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Candidates Speak Out By Evan Kramer



League of Women Voters president Shirley Nelson welcomed one and all to the candidate forum on Wednesday night at the community building.

Fourteen candidates had been invited and all but one were in attendance. Candidate for Curry County treasurer Vinita Buchanan could not attend because her husband has recently had surgery. Each candidate was given three minutes for opening remarks.

County Commissioner

T.V. Skinner (R) spoke about his extensive experience with nearly eight years as commissioner. He said it wasn't the job for a novice. Skinner said he supports private property rights and that the people would see him everywhere in the County. He said he has never been interested in only one part of the county.

Cheryl Thorp (D) said tax dollars belong to the people, not the politicians. She spoke of her experience negotiating labor contracts and working for the County including starting up two group homes. She said as commissioner she would face up to declining revenues and she is ready to put what she has learned to work.

Treasurer candidate Patty Ingersoll spoke of herself as a friendly voice in the assessor's office where she works as the senior account specialist. She has worked for Curry County for 28 years. She said the first language she had learned was sign language because her parents were both deaf. She said she would continue to provide investment taxing pools for special districts and earn the highest rate of return for each taxing district.

City Council Candidates

2 year term of office

David Darnell spoke of his experience in city government in Brown County, Texas. He moved back to Port Orford in 1985. He said the water rates in the city are entirely too high and that things can be done to reduce them. He said we have one of the highest water rates in the state.

Nathaniel Wander said the job of city councilor is to help people do their city chores and compared the councilors to a board of directors. Wander said he is current president of Kalmiopsis Audubon Society and remarked he likes sitting on wood. He said he was for a forestry that supports people and itself. Referring to the water rates he said homeowners subsidize larger users.

4 year term of office

Carl Eskelson said he has been on the council since 1989. His main concern is the sewer and water infrastructure and that he wanted to continue working on water projects including keeping the rates affordable. He said he has been city commissioner of streets and asked the public have they noticed the condition of our streets.

Norm Leeling said he is a native south coaster having grown up in Green Acres. He said he is on the watershed council and described himself as a team player. He said he is quite good at analyzing information concerning the many problems facing us including children and spousal abuse and recreation for our youth. He was recently appointed to the council to fill a vacancy and said if elected he will work hard to resolve problems.

Gordon Corbett said he got into the council race because we the people weren't being accorded the treatment we deserve. He said he would listen to people no matter where they live. He said people have a right to say no to taxes and we have a right to cut them to the bone. He supports local sovereignty and that grants set up new lines of authority.

Leon White said this will be the most important election in the history of the

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Fri Oct 16	3:55a 1.0	10:25a 6.9	4:30p 2.0	10:26p 6.5	7:31a	6:34p	4:31a 5:21p	
Sat Oct 17	4:37a 1.1	10:59a 7.0	5:11p 1.5	11:13p 6.5	7:32a	6:33p	5:28a 5:48p	
Sun Oct 18	5:14a 1.4	11:29a 7.2	5:47p 1.1	11:55p 6.6	7:33a	6:31p	6:23a 6:15p	
Mon Oct 19	5:48a 1.6	11:57a 7.3	6:21p 0.7		7:35a	6:30p	7:19a 6:41p	
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Thu Oct 22	1:52a 6.3	7:21a 2.6	1:19p 7.3	8:02p 0.3	7:38a	6:25p	10:03a 8:11p	

Candidates Speak Out
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city which was chartered in 1935. He noted he had served as Port Orford mayor in the 1970's for four and three quarter years. He said he supports all major city decisions going to the voters. He said the voter's power would not be transferred to others.

Jane Cramer said she has raised seven children and that the town was just like a family. She said she doesn't believe in "they" but instead believes in "we". She said councilors must work and cooperate with others and she can do this. She described a lack of adequate facilities for handling social problems in the city. She recommended videotaping council sessions and making the tapes available to the public at the library and Fun Zone.

Tom Smith said he first moved to Port Orford in 1951. He said he doesn't like what's going on at the city council and he is prepared to sit on the hot seat if elected.

Charles "Sandy" Sandholm described himself as not being a public speaker. He said he would try and return the public trust to our city government. He said once elected he would attend county meetings and serve as Port Orford liaison to the county. He said the Empowerment Zone idea must be properly directed.

Robert Warring said the theme of this period is change, noting water and sewer issues. He said the change on Highway 101 will be drastic. He said south of Florence on 101 would be a mobility route with emphasis on moving freight. He said we need to make plans for Highway 101. He noted he has no fear of grants and big brotherism, with grants a way to bring up the level of life in cities. He invited the public's help.

Questions and Answers

The commissioner candidates were asked if the Empowerment Zone or canopy project decisions should be left to a vote

of the people. Cheryl Thorp said yes. TV Skinner said these were two different issues, neither of which has been exposed enough. He said the people elect representatives to make decisions.

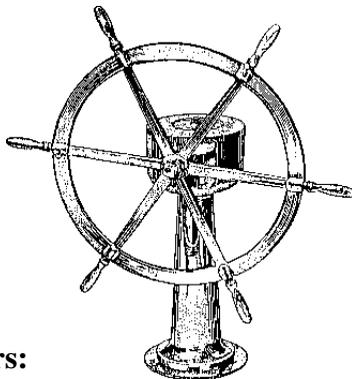
Council candidates were asked about the \$4,000 sewer and water hookup fee. David Darnell said it was absolutely ridiculous and recommended the price be based on the cost to the city. Gordon Corbett said the \$4,000 idea should be flushed. He said it should be based on actual costs. Norm Leeling asked if any decrease would be retroactive. He said he didn't like it when he paid that amount to get his house hooked up. Robert Warring noted people were paying for the sewer system as a whole and that people were buying into part of a system. He concluded by saying welcome to the group. Nathaniel Wander said we overbuilt the sewer system to accommodate growth. He suggested the way the city distributes costs might not be

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fair. He recommended looking at the way bond fees are distributed. Leon White asked what is the financial condition of the city and said he wants that information published. Carl Eskelson stated that when your property is connected to the sewer and water systems it automatically becomes worth \$4,000 more. He said \$4,000 is a small fee to pay. Tom Smith recommended separating the sewer and water bills.

Council candidates were asked if they would try and get funds from state and federal sources to pay for water and sewer projects. David Darnell said he would go for grants if the government doesn't control the project. Leon White said the process of getting grants bothers him but he would go for grants. Tom Smith said he would go for state and federal grants with the city as agent only. Gordon Corbett said we could reuse the sewage drainfield with help from city workers. He rhetorically asked do we need a gold plated solution and answered no. Carl Eskelson said he wants to see 100% grants and we should get the best deal we can. Norm Leeling said go for grants and that

some have few strings attached. He stated we could not reconstruct our drain field. Jane Cramer said she was entirely in favor of going after grants. She said we need grants to deal with social problems like child abuse and domestic violence. Robert Warring said the granting agency wants accountability from the agency receiving the grant. Nathaniel Wander said grants are not stringless. He recommended taking the money and counting your fingers.

The candidates were asked if elected and they find they have different ideas than the people they are serving with what would they do? Patty Ingersoll said she would work well with others. T.V. Skinner said he would not try to sabotage situations if he was in the minority position. Cheryl Thorp said she would stay with her decisions according to the best interests of the citizens. Nathaniel Wander said he would listen, argue, vote and then move on the next piece of business. David Darnell said he would answer to the people. Leon White said he would have no problem being a minority viewpoint. Tom Smith said he would keep open people to people communication and he is for the residents over the council. Robert Warring said he has often been the minority vote but will cooperate

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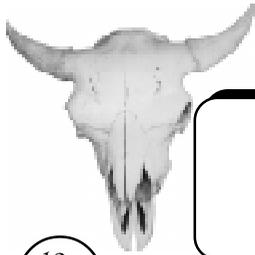
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with decisions he disagrees with. Gordon Corbett said he can cooperate but if it's about principles he doesn't back down. Norm Leeling said he deals in information and facts and makes decision based on facts. Jane Cramer said she believes in dialogue and compromise when possible. She said she would go along with a vote unless it is immoral or illegal. Carl Eskelson said the council decision is the best we can do. He said he listens and reads information before making a decision. Charles Sandholm said he would vote no when necessary.

Thank you League of Women Voters for putting on this enlightening candidate forum and Carl Eskelson for bringing some levity to the meeting and making it fun.

Fire Season

The official forest fire season has ended within the Coos Forest Protective Association district. At this time, debris burning permits will not be needed and fire tools and equipment will not be required for industrial operations. However, burning permits will still be required for log slash and heavy debris burning on a year-round basis under the Smoke Management program. Operators will also be required to obtain permits to harvest timber and operate power driven equipment and give notification of operations as in the past. District Manager Gene Brock wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation during the past fire season.



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The Outdoors Club at Pacific High School started off the school year with an exciting Outdoor Adventure! Four students from Pacific, Marvi Shumaker/Pruitt, Sabrina Denn, Jessa Andreas, and Tyler Digby along with two home schooling students, Jasper Shumaker/Pruitt and Nate Page joined together for their daylong journey. Cathy Boden, their club organizer, is employed by North Curry Families and Children's Center.

We met in Port Orford at the A-Frame in Buffington Park at 6:30am. Thanks to the folks at the Senior Center for letting us use the Dial-a-Ride van. Wwe piled in

and drove to Gold Beach where we met up with Allen Wilson of Wilderness Canyon Adventures. We transferred over to his van, and pulling a trailer of inflatable kayaks, headed to Brookings and on up the Chetco River. After sometime of driving gravel roads, nearly into the western edge of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area, we finally dropped down to the banks of the river near the Tolman homestead.

We spent the day floating five miles of river through deep emerald green pools and shooting the narrow rapids around smoothly sculpted rocks. Cathy taught paddling skills while Allen shared the local river lore. The day included a hearty lunch with lots of high-energy snacks for those hungry teenagers. We snorkeled the pools looking at the small fish, jumped off rocks and even found a smooth rock for sliding into cold water! After the full day of paddling we all slept on the way home (except the driver of course) and

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My position is a simple one. Get sewer charges out of water rates. Give the people of Port Orford back their voice in City Government. We are the future of this City. It's time to stop and direct this City in a positive direction, for the peoples sake.

Vote: David E. Darnell, City Council

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Slide-Illustrated Talk

“Salmon Conservation: Issues and Strategies,” a slide-illustrated talk, will be presented by Paul Engelmeyer, Director of the Audubon Society’s Ten Mile Creek Sanctuary, on Friday, October 23, at 7pm in the Port Orford Council Chambers. This program is co-sponsored by Kalmiopsis Audubon Society and Port Orford Women’s Fisheries Network. It

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Engelmeyer, a member of the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, directs Oregon’s only Audubon sanctuary, located on Ten Mile Creek between the Cummins Creek and Rock Creek Wildernesses, south of Yachats. This 116 acre parcel is in the heart of the largest intact

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Repeatedly recognized for his outstanding work, Engelmeyer has been the recipient of a 1996 U.S. Forest Service “Caring For The Land” award, and a 1998 “Stalwart Conservation Advocate” award from the Native Fish Society. The latter was awarded “In recognition of outstanding advocacy, scientific work, grassroots effort, sheer personal effort and sacrifice on behalf of native fish and their habitats in the Pacific Northwest Biosphere.”

Engelmeyer was instrumental in the development of both the “Hire The Fisher,” and “Jobs in the Woods” programs, which focus on retraining displaced woods workers and fishermen. For many reasons, he remains critical of the Governor’s “Oregon Plan” for salmon restoration.

4-H Meeting

Sign-ups and an informational meeting for the 4-H club will be held on Thursday, October 15, at 7:00pm, at the Langlois Fire Hall. Kindergarten through grade 12 are invited with their parents to attend.

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Creighton Write-In Candidate

Deputy Mark Creighton declared himself as a write-in candidate for Curry County Sheriff, and filed state, and federal complaints of possible vote tampering, criminal conspiracy, and official misconduct.

Deputy Creighton announced on Monday, October 12 that he is pursuing a write-in campaign for the Curry County Sheriff's seat on the November ballot because of complaints filed with the State of Oregon regarding possible vote tampering in the 1998 Primary election

Deputy Creighton expected complaints filed by three Curry County citizens to have been investigated by now. He doesn't see an early resolution to these complaints, and doesn't expect results until far after the General Election is over, and because of this dark cloud of doubt, and suspicion hanging over our County Elections process regarding the final vote

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tally, a write-in campaign is the only way we can be sure. There will be a watchful eye over the counting procedure in the November General Election. If he can get the word out, and get those who supported him in the Primary Election to write-in his name in the General Election then we can have a second closely watched tally of ballots.

According to Creighton, he was advised that he had an opportunity to read the three complaints, which are now public record, and also had the opportunity to talk at length with one of the complainants.

He said he was a little suspicious on election night when he was told the count was being stopped, and that it would have to be resumed the following day. Oregon law requires that a tally of ballots does not stop until they are all counted. He was told an extra box of ballots that was going to be left overnight and then counted the

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next morning. At that time Kent Owens was at 49.20%. In a non partisan election for Sheriff, if more than two candidates run then the two highest vote takers are on the November General Ballot. The exception is that if one candidate acquires more than 50% in the Primary Election then he alone is the only candidate on the November ballot.

Creighton said he is asking for help from citizens who believed in his plan for change, and supported him in the primary election. "I'll need lots of help." "Those wishing to help may contact him at 541-332-0149 or PO Box 45, Port Orford, OR 97465.

Port Meeting Changed

The October Port of Port Orford meeting has been changed to Thursday, October 15, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. The regular Port Orford meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month. This change is just for the October meeting.

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Candidate Question 3

The question was, "What will be top three priorities, in order, as city councilor if you are elected on November 3?" Here are the responses we've received.

My top three priorities would be:

- 1) Get our sewer system in compliance;
- 2) Establish a stable, high-quality water supply;
- 3) Update ordinances and have them enforced equally.

Norman C. Leeling

Removing the sewer outfall from the beach is an on-going crisis with a mandated deadline. Second is protecting our water supply from becoming the next municipal poster child. Third is to demonstrate by actions that the council is a responsive and responsible governing body.

Nathaniel Wander

The Top Three Priorities:

- 1) Repeal the City's Strategic Plan, which was never approved by the voters.
- 2) Publish a comprehensive and comprehensible Financial Report on the City's finances.
- 3) Hold a special City Council Meeting for Dick Nored of HG&E to discuss solutions regarding the water and sewer systems.

Leon White

- 1) Research water/sewer infrastructure options and rates.

- 2) Research, prioritize, develop and seek

funding for programs to combat social problems: child abuse, domestic violence, adult literacy, substance abuse, poverty, lack of job skills and training, lack of youth programs.

- 3) Develop procedures for citizen input and handling citizen concerns to regain citizen trust.

Jane Cramer

- 1) Open and free communication with the citizens of Port Orford.

- 2) A solution to the sewage problem.

- 3) Obtain a permanent and adequate supply of fresh water for the city.

Thomas T. Smith

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Senior News By Mary Yoder

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October 8 was Rotary – volunteers working – Mary Evans, Kay Neal, Marge Kyle – what's his name and Bill Butt and Owen Miller.

October 10 was the luncheon – volunteers working – Lorraine Hass, Mary Evans, Marge Kyle – dishes and other things Owen Miller – Bill Butt. These volunteers sure did a good job on the lunch – everyone enjoyed it – me too.

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October 11 was the breakfast. Here are the volunteers who made is so tasty – waffles Barney Houser – pancakes Kay Neal – scrambled eggs Bill Butt – meat that's ham and sausage – I guess everyone took a turn at it. Owen Miller seemed to be doing dishes all the time – others waiting on people – serving coffee, juice and like me tea were Lucille Tubbs, Marge Kyle, Betty Harper, Thelma Lagace, Greta Carver. I hope I haven't missed anyone. I think Bessie Laursen was there too. It really was nice. I hope they all show up next time. The crew for the rummage sale was Henry Kron and what's his name. A big thank you to all of you.

The board meeting was Tuesday October 13 – more about it next week.

October 17 is pinochle at 7:00pm.

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Candidate Forum

The second of two candidate forums will be held on Monday, Oct. 19, 7:00pm, in the Port Orford city hall council chambers. This forum will feature only candidates running for the Port Orford City Council and all of them have been invited. Each candidate will be given time for opening remarks. This will be followed by questions from the audience. Voting will already be under way as of October 19 and this candidate forum will help clarify the issues and distinguish the candidates from each other. Please attend this candidate forum. To quote council candidate Leon White, "This is the most important election in the history of the City of Port Orford."



Many thanks to all for your support.
Christophe will say farewell Oct. 30.

Letter to the Editor,

I'm writing you to clear up perhaps some misinformation I heard at the League of Women voters forum on Monday, October 5, 1998. I heard a question from the audience concerning changing the city source of water from Hubbard Creek to Garrison Lake. Page two is Resolution R95-10a dated July 10, 1995, indicating that the primary source of city water is Hubbard Creek. That resolution is still current.

Page three is Resolution #R045-07 setting sewer rates at \$3.10 per one thousand gallons of water used. This resolution was passed April 10, 1995.

If I might answer any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Johnny D. Alexander
City Administrator

Resolution No. R95-10A

A resolution of the Port Orford City Council declaring Hubbard Creek as the primary water for the City.

Whereas: the City of Port Orford sponsors and maintains a municipal water

system, and

Whereas: the City Council believes the quality and quantity of water will be substantially greater at the Hubbard Creek Impoundment.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: The common council of the City of Port Orford hereby declares that Hubbard Creek is the primary water supply for the City of Port Orford.

Passed and approved by the Port Orford City Council this 10th day of July, 1995.

Letter to the Editor,

What a shame that Nathaniel Wander is making personal attacks against some of his fellow candidates. All of the other candidates are sticking to the issues, and stating their positions on various concerns without insulting one another by name. Also, Mr. Wander evidently believes he and his friends are the only ones allowed to be concerned about Humbug Canyon. I hope you will decide to run a clean campaign, Mr. Wander.

Kathleen Lemmon



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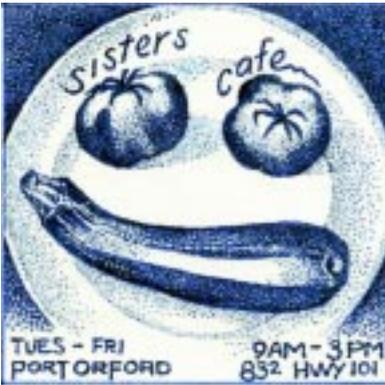
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Letter to the Editor,

As a hunter, I was curious whether Measure 64 – the plan to ban most timber harvests – would affect Oregon’s elk and deer populations. I asked the Oregon Department of Wildlife whether clear-cut timber areas are beneficial to big game. James W. Greer, the Director of ODW, told me in a September 14 letter:

“Historically, foraging areas consisted of openings in old forests, burned over areas, and natural meadows. Under current forest management, foraging areas consist, for the most part, of clear-cut, seedling and sapling stages. Our agency feels that current forest management practices, which provide a variety of forest stand types, coupled with appropriate temporary road closures, are compatible with big game management goals.”

I also asked what will happen if clear-cut areas are not available as a food source to big game. Will they be displaced to populated valleys and will stocks decline? Greer responded:

“It is possible that elk and deer could be displaced or population numbers reduced due to limitations in suitable foraging areas.”

For hunters, Measure 64 is a threat to the health and habitat of Oregon’s deer and elk populations. I’m sure that’s why the Oregon Hunters Association is opposing it. It’s also bad for forest health and the

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Cheryl Thorp for County Commissioner

Peter DeFazio for Congress

Ron Wyden for Senate

John Kitzhaber for Governor

BALLOT MEASURES

- No. **56** Expanded Notice No
- No. **57** Recriminalize Marijuana No
- No. **58** Original Birth Certificate to Adoptees No
- No. **59** Restricting Union Dues No
- No. **60** Vote by Mail No
- No. **61** Criminal Sentencing No
- No. **62** Campaign Finance Reform Yes
- No. **63** Majority Rule Yes
- No. **65** Administrative Rules No
- No. **66** Lottery for Parks and Salmon Yes

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state’s economy. For this reason and many others I hope Oregonians will vote NO on 64.

Veral Tarno
State Senator, District 24

Hathaway Jones Festival Hike

A free hike to see a pioneer homestead similar to those occupied by many early Curry county families will be a part of the Hathaway Jones Tall Tale Festival on Saturday, October 17, announced hike leader Walt Schroeder.

Hathaway actually lived up Rogue River on Battle Bar and Paradise Bar. Closer to Gold Beach and within easy driving and walking distance, is the pioneer Woodruff homestead off the Quosatana Creek road.

Those who want to see a typical homestead and are up to leisurely walking a two mile loop trail, will gather at the

Fairgrounds at 10:30am on Saturday, October 17. They will caravan in personal vehicles about 16 miles to the trailhead.

The Woodruff homestead is typical in that it has orchards, meadows for grazing cattle, remains of the old cabin and a trail for the kids to follow to the Quosatana School. If time permits, we’ll also visit the remains of the school on the return trip.

The hike should be completed in time to participate in the afternoon activities at the Festival.

Those wanting to take part are asked to fill out a registration form at the Hathaway Jones Festival on Friday evening, October 16 or on Saturday morning. Or you can phone 247-6113 or 247-7660 and leave names and addresses of the hikers either by speaking to a live person or leaving a message.

Letter to the Editor,

My choice as City Councilman is Dave Darnell. His ideas are all for the good of the working people of this town, and also the business people who are trying so hard to remain in business and make a living. He is willing to work hard to reduce our sewer and water charges. He is also in favor of new home development in town by recommending a free 30 to 60 day free or low cost sewer and water hook-up for new homes being built on privately owned lots. This is a smart and futuristic way of thinking because new home construction brings a large increase in tax revenue.

He is also a strong backer of the police department. He is also working on new ideas to attract more tourists to our area, which would also bring more money into the community and help promote our city as a tourist attraction. He also has more excellent ideas for the good of the people and the city of Port Orford.

We say "Let's give him our vote" and we are sure we won't be sorry.

Mr. Darnell is also concerned with the problems fishermen are faced with and will be trying to improve conditions for them.

Lets all back Dave up!

Joe & Freda Provost

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Council, Vote for
Tom Smith,
Leon White,
David Darnell and
Gordon Corbett

Letter to the Editor,

To the Good People of Curry County—

I have served with T.V. Skinner for many years on the Association of Oregon Counties Public Lands Committee, the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association and the Association of Oregon and California Counties Board of Directors. These groups and their members are dedicated to the conservation and careful management and use of natural resources including land, water, forests and wildlife.

I can say T.V. has always been a protector of your private property rights and the revenues to Curry County from natural resources. His experience is crucial to the interests of Curry County and all of Western Oregon. Please vote to keep T.V. working for you and us.

Coos County Commissioner
Gordon Ross

Elect

Nathaniel Wander

Port Orford City Council

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for Cedar Pointe." Betty
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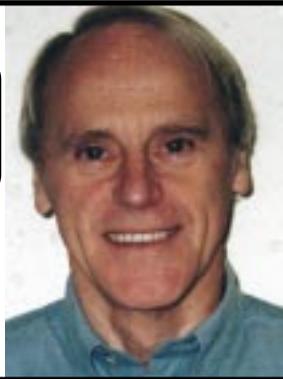
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55 Alive Driving Class

SWOCC will be sponsoring a two-day 55 Alive Driving Class in Port Orford. The class is Tuesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 21, from 9:30am – 1:30pm at the Port Orford Senior Center.

The course is coordinated with AARP and features information and driving techniques especially of interest to drivers 55 and older. Participants are introduced to ways to reduce their chances of being involved in a traffic accident and may be eligible for insurance cost reductions upon successful completion of the course.

There is an \$8 charge for materials and is made payable to AARP. Pre-registration is appreciated.

Call Southwestern for more information or to register.

Gold Beach 247-2741, Brookings 469-5017, or Port Orford (Fridays) 332-3023.

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The characters have changed, but Thuston Wheelis and Arles Struvie, the radio announcers from station OKKK in Tuna, Texas, serving the Greater Tuna area at 275 watts, are back. Reappearing is Didi Snavey owner of the used local gun

shop, Petey Fisk of the local Humane Society and dear old Aunt Pearl Burras.

Sandy Kirk directs *A Tuna Christmas*. Tracy Ellenbecker, Michael Hall and Brad Wood portray 22 different characters living in Tuna, Texas the second smallest town in east Texas.

A Tuna Christmas will be presented at Spadas restaurant in Gold Beach. The play opens November 5 and runs November 6,7,12,13,19,20 and closes the 21. Because of the seating capacity reservations are needed. Dinner at 7pm and Performance at 8pm. The admission is \$16 for dinner and play. Some adult language is used, parental discretion is

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advised. Call (541) 247-7732 for your reservation. Call (541) 247-2721 for more information.

Lighthouse Closure

Cape Blanco Lighthouse will not be open to the public for tours through October 31, 1998 as previously published. A shortage of volunteer docents to operate tours has forced an early closure date of October 15, 1998.

Persons interested in volunteering for next season may contact Laura Rhodes at Humbug Mountain State Park (541) 332-6774 for more information on our volunteer program.

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Candidate Statement by Robert Warring

I would like to serve the City of Port Orford for a second term on the Port Orford City Council. This limited space will not permit a meaningful discussion of the many problems that this small town currently faces. In broad categories these problems can be grouped as: 1) water, 2) sewage disposal, 3) streets, 4) law enforcement, 5) maintenance and enhancement of an environment that enriches the lives of the current residents of Port Orford and draws tourists to our community.

The Battle Rock Wayfinder is a good example of #5 on this list. I am the Port Orford City Council's representative on the Coastal Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (CPACT). I made the motion at a CPACT meeting that CPACT recommend to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) that the Wayfinder site designated for Curry County be transferred from Pistol River to Port Orford. The motion passed. I continued to deal with ODOT personnel at all levels of the organization until the project was developed in its present form.

The minutes of the last three months of City Council meetings record that I accompanied Ed McQuade to Grants Pass to an Empowerment Zone meeting. After looking at all the information available on the subject I made the motion at the 8/3/98 special session of the Port Orford City Council that the City Council en-

dorse the Empowerment Zone. The motion passed. Had the two county commissioners from Brookings agreed, Empowerment Zone status would have given us access to funds (in preference to Brookings) that could have helped us work on all five problem areas identified above.

At the 8/10/98 regular session of the Port Orford City Council I made a motion that the city adopt measure #10, directing the creation of a highway master plan. The motion passed. If we don't plan for change, someone else will do it for us. In all categories "things" in Port Orford are not going to stay the same. By being proactive and creating our own plans we can have a say in directing that change. If we oppose change or react to the programs of other public or private entities we will have much less chance of seeing Port Orford develop in ways that we, the present residents, want or can at least feel comfortable with. If you can support this record, vote Warring for City Council.

Oregon Trail by Rosy Roselius

Following our 6000+ mile trip to and through the Mid-West following the "Oregon Trail" on our return trip, we received from the National Park Service a copy of their draft "Comprehensive Management and Use Plan" for all of the major western national historic trails. A 270-page (11x17) opus listing and describing hundreds of trail sites and seg-

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ments - well worth at least browsing through. Since only a few copies were allocated to Oregon, our copy has been placed with the Port Orford Public Library as a reference work. Public comments on the draft are invited by the NPS. For anyone interested, the initial comment deadline is quite soon.

The trails include "Oregon", "California", "Pony Express", "Mormon Pioneer", and portions of the Applegate and Santa Fe trails.

I was born in Hebron, Nebraska, a small town in SE Nebraska, less than 1000 yards from the Oregon Trail and the Blue River - a major waterway artery for hundreds of 'trail' parties.

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Cape Blanco Gun Club **By Bill Oleson**

Sunday's, October 11th, trap meet drew twenty-five trap shooters from both Coos and Curry County. All are members; missing were most of the Cranberry Growers busy harvesting this falls crop.

Winner of the 50 target 16 yard Singles event was Bill Kemper, Coos Bay; Jim Harrison, Port Orford was runner up. The 50 target Handicap program was a tie between George Mellen, Coos Bay and Scott Wurster, Port Orford. Scott won 25 target shoot off.

The "Backers" event was won by the team of Scott Macdonald and Bill Oleson. One Custer (Annie Oakley) was won finally by Scott Macdonald after eliminating ten good shooters.

Justin Potter out shot a number of us in the 16-yard event from his wheelchair. This proves that no handicap is to severe when one wants to enjoy the sport of trap shooting.

Champion Party

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Champion Party. It is sponsored by the Port Orford Christian Center and takes place on Saturday, October 31, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Port Orford Community Building. Events will include a talent contest, costume competition, dart toss and more. A bag of candy will get you through the door. Call Rich Jamieson for more details at 332-5645.

Letter to the Editor,

I may not agree with Nathaniel Wander's every philosophical position and decision (which also applies to each of the candidates for City Council), but he has demonstrated to me that he is thoughtful and attentive and that he would work for the best interests of the City. I do know that he is an experienced facilitator whose skills are surely needed to help re-establish mutual understanding and trust among the citizens in this hamlet.

Leo L. Langner

Bereavement Support Group

The regular meeting of the Bereavement Support Group will be on Tuesday, October 20, noon, in the Port and Starboard Restaurant. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a spouse, child, relative, partner or friend is invited. For more information, please call Luana Berens, LCSW, at Curry County Home Health/Hospice at 247-7084, 469-0405, or 1-800-535-9472.

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Letter to the Editor,

Several city council candidates said at last week's forum that they want to lower our water and sewer rates. Unfortunately, they had little to say about how they would go about doing that—what few ideas they did suggest might well increase our bills.

Some candidates think that separating the sewer bill from the water bill will lower the sewer rate. That may or may not be true. Parts of the sewer charge are already separated. The loan payment, as well as some other funds, are not linked to water usage. This means that a one person household pays exactly the same amount for these items as a large business like a motel. Whether further unlinking the sewer charge from water usage will help or hurt is not clear.

These same candidates also think that we should subsidize hook-up fees to encour-

age growth. Asking current users to pay for future growth is one of the ways we got into some of these problems in the first place.

Wishful thinking will not lower our water or sewer bills. If a candidate claims he can do it, ask him how and ask to see the numbers. Ask him to explain to you exactly how the rates are figured and exactly how he would change them to lower your bill. Remember how Ross Perot used charts and explained what he would do. Any city council candidate who claims he can lower your water or sewer bill should be able to do the same.

Sincerely,

Martha Weaver-Britell
Port Orford

Remember if ya can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

**Walkabout
by Mickey the Mouser**

Some of you may have heard that I was missing. At about 2:30pm on Monday, Oct. 12 I decided to take a little vacation. Being a crafty cat, I had no trouble slipping out the door even though they try to keep me cooped up in the store all the time. I dashed over to the hedge between the Fun Zone building and Rita's Mexican Restaurant. (I like to hide and hunt under the floor of Rita's. It smells so nice there!)

I won't tell you where all I've been because that would destroy my cat mystique but I came home Wednesday morning tired and hungry but clean and dry despite the storm. Because of my little trip, I'm afraid I don't have any movie reviews for you this week but they got in a LOT of new movies so you may want to stop by and check it out. I may even let you pet me. Tail high brothers & sisters!

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Anything that makes you gag is spoiled (except for leftovers from what you cooked for yourself last night).

When something starts pecking its way out of the shell, the egg is probably past its prime.

Milk is spoiled when it starts to look like yogurt. Yogurt is spoiled when it starts to look like cottage cheese. Cottage cheese is spoiled when it starts to look like regular cheese. Regular cheese is nothing but spoiled milk anyway and can't get any more spoiled than it is already.

If it makes you violently ill after you eat it, the mayonnaise is spoiled.

Frozen foods that that you can't see through the ice will probably be spoiled - (or wrecked anyway) by the time you pry them out with a kitchen knife.

Lettuce is spoiled when you can't get it off the bottom of the vegetable crisper without Comet. Carrots that you can tie in a knot are not fresh. Fresh potatoes do not have roots, branches, or dense, leafy undergrowth.

Meat should not be green.

Any canned goods that have become the size or shape of a basketball should be disposed of. Carefully.

If you can take chip-dip out of its container and bounce it on the floor, it has gone bad.

In general, most food cannot be kept longer than the average life span of a hamster, so keep a hamster in your refrigerator to gauge this.

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Letter to the Editor,

Mr Wanderer's, letter in last weeks paper October 7. 1998 indicated that Messrs Corbett, Smith, White, and Sandholm were part of the group that protested the height of the wall and the removal of the wooden historic sign at Battle Rock. Checking the records I find that they never attended any meetings of this group, unless you have information on our group that I do not have! At least our group will try to keep the facts straight and not as your group tried to do, let the public believe only one person was responsible for the drain fields being placed in the dunes. When in actuality three of the present City Council members were part of the council when the final vote was taken for the placement of the drain field. The council's own records indicate that Hans Von Spaeth made the motion, the present mayor Gary Doran, seconded the motion, Carl Eskelson and Tim Sparks as well as the other two council members voted in favor of that motion.

Walt Kaplan
Port Orford

[Walter, I don't know who is or isn't a member of your group but I do know there are many groups whose meetings I've never attended but to which I belong. - Valerie Kramer]

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Letter to the Editor,

One thing that has "got lost in the shuffle" of this campaign is the role of the ballot.

I do not refer to how the voters will fill the open seats on the City Council, but rather to whether the new Councillors will let the people vote on controversial issues.

True, the incumbents have put the "Highway 101 Beautification Plan" and the police levy on the ballot. They should have done that, just as they should have done that with The Wall. Perhaps the firestorm of criticism over The Wall taught them that they should let us vote; perhaps they simply reacted to popular pressure. Either way, we should reap our benefits by voting on those measures.

I strongly suspect that our choices for the new Council will determine whether, when controversial ideas are up for enactment, we will have a chance to go to the polls and say, "Yes," or "No."

Sincerely yours,

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I learned to sail on a boat that had been designed in 1935 for racing in stormy conditions in Wellington Harbour. It was an Idle-Along, 12 feet at the waterline, 6 feet wide for a crew of four. She could handle a lot of wind and if you did everything right, she could pick up her skirts and plane like a power boat. And you knew when you got it right because she would produce a thrumming vibration. If you got into trouble, some old story went, you let go of everything and hung on. Sure. Forty years later, they added a spinnaker, fitted trapeze harnesses and cut the crew to two—she was still good for a thrill.

My skipper didn't enjoy the pressure of serious racing, so when the Provincial I.A. Championships came up he appointed me skipper and asked me to find a crewman. I found Hugh Baxter, a dairy farmer like me, we flew cross-country together and were used to challenges. The weather for the contest was fine but wild. Violent wind changes kept us very busy on the

small lake. By the start of the race, the current champions and Hugh and I were leading with equal points – and we were the only two both left in the contest, all the others had retired with smashed rigging, there was even a broken mast. Our competitors were very professional, Hugh and I were regarded as the village idiots – after all, I had never skippered before and Hugh hadn't been on an Idle-Along.

The last event was more about surviving than racing – sometimes we won a leg, sometimes they did. Close to home we rounded the buoy with a 50 yard lead and took off down wind with a sail hanging out each side, going like a bat out of hell. Forget about flying the spinnaker! Then a mighty blast of wind came from above like a giant foot squashing us into the water. I saw the bow slip under the water and we slowed suddenly. I felt every sinew of the boat scream as she shuddered under the pressure. There was no way of sailing out of this one. And then I remembered – “when in trouble – let go of everything and Hang On! Hugh let the jib fly, I let go of the main and the rudder and we both hunkered down in the cockpit.

I'm not sure what happened next but the

crowd watching from the clubhouse said that our boat slowed suddenly, pirouetted three times and then sailed on. At some point I saw our rivals with their spinnaker and main boom in the water – they had problems. After the gust passed, we gathered all the loose ends and resumed sailing as if it had been a perfectly normal maneuver. We won by a comfortable margin. It was a profound lesson.

Sometimes staying in control does nothing but cause problems. Nothing was broken on our boat. There is a time to acknowledge when it's too much to handle and to get out before something breaks. Letting go after you've done all you can changes the game and allows something different to happen.

Letter to the Editor,

It is not ordained by fate. We must get smart about who we vote for in our local elections. It takes the wisdom and foresight of human intelligence to arrange our land use commitments in a way that preserves public safety and our natural resources. It is a delicate balancing act and cannot be done by everyone.

Get out and vote. In this election, Cheryl Thorp can do it. Vote Cheryl Thorp for commissioner.

Don't let someone else decide for you. They will if you don't mail in your ballot or go to the polls. Local politics is important and it does make a difference how many voters care enough to let their opinions be known at the secret ballot box.

I find Cheryl thoughtful and responsive and listening to local county wide needs. Representing the county wide interest takes a special talent. Right now special interests have invaded our local politics. Let's sweep out the old and bring in the new.

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