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Election Results

Elections results for the Curry County and Port Orford Public Library bond measures, Port Orford Rural Fire District Board and one contested position on the Port Orford-Langlois School District Board.

Curry County Bond Measure 08-53

Yes..... 33.34%
No 66.66%

P. O. Library Bond Measure 08-52

Yes..... 53.80%
No..... 46.20%

Port Orford Rural Fire Board

Position 1 (4 year term)

Edna Auld 56.01%
Brice Wagner..... 43.70%

Position 3 (2 year balance)

Frank Smith..... 38.57%
Ed Tennant 60.86%

Position 5 (4 year term)

Marie Van Aart 52.82%
Beaver Rickel..... 46.59%

Port Orford-Langlois School Board

Kenneth D. Martin 22.57%
Cairehn McGowan 34.39%
Roger Rieber 41.99%

Driftwood Safety Issues

By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford/Langlois School District held a meeting on Thursday night to talk about parking lot safety issues at Driftwood Elementary School and it reminded me of the line from a Joni Mitchell song about “they paved paradise to put up a parking lot.”

Driftwood School principal Scott Greenhow opened the well attended meeting in the school cafeteria and read a statement from superintendent Ruby Price in which she described the meeting as the beginning of the process, not the end. She asked for the “collective wisdom and ideas of the Port Orford Community on how to solve the identified needs

There are several issues involved here including the safety one, the construction of a parking lot, an unloading and loading zone, and a sidewalk in the area now occupied by the front lawn, and the need for an ADA accessible parking place if they do put up a parking area in front of the school.

The emphasis at the school is having all visitors go through the front door on Highway 101 and check in at the office. The door facing Thirteenth Street is locked except 7:45-8:15am to let students in when the buses are loading and unloading. This

is done for security reasons and was a District wide decision.

Representatives from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) visited Driftwood about six years ago and pointed out the dangerousness of the situation with the unloading and loading zone on Thirteenth Street. They recommended the School District make changes. A representative(s) visited the school again this year on March 1 and then issued a directive that the District makes changes. Principal Greenhow said they had had a number of close calls between the buses, cars and children.

District Supervisor for Maintenance and Transportation John Penifold said the District was up for any ideas to make the situation safer for the children. There are a total of eight buses loading and unloading during the day. While this is going on a number of cars are also competing for space on Thirteenth Street dropping off or picking up students.

He said there was no parking for visitors to the school and they need to get the traffic off of Thirteenth Street. Penifold said the way the students are dropped off and picked up is unsafe. Penifold had drawn up a plan for resolving the safety and parking issues. It would include several

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L0701 -2.4	H0036 8.6	H0122 8.3	H0211 7.9	H0303 7.2	H0401 6.5	H0507 5.8	L0106 3.0
H1345 6.2	L0750 -2.4	L0840 -2.1	L0931 -1.6	L1024 -1.0	L1117 -0.4	L1211 0.2	H0624 5.2
L1839 2.9	H1439 6.1	H1534 6.0	H1631 5.9	H1729 5.8	H1825 5.8	H1916 5.9	L1303 0.8
	L1929 3.2	L2022 3.4	L2120 3.5	L2228 3.6	L2346 3.4		H2001 6.1

Driftwood Safety Issues Continued from Front Cover

head-in parking spaces facing Highway 101, a four foot wide sidewalk from the existing sidewalk on Thirteenth Street to the front door, a public drop off and pick up zone and two driveways off 101 for entering and exiting the parking area.

He estimated the cost for the parking area at \$32,000 with the School District employees doing much of the work.

The public had lots to say including the need for a safe situation but also there was much opposition to using the front lawn for a parking lot and drop off area. They offered up many alternative ideas which will be looked at and considered before the next public meeting on this issue which will be held on **Wednesday, May 23, 7:00pm** in the school cafeteria. No decisions were made at the May 10 meeting but it was obvious the plan as presented needs changing. Greenhow said that John Penifold was working on alternate plans which will be presented at the May 23 meeting. Greenhow said the changes need to happen this summer so they are ready for the next school

year which begins in September. He emphasized that the School District was paying attention to the comments made by the public on this issue so your voice is being heard.

Petition sheets urging the district not to replace the lawn with a parking lot have been signed by 95 people so far including 16 high school students.

Letter to the Editor,

As a rule, Member-Owners view their Co-op as a reliable, people friendly electric company. And they are right in placing their trust in our Member-Owner utility.

In 2004 a new General Manager, Werner Buehler, took over the administrative reins of CCEC, (Coos Curry Electric Co-operative Inc.). Our Co-op was in a bit of difficulty at that time due to some ill-advised investments. Mr. Buehler soon overcame the losses incurred by substantially increasing the meter rate along with a variety of steep service charges. Both of these spurts in the cost of electricity appeared unwarranted, far

beyond what was required to satisfy the outstanding debt.

The spike in electric rates didn't set well with Member-Owners. Their displeasure led to the replacement of 3 incumbent board directors in last year's election.

The 3 new Board Directors, after evaluating the solvency of CCEC, decided to lower both meter and service rates.

They acted as a Member-Owner oriented Board of Directors, never wavering from their sworn oath to serve the Co-op to the best of their ability. And that they did.

The blast of hostility from the South end of Curry County, therefore, appeared unreal in the light of their accomplishments. In particular they have singled out Chairman of the Board, Daryl Robison, in this year's race for re-election, crying incompetence. My God, that's so far-fetched it's laughable. With 22 years of Electric Utility experience as an accountant, Office Manager and Assistant General Manager, Daryl probably has more knowledge about our Co-op than any other single person,

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and as such has kept CCEC on a steady course since June 2006.

The Waddle Group: Waddle, Thomas, Itzen, and Hanscam, are after Daryl's hide. Their deluded followers, caught up in their undertow, are in a quandary and don't know it.

In reality they are under the influence of land developers who are angling to get CCEC to relocate and build new transmission lines to enhance the value of their property.

That's what the ruckus is all about. It has nothing to do with the new directors capabilities, but rather having CCEC invest Member-Owner's money for land speculators' own personal benefit. The Board refuses to do so and that's when all hell broke loose.

In order for the Waddle group to achieve their objective, they have now mounted a hate campaign, embraced by the Brookings Pilot and Curry County Reporter newspapers, with the intent of belittling 3 hardworking, dependable directors'



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reputations. And, although Werner Buehler has been relieved of duty for what is speculated as being a dismissal performance, the Waddlites are blindly extolling his virtues.

The smear tactics being used are calculated to defeat Daryl Robison of Sixes in the coming election. They are hoping Member-Owners will swallow the drivel cooked up in the recall petition. Land speculators are cagey and the average resident's worst nightmare. They have tons of money to influence public opinion and use any means possible to do so.

Member-Owners, don't be taken in by their lies. This new Board has served you well. If perchance Daryl is voted out, it can unequivocally be said; You're In For A World Of Hurt!

Re-elect Daryl Robison, District 4

Louis Mincer

Champagne Brunch

On Sunday, May 27, at 10:00am, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church will celebrate the Great Feast of the Pentecost with a special service and a champagne brunch for all! Pentecost is considered the "birthday" of the Church when the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus and allowed them to speak in many languages and spread the Good News, the Gospel, to many lands. On this day, the church will be decorated with balloons and the church will be vested in red representing the tongues of fire for the Holy Spirit, and there will be special music. The Scripture readings will be in German, Spanish, and Greek as well as English to emphasize the Pentecost event. Following the festive serviced, there will be a champagne brunch in the parish hall for everyone attending at no charge! The church is located at 417 Ninth Street (behind the Fun Zone). Everyone is welcome and invited to attend.

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Refinement Plan Gets Refined By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed zoning changes for the southern end city last Tuesday night. This is also known as the Port Orford Refinement Plan and would result in the southern part of the city changing from a 4-C (commercial) zoning to the Battle Rock Mixed Uses Zone (10-MU). The stated purpose for these changes is as follows: "The intent of the Battle Rock Mixed Use (10-MU) zone is to maintain small coastal town ambiance and small town neighborhood character, encourage pedestrian friendly tourist commercial uses, and provide opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the built and natural environment."

All commission members were present when Chairman Dave Holman began the public hearing. He said that no decisions had been made on the plan but it was still in the planning stage. He asked people commenting on the Refinement Plan to limit their remarks to three minutes. In addition to the public comments there were several letters written to the commission which were admitted as a part of the public testimony. Nine of these were opposed to parts of the plan with one person in favor. The point of contention for most people is the change in zoning from a 45 foot height limit to 35 feet with 45 feet allowed as a conditional use and the change from being allowed to construct a building lot line to lot line to a maximum of 6,000 square feet (a conditional use permit would be required for a larger building).

City planner Crystal Shoji explained a conditional use permit as allowing uses on a property subject to conditions put on it by the planning commission. It gives the planning commission a chance to look at a proposed use and can be approved by a vote of the commission. Or it can be disapproved by the commission.

Dave Holman said that people can continue to make comments about the planned zoning changes until the council meets and discusses it on June 7 at a council hearing.

Eric Oberbeck, co-owner of Sixes River Land Company spoke first and asked for ten minutes. He told the commission he was adamantly opposed to the changes in the 4-C zone. He raised the specter

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of Measure 37 (the takings initiative approved by Oregon voters) and talked about just compensation for property owners in reducing the fair market value of their properties. He reminded them a conditional use is not an “outright” use and can be conditional on what your neighbors or the planning commission says. He asked the commission if they were serious about the design standards in the Refinement Plan which included awnings and canopies. Oberbeck told the commission this change in zoning was an attempt to curtail growth.

Frank Smith, a former member of the planning commission, told the commission the city’s financial condition was not on solid ground and they didn’t have the money to be buying land or pay out money to deal with the problems.

Steve Wilser, an attorney for the Oberbeck’s said the commission needed to know if the city can afford this. He said if the changes affect property values people can file claims against the city. He reminded them to think about the cost.

Caroline Clancy, who described herself as neither a lawyer nor a realtor said it sounded like Eric was trying to blackmail the planning commission. She said that realtors should not be on the planning commission.

Port of Port Manager Gary Anderson spoke about the importance of the Port diversifying. The Port owns a 15,000 square foot property at Fifth and Washington Streets within the proposed BRMUZ. Anderson said the Port needed as much flexibility as possible with that property. The Port of Port Orford Commission voted unanimously to send a letter to the planning commission expressing their opposition to any changes in the 45 foot height limit or limitations on the size of the building on the lot.

Milt and Shirley Nelson talked about their neighborhood overlooking the Port of Port Orford and a special zoning for that particular area called the commercial residential N-CR zone. This change if approved would limit building heights to 35 feet and the types of commercial activities would be limited. It has the support of nearly everyone who lives within the area considered.

The planning commission dealt swiftly with the issue of the height and building size restriction with two motions – one to allow 45 feet tall buildings as an outright use and the second to keep in the zoning the right to build lot line to lot line as an outright use rather than a conditional use. Both votes were unanimous in favor and the recommended changes will be taken out of the BRMUZ. A motion to keep in the 125 foot length restriction on new construction failed but will be discussed again when the planning commission meets again on these zone changes on May 29. They will also make their decision on the NC-R zone as well as deal with the changes in the sign ordinance and the design standards. Some of the proposed design standards for new construction includes dormers, recessed entries, bay or bow windows, parapets and pillars or posts.

Garden Club Scholarship

On Friday, May 4, at its regular monthly meeting, the Sunset Garden Club of Port Orford announced that its annual scholarship award is presented to Heather Bennett-Caluya. Heather is currently a student at Southwestern Community College (SWOCC) in Coos Bay/North Bend. The \$500 scholarship will help Heather undertake her studies in horticulture and landscape architecture. Heather was home schooled and completed her GED in April of this year with above average scores. After completing her studies at SWOCC she intends to continue her studies at Oregon State University. When Heather completes her studies and receives her landscaping license, her goal is to start a landscaping business in Port Orford. She has already completed the nine week Master Gardener program and over the past three years, she has attended the Oregon Association of Nurseries Conference. The Sunset Garden Club is pleased to present this scholarship to Heather Bennett-Caluya who fulfills the criteria for this award.



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Letter to the editor,

Saturday May 5 was a beautiful coastal day, especially for those that ride horses. Not all people are capable or competent to ride; many are scared of horses, yet this is a beautiful area to ride in. Here we have the mountains, city, and beaches all at close proximity: this is our home.

On this particular day an accident occurred while riding and the horse unfortunately broke her leg. At this point we knew (what all horse owners know) what had to be done! Yet vets were called within a 60-mile radius only to be told what we already knew also none were available.

The Port Orford Police was kind enough to stay and offer helpful advice but could not aid us. We were then on our own to act, the horse was put down. It was a very sad & highly emotional time for our family!

Those not involved have many opinions about what happened, but it didn't happen to YOU. A few people are extremely upset by this, we are sorry.

Some are taking this further; those that threaten or harass our family will be turned into the police!

Some just lack knowledge, knowledge means: possessing or exhibiting knowledge, insight, or understanding; intelligent; well-informed; discerning; perceptive. The Bible states do unto others as you want them to do to you and work what is good toward all.

We ask that you display this before passing judgment!

The Garratt Family

City Council Meeting

The Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, May 21, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

“Homemade Jam”

Chris Vorster and Willow Owings, performing as “Homemade Jam,” will appear at the Biscuit Showroom at Gold Beach Books Saturday night, May 19, at 7:30pm. The father/daughter singers and musicians, who are south coast residents, play both classic and new folk rock tunes. Many of their songs are original compositions, including “Stormy Night in Oregon.”

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Police Report By Chief Creighton Creighton@popd.org Tip Line: 253-6271

05-01 Police responded to a possible fight in progress on 12th Street. Police arrived and determined it was a domestic argument. All were advised of the disorderly conduct statute.

05-03 Police received a report of a theft from a residence. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

Medical Note: One of my officers contacted me and advised they had been very sick from the local flu and had obtained some medication from their doctor. Later the officer went to the medicine cabinet and after taking the medication became very sick to their stomach. The quick thinking officer got the medication bottle to verify what it was so the doctor could be immediately notified. That's when the officer realized he had placed his medication right next to the dog's worm medicine. The good news is the officer does not have worms.

05-05 Police responded to a report of an assault. Upon arrival police were advised the assault had actually occurred in Brookings. Police took a report of the incident from the complainant and it was forwarded on to Brookings Police Department.

05-05 Police responded to a possible domestic assault. Police investigated the

incident and it was determined to be a verbal argument only. The subjects were counseled, and one person decided to leave for the night.

05-05 Police responded to a residence on Ninth Street in reference to a possible assault in progress. It was determined there was no assault, and all persons were advised of the disorderly conduct statute.

05-05 Police stopped a vehicle for speeding and found it contained a new bride to be in her wedding gown almost late to her wedding. The driver was quickly warned and sent on their way.

NOTE: How to tell your friend or relative He's a Really, Truly bad driver: A good way to start this delicate subject is with a compliment or positive observation: "Isn't it amazing how everybody has different abilities. For example, some people are good drivers. In your case, it's foosball."

05-05 Police received a call of a horse in distress on Dog Beach. Police responded at the request of the owners. Numerous attempts were made to contact a vet to respond to tend to the Horse but no one was available. Because the horse was in severe pain and distress and could not be saved it was determined the horse needed to be put down by the owners.

05-06 Police received a call of a seal lion at large in the area of the Port Orford Dock. A caller advised people were walking

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near the animal and causing it to bark. Remember sea lions might not run as fast as a dog but they bite just as good, and if you get bit by a sea lion you'll not only have medical bills but possibly a steep fine to pay for harassing the animal.

Police were notified of a vehicle crash near Battle Rock Park. The drivers exchanged information and no further action was needed.

Chiefs Note: We have received donations of \$300.00 from local citizens for our drug enforcement account that was recently enacted by the Port Orford City Council. We also received several other donations which have allowed us to purchase some needed equipment that we might not otherwise been able to buy. Thank you for those donations. On June 21 the new stop signs will be placed at the intersection of Jackson Street and 18th Street. This is a new four way stop because we have high speeds on this street and some use it for a drag strip, so placing a stop sign breaks up the long straight stretch and helps keep speeds down. Also remember May 6 through May 12 is Wildfire Awareness Week, and our department will be handing out flyers with burn permits to help educate the public on wildfires.

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Dogs, Mans Best Friend By Milton Finch Sr.

We currently have a problem at the ball park, in Buffington Park, concerning people bringing their dogs to the ball field to leave unwanted presents. Look folks, its nice that you want to exercise your dogs and to watch them running and playing and just being dogs, but you also have to realize the ball park was not built for your dogs enjoyment of relieving themselves of digested material, especially for some one else to clean up.

If you would like clarification as to where your dogs are allowed in Buffington Park, then you can go to chapter 12.16 of the City municipal code book. I'm not going to list the whole section, but I will direct you to the section 12.16.040 Pets permitted when. A. Pets are not permitted in any park except as specifically designated herein. B. Pets are permitted in those park areas where posted. It says a lot more than is allowed in the paper, but I

think you get the point. The other section 12.16.100 Refuse. Within a city park, no person shall: A. Throw, dump or deposit any trash, refuse, garbage, litter or waste material, except in receptacles designated by the public works department for that purpose. This one also goes more than can be put in the paper.

If you care to look at the code, you are more than welcome to come by and see for yourself.

The point is, please let your dogs do their business at home, where you can clean it up, not at the park. Be the responsible people that you are. The Parks commission is going to post signage for those of you that have a memory problem as to what you are supposed to do.

The aforementioned response is my personal opinion and is not meant to represent council sentiment. Transparency, openness and honesty are key essentials to being a more informed citizen.

Sir Readalot

Monday, May 14 was the day that Sir ReadAlot and his ReadAlot Theater rode into Port Orford and brought literature to life through acting (with props and costumes), storytelling, and audience participation. Sir ReadAlot (Rickie Birran) performed for over 200 students from Driftwood and Blanco Schools as well as home schooled students. Sir ReadAlot charmed and entertained students in kindergarten through 8th grade as well as the adults who accompanied them to the Port Orford Community Building. The Port Orford and Langlois Public Libraries sponsored this free event and brought Sir ReadAlot to town. We at the Port Orford and Langlois Libraries send our appreciation to Mick Lane, Scott Greenhow, Ruby Price, all the teachers, students, and parents for making Sir ReadAlot welcome in Port Orford.

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Port Orford Common Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Council Chambers of Port Orford City Hall at 555 W 20th Street, Port Orford, Oregon on Thursday, June 7, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering amendments to the City's ordinances as follows:

Subjects for the proposed amendments are: (1) Proposed Planning Amendments for the Southern Portion of the City, and (2) New Annexation Policy for the City of Port Orford.

(1) Proposed Planning Amendments for the Southern Portion of the City.

Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments: Comprehensive Plan language is proposed to incorporate the vision for the southern end of the City as presented in the Port Orford, Looking to the Future, completed June 30, 2006 with funding from the Oregon Department of Land

Conservation and Development, and updates statistics about the fishing industry and population.

Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map Amendments: The Plan Map is proposed to be changed from: Commercial (4-C) to Battle Rock Mixed Use (10-MU), and the Zone Map is proposed to be changed from Commercial (4-C) to: Battle Rock Mixed Use (10-MU).

Land Use Regulation Amendments: The new Battle Rock Mixed Use (10-MU) zone updates policies and language to comply with changes in State Law; adds new definitions; lists outright and conditional uses; proposes sign standards for the new zone; proposes a selection of design features, and specifies that some of these shall be utilized on all structures; and presents standards for new Highway 101 commercial structures.

The Plan and information presented to the

Planning Commission and the public at a Hearing on May 8, is currently available on the City's Web Site, www.portorford.org. The headings are Proposed Zoning Amendments, May 2007 and Proposed Area of Zone Change, May 2007. The Planning Commission will make recommendations for additions and deletions to the City Council. The Planning Commission is meeting on May 29 at 7:00 p.m. to finalize their recommendations to the City Council.

(2) New Annexation Policy for the City of Port Orford.

A new city-wide annexation policy is proposed. The proposal requires compliance with applicable City regulations, sets forth procedures for annexation as per ORS 222, and requires an annexation impact analysis when annexation is being considered. The proposed annexation policy will be available at the public hearing.

Common Good News by Jackie Granados

It's Spring Time here at The Common Good. Not only are we cleaning, but, our Pantry and Clothing/Housewares area has been "cleaned out"!

Micki, our Thrift manager says we need CLEAN and USEFUL items of clothing, socks, sweatshirts, and other working person items. Basic Housewares items are also needed.

Jackie, our Pantry Team Leader says we are in need of basic canned foods, boxed food items and other container items that still have good dates.

Cleaning out your pantries, cupboards & closets will help us fill ours. Our drop off points for food items include Sterling Bank, St. John's Catholic Church and The Common Good.

Helene and Jane say we are really doing well in our Ray's Food Place receipt

program. So keep on bringing them in. Ray's Food Place is a great supporter both monetarily and food wise. When we come up short on an item, Ray's will always order product for us and get it here on time. Thanks Ray's.

Jean Shank, our President asks: Please remember us when you do your Spring Cleaning. The Common Good is open the first 4 Wednesdays of the month from 10-12 then 1-3:15. Our volunteers take a well deserved lunch break between 12-1.

The Common Good is a Non Profit Organization, run completely by Port Orford volunteers, and an equal opportunity provider.

Bad Timing?

If you can answer yes, then you must come to the Port Orford Community Building on Saturday, May 19 at 3pm or 7pm to catch the latest PHS/NCFCC Artworks production of 3 one act comedies called

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Jubilee Dinner and Auction a Success!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Port Orford Jubilee Dinner and Auction a stellar success. Port Orford is truly a town with a heart of gold!

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Thank you to all who attended this year's event. We couldn't have done it without you. If we accidentally omitted anyone from inclusion in this list, we apologize. It takes so many to create such a successful event. Thanks to you all! Remember, Port Orford has one of the best 4th of July celebrations on the coast. Be sure to join us!

Fondly,

The Port Orford Jubilee Committee
www.portorfordjubilee.org

Rotary News

April Rotary Students of the month were 7th grader Brittney Glines from Driftwood school and senior Shari Odson from Pacific High School. They were able to share with Rotarians some of their interests and plans. Brittney was selected for good attendance, good grades and good use of class time. Brittney has a passion for horses and also enjoys hiking, fishing and cross country. Shari was selected based on her outstanding academic performance, the leadership she has demonstrated as secretary-treasurer of her class and her attainment of the certificate of Initial mastery.

Rotarian Ken Williams has provided the club and community with a challenge donation to the Scholarship Endowment Fund of \$750 in the hopes of reaching our goal of \$100,000 by June 30. We now have about \$97,000.

Jo Reiber presented a talk and information about the newly formed North Curry Literacy Council. 40% of our residents read at a 4th grade level or below so there is an urgent need for help for adults. 16 excellent tutors have been trained and are getting ready to work one on one with adults that need to improve their reading skills. Coos County Literacy Council has been working with our group to provide support and training. If you know of

someone who needs help to read better call either the Port Orford Library at 332-5622 or the Langlois Library at 348-2066 and a confidential arrangement will be made to assist the individual.

If you would like to learn more about the Port Orford Rotary Club check out the award winning web site at www.portorfordrotary.org.

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Letter to the Editor,

The dysfunctional leadership of Coos Curry Electrical Cooperative is totally unable to lead our Co-op into the 21st Century. At a time when the world is crying out for clean sources of energy, OUR Board of Directors is busy holding secretive meetings, firing the CEO for no stated cause and moving jobs from Brookings to Port Orford thereby causing extreme hardship for employees. Who knows what other skullduggery they have planned?

In my opinion, the Board of Directors should be supportive of management staff by establishing policy guidelines, approving the annual budget and working with management in exploring future sources of energy as well as expanding and improving the service to its customers.

In 2011, the current contract with Bonneville Power will end. What happens

if BPA is unable to continue supplying power? Are there alternative sources? If the contract is renewed, it will certainly be at a higher rate. The Board's time would be better spent studying local sources of energy; solar, wind, hydro, bi-fuel and tidal action-are all within the realm of possibility. The current board is unable to move beyond "counting beans" and is incapable of conceptualizing future needs. It is time for change. Please join me in voting for Dave Kitchen, Gary Doran and returning Pete Radabaugh for a second term. Pete has consistently voted positions that would benefit all member customers rather than pandering to a few and he deserves to be reelected.

Don Mitchell
Brookings

Letter to the Editor,

I attended the Thursday evening meeting at Driftwood school in regards to re-

directing traffic flow of buses, students, and school visitors. My first reaction was "where are the concerned parents?" After all, the parents are the ones dropping off children and causing much of the need for safety precautions. There were approximately six parents in attendance out of a student enrollment of 100.

My second reaction was that many people were accepting the proposed plan without enough questioning. There are always many spins to a solution of any issue by investigating a problem with positives of how it can be done rather than dwelling on the 'why we can't' outlook.

I say, start with a blank pallet, a whole lot of what should the end result be, and figure out how to get from point A to point B without the negatives of current restraints. There's power in the people to get things changed.

Jennifer Ewing

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also plans a rummage sale June 30 at the Soroptimist Building in Gold Beach.

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Relay for Life Fundraisers

Spaghetti, wall-hung memorials and tributes, blue jeans and rummage... it's fund-raising time again for Curry General Hospital's Gold Beach Relay for Life team. While the hospital team will be known as the "Moonlight Jesters," the overall theme this year is "Mardi Gras Masquerade," announced CGH team captains Doreen Neilsen and Kay Johnson. The event is July 13-14, and the goal for fundraising is \$24,000 for all of the participating teams.

Now in the hospital's Curry Café, anyone can support the team effort by donating a dollar for the hospital's annual badges

honoring or memorializing loved ones affected by cancer. The badges are displayed around the food service window. Additionally, luminarias are available from team members for a suggested \$5 donation. "People can decorate their own or we will do it for them," Johnson says.

For hospital employees only, the team is selling "Jeans Permit" buttons every Friday. The \$5 permit allows purchasers to wear denim jeans to work on Fridays.

Additionally, the relay team will host a community spaghetti feed on Friday, June 8 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Tickets are \$6 each and will be available at the hospital and from relay team members. The group

Senior Center Meeting

The regular monthly membership meeting at the Senior Center will be held at 11:00am on May 29, the last Tuesday of May. This is a very important meeting, as we will be electing an entire new slate of officers, with nominations from the membership. In order for the vote to be valid according to the by-laws, we will need at least 40 Senior Center members at the meeting. After the meeting, we will have a meat loaf lunch, and dime bingo. A beautiful sculpture made and donated by Jerry Stoope, to benefit the Dial A Ride program, will be on display. If you haven't been attending the membership meetings, it is time to go to one now!

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According to Glenn Harkleroad, Coos Bay BLM Noxious Weed Coordinator, a Weed Wrench is a manually-operated, all steel tool designed to remove woody plants by their roots. It is effective in pulling many noxious weeds, including Scotch Broom. They work well in areas where herbicide use is restricted, cost prohibitive, or not preferred.

The Weed Wrenches are available for loan at several watershed council offices in Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties. A \$25 refundable deposit per wrench is required at the time of loan. People can borrow up to three wrenches at a time. Borrowers of the wrenches will be required to leave their name and contact information and will be asked a few questions about the weed control to be done. Answering the weed control questions will not be required, but will help the BLM and local Weed

Advisory Boards determine the effectiveness of the program.

"Noxious weeds continue to be one of the bigger and more costly challenges facing land managers and private landowners in Southwestern Oregon today," said Harkleroad. "Hopefully this program will give landowners a tool to be proactive and tackle noxious weeds on their own property."

Weed Wrenches are available for loan from the following organizations:

Coquille Watershed Association
55135 Picture Valley Rd
Coquille, OR
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South Coast Watersheds Council
98141 4th Street
Gold Beach, OR
(541) 247-2755

Funding for the project was approved and provided by the Coos Bay BLM Resource Advisory Committee in 2006 as charted under the Secure Rural School and Community Self Determination Act of 2000.

For more information on the program, contact one of the organizations listed above, or Glenn Harkleroad with the BLM at (541) 751-4361.

Hanneke at the Egyptian

Hanneke Cassel along with cellist Rushad Eggleston and guitarist Christopher Lewis are performing twice this weekend on the south coast. This Friday night, May 18, they play at the Egyptian Theater in downtown Coos Bay. The performance starts at 7:00pm at the historic movie theater. It is now owned by the City of Coos Bay and managed by the Friends of the Egyptian Theater preservation society. The group puts on movies, plays and concerts and are planning on removing the balcony theaters and increasing the amount of seating.

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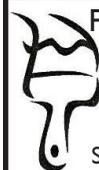
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Letter to the Editor,

In September of 2004 the previous board of directors and management of CCEC raised the meter connect/disconnect fee from \$30.00 to \$200.00 if the connection was done between 8am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. If done at any other time the fee was \$400.00.

At that same time the cost to member-owners for having a staking engineer visit one's property went from \$0.00 to \$500.00. Also the minimum monthly meter charge (MMC) was raised from \$14.00 to \$33.00 per month.

On August 19, 2004 at 3:30pm seven longtime CCEC employees (several a few years from retirement) were all informed that they were furloughed (fired) and told to take their personal belongings and leave the premises. This was orchestrated by management and approved by the board. I don't recall the editors of the papers even mentioning that incident much less demanding reasons! Most of these posi-

tions have been filled by new personnel at higher salaries.

The board also unanimously recommended downsizing the board from 9 to 5 members.

Compare that to some of the present board's accomplishments in less than one year:

Reduced the MMC from \$33.00 to \$22.75. Even with the reduction the current revenue for 2007 is higher than planned.

Reduced the connect fee by 50% to \$100.00 and \$200.00 after hours.

Initiated a net metering policy that assists member/owners who install solar, hydro or wind systems.

Established a whistle blower policy for employees.

Reduced administrative expenses.

Made significant progress to reverse outsourcing.

These are the facts.

Don Jenson
Former CCEC employee

Beginning Quilting Classes

Have you ever looked at the beautiful quilts at the July 4 Quilt Show and wondered if you could make one? Local quilt teacher, Elaine Pendleton, author of "A Sampler for Beginners", will be starting her eighth series of classes for adults on June 26 at Quilter's Corners next to the Port Orford post office. The 11 classes are scheduled for alternate Tuesdays, unless another weekday is more convenient for a majority of students. Each class costs \$10 but paying in advance for the full session is only \$75. Classes begin at 10:00am and last all day. Bring your lunch or eat out. You will need a sewing machine. A list of other supplies is available at the quilt shop. For any questions call Elaine Pendleton at 332-3101, or Quilter's Corner at 332-0502.

Meditation Group Forming

Anyone interested in forming a meditation group meeting weekly? First meeting Tuesday May 22 at 6:00pm (until about 7:30?) at the Senior Center. You may use a chair or bring something else comfortable to sit on. We will start with "Mindfulness Meditation - Cultivating the Wisdom of Your Body and Mind" by Jon Kabat-Zinn on audio CD. Our first meeting will begin with tea and a discussion.

DSAC Meeting

The Curry Disability Services Advisory Council (DSAC) will meet on Friday, May 25, from 1:30-3:00pm at the Department of Human Services in Gold Beach. They are located at 94145 Fifth Street. For more information or if you have any questions, please call Marilyn Green or Marilee Steward at voice/TTY 247-4515 or voice/TTY 1-800-257-1385. Reimbursement for transportation to the DSAC meeting is available upon request.

HIV Testing Day

Friday, May 25 is HIV Testing Day in Curry County. The test will be given in Port Orford at the Curry County Health Department, 1403 N. Oregon Street, from noon - 2:00pm. The test is anonymous, free and uses no needles with results in 20 minutes. For more information contact the Curry County Health Department at 541-247-3300 or Mary Murphy at the HIV Resource Center, 1-877-440-2761.

Letter to the Editor,

Missing my faded to light blue six foot fiberglass stepladder picked up Monday afternoon at Jackson and Fourteenth Streets. As it's an old and steady friend could whoever picked it up please lean on the fire hydrant or return to me at 326 Sixteenth Street.

Thanks,

Dave McCutcheon