

Meet Your Local Candidates

This week concludes an introduction of candidates seeking city offices, three of them for council positions and one for recorder/municipal judge.

Robert D. Nagle, 69, is asking to be elected to the recorder position, but he could wind up being elected to a position that will be abolished at the same instant his term of office would start.

That possibility exists because city voters will be calling shots on a new city charter as well as city candidates. The present charter includes the elective office of recorder and that's what Nagle is running under. But if voters approve the new charter, the elective office is automatically eliminated . . . and becomes two separate appointive positions. Then it will fall on the mayor, with council approval, to select a recorder and a judge—if they so decide.

Nagle is a retired U.S. Air Force Inspector General for flight safety and has lived in the city for eleven months. A member of the Port Orford Rotary Club, he also belongs to the American Radio Relay League.

The candidate says he has no special interests or programs to promote. "In fact," he says, "the position vacancy was mentioned to my wife and she was urged to run. She, however, said I would make a better candidate so I threw my hat in the ring."

Incumbent council member Kent Wagner, 43, a resident of the city for 10 years but a native of the area, says he is concerned with seeking a firm tax base that does not fluctuate through inflation, along with an expansion of street, water and sewer systems.

Wagner, a self-employed commercial fisherman, holds life-time membership in the VFW and Pacific Booster Club. He is also a past member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Constance A. Smith, 55, is seeking a second term on the council. She is a real estate broker and has lived in Port Orford for the past six years.

She is secretary of the chamber of commerce and a representative of that organization for the Battle Rock Retirement Club, and a member of the Curry Board of Realtors.

Total development of all city services to all residents is a goal she would like to work for, as well as sidewalks along both sides of Highway 101 the entire length of the city.

A former social worker and beauty shop manager in California, Maxine McFarland, 61, is now owner of her own beauty salon here. Maxine's Fountain of Charm. She has been a resident for two years and belongs to the ESA Sorority, chamber of commerce and Community Theatre.

In seeking a position on the council, Mrs. McFarland told the News that "in order that a city like Port Orford can prosper, everyone must be willing to do their part, and I am willing to accept the responsibility of helping to govern our wonderful little city."

She added that she has no specific programs in mind at this time but would remain open to suggestions.

A self-employed carpenter, Russell Conn, 54, has been a contractor for the past 28 years and a resident of the city

for three years. He is a member of the Lions Club, chaplain for the VFW and senior warden in the Masonic Lodge.

As a council member, Conn said he would work towards encouraging new business and industrial payrolls in the city. "After living here for three years, I feel I should be a part of and take part in the government of the city," he told the News.

All candidates indicated favoring the new city charter.

Swine Flu Shots Due On Friday

Clinics will be held this Friday, Oct. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to provide swine flue immunization for senior citizens, persons over 60 years of age, announced Vic Woods of the Curry County Health Department.

The clinics will be held in the health department offices in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford. The Port Orford office is located on 9th and Washington Streets.

The immunization will be a bi-valent vaccine which contains both A/New Jersey (swine flu) and A/Victoria viruses. The Victoria virus is the influenza that was prevalent last winter.

Patients with serious health problems, such as heart, lung or kidney diseases, are encouraged to discuss the influenza immunization with their private physician, Woods said. Woods added that the health department had distributed the vaccine throughout the county to the private physicians.

There is no charge for the influenza immunization provided by the county health department but they will ask for a \$1.00 voluntary donation to help offset the cost of the program.

Alcohol Group Meets Thursday

The Curry County Council on Alcoholism will hold its October council meeting in Brookings on Thursday, Oct. 28, at the Cork and Cleaver. It will be a noon no-host luncheon. The speaker will be Rev. John Hawthorne, Jr., of the Lighthouse Assembly of God Church in Harbor, who recently attended the Southern Oregon Alcohol Institute at Southern Oregon State College in Ashland in August on scholarship from the Curry County Council on Alcoholism.

Anyone interested in the Council and its activities is cordially invited to attend.

WINS CONTEST

Belva McDonald, Lecturer of the Sixes Grange, won third prize in the State Lecturers skit writing contest.

SALEM AS CENTER

A world map in the new Atlas of Oregon places Salem as the map center of the world. On it, Oregon's state capital is halfway between Washington, D.C. and Honolulu or between the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and the Bering Strait.



RUSSELL CONN
For Council



MAXINE MCFARLAND
For Council



ROBERT NAGLE
For Recorder



C. AILEEN SMITH
For Council



ROBERT K. WAGNER
For Council

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LOCAL ARTIST Marion Dalen will present a free talk at the Port Orford grade school library next Monday night, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m., on her art career that has ranged from fashions to fish. Beginning as a fashion illustrator in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Seattle, when she enrolled full time at Humboldt State, studying art and writing and taking summer classes in marine biology at Arcata and the University of Monterey. She was subsequently asked to do some illustrations for a zoology and fisheries professor, which led to her introduction to people at Stanford and the California Academy of Science, who in turn introduced her to officials at the Smithsonian Institution. She became the illustrator for one of the foremost leichthyologists in the world, spending nearly five years in Washington, D.C. The artist then chose the west coast again, and Port Orford, where she continued work for the Smithsonian until recently. At the present time she is illustrating a book on the Freshwater Fishes of Alaska, a first of its kind covering most of that state's fresh water species. The book is being authored by James E. Morrow, who heads the University of Alaska Biological Sciences.

Slow Growth Is Advocated

The American Association of University Women held a local candidate forum Monday evening, Oct. 18, at the house of Mrs. Lou Giottonini on DeVoe Road. On hand were all the candidates for Curry county commission: For position no. 2, Dave Wilken, Rose Kennedy and Mike Fitzgerald; for position no. 3, Les Williams and Walt Thompson. Rose Kennedy (D), reaffirmed her interest in reviewing public assistance programs. She said she felt that a woman would better evaluate these programs as to the necessities involved.

Mike Fitzgerald (R), stressed that as a public relations man with long political experience, he knows how the federal and state bureaucracies work. Fitzgerald worked in public relations for the Nixon campaigns in '68 and '72.

Dave Wilken (I), detailed his program for restrained growth in Curry county. "The attitude I would take to the commissioners' office," he declared, "is concern for the rights of those already here, rather than catering to developers and speculators." Though growth seems inevitable, he said, county government must be the mediator between the rights of the individual property owners and the people's desire to prevent Curry county from degenerating to the extent of southern California.

"In electing their commissioners this fall," Wilken added, "the voters will have a chance to decide for themselves in a far more important way than a yes or no vote on LCDC."

Group Slates Pacific Visit

Pacific High School will host a visitation by representatives from the Oregon State System of Higher Education on Monday, November 1, at 10:30 a.m.

Unique throughout the United States is a visitation by representatives of the Oregon State System of Higher Education to every high school in the state. The team impresses upon secondary students the need for some type of education or training beyond high school.

The visitation supplements the guidance program of Pacific High School by giving students first-hand information about course offerings, admission requirements, housing, costs to attend, financial aids and scholarships and other information pertinent to planning for college experience.

Parents are invited to attend the visitation and are urged to discuss post-high school plans with their sons and daughters before and after the conference.

Members of the press are invited to attend.

HOMESTEAD CLAIMS

According to the Atlas of Oregon, homestead claims in Oregon, which peaked from 1911 to 1920, practically ceased in the state after 1945.

Port Hoist Down To Make Repairs

The port boat hoist was put back in operation Tuesday after being shut down since last Thursday morning while emergency repairs were made to replace a "cap" supporting the main mast.

Port president Paul Peterson said the faulty cap, a 14x14 inch timber, was discovered by an inspection by Al Cooper, Safety Compliance Officer, Accident Prevention Division, Workmen's Compensation Board, and George Hageman, P.E., Safety Engineer for the Compensation Board. The safety men were here in response to an anonymous phone call from a local source recently complaining that the hoist might be unsafe. It is believed the call was prompted because of recent action by the port commission to increase the length and weight limits of commercial fishing boats than can use the hoist. There was some feeling that the hoist was not capable of handling any more weight.

During the course of the inspection, however, it was determined that the hoist was rated to lift 50 tons, four times the weight limit set by the commission. "That's the safety ratio we prefer to work on," Hageman said.

When it was discovered that the supporting cap was broken, Peterson ordered the hoist closed after allowing a time for boats anchored in the harbor to be placed on their trailers as a safety measure in case of a sudden storm.

Cooper told the commission it was that positive action that kept him from putting a red tag on the equipment. The tag would have meant an official closure by the state. But even with port cooperation in the shut down, Cooper said, it might still mean a fine that could go as high as \$1,000.

In addition to the broken cap, it was also determined that a couple lengths of chain and cable needed to be replaced and cable clamps added to conform to state safety specifications.

At the conclusion of the state inspection, the commission called in a structural engineer, Gregg Schroeder, from Wenzler & Kelly, Eureka, who was on the scene Friday morning to prepare plans for reconstructing the supporting piling and cap system. It was decided to drive two additional piling to provide three cap supports, and add considerable more bracing to tie-in piling to increase lateral support for the stem.

Schroeder will return for an inspection of the project before its completion, then certify a new weight limit for the total system.

At the port meeting Monday night, Peterson remarked that, despite the anonymous method of "turning in" the port commission, the commission was glad the incident occurred because it disclosed a serious fault in the hoisting system that might eventually have resulted in an accident. "It should be understood,

though," the president said, "that the port commission is concerned with the safety of all port operations and would have responded to a request that the hoist be inspected. The commission has no desire to endanger either life, limb or property."

Several local fishermen responded to the closure problem and volunteered their services to get the hoist back in operation. The commission expressed their appreciation for the effort, noting that both down time and expense were kept at a minimum because of the effort.

In other business Monday, it was agreed to support an extension of the commercial salmon fishing season off the mouth of the Elk River and to pay bills in the amount of \$7,985.89.

New leases for the cannery building and fish buying stations were also discussed.

Wreck Takes Life Of Brad Marsh

A one-car accident just north of the Rogue River Bridge last Wednesday night resulted in the death of one man, according to Oregon State Police.

Jon Bradley Marsh, 24, of Port Orford, died at Curry General Hospital following the accident, police said.

Marsh's car was north-bound on Highway 101 when it failed to complete a curve, ran into the gravel on the shoulder of the road and rolled three times, throwing Marsh from the car, according to reports. Marsh was alone in the vehicle at the time.

Memorial services were held Monday, Oct. 18, at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Port Orford. Cremation followed.

Mr. Marsh was born July 2, 1952, in Myrtle Point and graduated from Pacific High School in 1970. He had served with the U.S. Army for three years and had also attended the University of Oregon.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Marsh of Port Orford; two brothers, Nick and Joseph, Port Orford; two sisters, Tracey and Sue, Port Orford; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Marsh, Port Orford; and a grandmother, Bernice Saleh of Hesperia, Calif.

The family suggests memorial donations to the scholarship fund in Port Orford.

Kennedy Is Carter Aide

The state headquarters for the Jimmy Carter presidential campaign announced last week the appointment of the Carter/Mondale campaign committee for Curry county.

The co-chairperson for the Curry County Carter Committee is Rose Kennedy. Ms. Kennedy is a long time Democrat, active in party functions. Rose Kennedy is chairperson of the Curry County Democratic Central Committee.

The co-chairperson and her committee will be conducting an intensive door-to-door voter contact and get-out-the-vote campaign. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Carter/Mondale campaign should contact Rose Kennedy at 247-6306.

LCDC Involvement Program Said Full Of Double Talk

LCDC's citizen involvement program is so full of confusing devices, deliberate misrepresentations and double talk citizens can't get involved in it, Curry county commissioner candidate Mike Fitzgerald told the LCDC here October 12.

Elk River rancher Brice Wagner said he agreed with Fitzgerald, who made his charges in the question and answer segment of the first LCDC citizen involvement meeting to be held so far in Curry county.

Earlier in the day, LCDC representatives went over Wagner's Elk River ranch property with Wagner. LCDC representative Jim Rose said they had learned some useful things on Wagner's ranch, and that Wagner had nothing to fear from LCDC. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wagner said they didn't believe it.

Fitzgerald, referring to a 20-page LCDC pamphlet, showed how one statement was cancelled by another and how the document defines regulations as goals.

Ross admitted that the choice of wording was unfortunate. LCDC commissioner Dorothy Anderson said it was the fault of the Oregon state legislature, which had insisted on the wording.

"Then you should go back to the legislature and get the false wording corrected," Fitzgerald said.

When Fitzgerald asked if the language of Senate Bill 100 specifically empowered an appointed body to develop the kind of program they were about, both Ross and Anderson heatedly replied they were doing just what the law said they should.

"And I'm getting tired of you soaking up all this misinformation about LCDC," Anderson said to Fitzgerald. "What misinformation do I have?" Fitzgerald asked.

"Well, not you, but others along the coast," Anderson said.

Fitzgerald said he was running for Curry county commissioner and if elected LCDC would be well advised to hang on to its hat as far as Curry county is concerned.

"Even if LCDC isn't voted out November 2 you have my words that we'll be organized enough to take you to task for all this baloney," Fitzgerald said.

"Citizens in Curry county have already involved themselves in the planning process. We wrote a comprehensive county plan in 1972 and it is a good one. Any intervention by the state is unnecessary and restrictive," Walt Thompson told the LCDC representative.

Thompson, candidate for Curry county commissioner position three, said he attended the meeting because he wanted to see how citizens were actually being involved in the LCDC process.

Thompson said the citizen involvement procedure was an exhaustive review of LCDC background followed by a script-accompanied slide show featuring photos of sand dunes, coastal erosion, dune buggies and infra-red views of Oregon from an altitude of 512 miles, followed by a question and answer period.

When LCDC commissioner Dorothy Anderson pointed out that under LCDC planning will be done at the local level under state control to make sure the work gets completed, Thompson replied the state should find a way to help the lagging counties without penalizing Curry county or other areas where planning has moved well.

Exploring The Ocean's Floor

Recent scientific findings are revolutionizing our concept of the origins of the oceans and the continents. Don Stensland, professor of Geology and Oceanography at SWOCC will be at the Port Orford Library tonight, Thursday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. to discuss some of the new theories being generated by scientists investigating the ocean floor.

Exploration of the Sea, A New World Picture, is the fourth in a series of lectures in Oceans: Our Continuing Frontier. Anyone who is interested in attending just one or a few of these lectures is welcome. There is a charge of \$1.00 per lecture for those not registered for the course. This week, because of the extensive new material Professor Stensland has to present, the lecture will run a little longer than the usual hour.

Next week: Science and Ancient Sea Stories by Ron Lilienthal.