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Happy Easter

Ocean Changes By Evan Kramer

How appropriate that on the weekend of the Port Orford Water Festival it rained and rained both Friday night and Saturday. The Fourth Annual Port Orford Water Festival opened Friday night with a talk by Dr. Mark Hixon, professor of Zoology at Oregon State University. He was introduced by Port Orford Ocean Resource Team member Stephanie Webb who described Saturday's Water Festival as a day of fun and it was. Webb spoke of Dr. Hixon's expertise in coastal marine fisheries and then turned the room over to him.

Hixon spoke before a capacity crowd at the Port Orford Library freedom of speech room and talked about 10 coming changes in Oregon's ocean. He said he was honored to be in Port Orford and that it was fabulous seeing the development of POORT. He showed some slides along with his talk and we learned there are 400 marine plant species, 3,000 marine invertebrate species, 155 seabird species and 26 marine mammal species living off in the coast of Oregon and that they are all linked together.

Hixon broke down the 10 coming changes in Oregon's ocean into three

categories those being the usual, the inevitable and the insidious. He spoke of the problems with introduced and invasive species that compete with the native species for food and resources and also the possible effect of wind and wave energy on the ocean. Wave energy farms off our coast would introduce many man made structures into the ocean and ocean floor, potentially disrupting the marine life.

One of the inevitabilities Hixon spoke of is a 9.0 earthquake and tsunami off our coast. He said the last 9.0 earthquake off the Oregon Coast happened on January 26, 1700 at 9:00pm and these records are from the Japanese. Hixon said these massive earthquakes occur every 300 to 500 years and there was a 37% chance of a 9.0 quake hitting our coast within the next 50 years. He said it is now the time to prepare for the tsunami and that we need corridors to higher ground which is where the people living in the low lying areas need to head. Hixon spoke about one of the effects of the recent Japanese earthquake and tsunami that being we will start seeing surface debris from Japan reach our shores within 1-3 years.

Hixon said climate change as it affects the ocean is one of the insidious changes which will occur. He made a point of saying the scientific community is not in

a conspiracy to shut down the economy". He spoke of the sea level rising and in fact accelerating with waves getting steadily bigger. This will affect lower lying parts of the coast specifically the central part of the Oregon coast line. One factor that affects Port Orford and this part of the coast is our land mass is also rising which it is not doing in the central coast.

Hixon talked about the effect of ocean warming and that we will see different species like the Humboldt squid in our waters. The Humboldt Squid can get up to six feet long and is a voracious eater and even dangerous to people diving or swimming in waters where they squid are. Another occurring problem is the increasing ocean acidification which means weaker skeletons for many marine species. He said the oyster growers are seeing the effect of this problem first hand.

Hixon received a well-deserved round of applause at the end of his one hour plus long talk and he kept everyone interested without being too gloomy about the future of the ocean and the condition it is in. He left room and hope for positive change which was felt by many who left his talk and headed out into the rainy night.

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**Ocean Changes
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The Water Festival opened at 9:00am on Saturday morning with a delicious breakfast provided for all members of the community free of charge and then at 9:30am the exhibits in the Community Building opened and the room stayed crowded with people of all ages until the festival shut down at 2:30pm. The Redfish Restaurant and Port and Starboard set up satellite operations in the American Legion Hall serving lunch for a reasonable price.

One treat for the children in attendance was each one was given a "passport" to be stamped by each of the many exhibitors kind of what the Chambers of Commerce do on Highway 50 in Nevada. Some of those groups who had booths were the Curry Watersheds, Oregon Shores, the Oregon Coast Aquarium (I was told now is a good time to visit if you want to avoid the crowds), Ford Family Foundation water catchment working group (collect water now and use it to water your garden later when it stops raining), Oregon State Parks,

the South Slough Reserve, Port Orford Watershed group, and The City of Port Orford who displayed a piece of heavily repaired water delivery pipe showing the need to replace the system. One of the really special treats was a personally guided tour of the Port Orford wetland watershed trail by Cathy Boden. The trail starts in back of Driftwood School at Twelfth Street and following along what would be Washington Street to Fifteenth Street. So far the work has uncovered an area which was impenetrable to Thirteenth Street with tons ivy and other invasive species removed by students at Driftwood and some of their parents. Most of those participating are in Mrs. Weinblatt's fourth and fifth grade class at Driftwood School. This will be a great trail once it is done and will connect with the wetland walkway on the west side of Highway 101 adjacent to Ray's Market.

These Port Orford Water Festivals get better every year and this one was the best so far. It was great seeing a festival aimed at the young people in our community and they turned out in

great numbers with their parents in most cases. Plus the festival brought in many people from out of town including lots of Americorps volunteers from other parts of Oregon including three from Lakeview. Thanks to Leesa Cobb and rest of people at POORT for putting on this festival.

Save This Date April 30

Come and join your friends and neighbors to ask questions of and have conversation with Edna Auld and Wade Phillips. They are running for Board positions on the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District. It will be a good opportunity to find out what you didn't learn at the League of Women Voters Forum. So join us on Saturday, April 30, 4:30 PM-6:00 PM at the Library, Freedom of Speech Room. Refreshments will be served.

City Council Meets

The Port Orford City Council meets on Thursday, April 21, 6:00pm in the city hall council chambers.

Police Chief's Report By Marvin Combs

Recently we have had two separate incidents, in which private citizens have attempted to assist us with the apprehension of two wanted subjects.

The first incident was March 31 on Oregon Street at 14th Street. I had observed Kristopher Simpson northbound on the sidewalk and I knew that there were outstanding warrants for his arrest. Simpson fled on foot, running westbound on 14th Street towards Buffington Park. Three citizens jumped in and attempted to assist us by keeping him in sight as he fled. Unfortunately we were unable to establish a perimeter quickly and Simpson was not located immediately. He was apprehended a few days later by the Medford Police Dept. and has been returned to the Curry County Sheriff's Office where he is being held for Probation Violation and Escape in the 3rd Degree.

Our second incident has resulted in the apprehension of an assault suspect that has been evading us for the last few weeks. On March 16, a subject known to us only as "Woody", later identified as Donald Robert Bell, assaulted several people at 1186 Idaho St. and left on foot. We began receiving information from numerous citizens who reported sightings of Bell within our community over the next few weeks. Officer's Easlon and Breuer received a tip on Monday evening (March 11) that Bell had been observed at Ray's Food Place. Bell was located on Arizona St. near 9th St., but evaded capture by diving into the pond at that location. A search of the immediate area was conducted, but Bell was not located at that time. On Wednesday evening April 13, Bell was finally apprehended hiding inside of a trailer at the Evergreen RV Park after we received information from the tenant that Bell was there. Bell apprehended without incident and was found to have outstanding arrest warrants for Parole

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Violation out of the California Dept. of Corrections, Domestic Violence out of Los Angeles, Ca. and numerous local charges as a result of the assault and previous escape.

We need to thank those citizens for their participation and willingness to assist us with the apprehension of both of these suspects. Without their aid, Bell would not have been apprehended and additional crimes may have been averted. I do not know the names of the citizens that helped, but appreciate their efforts in helping us maintain a working partnership within our community.

Officer Gary Rose and Officer Levi Easlon

Thank you the citizens of Port Orford for helping in keeping this a safe place to live. You are the eyes and ears of this community and we can always use your information.

An Invitation to Summer Fun! By Wendy Thomas, Theater 101

Theatre 101 invites all interested parents to join us for an informational meeting at the theatre on May 16 at 6pm. If your

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child is between the ages of 6-12 and has voiced an interest in the performing arts, we feel we can offer him or her unique, busy, interesting and fun filled three week experience culminating with a performance of a delightful one act play, "Henry Ford" by Cynthia Mercat. The play will be performed for the public over the 4th of July weekend.

"Curtain Up!" A Theatre Workshop will focus on basic theatrical techniques, vocal projection, geography of the stage and basis characterization, movement, scene painting, theatrical makeup and costuming. The workshop starts on June 13. It will run daily from 10am - 4pm M-F. Lunch and a supervised play/exercise period will be provided between the morning and afternoon sessions.

The workshop costs \$150.00 per child. A limited number of scholarships are available. Scholarship applications will be on hand at the meeting.

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Letter to The Editor,

I am running for the Port Orford Rural Fire District board position #1. Since my last letter, you may be wondering “why Port Orford and not the Sixes open board position where you live?”

Well, I’d like to start from the beginning. Approximately a year ago I was invited to be a guest citizen at large for the budget committee. I had accepted the invitation. When the day came: we (citizens at large) were asked to introduce ourselves. My turn came about. I stated my name and who had invited me. I was then asked if I was a resident of the district. The answer was no. Next question was if I was a voting member of the district, again the answer was no. I stated I am (and still) am an outright property owner and taxpayer to the district. I was promptly dismissed by the chairman saying I did not qualify.

One year has gone by. I did inquire with the county what the mandates are to be a qualifying candidate for a fire board position. According to one of the ORS 478 for rural fire districts, (in simple terms) a person who is a voting person of the district or a property owner of such district can run for said position. * to know the detail number you can go to the web and look up ORS 478 or contact me on my personal phone at 541-253-6745. The person can do one of two things; file a SEL form with \$10 or obtain a petition with 20 signatures.

I did consider trying for the Sixes position. I learned I did not qualify. Because according to their by-laws they have a statement that there shall not be more than two fire department members elected/appointed to the board. The reason is not to have the fire department be the ruling body of the fire district board. This way the board retains power of running the department as a business entity, not a fire personnel run board.

To keep the powers in check, vote for me, Kimberly Stang Port Orford RFPD #1.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for April 27 to come to the League of



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Candidate Port Orford RFPD #1

Kimberly Stang

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Letter to The Editor,

Port Commissioner Candidate Position
#4

The Process of being governed:

In my last letter I expressed my interest in the "Process of Government." (It's certainly not the politics). There are three elements in every department, private or government that controls the outcome; Policy, Rules and Leadership.

The Policies determines the purpose or reason for the department

The Rules govern the actions of committee members

The Leadership monitors or directs the other two

Which one is more important? If you said leadership, you're right.

I was on the planning committee from 2008 until 2010, not quite 3 years. There are three brainy ladies on that committee, Patty, Shala and Crystal. Without their knowledge of the policies and rules that govern the existence of this department, the rest of us are useless. We might as well go home.

Of course if there is no leadership, then what good are policies or rules? I'm not trying to give Dave Holman an ego trip, only stating the obvious. Before joining I discussed the issues on the table at that time, with Dave, and he explained in detail what I, as a commissioner could

or could not do. However, back then I was a new comer to PO, just over a year, so making judgment calls was uncomfortable. I stayed low keyed the first year.

Case in point: A member of the commission sent an email to everyone and posed a very valid question. But Dave's rules came to mind. So instead I forwarded the email to Shala and asked if I was allowed to answer the question. Within an hour or so, Shala replied to everyone, no outside discussions; must be in session.

Regardless of whether you agree with the rulings that come from the planning committee, the process of governing is top notch. No cronyism, no back door deals, no special agenda's or conflicts of interest, in other words, no politics as usual. The process of governing works well with leadership.

Phil Colozzi

Letter To The Editor,

As a member of the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department and the President of the Port Orford Community Ambulance, I urge you to vote for Edna Auld and Wade Phillips. I have worked closely with both of them over the last five years and I strongly feel they are the best people for the positions.

They have supported your firefighters in every aspect. Between them they have

attended over hundreds of meetings. Edna's opponent Kim Stang has attended I Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Budget Meeting to learn about the budget process (no board meetings). Wade's opponent David Bassett has attended only two board meetings. Kim is also a member of the Sixes Rural Fire Department and "Presently, I am secretary for the Sixes River RFPD board." (Port Orford Today, April 6.) That is illegal. ORS.478.250 (2.) At the organizational meeting the board shall choose from the members a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In the PON April 13, "I am currently a member of the Sixes River RFPD Fire Board." According to a member of the Sixes River RFPD Board, she is not a Board member. But, there is a position open on the Sixes Fire Board and I can't help but wonder why if she wants to be on a board she doesn't apply for that one. Kim is a very dedicated member of the Sixes Fire Department but has never shown any interest in the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District or the Fire Department.

Please take the time to talk to the firefighters and ask questions. This election is about the well-being of our community and those of us that serve our community 24/7

Thank You,

Tina Buchholz, POVFD, POCA

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10:00am**



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Letter To The Editor,

Having been involved with the Port Orford Rural Fire Department, as a past board member for nine years and past board chair for six years, I can tell you first-hand that Edna Auld and Wade Phillips are dedicated, unselfish and professional in their capacities as Board Chair and Assistant Fire Chief, respectfully. Along with other responsibilities, our elected Board of Directors are responsible for hiring, firing and disciplining the fire chief. Fortunately, the Board had the wisdom to hire our current Fire Chief, Gayle Wilcox. The Board sets goals and policy for the operation of the fire chief and staff. The Board conducts annual reviews of all staff, including the Board of Directors. The ultimate test is performance, which includes fire protection, fire suppression, response time, safety and training. The fire department has been performing at a very high level on all accounts. Frequent letters to the editor, from those who have been served, give accolades to the fire response team.

I know both Edna and Wade, and both take their respective positions very

seriously and their **only agenda** is protecting the taxpayers of the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District and the city through a service contract with the City of Port Orford.

We are lucky to have the leadership skills that Edna brings to the Board and the skills Wade would bring to the Board through his intimate knowledge of fire protection, and both deserve your support. Please join me in voting for Edna and Wade.

John Johnston

Port Orford Candidate Forum

Port Orford Special District candidates will participate in a League of Women Voters-sponsored forum Wednesday, April 27 at Port Orford Library, beginning at 7:00pm.

The following are expected to attend: Philip M. Colozzi, David McCutcheon, and Dianne Schofield for Position #4, Port of Port Orford Commission; Edna Auld and Kimberly Stang, Pos. #1, Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District board; Dave Bassett and Wade Phillips, Pos. #5, PORFPD



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Also scheduled are Harry Abel, candidate for Position #1 on Southwestern Oregon Community College board and two candidates for Position #4 on the Curry Health District board: Jack H. Barnes and Marlyn A. Schafer. These three candidates will speak and answer questions during the first part of the forum. When all questions to them have been addressed, the rest of the time will be devoted to Port Orford candidates.

All candidates will have 3 minutes for an opening speech and 1½ minutes to answer each question. Shirley Nelson will moderate the forum and Milt Nelson will be timekeeper. Other members of League of Women Voters of Curry County will be present to assist.

Last Clasp Jewelry Classes

Jo Parsons' jewelry classes at the Port Orford Public Library have been enjoyed by many, but the time had come to stop for a while. There will be two more classes: 1:00pm on Wed., April 20 you can create a really stunning "Donut Wire Wrapped Pendant" for just a \$10 materials fee. The last class at 1:00pm on April 27 is free. Jo invites you to bring your questions or unfinished projects.

Letter to The Editor,

We need to fix our water pipes sometime, that's a given, however my heads a scratching on how. I read we are taking out a 40 year loan. Water and sewer plants are usually designed for 20 years. Doesn't that kinda mean we are going to have to do some fixing before the loans up? Aren't we also looking at much more to fix our reservoir? How far in the future are we planning. Are we betting on development or rate increases. Scary. Our monthly increase has already been proclaimed, wonderful, Is not this quote based on our present rate structure which allows a 250 space RV mobile park to pay one base rate while 2 people living in a duplex have to pay 2 a triplex 3 etc. Are we sticking on this arrangement? How good are our engineering estimates? We have a lot of asbestos pipe. How will it be removed? Read that the EPA does not like the pipe bursting method. How deep is our plan.

Been told our water is cheap per Equivalent Dwelling Unit. Could blow a whole 250 words on musing that wonderment. Our first sewer outfall miscarriage is not paid for. I was on the council for our second also unpaid for outfall and I say this with opinion. Hugh amounts of money were wasted thru quick decisions based on Ahhh not the most excellent of advice. Took me awhile but have learned.. I am not going to be rushed, cajoled, and snowballed into voting for a project unless thoroughly convinced that this is our best way out. Hasn't happened yet. Council thanks for doing the thinking, hope you're not done.

Ed Beck

Letter To The Editor,

As a past board member of 17 years for the Port Orford Rural Fire District I would at this time like to endorse Kim Stang for Position #1 and Dave Bassett for Position #5.

The board needs to take back control of the district and eliminate the attitudes that are in place now. There is a reason there are five board positions and they should all be recognized. A competent leader is somebody that works for the good of the district and not for self accomplishments. The district has come a long way but now appears to be sliding back. I question why the station up Elk River has not been used up to its potential...why the board is not allowed into the buildings if they choose to do so. There are a lot of questions about the conduct of the current officer. I also wonder why so many of our firefighters have left our department and gone to another.

Let's have a change, vote for Kim Stang and Dave Bassett.

Lu Cobb,

Retired board member of 17 years

Letter to The Editor,

Over the past 35 years I have fought wildland fires in every western state in the U.S. plus Texas and Florida. Many of the firefighters I have worked with have been volunteers and there is a tremendous amount of difference in their competency and abilities. I rate the volunteers of the Port Orford Rural Fire District as among the best. This not only speaks highly of the dedication of our volunteers, but also to their leaders. With that in mind, I will be voting for Wade Phillips and Edna Auld for the Board of Directors positions on the Port Orford Rural Fire District Board. These two long serving and dedicated people, under the leadership of Chief Gayle Wilcox, can take a lot of credit for the superb fire department we have. By voting for Edna Auld and Wade Phillips we can give them a chance to continue their good work for Port Orford Rural Fire District.

Wayne Lannin

This Week in The Garden By Jennifer Ewing

Seed catalogues and seed packets contain a vast amount of information for the gardener. That information can guide you in understanding what you are growing by giving you important facts such as time of year to plant whatever it is you've chosen, how far apart plants should be placed in the garden, what bugs and diseases you may expect to show up as well as when and how to harvest the plant for better results. If you aren't currently receiving seed catalogues, you can go online or phone a seed company and they will send a catalogue to you free of charge (in most cases). A catalogue will give you a wealth of information if you're not into buying books or constantly searching online for answers.

If you've never started plants from seed, you're missing a very rewarding experience. Give it a try with a few selections this year and see if you don't get hooked on seed starting like I have. Gardening is always an experiment!

(To be continued next week)

Voter Registration Deadline

Curry County Clerk, Renee' Kolen reminds residents that are new to Curry County that the deadline to register to vote for the May 17 Special District Election is April 26, 2011.

“You must register with the County Elections office by April 26th if you wish to vote in the May 17 Special District Election and you are not currently registered.”

Mail registration cards to Curry County Clerk/Elections Division, PO Box 746, Gold Beach, OR 97444.

Letter to the Editor,

On behalf of the South Coast Humane Society I would like to thank those who helped us put on our first Port Orford Wellness Clinic. The Driftwood Elementary School provided us with the location free of charge and Lewis put up the announcement on the sign in front of the school and came in early in the morning to open the gym and move equipment. The local papers provided us with the free publicity that was crucial to the success of the project. I also want to thank Mark Lankton, Tobe Porter and Karim Shumaker for their help in getting out the word.

Thanks to all of you, the clinic was a success. We treated 45 cats and dogs and one ferret. Wayne and Jeanie Hensley, Shalisa Singleton and Briana Goodwin volunteered at the clinic and have agreed to help us again at our next Port Orford Wellness Clinic which we look forward to presenting this summer.

Thank you all for your help.

Philip Smith, President
South Coast Humane Society

Letter To The Editor,

By all accounts Port Orford's 2nd annual "Poet's Roundup" was a success. Close to 100 people wandered in and out during the day, checking things out. There were 28 authors reading poetry and/or excerpts from their books. Two were musicians who sang their work. Quite a treat. We had people from as far away as Coquille and Agness attend, as well as readers from almost all of the other south coast cities. Readers ranged in age from 16 year old Ciera Irestone (Pacific High) to much older folks. A special thanks to Tobe Porter and the Port Orford and Langlois libraries for sponsoring the event, and to Port Orford librarian Phyllis Johns for entertaining everyone with her beautiful guitar music

during intermission. Next year bigger plans are in order as we will be inviting artists and artisans, as well as poets, writers, and musicians to the event, so all of you that fall into those categories, get ready for some fun.

Gary Carter

Charter School Hearing

On April 25, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at Driftwood School, the Port Orford-Langlois School Board will take input on the charter school application submitted by people wishing to establish a Montessori Kindergarten through Fifth grade school in the District.

It is very important to have input from as many parents and community members as possible. The Board will consider this input and other factors in the decision making process.

Kindergarten Registration

Driftwood School Kindergarten Registration for the 2011-12 school year will be at Driftwood on May 11th from 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Incoming students must be 5 years old by September 1st. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and current immunization record to registration. If you have any questions feel free to call 541-332-2712.

Thank you for helping us plan for the upcoming school year in Port Orford!

Water Bond Measure Meeting

The first of two public meetings regarding the City of Port Orford's two water bond measures on the June 7 ballot will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 6:00pm, at the American Legion Hall. Members of the city council and city administrator will be there to review the water infrastructure project and answer questions.

Letter To The Editor,

If Port Orford can be proud of the gravel landscaping at the north end of town, they can REALLY be thankful to have Phil Colozzi willing to offer his experience, expertise and common sense to the Port of Port Orford. Give Phil your vote and you will be rewarded with honest commitment by a good man.

Lee Kincaid

Art and Music Open House

Everyone is invited to share artistic, musical and edible treats at the Roaring Sea Arts Open House from 1 to 4 pm this Sunday, April 24, 2011. The "last Sunday of the month" event will be similar to the open house held at the roaring Sea Arts Studio Gallery for many years, but even less formal.

Artists are invited to bring whatever they would enjoy sharing, and hang or place it in the "gallery" for the afternoon. The Kammeroque Ensemble will be joined by other musicians and writers who are willing to perform. Please let Donna or Suzanne know. Almost any kind of music is welcomed, as are writers who would like to share some prose or poetry. A special guest for the April open house will be Lachlan Miller, who has been attending the Boys Choir School in Massachusetts this year.

Refreshments will be served, and we will all enjoy sharing pot-luck snacks. For further information please call Donna at 332-4444 or Suzanne at 332-0540.

The entrance to the Roselius home, where Roaring Sea Studio is located, is the road shared with the Sea Crest Motel. Turn left, and park at the the first house on that road. Please park along the driveway, or in the lot next door wherever there is room.

The Lincolns, neighbors at the cul-de-sac, allow parking on the right hand side of their driveway.

Letter To The Editor,

In response to the Letter to the Editor by Joanne Ruoff I am surprised by her conflicting statements that on one hand she is proud of the volunteer fire fighters level of service and then voices her disdain that they dominate and control the decisions of the Fire Board. The Board is not “allowing itself to be run by the Fire Department” but instead the Board has the common sense and respect to listen to these volunteers who are the experts in what is needed to maintain a safe and well equipped fire department. They are a well-trained, dedicated, disciplined and committed group who has the responsibility to make requests of the Board and to expect results. Our Board has been very fiscally responsible with taxpayer’s money and as a result we have been able to maintain an equipment reserve fund. If it is “rubber stamping” to say: yes, you can buy turnouts that fit the new fire fighters; or yes, you can purchase new wild land firefighting equipment and thank you for all the hours spent procuring grants that enable the Department to purchase updated vehicles, then I am proud to be a rubber stamping board member. The board does understand the Fire service and its needs to serve the community because they respect the knowledge and skill of the fire fighters instead of using some arbitrary and subjective power they believe comes with being a board member.

Edna Auld is an extremely involved and dedicated board member/president who spends countless hours in pursuit of what is best for the Fire Department. She is experienced, knowledgeable and professional and her leadership on the board has a proven track record that she gets things done and done well.

Wade Phillips is a leader on the team and is calm, level headed and very skilled. He has proven himself to be a valuable and trusted volunteer who attends board meetings on a regular basis and

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provides valuable information on the needs/operations of the Department. I encourage you all to vote for Edna Auld and Wade Phillips for the Port Orford Rural Fire Board.

Respectfully,

Marie Van Aart
Port Orford Rural Fire Board member

Chili Cook Off

The Chamber and Parks Commission Chili Cook-Off and Chicken BBQ will be Saturday April 30 from 3 to 7pm.

Bunch O' Books

We have a bunch of great new reads, both fiction and non-fiction, for age levels Pre-Kindergarten through Young Adult at the Port Orford Library. For example, we have the 2010 Newbery and Caldecott Award books, National Book Award Finalists, beginning and junior readers, and some oldies but goodies. You will find them in our “New Books” sections located in both the Children’s Room and also the YA New Books section located in the central area of the main library. Come check them out!

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Poarc One Year Anniversary by Beverly Hawk (KB7HWK)

In April 2010, Harry Bryant, Jimmy Wills and Elijah Hawk discussed the idea of forming a Ham Radio Club in Port Orford. On April 15 the By-Laws were written and the Port Orford Amateur Radio Club was off and running. A call sign was acquired, "K7POH" (Port Orford Hams). Now, one year later, the Club has 21 members. Not bad for a town with a small population.

POARC (Port Orford Amateur Radio Club) has a website: <http://www.qsl.net/k7poh/>, with links to other sites of interest and contact information for current and future Hams.

The Club received a total of \$1,200 in donations from the Port and Starboard Restaurant, Port Orford Rotary Club, Coos-Curry Electric Coop, Chetco Credit Union, Freeman Marine Company and Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club. These donations along with numerous private donations provided the funds to build a Repeater Shed at the Port Orford Water Tank site. The shed is built and waiting for the installation of a 2 Meter Motorola Repeater.

The POARC coordinates with Port Orford Emergency Services under the direction of City Manager, Mike Murphy, who is a Club member. The Club is available for an emergency back-up communication network during any crises.

All in all, this year has been an outstanding success for the growth of Ham Radio in Port Orford. This valiant effort was achieved by a group of talented members working together. Hopefully the coming year will be even better than the last one.

The Ham Radio Community in Port Orford should be congratulated for its "One Year Anniversary."

Letter to The Editor,

I am writing to endorse Dave Bassett for position #5 of the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection Board. Dave is a Registered Professional Engineer and Certified Building Official, and has state and national certifications in mechanical and fire/life safety codes. He has many years of experience working with fellow building officials and fire marshals. His experience includes 35+ years of

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public service for the City of Medford, Josephine County, and the State of Oregon as Building Safety Director, Mechanical and Life Safety Inspector, and Deputy Administrator for the State Building Codes Division. Dave has no conflict of interest and can serve in the public's best interest to achieve the best service at the least cost. He cares about our community, and would like to serve in an appropriate way. I believe that a fresh viewpoint with no conflict of interest would be helpful to the Fire Board at this time. Dave has become expert at finding the best balanced answers by listening, thinking through all choices and concepts. Maintaining frugality, and monitoring for continued success. He never makes a promise unless he knows he can keep it and deliver. Please join me in voting for Dave Bassett for Position #5 on the Fire Board.

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Letter to The Editor,

This letter is to the community that I have had the pleasure and opportunity to serve since 1996. My name is Wade Phillips, and I am running for the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District Board (PORFD) position #5. For 15 years I have volunteered with the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department and for 11 years have volunteered with, and am the current Vice President, of Port Orford Community Ambulance Association. I am also a Certified Fire Instructor and a First Responder. In addition, I was President of Coast Baseball League for 2 years and continue to volunteer with that organization.

Most of you know me from Ray's Food Place where I work as the Assistant Manager. I began working there shortly after I graduated from Pacific High School. My attention to detail and dedication to the job helped earn me the Assistant Managers position. It is the same attention to detail and dedication to the job that enabled me to be chosen as an Assistant Fire Chief for the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District.

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100 Fire Board meetings. Attending these meetings, along with my experience on the Fire Department, gives me a good understanding of what is needed to improve the Fire District. Because of the cooperation between the board and firefighters, we have won over \$150,000.00 in grants for the replacement of equipment within the last three years. This has allowed us to improve the department without increasing taxes.

I have been extremely proud and honored to serve the community and I would be honored to represent you on the board.

Thank you for your support. Any questions you can reach me at 541-366-1001.

Wade Phillips

Letter to The Editor,

Wow! "I'll be dead" and "We'll move back to the kids" "before the water fails" are remarks I've heard from a few individuals justifying their "no" votes for the bonds. Not very civic-minded but I guess that does give us who stay behind something to look forward to. Then we have "putting the special election on 'hold'" and "investing" in a "regular



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town-hall style meeting" in order to tap into the "large reservoir of brain power in Port Orford". Onward to questions about the creek, reservoir, holding tanks and income. Aaaaaarrgghh!

What is there about deadlines, shrinking opportunities and money supplies that is so difficult to grasp and if all of this brain power exists where has it been for the last ten years? It is time for hard facts so let's skip the fairy tales and hallucinations. "When I wish upon a star" is a song from "Pinocchio" not the first line of a contract to install a water system. As for the questions concerning the creek, reservoir and holding tanks they have all been answered in full numerous times in public meetings, newspapers and letters-to-the-editor long before that letter was written.

Now I realize that there truly are a few people in town who really would find it difficult to pay the higher rates. I'm very sorry but I just don't have the answer. I do know however, that if we blow this opportunity it will cost us all more in many ways.

Respectfully

Jim Hajek

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Please Vote: Dave Bassett

Port Orford Rural Fire Protection Board Position #5

- ☺ **No Conflict of Interest:** Dave has no conflict of interest and can serve the public's best interest to achieve the best service at the least cost.
- ☺ **Qualified:** Registered Professional Engineer, Certified Building Official, State and National Certifications in Building, Mechanical and Fire/Life Safety codes. Many years working with fellow Building Officials and Fire Marshals.
- ☺ **Experienced:** 35+ years of public service for City of Medford, Josephine County and State of Oregon as Building Safety Director, Mechanical and Life Safety Inspector as well as special projects coordinator and prior Deputy Administrator for the State Building Codes Division. Flight Test Engineer at Edwards Air Force Base, Bachelors and Masters of Science in Engineering at Oregon State University.
- ☺ **Dedicated:** Eight years service on the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveyors. 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. First Chairman of Governor's Architectural Barriers Advisory Board
- ☺ **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.
- ☺ **Interested:** Now mostly retired in Port Orford, Dave would like to serve the community in an appropriate way and did his homework by talking to many people. It appears that a fresh viewpoint with no conflict of interest would be helpful to the Fire Board at this time.
- ☺ **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.
- ☺ **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.

Please vote for **DAVE BASSETT** for position #5 for the Port Orford Rural Fire Protection Board.
Thank you! Cell phone: (541) 660-3131