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Council Vacancy By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met on Thursday night with all councilors present except for Caroline Clancy. Mayor Auburn proceeded to public comments and several people spoke about the contract with Susan Brown for project development of the Port Orford CommUnity Co-op including Grace Bonnell who said the Co-op would be complementary to other businesses in town. Laurie Prouty spoke in support of the Co-op and said they couldn't do it without Susan Brown. Gary Robertson told the council he appreciated the council taking a role with the Co-op. Pamela Berndt is on the steering committee for the Co-op and said that the weekly Farmer's Market at the Hawthorne Sculpture Gallery has been extremely successful. Francie Macleod took a different tact and asked why the "city is facilitating a group that has as their objective the setting up of a non-profit organic food co-op that will be in direct competition to an existing business – The Seaweed Natural food store."

The council moved into liaison reports with Councilor David Smith reporting on the School District. Smith is a member of the school board and he

said the Board has accepted an offer for the two Langlois properties with some addendums but haven't heard back from the potential buyer yet. Smith continued that there was a new arts teacher and a new vocational tech teacher at Pacific High School. He invited the public to attend the school board meetings which take place on the second Monday of each month at Pacific High School at 7:00pm.

Councilor Bill McArdle gave a report on the watershed and lake meeting and talked about the workshop that was held on September 14 regarding septic systems. McArdle said that Garrison Lake was a potential source of water for city residents and that they want to keep it as clean as possible. He said there has been an inventory conducted on the septic systems around the lake noting that after 1985 the standards for their construction were upgraded. He said there could be possible state legislation in the future where septic systems would have to be inspected when a property is sold. McArdle described the people who put on the workshop as having done an outstanding job.

Councilor Tim Pogwizd said there was a viscous rumor going around that the City parks commission would close the skate park but said it was just a rumor.

The council then proceeded into new business and on a motion by Councilor Smith voted 4-0 on his motion to approve a contract with Susan Brown for project development of the Port Orford CommUnity Co-op. The funds to pay Brown are coming out of a \$15,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture with Brown's share \$9,000. Smith then made a motion for the council to approve a work order agreement with Northwest Cooperative Development Center for the feasibility and cost analysis and it passed 4-0. They will be paid \$6,000 of the grant. There will be a public meeting coming up soon to introduce the community to the concept and planning stages of this co-op. Besides the \$15,000 there will be over \$15,000 in in-kind donations to match the USDA grant.

The council conducted the first reading of the TLT Ordinance 2012A as revised by the council. The council made some changes to the draft including one Councilor Smith insisted on adding, "tourism promotion agency", to section C(2). Smith made a motion to include his wording but the vote deadlocked at 2-2 with Smith and Pogwizd voting yes and McArdle and Dianne Schofield voting no leaving Mayor Auburn to

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break the tie by voting no. They will take up this Ordinance again in October.

The council adjourned their regular meeting and went into Executive Session under ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with their lawyer concerning litigation. They went back into regular session within 15 minutes with David Smith making a motion that the City accept the attorney's recommendation regarding an ongoing dispute with a local business. This one passed 4-0.

At the end of the meeting the council heard more citizen's concerns with Jack Pruitt asking Mayor Auburn about the procedure for replacing Scott Luhr who resigned from the council at their last meeting. City Attorney Shala Kudlac said there was no set timeframe the city had to replace councilor Luhr. The Mayor appoints a replacement with council approval of his choices. Mayor Auburn said he was willing to talk to anyone who wants to be appointed to the vacancy but that he was not ready

to make the decision. He said he wanted to be able to do it after his trip to China. Those of you who are interested should write a letter of interest with some of your background and turn it into the City but since there is no timeline, do it before the October 6 council meeting.

**The Emperor's Clothes
 By Evan Kramer**

The Curry County Commissioners hosted a countywide town hall meeting in Gold Beach on Wednesday night, September 14, and this time there were seats for all the people who attended. The meeting was advertised as follows: The Board of Commissioners will share information about the concept for a proposed County Park and to hear from the public their input and suggestions.

State Parks Director Tim Wood attended the meeting along with three members of the parks commission including Commission chair Davis Moriuchi, Sue Musser, and Robin Risley. Director Wood said the commissioners and he were at the meeting to hear information about the county commissioner's proposal

but he added the commissioners have submitted no proposal to State Parks. Wood said once they have received an official proposal there will be two public meetings before the commission comes to any decision.

The commissioners had passed out a sign-up sheet for people to speak and went ahead hearing from former Commissioner Georgia Nowlin who expressed concerns with the lack of transparency by the commissioners. She said taking on the properties (half of Floras Lake Natural area and the Cape Blanco State Airport) would "kill" us. Mike Murphy speaking as an individual said it was misleading of the commissioners to call it a county park when they would be turning the land over to a private developer. He objected to giving public property to a private developer. Then a young man named Dave Lacey spoke and brought up the obvious fact that the commissioners had failed to talk about their proposal or "share information" before going into the comment section

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of the meeting exposing the Emperor wore no clothes at this meeting. Commissioner and board Chair George Rhodes with help from his information technology department led the public through the Power Point presentation of the Commissioner's proposal for the 1,200 acre Curry County Park and golf course development. There was very little different from the Power Point Presentation at the Port Orford town hall a month ago other than they showed the layout for the two golf courses and changes in the way the trails would be paved but in other ways there was much less information than the previous meeting. No financial information was included.

Rhodes under heavy fire from the media and public told those assembled that this would be a long term project and if things went right the County wouldn't realize any money for 3-4 years. He said the status quo won't work and that the Commissioners would make their formal proposal for the land swap at the State Parks Commission meeting in Hood River on November 16.

The most striking two things about this meeting were the commissioners lack of information to the public about their proposal and the eloquence and feeling level expressed by the public on behalf of keeping Blacklock whole. About 50 people spoke at this meeting and those keeping count say it was 48 against the land swap with one against and a few neutral. Zoe Bradbury spoke to the state parks commission as did many people and told them she hoped they understood that Blacklock was like no other state park. Ed Gross referring to a comment about the eroding bluffs at Blacklock made by Rhodes earlier told the commissioners they weren't going to stop cliff erosion. Gross is a retired soil scientist from Brookings who said the Blacklock soils hold

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water above the ground but have no water storage capacity (thus the wetlands and standing water) which is one of the defining features of the park but won't help development. He told the Commissioners they appeared stone deaf to this natural area and that he wanted this area preserved for future generations. Former County Commissioner Peg Reagan told the commissioners she is opposed to their proposal and that it wasn't going to happen. She told them to get realistic and focus on County business.

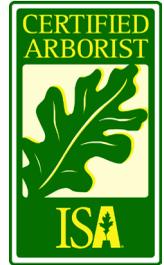
Steven Brown representing the Oregon Shores Coalition said that group was completely opposed to any part of this development scheme. Beverly Basak expressed her concern for the secrecy of this proposal saying she though the unnamed developer was Herb Kohler She called on Commissioner Rhodes to reveal the developer otherwise she would file a written request for the information and if that didn't work file a lawsuit in Curry County court. Tim Scullen expressed his thanks for the people in the past who protected the lands for our State parks. He urged the commissioners to drop the idea and move forward asking for a show

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of hands of those for and against the proposal with a sea of hands raised in opposition and a very small smattering of hands in support. Former State Representative Walt Schroeder who has been working on the Oregon coast trail for many, many years noted he is a supporter of private enterprise but said Blacklock should remain a state park.

The meeting came to an end nearly three hours after it started with all those wanting to speak getting their three minutes on the microphone. The commissioners did not answer any of the questions or respond to any of the comments. Next up one more town hall in Port Orford and then the wraps get taken off this proposal on November 16 in Hood River.

Moms In Touch Group

Moms in Touch is a group of mothers, grandmothers, caretakers or any woman who is willing to meet once a week for one hour to release God's power on our children and schools through prayer. Contact: Susan Stevens 332-1021. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm at the First Community Church.

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Letter To The Editor,

I should congratulate you on one small point; you certainly have garnered people’s attention. Unfortunately, 95% has been negative and adversarial. After tonight’s meeting at the fairgrounds, if you don’t drop this concept and withdraw your applications to ODA and OPRD, you are perpetuating the assessment by many that “you just don’t get it” and should be recalled from office. You have one last chance to prove them wrong. Please do so.

This is the time in our county and state to show real leadership and achieve adequate funding for minimum services. As many have pointed out, a modest change in the tax rate, along with other measures, would do the job and set us on a path for a sound financial future.

There are many ways to generate revenue. Do you have a citizen’s task force working on the multitude of choices? If not, why not? There was enough talent in the room tonight to make a good start, but no, you Bullied ahead pursuing a pipe dream and made no apparent move to work with your citizens instead of against them.. Who is steering your boat? You must make a serious direction change now or you will run aground very soon.

For example, have you pursued the report filed 5 or 6 years ago that recommended the county owned property (triangular

parcel) near the airport (SE) be utilized to promote eco-tourism? How about a lease to develop a “hiker’s hostel” or campground there that could start out small and grow if successful? How about it being an “overflow RV park” when the state facilities are full? Both ideas require processing through our Land Use procedures which are designed to require and obtain citizen input to achieve good decisions as well as comply with the law. Love them or hate them, Oregon’s land use laws do work and have since 1974.

Most cities and some counties have a business license to generate revenue and provide a register of businesses in the area, have you discussed the concept with any of our business community?

Have you considered the fact that, in addition to the many problems pointed out tonight, your concept of developing a golf resort on public property would not generate property tax revenue therefrom because it is still under public ownership, leased or not? Michael Murphy, Jo Rieber, Tim Palmer and many others were right on in their testimony. Were you listening?

Lastly, as stated by many, dealing with any “developer” who continues to go unnamed is a fundamental error in judgment and has no place in a public process. Back away from this disaster while you still can and do the important and immediate work for which you were

Gigantic Thanks to all of the enthusiastic and gracious Port Orford Community Members who came together to welcome Cycle Oregon to our lovely town. Giving your time and energy to the cyclists was a wonderful gesture and the staff of Cycle Oregon commended all of you as being one of their favorite and well-organized groups! Thank you again for your support and energetic welcome!

*-Port Orford Arts Council, Port Orford
CommUnity Food Co-op, Main Street*

elected. To do otherwise will surely lead to your recall and further problems for our county and all of our citizens. Don’t plan on going to work for any “developers”, you simply are no good at it! :-(

Respectfully, but fading fast;

David A. Bassett, P.E., C.B.O .

What is a Print Server? by Valerie Jean Kramer

If you have more than one computer in your home, the chances are that you have them networked and share a printer between them. If the printer is connected to a different computer and that computer isn’t powered on then you can’t print to its printer. This problem is easily solved with a Print Server. It is a small box that connects your printer directly to the network so that it is always available to any computer on your network even if all the other computers are powered off.

Print Server prices start at about \$30 so it is not a major investment and they can be very convenient. Be sure to get one that has the correct connection for your printer (either USB or the older parallel connection.) Some print servers connect to the network via an Ethernet network cable (Cat-5 cable) and some connect wirelessly via WiFi (or you may have a choice of either).

Cycle Port Orford Oregon By Evan Kramer

Cycle Oregon came to Port Orford last Wednesday and it was a great day for our little town. There were 2,200 bicyclists plus nearly 300 support staff on the recently concluded Cycle Oregon tour which began and ended in Sutherlin. The only "day off" for the bicyclists was this past Wednesday. They had arrived in Bandon on Tuesday afternoon and set up at Bandon City Park. The group's next town was Powers which they left for on Thursday morning giving them Wednesday either as an off day in Bandon or to take the Port Orford-Cape Blanco day trip. 748 of the Cycle Oregon bicyclists made it to Battle Rock Park where they were greeted by enthusiastic local people. The Cycle Oregon staff had arrived early in the morning and set up the food tents and service area and Rotary Rooter has set up about a dozen porta potties. Lunch was served to the cyclists by 68 volunteers from three local groups including the Port Orford Arts Council, Main Street, and Port Orford Community Co-op. Cycle Oregon donated \$1,000 to the groups for their efforts.

Valerie and I traveled up to Bandon City Park on Tuesday night and found a small city composed of hundreds of tents, semi-trucks turned into shower units, food making and serving areas, live music, vendors, and bicycle repair mechanics. The cost for each Cycle Oregon rider is \$850 for the seven day bike trip and this includes three meals a day prepared for them, mobile sanitary facilities provided by five or six Roto Rooter trucks and dozens of porta potties, transportation of their clothes and other personal belongings., mobile shower stall units, security, ambulances, and logistics including those hot pink arrows you saw in town pointing the cyclists in the right direction. On Tuesday night as the two thousand plus bicyclists settled in to more comfortable



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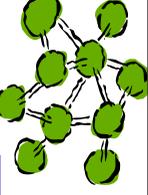
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clothing many strolled the nearby streets and went to Old Town where the restaurants were booming thanks to the cyclists. There are well over a hundred volunteers traveling with the group with many serving as advance logistics and getting each night's encampment set up for the cyclists. These are some pretty enthusiastic and happy volunteers who like traveling with this large group.

Many of those 748 Cycle Oregon participants who came to Battle Rock Park availed themselves of the local restaurants and were seen eating at Griff's and the Crazy Norwegians among others. The colorful procession of bicyclists through Port Orford to Battle Rock and then back to Bandon was worth the watch and many were greeted warmly as they cycled through our town. Please come back to Port Orford again!

Aerobic Fitness Class

Registration for the Southwestern Oregon Community College Aerobic Fitness Class will begin September 26 at the Langlois Lions' Hall in Langlois.

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The Langlois Library rest stop was manned by volunteer Library patrons who helped Cycle Oregon staff and volunteers to set up, greet and taken down the rest stop. Starting at 6 a.m. in the dark, two trucks with trailers full of portable toilets and sanitizing stations arrived. A water bar with drinking water was set up for filling biker water bottles. Tent awnings were erected and tables set up with biker snacks: fresh strawberries and bananas, power bars, fruit leather and drinks. Trash, compost, and recycle bins were set up.

Cycle Oregon takes good care of their riders. Each biker arrived with a map of the day’s trip. If a biker started the trip with a jacket and the day became too warm, the jacket could be left in the “gear drop” and be reclaimed back in camp. A street sweeper cleaned the route so there would be no impediments

to smooth riding. A bike mechanic set up shop to help riders with equipment issues. An ambulance stood by, ready to help with any injuries or health problems. Volunteers were scattered along the route in case a rider needed help. An aerial placed on a nearby high location helped keep Cycle Oregon staff in touch with each other by radio.

Bikers were delighted with Langlois. A few hadn’t realized that they had already passed through town. Some took side trips to Floras Lake or up Floras Creek Road. Although they were well fed at the rest stops and at the lunch

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at Battle Rock, many stopped at the Langlois Market for a hot dog or an ice cream cone.

The Langlois Library crew worked hard and fast, and the six hour stint passed quickly. As the Library rest stop started shutting down, the one across the street at the Blanco School had set up and was beginning to receive returning bikers. The Blanco stop was manned by the Soccer Team.

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The Open Hearth program is a project of the Rotary Club of Port Orford in partnership with churches and other organizations in the area. Every month, Rotary provides funding for food and the meeting place as other participating organizations cook and serve the meals. September’s Open Hearth will be cooked and served by members of Zion Lutheran Church. Other churches currently involved in the rotation are St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church and The Christian Center and other churches are considering participation.

“At Zion Church, we are delighted to be a part of the Rotary Open Hearth program,” said Pastor Ronn Kerr, “It is another way in which we can be involved in providing service to the community. The Open Hearth compliments the

things we do to help Common Good and other outreach programs.”

The Open Hearth is being partially supported by a District Simplified Grant from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and gifts from others in the area that want to help provide food security for the community.

For more information about the many ways in which the Port Orford Rotary is “having fun helping others,” visit <http://www.PortOrfordRotary.org> or <http://www.FaceBook.com/PortOrfordRotary> or email info@PortOrfordRotary.org.

Letter To The Editor,

Mr. Hajak brings up an interesting point about things being hidden with the proposed airport and golf courses near Blacklock Point. I believe that one of the four supporters in last Wednesday’s meeting may have pointed to one of the things that is being hidden.

According to the gentleman, Bandon Dunes Resort pays \$140 million dollars in property taxes to Coos County per

year. The Blacklock project is half the size or less of Bandon Dunes, so let us guess that the property tax value would be only \$50 million dollars. But, when you rent or lease the landlord pays the property tax, not the renter.

If the unnamed developer bought private land and built the project, the developer would be responsible for the full \$50 million tax. By having the county lease him the land, he is responsible for only a \$1 million dollar lease, for a savings of \$49 million dollars. I don’t think this is a good deal for us in the county.

By the way, I have my doubts that Bandon Dunes really pays \$140 million dollars in taxes. This is close to 30 times the full budget of Curry County. Coos County would be swimming in wealth if this was the case.

Perhaps we should dissolve Curry County and join Coos County? We should seriously think of doing this no matter what happens with the Blacklock Project.

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NATURAL STONE, BEADS, glass, agate, turquoise, crystal, wood, pearls, rock chips, quartz, marble, findings, hemp, wire, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, collectables and much more. 15 sellers daily 10-4 Sixes Grange Market Place.

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Pampered Pooches

Monday thru Thursday
9:00am – 3:00pm

541-332-0520 For Appointment

Classified Ads

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GARAGE ESTATE SALE Furn, TV's computer, printer, grow equip, utility trailer, w/d, frig, freezer. 375 19th Sat. 10-3.

MISCELLANEOUS

MINI STORAGE/U-HAUL. 200+ storage units, 150+ climate controlled. Airport-U-Stor, across from Ocean Spray 541-347-4356.

NEW VIDEOS: "Brides Maids", "The River Murders", "Bride Flight", "51", "Set Up", "Spooky Buddies" (Disney). Please remember all items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. Reservations must be prepaid so cannot be taken over the phone. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. Open 9:30-5:30 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-6:30 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

CD / DVD / GAME WON'T PLAY? Don't throw it out! Fix it! Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. now offers disc cleaning/repair services. (single sided) \$3.00 for basic cleaning, \$5.00 for deep scratches. See store for details.

CUSTOM PHOTO, negative and slide scanning, Photoshop work and restoration of images, archival printing. 541-332-0353 or stephen@earthseaimagery.com.

VALLEY FLORA FARM STAND & U-Pick open for the summer! Wednesdays & Saturdays, 9 - 5. Savor the summer with fresh, local produce and berries! www.valleyflorafarm.com.

OMMP INFORMATION CENTER: 519-A Tenth Street, Port Orford. We are non-profit. Monday-Friday 1:00pm-5:00pm.

LOVE IS INFINITE 9-24.

THE WOODEN NICKEL

Myrtlewood factory and gift shop. Unique wooden products plus souvenirs, T-shirts, jams, salt water taffy. FREE factory tours.

www.oregonmyrtlewood.com
1205 Oregon St. 541-332-5201

BLUEBERRIES! "Beyond Organic" You pick sale \$1.95/lb at Common Ground Farms on MM 287 in Langlois Wed's & Sat's in September. 541-348-2179. CommonGroundFarms.Weebly.com.

I'VE HAD MY BABIES. They are sooo cute! Only 2 left. All of us will be fixed, dewormed & have our shots for free! 541-366-1013.

ORGANIC CRANBERRIES, frozen, local. Fall Sale 12 lbs for \$42 and 30 lbs for \$90. Pickup at Sixes Farm or may deliver. BrushPrairieBogs.com, 541-290-2638.

SHEEPSKIN & BULLHIDE, or goat-skin, custom moccasins locally made. Warm & Sturdy. Old Slippers repaired, rubberized. WaltersLanding.com, Sixes, 541-290-2638.

SMALL TRAILER for lawn tractor. Tilts. Ex shape. \$50.00 obo. 541-332-0604.

ESTATE SALE Furn, Frig, Freezer, 46" flat screen, w/d front load, utility trailer, T-shirt press, computer, indoor grow equip. 541-253-1127.

DELTA CHOPSAW, Wagner power roller, 5 gal. tan paint, surround sound amplifier and speakers, Akia reel to reel with tapes, 350 rock, blues cassettes, Milano refrigerated water dispenser with bottle. 541-332-0565.

MENS SLACKS, 30 PAIRS, mostly new. Top brands. High end. Sizes 42 to 46, by 30, 32 Levis, Dockers, Comfort, Action, Britannia. \$10.00/pair 541-332-0565.

BEWARE OF YOUNG MAN near Blueberry Lane trespassing on private property. He's on red ATV wearing reflector vest claiming to work for Frontier phone. He's a liar and likely thief.

One Hour Wellness

"Rapid Wellness - Recovery Training"

Optimize Relationships/Wellness & Recovery from Traumas, Disorders, Addictions & Pain
Martin Blackwell, RRT-Wellness Specialist
541-253-1122 *Free Consultation!

COLLABORATIVE GARDEN space available. Are you a serious vegetable/flower grower? We have a large, established, fertile garden space with lots of potential to produce for the farmer's market. We need help with maintenance and offer to share the fruits of a collaborative labor! Call 541-332-3020.

Warrants Served

On September 8, The Curry County Sheriff's Office, Gold Beach Police Department, and South Coast Inter Agency Narcotics team, along with assistance from Coos County Sheriff's Office, served warrants on a residence and vehicle belonging to Joseph Taylor Russell (DOB 8/31/1978). The warrants were issued regarding several thefts in the Gold Beach area including two vehicles. Chief Andrews during his investigation was able to obtain enough information to get the warrants and Russell was also apprehended in Coos County during a theft and was involved in a pursuit with his child present.

During the searches several items were recovered and a theft from Floras Lake regarding Kite Boards, Boots etc. were located. Also other items were seized regarding other thefts. Russell was charged with Theft in the First degree and Burglary in the second degree from the Floras Lake case. The investigation is continuing and other charges may be pending from the Coos and Curry District Attorney's Offices.

Core Strength Vinyasa Yoga

\$5/class



Mon, Wed, Fri @ 6:00pm
on Hwy 101, North

541-366-1011

Savoy Theatre

811 Hwy 101, Port Orford, OR

Showtimes: 541-332-FILM
(541-332-3456)

Office: 541-332-3105

<http://savoytheatre.tumblr.com/>

REAR WINDOW

Starring James Stewart

112 Minutes

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 4 pm

Admission by donation

This Week In The Garden By Jennifer Ewing

The miracle of the seed and what it can create can be quite moving if you think about it. To save your own seed and be a part of that miracle has its own reward.

We all love the color and flavor of the tomato right from the garden because the tomato from the grocery store during the winter months is so ‘nothing’. If you have raised your tomatoes from open-pollinated varieties (non-hybrid), you can save your own seed for next year. Here’s how.

Pick a perfect, disease-free, mature tomato to save seed from because you want all of that healthy DNA in your seed. Slice off the bottom of the tomato and squeeze the contents of the tomato into a jar or plastic yogurt container. Label each container, set it somewhere you will see it every day and watch a gray mold form across the top of the tomato liquid. The mold is a good thing since it will remove that green gelatin, nature’s germination inhibitor, from around the seed. After five to seven days of watching the mold grow (!) rinse the seed by adding water to the container,

Don Rey Mexican Food



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Drive-Up

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This week’s Special:
Ground Beef Burrito

pouring it off, adding more water, pouring it off, until the water/seed mix is clear. Any seeds that float off in the process of rinsing are seeds that are not viable and will not produce a tomato plants. Dry the seeds on a smooth surface like the lid of a yogurt container, package and label.

All saved seed should be stored in a cool, dry place (thank you, Bob Dylan) out of the light to keep it viable.

Celebrating 100 Years!

If you would like information about joining our Girl Scout Troop 30114 in Port Orford, please come to the PO Library on October 1 at 3:00. For information call Susan Stevens 332-1021 or Liv Sundkoyen 332-0205.

World War II Veterans

There are several more World War II veterans in the Port Orford area besides David Kyle. Mr. Kyle is flying to Washington D.C. on October 6 as part of the Honor Flight to see the World War II memorial. It was incorrectly stated in last week’s paper that David Kyle may be the only World II veteran in our area.

Other World War II veterans living in the Port Orford area are Bill Oleson, Ray Johnson and Lee Hyle and if you didn’t get mentioned please tell us and we’ll include you in the list of veterans next week.

Port Orford Water Report

The City of Port Orford Public Works Department reported production at the water treatment plant in Buffington Park at 4.845 million gallons in August. The City metered 3.373 million gallons of water to the water consumers and reported a loss of 1.474 million gallons for a loss rate of 30.4%. The public works department treated 2.368 million gallons of waste flow at the treatment plant.

Pacific High Volleyball

The Pacific High School varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams take on the Elkton Elks at Pacific High on Thursday, Sept. 22. The JV game starts at 5:00pm followed by the varsity game at 6:15pm.. The two Pacific High teams then take on the Bandon Tigers on Monday, Sept. 26 at 5:00 and 6:15pm. The public is welcome to attend these games