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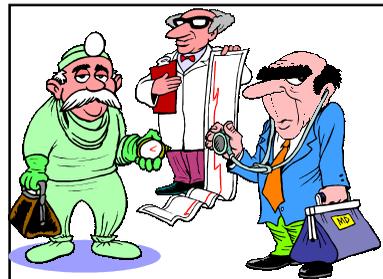
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**Curry Health District
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Public Vents Frustration

By Evan Kramer



The Curry Health District board of directors held their monthly meeting in Port Orford last Wednesday and they got an earful from the public. Much of

the public interest had been generated by the resignation on September 17 of Drs. Don Venes and Vicki Webb from the Curry Family Medical clinic.

Representing the board at the meeting were Barbara Stover, chairman, John Stockman and Doug Jamieson. Present from the Health District management council was CEO Randy Scholten and accountant manager PJ Estlund. Other members of the management council but not in attendance are Millie Bird, R.N. and Dr. Reg Williams.

Doug Jamieson said he wanted the board to get a local advisory group from Port Orford started now.

Barbara Stover then asked for public input and she got it. First up to speak was Port Orford News editor Jay Stoler. He told those in attendance that he had a telephone interview with Dr. Don Venes three and a half weeks ago. Stoler said Venes told him he wasn't leaving because he didn't like the area – "he was leaving

because he didn't like the management." Stoler went on to tell the Board that they might consider management changing its attitude towards the doctors. He recommended the Board look to using a professional headhunter in helping hiring a new doctor for the clinic.

Curry Family Medical Clinic temporary doctor Sam Ruben spoke next. He described the management of the Curry Health District as super. He said Dr. Venes is an "internist" and they are different animals. Ruben said there was absolutely nothing wrong with the clinic or the staff. Bessie Laursen said we have good doctors and staff at the clinic. She added that she didn't see Port Orford as a "frontier town."

Jane Cramer recommended the Board concentrate on hiring an experienced doctor who wants to simplify their life.

Evan Kramer then asked the board two questions. One was if Port Orford could secede from the Curry Health District to which Randy Scholten said he would look into it. Kramer asked why Brookings couldn't be brought in the District to help share the tax burden. Scholten said they were working toward bringing Brookings into the District and Barbara Stover added "we have to do this very carefully in bringing Brookings into the District."

Henry Lustig seconded the sentiment of getting the Brookings area into the Health District but added they have no incentive or reason to join.

Gene Haynie spoke next and said his wife is a nurse at the clinic. He then went on to say Dr. Venes was delighted when he came to Port Orford. Gloria Rogers told the Board they should be charging Brookings a fee to put in the clinic down there. PJ Estlund said Medicare does not allow the Health District to charge different fees for people living in the district and out of the district. She said the Brookings clinic is making more money than they spend on it.

Joe Culley told the Board somebody's not telling us the whole truth about the Brookings clinic. He said the District hadn't gone to Port Orford residents and asked for permission to open the Brookings Clinic. Culley said he had met Doctors Webb and Venes and added there was something going on more than what we've been told. He said the hospital in Gold Beach was inadequate for him and then went to describe an example of a bad situation, which had happened at the hospital to a person he knew. Randy Scholten said "every once in a while mistakes happen."

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Senior News
 By Mary Yoder

Well, lets start with the Rotary luncheon or rather who are the volunteers at the center who do so much to make things nice – here they are: Roald Young, Pattie Young, Mary Evans, Judy Fladger, Harold Pace and doing dishes and anything needing to be done Owen Miller – setting up the dining room – Patty Young and Sue Ellen – she just happened by.

September 20th was pinochle – everyone had a good time popcorn and all, and looky here High E. David Klein a man – 2nd high Jean Shank – Low Venita Marstal – why not come – it’s fun.

September 14th was board meeting. I was told – all people young or old are invited to the luncheons, breakfasts, etc. not just seniors. So if you would like to bring the young folks – do so.

September 22 was clam chowder lun-

cheon and Jazz band – more about it next week.

September 25th is luncheon 11:30 – There will be a speaker In Home Service. I was told it will be Carol Ravinski doing the speaking – best come will be interesting. There will be a rummage sale also 8 till 1:30.

September 28th is membership meeting 11:00 all should come – members or not. Maybe you’d like to make a suggestion on an idea.

At 9:30am will be the blood pressure and hearing aide checks – no charge. Come see how you are doing.

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Historical Tour

A free tour to selected sites of the Rogue Indian War of 1851-1856 will be held on Saturday, September 25 starting at 8:30am at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach.

Points of interest will be marked and each vehicle will have a printed guide relating to the marked locations. Several stops will be made including the site of the ambush at Lobster Creek, Indian village sites at Agness, the Oak Flat treaty site, and the final battle at Big Bend.

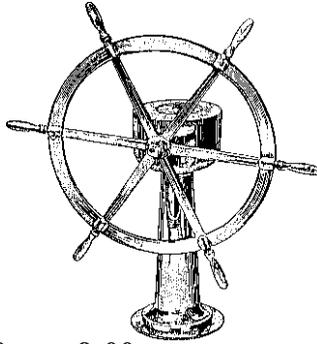
At Big Bend a model of the area will help describe the scenario before participants walk to the actual site of the battle where soldiers were besieged for over 30 hours. Hand dug trenches and rifle pits can still be seen at the site. A sloping trail of about one-quarter mile leads to the entrenchment.

Participants should bring a sack lunch for their noon meal.

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The Other Story Retold By Graeme Graydon



I was being perfectly good, minding my own business last night, mentally occupied with putting together a story on learning to understand women, when I was approached by a man who wanted me to tell his story,

“I already have a story, it’s about women”.

“But, you have to tell them this one”.

Oh well, what the heck “What’s it about?”

“OK. Well, the worst part, and even that wasn’t too bad, was being sick and getting weaker and weaker. Part of you wants to hang on and try to please everyone but there’s another part that likes all the attention and reckons that: “it’s my time to be looked after”. I began to know that I was leaving and someone else would be taking care of everyone. There were even moments when it felt like I was expecting Christmas – only better. Funny thing is that I don’t remember dying at all.

If you ask me what dying is like – I can’t tell you. There was never a moment when I could say: now I’m dying, this is death; there was no slowing down – just more of everything. I could move my body just like it used to, only it felt more free. I could see differently, the colors are more, I don’t know how to tell you – they’re just more. It was like I took my dark glasses off for the first time. Everything looks – well – just more. And there are other things – like dropping in on people for a quick visit – no matter where they are – that’s fun. But, the ‘Biggie’ is how I feel inside, or don’t feel inside. I used to always want something – from a little kid I wanted this and that – then I wanted a wife and when I got one, I wanted a better one, a better car, it never stopped. It was like being hungry all the time. But, I didn’t know I had this hole inside me until I came here and it went away. Like you don’t know the refrigerator noise is bugging you until it turns off and you go – Whew! It feels so good not to want. Oh, there is just this one thing I’d really like to talk to some of my family, well, I can talk but they can’t hear me. I’d like to tell them to stop worrying about me – it’s really great here. They think I’m dead. Man, THIS is living. They’ve got more worries

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than me – they’re more dead than I am. But, I can’t get through to them.

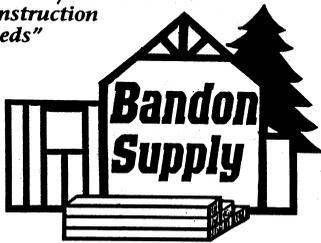
A woman joined us and said that she was having trouble with the same thing but that if she really concentrated her mind on her sister, she could sometimes get through – though her sister wasn’t sure about it. The man added, “If only we could tell them what it’s like, it would blow the whole religious control thing. It’s not right to scare people. They have no idea what it’s like – or if they do, they do they’re not telling.”

Then a third person came forward. I could sense a stronger presence. I guess he just wanted to get his two cents in. “Over here, everyone is on equal ground. Doesn’t matter if you’re a scientist or a sheep herder – it’s a heart thing, gives everyone a place.” And with that they all disappeared leaving me to wonder what I was going to write about.

Langlois Public Library News by Tobe Porter, Director

Yes, we did it! Our goal was to raise \$8,000 in 8 weeks, and as of 9/17/99, we have received \$9,610 from many generous people. Nothing is more important to the success of funding a project than a strong show of local support. Well, it doesn’t get any stronger—over \$8,000 in 8 weeks. The members of the Library Board and the Foundation Board join me in thanking you for bringing the new library over \$16,000 closer to completion.

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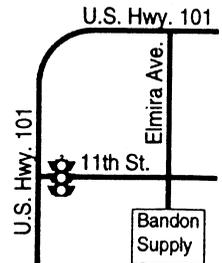
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Cape Blanco Gun Club By Bill Oleson

Cape Blanco was host to the Pacific International Trap Association last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Association includes many Canadian trap clubs, therefore the international designation. PITA members came from all over Oregon and California creating no vacancy signs on Port Orford's motels. Many also brought their RV's and dry camped on the club's parking area.

Activities outside of the actual trap shooting included a huge dinner of steak, oysters, salmon and a variety of desserts and dishes provided by the members wives. Bill Cobb was the master chef for the salmon, Frank Barrows roasted the oysters and Scott Macdonald burned the steaks. Pam Macdonald and her family assisted by Glenna Harrison and sisters provided the lunches. Once again Al Luis

Sentry Market assisted the club with the food.

Scott Wurster, Elk River, was the master trap shooter in the tournament. He was runner in the 16 yard singles Saturday; winner of the singles Sunday with consecutive scores of 96/100 and 97/100. In addition, Scott took high overall honors. Robert McKenzie III, under the most difficult conditions of long shadows took runner up in the doubles event. Many of us shot this event early to allow the visitors to shoot later under good light.

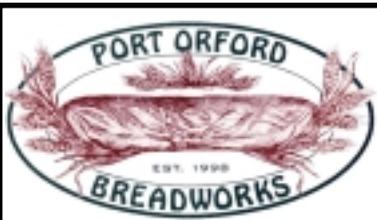
Robert also won Saturday's Mid-yardage handicap event.

The 50 Double Backer event was won by Jim Harrison and Scott Macdonald with a score of 97/100. This is the most difficult event because the trap machine oscillates left and right. One cannot predict the angle of the targets. Shooters stand on the 27 yard line adding to the difficulty.

Ten year old Nick Puhl won the Junior class award. Nick shoots from the same distances as the adults. His scores were 76/100 and 75/100. There were a number of adults who did not do as well.

Other Cape Blanco members doing well were George Bussman 94/100; Ron Puhl 94/100; Jim Harrison 91/100; Scott Macdonald 90/100 and 93/100; and John Paulus 95/100.

Our next big event is the Second Annual Trap Meet to be held September 26th. Last years overall winner was Don Chase. The first annual was a feature page item in the Coos Bay World. Residents of the Port Orford area are welcome to come and watch; there is ample parking space. Our trap club is up Grassy Knob Road. Take the first driveway to the left after turning off Hwy. 101. Drive through the trees to the parking area.



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Copper Salmon Resolution

In the matter of a Resolution in support of the proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness.

Whereas, the Elk River watershed is the sole remaining relatively intact watershed on the South Oregon Coast; and

Whereas, The North Fork of Elk River in Northern Curry County is recognized as possibly the most productive salmonid fishery in the Lower 48 States; and

Whereas, the financial benefits derived from the commercial and sport salmon fishery and its many related businesses are crucial to the economy of Curry County; and

Whereas, Curry County and its residents, in cooperation with the State and Federal Governments, are engaged in a monumental effort to protect and restore its fisheries; and

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Whereas, the North Fork of Elk River and adjacent areas in the South Fork Elk and Middle Fork Sixes contain some of the last significant stands of low elevation old-growth Port Orford cedar that remains free of the deadly Phytophthora lateralis root disease; and

Whereas, Curry County is the heart of the very small area in which this beautiful and magnificent tree is found; and

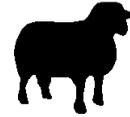
Whereas, protection of this area would not result in loss of jobs to any other sector of the economy of Curry County; and

Whereas, Curry County is looking to ecotourism as an important source of future jobs for our youth; and

Whereas, the area in this resolution is contiguous to the Grassy Knob Wilderness on the middle section of Elk River,

Now, Be It Hereby Resolved that the Curry County Board of Commissioners supports permanent Congressional protection of the upper Elk River watershed and adjacent biological connections with the Sixes and South Fork Coquille watersheds by creation of the Copper Salmon Wilderness.

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Board of Curry County Commissioners
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Bill Roberts, Commissioner

Roaring Sea Open House

Everyone is invited to enjoy the Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Open House at Roaring Sea Arts, 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford, from 2 to 5pm, on Sunday, September 26.

Artists featured in this month's exhibit are Becky Flake, exhibiting bead arts and ornaments; Julie Hawthorne, well known local artist, with ceramics; and Maggie Karl of Bandon, showing paintings in several media.

Informal music performances by the Kammeroque Ensemble will be embellished by Joyce Mueller's poetry, plus a special performance by Bandon musicians Crystal Landucci, pianist, and Harry Spencer, clarinetist; at approximately 2:15, 3:15 and 4:15.

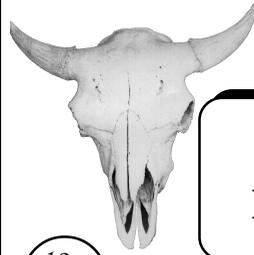
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Letter to the editor,

My bailiwick during the Arts and Seafood Festival was the “new” community building, known as The Festival Center for that weekend. I wanted it to be an active and attractive place, filled with artistic wonders. Thanks to a lot of work by lots of people, that’s exactly what happened.

Heartfelt thanks go to Port Orford Today and Port Orford News for their support; to Mechelle Billings of the Chamber of Commerce for the big help with publicity; and to Donna Roselius and her decorating committee for making a silk purse out of a sow’s ear. Kudos also go to Mary Evans and Jon Porter for landscaping the silk purse. A big hand goes to Carol Malley, Michael Thielen, Rick Cook and Donna Roselius for setting up the shows in the Community Building. Thanks, Jane Odson, for putting together the first Crafter’s Mall.

To the Junk Art and Castaway Art “show sitters” Elaine Small, Marlene Gay, Midge Hayes, Loretta Hillman, Julie Smith, Pat Rhoades, Mechelle Billings, Nancy Broadhead, Sharon Anderson, and Mark Eikamp I say thank you for a fine job. For the delicious goodies available at the “Honor Coffee House” I thank Elaine Small, Pat Lee, Nipana Barker, Ellen Tomaschewski, Virginia Hughes, and Pearlan Barbieri. A curtsy goes to the queen of flowers, Ruth Jamison of Coastal Garden Nursery for

the beautiful plants that enhanced the silk purse. Thank you Joan Geiser for the stunning Junk Art Contest trophies.

And the biggest thank you goes to all who participated in the Castaway Art Sale and Junk Art Contest, and to the more than 1,100 visitors to The Festival Center. Now, about next year. . .

Tobe Porter
President, Port Orford Arts Council

Letter to the Editor,

This past weekend a small event occurred for the fifth year, late at night, while most of Port Orford slept. The ancestors of the Tu Tu Tni people stopped for a healing prayer and remembrance of their ancestors who once lived and gathered foods from this place. The Tu Tu Tni people were removed from here (some by steamship and some on foot) to the Siletz Reservation in the 1850’s. They have been honoring the memory of their ancestor’s hardship with this special relay that begins in Siletz Oregon. They say new legs for ancient ones. Around forty supporters follow the runners who run day and night (stopping for prayer and remembrance) until they reach the spot near the big bend on the Rogue River where a Pow Wow is held with friends and other ancestors of this region. Some generous folks of Port Orford made this a welcome rest for the runners and supporters with a potluck dinner and I would like those who helped to know our efforts were much

appreciated and they were glad to have friends along the way. It was heartwarming to see the young runners greeted with such encouragement as they approached the supporters, followed by their courageous wish to keep on going after running eight or ten miles in fog, wind, or traffic in the darkness. The support for the run and will to carry on was inspirational to witness. We felt gratified to help assist in our small way, the healing of this regrettable historic event which inspired the relay. Thank you friends.

Joan Geiser

Park Historical Sign

The Oregon State Parks department had a large role in the recent replacement of the wooden historical sign at Battle Rock Park. State Park’s employee Laura Rhodes worked on the sign at the park’s Cape Blanco woodshop. She planed the boards, routed the letters, stained the boards and painted the letters. One board had to be replaced because it was rotten but other than that one the boards are all the same ones as the original sign. Rhodes had to squeeze in the historical sign woodwork around her regular park duties. She also volunteered at least six hours of her own time working on the sign.

The letters are 2” high rather than 1 ½” as in the previous sign. Rhodes said she was pleased with the way the sign turned out.

Letter to the Editor,

This past weekend was the first registered trap shoot at the Cape Blanco Gun Club. We had 62 shooters for the three-day event. There were thirteen local shooters and others from all over, from as far away as Klamath Falls, Bend, Medford, Lebanon, Astoria, Fortuna, and Ukiah, California.

The members wish to thank everyone who helped make our trap shoot a success: Buck's Sentry Market, Sixes Store, Bill Cobb, Bill's assistant Ron, Pam Macdonald, Roxy Long, Cheryl Rae Thompson, David Thompson, DeNeise Amason, Glenna Harrison, Midge Ashe, Barbara Breuer, Peggy Barrows, all the people who donated desserts for Saturday night's dinner, and all our members who worked at the shoot.

We also just finished a complete remodel of the gun club grounds. In addition to all our members who donated time, money and materials for the project, we also want to thank Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Coos Curry Supply and Western Builders Supply for their help.

We will be having our second annual Cape Blanco Gun Club Championship on Sunday, September 26th with practice starting at 9:30, events at 10:30. There will be 50 target singles in the morning, a 50 target handicap after lunch, to be followed by games. Lunch will be potluck. The event is open to all shooters and will be a lot of fun. For more information, give me a call.

For the Cape Blanco Gun Club
Ron Puhl President

John Belcher

Memorial services for John Belcher, long time Port Orford resident, will be held Thursday, September 23rd at 11am at the Port Orford Community Center. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to Port Orford Community Ambulance.

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Copper Salmon Support

The following is a letter from the Coos County Board of Commissioners to the Curry County Commissioners dated September 13, 1999.

In re: Proposed Copper Salmon Wilderness

Dear Commissioners:

The Coos County Board of Commissioners desires to go on record as supporting your effort to create the Copper Salmon Wilderness.

We believe the creation of the Copper Salmon Wilderness will enhance your effort to create ecotourism opportunities in Curry County. And, we believe that ecotourism is an important source of future jobs for youth and adults alike.

Both Coos and Curry County have felt the affect of the loss of our traditional sport and commercial fishing industries.

Therefore, please be advised that we support the permanent Congressional protection of the upper Elk River watershed and adjacent biological connections with the Sixes and South Fork Coquille watersheds by the creation of the Copper Salmon Wilderness.

Sincerely,

Coos County Board of Commissioners
Bev Owen, Chair
Nikki Whitty
Garry "Pete" De Main

Police Log

9/13/99, 10:15am: Report of missing vehicle on Hubbard Creek Road. Referred to Curry County Sheriff's Office.

9/13/99, 1:30pm: Osro Edwards claimed his lost wallet which contained \$179.00 and priceless family photos in it. He wishes to thank the woman who turned it in. Thank you.

9/13/99, 2:30pm: Two calls reporting use of Hwy. 101 bridge railing for skateboard maneuvers. Contacted and advised.

9/15/99, 9am: Report of death threats by citizen on Port Orford Loop Road. Referred to Curry County Sheriff's. Civil compromise.

9/16/99, 2pm: Report of Robbery II, under investigation.

9/17/99, 11am: Report of Criminal Mischief I at Battle Rock Park, broken park bench. Report taken.

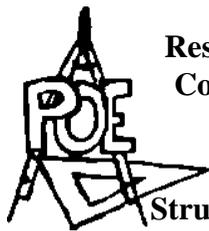
9/17/99, 4:10pm: Domestic disturbance at 800 block of Jackson St. Verbal only, handled by contact.

9/18/99, 1:54pm: Sandra G. Nordstrom was cited and released for Driving While Suspended - Misdemeanor.

9/18/99, 8:45pm: Report of stolen vehicle. Vehicle recovered and subject arrested by Coquille Police Department.

9/20/99, 5:25am: Unattended death at 2510 - 25th Street, Port Orford. Report taken.

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Back By Popular Demand

Due to the many requests from the community, Theater Works will present a free performance of Port Orford's newest original play known as Fairy Tales at 6:00pm at Pacific High School on Thursday, September 23. Back to School will follow immediately after at 7:00pm. The show originally named Fairy Tales has been renamed more aptly – Funky Tales. Theater Works, sponsored by North Curry Families' and Children's Center, debuted their newest work at the Community Building and at the newly remodeled Savoy Theater on Labor Day weekend. The original piece was written by the group and was developed over the sum-



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The actors are all on stage all the time transforming into trees and characters using simple sets and minimal costumes. The actors working on Fairy Tales are as follows: Joel Foster, JJ Nelson, Amos Nelson, Adam Epstein, Paul Epstein, Tyler Tronson, Signe Tronson, Tara Wilhelm, Mira Wilhelm, Holly Klein, Audra Loeber, Lena Hawthorne, Keri Hickey, Jorma Smith, Jory Smith. Theater Works was directed by Carol Malley and Tere Tronson. The programs were designed by Joel Foster. If you have any questions about Theater Works or other projects by NCFCC, call 332-1042.

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Well, the new owners, Paula and Dale Dearing will continue their hard-earned tradition of "selling seashells by the seashore." They don't intend to make many changes and their door will always be open, just a different friendly smile to greet this community and worldwide travelers. Stop by in the next few weeks and let Bob and Betty know how much this community has enjoyed them and their great little store.

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City Administrator Search

The Port Orford City Council met in Executive Session on Monday afternoon to “consider employment of a public officer” under ORS 192.660(1)(a). The public officer considered in this case is the job of permanent city administrator. Once completing their discussion in the executive board meeting the council reconvened into special session.

The council then discussed possible dates for interviewing the applicants for the job. Councilor Jane Cramer made a motion that we (the council) extend an invitation to interview applicants #12, 2, 7, 1, and 11 and that we send the applicants the scenarios devised by Johnny Alexander and that we ask them to mail them to us and that we schedule interviews on October 15 and 16 and we leave the remaining applicants #8, 5, and 10 in reserve in case we need them. Councilors Cramer, Donaldson, Leeling and Wander voted for the motion. Councilors Campbell and Warring were not present.

The applicants for the city administrator job were not identified by name but by number only.

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For reservations call Sally Schroeder in Gold Beach at 247-7660 or Marilyn Kaplan in Port Orford at 332-2310. Please make your reservations by September 27. Cost of the luncheon is \$8.50 and includes beverage.

Please come and bring a friend.

Chamber Membership Meeting

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce membership meeting is on Monday, September 27, noon, at the Paradise Café. The Chamber will hear from Arts Council President Tobe Porter.

Chamber members are asked to attend this meeting and bring their ideas about

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what the Chamber can better do to serve them and the City.

The Chamber is currently in rehearsals for a funny melodrama to be presented on November 12 and 13 at the Community Building. The melodrama is being presented as a fundraiser for the Chamber.

Election Results

7,783 of the 13,999 registered voters (or 55.60%) cast their votes September 21 on a 3 year local option tax for the sheriff's office. The official results according to County Clerk, Renee Kolen are:

Yes 3,471

No 4,294

with 2 over votes and 16 under votes meaning 18 people apparently couldn't figure out how to vote on a ballot with only one item. Kinda scary isn't it?

The measure is, therefore, defeated.

Free Friday night lectures on the creative process will begin Sept. 24 7-9pm at City Hall with Joyce Spicer-Kinney speaking on “Art After 40”.

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THE CITY OF PORT ORFORD is seeking to fill a position now vacant on the Port Orford Planning Commission. Position requires city residency. Any resident of the city interested in filling this vacancy may send a letter of interest to: The City of Port Orford, C/O Mayor Gary Doran, P.O. Box 310, Port Orford, Oregon 97465. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

GARAGE SALES

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What's New at the Library By Paula Cracas

I promised you heavy breathing...so here's the formula: a beautiful young woman, perky, yet feisty. There's a man, rugged, of course, and handsome in an appealing way. Definitely not a pretty boy and definitely a "real" man. He might be a pirate or a cowboy or a ruthless CEO.

She may or may not work. Somewhere there's a bad guy or a conniving, scheming woman. The story could be taking place in a castle or on a ship or in a mountain cabin or in a big-city high-rise. Peyton Place changed my life forever.

Fans love Nora Roberts. She concludes her trilogy with *Inner Harbor*. "Three brothers on the windswept shores of Chesapeake Bay" and a secret that could tear the family apart."

Dangerous Kiss by Jackie Collins is a Lucky Santangelo novel and, yes, Lucky is a woman. Somebody dies and Lucky is hot on the trail of the killer with a familiar cast of characters. Is this a mystery? Or a love story?

Belva Plain's *Daybreak* is in large print...all the easier to read. A lost biological child, alive somewhere. "Emotions in upheaval and leaving lives forever changed."

And finally, Barbara Delinsky brings us *Rekindled* a combination of her two romantic novels: *Flip Side of Yesterday* and *Lilac Awakening*. An "emotionally powerful story of love and loss...filled

with the passion and rich characters that are her hallmark.."

Two other books are worth noting but not in the bodice-ripper category. Leon Uris is back with *A God in Ruins* and "interweaves historical fact with gripping fiction."

For a first novel, Steve Yarbrough's *The Oxygen Man* has received rave reviews: "the best writer to come out of the South in many years." "A powerful and gritty first novel." What more do you need to know?

Like books? The Port Orford Library has some. Check 'em out.

Letter to the Editor,

Have you ever noticed that Highway 101 in town looks pretty tidy and clean? Ever wonder why? Well, next time you see Danny Huber on one of his daily walks up and down our main street, wave and thank him. Danny has made it his personal task to pick up all the trash on the street for the last 10 years (that I know of). I, for one, appreciate his work.

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Public Vents Frustration Continued from Front Cover

Port Orford EMT Lynda Foster said mistakes happen a lot at the hospital. She said many times when the ambulance crew from Port Orford arrives at Gold Beach Hospital the doctor isn't there waiting for the patient.

Doug Jamieson said he had spoken to Drs Venes and Webb and they didn't tell him why they resigned.

Justin Bauman told the Board that people are entitled to know why the doctors are leaving. He said we want to know what the hell is going on. Scholten said there is a restriction about discussing why Venes and Webb are leaving in their contract. Scholten suggested Dr. Venes may have had management problems with other jobs he had had.

Dr. Tom Pitchford was sitting in the back of the council chambers and was asked to speak. He said in referring to Dr. Venes, "it just wasn't a good fit." He said Dr. Vicky Webb liked the Port Orford practice. Pitchford said Venes had previously worked in a clinic in Portland and was used to more staff and help. Pitchford said his gut level feeling was "Don't

wasn't happy here. Pitchford concluded that Dr. Venes fit better in a big city hospital and if they weren't married Vicky would have stayed here.

Gold Beach resident Olive Woolridge told the board it was our money you're gambling with running the Brookings clinic. She said Brookings should have been asked for a per capita fee for the taxes they don't have to pay. She said that the public was hearing the same denials we've heard all along and "the Emperor has no clothes."

Lynda Foster said she wanted the Port Orford Ambulance to have a better relationship with Curry Family Medical. She said the ambulance gets many minor calls but they take the ambulance north because people don't have confidence in the clinic. Curry Family Medical manager Judy Scholten said the District was working with the state in getting paid if the ambulance crew transports minor calls to the clinic.

An hour and a forty-five minutes of public comment came to an end and the board proceeded into the rest of their meeting.

The lead story in last week's Curry County Reporter was about the Health

District being served with a \$250,000 lawsuit by Dr. Mark Silver, owner of the Brookings Harbor Medical Center. Silver is suing Dr. Sam Ruben, Randy Scholten and the Health District for "breach of contract and intentional interference with business relations."

Letter to the Editor,

I attended the Curry Health District meeting on September 15, 1999 at Port Orford City Hall. I had some questions I wanted answered. The people representing Curry Health District were Mr. Randy Scholten, Ms. Barbara Stover and some members of their Board of Directors. It had been stated earlier that they were trying to find a full time permanent doctor for the Port Orford Clinic.

My question was: Has Tom Pitchford been offered the position of full time doctor with a long term contract with the assurance that would not be "Mowed Down" again?

Is it a rumor or is it true that Curry Health is planning a retirement center either in Brookings or somewhere else outside the Health District? If true, where is the money coming from? Is it coming from the Health District levy?

My first question was not really answered. Mr. Scholten stated that Dr. Pitchford had been approached and asked to stay on longer, but never stated that Dr. Pitchford had been offered the full time doctor for the clinic with a long term contract.

It was asked how this area could withdraw from the Curry Health District. Mr. Scholten said that he did not know but would help research to see how it could be done. Probably it would have to be voted on the people.

What benefits do we in Port Orford gain for the taxes paid to the Curry Health District? As far as I can see very little.

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