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The Cost Of Doing Business By Evan Kramer

Election time is once again upon us and ballots have been received in the mail for the special districts' election. Ballots must be marked and received by the County elections division no later than March 11, at 5:00pm.

One reminder for all the voters in the Port Orford Cemetery District — No one filed for two open positions. Roxanne Compton and Greg Gibbs who are currently on the board failed to qualify for the ballot because of a clerical error. They are asking the public to write-in their names for positions #1 and 2.

The part of this election attracting the most attention is the race for Port of Port Orford Commissioner, position #1. Incumbent Bill Oleson is the only candidate on the ballot for that position. However, last week a groundswell of support arose for write-in candidate Rocky Raccoon. The raccoon is a symbol of the opposition to Bill Oleson and to the practices he has been accused of regarding treatment of raccoons and cats. Please see the letters from Debra Timmons and Robert Courtright elsewhere in this paper and Howard Lichtig's letter last week.

Some facts in the matter: Last summer Howard Lichtig and a couple of other

people tried to alleviate the problem of raccoons eating the strawberries in Bill Oleson's garden. They worked out an arrangement with Oleson to pay for and install an electric fence around his garden to keep raccoons out.

On June 12, 1996, Bill Oleson was issued a "Wildlife Damage Complaint and Permit Form" to live-trap and shoot no more than 10 raccoons. The permit was issued by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employee John Toman and expired on October 31, 1996.

I spoke with Curry County Clerk Renee Kolen on Tuesday morning. I asked her if the elections division would count the write-in votes for Rocky Raccoon. She told me the way it works is if the write-in line draws more votes than the candidate then the write-in votes will be manually counted. If the raccoon wins the majority of the votes then it will be up to the Port District to decide what to do. Later in the day I spoke with Port Manager Gayle Paige. She told me the Port District would have to pay the cost of counting the write-in votes if they had to be done manually.

Raccoons are typically 18-28" long with an additional 8 to 12" of tail. They weigh 12-35 lbs though chubby city raccoons may range up to 60lbs.

Raccoons are nocturnal (active at night) although city raccoons may be seen in the day. Raccoons do not hibernate. During cold winter months they can, and will, stay in their den for weeks at a time though they may emerge on warmer days.

Raccoons give birth to a litter of 3-5 kits in January to April following a 63 day gestation period.

Captive raccoons may live up to 14 years but those in the wild have a much lower life expectancy, typically around 6 years. Raccoons are solitary animals except during mating and possibly winter.

Raccoons are omnivorous. They eat birds, eggs, crayfish, crabs, carrion, mammals, fruit and berries. They seem to have a fondness for chickens.

Raccoons may range up to 2 miles but normally stay within 1 mile. The young may disperse anywhere within 30 miles and have been known to go as far as 165 miles (boy that one sure didn't get along with its folks!) Raccoon population in the wild may be 1 raccoon per acre to as little as 1 per 15 acres.

The Rocky Raccoon campaign has a home page on the Internet. The address is www.harborside.com/home/r/rcc/rccoony.htm. Information about Raccoons

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Date	Midnight to Noon				Noon to Midnight				Sun		Moon		Phase
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set			
Thu Feb 27	2:30a	7.0	8:56a	1.7	2:57p	5.7	8:42p	2.2	6:54a	6:06p	11:21p	9:46a	
Fri Feb 28	3:06a	7.0	9:49a	1.6	3:56p	5.3	9:23p	2.7	6:52a	6:07p	12:19a	10:22a	
Sat Mar 1	3:50a	6.9	10:50a	1.4	5:10p	5.0	10:15p	3.2	6:50a	6:08p	1:16a	11:04a	
Sun Mar 2	4:43a	6.9	12:00p	1.2	6:35p	5.0	11:24p	3.5	6:49a	6:09p	2:13a	11:51a	3Q
Mon Mar 3	5:48a	7.0	1:09p	0.7	7:52p	5.3			6:47a	6:10p	3:07a	12:45p	
Tue Mar 4	12:45a	3.5	6:58a	7.2	2:12p	0.2	8:53p	5.7	6:46a	6:12p	3:58a	1:45p	
Wed Mar 5	2:00a	3.2	8:04a	7.6	3:07p	-0.3	9:42p	6.3	6:44a	6:13p	4:45a	2:51p	
Thu Mar 6	3:04a	2.7	9:06a	7.9	3:56p	-0.7	10:25p	6.8	6:42a	6:14p	5:28a	4:04p	

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Fri Feb 14	57		---
Sat Feb 15	59	45	---
Sun Feb 16	59	42	.32
Mon Feb 17	55	38	Trace
Tue Feb 18	53	43	.82
Wed Feb 19	55	37	.20
Thu Feb 20	53	41	---
Fri Feb 21	54	40	---

Woodruff Cited

Former Curry County Sheriff's officer Randy Woodruff was cited for 2 Class A Misdemeanors in connection with a vehicle accident that occurred at approximately 1:45am, February 15, when a car he was in possession of rolled down from Circle K and hit the front of the Richard AuFranc office building.

Woodruff was cited for failure to perform the duties of a driver and failure to report an accident.

CGH Hires Nurse Anesthetist

Nurse anesthetist Dee Schacher, CRNA, has joined the Curry General Hospital staff, announced Millie Bird, director of clinical services. She replaces Cyndi Jacobi, CRNA who relocated to a hospital on Oregon's central coast.

A nurse anesthetist provides anesthesia services for patients during surgery, labor and delivery and other procedures. Schacher also assists during emergencies as needed. She is on call 24 hours a day, and as such, never can be out of the Gold Beach area unless the hospital calls in a substitute.

Schacher comes to Curry County most recently from a 60 bed community hospital in rural Vermont where she also provided nurse anesthesia services. "We did a lot of orthopedic surgeries there," Dee says, "We were located near five ski areas."

She grew up in Oregon, at the north end of the Rogue Valley, and worked at Three Rivers Hospital in Grants Pass. After practicing nursing for more than 20 years, she earned her master's degree in the anesthesia field in 1993 from the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Southern Oregon State College in 1986/

Schacher says she entered the anesthesia field because she loves a challenge and she is very "clinically oriented." She adds that she also enjoys working with people, "especially one on one which is what my duties entail."

When Schacher isn't at the hospital, she enjoys all outdoor and nature activities and crafting custom jewelry. She and her husband, Fred, also are interested in wild-life rehabilitation. They have three grown sons.

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Senior News
By Mary Yoder

I got to thinking - the center is open five days a week. Do you realize someone has to be there to answer the phone and visitors questions during that time. So here are the names of those who help: Monday morning Beth Newkirk, afternoon Kay Neal - Tuesday Thelma Lagace and Bobbeta Kron, Wednesday Harold Trimbald and Pauline Lenox - Thursday Lyla Sarrat and Glorine Godfry - Friday Marie Barrington and Norma Ellis. Then Lucile Douglas fills in when some one is not available. These people need a big thank you right?

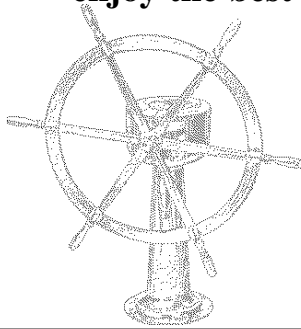
Thursday, February 20 the volunteers were: Beth Newkirk, Gayle Lee, Greta Carver, Lorraine Hass, wha5t's his name set up the table. Doing dishes were Jan Dacayana and Chet Dacayana.

February 22 was the luncheon - good food, nice crowd. There was a speaker - who talked about parks, asked for peoples opinion on how to update them. Then Rusty Miller entertained us with his harmonica did a good job. These are the volunteers who did their part to make it so special Jan and Chet Dacayana, Lorraine Hass, Kay Neal, Greta Carver, Dick Clothier, Bill Butts, Clair Stahl, Peigi Stahl, June Dennison set up the tables. Taking care of the Rummage Dept. Henry Kron and what's his name. They do a good job - lots of work. Kay Neal has been substituting as the bus driving person - nice

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There will be another dance on March 2. Best come see for yourself.

Now March 2 is the birthday party at 2pm. and Rummage Sale from 8am till 1:30pm. Don't have to have a March birthday - all are welcome.

Tuesday March 4th tax aide, March 3rd Pinochle 7pm, March 12th is board meeting at 1pm. The Nutrition Committee meets at 10am on March 4 - guess I've got it all.

Will close with this. Hello is just a little word and I hope you feel as I do. How many times have visitors to our luncheons, dances and other activity waited for some one to say hello? Haven't you ever been in the Post Office, store or wherever and seen a person who looked like they needed that little word Hello? Hello only lasts for a minute - lets use it OK?

Letter to the Editor,

Since when did the act of removing marauding raccoons from your garden have anything to do with whether one can be a good productive port commissioner?

Mr. Lichtig admits that when he gets a mouse or a rat in his house, he eliminates it. Is he God that he can say-"We kill this animal, but not this one"?

The people who are feeding the raccoons for their own pleasure are being illegal in feeding wildlife, and attracting more destructive critters into the city to be night bandits.

Mr. Oleson is an outstanding civic minded citizen who is always around when something needs to be done in the area. He doesn't deserve this kind of ridicule, especially from someone who doesn't even live in Port Orford.

Mr. Lichtig's suggestion that every one write in "Rocky Raccoon" in place of Mr. Oleson, is most juvenile and suggests to me that he has been viewing too many Ranger Rick cartoons.

Sincerely,

Jim Parsons

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**Beautification Questionnaire
 By Ed & Nancy Dowdy**

Results are in for the questionnaire seeking initial community input for a Highway 101 Beautification Master Plan. The planning is expected to be funded through a Forest Service grant. The questionnaire was widely distributed by the Community Response Team (CRT) and was included in this newspaper. Of the 700 plus copies distributed, 75 responses were received including 26 from businesses on 101. A detailed distillation of the results is available in the Library. Here are the highlights:

Liked the overall vision of a tree-lined street with green spaces using native plants supplemented with colorful flowers: 56 yes, 6 no, 13 no response.

Entrances to town: most wanted a clear sense of entry into the town. (See last week's Port Orford Today for news of the

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design selection for the entrances.)


Additional concerns: appearance of businesses and residences on 101 (painting, remodeling, more attractive signage) and safety (traffic too fast, although police enforcement has helped).

Ideas for carrying out the plan, once we have it: raise funds by benefits, donations, grants, and bed tax money.

Ideas for maintaining the landscaping: volunteers, businesses and residents for the landscaping in front of their property, the City. Professional oversight was suggested.

Many volunteered to help develop the plan. 34 volunteered to help pay for materials or provide in-kind contributions to carry it out and then to help with maintenance. Thanks to all of you. Everyone is encouraged to participate to ensure that the plan reflects the desires of the community. Come to the next CRT meeting at

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For further information call Ed or Nancy Dowdy at 332-0131 or Joan or Al Geiser at 332-6720.

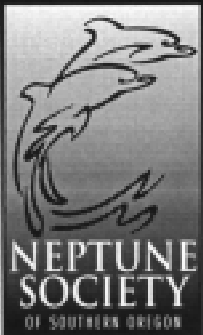
Totally Awesome

You are invited to the next Langlois-Port Orford Christian Women's Club Luncheon on Wednesday, March 5, at noon, at the Port Orford Senior Center. Cost for the luncheon is \$6.00. The theme of this month's luncheon is "Totally Awesome" and the special feature is "Cool Duds" presented by Linda Tigert, owner of Fashion Time in Bandon.

Entertainment is provided by Wendy Sprague. Her selection is entitled "Playing It Cool".

The speaker this month is Dina Gerstenfeld. Her talk is entitled "Living to the Max". She is a former model and hearing aid specialist. She enjoys RVing and will share how she went from "Model to Modem", "Tractor to Porsche".

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Rural Oregon Day By Ed McQuade

Hundreds of citizens from small towns throughout Oregon converged on Salem on February 13 to impress upon the governor and legislators that rural Oregon has not benefited from state programs to the degree that the greater Portland area has.

Each legislator received a packet containing a rural position paper prepared by a committee of small town (population under 10,000) citizens. A summary of Port Orford's Strategic Plan was included in the packet along with summaries of the plans of other small towns.

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The governor told the assembled rural visitors that he is pursuing three immediate goals: 1) adequate education, 2) expanded health care, and 3) economic development.

Teams met with individual legislators in their offices to ask them to support Oregon Economic Development programs that help rural areas in creating jobs. A team from Brookings, Port Orford, and Myrtle Point visited with Representative Messerle and with Senator Tarno. Legislators pointed out that Measure 47 restrictions and mandated prisons will force every program to give, and no doubt the economic activities will help keep the cut to a minimum.

The importance of individual citizens communicating with their legislators about bills and issues was emphasized. You may wish to write to our legislators, Ken Messerle and Veral Tarno, after reviewing a copy of the rural position paper in the Library. Messerle's address is: State Representative; Curry-Coos Counties, District 48; Box 4; 381 State Capitol; Salem, OR 97310. Tarno's address is: State Senator; SRM 214; State Capitol; Salem OR 97310

Letter To The Editor,

I fed corn to the deer in the state park on Coast Guard Hill all winter. 12 to 15 knew my car and met me there every afternoon. It was a real pleasure and the highlight of my day. Now I have had to stop because some people complained.

I will continue to help feed the jetty cats in Gold Beach, the stray cats, raccoons and birds here. So many animals are being crowded out by humans and have a hard time.

My sympathy goes out to the complainers who find no pleasure in feeding wild animals.

Sincerely,

Glenn Garnand

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DUII Victims Impact Panel

A DUII Victims Impact Panel will be held in Curry County on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00pm in the Brookings City Council Chambers.

The Panel is designed to show DUII offenders the tragic consequences of driving under the influence of intoxicants. Victims who have suffered because of an intoxicated driver tell their stories to an audience of DUII offenders. By hearing a personal story, the offender can begin to understand the pain and suffering that often results from a DUII.

The Panel is based on similar VIP models held in other counties. However, it was developed specifically for Curry County under the direction of a community Task Force, sponsored by the Curry County Council on Alcoholism through a grant from Oregon Department of Transportation. Local victims speak and the Oregon State Police present a brief but graphic slide presentation.

This is an ongoing DUII prevention program with Panels scheduled periodically throughout the year. The next scheduled Panel is Wednesday, March 26, at 7:00pm, in the Gold Beach City Council Chambers. Members of the community over the age of twelve are invited to attend.

If you or anyone you know has been a victim, you are encouraged to call the Council at 247-2412.

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SWOCC Advisory Committee

Southwestern Oregon Community College's Curry County Advisory Committee will hold a business meeting on Monday, March 3, 1997, at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held at the SWOCC Gold Beach Office at 29392 South Ellensburg, on the Curry County Fairgrounds. Public attendance and input is welcome.

Topics under discussion will be: Current and future programming, staffing and possible Measure 47 impacts.

When a request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired is made at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled meeting, the SWOCC Curry County Advisory Committee will make every effort to provide an interpreter.

The SWOCC Gold Beach Office is accessible to the disabled.

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The Oregon Community Foundation established in 1973, manages charitable funds given by individuals, families, and businesses to enhance and support the quality of life in their communities. Today, the Foundation's endowment con-

sists of 355 funds. The Foundation makes grants through an application process that involves local citizens in the review and evaluation of requests for funds. Pre-application materials are available through the Foundation's Portland office. Individuals or businesses interested in establishing a fund may contact the Portland office at 621 SW Morrison Street, Portland, OR 97205.

Project Graduation Auction

The annual Project Graduation Auction for Pacific High School will be held on Saturday, March 15, 7:00pm, in the Pacific High School Gym. Admission to this "All You Can Eat Dessert Night" is \$2.00 per student, \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. All proceeds will benefit the class of 1997's Drug and Alcohol Free Graduation Party! If you have any questions or would like to contribute, please call 348-2326. Hope to see you there.

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Democratic Women

The monthly meeting of Democratic women has been changed to the first Saturday of each month henceforth. The meeting that was scheduled for February 22 will take place on March 1 at the Rod & Reel Restaurant in Gold Beach at noon.

Former Curry County Commissioner Peg Reagan will address natural resource issues.

All are invited to attend. For more information, call 469-4215 or 247-7944.

Reader's Theater

Reader's Theater begins its 1997 season this Thursday and Friday evening, February 27 & 28 with performances of "Doing A Good One For The Red Man" by Jack Sharkey at the Bookworm Bookstore in Gold Beach. Tickets are \$3 and available in advance. For more information call the Bookstore at 247-9033.

Letter To The Editor,

I'm writing this letter in regards to a letter written to you about Mr. Bill Oleson. I have lived at my personal address for over a year now. My husband and I have conversations with him regarding the problem he has with the animals in our area. In these conversations Mr. Oleson has told us both on several occasions he traps raccoons in his yard and takes them to the gun club where they are shot. We have had, due to having dogs and food is for them. On occasion, raccoons come to share this food. They have never done any harm to our pets or property. In our opinion this is a heinous crime against our local wildlife.

Doug and Debra Timmons

Bereavement Support Group

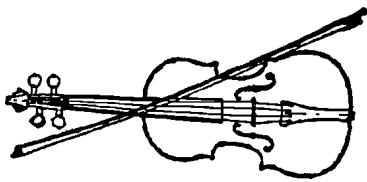
The regular meeting of the Bereavement Support Group will be on Friday, February 28, at noon in the Spaghetti West Restaurant (formerly Truculent Oyster), 236 6th St., Port Orford.

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse, child, relative, partner, or friend is invited. For more information, please call Donna Smith at 332-1300 or Luana Berens, LCSW, at Curry County Home Health Hospice at 247-7084, 469-0405 or 1-800-535-9472.

Valerie's Korner **by Valerie Jean Kramer**

I hope you are all voting for Gary Anderson in the 2CJ school board election instead of for me. As you will recall, I have resigned to serve the district in another capacity. I'd like to see you all make Gary feel welcome. I'm sure he will do a great job!

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The Pickett Brothers

Few people in Curry County know who Leslie A. And Robert P. Pickett were. Their legacy was to provide the north county with a park. They wanted the park built for all citizens, and visitors to enjoy. Their other request was to dedicate this park in their name, so they could always be remembered for the gift they gave to our county.

On May 19, 1970 after Leslie Pickett had passed on, Robert Pickett formed a corporation known as the "Pickett Garden Park Foundation, Inc." In the Articles of Incorporation, Mr. Pickett wanted the foundation to maintain parks, museums, swimming pools, community halls, and such other recreational facilities or centers as the board deemed fitting and proper. Mr. Pickett was a smart man. In the Articles of Incorporation, he had four board members including himself. Mr. Pickett placed a paragraph in the Articles of Incorporation that states; "In the event the Board of Directors shall fail or refuse to act within 60 days after a vacancy shall occur, or board of directors shall be reduced too less than a quorum than vacancies shall be filled by a member of the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce, Port

Orford Rotary, Port Orford Lions, and Port Orford Garden Club." It further states; "In the event the Corporation should ever become defunct for any reason, then all assets of this park would be turned over to Curry County Oregon to be used to maintain a park known as the Leslie and Robert Pickett Memorial Park."

On April 27, 1972, Robert Pickett died. In his will he left assets to the Pickett Park Foundation that included a 49-acre parcel located just north of Knapp Road in North Curry County.

On July 28, 1983, the State of Oregon, Corporation Division dissolved the corporation because the Corporation had not filed its annual report or corrected annual report within the time prescribed by ORS.57.757, or had not paid any license fee, or penalty when due.

I found out about this property by rumor. I had heard a rumor for eight years that there was property left for a park. I decided late last year to investigate this property, and determine if there really was some property available for use for recreational purposes. My idea was a baseball field for the community. I found the will, corporate papers, and other documents. I found through my investigation

that part of the Pickett Park property has been leased for some time, and earnings from the property have been used to pay the taxes, and that the taxes have been paid up to date by a representative of the defunct Pickett Garden Park Foundation, Inc. The documents I found are all public documents, filed in Curry County or the State of Oregon.

After reading the will and other documents, it was clear to me that something needed to be done so the names of these two generous men would not be forgotten. I found through my investigation, that the corporation could not be reinitiated because of the State Corporation Law.. I went to the four community organizations and got a representative from each. Each of the listed organizations agreed to provide a director in the event we could restart a corporation. The county was then advised of the circumstances of the property. It is now in the commissioners hands.

It is very apparent that Leslie, and Robert Pickett wanted a park built in their names on the property they left to the citizens of Curry County. Their original wish was to have the oversight of this park by a corporation, and not city or county government. I have circulated a petition requesting people to sign showing they have an interest in restarting this corporation and building a park. This petition is not intended to take the property from anyone who has a genuine interest in it. The intent is to show the commissioners there is a real interest in restarting this corporation, and if the county acquires the land and assets, that the corporation is restarted and those assets given to the corporation. The intent here is to use that property for a park in memory of Leslie and Robert Pickett.

Anyone interested in more information about this property can contact me.

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NCFCC

The North Curry Families' and Children's Center received a \$10,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation through the Van Evera and Janet M. Bailey Fund, specifically to provide board training to develop a long range funding plan for NCFCC. On Saturday, February 22, 1997 the NCFCC board, staff and partners are meeting to work with facilitator Jeff Milligan from Salem to develop the strategic plan for the next year and the next five years. The state of Oregon and private foundations as well as the local community have been very supportive of the group's efforts to maintain and expand services available for the North Curry residents. The North Curry Service Center houses a variety of services including County Health Department, Mental Health, County Correction, Oregon Employment Department and the new interactive computer kiosk with a touch screen that has job information locally and throughout the nation. Other services include the JOBS program meets at the center, AFS food stamps, Veteran's Service, Home Health and Hospice, Senior and Disabled Services, County Juvenile services, Child Care Resource and Referral, Drug awareness efforts and more. NCFCC has recently located their offices in the Service Center as well, at 1403 Oregon Street (the blue Building). NCFCC also supervises the Youth Center project located in the A-frame in Buffington Park.

Letter to the Editor,

This letter is in support of Mr. Lichtig regarding the killing of raccoons, be it either legal or illegal.

My point is that every form of living being is unique, warranting respect, regardless of that beings worth to humans, or to the damage that being may have inflicted on human property. Humans constantly invade and violate the non-human community's territory, thoughtlessly destroying habitat and life.

In order to accord other creatures recognition and respect, we humans must be guided by a moral code of action. I do not feel that the current laws involving the non-human community reflect a moral code of action. The laws more accurately reflect disregard and slaughter.

Citizens of Port Orford...the effort to elect Rocky Raccoon is a call to examine our moral code of action in our relationship and coexistence with the non-human beings in our community.

Killing is not an option.

Joyce Spicer-Kinney

Letter to the Editor,

After reading your article on the raccoons we were furious. We feed the little rascals, and enjoy them tremendously. So they get into things - BIG DEAL - Let's annihilate everyone and everything who doesn't act accordingly to our way of thinking. Isn't that a tyrants theory?

We can't comprehend anyone having the audacity to brag about such an inhumane, sickening act.

Let's all show our support for what we believe in. There is no excuse for such a person being allowed to serve our community.

We are voting for Rocky for Port Commission #1.

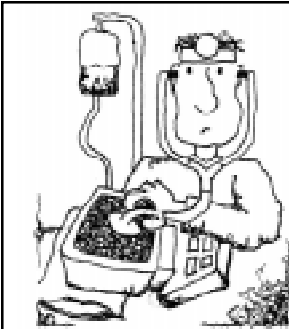
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I am writing this letter to ask for your support in the March 11, 1997 school board election. I am running for the South Coast Education Service District, position 1B. The Curry and Coos County ESD's have recently merged, and when districts merge, there are many areas of concern.

I am currently serving my 25th year on

the Pistol River Board, and I am also finishing my 30th year as a middle school teacher in the Gold Beach School system. I understand budgets and resolution services as these services relate to Curry County students. Education in Oregon is at risk, with shrinking dollars we must do more with less.

I will work hard for Curry County Students and for an equal share of ESD tax

dollars. Again, I ask for your support in the March 11, 1997 election.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Crook

Letter To The Editor,

In strongly support Port Orford Ambulance. Please let us keep our own Port Orford Ambulance serving us in our community.

I personally know some of the drivers and attendants and know I can rely on them when I need their services. We did call them several years ago and were so pleased with their quick response and excellent care. They do care about the people here and treat us as friends.

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Letter to the Editor,

I am writing to ask for your vote in the election for position #4 of the Port Orford-

Langlois school board. There are three other candidates for the position, and all my opponents seem to be fine people with numerous friends and supporters. I have some past experience in school board service, having been elected to the Omaha, NE, school board twice in the '80's. Those eight years were followed by four years on the local community college board (the last two as chairman.) Although there are differences between Port Orford-Langlois and Omaha, NE, there are many aspects of public school governance which apply to either or both communities' schools. While on the Omaha board, I received the "Award of Distinction:" for boardsmanship from the National School Boards Association. I would appreciate the chance to put my experience to work for our community, and ask for your vote on your mail in ballots.

Sincerely

David A. Wilken

Letter To The Editor,

As the current Port Orford Rural Fire Board members who are going off the Board after serving 16 years each, Bill Foster and Lu Cobb; along with Bill McMullen who is up for election on March 11, 1997, and continuing board member

Evan Kramer, we would like to endorse Gayle Wilcox who is running for Position #2 on the board.

She has proven herself many times in the length of time she has been with the Port Orford Fire Department and we feel she will bring the same quality to the Port Orford Rural Fire Board.

Raymond (Bill) Foster, Chairman
Lu Cobb, Secretary/Treasurer
William S. McMullen, Board Member
Evan Kramer, Board Member

Hit and Run

On Monday night, February 24, sometime after 7:30pm, someone knocked down a stop sign at Harbor Drive and Highway 101 South.

They also hit my 1978 Chevrolet pickup truck parked next to the stop sign.

If anyone saw anything or knows anything about this hit and run, please notify the Port Orford Police Department at 332-3681 or Harold Pace at 332-4103.

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Thank you,

Harold Pace



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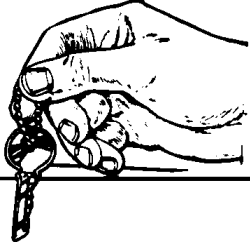
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Letter To The Editor,

This letter is in regards to Mr. Bill Oleson. We have been missing a member of our family for over 3 months. His name is Sam. When we last saw him he was wearing a green collar with tag. He is a big, long haired Siamese with a lot of love for everyone. We never had a problem with Sam missing until Mr. Oleson became our neighbor. The first time Sam was missing he was gone a little over 6 weeks. After conversations with people we were fortunate to find him. And of all places he was taken in by a family across 101 from the gun club. He had been hurt but healed fine. After being home for a few months he came up missing again. I have had conversations with Oleson regarding our cats. In these conversations he has admitted he has taken cats to the gun club. He has stated to me that he had once again taken Sam to the gun club and this time he was shot. To this day I've found no remains either way of Sam. Oleson has also stated to me he has been throwing rocks at my other two cats. Reason for this is due to him putting up a wild bird feeder. If he is so worried about his berries and the raccoons why would you want birds around that can do more damage to the berries. I fear for the safety of my pets due to this. We live in a neighborhood full of children and pets of these children.

Debra Timmons

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The Oregon Society of Physician Assistants honored Port Orford physician assistant, Philip Gosvener, PA-C (Physician Assistant - Certified), by naming him PA of the Month.

Gosvener and his family relocated to Curry County last year to practice at the Curry Family Medical clinic on Madrona Street just north of downtown Port Orford.

After serving 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, Gosvener retired to Port Orford. He is a former delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. He has been a member of the Oregon Society of Physician Assistants for the past two years.

Gosvener is an experienced speaker who is willing to talk to any group or organization about the role of physician assistants in health care, medical stories from his time in the Air Force, or any other health related topic. In addition to his physician assistant credentials, he is a certified instructor in advanced cardiac life support.

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Letter To The Editor,

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Since most critical cases go to Coos Bay where an emergency room doctor is on duty, not on call like Gold Beach. It is up to you to contact the commissioners before March 3 and let them know who you want taking care of you on the long trip to Coos Bay. Your life may depend on it.

Clarence "Dan" Smith

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Letter To The Editor,

Regarding Rocky Raccoon for Port Commissioner. I personally have no proof of Bill Oleson trapping raccoons and taking them to the gun club and shooting them. On February 24 at the side of the Post Office I made no accusation that he was. I did offer literature supporting Rocky Raccoon and suggested to people to read about the raccoons in the newspaper. However, had the topic of raccoons never arose I still would not have voted for Bill Oleson for Port Commissioner. Rocky Raccoon conveniently offers me a fictitious name to write in for port commissioner whom I do support.

Jack Pruitt

Thanks

Rags has not been found. We would like to thank all the friends and strangers who have tried to help us find our dog.

Dick Jamieson
Hege Bakken

Yummy Yarns

“Yummy Yarns” is the theme for the monthly pre-school story time to be held at 10:30am Friday, February 28, at the American Legion Hall next to the Community Building. Designed for children aged 3 to 5, this month’s stories will deal with foods and eating.

A simple craft will be done with the children and a nutritious snack will be served after stories. If you need a ride for your child, call the Port Orford Library, 332-5622, or stop by and leave your name and address.

Prepare To Rock

Antique Dog prepares to rock at Katz Juice and Java on Friday, February 28. The band plays live **loud** hard rock originals which are not for the squeamish. This show has not yet been rated. No covers, no country and no requests.

Letter to the Editor,

In my two years of living here the best part has been the wildlife I’d get to see up close and personal. Bear, deer, raccoon. The raccoons were coming around the house so much I thought I’d try to get a little more personal. I bought some cheap dog food and started putting a bowl out every night. It was gone every morning. Now I can actually go out and converse with them while they eat. Quite enjoyable I” say and so do my kids.

Dona Bennett

Letter to the Editor,

I support Howard Lichtig’s letter in last weeks Downtown Fun Zone weekly newspaper.

Rocky Raccoon is a legitimate write in candidate for Port Commissioner #1 and I will vote for him. His votes will literally be counted. A vote for Rocky Raccoon is a vote for all things decent.

Sharon Bazor

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To the Editor:

I have lived on the shore of Garrison Lake for nearly 30 years and monitored the many kinds of beautiful wildlife which also live here and around the surrounding wetlands. Hundreds of other citizens also take great pleasure in watching God's critters, this is one of the great benefits we have here in Port Orford. Anyone, not wishing to SHARE the community environment with the animals that are here should consider moving to a large city that does not offer this unique pleasure and opportunity.

Unfortunately, many of these animals that have been seen on a daily basis, started disappearing at an alarming rate last year. People began calling me, about this problem. Then an outraged member of the Gun Club, told me that Bill Oleson had killed 6 or 8 raccoons and was bragging about it. Other people came forward and told similar stories. At this point, as far as I was concerned, it was all hearsay. However, the credibility of these people was so great an investigation was started. I called the police chief Barney Issel, the county trapper, the state police, the humane society, etc. All said we needed proof. I talked with Howard Lichtig and he wrote a letter to Oleson. In the meantime, Barney went to Oleson and told him, if he did not get a permit to kill the animals he would probably get into trouble because it was upsetting too many people. Oleson immediately applied for and received a permit by telling John Toman of Dept. Fish & Wildlife that raccoons were destroying his property and that he did not want ANY animal on his land as it was "an invasion of his privacy". Everything that I am saying, is documented in writing and/or first person communication. As a result of Howard's letter, Oleson responded and invited us to come to his property in an attempt to solve the "problem". Five of us were given a tour by Oleson. He bragged about his beautiful flowers, his strawberry plants which were loaded with berries, etc. NO

WHERE DID WE EVER SEE ANY EVIDENCE OF ANIMAL DAMAGE OF ANY KIND. Nevertheless, in good faith and in hopes to stop the animal killing, (which Oleson directly to our faces admitted he was doing) we agreed to pay for and install a small mammal electric fence wherever Oleson wanted it. Oleson told us it would only be needed around the strawberries, but he would CONTINUE to trap and kill UNTIL the fence was installed. We ordered the supplies and a week or so later, set up a time that was convenient for Oleson and installed it under HIS supervision and to his satisfaction.

After we had completed the job, Oleson told us that we were stupid to use our time and money for this project. Because he intended to CONTINUE to trap and kill the animals! He also stated that his friends would too. I guess birds of a feather flock together. It is no longer hearsay to me, I was there and I will not be intimidated by threats.

One last thing. The Port and Commercial Fishermen: Folks, these guys and gals are the most dedicated, hardest working people you can find anywhere. They are very tough, but they have the biggest warmest hearts of any people I know and everyone of them will go to the aid of any Person or Animal that has been hurt, abused or needs help. And this, if for no other reason, is why MY write in vote, completing the arrow is for ROCKY RACCOON for Port Commissioner position #1.

Respectfully,

Robert C. Courtright
Fish & Wildlife Biologist
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Animals

Sixes Grange #856

Sixes Grange #856 will hold its monthly business meeting on Monday, March 3, at 7:30pm, at the Grange Hall next to the Sixes Store. No pot-luck is planned.

The Cost of Doing Business Continued from Front Cover

in general may be found starting at <http://www.loomcom.com/raccoons/> and additional material can be found with any search engine by looking for "raccoon".

I spoke with Bill Oleson early Tuesday evening. I asked him if he had been trapping and shooting raccoons or household pets. Oleson told me "I haven't killed any raccoons nor any household pets". He said he hasn't done anything wrong. He said the raccoons he had trapped he had released alive. Oleson complained about receiving many phone calls at his home from people who were hanging up.

I can sympathize with anyone who has suffered damage from wild animals. The damage count around our house is at least six chickens killed, dogs, raccoons and possum eating cat food intended for our outdoor cats, and destroyed bird feeders. But I look at as if it was the cost of doing

business. We live in a rural area surrounded by forests, pastures, wetlands and rivers. We're going to come in contact with wild animals whether they are raccoons, skunks, coyote, cougar or bear. It has never occurred to me to get a permit to trap and kill the raccoons that have helped themselves to several chicken dinners along with many helpings of cat food not intended for them. I feel the obligation is on me to protect my livestock and cat food. I could have built a roof over my chicken yard and I could take the cat food in at night. One thing I don't do, and this is where I differ from many other people who appreciate and respect animals, is that I don't feed or attract them to my property. I prefer chance encounters whether it's a deer wandering through my yard, a bear ambling across Elk River Road or a beaver busy at work building a dam. Each to his own.

I voted for Rocky Raccoon for port commissioner position #1. I don't expect the masked furry one to win and be seated on

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