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Water Master Plan

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By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council held a meeting on the updated water master plan on Monday night, October 24. Steve Donovan, from SHN Consulting Engineers, led the discussion. SHN

wrote the updated water master plan. He discussed a variety of scenarios including a drought. Donovan brought up 2002 when by the end of summer the city was using the maximum amount of water coming into the Hubbard Creek impoundment.

Donovan described the three “states” of water as raw (from the impoundment), treated (from the water treatment plant) and sold (water that is delivered to homes and is measured on your water meter). He said the City needs to achieve a goal of 15% water loss but currently it runs at 30%. He told the council they can gain more water by reducing water loss rates. He explained later that on an average day 180,000 gallons of raw water is used with 160,000 gallons treated and 124,000 sold.

He said the “equivalent population” for Port Orford is currently 1,700 which includes people staying in motels, RV

Parks, using restaurants, etc. He said within 50 years the equivalent population will be 4,650 including people living in the urban growth boundary.

Donovan listed three ways the City can go about expanding their sources of water. They can expand the existing dam (impoundment) at Hubbard Creek; add another reservoir above the existing one of the North Fork of Hubbard Creek, and look at Garrison Lake as a viable source of water (which it is not currently, due to the salinity). The Garrison Lake intake is located west of Arizona Street but Donovan suggested moving it possibly to the east side of Arizona. He said people would notice the taste difference between the lake and Hubbard Creek water. Mayor Jim Auburn told Donovan the salinity level in the lake was getting worse. Donovan suggested using reverse osmosis and nano-filtration to remove the salt.

The suggestion of using Elk River water for the City was not an option as that water is reserved for fish and farming. Donovan told the council that Hubbard Creek water is reserved for the city, not for fish.

Donovan said building up the Hubbard Creek dam was the cheapest and fastest way to go in adding water resources and that loss prevention was the best source

of water. Donovan estimated the cost to fix the water loss problem at \$3 million if the problem was leakage. He said it would cost \$200,000 to replace all the water meters in the city if they hired a private contractor. Councilor Steve Abbott seconded the idea about building the dam bigger and installing four master water meters in different parts of the city to identify where the loss of water is occurring. Donovan had brought up the idea of the master water meters to help determine where loss was occurring.

Donovan recommended converting the Deady Street Reservoir to a raw water storage tank. He estimated the cost of conversion at \$60,000 and said the roof needs to be replaced. Donovan recommended purchasing a site for an additional reservoir north of town (at an elevation). Hensley Hill was suggested.

Donovan spoke about the existing water treatment plant in Buffington Park and said everything didn't work well with the upgraded plant. He said it needs to be maintained on a 24 hour basis and recommended changing from chlorine gas to an alternative. He said we will soon be the last community in Curry County using gas chlorination in their water treatment plant.

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Water Master Plan Continued from Front Cover

A ten year plan was discussed which would entail restoring Garrison Lake and expanding the Hubbard Creek impoundment. Cost saving methods were discussed including replacing the 600 or so water meters in house rather than farm the work out to a contractor. Mayor Auburn recommended the City do a "One Stop" in Salem to look for funding the water system upgrades.

Other issues discussed were a conservation and water curtailment plan. Steve Donovan said the City needs a water curtailment ordinance and the M word came up in regards to a moratorium on building permits if the city water supply was not sufficient. If that situation occurred the City would have to come up with corrective measures.

The council didn't take any formal action at Monday's meeting. It constituted

the formal public hearing on the water system upgrade. They will take up the subject again at a regular council meeting as to which parts of the plan to proceed on.

Final History Class

Shipwrecks, wartime, mining and several other topics will be covered at the final session of the Curry County Mini-History class on Thursday, November 3 at 7 p.m. at the Port Orford City Hall.

Treacherous shoals and rocks were the graveyard of many freighter and passenger ships on the Curry coast during the 1800's and 1900's before the advent of Loran and other aids to navigation. World War II saw the sinking of ships off our coast and the aerial bombing of Curry County by the Japanese. Port Orford played an important role in most of these events.

Military presence was evident all up and down the Oregon Coast with Army and Coast Guard patrols ready to repulse enemy attacks or saboteurs.

It was the lure of gold that brought many settlers to Curry County and while many of them moved on to other diggings, a few stayed and became among the finest of families. Mining was an important factor in the history of the county.

Last Thursday was a first hand look of history as it unfolded through the stories of six long-time Curry Countians. Lucile Lindberg Douglas, Dolores Marsh Mayea, Bob McKenzie, Tim Flake, Lloyd Kreutzer and Leon White shared memories of growing up in North Curry County to the 38 people attending the session.

The sessions are free and are sponsored by SW Oregon Community College and the Curry Historical Society.



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Health Dist. Approves Audit By Evan Kramer

The Curry Health District Board held their monthly meeting in Port Orford at the Senior Center on Wednesday afternoon. The meeting began with a 45 minute presentation of the 2004-05 audit by Steve Evans from the auditing firm of Symonds, Evans & Company, P.C. The total operating revenue for the fiscal year was \$11,992,138 while the total operating expenses were \$12,011,433. The district's total net assets as of June 30, 2005 were \$3,508,696. The District made \$176,000 on the sale of land in Brookings which they had bought to build an imaging and urgent care center but after purchasing the property decided not to go ahead with it. The sale was made in July of this year and will be included in next year's audit. Evans' explained the Health District's financial position has improved over past years since both clinics were designated Rural Health Clinics and the Hospital was designated a "Critical Access Hospital." They receive better payments from Medicare because of the designations.

Board member Doug Jamieson moved to approve the audit and it passed 4-0.

Curry Health District operates Shore Pines Assisted Living Facility, Curry Family Medical Clinic in Port Orford, Curry General Hospital and the Brookings Medical Center.

The Health District has a three person management council consisting of medical administrator Dr. Reg Williams, Ginny Hochberg, CEO, and chief financial officer Gary Short. Dr. Williams discussed the need for updating both the ultra sound system and the CT Scanner. He said the ultra sound system needed updating for higher resolution and deeper penetration as well as being more comprehensive and reliable.

The hospital is looking at a GE and Toshiba system with an estimated price of \$85,000. Williams said the hospital was losing ultra sound business to the north and south where people were going for better service and higher standards.

Williams discussed the need for a 16 "slice" CT Scanner, saying the single slice one the hospital has now is not the standard anymore. He discussed the district purchasing a used 16 slice CT Scanner, saying it would generate more reve-

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nue by allowing more procedures and better patient care. He said once again with the old scanner the hospital was losing business to the north and south. Williams quoted a price of \$575,000 for a used 16 channel CT Scanner. Williams said the most pressing need was for an upgraded ultra sound system. Gary Short said a lease plan was better than purchasing one. Board member Roger Davis made a motion that whether the district purchases or leases an ultra sound machine to let Gary Short determine the best way to go economically and it passed 4-0 with Gary Anderson, Barbara Stover, Davis and Jamieson voting yes. Short said leasing focuses on cost where it is going to be used.

Gary Short said the "go live" date for the new computer system is February 1, 2006. The board discussed sending various employees to Mobile, Alabama for training sessions for the new system. The board approved sending five employees to the training sessions.

Project Graduation Meeting

Parents, family, and friends of seniors of 2006 are encouraged to attend November's Project Graduation meeting. It will be held on Monday, Nov. 7, at 6:30pm. We will be meeting at Pacific High School in the library. This month's topics will cover auction theme and date, sweat shirts, raffles and breakfast fundraiser. Please attend and help out with this year's Project Graduation.

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Prescription Drug Information

The Port Orford Senior Center held a meeting last week to discuss the Medicare Plan B prescription drug plan going into effect in November. Sharon Mather from RSVP led the meeting and told people the enrollment period for the new prescription drug plan is November 15 through May 15, 2006. She described the process as "so confusing" and this from a person who attended at least two training seminars on the subject. The RSVP toll free phone number in Gold Beach is 1-888-811-1521. Please call this number if you need help enrolling as they can help you pick your plan.

Mather said she didn't know which insurance companies were participating in the program. She said there were 50 plans available under Part B. Mather said people who don't enroll by June 2006 that it would cost them 1% extra for every month they delay. Mather said even if you take no prescription drugs

now you still need to sign up. Everyone who has Medicare is eligible to sign up.

To get the information booklet "The New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage, What You Need to Know" for free contact AARP at their toll free phone number, 1-888-687-2277.

Veterans need to sign up to enroll in the VA system. We now have a Curry County Veterans Service representative in Port Orford every Tuesday at the North Curry Service Center, 1403 N. Highway 101. His name is Frank Van Meter and his office hours are 1:00-4:30pm. Veterans need to bring in their discharge papers when applying for assistance.

Mather said she would be back in Port Orford after November 15 to help people enroll in the prescription drug program. She said people would need to have a copy of all the prescription drugs they take, the dosage, and how much it costs you now, plus your Medicare card which

has your Social Security number on it. Mather added that some pharmacies would not be participating in the new prescription drug plan.

Superintendent Search

The Port Orford-Langlois School District will soon begin the search for a Superintendent. The public is cordially invited and encouraged to attend meetings which will be held in Port Orford and Langlois. At this time, you will have an opportunity to give input to Mr. Max Janikowski from the Oregon School Boards Association regarding the qualities and qualifications of a Superintendent for our schools.

The meeting in Port Orford will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:00pm, in the Driftwood Library. On Thursday, Nov. 10, the meeting will be held in the Blanco School Library at 7:00pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one or both of these meetings.

Homeless Youth Study

The League of Women Voters of Curry County is embarking on a study of Homeless and Runaway Youth in Curry County as part of a statewide effort by Leagues in counties throughout Oregon. The Homeless/Runaway Youth study was adopted as a two year state study at the League of Women Voters convention in May.

The League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley (Douglas County) influenced the adoption of the statewide Homeless Youth study at the May state convention. From their recent study, which they conducted in their own county, the Umpqua Valley League found "There are many contributors to homelessness in young people. What is surprising is that most Americans believe these kids are the rebellious ones who won't 'be nice' at home. This is a fallacy. These rebels make up approximately 10% of this population. The rest of the kids leave home for survival purposes."

The Oregon League of Women Voters was directly responsible for House Bill 2202, passed by the Legislature in 2005, which directs the Commission on Children and Families to lead a process with other state agencies and community partners to develop a comprehensive and coordinated approach for services and support for runaway and homeless youth. This study will assist the process, and the Curry County League has partnered with our county's Commission on Children and Families to do this study.

The Oregon Homeless and Runaway Youth Work Group, in its report to the Interim Committee on Health and Human Services, Feb. 2005, states that "Estimates of Oregon's homeless youth population range from 23,000 to 25,000." These are young people ages 12 to 21, who have left home because of serious family problems, are not in safe and stable living situations and cannot be reunited with their families.



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According to Homeless Children School District Counts by the Oregon Dept. of Education, October 2004, Curry County had a total of 68 homeless youth.

For the study, a committee from the Curry County League will research the number and conditions of homeless youth in Curry County, and then identify the support services homeless youth need to lead sustainable lives and avoid lifelong homelessness. Information will be gathered which will cover what is known, what is unknown, what services exist and what services are needed.

The committee on Homeless Youth will be interviewing agencies, law enforcement, schools, churches, city and county officials, organizations and individuals throughout the county. League members serving on the Homeless/Runaway Youth committee are: Ann Younger, Georgia Nowlin, Connie Wilson, Jan Krick, Sara Wilson and Margaret McHugh.

For more information or comments on this study, please call (541) 469-4668 or 469-5447.

Letter to the Editor,

It is time to settle our gardens in for the winter, the better to enjoy them next spring. With this in mind, some hands-on attention was paid recently to the Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden in Buffington Park. A motivated group spent hours weeding, and trimming back over-exuberant plants, and adding gravel and wood chips to replenish the path and steps. This is a belated thank you to them all: to Love Monkeys Foncy Prescott, Linda Tarr, Jared Tarr, Dierdre Sartorius, Boomer Dormody, Carol Malley, Carren Copeland, and Paula Cracas; to Amy & Jason Wilhite, Gary Carter, Ken Stark, Dee Miller, and Valerie Philips. Special thanks to Joanne Ruoff of the Parks Commission, to Public Works Superintendent Dave Pace and to Larry Dell who hauled loads of woodchips and gravel. Thanks too to Creighton's Nursery for their discounts on plants and ground cloth for this project. All working together to help keep the Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden beautiful. Thank you all!

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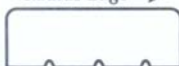
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No Place Like Home By Valerie & Evan Kramer Continued From Last Week

We loaded up the car about 8am Sunday, Oct. 2, but before leaving Santa Cruz, Evan wanted to get some photos of the theater buildings in downtown. While he snapped his shots, Valerie waited in the car and watched a young fellow pick up cigarette butts off the sidewalk and stuff them in a bottle. As he picked each one up, he counted out loud. He was up to 570 and still going strong when we drove off.

We had a fine breakfast at the Giant Artichoke in Castroville, the Artichoke Capital of the World, and that set the tone for a pretty good day. We stopped at a view point at the Carmel Highlands and enjoyed a great ocean view and a chance to look at the Robinson Jeffers house perched on the cliff.

At 10:37 we stopped by the side of the road to walk Honey Bear. We could hear lots of sea lions barking but couldn't see them from the road. Half an hour or so later we passed the Hawthorn Gallery, owned and operated by the brother of Port Orford's own Chris Hawthorne.

At 11:35 we stopped at the Henry Miller Library which was a very peaceful and interesting stop. (see www.henrymiller.com.) Valerie was surprised and amused to note that one of the books available was the Hardy Boys and the mystery of the Aztec Warrior.

We passed Hearst Castle without stopping and our next brief stop was at 12:30 at Willow Creek when we stopped for a dog walk before getting into the congestion around Pismo Beach and Morrow Bay. By 2:22 we were in San Luis Obispo. Evan took photos of the Charles S. Lee designed Fremont Theater in downtown.

The Moderne style Fremont is an oddity in that it is still a single screen downtown movie palace showing films regularly. There was no In-And-Out Burger so we drove on to Santa Maria to enjoy that favorite treat.

We made yet another stop to walk the dog along the Rincon between Santa Barbara and Ventura. While we were parked the Amtrak train rolled by right beside the road. The road along this beach is host to numerous campers and many of them have built elaborate shelters and furniture out of driftwood.

Despite our fears, the traffic going into Los Angeles wasn't too bad on Sunday night and we arrived at Valerie's friend's house in Monrovia (just east of Pasadena) about 6:45pm.

Valerie didn't do very well at taking notes during our stay there. On Tuesday

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and Friday Evan spent the whole day running around LA with his friend, Larry. The two urban explorers headed from Burbank through Hollywood on their way to Culver City which bills itself as the Heart of Screenland. Culver City is home to two major movie studios including Culver Studios and Sony Pictures which is housed on the former MGM main lot. From there they went on to explore the part of Wilshire Boulevard known as the Miracle Mile and then a part of Pico and Venice Boulevards known as Vineyard (streetcar and interurban heaven). On Friday the boys went to pay their respects and take some photos of the Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard. The grand old hotel is being demolished by the Los Angeles Unified School District so they can build three new schools. The Ambassador Hotel is where Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated just after midnight on June 5, 1968. He had finished a speech in the ballroom after being declared the winner of the California Democratic presidential primary over Eugene McCarthy and was fatally shot as he walked through the kitchen. Kennedy is remembered on that stretch of Wilshire Boulevard – now known as the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Parkway.

With temperatures up to 95F, Valerie didn't feel like doing much of anything. Thank goodness for air conditioning! Honey Bear enjoyed visiting with Blaze and Chance, the two resident dogs and Chance particularly enjoyed having someone to play with. Valerie left her friend with several gigabytes of downloaded files to play with which should keep him out of trouble for quite a while.

On Wednesday night we all attended a lecture at Cal Tech by the head of the mathematics department, Gary A. Lourden. He is a consultant for the television show Numb3rs which is on

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We had planned to go over to "Hillerman Country" (the four corners area where Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah meet) but the heat discouraged us from attempting it. Instead we decided to head back to the more civilized temperatures of home. Of course, we took the scenic route – Hwy 395 north along the eastern slope of the Sierra Mountains.

As we made our final loading trip to the car, we found a large, live mouse in the front yard. Sadly it left this world as soon as Chance saw it. We left LA about 9am

We had thought to take a shortcut on the Angeles Crest Highway to the Angeles Forest Highway to Hwy 14 but there was a road closed sign and we weren't certain whether the closure would affect our route or not so we chose the safer choice and took the 210 to the I-5 to the 14 instead. At the Palmdale vista point we stopped and walked the dog and enjoyed the view of the viaduct and a lone wind turbine.

At 10:45 we made a rest stop in Lancaster and got some cold drinks at a Carl's Jr.

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We also stopped at a "Video Liquidator" whose billboard we'd seen but we didn't feel their prices were very exciting.

At 11:23 we stopped at another Carl's in Mojave. Evan took photos of the Oasis Theater build in 1934 and closed in the 1960's. It is now a thrift store.

Our next stop was at the visitor's center at Red Rock Canyon. Many movies and TV shows have been filmed here including the original "Mummy" with Boris Karloff. It was sunny and windy, but not too hot. Finally Hwy 14 ended and we were on 395.

At 1:48pm we stopped at the Coso Junction Rest Stop to walk the dog and dig out some of Trader Joe's fine chocolate chip cookies. Yum!

At some point here we passed Lone Pine which was packed with people attending a Western film festival. All the motels had "no vacancy" signs out and many people were in costumes such as Zorro, or Hopalong Cassidy.

At 2:10 we stopped again in Olancho to take photos of the old gas station and market. At 2:52pm we stopped at the

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better than the other two visits we'd made. They seem completely incapable of charging the right amount, making the right change, and providing the correct food. Not one of the stores got all three steps correctly. Besides that, they've reduced the size and/or quality of their food till even Valerie is less than thrilled with them.

McDonalds doesn't have a monopoly on problems though. There was no TP in the women's room at the rest area just past Milford. Good thing we had plenty of tissues with us.

Evan stopped to bag another theater in Susanville as we took Hwy 44 to 89. We made a brief stop at Burney Falls but found it's another "Day Use Fee" park and we weren't about to fork over \$6.00 for a twenty minute stop. We did notice on our stop that the leaves were changing color. We thought about staying in Burney but the motel's attitude towards dogs left us a bit annoyed. The \$5 surcharge to have your dog in your room was reasonable enough but we leave Honey Bear on guard in the back of the truck anyway. What annoyed us was the zeal with which they made sure we knew there was a \$50 penalty fee if they should catch us in violation of their dog rule. We drove on and narrowly missed three deer which were on the road.

We finally wound up spending the night at the A-1 Motel in Mt. Shasta. Not a bad little place and we enjoyed hearing the trains pass. It was cold at night again because of the altitude. The next morning we had another fine breakfast at the Black Bear Diner then hopped on I-5 northbound only to stop to walk Honey Bear at the rest stop just north of Yreka. Finally we re-entered Oregon. Yea!

We stopped at the bookstores in Ashland then at Costco in Medford. We got home Monday night, Oct. 10 and spent the next few days resting, reading, watching TV, etc. It was the best part of the vacation! There's no place like home!

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Cone Pine Interagency Visitors Center. At 4:10 we made a quick rest stop in Bishop. At 4:38 we passed the Sherwin Summit at 7,000 ft elevation. At 5:11 we stopped at a rest area near Mammoth to walk the dog again. 5:18 found us at Dead Mans Summit 8041 ft and at 5:48 at Conway Summit at 8,138ft.

We stopped for dinner in Bridgeport and had their spaghetti special. We were both surprised to find they had put cheese on top of the meat sauce. Usually that is left to the customer's discretion. Valerie was particularly upset because it was Parmesan cheese which she dislikes. The only vacancy in town was at the hotel because it was the fishing season. We drove on.

Finally we stopped at the Sierra Retreat Motel and stayed in one of their "guest cabins". Even in this remote place there were few vacancies left and we narrowly got the last one available in this establishment. The cabin turned out to be quite interesting with one bed downstairs and two smaller beds in a tiny upstairs alcove. The stairs were steep

and somewhat hazardous. Several of the furnishings were genuine antiques but the room also included a TV, microwave, refrigerator, etc. There was also a very friendly gray and white cat outside with which Valerie immediately made friends. Because of the altitude the temperature was quite cold and Valerie had to reset the altitude range on her CPAP machine. It was cozy under the covers though.

We made a major stop in Virginia City between Carson City and Reno. We spent an hour or two walking up and down the main street looking at the various stores and casinos. The highlight of the stop for Valerie was the Territorial Enterprise building which is now a museum. The Territorial Enterprise was the newspaper on which Mark Twain got his first literary job.

After seeing billboards that claimed the Atlantis Casino had the best buffet in Reno, we stopped to check it out. It turned out to be unreasonably expensive compared to what we were looking for, so we wandered on. Downtown was a mess due to construction but we got past it and finally stopped for lunch at McDonalds north of Reno. Our third visit to McDonalds on the trip was no

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"City area beautification" means the enhancement and beautification of the city within the city's urban growth boundary, but excluding acquisition, maintenance and/or repairs of city infrastructure.

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of Port Orford and its urban growth boundaries.

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Gorilla In The Mist

By: Paula Cracas

Sunday, October 23, found the Port Orford Love Monkeys for Peace picking up litter on Highway 101 that runs along the Pacific Ocean. Or as we like to call it, phun in the phog. Yes, it was plenty foggy. So we cut holes in our bright yellow garbage bags and donned them. Along with five new Love Monkeys, we picked and poked until our section was sparkling clean. Not much interesting in the way of litter. Only one hypodermic needle, a dollar bill, one tire, and twelve bags of cigarette butts, empty beer cans,

paper and Styrofoam garbage, and the flotsam/jetsam tossed from passing ships of steel.

On a sad note, on Wednesday, October 26, the Love Monkeys and various friends gathered at the Highway 101 triangle to acknowledge the over 2,000 American soldiers who have died in the Iraq war. 2,000 too many. We call for a withdrawal of all troops in Iraq. If you would like to join, call 332-0233.


Science Rocks

By Georgia Weinblatt

On October 10, the seventh and eighth grade classes at Driftwood School took education outdoors to Brush Creek at the Humbug Mountain State Park. Students participated in stream study lab stations concentrating on chemistry, biology, and geology. The labs included recording river velocity/flow, macro invertebrate ID and counts, vegetation ID, and stream mapping skills. Georgia Weinblatt, science teacher, and Statia Ryder, CWSD Educational Coordinator, along with several other professional volunteer instructors, Melissa Weinblatt, Morgan McKenzie, Dana Hicks, Erin Minster and Cindy Myers made this learning experience happen for our school. At the end of the field trip our classes determined that Brush Creek produced many clear indicators of a healthy stream system. The eighth grade class will conduct stream studies that will be presented at the County wide science symposium in April 2006.



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Commissioner's Meeting By Molly Cooley

The Curry County Commissioner's meeting on Wednesday, October 26, was brief and to the point. Commissioners Schaffer and Brown were present and Commissioner La Bonte was out of town.

Dale Shaddox, the new City Manager of Brookings was appointed to a seat on the Coos Curry Douglas Business Development Corporation.

The Commissioners approved the hiring of Janet Masters as Mental Health Specialist II – Urgent/Emergency Care Coordinator for Health and Human Services. They also approved a contract between Human Services and Oregon Regional Services to do property and case management for Hammond House. David White, Director of Health and Human Services spoke in support of this contract, saying it would provide both cost savings and improved services for the residents of Hammond House.

The Commissioners approved an order in the Matter of a Decision on a Measure 37 Claim filed by Maurice G. Maynard, with the addition of some clarifying legal language.

The consent calendar included an Oregon Fish and Wildlife payment in lieu of taxes, and an amendment to a Standard Form of Agreement between owner and contractor (D-Bar and Company Construction. Commissioner Schaffer added



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a final item; approval of the plat for Sunset Pines Subdivision.

Letter to the Editor,

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We all have our favorite parts of your business: the paper, the store, video rentals, cat and dog petting, etc. You folks meet every need. Can't go to public meetings? Read the paper to find out what happened. Want to sell something? Run a classified ad. When should you schedule your beach walks? Check the tide tables. Want to know what local organizations are doing? Read the paper. Storms predicted? Stock up on videos to watch. Computer giving you problems? Get common sense advice and how-to tips. Want a friendly word, a comforting purr or a gentle tail wag? Drop in anytime.

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Garden Club News

The Sunset Garden Club November meeting will be held on a different day and date this month. Because of the availability of our program speakers, Steve and Mary Taylor, we will meet on Tuesday, November 8, 1:00pm at the Port Orford Senior Center. The Taylors will be presenting a program on mushrooms and the public is welcome to attend. We have many wild mushrooms in our area and it is wise to know something about them so here is your opportunity.

We are also busy on working on projects for the December 3 Christmas Bazaar and will have many plants and garden related objects on sale at that time. We hope to see you at both of these events. For further information please call 332-1073. Happy Thanksgiving.



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Please join us on Saturday, November 12, at the Port Orford Community Building, at 6:30pm for a sit down dinner of homemade lasagna (by Deb & Julie) complimented by salad, bread, desserts, and drinks. The Auction will begin at 7:30pm. Diner ticket not required to attend the Auction. We are preparing to make this a real evening OUT! Pre-sale

dinner tickets are limited. Contact one of your ESA sisters for purchase.

If you would like to donate a purse, or an item that can be included in a purse, believe me we will make it fit. Other questions can be answered by Mary Loan or Kari Engdahl at 332-5085. Call for a pickup of donated items or drop them off at Mary Loan's office.

We are also raffling a special quilt from St. Jude's and a two-piece handbag set. They are on display at Chetco Federal Credit Union. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Tickets can be purchased at Chetco or any ESA member.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Board Position Remains Open

The Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Board met on Friday, October 28. President/Chairman Terry Hanscam provided an update on the process to fill the vacant Board position for District 4, representing the Port Orford/Langlois area. "We have received two letters of interest which we are considering. However, the

Board has been reliably informed that circumstances have not allowed other interested people to respond within the original timeframe." Hanscam added, "Selecting Board leadership to represent our members is one of the most important decisions we can make. It's in the best interests of all cooperative members to be able to carefully consider the best possible range of skills, commitment and experience. To make sure we've done that, the Board decided to extend the application period for one additional month."

An information packet, including general information about CCEC as well as Board member duties, responsibilities and expectations may be obtained at the Port Orford office. A letter of interest and resume should either be mailed to CCEC at PO Box 1268, Port Orford, OR 97465 or delivered to the Port Orford office at 43050 Highway 101 by November 16 in order to allow ample time for the Board of Directors to review the letters and prepare for action at their next meeting scheduled for November 22.

This article was provided by Coos Curry Electric.

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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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Chamber News By Jay Stoler

The Chamber has many exciting activities planned for the next two months.

The Holiday Lights contest will start on December 1 and is a competition between Port Orford and Gold Beach to see which city can light up the main drag (Hwy. 1010) the best. We won last year so it will not be an easy task to do again as our friends in Gold Beach intend to go all out.

The Chamber is asking all businesses and residences on Highway 101 to string up the lights and help us light up the town for the Holiday Season. In addition, homes off of 101 are encouraged to dec-

orate as well, as there will be prizes for all categories. Watch this column for more, and please, get out the decorations.

Then on Saturday, December 4 the Chamber will have a table at the huge, Port Orford Christmas Bazaar in the Community Building. We'll have our brand new seasonal sweatshirts available as well as some classics. There will be dozens of local vendors and clubs offering hand made creations and other gifts for giving. This is a great opportunity to do all your shopping locally and have a great time.

Chamber Board officer elections are fast approaching and there will need to be four seats filled. The term of office is only two years and the time commitment is only several hours a month. The next meeting of the Chamber Board will be on Monday, November 14 at 1:00pm at the Port & Starboard. All interested candidates, who are members of the Chamber, are asked to come to the meeting.

Ballots for Board Officers will go out right after Thanksgiving and will also contain the nomination ballots for the Annual Community Awards banquet. Chamber members please be watching your mailbox for this important packet.

The Chamber office is located in the Visitors Center a Battle Rock Park. The Chamber phone is 332-8055 to leave messages or call Jay at home at 332-3106.

School Realignment

Pacific High School (student population 129) is now in the District 4, 1A League with Umpqua Valley Christian (98), New Hope Christian (80), Elkton (67), Days Creek (63), Powers (53), Oregon Coast Tech (45), and Camas Valley (40). There will be no 2A League.

Coquille, Glide, Reedsport, Bandon, Myrtle Point and Gold Beach now make up the District 4, 3A League.