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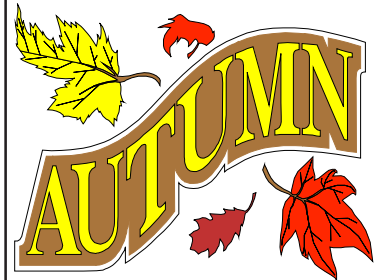
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**Thursday, September 22**  
**First Day of Fall**

*[The following letter was received this week from Jean Shank. We felt it was so significant that it deserved to be our lead article. - Editors]*

## **To the Owner/Members of Coos Curry Electric, 9-21-05:**

After almost 3 years of working to improve Coos Curry Electric's business practices, I find the lack of progress and inability to promote cooperative values so frustrating and discouraging that my health has been affected. Therefore, I am resigning and I sincerely apologize to you all.

As a member of the Policy and By-laws Committee, starting July 2004, I put in an average of 3 hours a day, seven days a week studying and working on Board policies that would upgrade CCEC's business activities and ethical practices. Few of these policies made it out of committee, and those that did, were not approved by the Board.

I voted for the increase in rates because we were so in debt and on shaky ground financially. We are in better shape now.

I voted for the first increase in General Manager Buehler's salary as he had done an amazing job in turning around the financial issues and had followed the strategic plan suggested by the National

Rural Electric Association's Business Audit. I was not able to stop the 2nd and 3rd salary raise in Mr. Buehler's first year. (He is now making approximately \$45,000 more annually than our last General Manager who had worked for CCEC for 9 years). Mr. Buehler's salary is 22% higher than the highest salary on the Fall 2004 Northwest Public Power Association's salary scale. I don't think we need high rates to pay for this type of salary.

I was not able to stop the Board's approval of a generous severance agreement for Mr. Buehler that Terry Hanscam, Chairman, had worked up with the co-op attorney. I have since found out that severance agreements are not standard for electric cooperatives in Oregon.

I was not able to push a policy through the Policy Committee that would control the amount of money that the General Manager could spend outside the approved budget or that he could borrow without board approval from our Line of Credit with CFC, our banker.

I was shocked when the Brookings' Directors and the General Manager made the decision overnight and purchased property in Brookings adjacent to the Brookings CCEC office for \$750,000. The CCEC Board was first informed

about the property the day before at the Strategic Planning meeting, but hadn't heard anything previously about a need for this type of expansion. The Board did not approve the purchase and it was not included in the approved annual budget. (Incidentally, the second day's strategic planning meeting started ½ hour after management submitted the bid.)

One of the final straws that showed me where the rest of the board stood was when the executive committee (Hanscam, Thomas, Itzen, and Lund) proposed a Board Policy #75 change where the General Manager could direct staff members not to speak to individual Board members. The majority of the Board approved. What does this mean? According to the State Of Oregon's Cooperative law ORS 62.283, the Director is responsible to do research for accurate information if he/she feels that the information given by upper management/"experts" may not be correct or trustworthy. But the majority of the Board knowingly approved this

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Sat Sep 24, 2005	6:14a	5.3	10:47a	4.1	4:46p	6.6			7:07a	7:12p	11:07p	3:06p	3Q
Sun Sep 25, 2005	12:22a	0.7	7:44a	5.2	12:07p	4.4	5:53p	6.2	7:08a	7:10p	12:01a	3:54p	
Mon Sep 26, 2005	1:35a	0.9	9:00a	5.4	1:41p	4.4	7:13p	6.1	7:09a	7:08p	12:59a	4:33p	
Tue Sep 27, 2005	2:41a	0.9	9:51a	5.6	2:55p	4.0	8:27p	6.1	7:10a	7:06p	2:00a	5:08p	
Wed Sep 28, 2005	3:34a	0.8	10:28a	5.9	3:48p	3.6	9:27p	6.3	7:11a	7:05p	3:02a	5:34p	
Thu Sep 29, 2005	4:17a	0.8	10:56a	6.1	4:29p	3.0	10:16p	6.5	7:12a	7:03p	4:03a	5:56p	

## Jean Shank Letter Continued from Front Cover

policy that I feel is counter to the ORS law.

Board Policies and By-laws have not been followed, even when I brought them to the attention of the Board.

Now I'm also concerned about the aging of the infrastructure of poles, substations, and wires throughout Coos Curry Electric Service territory, especially the rural areas of Port Orford; and surrounding Bandon, Coquille, Myrtle Point, Powers. It is my understanding that management does not have a system in place that puts the appropriate number of crewmembers on site in a timely fashion. Identified rotten poles, prior to January 1, have only partially been changed out. More rotten poles are being identified. We have had a very good weather year through July and the work was not done.

Now climatologists are predicting a long, hard winter in Oregon, which means heavy winds and rain for us on the coast. High winds and rotten poles are not a healthy combination. CCEC's main focus appears to be the new development sites in Brookings/Harbor. I believe that CCEC needs to focus on the safety and integrity of the entire system.

After due consideration and sleepless nights, I have had to realize that I cannot put the meaning of the word "cooperative" back into CCEC's management and Board's bottom line; or the importance of remembering that the Owner/Members are at the top of the chain of command.

Who will be the new Director? We have a Langlois district member who was elected Director as of the June 2005 Annual Meeting. He was not allowed to take his position because the Port Orford and Langlois Districts were combined in the

new By-Laws 2005. It would seem appropriate that this elected Director now take my seat. His name is Daryl Robison from Sixes. Our By-laws state that the Board shall appoint whomever they wish from the district of the resigning director. I respectfully recommend that they follow the decision made by the Owner/Members, June 2005, and appoint elected Daryl Robison to my position.

This is my formal resignation.

Jean Shank  
Former CCEC Director

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To mark National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a \$5 gift certificate will be given to any woman who schedules a mammogram, in October, at Brookings Medical Center or Curry General Hospital. The coupons can be used to purchase men's and women's clothing and accessories in Bree's upscale resale boutique in the Brookings-Harbor Shopping Center. The Bree's Foundation raises funds for breast health education, early detection screening and support services through its retail stores, also located in Bandon and Coquille.

The American Cancer Society recommends annual mammograms after 40; clinical breast exams every three years for women 20 to 39, and annually starting at 40; and a thorough, monthly breast self-exam beginning at age 20. Women at increased risk – those with a personal or family history of breast cancer – should talk with their doctor about the screening plan that is right for them.

Excluding skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women. Advances in early detection and treatment, however, are allowing more wom-

en to conquer the disease. Death rates from breast cancer declined significantly from 1992 to 1998, with the largest decrease in young women.

Women in the Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings areas may be eligible for free mammograms, according to Ann Carmack, radiological technologist with the Curry General Hospital Breast Health Network. To be eligible for a free screening, women must fit federal guidelines set by the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, says Dave Manzella, health educator with the Curry County Public Health Department.

Patients should be between 50 and 64, and hold no insurance with either private insurers or the Oregon Health Plan. Additionally, their family income should not exceed 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. For a family of one, monthly income should fall under \$1,994. The monthly income for two must be under \$2,673; the monthly income for three must be under \$3,352.

Patients can schedule mammograms Mondays and Wednesdays in Curry General Hospital, 94220 Fourth St. To make an appointment, phone the Curry Breat

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On Monday, October 10, participants will learn about types of "Foundations;" what they fund and grant worthiness. Tuesday's seminar will guide participants through the fundamental components of writing formal "Foundation Grant Proposals." A third seminar on "Applied Grant Writing" is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, October 12 and 13. This is a two-day, hands-on grant writing lab in which participants must have attended Tuesday's seminar. A Friday, October 14 session will focus on "Government Grant Writing." The process of federal grant writing will be covered in detail.

Preregistration for the seminars is required. For information about each seminar's time and cost, call the Southwestern Oregon Community College at (541) 469-5017 or (541) 247-2741. Discounts are offered for registration prior to October 3. The Grant Writing Institute is sponsored by Nonprofit Educational Resources and the Southwestern Business Development Center.

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## Tichenor Terrace Approved

The Port Orford Planning Commission met for their regular monthly session last Tuesday, Sept. 12 at City Hall. Under the guidance of new Planning Director Jodi Ferrin, they heard and approved a development application that was described by Commissioner Frank Smith as the "cleanest application I've seen in my five years on the Commission."

The Hearing for Application PO S-0503 was the only real matter of significance on the agenda, but took nearly two hours to conduct as all of nearly 15 separate steps had to be executed in a precise order.

All Commissioners were in attendance but only Joyce Spicer had to excuse herself from the panel as she works in the 'Neath the Wind Real Estate office, one of the agents for the petitioner. Spicer stepped down into the audience for the hearing. While other Commissioners did

have contact with the petitioner outside of the Hearing, none of them deemed themselves unable to render a fair and objective decision.

With the conflict segment over with, the Hearing started with those in favor of the project being approved. The first to come forward was Ken Gibson, agent for Esther Winters, the applicant. Along with Gibson, was Tor Flatebo, project engineer ready to answer questions from the Planning Commission.

The proposal requested the approval of Tentative Plat and Plan for a subdivision tilted Tichenor Terrace, creating seven lots, construction of a street, public water and sewer lines and the division of the subject property in smaller lots for residential use.

Gibson pointed out that the seven proposed lots would average 12,500 square feet each, well above the 5,000 square foot minimum. The entire parcel is just

over two and a half acres in size and is zoned residential 1-R. The location of the property is on the east side of Tichenor Cemetery Road just north of Coast Guard Hill Road within the city limits of Port Orford on Assessor Map; 33-15-05CA, tax Lot; 900. Gibson and Flatebo presented well-drawn maps showing the topography and drainage plan, a description of the water supply method, and street standards.

Commissioner Dave Holman asked about the base and surface topping of the streets and was told by Flatebo that they would use an eight-inch base with a two inch surface topping. They had a street grade map which conformed to city standards.

The staff review had a letter from Dave Pace that had a few comments and a fax from SHN Engineers that had a few comments. However, the overall staff review was one recommending approval.

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The seven lots will be part of a homeowners association that the buyers of the property will be members of and will have specific rules and standards to follow. This met with the approval of the Commission.

While there were adjacent property owners in the audience, there were no parties against the application. In fact, adjacent property owner Pat Buffington who was at the Hearing will actually benefit from the new six-inch water line that will be installed.

With all of their questions answered, the Commissioners spent very little time in discussion and moved and seconded the motion and unanimously approved the application.

In other PC News: The Deady street development application was continued until October.

The Planning Commission wants to have a workshop/town hall meeting with a professional facilitator. Commissioner Joyce Kinney said that too many times town hall meetings become unfocused



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and turn in to whining sessions. Planning Director Jodi Ferrin offered to find a facilitator from outside the area, Commissioner Michelle Duarte suggested getting feedback from the public via the media and then compiling a list of items for the facilitator to focus on at the actual meeting.

The Planning Commission meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in City Hall.

### Snowy Plover Meeting

Oregon State Parks coastal coordinator Calum Stevenson said on Friday, September 16, that 10 people had written him requesting a public meeting regarding the application for Snowy Plover habitat restoration.

The permit application for restoration of snowy plover habitat on the Elk River spit came from rancher and property owner of the area affected Scott McKenzie. It takes the written requests of a minimum of ten people to schedule a public hearing on the request. Stevenson said the meeting would be held sometime during the first two weeks in Octo-

ber in Port Orford. The location hasn't been set but tentatively it will be held at the Community Building. Stevenson promised the meeting would be well publicized and acknowledged there was a high level of public interest.

Stevenson said the purpose of the October meeting will be to take testimony from the public on this issue as part of the decision making process. Stevenson said the Snowy Plover is an endangered species on the coast. He said if the decision was to restore snowy plover habitat on the Elk River spit it would be carried out by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Currently no Snowy Plovers make their home on the Elk River spit. Stevenson said if the Snowy Plovers show up and nest along the Elk River spit that the Fish and Wildlife Service would then ask for restrictions on beach use in that area.

Stevenson said Oregon State Parks has received funding for three beach ranger positions for the coast. The rangers will be enforcing the laws regarding driving motorized vehicles on the beach though people with a handicap driver permit will be allowed to drive on the beaches.



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### Letter to the Editor,

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I wonder if all these critical people would like to repeatedly repair their water lines, destroyed by a bear, have their reserve water tank polluted for days, or have trees dying because the bark had been ripped off by a "poor innocent bear" just

sharpening its claws.

Now in direct response to Howard Bach. I was born in Portland, Oregon and lived the majority of my life in and around small coastal communities from Tillamook to Curry County (29 years on Hensley Hill). The only place I have been in LA is the airport to change planes. To Andrea DeVoll, I doubt that I live "right in your backyard", as there were less than a dozen houses on this hill when we moved up here.

To George Welch, my garbage is secured behind closed doors, which I personally take to the dump as needed and not sitting out like the people have to do for

Curry Transfer to pick it up. If I appear to be "Brain Dead" to you, in my opinion, I have a lot of company.

Lois Crum

### Love Monkeys Will March

On September 24, a massive anti-war "March on Washington, D.C." is planned to protest the war in Iraq. The Love Monkeys for Peace invite you to join us at the Battle Rock info center at 11:30am Saturday, Sept. 24. We will have signs available, but encourage you to bring your own. From Battle Rock, we will walk to city hall and back. Help send a message to Washington that we want to end the war and bring our troops home.

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Benedictine Father Pirmin Ngolle, a member of St. Maurus Hanga Abbey in Tanzania, was a recent visitor to St. John's. He explained that most people in Southern Tanzania are born and die without tasting a drop of clean water. Presently 35/40% of the local youth die by age 12 because of bad water and poor sanitation. The problem is particularly bad because Tanzania villagers cannot substitute other liquids such as milk and juice for water because they are just not available.

Presently the only safe drinking water in the region is in the mountains. Fr. Pirmin told us that for a donation of \$25.00, a section of pipe can be purchased for shipment to Southern Tanzania to provide clean water. Just imagine, only \$25.00 can help prevent children and

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While we are stretching our wallets to aid our friends in the Gulf Coast area, we encourage everyone to support local, national, and international efforts to make this a better world for all. Monetary donations to our Hurricane Katrina Relief efforts will be gratefully accepted. Our mailing address is St. John's Catholic Church, P. O. Box 884, Port Orford, Oregon 97465.

Are you new to the area, a Catholic who has been away from your Church Home for a while, or do you have questions about the Catholic faith? We look forward to seeing you at our weekly Masses on Sundays at 8:30am and Wednesdays at 9:00am. Call 253-6250 for more information.

### 29 Tons of Trash

Under clouds, sun, and some fog, 3,137 volunteers turned out to participate in the 22nd anniversary of the Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup held today. The entire Oregon coast, over 362 miles, was cleaned of debris that had accumulated

during the summer months. Volunteers removed an estimated 29.3 tons of trash from Oregon's beaches. This compares to 21 tons removed during the Fall 2004 Cleanup by 2,700 volunteers.

Interesting items found Saturday included a refrigerator, a 30-sq. yard piece of carpet, an end table, a large piece of barbed wire, the roof of an outhouse, a magic wand, 1/2 box of Cuban cigars, a harmonica, a sailboat, as well as fishing net, Styrofoam, cigarette butts and plastic bottles.

"It's a wonderful statement of citizenship. Oregonians show their pride in this state by turning out to preserve and enhance the public beaches," said SOLV Program Coordinator, Bev Ardueser. "Participation in the fall beach cleanup demonstrates that Oregon volunteerism is alive and well."

### Letter to the Editor,

We at Hallmark Fisheries; Tony, Lorraine, Donny, Ry and Scott, would like to thank the skippers and deck hands that helped us out after the Labor Day weekend fishing trips. We were able to sort, pack and ship all the fish that our boat caught over the weekend.

Due to company policy Hallmark Fisheries close for all holidays year round.

Thank again to everyone,

Hallmark Fisheries, Ton & Lorraine

## **PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Port Orford is eligible to apply for a 2005 Community Development Block Grant from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.

Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes. The 2005 priorities for Community Development Block Grant funds are as follows:

*Economic Development; Microenterprise Assistance; Public Works; Regional Housing Rehabilitation; Public Services-Regional Housing Centers; Community/Public Facilities; Community Capacity/Technical Assistance; and Emergency Projects.*

Approximately \$16 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2005. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive is \$1,000,000.

The City of Port Orford is preparing an application for a 2005 Community Development Block Grant from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department in the amount of \$500,000 for construction of the new Port Orford Public Library at 1421 Oregon Street, Port Orford. It is estimated that the proposed project will benefit at least 3,000 persons, of whom 53.5% will be low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council at 7:00pm on Monday, October 17 at the Port Orford City Council Chambers.

The purpose of the hearing is for the City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about:

- Community development and housing needs, especially the needs of low and moderate income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project; and
- The proposed project.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by October 11, 2005 at Port Orford City Hall, P. O. Box 310, Port Orford 97465. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply.

The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please let Beverley Manes at 541-332-3681 know if you need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting.

More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the City's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at the Port Orford Public Library during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Tobe Porter at 541-332-5622 so that appropriate assistance can be provided.

Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or business is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low and moderate income housing which is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.





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### Letter to the Editor,

You can stop looking over your shoulder for those ESA ladies about this time of year to tap you on the shoulder and ask for a donation to St. Jude's and treat you with goodies. Most of the ladies are working full time to help support their families and we do not have sufficient sheriff's to do a roundup. However, we are going to have another St. Jude's benefit on November 12 with dinner and a purse auction. It will be lots of fun plus good eating. The purses will be filled with unknown goodies, like gift certificates, etc. The tickets for the dinner will go on sale real soon so be generous when one of the ESA ladies approaches you to buy a ticket. There will also be a quilt raffle that is from St. Jude's. Another raffle will be for a St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital tote and purse. You can purchase the tickets from any ESA members and the quilt will also be on display at Chetco and Sterling Bank. We were also asked to name the ESA members as a lot of our friends and neighbors don't know of all them.

Here they are: Thelma Belcher, Diane Bussmann, Patsy Campbell, Djenane Carkhuff, Kari Engdahl, Gladina Foster,

## Half Price Close-Out Sale

### Blue Diamond Nursery

Blue Diamond Nursery has been sold and will be going out of business. We will be closed from Sept. 18 thru Sept. 22. We will reopen beginning Sept. 23 for a half-price close-out sale.

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Mary Loan

### 2003 Freshman Profile

The Oregon University System just released the 2003 Entering Freshman Profile for Pacific High School students who graduated in 2003 and enrolled at one of Oregon's four-year public universities during school year 2003-2004. The report shows that of the eleven students from PHS who entered those colleges, ten remained in school for the entire school year, a persistence rate of 91%. The persistence rate for all students attending Oregon's four-year public universities was 79%. The report further shows that PHS students had a collective SAT score of 1108 compared with the average of 1057. Furthermore, students from PHS had an average first year college

GPA of 3.23 as compared to a collective accumulated grade point average for all first year students of 2.78.

The profile shows that one PHS student is enrolled at Oregon Institute of Technology, two at Oregon State University, one at Portland State University, one at Southern Oregon University, four at the University of Oregon, and one at Western Oregon University.

### Chamber News

There were over 10,000 walk-in visitors to the Battle Rock Visitors Center in the last three months and a total of 81 tour buses for the season so far. A traffic count is in progress and if Battle Rock Park can get 100,000 vehicles in a year's time, it would qualify for four sets of coin operated binoculars at no charge.

The Chamber board voted to spend up to \$500 to restock the tee shirt and sweat-shirt supply. A new design will be created promoting Port Orford as the oldest townsite on the coast. The sweatshirts will be sold at the Visitors Center, on the Internet and at the December Christmas Bazaar.

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### Seeking an Administrator By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met on Monday night. They had been sent a letter by Grey Podorean regarding the old jail property, which he owns. Podorean requested the city do a partial vacation of Eighth Street between Jefferson and Deady Streets with the south 40' of Eighth Street going to the Podorean Family Trust in exchange for the jail property. He requested the north 40' remain a public right of way. The council asked city attorney John Trew for his opinion and he told them, "You're finished with it." He said it had already been dealt with earlier when they agreed to vacate Eighth Street.

Trew spoke to the council about e-mail and said when they use e-mail for city business it becomes city business and the public can request to see it.

Public Works Superintendent Dave Pace said the Tsunami sirens had been in Gold Beach for three weeks but he would be picking them up on Tuesday. One of the Tsunami sirens will be installed at city hall and the second at the southern end of town but no specific location has been chosen. Councilor Milton Finch asked if the siren could be "portable" at first so they could test it in different locations to find the best one.

The Port Orford Police Department purchased a used police car from the City of Portland. It is a Crown Victoria Police

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Chamber of Commerce president Jay Stoler said the Chamber had filled the vacancy on the board by appointing school superintendent Dan Morin to fill the slot.

Councilor Carl Eskelson said the streets all looked fine to him.

The public works department pumped 8.872 million gallons of water from Hubbard Creek and treated 6.833 million gallons of water at the treatment plant in August. Councilor Steve Abbott pointed out that it was a better ratio than normal of water pumped to water treated. The wastewater treatment plan discharged 3.108 million gallons in August.

The council was presented with two draft versions of a job description for a city administrator. The drafts were put together by the council personnel subcommittee composed of Carl Eskelson, Milton Finch and Jerry Steinhorst. The council liked draft #2 which was lengthier and more in detail. One thing they changed in the draft is the chief of police will be responsible to the council through the council police liaison (the chairman of the public safety subcommittee). Steve Abbott made a motion to accept Draft #2 with the changes and it passed 4-1 with Carl Eskelson voting no. The council will now be able to begin advertising for a new city administrator.

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Mayor Jim Auburn said the city is entitled to one streetlight for every 25 residents per the franchise agreement with Coos-Curry Electric. City financial officer Dave Johnson said he had met with Coos-Curry Electric representatives about getting the existing streetlights retrofitted (shrouded and with caps for dark sky lighting). The new lights that will be installed will all be dark sky lighting. The city has 31 lights as part of the franchise agreement in service and is due another 17. Coos-Curry will pay for the poles, installation and maintenance of the lights and take care of the monthly cost which is \$15.84 per light.

Councilor Finch made a motion that the city co-sponsor with the Chamber of Commerce the OctoberFest celebration on October 8 with the city identified as an additionally insured party. The motion passed 5-0.

The council considered a form for a city conditional use permit license for keeping livestock on property. Attorney Trew told the council this issue needs to go through the planning commission and include a public hearing.

Councilor Finch made a motion to approve a request from the Public Works Department to go out for quotes for the design of the Deady Street pump station upgrade. The motion carried unanimously.

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Councilor Abbott made a motion which passed 5-0 to approve a request by Finance Officer Dave Johnson to attend the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers Association fall meeting in Portland. The city will pay of Johnson's registration, mileage and hotel.

Next on the agenda was the consent calendar. Milton Finch made a motion to deny a right of way usage license for a 60' b 60' fenced in garden at 641 W. Eighteenth Street and it passed. Steve Abbott made a motion to approve the rest of the consent calendar which included

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two other right of way requests. The motion passed. Another item in the consent calendar was a proclamation by the city designating October as Disabilities Awareness Month.

The public works subcommittee will meet on October 5 and discuss the city water master plan. Later on there will be public hearings on the plan.

### Rotary Travel Opportunity

Non-Rotarians Sought For Rotary Exchange Trip Abroad Enthusiastic, informed and articulate local professionals are needed for two Rotary-sponsored goodwill tours, one to Mexico from April

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People interested in applying must be employed full-time in a recognized business or profession and not be Rotarians or closely related to a Rotarian. Employed professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who would like to represent Oregon and Northern California abroad are encouraged to apply. Application deadline is Oct. 10, 2005.

The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip air ticket, and local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses while in the host country and for pre trip expenses such as passports, medical check ups, shots, travel insurance and the like. These expenses can run from \$200 to \$800 depending on the country.

Please contact the Port Orford Rotary Club, Jo Rieber, 348-2174, for applications and information.

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**Police Report  
 by Mark Creighton, Police Chief**

This week's favorite speeder: A woman was stopped because she was traveling 49 miles per hour through the school zone in Port Orford. The officer asked the lady why she was traveling that fast and she told police that she was going the speed limit. The officer informed her that she had just past through a school zone doing 49 mph and that she was going to receive a citation for speeding. When the officer came back to give her the ticket she stated "I don't understand why I'm getting a ticket. There are no school zones on freeways." "Freeways don't even go through towns."

09-08 in the early morning hour's police responded to the Circle K Market on a criminal mischief complaint. One older male subject had come into the store wishing to purchase alcohol but was too intoxicated to be further served, and was asked to leave. The male subject later returned and advised that his rights were being violated because he couldn't get more alcohol, and started knocking stuff off the counter and threatening a bystander. The case is under investigation pending location of the suspect. Police note to suspect: Thanks for assisting us with this investigation. If more suspects broke the law in front of video cameras like you did, our job would be a lot easier. Turn yourself in at the Port Or-

ford Police Department Monday through Friday from 9:00am-5:30pm.

09-12 Police were contacted by Curry County Dispatch about a possible drunk driver headed south on highway 101 from Mile Marker 288. Police stopped the vehicle on Oregon Street near 10th Street. After an investigation police arrested the driver identified as Ronald John Bucci for Driving While under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was transported to the Curry County Jail. Bucci was additionally issued several traffic citations for failure to register a motor vehicle, driving without a license, and speeding in a school zone.

09-12 Police and Port Orford Ambulance responded to the 2000 Block of Oregon Street on a complaint of a female victim of domestic violence. Ambulance rendered first aid to the female subject. A report was taken by police pending contact with the other person involved in the altercation. The other person had left the area after the incident.

09-13 James Todd Cook was arrested by Police at a residence on Geer Circle for Assault IV Domestic. He was transported to the Curry County Jail without incident where he was lodged for the crime.

09-13 Police responded to 20th Street and contacted a female subject. Information had been obtained that the female was in possession of controlled substance. After a search of the residence the female

subject was cited to appear for possession of controlled substance marijuana. No further action taken by police.

09-14 Police received a complaint about one dog attacking another dog and causing injury to the animal. The case is currently under investigation.

09-14 Police received a complaint of five planter boxes that were vandalized by the perpetrator removing, and destroying all the flowers. The case is currently under investigation. If anyone has any information regarding this incident please contact the Port Orford Police Department at 332-9015.

09-17 Police received a call of criminal mischief to a van in the parking lot at Oregon and Washington Street sometime on Sept. 16 between 4:00 and 6:00pm. The locks on the vehicle were tampered with so that the owner could not gain entry. This case is currently under investigation. If anyone saw any activity around this van, please contact the Port Orford Police at 332-9013.

09-17 Police responded to the area of Oregon and 18th Street to a motor vehicle accident. There were no injuries involved, and police investigated the accident. No further action taken.

09-17 a vehicle was stopped by police for speeding. Police contact with the driver resulted in an investigation for

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suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants. The driver identified as Aaron Cox was arrested, transported to the Curry County Jail without incident where he was lodged for DUII. Cox was also cited for possession of controlled substance marijuana.

**CHIEFS NOTE:** Just another reminder that school is now in, and we will be patrolling the school zone very aggressively during school hours. The 20 mph school speed zone has not changed yet, and any changes might not be in effect until next summer so be very cautious when operating a motor vehicle within a school zone. When the law changes so will the signs. As of now the speed limit in the Port Orford School zone is still 20mph at all times.

**Curry Public Transit**

The Curry County Board of Commissioners and the Chetco Senior Center are very concerned about the inaccurate information that is being disseminated around our county about Public Transit and Dial-a-Ride. Everybody involved in

running Public Transit is very committed to keeping the system operating.

We are not shutting down Dial-a-Ride or the regularly scheduled busses between Coos Bay and Brookings.

We did have to cut some of the added amenities because of a loss of 25% of our funding from the State. At no time did the Board of Commissioners even discuss shutting down the transit system. There was a need to reorganize because of the loss of funding but the Board of Commissioners and the Chetco Senior Center are both committed to making this work. During this reorganization we have had to follow some directives from the State that have taken some additional time to coordinate with the Senior Center but we are nearly there and the commitment to keep this transit system has only increased. As time goes by and we are sure of our funding status we may be able to add back in some of those other services. For the time being we will only be able to operate at the level we are currently providing. Our current operating level on Monday through Friday includes the three round trips daily of the Coastal Express between Brookings and Coos Bay and Dial-a-Ride in Brookings

from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Gold Beach from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and in Port Orford 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We thank you all for your patience during this reorganization.

For more information contact the County Commissioners' Office at (541) 247-3296.

**OctoberFest / Road Rally Party**

Get ready for OctoberFest on Saturday, October 8, from 5pm to 9pm at the Community Building on 11th Street. Dinner will be German Sausage with potato pancakes and sauerkraut and German chocolate cake. Hot Dogs and sauerkraut will also be available. For those over 21 there will be a beer and wine garden where you can enjoy spirits with your dinner. There will also be music.

The Portland Rally Club will join the festivities as part of a run to Port Orford. At least two-dozen cars will be coming down, so join us for a fun evening. There will also be a breakfast on Sunday, October 9 from 8-9am, and then the Rally Club will start back to Portland.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**CLASSIFIED ADS** are \$3.50 for the first 25 words or less, and 10¢ each additional word (if any.) Our normal deadline for submission is 3:00pm Tuesday to be in that Thursday's paper. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc., 832 Hwy 101, Box 49, Port Orford, OR 97465 (541) 332-6565.

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**NEW MOVIES THIS WEEK:** "The Longest Yard", "Snurks", "Barbie and the Magic Pegasus", "Born into Brothels", "Turtles Can Fly", "Dazed and Confused", "The Lost Treasure of Sawtooth Island", "Everyday People", "The Staircase", and "The Reduced Shakespeare Company". In our "New Arrivals" section we've added "Desperate Housewives" and "Ghost in the Shell". New movies being released next Tuesday include "Robots" and "Lords of Dogtown". 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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## CFPA News

Coos Forest Protective Association dropped to Industrial Fire Precaution Level 1 on all land protected by CFPA. Under IFPL 1, fire tools and a water supply are still required at all forest operations. A one-hour fire watch is also required when an operation shuts down at the end of the day.

A Regulated Use Closure restricting certain public activities also remains in effect in areas protected by CFPA. Activities such as smoking and off-road driving are still prohibited. Campfires are only allowed in approved campgrounds and parks. Outdoor debris burning still requires an on-site inspection and written permit from a CFPA Fire Warden.

Recent fire activity caused by illegal burning has fire officials concerned. The Coos Forest Protective Association responded to three fires this weekend in the Brookings area when residents assumed fire season had ended. All three burn debris piles escaped and required CFPA to take action. Fire season is still in effect and fire danger is still present. CFPA fire managers say that recent rainfall has been minimal and that conditions on the ground still pose a fire threat. Residents burning without a permit face the risk of going to court and paying for fire suppression costs and damages.

Outdoor debris burning still requires an on-site inspection and written permit from a CFPA Fire Warden. Burn permits are free of charge and may be obtained by scheduling an appointment through a CFPA office.

For further info, call CFPA's Closure Information Line at (541) 267-1789 or visit it's website at [www.coosfpa.net](http://www.coosfpa.net).

Meanwhile, officials from the Curry Wildfire Preparation Group are gaining on a project that will better prepare Curry County residents the next time that a wildfire threatens the area. It's part of a collaborative effort involving several agencies to reduce hazardous fuels in high risk fire areas.

Once the group devised a plan, fire wardens from Coos Forest Protective Association began evaluating homes. CFPA wardens have assessed over 600 homes with about 4,500 homes remaining throughout rural areas in Curry County. Property evaluations include determining structure roof type, length and width of driveways, the amount and type of vegetation on the property, water supply and GIS (Geographical Information System) mapping.

The preparation group is made up of representatives from Curry County Emergency Services, Curry County Fire Departments, Coos Forest Protective Association, Rogue/Siskiyou National Forest and Bureau of Land Management. Other partners include the Curry County Commissioners and several other private and public landowners.

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## Kid Stuff at the Library By Nancy Broadhead

Over the summer we made the Port Orford Public Library an even better place to do homework, find good books and play on the computer. We added a computer just for kids. It's got games on it. If you want to use the game computer just stop at the front desk and ask for headphones. Sorry, no Internet on this one.

We also added lots of new books both fiction and non-fiction including five I Spy books, three new DK Eyewitness books, and books on tape and CD.

Family Story Hour (Liberry Pie) is held on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the council chambers next to the library and we have a weekly story time at 10:30am on Wednesday.