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Candidate Forum By Evan Kramer



The League of Women Voters sponsored a candidate forum on Thursday night and nine out of ten invited candidates participated.

Milt Nelson read the League mission statement and then turned over the meeting to moderator Sandy Shely. The candidates were given three minutes each to introduce themselves.

2CJ School District Position #5

Carlene Armi said the school district is in a tailspin because of lack of funds and attendance and that the children get the cuts. She said she wanted to bond the parents with the schools and get solutions so the students don't get the cuts.

Gary Anderson spoke of the two positions a board member can take – that of either doing what's best for the job or listening to your constituents. He said the most efficient way was a middle course making tough decisions.

Port of Port Orford Position #1

Jake Marshall said he was a lifelong resident of Port Orford and at 26 had been a commercial fisherman since 13. He has

been active with the fire department and ambulance. He said his livelihood was in a bit of trouble.

Chris Hawthorne said the Port is a large part of the community, which has undergone a huge renovation though it is not complete yet. He said the problems at the Port will be resolved soon and that we have to make the Port work for the District and generate enough income.

Tom Hall said he had lived in Port Orford his whole life and had been a bystander in Port matters. He said things needed to be done differently and saw business opportunities at the Port.

Position #2

Gifford Barnes said he had been on the Port Commission for three years but resigned over problems with a former Port manager. Barnes said the Port was in real bad shape now. He said the people in the Port District are the owners of the Port and they need to be told what's going on.

Dave Rickel said he had worked for the Port for eight months and was now a commercial fisherman supporting several families in Port Orford with his fishing business. He said the Port was in trouble.

Pat Ross was unable to attend because he had to work.

Port Orford Rural Fire District #3

Brice Wagner complimented the City and Rural Fire Board on the new contract they arrived at after 11 meetings. He listed his two goals as improving the fire rating to lower insurance costs and finishing the Cedar Terrace Fire Station.

Barbara Forrest spoke of her experience on the School and Library boards. She said when she sees something she disagrees with she wants to work for change and that the recent fire board had made moves she disagreed with so she decided to run for the board.

Questions and Answers

The first question was directed to Brice Wagner who was asked why since he resigned in the early 90's for lack of attendance and again resigned last year he wanted to get reelected again to the board. Wagner said he resigned last year rather than make the district go through a recall election which would have cost the district \$1,000.

School District candidates were asked if the school funding cuts were due to tax cuts or fewer children in the district. Gary Anderson said the district had lost students and with that it lost \$5,000 from the state for each student who left the district.

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Sun Mar 4, 2001	6:03a	7.2	1:36p	0.2	8:32p	5.3			6:46a	6:12p	12:45p	3:51a	
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Letter to the Editor,

According to the February 14, 2001 issue of the Curry Coastal Pilot, the Port of Port Orford has requested Representative Peter DeFazio for \$300,000 in additional federal funding to complete the dock renovation project. According to Port Manager Mike Nielson, this money is to correct problems with the two new dock cranes, install a new fueling system, and to deal with the problem of storm surge which threatens the boats when they are at the base of the dock. There evidently was a heated public meeting held February 9 regarding the unfinished Port project.

I found it most interesting that Nielson was quoted as saying "My responsibility is to let the fishermen have their dock back." I have lived in Port Orford for over 22 years, have served as the Port's lawyer for two periods of time and thought the dock belonged to the Port Orford Port District. If in fact it belongs to the fisher-

men, why am I as a property owner in the District helping to pay off the \$2 million bond measure for the dock project and contributing to the Port's general fund tax levy?

But the question that really bothers me the most is why did I have to read about this in the Brookings newspaper? The February 22 edition of Port Orford Today made a casual remark about the request to DeFazio for the money to "fix the cranes, fuel system and the surge problem. There has been no other detailed explanation of this Port matter in Today.

Come on Evan, you usually do better than that!

Richard AuFranc

[Editor's note: The February 9 meeting was an informal session between several fishermen and Port Manager Mike Nielson regarding problems at the dock and not a legal meeting. The article written by Chuck Russell in the Pilot was the

result of an interview requested by Russell between Nielson and himself and took place in Gold Beach. I have not requested an interview with Nielson nor been offered one. Evan Kramer]

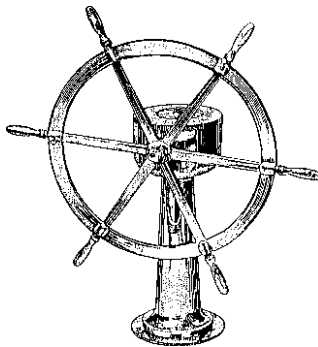
Cyber Students

Pacific High School students, Lena Gilbreath and Joel Foster, have each been awarded a \$300 scholarship to attend CyberSchool, an on-line distance learning program begun in 1995 by School District 4J in Eugene, Oregon. It offers interactive, credit-granting high school courses which are created and taught by Oregon-licensed teachers over the Internet. Students can participate from anywhere, anytime, provided they have an e-mail account and reliable Internet access, from either school or home. Both Gilbreath and Foster will enroll in American Sign Language I. They will complete the requirements for this class in addition to their regular high school schedule.

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Something More By Graeme Graydon



An important element in the life of my family, until I left home, was the church we attended. I loved the stories, the music, and I learned some rules for living a good life.

By the time I was 14, I was ready to become a member of the Congregation. This would be done by the minister after a service one Sunday morning – take a few minutes – no big deal. The day came, bright morning sun, slanting into the church. Our usual minister was not there. Replacing him was a heavily built, dark haired man, just landed in New Zealand from Wales. His lyrical accent and rich voice held me enthralled – have you ever heard a Welsh Male Choir? After the service was done, and most people gone, he took my sister and I, (she decided to join too,) to the front row and said a few words which I can't remember. But then he reached out and laid his big hand lightly on my head and pronounced the most beautiful blessing, which, with his voice,

washed over me like warm water. I felt a tingly, electrical buzz spread up my back, then light up my head as if I was a firework. What was that? It marked a turning point for me. I never said a word to anyone, but I knew that there was Something More – that years of church had hinted at but never delivered – and I wanted to know about it.

It was my first clue that the answers to my deepest questions would always be beyond what I thought was the authority, they would be beyond the rules and laws, they would be past the boundaries that I was supposed to observe. When I left the nest of my family and went to work for a back-country farmer, I found myself looking for a teacher. It turned out that my new boss was that one, and from that point there was always someone, in person, or through a book to keep me going. By my late 20's I found a teacher who made his living from the grateful people that were healed through his hands. He said that his real work was not to heal but to remind them that there was Something More and that he hoped that they would look for it. There is an Eastern saying – When the pupil is ready, the master will come. When I first read that, I knew that it was true for me.

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What I didn't know was that a time would also come when I would be asked to give something back of what I had learned – to the ones who would bring their questions to me. It wasn't very obvious at first. A guest I barely remembered returned after 4 years to my health resort. She was excited to tell me – “Ever since you told me to —(whatever it was,) my life changed completely.” “I told you that?” I had no idea that I could have said such a thing, but it apparently worked for her. Another was George, a N.Y. State Trooper, The last I knew of him was that he was terribly crippled and despondent after a car crash. When we met 9 years later, he bounced up to me fairly glowing with health.

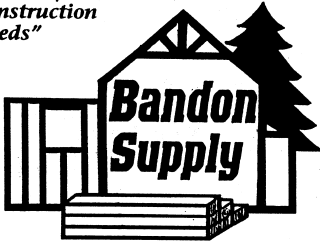
“I did what you told me,” he said, “ I started taking zinc and I've kept taking it, we've even had another daughter.” I told him to take zinc? – All I could remember was that I couldn't help him, what he knows is that I am one of his teachers.

I remain a student and whether I like it or not, I'm also a teacher to some – that's the way it works. What am I going to do when I graduate? – Meet another teacher I guess – there will always be - Something More.

Coast Baseball News

The annual election and organizational meeting of the Coast Baseball League will be held at the Pizza Place in Port Orford on Sunday, March 4, at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in helping with the upcoming season is urged to attend.

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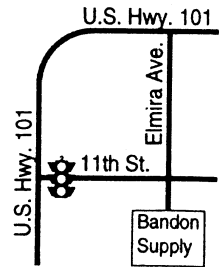
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All packets returned to the City of Port Orford shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Personal Services Contract, Grant Administrator." Proposals must be received by the City of Port Orford by 11:30 A.M. March 7, 2001.

The City of Port Orford is an equal opportunity employer and solicits proposals from all individuals excluding current City employees and Council members.

Interested individuals shall contract Martha Weaver, City Administrator, 555 West 20th St. PO Box 310 (mailing address), Port Orford, OR 97465; (541) 332-3681 during business hours to request a project packet.

The City of Port Orford reserves the right to reject any and all proposal packages.

Work under this contract will be funded in its entirety with grant funds from the Oregon Community Development Block Grant Program.

Letter to the Editor,

I would like to thank the "League of Women Voters" for sponsoring the Candidate Forum. It was most helpful in deciding the candidate that would do the best job. The three positions that were

represented, The School Board, The Rural Fire Department, and the Port of Port Orford, represented a large portion of the taxes that are added to our property tax bill each and every year. It is so very important to have representatives on these boards who will do the best job for us, the taxpayers, and for the Port Orford area.

Sandra Shely was outstanding in handling the questions written on cards by the audience for the candidates. The only disappointing part of the program was the number of "Vacant" chairs in the audience. These positions are so important to this area that there should not have been one vacant chair. This is not Florida, people this is Port Orford, Oregon and every vote will be counted, and every single vote is important. On this important issue, there should have had enough interested voters to fill the Community Center.

Louise McCumber

A While Ago . . . **by Jane Cramer**

A while ago I sat in a darkened auditorium and watched a slide presentation about plants that grow on the Oregon Coast. The darkness and the long ride to the conference were taking their toll and I was nearly asleep when I saw a familiar sight – our own Port beach. As more slides were shown I recognized that some of the slides were taken near Hubbard Creek. I began to pay more attention to the lecturer and learned I was looking at patches of the rare pink sand verbena.

One reason the pink sand verbena is considered to be an endangered plant is that it needs a salty marine environment in order to grow. People who find this unique plant on the beach and dig it up to transplant in their home gardens are headed for disappointment as it will quickly die when taken away from the spray of winter wind and waves.

Some time later Lucile Douglas gave me a picture from the June 10, 1992 issue of the Port Orford News. This picture showed the construction of the pink sand verbena garden plot at the Port beach. A lot of agencies cooperated in the effort to propagate and preserve this endangered plant: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Army Corps of Engineers, State Parks, Division of Land Conservation and Development and the Division of State Lands.

Joe Marsh was involved in the work of moving sand to form the garden site. A section in the dunes below the road was cleared of European Beach Grass and about 450 yards of dredging spoils, which are prime habitat for the pink verbena, were moved there to provide a place for the plant to grow.

The construction of the garden plot was not popular with local people who resented being restricted from certain areas that had always been open to the public.

Damage occurred to the plants after large quantities of sand had been removed from the beach without a permit. This resulted in a locked gate being installed across the vehicle access road that people had always used, which made the garden plot even more unpopular.

Workers from the Department of Agriculture come to the site periodically to pull out the European Beach Grass that tries to crowd the verbena out and to keep track of the number of plants that still survive. Sometimes you can look down from Harbor Drive and tell the crew has been there by the cleared area and the small flags that mark the actual pink verbena plants.

I don't know what they will find on their next visit, as I couldn't find any live plants when I visited the site recently. I don't know if this might be the result of a combination of the heavy frosts we've had this winter and a lack of big storms to fling salt spray as far as the garden plot, but I hope this intrepid little plant survives.

Whether you approve of the methods taken to preserve this rare plant or not, it is fascinating to know that this special Port Orford area that we know and love was the site of intense agricultural interest a while ago.

Candidate Endorsements **By Evan Kramer**

2CJ School District Position #5

I support Carlene Gregorwicz Armi for school board position #5. She's running against one term incumbent Gary Anderson. Armi has been a frequent critic of the School District through her letters to editor in this newspaper regarding issues like special needs children and the removal of the glass brick at Driftwood Elementary. Armi has in a sense been throwing stones at the school board but now she wants to accept the responsibility and take her turn on the hot seat. This is the kind of person we need to elect.

She's shown the interest, now let's give Carlene a chance.

Port Orford Rural Fire District

I'm voting for Brice Wagner for position #3 on the Port Orford Rural Fire District Board. Brice and I served together on the rural fire board from 1991 to 1999. The board included Bill Foster, Lu Cobb, Bill McMullen, Vern Larson, Frank Smith and Gayle Wilcox (though not all at the same time.) It accomplished a lot during those years including a new Elk River fire station, a new fire truck, and a Cedar Terrace Fire Station.

Besides Brice's family and dairy farm, the thing that is closest to his heart is fire protection. He was on the volunteer fire department for more than 20 years and helped circulate the petitions to found the rural fire district. He brings to the fire district the most experience as a past board member and long time firefighter, truck captain and assistant fire chief. He would be the only one of the five board members with more than two year's fire board experience as a member.

I'm proud to include Brice Wagner as a friend and want to see him help our community in an area in which he has knowledge and experience and which he thoroughly enjoys.

Port of Port Orford Position #1

I'm supporting Jake Marshall for this important position on the Port Commission. Marshall is the kind of person I've been hoping to see run for office in Port Orford. He's in his twenties, has a family and is a working person and yet he still makes time to volunteer on the fire and ambulance crews. Marshall is the type of person who is underrepresented on our local boards and commissions. He really impressed me at the candidate forum. He spoke more forcefully about the importance of the public fishing dock than other port candidate. He stated the Port wasn't just for commercial fishermen but instead it was for the entire community.

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Letter to the Editor,

Barbara Forrest. The best and most appropriate choice for Port Orford Rural Fire District – Position #3.

Her Professionalism, Expertise in Administration, Positive Attitude, and the command to ensure all residents a voice in their future fire protection, all bring merit as representative for the Port Orford Rural Fire District.

Barbara Forrest's "qualifications" and "experience" is shown by her belief that in order to maintain a strong, viable district, there must be a belief of mutual trust and mutual respect, as well as, the reliance of commitment and dedication, skill, and ability of all fire personnel; in and out of the district.

Holding no comparison to Mr. Wagner's "qualifications" and "experience", his record speaks for itself.

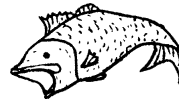
September 1986 – Resignation as Port Orford Rural Fire District Board Member per written request from fellow board members due to Mr. Wagner's lack of attendance and commitment to rural patrons.

August 1999 – Dismissed under Ordinance 298.08.070. "Necessary for the good of the department". Port Orford Volunteer Department.

March 2000 – Facing a recall, resigned as Port Orford Rural Fire District Board Member per written request from several rural patrons and volunteer firefighters.

The choice is clear. Barbara Forrest is the best and most appropriate choice for Port Orford Rural Fire District – Position #3.

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Letter to the Editor,

The City of Port Orford Public Works crew has faced a shortage of staff lately. I want to compliment and thank all of them for working hard to take care of the City's infrastructure during this time. Everyone pitched in to help out; just some of the extra effort included: several days Dave Pace was the only one on duty. Leland Bellet came in on his day off to check the wastewater treatment plant. John Morgan put in extra effort. Superintendent Allan Wagner worked on a Saturday so the crew could attend an important training.

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The Port Orford City Council will hold a workshop Monday March 5th at 10:00am to discuss the City's drinking water supply. Water Source Improvements are a top priority on the City's 2001 Needs and Issues Inventory.

The Council has identified eight goals for the year 2001 and will hold a series of workshops on these goals. The first workshop will be a discussion of the City's drinking water needs.

The City of Port Orford made significant progress last year with purchase of the former Bussmann property that lies at the heart of the Hubbard Creek watershed, and hopes to acquire additional property within the watershed this year. Conservation Easements are one possible method of protecting the watershed. Some property owners have told the City that they would be interested in selling conservation easements on their properties.

Additional topics will include water conservation, since indications are that 2001 will be a drought year. The City has property and a water right on Gold Run Creek, the City's original water source that may still be usable. The Source Water Assessment completed in 2000 identifies potential contaminants in the Hubbard Creek watershed that need to be addressed. These and other topics will be discussed at the March 5th workshop.

Community Music Night

All musicians, singers, and music lovers are invited to the Port Orford Senior Center to an evening of music by and for the community on the third Friday of each month from 7:00 to 9:30pm at the Senior Center at 1536 Jackson. The next Community Music Night will be on Friday, March 16. Musicians of all ages are encouraged to bring their instruments and join the musicians' circle. A piano is available. The music will begin promptly at 7:00pm, and musicians will take turns playing songs of their choice. Any musician may take a pass, may play alone, or may ask others to play or sing along.

At 8:45pm, a sing-along will begin, with words and music provided for musicians and the audience. Because it will be so close to St. Patrick's Day, the next sing-along will feature Irish songs. Musicians and singers are encouraged to pick up a song sheet at the Port Orford Library ahead of time so they can practice and be ready to play and sing with gusto. A sheet of songs for the next sing-along will be distributed at each music night. Suggestions for songs or ideas for making the Community Music Nights more fun are welcome. There is no admission fee, but participants will have the opportunity to leave a donation to help cover expenses. For further information, call 332-0131.

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February 18

12:45pm: Report of loud noise, Jackson St. – responsible person contacted, handled by contact.

February 20

9:50am: 9-1-1 call/hang up 2409 ½ Arizona St. – handled by contact.

February 21

7:00pm: Report of loud music at 1186 Idaho St. – contacted and advised.

February 22

1:00pm: Report of burglary at Savoy Theater – under investigation.

4:30pm: Assist other agency, Curry County Sheriff, assist motorist alongside of road – vehicle overheated.

February 23

2:00pm: Juvenile arrested for burglary and theft – released to parents. (Editor's note: This arrest is related to at least two of the burglaries at the Savoy Theater. The investigation into the four burglaries at the theater is continuing.)

5:20pm: Verbal dispute at 157 19th St. – handled by contact.

8:00pm: Report of animal neglect – report taken.

8:10pm: Report of DUI driver – unable to locate, gone on arrival.

Safety Tip of the Week

Safe kids are no accident

A Conspiracy By Nella Reed Abbott

About a month ago a group of about 25 Port Orford citizens met and named themselves the Port Orford Entertainment Trust (P.O.E.T). Their plot is to create and/or bring festive and entertaining events to the community this year in order



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Since then, they have booked the Etouffee Band for a one-night engagement at the Community Center on Saturday, March 24th. Further they are raising sponsorship funds to pay for the band so that net proceeds from ticket sales can go toward 4th of July fireworks displays, another live band dance concert on July 6th or 7th and a possible time capsule video documentary of all of our various activities this year.

Some of these conspirators have donated pre-paid sponsorship tickets to benefit the Fishermen's Wives Coalition and Project Graduation. And, they aren't through yet.

A group is scheming at the Senior Center on March 1st at 1:30 to devise a menu of tasty snacks to be served at the concert. And on March 8th, decorations will be calculated and designed by a creative cabal.

If you would like to join the intrigue to bring Port Orford a fabulous dance party and event call 332-9110. The secret password is "*fun.*"

Letter to the Editor,

The Rural Fire District needs Board members who:

- Can take an objective view of matters affecting the fire protection of properties in the district;
- Can render unbiased opinions and make effective recommendations to solve problems;
- Has the intestinal fortitude to speak out when required;
- Will not be intimidated into silence when problems arise that need to be made public;
- Has the necessary experience to recognize deficiencies when he sees them;

Based on my past experience as a member of both the Port Orford Fire Department, and the Rural Fire District Board of Directors, I can state without reservation that Brice Wagner is a singular person who totally fulfills these requirements.

I heartily endorse his candidacy and hope that District residents will give him their support, and their votes.

Verno F. Larson

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Gun Club News
By Bill Oleson

The Valentine trap shoot held at Myrtle Point Sportsman’s Trap Club on the third Sunday of February produced some fine competition. Port Orford’s Jim Harrison and Coos Bay’s George Millen tied with 99/100 scores on the 16 yard singles event. Clint Messner, Bandon and George Millen tied in the 50 yard target handicap with Millen winning the shoot-off. Many of us have been donating to a perfect 50’s jackpot for a couple of years during Myrtle Point’s league shoot. The wishing is over – Howard Gavette and Jim Harrison both shot perfect 50’s, twenty-five on the 16 yard line and twenty five handicap and split the pot.

Sunday’s trap meet at Cape Blanco was held in perfect, clear sunshine with no wind. George Millen and Corky Brewer, Brookings tied with 49/50 scores and decided not to shoot off and be friends. The handicap event ended in a tie between three of our members, Scott Wurster and Jim Harrison, Port Orford and George Millen. The tie was a result of a score keeping error and was not discovered until after two had left the club facility.

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Project Graduation Auction

The momentum is building for the annual Project Graduation Auction. Local businesses and individuals have been very generous in offering a big variety of donations for this year’s event.

The Auction and all-you-can-eat dessert evening will be held Saturday, March 10 at the Pacific High Gym. Preview will begin at 6:00pm, with the auction beginning at 6:30pm. Auctioneer Pat Ross will be hosting the event this year, and promises to make it an exciting evening of food, great deals, and community support.

Lynda Foster, Project Graduation Chair, is overseeing the event. She reports that the “Putt’n On The Ritz” theme will be an upbeat, semi-dress program. Participants are welcome to dress for the theme, or to “come as you are”.

A listing of auction items will be available in the paper and at various businesses in the area during the week prior to

the auction. Organizers report that items, from art, tools, services, gift certificates, event packages, and more will be available, along with a few surprises.

For more information about the auction or Project Graduation, Foster can be reached at 332-9035.

Letter to the Editor,

We support Jake Marshall for election to the Port Commission, position #1. We have worked with Jake in many situations, emergency and otherwise. He is dedicated to our community, knowledgeable and works well with people from all walks of life. He is open to input from all the people who use the dock and is anxious to see everyone work together to improve the dock. We believe that Jake will be an excellent Port Commissioner.

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Letter to the Editor,

I have been a member and “helper” at the Port Orford Senior Center for more years than I want to count, but now I really have something to brag about. How many of you are aware we have parquet floors in our main dining room? Well we have. I must say they were beginning to look a lot like a lot of us. Old and worn. Low and behold, along comes a group of young men and women who call themselves “Community Support Group” and you should see our floors now. It was a task that no one wanted to tackle as it seemed daunting. They did it and many, many thanks for a beautiful job well done. If you need some help, you do not need be a senior, just a resident of the community. Call our center and we will give you the name of the coordinator for some free help for you. They are really reliable and know what they are doing. Thanks again. Whenever you run out of something to do, let us know we have other floors.

June Heyl

Secretary, Port Orford Senior Center

Booster Club

The purpose of the high school booster club meeting is that new blood and ideas are needed in helping to raise monies for our high school children’s scholarship fund.

The meeting will be held at the Port and Starboard on Wednesday, March 7. All

are welcome. Or you can be put on our “Be Glad to Help Sometimes List” when we need an extra hand for activities. For more information contact Janet Dougherty at 332-8395 or Mirleen O’Hearn at 332-2725.

Project Graduation

The next meeting of Project Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, March 1 at the Pacific High School Library.

Parents of high school seniors and other interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Many activities are being planned for the seniors, and input from all parents is encouraged.

The meeting begins at 7:00pm. For more information, contact Lynda Foster at 332-9035.

Women’s Time Out

Wednesday Women’s Time Out invites ladies of all ages to come “kick off your shoes”, relax and enjoy our “If The Shoe Fits” luncheon on Wednesday, March 7th at 11:30 a.m. at Bandon Face Rock Golf Course, 3235 Beach Loop Dr., Bandon. Tickets are \$8.00 inclusive, at the door.

Patty Pendelton of Bandon Bay Company will show shoes to “fit” the occasion so you can confidently put your best foot forward! Speaker, Nancy Daeges of Prineville, Oregon is a mother of 5 who lives in a solar home designed by her husband and built by her family. Nancy will relate how her search for adventure led to a job with the CIA and eventually brought her full circle back to her roots.

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Cardiac Rehab Proposal

The Curry County Board of Commissioners is scheduled to hear a proposal for a cardiac rehabilitation program at Curry General Hospital when they meet in regular session, Monday, March 5.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' hearing room in the Curry County Courthouse Annex, Gold Beach. Amy Keusink, a Gold Beach physical therapist with a focus on cardiac rehabilitation, will present the proposal. Cardiac patients and other supporters are invited to attend.

Curry General Hospital has submitted a request for grant funding for a feasibility study to explore such a program, Keusink says. To date, the proposed program has been endorsed by Cardiology Consultants in Medford, Rogue Valley Medical Center, Gold Beach 2010 and the City of Gold Beach. Additionally, the proposal is

part of the strategic plan for the Port of Brookings Harbor.

More than 70 percent of Curry County men and women older than 45 are at-risk of heart disease, and would benefit from a risk-modification and education program, according to Nicholas Dienel, M.D., cardiologist with Cardiology Consultants. "All of those patients with known coronary-artery disease, diabetes or multi-risk factors should be in a medically supervised fitness program," Dr. Dienel says.

Keusink briefly will discuss the needs of local residents and the risk factors contributing to local heart disease – from lifestyle to family history. Supporters or potential cardiac rehabilitation users who cannot attend the commissioners' meeting can contact Keusink at (541) 247-4713.

Pacific High Talent Show

Come out to Pacific High School on Friday night, March 2 and enjoy a talent show held in the school gymnasium starting at 7:00pm. Ticket prices are as follows: Children 5 and under get in free, children 6 to 12 get in for \$3.00, 13 and up get in for \$5.00 and there is a family special for \$20.00. Students with a student body card get in for \$4. There are 15 "acts" ready to display their talent from students to adults. Tickets are being sold in advance at the Downtown Fun Zone and Chetco Credit Union.

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There are several other characters that need to be helped along as well as such as: Conchita—a fiery Spanish gal with a heart chiseled from ice, Sheriff Today — as crooked as his badge, Buck—the sheriff's partner in crime and just very rotten, and Alice Sweepup — a dear little thing.

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Senior News

Due to the illness of Mary Yoder I am your mystery writer for this time.

There will be a luncheon on Saturday March 10. All are welcome.

Sunday March 11 breakfast – come have a real good breakfast with us and then come to the basement to our rummage sale on both Saturday and Sunday. Lots of good things and some not so good. Best come and look.

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Oh almost forgot March 16 – 7:00 to 9:30pm community music – sounds like fun. Come and enjoy. Our center loves to have people come and enjoy good times with us.

Then on March 31 at 5:30pm there is a sit down salmon dinner. Look for flyers on some of these events.

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Cheryl Thorp Retiring

Effective July 1, 2001, Commissioner Cheryl Thorp will be retiring from the Curry County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Thorp said, "This decision was not an easy one to make. My husband and I have bought a used motor home and we want to travel and learn to play while we are still young enough to enjoy our retirement." She said she will miss all the county employees and the special place that they each hold in her heart. Her plans are to complete the current union negotiations and the budget process before she leaves.

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Letter to the Editor,

I, along with a number of other voters in Curry County would like to know if a "Grant" has been given to the Curry County Sheriff's Department to hire additional deputies.

We would appreciate an answer to this before we vote on any "Bond Issue".

Sincerely,

Louise McCumber

[Editor's Note: I spoke with Sheriff Kent Owens on Monday afternoon about this question. He told me the only grant he had applied for was the school resource officer for North Curry County, which the department had received and is being filled by Ted Longton. Owens said he hadn't applied for any other officers and that the school resource officer was the only one available to the department. He made it clear there was no grant request in the pipeline for additional police officers. - Evan Kramer]

Letter to the Editor,

We support Barbara Forrest, Dick Warrick, Richard Mijs, Leonard Foster and John Johnston for election to the Port Orford Rural Fire Board. These people, we believe, are knowledgeable and dedicated to the people who reside in the Rural Fire District. They support the Port Orford Volunteer Department membership in their endeavors to provide the best



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Sunset Garden Club

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Carlene Armi said the funding cuts were significant but she wanted the district to hire grant writers and said they had none now.

Fire District candidate Barbara Forrest was asked in light of never having been involved with the District what she would bring to it. She replied she had experience in administration and the ability to read law and apply it. She said she would bring fresh blood to the district and it's time for that.

Port candidate Chris Hawthorne was asked why action had not been taken to enforce the performance bond. Hawthorne said his main concern was to solve the problem, not pay lawyers to solve the problem. He said the quickest solution was to get the \$300,000 federal funding rather than point fingers.

School District candidates were asked their position on the closing of the Red school building and K-8. Gary Anderson said the district would receive \$280,000 additional funding from the state by closing the building and laying off three

teachers. He said closing the Red building would save \$35,000 per year. Carlene Armi said she was concerned about the schools housing K-8 students and she didn't think Driftwood was adequate for K-8. She said it was another poor decision on behalf of our students.

Port candidates were asked their position on the public fishing pier and when it would be available.

Jake Marshall said it was a necessity and the Port wasn't just for commercial fishermen but for everybody. Chris Hawthorne said the public dock was an incentive to sell the \$1.5 million bond but the dock was deleted from the jobs the contractor was to do. He said he was committed to have a public dock. Tom Hall said there should be one but the most important things should be dealt with first – then it should follow. Gifford Barnes said the Port employees should get started building it. Dave Rickel said it was important but the cranes were more important.

Gifford Barnes was asked with one of his sons a Port tenant, another a Port employee and another a fisherman how it would affect his policy making. Barnes

said he would keep everyone equal and all would be the same as the rest.

Port candidates were asked a question starting with the statement, "Management of the Port is a disaster – what will they do." Jake Marshall said he would get a new manager. He said the current manager was supposed to make his own salary but has shown nothing. Chris Hawthorne disagreed with Marshall and said he is confident the manager is doing a good job. Tom Hall said the manager was looking for funding in all the wrong places and not doing the job. Dave Rickell said he belongs in Gold Beach. Gifford Barnes said the new manager hasn't been here often – 8 times in four months and that the taxpayer's money was being wasted. Barnes said we need a manager here in Port Orford.

Brice Wagner was asked how he would work with people in the fire department he filed complaints against with the city council. Wagner said he didn't recall filing complaints.

Chris Hawthorne was asked about diversifying the activities at the Port and what ideas had been suggested to him. Hawthorne said businesses not necessarily related to the fishing industry like a RV Park, restaurant and sport boat facility.

Port candidates were asked what they would do to generate more revenue for the Port. Gifford Barnes recommended waiting until the dock goes through a big storm and see what happens. He said they can't raise the rates. Dave Rickel agreed about not raising the rates. He said RV parking would be okay and recommended more fish buyers. Jake Marshall suggested inviting new businesses including sport divers. Chris Hawthorne said the Port needs to develop a plan and come up with a rate to lease space to new tenants as well as developing the Port's other properties.

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