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Special District Election Voter Forums

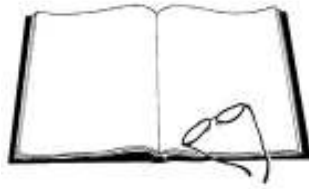


Shirley Nelson moderates the Port Orford Voter Forum. Shown here are the candidates for Port Commissioner and the fire Protection District Board of Directors

Eighteen candidates are running for eight contested positions in Special District elections in Curry County on May 17. The League of Women Voters of Curry County held three Voter Forums during the last week of April. The Port Orford and Brookings Forums were well attended. Sadly, the Gold beach one was not. The low turnout in Gold Beach is a continuing problem and the League Board is going to consider whether continued efforts in Gold beach are justified. The Forums in Port Orford and Brookings were resoundingly successful and brought forth a great deal of good will for the League.

The Port Orford candidates were Harry Abel and Mark McKelvey, Coos Bay, for Southwestern Oregon Community College board, position #1; Jack H. Barnes and Marlyn A. Schafer for Curry Health District board, position #4; Philip M. Colozzi, David McCutcheon, and Dianne Schofield for Port of Port Orford commission, position # 4; Edna Auld and Kimberly Stang for Port Orford Rural Fire Protection District board, position # 1 and Dave Bassett and Wade Phillips for the Fire Protection District board, position # 5

Mr. Abel also came to the Brookings Forum along with Brookings-Harbor School Board candidates Bob Horel and Alex Markum for Brookings-Harbor School District 17c, position #1 and Sue Caldwell-Cruikshank and Jamie Ryan for the school board, position # 3.



President's Message

Hello members and friends,

April has been a very busy and interesting month. Our Unit Meetings on April 12 were presentations from Don Kendall, Curry County's Emergency Services Coordinator. A summary of what we learned is on Page 4. We conducted Voters Forums in Gold Beach, Port Orford and Brookings on April 26, 27 and 28, respectively, for the upcoming Special District Election. The article on Page 1 summarizes what took place. The Port Orford and Brookings Forums included lively question and answer sessions with the candidates - just what we had in mind.

Sadly, the Gold Beach Voters Forum did not go well. There was only one citizen present. This is not the first time we have had poor attendance in Gold Beach and we need to give careful consideration to what we will do for future elections. I welcome your input.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on Saturday June 4 at the Y Knot Cafe in Gold Beach. Our speaker will be Georgia Nowlin. She will be giving her perspective on the future of Curry County. We have included the Nominating Committee report on Page 5 and the proposed budget for 2011-2012 on Page 3. We need to elect officers and approve our budget for next year at this meeting so please look this information over before coming to the meeting.

Our Unit Meetings on May 10 will be interesting. Jan Kaplan, Director of Curry County Health and Human Services Department will be updating on his Department's activities. Please plan to attend.

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PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET

The budget for 2011-2012 must be approved at the Annual Meeting on June 4, 2011. The proposed budget is presented here for your review prior to the meeting.

	10-11 Budget	to 6-30 est.	11-12 Budget
INCOME			
Bulletin Sponsors	450	35	700
Contributions			
Other Fund-Raisers	250	37	
Secret Garden	1000		
Theater Party			1220
Interest	25	25	25
Meetings	300	450	480
Membership Dues	1450	855	1595
Cash on Hand	660		140
TOTAL INCOME	4135	1402	4160
EXPENSE			
Administration			
Dues Assistance	50		50
Office Supplies	25	45	50
Publications	50		
Bulletin			
Bulletin Copying	165	150	160
Bulletin Postage	275	176	175
Delegates			
LWVOR	500	113	250
Workshops	200	145	150
Education			
Local Education	250		150
Voter Service	125	175	200
Website	200	215	215
Fundraising			
Secret Garden	100		
Theater Party			550
Assessments			
License Fee	50	50	50
State Assessment	45	45	45
National	925	861	900
State	875	798	800
Meetings			
Annual Meeting	300	240	250
Christmas Meeting		170	165
TOTAL	4135	3183	4160
Cash carried forward	4137	2241	

APRIL UNIT MEETINGS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS

On April 12 Curry County's Emergency Services Coordinator, Don Kendall, met with the Brookings and Port Orford/Gold Beach Units to share important information about Tsunami Preparedness.



Don Kendall (left) and Dave Lacey at the Brookings Unit Meeting on April 12.

Their primary message was that preparing for a tsunami is something we need to do, both as individual citizens and families and as communities. Each individual and family needs to have their own plan together with a few days worth of emergency supplies. Just as importantly, each of our communities need to have a plan to help our citizens after the first few days should widespread destruction occur.

The reason that our communities need to prepare is that in the event of widespread destruction we will be cut off, at least for a few days, from help from organizations such as FEMA. Even when they arrive we will almost certainly have to be aided by helicopter since Highway 101 will likely be unusable for a period of time.

Our communities need to prepare shelter, food and medical care for literally thousands of people who could be left homeless and without water, food or medical care. FEMA has developed guidelines that communities can use to plan for such a disaster and grants are available that will allow communities to install storage sites and fill them with the tents, food and water, medical supplies and clothing that people

will need. We need to contact our City and County Councils to find out what they are doing to create these shelters.

On an individual and family level they said that having a few day's supply of food, water and basic medical supplies along with warm clothing could make a huge difference for you and your loved ones. Having these supplies readily available in a garage or storage area in your house is something that each of us can do.

They also taught us that we need to be prepared for two very different kinds of tsunamis - one from a distant earthquake and one from an earthquake right off of our coast.

A tsunami from a distant earthquake - from Japan or Alaska, for example, will take hours to reach us. We will hear the tsunami sirens or other emergency alerts that will give us time to respond. They suggest that the first thing to do is to take the time to go to a reliable source of information. Those with internet access should go to ptwc.weather.gov/?region=1. This is the NOAA Pacific Tsunami Warning Center web site and will have the latest information available. Take the time to find out whether evacuation is necessary before going to the nearest shelter.

An earthquake off of our coast is another matter. You might have a matter of minutes to get to safe ground. If you feel an earthquake do not wait for warnings. Get to high ground without delay. Hopefully you will find that there is no danger.

Further information is available by contacting Don Kendall at kendalld@co.curry.or.us or 541-247-3208. They can supply brochures and direct you to Federal, State and private sources of information.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Connie Wilson, did a fine job of selecting and recruiting candidates for the Curry County League's Board of Directors for 2011-2012. Our Secretary (Kathleen Tomko), Treasurer (Milt Nelson) and Director #3 (June Whitehead) were elected last year and their terms run until June 2012. Following are the nominations for this year with the terms of office shown. election will be at the Annual Meeting on June 4.

Office	Candidate	Term of Office
President	Jan Krick	2011-2012
Vice President	Al Wilson	2011-2013
Director #1	Warren Krick	2011-2013
Director # 2	Shirley Nelson	2011-2013

Our By-Laws also require that at our Annual Meeting we elect three positions on the Nominating Committee for 2011-2013 who are not Board Members. These three members will be joined by two Board members who will be appointed by the Board at their first meeting. We very badly need volunteers for these very important member positions. The time commitment is minimal until the early spring when several hours will be needed to meet and recruit candidates for next year's slate. If you would like to serve please notify the current President, Al Wilson at 541-469-5805 or al@alandsara.com.

MAY UNIT MEETINGS

The Unit Meetings will be on May 10. The Brookings meeting will be at the Chetco Community Public Library at 10 AM in the small meeting room. The Gold beach and Port Orford Unit meetings will be merged. The meeting will be in the Court House Annex Blue room at 1 PM. At both meetings the speaker will be Jan Kaplan, Director of Curry County Health and Human Services Department. He will present an overview of the functions of health and mental health in the now combined county department he heads and a forecast of what is to occur going forward, considering the dire economic conditions in State and County government.

ST. TIMOTHY'S OUTREACH CLINIC

The free clinic operates out of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church every Tuesday afternoon. The first dental van visit resulted in treatment for 14 patients who had been on the waiting list for extractions, fillings and other dental needs. The treatment was completely free -- offered on a donation-only basis, just like the clinic.. Those in need of free dental care should contact St. Timothy's Outreach Clinic immediately for a clinic visit that will provide the necessary vital signs and medical history for the dental staff. Please call 541 469-3314 on Tuesday afternoons from 1-4 to schedule a clinic pre-dental treatment visit.

Two grant applications have been made and two generous donations from Rotary this year totaled \$4,000. Clinic volunteer Patti Appleby picked up bags of free supplies earlier this month from MedShare, a California-based charitable organization that acts as a clearinghouse for distributions of over-stocked medical supplies of all kinds. Please support this amazing operation in our community, completely staffed by tireless volunteers, in any way you can and help get the word out to those in need of free medical and dental services.

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Dorthea Petersen is LWVCC's observer at the Curry County Board of Commissioners meetings.

April 3, 2011

The consent calendar included a new hire for the Human Services Department and a re-hire for the Sheriff's Department. Both were approved 3 - 0.

Special Meeting April 8, 2011

There was a discussion and consideration of possible Board actions on the County reorganization. Letters were presented from the Port Orford Mayor, the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce and the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce regarding reorganization of the Economic Development Department. A lengthy discussion of reorganization of the Treasurer's office took place, with input from former Commissioner Marlyn Shafer. There was a heated discussion between Commissioner Waddle and County Treasurer Izzy Brock. Final decisions will be made on April 13.

April 13, 2011

Discussion and Board action to reorganize the County departments was approved unanimously. The Board ordered reorganization affecting the current Economic & Community Development Department, the Commissioner's Office and the County Counsel Department. There was a unanimous vote in favor of mergers of departments and elimination of Susan Brown and Janice Willets from the Economic & Development Community Development Department.

April 15, 2011

The BOC passed the following resolutions. (1) Transfer of tax collection from the Treasurer's office to the Assessor's office, effective 4-25-2011. (2) Facility Management Coordinator Supervisor will work between Health & Human Services and facilities management, losing Supervisor status. (3) Elimination of positions of Economic and Community Director, Administrative Assistant for Curry Co. Economic Development Office, Manager of Commissioners' Office, Administrative Assistant for Commissioners' office and Department Specialist II in County Counsel's office.

ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 4, 2011 AT 9:30 AM

The Annual Meeting will be at the Y Knot Cafe at 29844 Ellensburg Ave (Hwy 101) in Gold Beach. Menus and prices will be available soon. We will gather at 9:30 AM. The business meeting will start at 10:00. We will have elections and approve next year's budget. Lunch will be at Noon followed by our speaker, Georgia Nowlin. Our recent Unit Meetings have focused on issues within Curry County and Georgia, a former County Commissioner, will give us an informed perspective on Curry County's future. Please call or email Al Wilson at 541-469-5805 or al@alandsara.com to reserve your seat.



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May and June 2011		
Brookings Unit Meeting	May 10; 10 AM	Chetco Community Public Library
Gold Beach and Port Orford Combined Unit Meeting	May 10; 1 PM	Court House Annex Blue Room in Gold Beach
LWVCC Board Meeting	May 27; 1 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
LWVCC Annual Meeting	June 4; 9:30 AM	Y Knot Cafe; Gold Beach
Secret Garden Tour	June 26; 1PM	Locations printed on tickets

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