the students at an assembly and one was hastily called in the gym.

Wyden began his time with the students with a few brief remarks including that he has been appointed to the Senate Budget Committee. He said for him the biggest single challenge is promoting education and keeping our young people competitive worldwide. Wyden said he would like to make college payments tax deductible.

Wyden told the students they would change jobs several times during their lifetime. He said he wants to see every young person in Oregon receive a good, quality education. He said Pacific High School has the potential to be a national model for its School To Work program.

Wyden answered questions from the students including one with a sense of hu-

mor who asked him where Bosnia was located. Wyden admitted that on the pop quiz during his election campaign against Gordon Smith for Senator he had made a whopper of a mistake in locating that country but that he had gotten back off the canvas. He was asked about his thoughts on assisted suicide. He said he opposed the ballot measure which passed in the November, 1994 Oregon election because there was too much potential for abuse. He prefers the living will and health care proxy as an alternative.

Wyden was asked to speak on the subject of logging. He said if we could start fresh from this date on April 12, 1996 he would "leave the old growth alone" and in return for that make it possible to cut second and third growth trees. He said the people want old growth trees while at the same time wanting timber jobs. One of the students asked why old growth timber should be saved. Wyden said it makes up some of the spectacular areas of our state. He urged "striking a balance, making newer growth available and put the focus on reforestation".

Wyden supports a federal balanced budget, which means a lot of things have to be cut including tax breaks for multinational oil companies. However, he supports, and voted for, restoring student aid to the budget.

He was asked about teachers being fired in Portland. Wyden said we need to go back to the grassroots and fund education. He said education in this state is hemorrhaging. Wyden said he was very supportive of school sports programs and went to college on a basketball scholarship. Wyden told the students people would be shocked by how much support for education he has found amongst the business community.

Wyden ended the assembly and was taken to the computer and video lab where instructors Paul Young and Arvid Hixon gave him a tour including a working demonstration by student Joseph Shelly of the computer program for the submarine. Mr. Young showed Wyden a small segment of computer animated videotape the students had made and then he met with several of the students who built the submarine Poseidon. Mike Nickless then took the Senator outside for a brief look at the cranberry bog the students are working on before he had to leave for town hall meetings in Gold Beach and then Brookings. Before he left I asked him what his favorite video was and he answered "Casper" and "Home Alone" which he has seen many times with his children. Wyden has vowed to visit every county in Oregon every year so we'll be seeing him again soon enough.

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Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Apr 18	12:16am 7.9	7:01am -0.3	1:13pm 6.6	6:57pm 1.8
Fri Apr 19	12:50am 7.8	7:43am -0.3	1:59pm 6.4	7:35pm 2.2
Sat Apr 20	1:22am 7.6	8:22am -0.3	2:44pm 6.2	8:14pm 2.6
Sun Apr 21	1:57am 7.4	9:04am -0.1	3:32pm 5.9	8:53pm 2.9
Mon Apr 22	2:34am 7.0	9:49am 0.2	4:22pm 5.7	9:38pm 3.2
Tue Apr 23	3:12am 6.7	10:34am 0.5	5:20pm 5.6	10:31pm 3.4
Wed Apr 24	4:01am 6.3	11:27am 0.8	6:20pm 5.6	11:37pm 3.5
Thu Apr 25	5:00am 6.0	NONE —	7:18pm 5.7	12:21pm 1.1

### Christian Science

A Christian Science lecture "Love is a be - Love is a do" by Earlene Shoemake of CSB will be televised over KCBY-TV on Sunday, April 21 from 7am to 7:30am.

### Letter to the Editor,

The city of Port Orford needs to bring to your attention that we are having a problem with grease in the wastewater treatment system.

## Memphis Band

**Saturday Night, April 20**

9:00pm - 2:00am

**Sunday Jam Session, April 21**

2:00-7:00pm

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### Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford  
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Tue Apr. 6	65	51	—
Wed Apr. 7	65	50	Trace
Thu Apr. 8	65	50	.08
Fri Apr. 9	58	47	.17
Sat Apr. 10	54	48	.09
Sun Apr. 11	54	43	1.14
Mon Apr. 12	56	41	.19

Our newly remodeled wastewater treatment system has a sand filter through the dunes on the west side of Garrison Lake. If we do not start now with the elimination of grease in our system, we will end up having to put in a new outfall at the cost of at least 2 million dollars.

A committee has been working on a grease trap ordinance and it is almost finished. It will apply only to commercial users. A lot of grease is being put down the drains by normal households. I would like to encourage everyone in Port Orford to start disposing of their household grease in the proper manner. Empty your cooking grease into a can or jar and wipe out your frying pans and pots with paper towels before washing them. Wipe out anything that has an oil or grease base before washing it. If you do this you will really be doing your part to keep your pipes and the city's free-flowing and the city will not need to move the wastewater outfall for a long time

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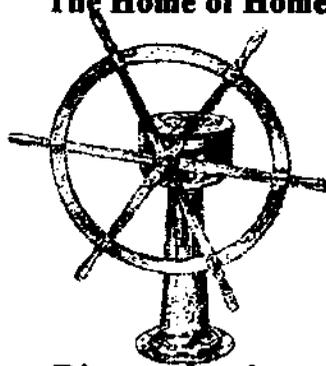
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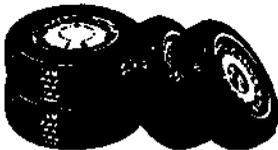
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### NCFCC

The North Curry Families' and Children's Center sponsored An "Expression Session" on April 8<sup>th</sup>, which was a success according to the 50 smiles on the faces of the children that attended this event. The children ranged in age from 6 to 14 years old. They were able to express themselves through the art mediums of clay, doll making and paper sculpture. Outside relays and games were a big favorite with many of the youth also. These activities would not have been possible without the caring help of many volunteers. Maureen Wayne and the children would like to thank Paul Bodtke from the Port Orford's Pottery Studio, Julie Hawthorne the intuition doll maker, Maria L'orange the paper sculptor, Julie Farmer for all her energy and knowledge of how to have fun playing games and doing relays. Thanks also to Julie Ells, Virginia Hughes, Pam Chappelle, and the staff at Driftwood Elementary. Your help was very much appreciated!

Questions? Call Tere Tronson or Maureen Wayne at 332-1042.

### Awana Grand Prix

Come one, come all! On Saturday April 20, at 5:00pm there will be live derby car race action at the First Community Church. There is no admission and everyone is invited. Prizes will be awarded.

### Earth Day Seedlings

In observance of Earth Day, Cape Blanco and Humbug Mountain State Park will give away tree seedlings from 10am to 1pm.

According to Laura Rhodes, Park Aide, the seedlings will be provided to the public for planting at home. The seedlings will be located at Cape Blanco host site A 50 and at Humbug host site B 9.

The park expects to distribute 300 seedlings (150 per park); they will be limited to 5 per person (or family).

The seedlings will be given on a first-come, first serve basis.

She said that many other Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) facilities also are distributing seedlings throughout Oregon for Earth Day.

Trees are being supplied by DL Phipps, State Forest Nursery.

She said tree-planting instructions from OPRD and the Oregon Department of Forestry will be provided along with the seedlings.

### More Signs

On a poster on a telephone pole in Oregon: "Are you an adult that cannot read? If so, we can help."

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The "generic cars" have been given away to individual kids to repair and modify for their own use. Therefore, there will be no "generic race cars" for the general public use this year. But kids, dads, moms, grandparents: there is still time left to build your cars for the Fish Box Derby Race by the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Go For It!!!

For further information, how-to ideas and a copy of the rules, please contact Jerri Walters at 348-2370 or Dennis Bodewig at 332-7915.

### Hunter Creek Beach Hike

On Saturday, April 20, 1996 join Dorthea Petersen for a repeat of this hike, which was done in February during a driving rain storm and still, very much enjoyed by the participants. Meet at the Gold Beach Forest Service parking lot at 9am. The hike will begin at milepost 333. If you plan to meet her at the site, please let her know ahead of time. The hike is 2-3 hours, a moderate climb for about 1/2 mile. Good for all ages. For information call Dorthea at (541) 247-7944.

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### **Voters Face The Candidates By Evan Kramer**

*(Continued from last week.)*

When last we left the county candidates they were about to begin answering questions submitted to them by the public. The first question was directed to the six people running for county commissioner. They were asked what is the most important job of the county commissioners.

Cheryl Thorp said keep the County on track and show real fiscal responsibility. David Wilken said set an example and that there are solutions. Rocky McVay said revenue preservation, that a healthy economy make a healthy county. Bill Roberts said the leadership and direction to live with the tax budget we have. Terry Hanscam said be responsible to and responsive to people, oversee the county budget. Lloyd Olds said earn the respect of citizens and adhere to state laws.

County assessor and candidate Jim Kolen was asked how much is the tax on timber land and do timber land owners pay their fair share. He said the rate is \$100-\$150 an acre appraised value and that the

timber companies do a good job. He did not answer if they pay their fair share.

The three district attorney candidates were asked what are the problems in North Curry County. Kim Olin said the amount of drug cases from Port Orford, alcohol abuse and domestic violence were three big problems. John Spicer said the biggest problem is not enough law enforcement presence. Pat Foley said drug and alcohol abuse and that we need a neighborhood watch.

The next question for the commissioner candidates concerned adequate representation and were they in favor in of 2 additional seats on the Board of Commissioners. Lloyd Olds said yes. Terry Hanscam said no but he wouldn't be opposed to districts. Bill Roberts said yes and recommended 5 districts and less pay for those 5 commissioners. Rocky McVay said he is not opposed to 5 commissioners but he is opposed to districts divided by population. David Wilken said no. He said election by district won't get a commissioner in Port Orford. He then recommended everyone vote yes on Ballot Measure 24. Cheryl Thorp said yes and favored geographical districts.

She recommended 5 commissioners at reduced salaries.

The district attorney candidates were asked how they planned to solve the drug problem in the schools. Kim Olin said through education and setting an example. He said, "Send the drug dealers to prison". John Spicer recommend the help of outside undercover agents. Pat Foley said we need the help of citizens and that young drug offenders need to be put in programs.

The commissioner candidates were asked if we should go back to cutting timber on O & C land on a sustainable yield basis. Lloyd Olds said he believes in sustainable yield timber harvests. Terry Hanscam said that sustainable forestry works. He pointed out that in 1937 there were 49 billion board feet of timber on O & C lands and that in 1995 that number was almost the same. Bill Roberts said with prudent management it can be done. He recommended cleaning some old growth out. Rocky McVay said yes. David Wilken suggested that O & C lands be turned into forest reserves where counties would get the direct benefits.

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He recommended that we not go back to the way things were done. Cheryl Thorp advised managing the lands wisely.

The district attorney candidates were asked what changes they would make in the DA's office to make this a safer community. Pat Foley said the jail facility is full all the time and that we need a juvenile facility in Curry County. John Spicer said we don't have enough facilities. Kim Olin said we have an inability to keep people in jail.

## Curry General Hospital

The North Curry County Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at Rod 'n' Reel restaurant on Thursday, April 18, 12 noon. All women who have had, or currently have breast cancer are invited to attend. Studies show that people experience less pain, anxiety and depression related to their cancer if they receive emotional support during this difficult time. Please contact Kathy Comer at 1-800-445-8085 or (541) 247-6621 if you have questions or would like additional information.

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## Creating Heirlooms By Frank Cramer

Thanks to Paul Bodtke recently had an experience I will treasure for a long, long time.

My wife and I are scheduled to host the annual Cramer Family Reunion this summer. When I mentioned to Paul that I would like to give each person at the reunion a special gift as a remembrance, the idea for making family heirlooms was born.

We decided that it would be nice to give each person a bowl to use for ice cream, cereal, flower arranging or displaying agates. First Paul threw the bowls, then he invited me to his shop to help put a monogram on, a "C" of course. I formed the "C's" out of clay and Paul and I both put them on the bowls. I also cut the words Cramer Reunion, 1996 on the bottom and gave each one a number.

After a time for drying, I went back to the shop to help put them in the kiln. A few days later I learned how to put the glaze on, then it was back in the oven with them. The bowls came out a gorgeous Elk River Green edged with Sea Foam and are so beautiful they take my breath away.

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ful bowls they will always be very special to me. I can just picture my grandchildren showing the bowls to their grandchildren some day, saying "This bowl was made by your great, great grandfather way back in the twentieth century. Be very careful with it, it's a family heirloom."

Thanks, Paul, for helping me create a family heirloom with your patient instruction, and for arranging your schedule around mine so that I could take part in each phase of the operation.

## Pistol River Concert

The Pistol River Concert featuring the Laura Love Band, scheduled for this Friday, April 19 is *sold out*.

Tickets for the May 10 and 11 concert featuring James Keelaghan and Oscar Lopez will be on sale beginning Friday, April 19. Tickets will be available at Soakers in Gold Beach, Java Java in Brookings, Alias Jones in Crescent City and through the mail.

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## Coastal Garden Celebrates

Coastal Garden Nursery in Port Orford celebrated their grand opening this past weekend and even the weather smiled on owners Bill and Clara McMullen. The nursery sits on five acres of land that's a little off the beaten path but well worth the visit. Just head north on Arizona Street at Paradise Point Rd. until you hit the bend in the road to the left where Arizona heads off the Curry Transfer and Recycle station. Instead of going left turn right at the bend and left at the first road you hit and, as they say in Jack Rabbit, Arizona, "You Are Here."

The McMullens stock a wide variety of plants from hanging fuchsias, potted fuchsias, rhodies, monkey trees, roses, camellias, wisteria, fruit trees to bedding plants including pansies and petunias. They are also cultivating several varieties of bedding plants which will be available in May including tomatoes, squash and cucumbers.

Coastal Garden held two drawings this past weekend. The winners of the Saturday drawing were Paul and Linda Hewitt who received a \$25.00 gift certificate to McNair True Value Hardware. Sunday's drawing was won by Myrel Carr and her prize was a \$25.00 gift certificate to Coos-Curry Supply.

Congratulations to Bill and Clara McMullen for opening this new business and all the hard work they put into their nursery!

## Council Approves Pay Raises

*[This is an abbreviated report based on a tape recording of the meeting.]*

The Port Orford City Council met in regular session on April and the council members were each introduced to new Port Orford police chief Barney Issel. Chief Issel will begin working for the city on April 20.

Public Works director Alan Wagner announced that as of this council meeting, April 8, 1996, the city was back on Hubbard's Creek water. Wagner said he has the turbidity reading results from two locations, one above the Bussmann property and the other at the city reservoir. He said the city had switched to Garrison Lake water on December 2, 1995.

Councilor Martha Weaver-Britell announced the city had received a regional strategies grant for remodeling the visitor center at Battle Rock Park for \$44,000. She noted the hard work and effort by City Manager Dotti Myers and Lucille Burroughs in securing this grant. Weaver-Britell said the Rotary Club will help remodel the building.

Weaver-Britell requested the help of city employees to remodel and plumb a handicapped accessible bathroom in the A-frame cabin in Buffington Park in preparation for the youth center.

The city council retreat is on hold because only three council members have

returned their surveys to coordinator Judy Shay. Councilor Sparks said he will not fill out the survey.

The city council on a motion by Martha Weaver-Britell voted to approve seven people for the bed tax committee. These are the same ones recommended at the workshop meeting and include Richard AuFranc, Ron Culbertson, Walt Kaplan, John Ineson, Carl Miller and councilors Carl Eskelson and Robert Warring.

The council voted on pay raises for city employees. Earlier in the meeting when reviewing the council minutes the council discussed the pay raises. Personal committee member Tim Sparks had said then the raises should be based on merit. Norma House said the personal committee recommended merit raises. George Kennedy said the council needed to decide tonight on the pay raises.

A motion was made to approve the merit pay raises as recommended at the March 25 council workshop meeting. The vote was 4 -2 with Weaver-Britell and Warring voting against because they didn't have enough information on past pay raises and comparable pay schedules for other cities of similar size. The pay raises are by percentages and are as follows: Norma House, 10%; Chris Marsh, 9%; Keith Rowling, 7%; Dotti Myers, 7%, Ethel Sweeney, 6%.

The council discussed the proposed grease trap ordinance. Alan Wagner said the problem is too much fat and grease in the sewer lines, not motor oil. He recommended the council enact the grease trap ordinance soon. Mayor Kennedy suggested a financial incentive to businesses complying with the ordinance in a fast and timely manner. No action was taken though the mayor will write a letter to the papers explaining the situation.

The next workshop meeting of the city council is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 8:30am, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.



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## **Letter to the Editor,**

For those who have not made up their mind about the 1.6 million dollar tax increase, maybe I can help. As the retired tax assessor for Curry County I am familiar with how the taxing system works.

When I retired 8 years ago, the county's general fund was \$443,451 and the elected officials were paid about \$28,000 a year. With the help of the yearly increases of the automatic 6% going into the general fund, it has now grown to \$830,000. Almost double, and the commissioner's salary is now about \$46,000, with the added perks it top's \$60,000. A sizable increase for two terms in office.

In the last 8 years the population went from 17,000 in 1988 to 22,000 in 1996, an increase of only 5,000 people. However, the general fund and tax obligation for the taxpayer have nearly doubled, and one of the reasons is because of the automatic 6% increases. A lot of those

who are collecting pensions wish they could receive an automatic 6% increase each year.

Let's look a little further down the road. Add the requested tax increase of 1.6 million to the current general fund and we would have approximately \$2.4 million dollars. Now just for fun, increase the \$2.4 million by 6% for the next 8 years and you will see we will be paying close to \$4 million in taxes. I did not factor in the increased property assessed valuations that we know will go up, but that's another story.

If you triple your taxes for the general fund now, that amount will double in about 8 years. You can see why I support all new faces in this coming election. I support the concept that Bill Roberts offered, "Cut the waste and put spending in check."

Al DeVore

## **Public Education Committee**

Speaking for the superintendents of the three largest school districts in Curry County, Richard Wold, superintendent of the Port Orford-Langlois District, will address the Curry County Committee for Public Education at the Lutheran Church in Gold Beach at 9:30am on Saturday, April 20.

Wold will discuss the districts' need for the services provided by the Curry County Educational Services District (ESD) as the merger of the Curry and Coos districts nears. He will also describe some of the problems the three school districts share.

The Curry County Committee for Public Education was organized early this year for the purpose of actively supporting public education.

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**Langlois RFPD**  
 By Tobe Porter

Training is an intrinsic part of a fire fighter's life. All the members of the Langlois District have passed the Basic Structural Fire Fighter Course. Offered through SWOCC, last year's 54 hour course was voluntarily taught by Chief Mike Murphy.

In addition, our fire fighters have received flagging training from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) where they learned the technique of flagging and traffic control. This is essential since there are no longer enough ODOT and Sheriff Department personnel available.

The District also sent three members to the Fire Officer Training Course: Mike Murphy and Chris and Krys Sypher. Called "Hell of the West," this intensive training course will prepare fire personnel to be better leaders and acquire more up-to-date information about fire science. When I asked Chief Murphy why the name of the course he said, "because they pack 80 hours of detailed information into three weekends. We'll come away from it with the education requirements for a Fire Ground Leader." Then I found out the term "fire ground" means scene of the fire.

It's comforting to know that the Langlois RFPD is made up of people who know what they're doing.

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*Seating is very limited so pre-registration and pre-payment are required.*

### Internet Update by Valerie Kramer

Port Orford's local access to the Internet has been successful beyond anyone's expectations. When it was installed, provision was made for about 40 customers with the ability to expand to 100. We now have more than 140 customers using the site and it is getting very crowded!

If you are a Port Orford, Langlois, or Bandon @Harborside customer, you have probably experienced busy signals, slow response, and lost data packets. The good news is that an upgrade is underway.

GTE has installed a conduit from their pole to our building and pulled a 25-pair cable thru it. When they get our end finished, Harborside plans to install 10 additional modems and a new terminal server. This should reduce the number of busy signals considerably. They also plan to upgrade the high-speed data link from Port Orford to Brookings from 56kbps to 384kbps and upgrade the connection from Brookings to Eugent to a full T1 (1.5Mbps). This should improve

response time and significantly reduce the number of lost packets.

Subject to weather, health, and the whims of equipment suppliers and the phone company, Harborside hopes to have all this in place by the end of April. Knowing Murphy's Law, this may be optimistic, but any way you figure, service will be getting better soon!

Harborside has changed their Alternate DNS (Domain Name Server) from 147.28.0.39 to 192.135.191.1. A DNS is kind of an internal "Internet phone book." When you tell Netscape to connect to "www.harborside.com", the DNS is the facility that translates your human-readable address to a numeric address. The numbers above are the addresses of the old and new DNS's.

Public Internet service will become "officially" available at the Port Orford Library at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to be held Thursday April 18 from 7-9pm. Mayor Kennedy will cut the ribbon. Harborside will be present to demonstrate and answer questions.



# Re-Elect Terry Hanscam

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### SWOCC Parenting Class

A Parenting with Love and Logic class will be held Tuesdays, April 23 - June 11, from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Classes will be at the Driftwood Elementary School Library in Port Orford. Cost is \$34, (one parent or couples), plus \$10 for book and materials. Susan Brady will instruct the class. Parenting with Love and Logic puts the fun back in parenting. This course in parent training is designed to help you find the right answers and actions for some of those difficult moments during child-rearing.

For information and pre-registration call Southwestern Community College, at 332-5810, on Fridays, 332-1325 (messages); or (541) 247-2741.

From the safety information card in America West Airline seat pocket: "If you are sitting in an exit row and can not read this card, please tell a crew member."

### School Board Report by Valerie Jean Kramer

The Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 16, a week later than normal. It was mostly a routine meeting and adjourned before 9:30pm.

Marc Farmer announced that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Port Orford-Langlois Teachers' Association (POLTA). New contracts are being typed, the bargaining teams will meet to confirm that they are correct, and then the district and the union will vote to confirm the work done by the teams.

Mike Knapp, acting chairman, read a proclamation dedicating the week of May

**Dear Grandma Hansel**

**Happy Birthday!  
Please come back soon.**

**Love,**

**Ani & Ellie**

5 through 11 as "Teacher Appreciation Week."

Transportation Supervisor Justin Potter asked the board to declare surplus one school bus and a step van. The board complied setting the stage for a sale or auction in the near future.

Superintendent Dick Wold reported that the number of dropouts has decreased from 9% (13 students) in 1991-92 to 5% (8 students) in 1994-95. The board has set a goal of 4% or less by the end of the decade. In the same period, Curry County dropouts rose from 6% to 7% then declined to 6% while the state figures rose from 5.8% to 7.4%.

Students won't compete at OIT this year due to massive equipment failures.

Next year's calendar will soon be decided. Those wishing to express an opinion should speak to Business Manager, John Phillips in the District Office. He can be reached at 348-2337.

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#### **Letter to the Editor,**

I want to assure both the City's employees and the citizens of Port Orford that I believe our City employees do a good job. At the last City Council meeting I voted against the proposed salary raises for City employees only because I was not given enough information to determine that the proposed raises were fair and cost effective.

As an elected representative of the citizens of Port Orford, I feel it is my duty to exercise prudence and good judgment when deciding the affairs of the City. This means I must base my decisions on facts, not personal opinions. Since I was not supplied with sufficient facts, I had no other recourse than to vote no.

Martha Weaver-Britell

### **SWOCC Curry County Advisory Committee VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Southwestern Oregon Community College  
is currently seeking applicants for appointments to fill upcoming vacancies  
on the SWOCC Curry County Advisory Committee

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