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Port Orford Police Department.

Police Levy Meeting By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council began their evening April 16 with a special session to talk about the upcoming police levy and take questions from the public about it. All six councilors were in attendance as well as three members of the police department, two people from the press and three people from the public. Either most people have their minds made up about the police levy or didn't need to know more about it. Council president John Hewitt spoke to those in attendance and told them the current police levy was for \$1.41 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation on their property. The 5 year police levy on the May 19 Special Districts election ballot is for \$1.31 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation or a reduction of ten cents per thousand. Property owners within the city limits have been paying for two police levies both voted on and passed by the voters over the past eight years.

City Administrator Mike Murphy said that if this levy passed the city would then come back again in five years to pass a another one. He made a point of explaining that the \$125,000 which would be collected by passage of the levy per year are funds dedicated solely

to the police department and not be part of the city's general fund.

The yearly cost for someone with a house with an asessed valuation of \$100,000 would be \$131 while a homeowner with property assessed at \$150,000 would pay \$196.50 per year.

Murphy went on to say that it costs about \$120,000 for two officers which is what we have now. The cost for the court and court employee is \$100,000.

It was stated the city will hire a full or part time police chief if the levy passes. A full time chief can cost up to \$75,000 including salary and benefits when that person reaches the top of the pay grade.

Ticket revenues the city police force generates do not go to the police department directly by state law. Those monies collected after all assessments are paid goes into the general fund. The other part of funding the police department comes from this same general fund. The total police budget last year was \$313,000 so you can see the police levy only pays for less than half of the operating costs of the department. Councilor David Smith said that the police department takes 67% of the general fund money.

Former Police Chief Mark Creighton asked the council how they would get the \$90,000 a year to pay unemployment for the three remaining police department employees and himself – this if the levy fails and the department is eliminated. The City is preparing to lay off the employees if the levy fails but since it is self insured for unemployment claims all unemployment payments will be made by the city.

Nella Abbott reminded the council the city has a school in the middle of town and many elderly people who walk around and cross the street. She said that we need a police department and that the two officers we have now have done a tremendous job. She spoke on behalf of other homeowners who want their houses protected.

The city police department has five reserve officers who assist the two paid officers. They all report to City Administrator Mike Murphy for the time being until a police chief is hired. When that happens the chief will report to Murphy and not the city council as had been the case with Chief Mark Creighton.

Editorial Opinion

I don't live in the City of Port Orford so can't vote on this issue but we do pay

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Police Levy Meeting
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property taxes to the City and have been paying and would continue to pay for any police levies. I would vote yes on the levy if given the chance. The police department and council have made for a lot of press this past year but that's not a good enough reason to do away with the police department. Our county Sheriff's Department is down to four road deputies and won't take over policing Port Orford if we do away with our department. We're also going to see Driftwood School add many new students as the District consolidates down to two schools in September and I'd like to see the school zone continue to be patrolled by our police department. It's also very important for our emergency service providers to have a police department as backup on some of their calls. The Sheriff's Department cannot provide this service in a timely manner but our local police department can. The police levy is a tax we have been paying for eight years now and it is one where we get to see exactly where our money is going

unlike with federal and state taxes. And I like where it goes.

Letter to the Editor,

I am writing in support of the Port Orford police levy. Pat and I both voted in favor of it last November and will do so again in the upcoming election because we believe that it is the right thing to do. I believe the police are vital to the well-being of the town and without good police protection the town will decline.

The federal, state and county governments are not going to provide police protection, so it is up to us pay for what we want and need. The levy will not increase our property taxes. We already are paying a police levy. The new levy is actually slightly less than we have been paying. If you are worried about the dollars and cents of paying a police levy you might want consider that without police, Port Orford might not be a desirable place to live and your property value would suffer.

If you are considering a No vote be aware that some folks don't have their

facts straight and may be deliberately trying to mislead you. Ask questions. It is important.

We have good paid officers and dedicated volunteers. If you have not done so, introduce yourself and thank them for being there for us. The upcoming Pig Roast* will be a great place to do that. Vote Yes and keep them on the job.

Bill McArdle
 Port Orford City Council

*The Pig Roast will be at held at the Community Building on 2 May at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. Tickets may purchased at the police department or from any police officer

Sunset Garden Club

The Sunset Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting at 1:00pm on Friday, May 1, in Port Orford's Senior Center. Rick Hazard, who has an organic farm surrounded by woodland, will give a presentation about homesteading and land management. Visitors are always welcome.

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Letter to the Editor,

As I am not a resident of Port Orford, and can't vote for or against a tax levy for continuation of the Police Department, I am stating my opinion as a business owner that lists Port Orford as an address, and employer and loyal supporter of local Port Orford businesses. While my name has appeared as a supporter of the Police levy, I must state that in carefully looking at the costs and the conduct of the present Police Department, I emphatically state that I could not in any way support any recommendation to tax the good citizens of Port Orford to support a tax levy for continuation of the Police Department in its present state.

I had the unpleasant experience to witness the spectacle that was ostensibly a "cross walk" enforcement action on Saturday, April 18th. In discussing it with others who witnessed the event it was agreed it was a most amateurish and embarrassing display, with volunteer cops hiding behind trees, four police cars continually racing around, another volunteer cop posing with a radar gun held like he was pointing a pistol at a bank robber, and volunteers unsteadily lurching out in front of confused motorists who obviously couldn't figure out what this circus was all about. It was unsafe, unprofessional, and for people passing through town it was either amusing or disgusting, or worse, entrap-

ment. Having witnessed the same cross walk enforcement action in Coos Bay a few days before, I can assure you the professionalism displayed there bore no resemblance to the spectacle in Port Orford. If this is the type of enforcement that occurs in Port Orford, the city will need a good public relations firm as well as lawyers to counter the negative word that will soon spread. Most people thought this type of conduct was behind the city after the recent changes made in the Police Department.

Notwithstanding the conduct of the police and the far to numerous "volunteers", it is hard in this near depression economy for the average person struggling to cope with every day expenses on a shrinking income to commit to any kind of tax levy, even if it is sold as "less than the last one". It doesn't take rocket science to see that the Police levy will only be part of the costs associated with supporting a department of this size in this small city. The plan is to supplement the levy with fines to the reported tune of \$70,000. This tells you that enforcement apparently is having no effect if you can count on a set amount of money coming in fines. If this can't be made from passers by, your Police Department will

turn on the city residents to make up the difference. What ever happened to the idea of slowing down traffic in the interest of safety instead of turning it into a profit center? Doesn't it make sense that efficient speed awareness results in fewer fines and safer streets, and a visitor friendly city? A few thousand dollars spent on permanently mounted radar driven speed signs would make the town safer and relieve the taxpayers of supporting a burden that will never go away and will only continue to balloon. The police department individuals will have better pay, insurance benefits, vacation, and working conditions than the average Port Orford citizen they are proposing to tax to pay their way.

As I stated before, not being a resident it won't cost me personally a cent either way, but I do have concern for the average Port Orford citizen having to shoulder this potential burden. Please give this levy a hard look before you vote, and ask yourself if you personally have ever derived any benefit from the police that justifies what you will have to pay now and in the future.

George Welch
Sixes, OR

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Letter to the editor,

I read in the papers that an individual, who has his signs around town, is running for the fire board again. If you read the part of a letter, Running for director, that states, and I quote "I have years of experience on other boards, I am respectful to all, and I am a good listener" end of quote, then I would like you to refer to an article that was published in both of Port Orford papers dated may 17 2000, PON and June 1 2000, Port Orford Today.

It is about the meeting conducted May 9th 2000, of the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Board Meeting. It tells of the unprofessional manner that the then secretary, the one running now, conducted himself.

What it basically says is that the above referenced individual was not willing to conduct meetings as set forth in the Attorney General's Public Records and Meeting Manual, dated December 1, 1999 edition. It tells of receiving a letter from the Curry County District Attorney demanding that he comply.

I could go on about this again, but if you have any doubt ask to listen to the tape of the meeting, where three individuals were asked to resign of which one is looking to be elected to the board again. Check out at the Library the articles or you can come by the Liquor store as I have copies of the articles. There is

also an article headlined Citizens and Fireman demand three resign from Rural Board. One is looking to be elected again.

Apparently this individual is banking on the people in this area, that can vote, have again forgotten or the fact that there are new people that have moved here and are not aware of his conduct when he was on the Board before.

I say, if it isn't broke then leave it alone.

Support the current individuals running for the Board. If I could vote, I would vote for Ed Tennant, Dennis Woodard and Ken Fliszar.

Transparency, openness and honesty are key essentials to being a more informed citizen.

Milton C Finch SR

Letter to the Editor,

Vote in Favor of the Police Levy

As members of the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Board, we can not vote on the upcoming Police Levy. We do, however strongly support it.

The Police Department, Ambulance and Fire Department make up a three legged stool for Public Safety. Take away or diminish any one of the three, and the entire Community suffers. We are part of this Community, too.

Ambulance and Fire are volunteers. For them to not be able to enter an emergency, but volatile situation, without police presence is not a good public service. This community deserves the best we can offer.

Rick Hazard, John Johnston, Ed Tennant, Marie Van Aart, Edna Auld
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- **JOE MARSH** understands how to evaluate proposals for improvements to the Port Orford Fire District.
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- **JOE MARSH** will bring much needed expertise to the Board of Directors of the Port Orford Fire District.
- **JOE MARSH** understands the policy issues of the Port Orford Fire District.
- **JOE MARSH** will provide the necessary direction to improve and upgrade the Port Orford Fire District.
- **JOE MARSH** is a lifetime member of our community. The Marsh family donated land for both sites for the Elk River Fire Station.

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Letter to the Editor,

Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Patrons don't be misled, and hoodwinked.

We are extremely puzzled at the following politics flying in our local Fire District.

We ask the following questions?

Why when someone wants to run for the local Fire District board of Directors, they need the blessing of the Fire Department and it's Chief. In this case the Fire department changes from a local Tax Base supported fire department to a Political action committee led by Paid Chief Gayle Wilcox. This is what one would perceive by reading the two local papers.

Each of the volunteer firefighters and the paid Fire Chief are this community's protectors in Fire emergency's. There should be no politics allowed by those serving on a local tax based fire service. We don't need to be dictated to by a fire department that is operating on our tax dollars, as too who to vote for".

We the public should feel that each of you in our local Fire Department is a

friend to all of us you serve in the Fire district. You should remain neutral as a group when it comes to Fire District Elections. One could perceive the fire department is a friend to some and an enemy to others.

The Port Orford Rural Fire district needs to set operating policy, and or bylaws, to put a stop to the politics by the tax base supported Fire Chief and members of the Fire Department.

All of you, the Paid Chief, and Fire Department members have only one job, and that's "Local emergency service to serve and protect", that is what the tax base is for. There is no disrespect meant to any of you on the fire department. We are proud of each and all of you, but the buck needs to stop here on the tax base supported politicking.

Charles Case; Mark McClelland;
Deb Faulkner; Chris Gehrke,
Jerry McGriff; Ryan Gehrke;
Tom Smith; Ray Huffman;
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Letter to the Editor,

Regarding the Police Levy. My name was used in a full page ad urging people to vote Yes. I was never asked if they could use my name or what my views were.

I want people to make up their own minds after hearing the facts. I hate scare tactics. Truth is what we need. I am told the city's insurance requires us to have a police chief, but a part time chief is sufficient. If the levy fails we will not have enough money to pay for a police force. The \$190,000 is only an estimate of revenue raised by citations. Actual is \$140,000 because we were short one officer. Also this is for budget 2008/09 not 2009/10 as stated by Mark Creighton.

Up until this time I though we could pay for two officers without a levy but I was wrong. We need to tighten our belts and cut back on something.

But bottom line is if the people of Port Orford want a police presence here we need to pay for it. So it is up to you police or no police. You choose.

Caroline Clancy

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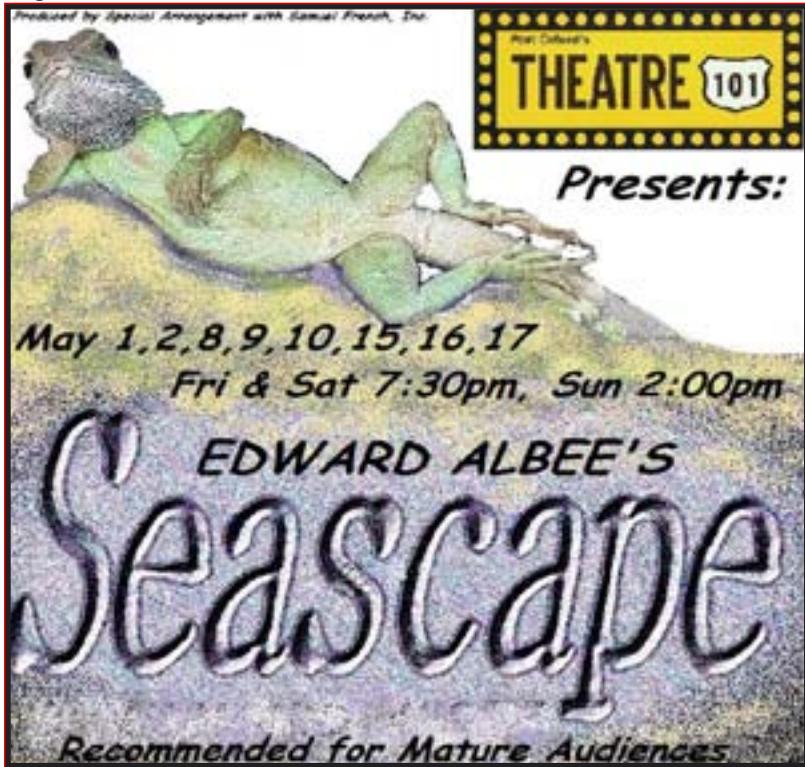
‘New’ Levy fails to address our needs:

- Does not limit POPD budget to Levy amount
- Does not provide for citizen input
- Does not provide for citizen oversight of POPD

Levy needs to be redone – don't accept a levy that has been rushed and forced upon us – there must be more public input and control this time around.

This is OUR MONEY!

Let's make them get it right this time!



Letter to the Editor,

Fellow citizens, as your ballots begin to show up in your mailboxes this week I ask you to consider the facts of the 'New' Police Levy one last time:

- 1) The current annual police budget is about \$310,000, almost \$1000/day! This is about 50% of our total City budget. Is this justified?
 - 2) The Levy will provide around \$120K/yr from our property taxes. As can be seen, the Levy only brings in about 40% of the annual POPD budget. Obviously, the police budget is not based on the Levy amount.
- Why not?
- 3) The City (i.e., you and me) coughs up another \$190,000 from our General Fund to pay the remainder. (However, about \$70K of this is offset through 'Ticket Sales' proceeds gleaned from

speeders along the Hwy 101 corridor.)

In most of the discussions of late, the only concern seems to be the 'reduced' levy amount, minor as it may be. In reality, the discussion needs to be about reducing the POPD budget to something more reasonable for our town. Spending almost \$1000/day does not seem reasonable.

It would seem we could do much better with a limited two officer force to handle our domestic situations. With the additional help of electronic traffic 'monitors' at each end of town, and the reserves covering 101 on the weekends (as it appears they have done so well recently), 'ticket sales' could continue at an acceptable level. And it seems we should be able to do it for less than half of what we pay out now. Perhaps even less than the overage we already pay out from the General Fund today?

I implore our City Council to seriously rethink the POPD budget to "live within our means", especially now - times are tough!

As Voters we must tell them the same thing we did last time - "Tell them No!"
Vote No! on the 'New' Police Levy.

Dr. C. L. Fullmer, retired

Letter to the Editor,

To Our Community,

Please join us in supporting and voting for Ed Tennant, Dennis Woodard and Ken Fliszar for the Port Orford Rural Fire District Board. These three people have a history of showing great support for and interest in your Fire Department and the services we provide. They have attended Board meetings and worked to make our community a safer place. They will do everything possible to provide your firefighters and you with the necessary support for continuing excellent Fire Service.

Please vote for Ed Tennant, Dennis Woodard and Ken Fliszar for the Port Orford Rural Fire District Board.

We are honored and proud to serve our community. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

- Jim Sigman, Firefighter
- Mari Lochhaas, Firefighter
- David Johnson, Firefighter
- Tina Buchholz, Firefighter
- Jason Royal, Firefighter
- Jeff Richert, Firefighter
- Shane Rangel, Firefighter
- Paul Garratt, Firefighter
- Jerald White, Firefighter
- Lyle Keeler, Firefighter
- Ed Tennant, Firefighter
- Dennis Woodard, Firefighter
- Wade Phillips, Asst. Chief
- David Duncan, Asst. Chief
- Gayle Wilcox, Chief

Please Vote: Dave Bassett!

Dave Bassett seeks your vote for position #2 on the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection Board for the following reasons:

1. **Qualified:** Registered Professional Engineer, Certified Building Official and many state and national certifications in Building, Mechanical and Fire/Life Safety codes. Many years working with fellow Building Officials and Fire Marshals.
2. **Experienced:** 35+ years of public service for City of Medford, Josephine County and State of Oregon as Building Safety Director, Plans examiner, Structural, Mechanical and Life Safety inspector as well as special projects coordinator and prior deputy administrator for the State Building Codes Division.
3. **Dedicated:** Eight years service on the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveyors, First chairman of Governors Architectural Barriers Advisory Board, Chair of Structural Codes Advisory Board, and member of Plumbing Codes Advisory Board. President and chairman of the board of the International Conference of Building Officials, predecessor to ICC (International Code Council) producer of full family of construction and Fire Codes.
4. **Practical:** Knowing how to do something has always been important to Dave who has personally built several homes and commercial buildings. He also is a commercial pilot, a scuba diver and operates many types of heavy equipment including his four private fire trucks on forest and ranch property in Josephine County.
5. **Interested:** Now semi-retired in Port Orford, Dave would like to serve the community in an appropriate way and did his homework by talking to many people, including John Johnston who verified he would not seek re-election and to Edna Auld who suggested he not run against the incumbent in position #3.
6. **Problem Solver in a Positive Way:** Analytical and creative by nature and training, Dave brings a proven track record to all his projects and obligations by finding answers that are effective, frugal, innovative, positive and constructive. When the 'cross beach' breaching of Garrison Lake bothered him, Dave became the permittee for the 'long route' to control the flooding caused by Garrison Lake and stayed involved with the project including helping State Parks finalize the current constructed design.
7. **Turns Adversity to Advantage:** Life is too short for unproductive conflict or counter-productive disagreements. Dave has become expert at finding the best balanced answer by: (A) Listening, (b) Thinking through all choices and concepts, (c) Maintaining frugality, and (d) Monitoring for continued success. He never makes a promise unless he knows he can keep it and deliver.
8. Dave has no conflicts of interest if elected to the fire board.

Please vote for DAVE BASSETT for position #2 for the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection Board. Thank you! Cell phone: (541) 660-3131

BRICE WAGNER
DIRECTOR - POSITION #4
Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District

- ☑ BRICE WAGNER is a qualified and concerned citizen asking for your vote for Director of the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District.
- ☑ BRICE WAGNER was born in this community. He was one of the founders of the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District.
- ☑ BRICE WAGNER is a retired dairyman with forty years of business expertise.
- ☑ BRICE WAGNER has served on the Budget Committee of the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District for the past two years. He believes in giving you the best fire protection with the budgeted funds and tax dollars available.
- ☑ BRICE WAGNER served many years as a volunteer firefighter and he understands the serious responsibility of protecting the \$150 plus million dollars worth of homes, structures, and property in the Port Orford Fire District.
- ☑ BRICE WAGNER will represent the interests of all the taxpayers in the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District.
- ☑ BRICE WAGNER knows how to acquire expert factual information pertinent to the Port Orford Fire Protection District.
- ☑ BRICE WAGNER has served on the 2CJ School District Board, the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Board, and Curry Soil and Water Conservation District Board.

VOTE for BRICE WAGNER - DIRECTOR
PORT ORFORD RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
POSITION #4

A Vote For Brice Wagner = A Stronger Fire District

Letter to the Editor,

After reading your report of the Port Orford City Council Meeting of April 16, 2009 I felt compelled to write.

Why would the Port Orford City Council discuss the Tidewater Company application to mine gravel from the Elk River? The part of the river being mined is not inside the city limits according to the documents I received from the Corps of Engineers. I know it is not within the Port Orford Urban Development Zone because when my husband applied for a vacant position on the Planning Commission he was advised of his ineligibility due living outside both the city limits and the Port Orford Urban Development Zone.

As a concerned resident of Curry County, I do not believe the Port Orford City Council has any standing in the matter of the proposed gravel mining. If assorted media reports are to be believed, the City Council has more pressing issues to address before involving themselves in an area of the county in which they have no interest (current or future) and no authority. Councilor Smith's reported opinion as to the amount of rock needed in the river is moot. Councilor Smith is neither an engineer nor apparently, a resident in the affected area or he wouldn't be on the Port Orford City Council.

Aleea Brewer
Resident Elk River Road

Letter to the Editor,

Slow learners in our town still believe that I am motivated by petty politics when I urge everybody to vote "yes" in the upcoming police levy

The facts are that all of our former administration officials support the levy now. They seem to realize that the elimination of the Port Orford police department turned out to be a reckless venture

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The cost of this action runs into thousands of dollars of our money by paying the ousted chief for having a good time without having to work for us, that he is able to draw unemployment out of city coffers and that they blew another \$7,000 for a chance to formulate their vision of public safety.

Everybody with a homeowners insurance policy should look at the fine print and find out that the policies cover:

losses from theft and burglary, losses from vandalism and malicious mischief, losses from arson-set fires.

a thief or other illegal trespasser can sue you if getting injured on your property.

The presence or absence of effective police protection have a great deal of bearing on all these issues and on the cost of availability of fire insurance. To sum it up, I am motivated by nothing else but my (and your) pocket book.

Jack Marohl

Letter to the Editor,

Dennis Woodard is a new face to local politics and it is evident he is not bringing any baggage or preconceived agendas with him in his run for Position #4 on the Port Orford Rural Fire District Board. Besides being an active member of the Port Orford Fire Department, Dennis has extensive experience and skill in this area as a result of his

involvement with county, state and federal agencies dealing with wildfires and other related services. Recently he has been actively involved with the county Community Emergency Response Team organizing the neighborhood with Curry County Disaster Services to assist with organizing a C.E.R.T. program. Dennis is retired and has the time, energy, commitment and dedication to be a valuable member of the PO Fire Board. He has a strong and fair work ethic that will be evident in his objectivity, his listening and communication skills and his experience in decision-making and budgetary matters. We have an excellent candidate here for the Fire Board so please join me in voting for Dennis Woodard.

Thank you,

Patty Barnes

Letter to the Editor,

To the patrons of the Port Orford Rural Fire District. Bill and I think Brice Wagner with his experience, knowledge of the Port Orford Fire Department and rural board would be an asset for the needs of the community. Also Joe Marsh would be a great asset because of his business knowledge, as a business man and long on experience.

As a former PO Rural Fire Board member I know we need a strong and willing board to accomplish the needs of the community.

Thelma and Bill Foster

Letter to the Editor,

We're facing a dangerous situation in Port Orford, the possibility of losing our Police completely. I recently got a preview of what "no police presence" is like. 2 younger children were hitchhiking north of town at 1:00am. I called the sheriff, and they replied "sorry, there's no officer in your area". If you're concerned about burglary, theft, violence, deadly speeders, assault or robbery, you better act now and support the levy.

Many voted "no" last election, because tax implications were not clear. This levy passing will not increase your taxes! On a \$150k home this means a whopping \$196.50 per year for you to know police will be at your door in minutes if you need them. . . cheap insurance. The current levy paid for 3 officers, and after the council's highly unintelligent knee-jerk decision to "pre-pay for a Chief we no longer have" is behind us, it will pay for 3 officers again.

If the levy fails in May, the City will close the police department completely. . . period! With few Sheriff officers 30 minutes or more away, robberies, accidents, or life-threatening situations will have to wait. In assault or domestic disputes with injuries, fire and ambulance staff can't enter the site until cleared by police, so the injured will have to wait. Criminals love places with no police, so we will attract what we now prevent. Speeders will race through town faster



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Jeff MacFarlane

Elizabeth Virginia Gregorwicz

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She married Carl Gregorwicz in West Haven, Connecticut and moved to Hanford, California where she was a homemaker and mother to her five children. After retirement Bettye and Carl went full-time RVing until they discovered and moved to beautiful Port Orford. Bettye lost her husband in 1999 and eventually moved to Bend. Bettye enjoyed traveling, bingo and her pets and her friends the Ya-Ya's. She is survived by three daughters, two sons, two brothers, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Letter to the Editor,

My name is George Gehrke. I served on the Port Orford Fire Department for many years as fireman, truck captain, Assistant Chief and Chief.

I am confident in saying "Vote for Joe Marsh (Write in) Position #3, Dave Bassett Position #2 and Brice Wagner Position #4. These men are my choice for the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors. We need new fire district board members.

George Gehrke,
Retired fire chief with many years
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Theater 101 News

There's a new beach in town!!!! It's inside Theatre 101, believe it or not! Our new-to-town scenic artists, Darren Evans and Mittie Helmick, have created a beautiful beach with a panoramic ocean view inside our little black box, and it is amazing. Add to that the gorgeous costumes created by Jennifer Wilson, the fanciful display of sea creatures by Angela Pozzi, and the exhibit of "sea art" by POAC local artists, and you have a visual extravaganza!

Tere Tronson, Bob Craig, Susie Kohler, and John Jeronimo bring Edward Albee's characters to life on the beach. This Pulitzer prize winning play is about communication, imagination, tolerance, diversity, aging, growth, etc., etc., etc. Much of the joy of producing this play has been the peeling back of layers of meaning in Albee's poetic words and wonderful characters. It will make you laugh, maybe cry, but definitely think!

Tickets are on sale now at the Downtown Fun Zone or by calling us for a reservation at 332-PLAY (7529). "Seascape" plays May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 and 16 at 7:30, and 2:00 May 10 and 17. The

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galleries will open, wine will be served in the lobby, and Siren Fine Chocolates and Espresso will open, one hour before curtain. Admission to the galleries is free and tickets to the play are \$10.00 each. Don't miss this very special experience.

Letter to the Editor,

I echo the sentiments of respect and appreciation to everyone on the volunteer Fire Board and especially the Fire-fighter staff. However there is a need for change and the upcoming Port Orford Rural Fire District is the ideal time to make changes.

A point that seems to have been forgotten; The Fire Board members are elected by the people they serve and the Fire Chief is an employee of the Fire Board. We urge you to vote in the upcoming election for the three candidates with experience and willingness to see positive change in the operation of this district. Position 2: Dave Bassett, position 3: (write-in) Joe Marsh and position 4: Brice Wagner.

Respectfully,

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The 2CJ School District Board wishes to announce that they have confirmed the appointment of Mick Lane as Superintendent for the 2009-10 school year.

"Our thanks go to Mick Lane for agreeing to take the job of superintendent at this time and coming out of his semi retirement last summer to guide the district during Mrs. Price's leave of absence. The Board has been concerned about continuity and follow through with programs in place in the District. The board is confident that the district has a great leader in Mick Lane."

Tony Jones will continue as Principal at Pacific High School as well as Director of Special Services for the District. Sean Wells will become full time Principal at Driftwood and take on the duties of District Title I and Testing Coordinator.

The School Board wants to thank the community for their support, their prayers and their wisdom generously shared with board members, formally and informally. They also want to thank 2CJ staff and families for their understanding and cooperative spirit during these times of transition.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET Committee Meeting: The Budget Committee of the City of Port Orford will be conducting a Revenue Sharing Public Hearing at the beginning of the first Budget Meeting on Wednesday May 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Port Orford City Hall Gable Chambers at 555 W. 20th St., Port Orford, Oregon, for the Budget Committee to obtain citizens' views regarding Revenue Sharing for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by May 1, 2009. Both written and oral comments will be reviewed by the City Council. Written comments by mail should be sent to PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465; e-mail comments should be sent to djohnson@portorford.org. Published April 16 & 30, 2009.

PORT ORFORD - LANGLOIS School District 2CJ Call for Bids - The Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ is accepting bids for projects at Driftwood School. A mandatory walk-through is scheduled for May 6, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at Driftwood School, 1210 Oregon Street, Port Orford, OR 97465. Bid packets will be available at the walk-through. Bid opening will be at the District Office, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, OR at 3:00 p.m., May 13, 2009. Bids will not be accepted after that time. The School Board reserves the right to award, or deny, any or



all bids, and will act upon the bid opening results on May 18, 2009. Bids are valid 30 days from bid opening.

GARAGE SALE

CURRY COUNTY HOSPICE is accepting gently used, re-sellable items for the 10th Annual Rummage Market, Saturdays from 12-2pm until August 2nd; at the Old Wheelhouse Restaurant in the Battle Rock Rest Area on Hwy 101 in Port Orford. At this time no furniture or clothing is being accepted. Call Lee (332-9745) for information.

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Letter to the Editor,

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Rural Fire District Board. I am currently a member of the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department. In 1996 I purchased and began work on my home here. Since retiring from truck driving and farming in 2003 I've called this community home. I have experience working with multiple agencies during catastrophic wildfires, including federal, state, county, as well as private contract fire suppression. I have worked with C.E.R.T (community emergency response team), and worked in my neighborhood last fall to help organize a C.E.R.T. program with Curry County Disaster Services. I have had extensive training and experience working within budget means. I strongly believe in community service, and would be honored to serve on the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Board, Position #4, to help insure

that our fire and emergency response will be the best it can be!

Dennis (Woody) Woodard

Letter to the Editor,

I recently was out of state for about a month due to a death in the family. After getting back into town on March 23 I learned that the deadline had passed to file for re-election to the Port Commission. I was very disappointed to learn that my name would not be on the ballot in the next election as I want to continue to serve the Port of Port Orford's District as a commissioner. So this year I will be running as a write-in for the Port Commission. Please when your ballot comes out in May write-in Dave Rickel for Position #2.

Thank you,

Dave Rickel