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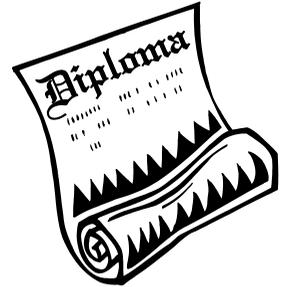
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Election Wrap Up By Evan Kramer

Last Tuesday's primary election went well for some candidates and poorly for incumbents. Curry County Commissioner Marilyn Schafer was defeated in the Republican primary election. She was running for a third term on the county commission but was defeated by George Rhodes. Schafer garnered 1,211 votes to Rhodes who totaled 1,450. In Coos County two term county commissioner John Griffith was defeated by county assessor Bob Main. Griffith has just recently been appointed to the Ocean Policy Advisory Council after being kept off that board by Governors Kitzhaber and Kulongoski.

George Rhodes will face Democratic challenger Pat Piper in the November election to replace the county commission position now held by commissioner Schafer. The race to succeed commissioner Lucie La Bonte will feature County Animal Control officer Steve Nagle running against Brookings resident Bill Waddle who won the Republican primary over his opponent Gold Beach Mayor Karl Popoff by a 2-1 margin. This means that come January 2009 when the two new commissioners are sworn in there will be a total of two years of experience between the three

commissioners with Georgia Nowlin becoming the senior member with two years.

Many candidates ran unopposed including State Representative candidates Rick Goche (D) and incumbent Wayne Krieger (R) for House District #1. US Representative Peter DeFazio not only ran unopposed in the Democratic Party primary but has no Republican opposition in the fall as no one filed to run in the Republican primary. Talk about making a district your own.

Barack Obama easily won the Oregon Democratic primary election for president with 58% of the vote to Hillary Clinton's 40%. In Curry County the margin was much narrower with Obama edging Clinton 51-46% while in Coos County Clinton took the most votes thanks in part to former President Clinton's appearance at North Bend Junior High School in April. Republican Party challenger Ron Paul took 14% of the votes in his race against John McCain for the Republican presidential nod. McCain long ago passed the number of delegates he needs to secure the Republican nomination for President.

The race for US Senator and control of the Senate next year will be between Oregon House Speaker Jeff Merkley and

two term incumbent Republican Gordon Smith. Merkley edged out challenger Steve Novick and will now need to raise a lot of money to challenge Smith. Retired lawyer John Frohnmayer won the nomination of the Independent Party for Senator and promises to put in a full fledged third party effort to make a difference as he says.

Wilbur Green Honored

Wilbur Green was honored on Sunday at Buffington Park in a ceremony renaming the horse arena the Wilbur Green Horse Arena. The Pacific Wind Rider's Association was held a series of horse events that day in the park. Green was an avid horseman and participant in over 40 July 4 Jubilee celebrations. The Port Orford City Council voted at their May meeting to go along with the Parks Commission recommendation to name the horse arena in honor of Wilbur Green's contributions to our community. Port Orford and North Curry County David Smith read a brief statement before presenting the faux plaque (the real one wasn't ready yet) to Wilbur Green's son Rick Green and his family who were down for the day.

Here is the text of David Smith's remarks about Wilbur Green.

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"Wilbur Green served in the US Army in World War II and as a merchant marine. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce when it began in the 50's and active in the Jubilee Committee for over 40 years. He was a lifetime member of the Curry County Sheriff's Mounted Posse.

We are honoring Wilbur Green, a World War II veteran and Chamber of Commerce and Jubilee Committee member and a lifetime member of the Curry County Sheriff's Mounted Posse who rode horseback in Port Orford's July 4 Jubilee Parade for almost 40 years. This man contributed so much to this town. We dedicate the Buffington Park Horse Arena as the "Wilbur Green Memorial Horse Arena."

In another part of Buffington Park by the A-Frame cabin the Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce held their barbecue fundraiser for the Pacific Wind Rider's Association. People dined on barbecued hamburgers and

hot dogs and socialized with each other. The Chamber raised nearly \$350 for the horse riders association at the barbecue. 18 horse riders participated in the series of events at the horse arena with riders and horses coming from Coos Bay and Coquille as well as Port Orford and Langlois.

**CCEC Annual Meeting
 By Evan Kramer**

The Coos Curry Electric Cooperative annual meeting will be held in Coquille on Saturday, June 14, at the Coquille Community Center. Owner-members have received their ballots in the mail for the annual election which features three by-law changes and an election for one board member. The most notable bylaw change is the one enlarging the board of directors from five to seven members. The board never has been five members and currently has six members with Myrtle Point resident Grant Combs scheduled to go off the board and that

position be eliminated this June. Three years ago owner members voted to change the number of board members from nine to five over a three year period of time.

Now for my opinion. Please join me in voting no on this bylaw change to increase the number of board members from five to seven. The board has never given the five member board a chance. They are responding to pressure from the south end of the cooperative territory to increase the number of board members... If the bylaw change went into effect it would increase the Brookings/Harbor representation from two out of five to three out of seven which isn't much of a change. The seventh member would be an at large member from the rest of the cooperative area excluding Brookings/Harbor. Give five board members a chance. What we really needed was a bylaw change so that board meetings couldn't be closed to owner-members, not one to increase the size of the board at an additional cost to the ratepayers (formerly owner members).

Bandon Hospital Art Show

Bandon Hospital will host an art show which opens Sunday, June 1, with the reception from 1 to 3:00pm. The show will be on exhibit for three months.

It's the Humbug Mountain Weavers and Spinners Guild Show. The featured artist is Wendy Bertrand from Gasquet, CA who has 23 rugs woven between 1999 land 2007, ranging in size from 2 by 3 feet to 5 by 7 feet.

Police Report by Chief Creighton Creighton@popd.org

Cell: 541-253-7547, Tips: 253-6271

05-17 Police were called to the Port Orford Inn on a complaint of Criminal Trespass and Disorderly Conduct. An intoxicated female was contacted and trespassed from the establishment.

05-17 Police took a criminal mischief report regarding a slide at Buffington Park that had been damaged by unknown person(s) to the sum of approximately \$2,020.00. If anyone has any information about the culprits who did this damage please contact our agency.

05-19 Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of Idaho and 18th Street. It was reported that one driver failed to stop at the stop sign on Idaho Street and struck a vehicle headed eastbound on 18th Street. There were no injuries. The at-fault driver was cited for failing to stop at the stop sign and the other driver was cited for driving uninsured.

05-19 Police and ambulance were contacted about an injured female struck by a vehicle. The vehicle was reported to be headed south on Highway 101. Ambulance attended the injured person and police responded southbound as a Curry County Deputy responded northbound to intercept the vehicle. Not locating the vehicle police responded back to City



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Hall where the injured female was being attended by ambulance. It was determined that the subject had fallen off their bicycle, and it appeared they had been struck by the vehicle.

05-20 Police responded to a residence on 9th street on a call of a disorderly subject.

05-20 Police received a report that a trailer had been taken from a residence on Idaho Street by unknown persons.

05-20 City of Port Orford received a complaint that the city had placed a water turn off notice on a residence. Police took a complaint from a resident who advised they had found the notice on their home with a threat written on the back stating in part "I know where you live, watch your back death to all Meter Readers".

05-21 Police responded to a vehicle crash on 7th Street in front of the Post Office one vehicle backed out and was struck by another. There were no injuries.

SPEEDER OF THE WEEK: 05-22 a vehicle was stopped by an officer that was traveling southbound on Highway 101

at 18th Street at 82 mph in a posted 30 mph zone. This is our new Port Orford World ground speed record. The female driver stated she wasn't sure what the speed laws were and didn't think she was actually in a town.

Chiefs Note: I received a thank you letter from a couple in Canada thanking Patty Barnes and Officer Fink for helping them during their trip. Being a little lost and on their way to Yellowstone Park they stopped in and were given Map Quest directions to the Park. This is what community policing is all about "helping people" with their problems. While working at home the other day a female from Norway came into my wife's business and asked to use a bike to drive around town. My thoughtful wife gave her my bike instead of her own. I asked my wife if she knew the female and of course she didn't. As I watched my new bike ride off into the sunset I thought what a great place Port Orford is to have people like my wife always willing to lend someone my stuff. Speaking of Bikes, Carol at the frame shop is missing two of her bikes that she lets people use which are usually parked out front of her business.



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Theater 101 News

Theatre 101 is gearing up for our next production. Steel Magnolias, by Robert Harling, is a heart wrenching drama washed with humor. It is set in a beauty shop in Louisiana owned by Truvy Jones, (portrayed by Tere Tronson) a lonely beautician who brightens like a light bulb when her little shop is full of “hens”.

The story revolves around our newest Theatre 101 cast member, Morgan McKenzie as Shelby Eatenton, a diabetic, just about to marry a rich southern lawyer. Shelby, is the town sweetheart and a special young woman who feels that having a baby is worth risking everything, even her own life. Stacy Romele joins our cast as Shelby’s mama, M’Lynn Eatenton, a bossy, but caring mother who still worries about her very grown up daughter; Returning cast member Diane Campbell Antonio plays Clairee Belcher, the town Grande Dame who loves football and gossip; Pacific High School senior and up and coming actress, Signe Tronson plays Annelle Dupuy-Desoto, a very shy young woman who blooms and grows as the plot thickens. And everyone

will love Susi Eckhardt in her dynamic role as Ouiser (pronounced “Weezer”), the town’s exocentric but loveable curmudgeon.

Steel Magnolias is a play about the power of hope, the love between a mother and her child and the bond that can be so unbreakable between true friends. It brings to our audience a totally feel good, yet very real story. This play has everything from hysterical comedy to satisfying drama

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Theatre 101 performs Steel Magnolias two weekends in June on the 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29th, with special matinee performances on July 4th after the Jubilee parade and a performance on July 5 at 7:30pm.

Get you tickets at the Downtown Fun Zone, or call 332-PLAY to reserve your tickets to the last Play of this season

Public Safety Committee

The public safety subcommittee meets on Tuesday, June 3, 5:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

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Team Jubilee Still Working

Most everyone has been very cooperative in getting in their forms for the brochure, concession and parade for the July 4 Jubilee.

A reminder to all interested parties, we have a few tables left at the Craft, Collectable and Treasure event on July 5. It’s only a \$10 fee for the day. St. John’s Ladies Auxiliary will be in attendance to offer snacks and beverages throughout the day.

Don’t forget – if you have junk – make art! We are looking forward to your Junk Art entry. Bring your art to the Community Building between 7:00-8:45am on July 5 and we will place it on exhibit for the day. The viewing public will be your judges. Ballots will be opened and read at 3:45pm. The Best of Show will be announced and a prize of \$25 will be awarded.

The Driftwood Art Show will be on display at the corner of Highway 101 and Oregon Street (formerly the beauty shop) as well as photos from “A Day in the Life of Port Orford”.

We are working to bring the community a fun and entertaining July 4 holiday. We appreciate the community spirit, good will, and participation. It should be a delightful celebration. We could all use a party don’t you think?

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The free public conference, sponsored by the CoastWatch program, begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Hales Center for the Performing Arts at Southwestern Oregon Community College, and runs through 4 p.m. (followed by field trips to Sunset Bay). Registration begins at 9 a.m.; no pre-registration is necessary.

Geologist Jonathan Allan of Oregon's Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) will give the keynote talk at 1 p.m. His topic will be "Extreme storms, El Niños, and sea level rise due to earth's changing climate: The changing face of the Oregon Coast." Allan, who is a coastal geomorphologist (one who studies the ways in which the coast is shaped), will discuss recent research into erosion, sand movement and sand supply. Allan will put changes of the shoreline such as the dramatic erosion that took place during the past

winter into context, discussing what fits within long-term cycles and what may be due to climate change. He will look at the likely future of the Oregon coast as sea level rises and wave heights increase, as is now widely predicted. Allan is one of the leading researchers studying increased storm waves and their erosional impact. Originally from New Zealand and a graduate of the University of Canterbury there, he is now based in Newport, where he analyzes shoreline management and coastal hazards for DOGAMI.

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Curry County Fair 2008

The Curry County 2008 Fair theme is "Sunshine and Sea Breeze, The Power to Please." The Fair takes place on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 24-27 at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. The Exhibitor's Handbook was distributed last week and copies are available at many local businesses. The Fair Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 26 starting at 10:00am on Highway 101.

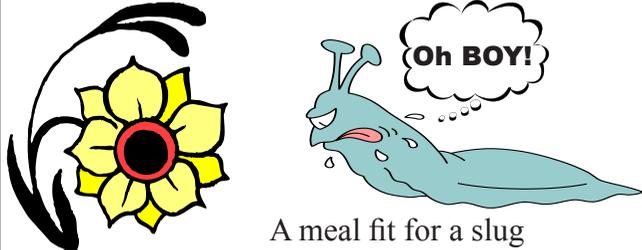
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Skate Park Winner!

The drawing for the PO Skate Park Fun Package was held on Sunday at the Cedar Fest Grand Finale after a wonderful performance by Grant Ruiz and Les Stansell. The package included gift certificates from Castaway by the Sea, Griffs on the Dock, Savoy Theatre, Pre-historic Gardens and Jerry's Rogue Jets. The winner was Patricia Rice of Port Orford!! Congratulations!

A big thank you to all of our generous businesses who donated the gift certificates for this package. It really made for a great fundraiser. Thank you to those who bought tickets and those who continue to support the skate park addition because without you this project would not be happening. Thank you to Chetco Federal Credit Union, Port Orford Visitor Center and the Downtown Fun Zone (my bosses are awesome) for helping to sell tickets.

So far a little over \$5000 has been raised through fundraising and generous donations. There have also been several truckloads of rock, sand, gravel, and dirt along with other materials donated. Approximately 1331 hours of volunteer labor has been donated. Not only have our locals been working on the skate park, there have also been skaters from Brookings, Langlois and Coos Bay here to lend a hand. If you have not seen the new bowl yet, please stop by and check it out. This is still a work in progress so be patient, we will get there!

Council Vacancies

The City of Port Orford is announcing that the positions for Mayor and five City Council persons will become vacant on December 31, 2008. Two City Council positions are for a two year term and three are for a four year term.

The top three vote getters will receive the four year terms and the next two highest vote getters will receive the two year terms. Packets are now available for persons interested in filing for any of these positions. You may pick these up at Port Orford City Hall, 555 W. 20th Street, Port Orford, OR.

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Trumpets Wilbur Jensen (who knew Mildred Hill) and Steve Moon are joined by French Horn Mark Allen, Trombone Steve Simpkins and Tuba Bill Harsh. Tickets will be available June 2 from Downtown Fun Zone in Port Orford and on line from ConcertTickets@ZionLutheranPortOrford.org. They are \$7.50 with 18 and under admitted free.

This will be the second of four concerts for the 2008 Mildred Hill Concert series. Mildred's four decade ministry of music at Zion Lutheran makes possible these community events. Barbershop, Brass Quintet, Harp and Vocal Duo and solo Classical Guitar make up this year's schedule.

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Homeless Youth

The Curry County League of Women Voters presents its third annual Speakers Forum on Homeless Youth in Curry County on Friday, June 6, 1-3 pm, at the Chetco Community Public Library in Brookings. Learn about the reasons – and seasons – for homelessness in Curry County, and what is being done to offer temporary shelter and affordable housing to individuals and families.

The theme is Housing First! With a roof over their heads, both temporary and permanent, homeless people are able to overcome significant obstacles and get on their feet again. Panel members will discuss chronic and situational homelessness.

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FOR AND ON THE RECORD this is public notice of a lien, security agreement and power of attorney entered into by and between Robin Alyce Hauser Secured Party and ROBIN A. HAUSER DEBTOR on July 4th 1956 signed and notarized on this May 20th 2008, available for public view upon request at: Robin Hauser c/o PO Box 1500-155, Brookings, OR 97415.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Port Orford will hold a Public Budget Hearing on June 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at Port Orford City Hall Gable Chambers at 555 W 20th Street, Port Orford, Oregon, prior to the Regular Session of the Common Council. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to allow the public an opportunity to discuss and question the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as approved by the Port Orford Budget Committee. A copy of the approved budget is available at City Hall offices and in the Library for your review.

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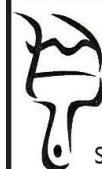
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School Year Ends

The Port Orford -Langlois School District school year comes to an end for students on Wednesday, June 4. The Pacific High School graduation takes place on Friday, May 30 and then the school year will be over the seniors.

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Tagged Fish

The Port Orford live-fish fishery has increased in economic importance over the past ten years. The Port Orford fleet holds over half of the nearshore permits issued in Oregon. Even with this dramatic increase in harvest, little has been done to increase our knowledge of the ecology and sustainability of nearshore fish. This spring, scientists and local fishermen will be beginning a tagging study of several of the nearshore species harvested here. Of particular interest is the *Sebastes* complex, also known as rockfishes.

Rockfish species are unique in that they have a swim bladder, an internal buoyancy device that allows fish to adjust their depth. When fish are caught they are rapidly brought to the surface, not allowing the fish adequate time to equalize, causing rapid bladder expansion known as baurotrauma. Fish suffering from extreme baurotrauma have external symptoms like bulging eyes, pushed out esophagus, and bloating. Typically fish displaying these symptoms do not survive. Some fishermen "vent" fish with a hypodermic needle, puncturing the bladder and releasing the pressure to

increase survivability. Here in Port Orford, a voluntary conservation measure has been established that asks fishermen to "vent" and release the spawning female rockfish. This practice can contribute to productivity and sustainability of the nearshore fishery by allowing those large females to continue to repopulate. What is not known is how these female fish react to "venting" practices, or if they survive at all when released.

This research project will investigate the survival rate of these big, old, fertile, fat, female fish (endearingly called BOFFFFs). By tagging these spawning fish, it will be possible to look at effectiveness of different venting methods, as well as the timing of larval release and distribution of pregnant female rockfish in nearshore habitats. During this study, other species of fish will be tagged to look at distribution and life history of locally harvested stocks. This collaborative study is part of a greater effort between Oregon State University, Seagrant, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Pacific Marine Conservation Council (PMCC), and Port Orford Ocean Resource Team (POORT) to improve our knowledge of nearshore resources in the Port Orford area.

If you encounter a tagged fish, please snip, record, and save the tag! Collect the location and depth of capture, and species the tag was taken from. You may keep or release the fish, according to ODFW regulations. Please report all tags to the POORT office at (541) 332-0627. There will be a "tag lottery", where those who submit tags with information can win prizes. There will be a monthly drawing as well as a grand prize drawing for a gift card to Englund Marine in Charleston. We appreciate your help!

Blessing of the Fleet

The first meeting for the 2008 Blessing of the fleet will be held on Tuesday June 3 at 5:00pm at the POORT office. If you

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are unable to attend this meeting but want to be a part of this years blessing please call Cecil at 332-0806

Letter to the Editor

In your May 15 issue, you described all the very positive changes going on in our local school district, 2CJ. One of them caught my eye, the announcement that Jerry Breen has been hired as the new school counselor.

The importance of the counselor's position in any high school can hardly be overstated. In school year 2006-07, I had the opportunity to work with guidance counselors at each of the south coast high schools as a coordinator for foreign exchange students. I was very impressed with the counselors at Pacific High School, and also with Jerry Breen, who was then at Brookings-Harbor High School. He is very pro-active, has a wonderful sense of humor, knows exactly what's going on with each of the students, and the students really like and respect him. I have no doubt that he will be a very fine addition to our high school, and we are fortunate indeed to have a person of his caliber.

Steve Taylor

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