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Council Votes No on 37

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met a week ago on Monday night and heard from Chamber of Commerce president Jay Stoler. He presented the council with a proposal for a formal theme (Art, History and Health) for Port Orford and North Curry County. He asked the council to give their contingent approval so the Chamber can appoint a guideline committee to move forward. The committee will involve people from different organizations. The council consensus was to go for it. The Chamber will present monthly updates to the council on committee activities.

The council considered two letters from people objecting to a street closure on Tenth Street from Washington part way up that street towards Jackson. The request to close the street had come from the Port Orford Christian Center, which was planning to hold a youth festival at the church on the weekend. An owner of property and two renters of that property wrote letters and spoke at the council meeting as did representatives from the church. The people speaking against the street closure cited noise problems and

the desire to live in a quiet neighborhood. The Christian Center's new youth pastor Junior Childers said they could cut the outside activities off at 8:00pm on Friday night rather than the proposed 9:30pm. Councilor Jim Campbell made a motion to allow the closure of Tenth Street as long as no activities go on past 8:00pm and it passed 6-0.

The council voted 5-1 on a motion by councilor Carl Eskelson to allow one poker table at Paula's Bistro with \$5.00 poker chips maximum.

NCFCC Director Tere Tronson gave the council an update on the Community Building upgrade. She said they have finished Phase 1 as part of a plan to make the building a better performance space. She said they wanted to expand the stage out by eight feet to put on musicals and have more room for performers on the stage.

The council discussed the recruitment process for a new police chief. City Administrator Ken Knight recommended the applications for police chief be in to the city by December 4 because of the amount of pre-screening they will require. Councilor Campbell said people wouldn't apply because they couldn't meet the city specs. The advertisement for police chief as written by Ken Knight has been read to the council and public.


It was printed in this paper last week but that ad was not correct. The council didn't go along with the requirements as written by Knight and recommended the ad follow the job qualification requirements used by the City of Dundee, Oregon. The Dundee requirements would open up the Port Orford police chief job to many more applicants. It eliminates the requirement "five years of progressively responsible administrative experience in law enforcement in a position equivalent to sergeant or higher" from the job description.

Councilor Ed Beck said he wants the chief to live within a certain response time. Knight said that could be included in the chief's contract. Mike Campbell told the council we had a local well-qualified guy to do the job in Mark Creighton.

The issue of hiring an interim police chief was raised. City attorney John B. Trew said the council needed to go through their procedures in hiring an interim chief. Ken Knight said he had a chief lined up – a retired police chief from Sandy, Oregon who is not interested in the full time job. This person had been "vetted" by the Oregon Police Chief's Association according to Knight. He said the person would work four ten-

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Sat Oct 30, 2004	2:19a 6.2	7:23a 3.4	1:15p 7.6	8:18p -0.4	7:49a	6:13p	7:38p	11:09a				
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Tue Nov 2, 2004	3:54a 5.6	8:21a 4.5	1:58p 6.6	9:33p 0.6	6:53a	5:09p	8:59p	12:43p				
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hour shifts and go back home on his weekends.

Councilor Beck asked if the council could do a one-week process for an interim chief. Councilor Jim Auburn said the hiring process for an interim chief doesn't need to be as thorough as for the full time chief. The council decided to advertise for two weeks for an interim police chief and have the personnel committee review the applications.

Outgoing councilor Jim Campbell recommended that when the City gets a new police chief that person needs to communicate with the council more frequently. Campbell suggested four times a years for a half hour before the monthly council meeting.

The council next tackled Measure 37, which is on the November 2 ballot. The

council considered Resolution 2005-07, which would put the council on record as opposing Measure 37. Administrator Knight said there was much opposition to Measure 37, which would cause government agencies to compensate land-owners for their property use. Knight said Measure 37 eliminates zoning and used as an example that the city couldn't impose erosion controls on property owners. Councilor Campbell disagreed and said it wouldn't eliminate zoning. City Attorney Trew said the Resolution would express the sense of the council. Councilor Auburn made a motion for the council to adopt Resolution 2005-07 and it passed a deeply conflicted city council by a vote of 4-2 with Campbell and Beck voting no and Auburn, Eskelson, Francona and Jerry Steinhorst voting yes.

The council unanimously approved Resolution 2005-08, which urges the Oregon Legislature and Governor to clarify the Oregon Revised Statutes so cities can


maintain their water rights and obtain new water rights.

The council passed Resolution 2005-09 (Police Tax Levy Funds with a 6-0 yes vote. This resolution puts the council on record that, "if possible in law, and if the Police Tax Levy, Ballot Measure 08-48 passes on November 2, the funds from this tax received by the City will be used for a local Police Department."

The council was presented with a request from the Port Orford Public Library to split the cost of a new heating system for the library. The library has offered to pay half the estimated \$3,449 cost and plans on moving out into a new library in 2006 the council was positive about the idea. Ken Knight said this is an unbudgeted item. The council consensus was for the administrator to look for the funds.

The City has received several Transient Lodging Tax grant applications. The TLT


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committee will meet convene and come back with recommendations for the council at their December meeting.

Councilor Auburn made a motion to approve the ORS 190 agreement with the Curry County Sheriff's Department and it passed 6-0. This agreement provides a 30-day period of supervision by the Sheriff's Department of Office Scott Halse. The correct ad for "interim" police chief appears in another section of this paper this week.

Letter to the Editor,

Wake up my friends – I agree with Jerry Langston's letter last week when he said that no one should, or ought to be told how they should vote. By voting to endorse Measure 37 by the city council (with the exception of Jim Campbell and Ed Beck) that are saying that the community as a whole are voting for it! That is called dictatorship. I do not think that the City Council should get involved in the political game. Makes you wonder what council members would benefit by this Measure. Who told the City Administrator and Attorney to make up this resolu-

tion? The City Administrator supports the Measure and he hasn't lived here long enough to know how this community lives.

My next comment is about the City Charter. The Mayor should not be able to vote except in a tie. Look up your Rules of Order. That would give the Mayor a lot of unnecessary power. As most of you know, I can not vote on anything in the city as I live outside the city limits but I still pay property taxes as I own property here. I should have moved to my office like a candidate for City Council did but then I don't need for my nose to grow any longer.

My next comment is who is the boss around our area? Approximately eight years ago we had a City Administrator who was dominating and it caused a lot of problems. The City Council, as stated in the Charter, made her aware that they were the bosses and the Administrator was relieved of her duties because a compromise could not be reached. Looks like a power struggle is going on once again. At one of the prior meetings the current Administrator stated that he was the one that did all the firing and hiring. How come the police liaison officer was

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not informed of any of the goings on with Chief Rush? Seems as if four council members were the only ones that received complaints, they in turn told the Administrator, and them must have all decided which avenue to take to get rid our the Police Chief? They forgot to tell two council members, Jim Campbell the police liaison, and Carl Eskelson. If the police levy fails I think we all know who had a big hand in helping it sink. The attitude towards hiring Mark Creighton by a city employee and the botched up handling of the so called resignation of Chief Rush. Anyway, this is my opinion and like I said, time to wake up, my friends.

Mary O. Loan

Letter to the Editor,

I have been a resident of Port Orford for 12 years and have seen numerous police officers come and go! We need someone who lives here and knows the area. Good guys, bad guys, etc. We have such a person in Mark Creighton who has a wide range of experience in law enforcement. He is more than qualified for the job of Chief of Police. He is well respected and relates well to the people in the area. I think the City Administrator should tread lightly in this issue and let the council members who are all long time residents of Port Orford make the decision who should be our next Chief of Police.

Charles Forsyth

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Letter to the Editor,

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Measure 37 will tend to restore our landowners' prerogatives. If governmental officials forbid our using our own land, Measure 37 would force them to compensate us justly. Some officials have protested that making them pay so much money would bankrupt them.

Maybe their protests betray their intentions.

Vote for Measure 37 and send them this

message: respect my rights or pay the price!

Sincerely,

Gordon F. Corbett

[Editor's Response: Gordon, I agree with your basic position but not with your conclusion that we should vote for Measure 37. I see several problems with the way this measure is written. 1) The definitions are too loose which will lead to a lot of expensive court cases, 2) Payments will be required for actions that were taken by the state decades ago. If we are to enact such a law, it should apply only to new actions and not those that took place before we were born. 3) The measure provides no money to make such payments and that means higher taxes or still more money diverted from schools, police, public health, and other important departments. 4) Fair is fair. If the government has to pay when their rules decrease property value, why not

have the property owners pay when the value is raised? You don't see that in this measure do you? This measure has all the signs of being concocted by some greedy landowners who see a way to make a quick windfall at taxpayers expense. I voted NO on 37. - Valerie Kramer]

Letter to the Editor,

I want to correct a glaring error in Jerry Langston's letter of 10-20-04 in the Port Orford News. Langston claims that the Chamber of Commerce and Jim Auburn are behind an initiative to change the city charter. This is absolutely untrue and couldn't be further from the truth.

The Chamber has no official position on the city charter amendment.

Please let the record stand corrected.

Thank you.

Jay Stoler, President
Port Orford and North Curry
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Letter to the Editor,

Thank you to all of the Port Orford folks who have encouraged me and supported my efforts to become your next state senator. I enjoyed marching in your parade and meeting all the enthusiastic voters and candidates who make up your vibrant community.

I regret I was unable to attend all of the forums the League of Women Voters put on. As many of you know, I live in Roseburg and am an early riser (4:30am) so I was unable to attend the consecutive forums in Gold Beach, Port Orford, and Brookings.

Had I been able to attend, I would have assured you that I am committed to bringing affordable health care to all Oregonians, in part by working to eliminate the undue political influence wielded by the pharmaceutical industry, and by eliminating the exclusion of small business from the drug purchasing pool legislation passed by the House in the last session. I will continue to push for importation of medicine from Canada in spite of the roadblocks the pharmaceutical companies have in place.

I am committed to increasing government efficiency; I look forward to reading the upcoming report on spending in the Department of Education and to hearing ideas from state workers on how we can eliminate government waste.

I will also find ways to encourage business to keep production in Oregon rather than moving facilities off shore. (It is unpatriotic to base a business in the

Bahamas just to avoid paying taxes; corporate boards that condone this kind of behavior should be ashamed of themselves.)

You may learn more about my positions by visiting my website: brucecronk.com.

Thank you again for your support,

Sincerely,

Bruce Cronk

- County commissioner from 1999 to 2001
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- Thinks current commissioners were wrong to take big raises while county services were being cut



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Letter to the Editor,

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We know now that there was no connection between Saddam Hussein in Iraq and Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda, 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center.

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nation for the invasion of Iraq. Hu-rrah for the CIA. Then information began surfacing from newspaper and wire service reporters, then from insiders in the Bush administration.

Now America needs to heal from the mass hysteria based upon crafted intelligence that Bush used to galvanize support for the invasion of Iraq, post 9/11. No one misses Saddam Hussein, but George Bush has torn apart Iraq and America and we will now face the consequences of this President's terrible legacy.

Instead of a five trillion dollar projected national budget surplus, in just four years of George Bush we have a projected three trillion dollar national deficit.

If you add to that debt the fact that our nation has lost more jobs during this Presidency than during any time in our

nation's history, you will realize Bush has put this nation in economic recession.

We need to heal. We need to restore international diplomatic relations with foreign countries severed during the Bush administration. America needs a jobs program. We need to tax untaxed US offshore corporations and raise the taxes paid by Americans with incomes higher than \$200,000.00. John Kerry and John Edwards will do that, but they will not raise taxes on middle America.

In America today, more Americans are uninsured and need affordable health-care than at any time in our nations history. But Bush refuses to help America.

Bush tried to buy off America with tax rebates while inflation in the cost of living, the cost of unemployment benefits, the rising cost of health care premiums and the national deficit have walked away with our wallets, as well as social security and Medicare funding. He has stolen the funding for our children's futures and the funding necessary to maintain the physical infrastructures of our nations cities. His administration has initiated the rollback of more than 200 major environmental laws reducing clean air and water standards for corporate profits, in a program of polluter protection.

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John Roorbach

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Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber has been busy the last week. On Monday evening the city council consensually approved Phase One of putting together a committee to implement guidelines for the theme of Art, History and Healthy Recreation. The chamber is seeking a committee comprised of a cross section of community members. See this publication for the official advertisement.

On Thursday Chamber members had a presentation from Joe Schweinhart of Associated Oregon Industries in Salem, a 20,000 member strong organization of Oregon businesses. Schweinhart's presentation covered the ballot measures in the upcoming elections and looked at the reasoning behind them. AOI presents workshops and seminars to chambers and community groups all over Oregon.

The Chamber is looking for members to run for board positions in the chamber election in December.

The next meeting will be the regular board meeting on Nov. 8 at 1:00p.m. at the Crazy Norwegians restaurant.

Letter to the Editor,

We have a few people on the city council who are up for reelection – Francona, Auburn, and Eskelson. I am voting for and supporting only one – Carl Eskelson. During the sewer rate debates I attended all the workshops and meetings. All three said good things about the rates being unfair and the need to something for the residents especially working and elderly families.

They did absolutely nothing to aid us except put us on a long path of increases every year, both base and commodity. The only one who tried to help us was Carl. He wanted the people of Port Orford to decide their future, but at every meeting he was voted down by Francona, Auburn and others.



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Caroline Clancy

Savannah Georgia Tremmel

Savannah Georgia Tremmel was born in 1933 and raised in Red Star, Arkansas. She moved to the state of Washington in 1946. Savannah met and married William Tremmel in 1969. They set up house in Washougal, Washington. Savannah was a loving, caring mother to her five daughters and one stepdaughter.

Savannah was an excellent homemaker as well as working outside the home while raising her family. Her love of the ocean led her and Bill to retire on the south coast of Oregon buying their retirement home here in Port Orford in 1999. She was an active volunteer at the Port Orford Senior Center and she enjoyed her membership with the local chapter of the Red Hat Society. Savannah enjoyed exercising by walking her dogs around town and on local beaches. She also loved to travel and go shopping and did so fairly often when she visited with her children who live in the state of Washington.



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La Bonte for Commissioner By Evan Kramer

Lucie La Bonte is running for her second term as Curry County Commissioner in position #3. She has proven over the past four years to be North Curry County's commissioner. If there's a meeting in Port Orford regarding Garrison Lake, Agate Beach State Park, fishing issues, police issues and more you can count on La Bonte being here. She was instrumental in putting together a Garrison Lake outlet meeting and has worked for solutions for the problems with the lake flooding. La Bonte worked with State Parks to acquire 35 acres at Agate Beach for a new state park. La Bonte has had previous experience in Port management at Gold Beach and Brookings and is an active member of the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association. Since fishing is the number one job producer in Port Orford it's a good business to have a commissioner on board with her Port experience.

There hasn't been a county commissioner from North Curry County since 1986. La Bonte is the closest we've come to having local representation. Let's keep her on the job for another four years.

Letter to the Editor,

How many slogans does one little town need? This question hit me when I read that the Chamber of Commerce is “putting together a committee to create implementation guidelines for the theme” “along the Hwy 101 downtown area.” Second, where will that downtown area begin and end?

We are already known as the “Oldest Townsite on the Oregon Coast”, “The town where the trees meet the ocean”, “The Gateway to America’s Wild Rivers Coast” say nothing of our reputation for Fishing, Art and History. Extensive advertising has been given to each of the above themes. Sooooo, again I ask, why do we need another theme? I can see the intention behind a theme for our downtown area. But is that really what we want? A theme town?

I think we would be much better served to build and develop on our History, we have pictures to guide us. Our history and the present also include, very importantly, the Fishing and Art in our wonderful little town. These are destination attractions and should not be overlooked just for the sake of a new theme. History, Fishing and Art in the Oldest Townsite on the Oregon Coast.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Bonnell

October Port Meeting By Jane Cramer

All commissioners – Gifford Barnes, Ed Dowdy, Dave Knapp, Evan Kramer and George Welch - as well as Port Manager Gary Anderson were present at the October 19 regular meeting of the Port Commission.

As there was no public comment, the commission proceeded directly to Old Business with a report from Dowdy on the recent DEQ Assessment of the site at

Fifth Street and Harbor Drive. The report shows that the contamination goes deeper in some places than previously thought. Soil removed would have to be hauled away to a specifically designated site in eastern Oregon at a cost of \$430 per ton. Estimated minimal cost could be \$30,000 to \$50,000 to remove, but could go as high as \$90,000 to \$100,000. Jane Cramer asked about the possibility of using biological methods such as insects to remove the contamination instead of hauling it away. Dowdy said he would check into the possibility. He also said there was a possibility of leaving the site as is, bringing in 2’ of fill and capping it with asphalt or pouring a concrete slab over the top with the footings outside the present building footprint. Dowdy mentioned there might also be a chance of an EPA grant for cleanup, particularly if a business was interested in leasing the property.

There has been no specific progress on the problem of liability insurance for contractors working on dock projects. Dowdy made a motion that the commissioners establish a policy that no workman works on the dock unless they have liability insurance. The motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioners also reviewed a letter from Senator Smith to Port Manager Anderson in which the Senator acknowledges the importance of dredging for shallow draft ports.

Under New Business Commissioners voted unanimously to accept the 2002-03 Auditor’s report.

Commissioners also agreed that Anderson should write a letter to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) about the groundfish closure and weigh in with the Port’s recommendations on the groundfish regulation problem.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from ODFW about additional pre-season soft shell testing to be done this year.

Commissioners decided there was too much involved in review and acceptance of the Strategic Plan to be handled at a regular meeting. A special meeting dedicated to review of the Strategic Plan will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 4 in the Gable Council Chambers. The public is invited to attend and offer comments. The Plan will be available in the Port Orford Public Library and the Port Office for members of the public to review.

Commissioners also discussed the idea of a community based fish management plan that could be implemented if the Port were to buy up permits to lease out. They agreed that Leesa Cobb should be invited to speak to the commission on this issue at a future meeting.

The last item of New Business concerned a survey needed for application for a Community Development Block Grant. Since the Library District and the Port District cover the same areas, they could share the cost of the survey, which would be good for ten years. Anderson will check into getting a grant to pay for the survey and will report back to the commission.

Review of the Manager’s Report showed that the Port is down to 30 boats on the dock. Problems with the pump in the diesel tank, status of the freezer repairs and work on the roof of the electrical building were also covered. Anderson has attended a grant writing class as well as an ODFW sport groundfish public input session.

The Port has applied for a beautification grant from the city for \$2,000 to buy spray for the gorse and some plants to go alongside the dock road.

After a brief review of the financial report the meeting was adjourned.

Time Change!

Don’t forget to reset your clocks back an hour this weekend! “Spring Ahead, Fall Back.”

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antibiotic ointment directly on the wound to maintain moisture and keep out bacteria.

Wound care — specifically for chronic sores and ulcers caused by medical conditions or surgeries — is now a highly specialized field.

As a longtime nurse and graduate of the Wound, Ostomy, Contenance Nurse Education Program at the University of Texas, Anderson Cancer Center, I’ve been treating patients with chronic wounds in Curry County for more than a year now.

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Port Report

This past week had a few tense moments with three vessels moored in the harbor. The Shenanagen operated by Rob Ash-down, was too large to lift. Even with the anchor out and three mooring blocks tied to it the boat continued to move towards shore. Rob was forced to drag the mooring blocks tight up under the jetty and ride out the storm on the boat.

The second boat, the Cumulus from Darwin Australia was on his way to San Francisco when he was forced into our port on Monday night. He sat on one of the locally owned moorings until Thursday morning when he left for Brookings.

The third boat, the La Frigata owned by John Ott, wasn’t so lucky. Early Tuesday morning it broke free of it’s mooring and went to the beach where the center hull was holed. John determined that the hole was too substantial to save the boat and so salvage began. Late in the afternoon a call was made to the DEQ requesting permission to burn the vessel as it was a hazard to the public because of it’s shifting in the surf. Permission was given and about 5pm Tuesday the vessel was burned.

The first draft of the Port’s strategic plan has arrived and there is a copy in the Library as well as the Port office. Public comment is being sought and there will be a special board meeting, to which the public is invited, Thursday Nov. 4 at 7:00pm at City Hall to review the plan.

Vote for

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Letter to the Editor,

The City of Port Orford Charter Ordinance 276 was adopted September 9, 1975. There have been no additions or subtractions to the text of the Charter over the intervening years.

Therefore the 1975 Charter until changed reflects the laws the City of Port Orford must abide by.

Nowhere in the entire Charter is mention made of a City Administrator or that functions are delegated to him.

How then can Ken Knight assume the authority of hiring and firing employees of the City? Or be instrumental in ejecting our police chief?

Also in the same vein this controversy whereby he has preselected a law enforcement officer to replace Chief Rush is out of his purview.

Until the new 2005 Charter is adopted by a vote of the people the only body that can participate in the above mentioned areas are the city council members, city attorney, and resident input.

Why Mayor Doran has allowed the City Administrator to violate the parameters of his jurisdiction is mystifying.

As a consequence of administrative interference a valued retired law enforcer, Mark Creighton, who resides in Port Orford and bears all the qualifications of serving as chief officer of the City has been shunted aside primarily, as I previously said, because Ken Knight had preselected his man for the police chief.

I would like Mayor Doran to explain why the City Administrator is permitted to sit at his side during council meetings acting as an advisor and influencing the board's decisions.

Louis Mincer

Mentors Sought

Bridges Advocacy and Outreach Center's Mentoring Program "Friends for Youth" is seeking qualified volunteers to assist youth and young adults with disabilities ages 16 -24. BAOC volunteers are people who care deeply about youth and young adults. The youth and young adults helped by BAOC volunteers are in great need of social skills, job skills and most importantly need a "Friend" a "Mentor". BAOC Mentors provide friendship, positive role modeling and goal setting.

To volunteer as a mentor in Coos and Curry counties, applicants must be able to attend a one-hour training session. Applicants will be screened through interviews and reference checks. The Mentoring program is accepting applications and will conduct training Wednesday Oct. 27 from 6-7:00 pm at the Newmark Center in room 228. For more information, contact Julie Miles at 297-7328.

Safety First On Halloween

Halloween is a fun time for kids and parents alike. You can make sure it's a safe Halloween for your children by remembering these simple safety tips:



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- **Make sure they have a working flashlight to use at night.**
- **Have your children travel in groups with an accompanying adult.**
- **Turn on outside lights to welcome trick-or-treaters to your house.**
- **Reflective material sewn into costumes can be a lifesaver.**
- **Masks can obscure vision. Exercise a bit of creativity and use non-toxic makeup instead.**
- **Check all treats before they're eaten. For even more safety, throw out fruit and any candy that isn't wrapped.**

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DeFazio for Congress By Evan Kramer

US Representative Peter DeFazio is running for a tenth term representing the fourth congressional district. DeFazio is a great American and Oregonian. He has made this conservative district his own through lots of work and paying attention to his constituents and their needs.

DeFazio brings home the bacon to his district whether it's \$3.5 million for a new dock at the Port of Port Orford, \$10 million for the rebuilt Highway 101 bridge over the Rogue River, and millions for rebuilding the Coos Bay rail bridge and a new control tower at North

Bend Airport. He regularly holds town hall meetings in his geographically large district and is no stranger to Port Orford where he is on a first name basis with many people. He is a lifesaver for southern Oregon coast ports including Port Orford. When the Bush Administration cut all dredging fund in the fiscal year 2004-05 budget to small south coast ports Congressman DeFazio went to bat for us. He got the House to approve \$2.2 million in dredging funds. No dredging funds equals no Port of Port Orford. A vote for DeFazio is a vote for our Ports, our infrastructure and our troops in Iraq. Remember when DeFazio when to Waco, Texas to check on how Oregon National Guardsmen were being treated and their

lack of proper equipment. He also traveled to Iraq and has done his best to make sure our troops have body armor and properly armored vehicles.

The one candidate on the ballot who I am most proud to have voted for is Peter DeFazio. Let's give him a tenth term in office.

Lenihan Trio at Paula's

The Pete Lenihan Trio entertains for you enjoyment on Saturday night at Paula's Bistro from 7:00-10:00pm. The Lenihan Trio is Pete Lenihan on keyboards, Ted Owen on drums and Ryan Collins on guitar.

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Letter to the Editor,

I don't mind paying taxes. I wish I didn't have to pay so much, but taxes are the way we collectively pay for public safety and health, education, roads and bridges, and other necessary public services. But what really angers me is that some are not paying their fair share, and the burden of funding government is falling more and more on the shoulders of those of us who earn a paycheck. Big corporations and large commercial landowners have shifted their responsibilities to support public services over to us in the past several years.

Wayne Krieger seems to think this is an OK arrangement. He opposed raising the minimum Oregon corporate income tax from \$10.00 (almost one half of corporations paying state taxes paid this minimum) to a measly \$25.00. And he opposed eliminating the "Hummer" tax break for folks who buy these super-sized SUV's but aren't doing construction, agriculture or logging, the very kinds of operations that may require this kind of vehicle.

That's why am voting for Dr. Charlie Hochberg to represent me in Oregon House District 1. He told me he would work very hard in Salem to re-equalize the cost of supporting essential govern-

ment services. He said everyone needs to pay their fair share and that Krieger must think that the fat cats should be able to skate.

Join me in voting for Charlie Hochberg and get a little fairness back into the system.

Sincerely,

Tom Seither

Coos-Curry Electric Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. has been scheduled for 10:00am on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Cooperative's headquarters in Port Orford.



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Cell Cycle is trying to help raise \$20,000 for Melissa's doctor visits and the much-needed surgery from her new physician. We are encouraging individuals, groups and employees to work together to help raise money for Melissa. Cell Cycle will donate 100% of the money raised to Melissa's cause. The more cell phones that are collected, the more money Cell

Cycle will be able to donate.

Cell Cycle is collecting these outdated, unused, and broken phones and then donating the proceeds to help fund Melissa Fraley's much needed surgery.

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Letter to the Editor,

I am very disappointed that both publications in Port Orford have demonstrated irresponsibility by advocating for the appointment of Mark Creighton as police chief. This before any proper search for alternatives has been conducted.

Why even have a city government if you favor mob rule?

One faction in town is determined to promote their "favorite son" at all costs because he is "from here". Do they plan to use "their" chief to browbeat the rest of the residents?

The silent majority in town may have no

other option to stop this steamroller than to vote "no" on the upcoming police levy.

Sincerely,

Tom Mysiewicz

[Editor's Response: Taking a reasonable position on an issue, or in this case a candidate, is not "irresponsible". What would be irresponsible would be to spend taxpayer money to find, import, and train someone from out of the area then have them leave shortly thereafter (again) when we already have a local candidate who is highly qualified, well respected, and committed to staying in Port Orford. – Valerie Kramer]

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Letter to the Editor,

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By criss-crossing House District 1, Rep. Krieger is touted for keeping in touch with his constituency and who understands and worries about the impact of a sluggish economy on rural Oregonians. For four years all he has done is travel and visit and to date has come up with zilch ideas that lead to a solution. We don't need understanding and worrying, We need action!

Oregonians do not need more empty talk! It is time for change! To restore integrity to the Oregon Legislature and to revitalize the Oregon Health Plan, we need a representative that is innovative AND has the ability to work constructively with colleagues. Charles Hochburg is that person. He has delivered over 10,000 babies and Charlie says, "When the baby is coming, you have to make decisions— Nature is in charge. You can't stand pat on ideological belief and do nothing. My training is to get things done."

Charlie will be a mover in the legislature. To get things done, Vote Charles Hochburg for Representative House District 1.

Gail Rathbun

Letter to the Editor,

Regarding a surprise write-in vote. The Town Hall meeting Wednesday on the

city charter was congenial. We all behaved ourselves, the gist was, it will fail but they will keep trying to get it through.

I don't like personal attacks, because the issues are more important, such as enterprise zones and charter re-writes. I did think Jim Auburn a little premature, thinking his election, running unopposed was a no brainer. Surprise, Mark Creighton will now be running as a write in candidate for Mayor. This could well be a first time event that a write in takes the election. The balance of power in our city government would again be restored. All we need then is to get a couple of those candidates who lost in '98 to run again as write-ins for city council and, who knows, we could get a meaningful discussion going. Our charter is our bible, they said it, I didn't, and you don't mess with the bible now do you?

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NEW MOVIES THIS WEEK: "Dawn of the Dead", "White Chicks", "Adrenaline Rush", "Missing Brendan", "Frankenstein", "In Enemy Hands", "Control Room", and "Grand Theft Parsons".. New movies being released Tuesday, Nov. 2 include "Around the World in 80 Days" and on Friday, Nov. 5, "Shrek 2". Please remember items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. Reservations must be prepaid so cannot be taken over the phone. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. Open 9:30-6 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-7 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

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