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It's Spring!



Spring Roars In by Evan Kramer

Spring roared in on Monday evening bringing with it intermittent rain, hail, snow in the mountains, cloud bursts, thunder and lightening, and cold weather. As I write this, I was just informed that it's snowing on Sixes River Road and snow plows have been working Highway 101 between Port Orford and Gold Beach. Several parts of Highway 101 have developed sinks as well as a couple of scary looking ones on Langlois Mountain Rd. On Tuesday morning a landslide on Elk River Road closed that road at milepost 4. The slide snapped a Coos Curry power line keeping emergency crews from the Curry County road department and Coos-Curry Electric busy. The slide was cleared that morning but crews stood by as rock and debris continued to fall into the road.

The beginning of Spring marks the first horse show of the year in Port Orford and it takes place this Saturday at Buffington Park horse corral. You can always tell when Spring is getting closer. Several weeks ago the bags of manure, potting soil, bark, and trees and potting plants showed up in front of the markets and some drug stores. That's always one of the first reminders that planting season is just around the corner. Over at B & B Farm Supply, Murleen O'Hearn brought in a large supply of bedding plants, fruit trees and other trees and shrubs for sale. This year one of my goals is to get an

artichoke plant to last the growing season. Last year I bought four of them from Murleen and managed to let all four disappear due to a combination of improper watering, moles and ravenous slugs. Then I put a fifth one in and it also vanished either a victim of an overly soaked yard or an errant lawnmower. I received two more artichoke plants a couple of weeks ago and listened to Murleen, whose advice was put them in pots and see if they survive. So far so good except for the slug attack. Sweet Annie's Nursery, south of Langlois, has also reopened for the beginning of the gardening season. Last year they had an excellent selection of herbs and old roses.

Ballot Deadline

Ballots for the Spring special districts vote-by-mail election must be received by the County Clerk/Elections Division by Tuesday, March 28. They will receive ballots in person up until 8:00pm at the County courthouse in Gold Beach. The ballot features a small number of special district board of directors races and the question which has livened up an otherwise quiet election—Will voters in Curry County elect to join the Southwestern Oregon Community College?

The results will be available shortly after 8:00pm and printed in next week's edition of this newspaper.

North Curry Activities Calendar

We used to run a calendar section in this paper which, for a variety of reasons, we dropped. Now we emphasize special events, things we know about and events that people write up for us. As they say the squeaky wheel gets greased. Some people miss us having a calendar section but an excellent alternative has come into existence in the form of the North Curry Families' and Children's Center activities calendar. It is by far the most comprehensive listing of events in the area. They have included school district sporting events, days the Common Good is open, Langlois and Port Orford Library story hours, watershed council meetings, Lions bingo, Sixes Grange events, Senior Center events and more. The deadline for submitting events to the calendar is the third Tuesday of each month. Their mailing address is NCFCC, PO Box 1145, Port Orford, OR 97465. The calendar is available at the North Curry Annex

Going Going Gone

The ongoing sale at what used to be the Western Mercantile store in Port Orford continues until March 30. Yesterday, I was in there and items were down to 50% of the marked price. The sign says "Everything Must Go", and they are making this store about the busiest in town. Prices drop to 75% off by the last three days, March 28-30.

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The Kammeroque Ensemble, which plays informally at 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, will include Joe Fancher, Carole Tindel, Ellen Warring and Donna Roselius, with a welcome-back appearance by Betti Evans.

Artists featured this month are Magda Druzdel of Gold Beach with her latest paintings; Forest Laursen of Port Orford, whose metal sculptures have recently been shown at Grantland-Mayfield Gallery; and Pat Helmuth of Brookings, whose elegant basketry some of us have enjoyed here before.

Refreshments and snacks are, as usual, pot-luck, as we share another enjoyable afternoon with genial people. Call Donna at 332-4444 if you have any questions.

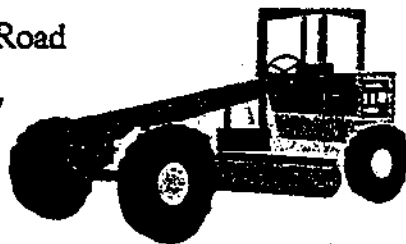
NCFCC

The North Curry Families' and Children's Center (NCFCC) will hold its regular monthly meeting, Thu., March 23, at 6pm, in the Port Orford City Council Chambers. Topics for discussion will be activities for children and families, advocacy for improved transportation in the area, bylaw adoption, and a grant proposal to provide county-wide resource and referral services in the area of child care. The Grant Accountability and Evaluation Committee will meet following the regular meeting.

The NCFCC Youth Activities Committee has been meeting with Blanco Middle School and Pacific High School students to develop a series of activities. Plans are being made for hike and for a Pog Tournament. If you would like to help with these and other youth activities, please contact the NCFCC staff at 332-5810, Tue. and Wed., 9am-noon and Fri., 1-4pm. Messages can also be left at 332-9191.

The NCFCC will be co-sponsoring a fund-raising garage sale with the Port Orford Community Children's Center in early April. Proceeds will be used for both organizations on-going activities and programs. This is a great opportunity to spring clean your closets and help these organizations better serve the children and families of North Curry. Call Janet Pretti, 332-1325 or Shelly Sweet 332-5365, if you have items to donate.

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The traditional blessing of the horses is open to all area equines. You need not be a contestant to participate in this special ceremony honoring the spirit and beauty of the magnificent horse. The animals will enter the arena prior to the first event. Each will receive a special momento of the occasion as a prayer for the safety, health and protection of each horse or pony is given. There is no charge for this event. The Amaze! Your Horse Trail Class will again be offered. This trail class always contains some interesting obstacles and surprises to test the rider's ability to communicate with the horse. It is a challenge to most horses. Spectators especially enjoy this event as

they watch horses who may buck, snort or refuse the test course obstacles. This trail class is always an interesting insight into the mind of the horse. The show is in it's 6th year at Buffington Park.

Other classes include hunter hack, English and western pleasure, equitation as well as gymkana (game) events. Barrel racing, chicken snatch, rescue race and other timed events are on the schedule as open class events. A Jack Benny class has been included, with the western rider in mind, for those at least 39 years of age and holding.

Sign up begins at 7:30 am. Entry fee is \$3 per performance class, \$2 per game and \$1.50 for lead line a class designed especially for spectators and no riding experience is necessary. Ribbons will be given to 6th place in all classes, high point awards will be given in each division, including adult and Jack Benny. One all-

around high point will be awarded in gaming as well as other special awards.

A concession will be operated by volunteers from the "Over the Rainbow" special needs riding program. This program provides special needs children and adults throughout Curry county an opportunity to experience the joy and freedom of riding. Complimentary "wake-me-up" coffee or juice will be provided at sign-in by Cedar Grove Farm. Raffle tickets to benefit Over the Rainbow will be on sale during the show for a chance to win a hand-crafted oak framed mirror.

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Fri Mar. 24	4:58am 7.2	NONE ---	7:07pm 5.7	12:24pm 0.2
Sat Mar. 25	6:15am 7.0	12:21am 3.0	8:06pm 6.1	1:28pm 0.2
Sun Mar. 26	7:30am 6.9	1:41am 2.7	8:58pm 6.5	2:28pm 0.2
Mon Mar. 27	8:39am 7.0	2:47am 2.2	9:40pm 6.9	3:22pm 0.3
Tue Mar. 28	9:36am 7.0	3:45am 1.7	10:19pm 7.1	4:06pm 0.5
Wed Mar. 29	10:27am 7.0	4:31am 1.2	10:54pm 7.3	4:46pm 0.7
Thu Mar. 30	11:14am 6.9	5:16am 0.8	11:25pm 7.4	5:22pm 1.0

Spring: The time of year when farmers and golfers start their plowing.

Speaking of golf, Spring is the time for balls... golf balls, baseballs, moth balls...

The rains that nourish the optimist's flowers also make the pessimist's weeds grow.

Letter To The Editor

If our school district was run as a profit-making business, our superintendent would probably be fired for conflict of interest and fiscal mismanagement.

Now the high school math teacher is being harassed. Same song, different words. Is this going to cost us as taxpayers and our children in the quality of their education?

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[Editor's note: name of person writing this letter on file at the Downtown Fun Zone]

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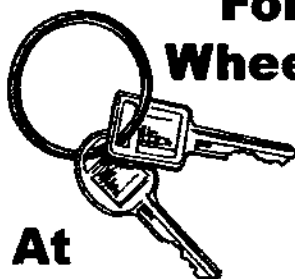
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Hospice Agency

Curry County Home Health is preparing to act as a Hospice Agency. Our target date is July 1. Volunteers will be needed to perform a variety of functions: such as respite, transportation, office/telephone work, and fundraising.

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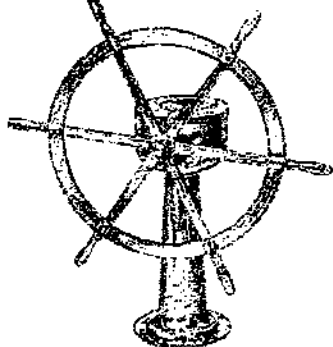
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is a Hospice program?", Death and Dying, Needs of the Patient and Family, and Grief and Loss. Preregistration is required and materials cost \$15. The deadline is March 31.

Volunteer training to work for the Hospice Program is mandatory. Volunteers must be screened by the Volunteer Coordinator. For registration forms, call Curry County Home Health at 332-0273, 247-7084, 469-0405 or 1-800-535-9472.

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Cape Sebastian Hike

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Letter To The Editor

Hold onto your wallets, superintendent Wold is at it again!

Continuing to accept rumors as fact and act on them without regard to lines of authority, Wold (and a small but vocal minority) has now targeted high school math teacher, Michael Ringo.

When rumors and unprovable allegations suddenly appear just days before teachers' contracts come up for renewal, I think it looks a bit suspicious.

Mr. Ringo is respected by most of his students (including my granddaughter), parents, and fellow teachers as a caring and competent teacher. This was supported by a number of parents some of us talked with by phone last week.

I guess the only problem with Mr. Ringo is that he demands order—and learning—in his classroom. This is the kind of teacher we want to keep educating our kids.

A special board meeting March 27 will decide Mr. Ringo's fate. If you are as tired of the way this school district is run as many are, write letters and be at the meeting. Demand Mr. Ringo receive the tenure he has earned.

Ann Shepherd

Endangered Species Day

Six local school children traveled to Portland to attend the Endangered Species Day rally on Saturday, March 11. The Mayor of Portland issued a proclamation setting aside the day for recognition in light of recent legislation seeking to weaken existing laws regarding the classification of certain species as threatened or endangered. Two children from Brookings, Katie and Heather Young are the children of Harvey and Suzy Young. Harvey is an Outfitter and Fishing guide and felt it was important for the children to see what is happening to Salmon along the North Coast.

Four children from Port Orford, Stacy and Stephanie McKnight, Trisha Bazor and Ariel Schultze addressed the crowd of about 400 people giving their thoughts on why they felt the Endangered Species Act was important. As Stacy addressed the closing remarks to Sen. Mark Hatfield, she and the other children presented a large salmon card signed by hundreds of Oregonians to Mr. Hatfield's aide. Stacy asked Sen. Mark Hatfield to "vote responsible" and to vote for "her future." She was interviewed and featured on the Portland Channel 2 News. The trip was sponsored by the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society.

Sixes Grange

The Sixes Grange will hold its monthly pot-luck dinner and business meeting on Friday, March 24, at 6:30pm, at the Grange Hall. An adopt-a-highway cleanup is planned for March 25 and/or 27, weather permitting. Please meet at the Sixes Grange on Sat., March 25, at 10am.

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Tree Planting

"This spring, about 300 volunteer hours were spent planting private land along Elk River," reports Carolyn Osborne, chairperson of the Elk/Sixes Watershed Council. "Planting more than 8,000 seedlings, people from various organizations traveled from as far as Myrtle Point to join the effort," Osborne notes. The trees were donated by Moore Mill, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Forest Service.

"From January through early March, 33 volunteers planted seedlings in all kinds of weather and on some tricky terrain," says Jerry Becker, river volunteer and reforestation consultant. Since he has organized volunteer tree plantings on Elk River for more than a decade, Becker is pleased to see the Watershed Council, ODF&W, and Moore Mill join in.

"Bagley Creek was a good beginning," says Gary Susac, ODF&W biologist, referring to recent restoration of coho habitat. A potentially productive tributary of the Elk, Susac commends local efforts to rehabilitate the stream. "We expect to be planting trees along the river for a long time," he predicts.

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Paul Hammerberg, a council member and Moore Mill forester, worked night along with other volunteers. Bringing tools for planters to borrow, he also delivered thousands of Douglas fir seedlings from Moore Mill's nursery. Friends of Elk River contributed nearly \$600 toward the project.

"We are looking for ways to help fund watershed restoration," says John Houtrouw, watershed council member. "We would like to see state dollars go directly to river projects that help our community. There are local people who want to work and riverside reforestation is needed."

"Many people feel strongly about Elk River's fishery," Carolyn Osborne says. "Historically, it's a river that has given jobs to southern Oregon. The Elk/Sixes Watershed Council wants to restore fishery productivity in both rivers and riparian planting can help." On the edge of Bagley Creek and other riverside locations, willows were planted to hold the banks. Volunteers also planted Douglas fir, redwood and spruce seedlings within the first 100 feet of the riparian zone. In a few locations, native plants, such as huckleberry, were inter-planted.

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Adults of any age are invited to participate as mentors. Currently the Y.E.S. Project Coordinator is working with school counselors and teachers to identify students who could best be served by this project. Parents are an important link of this support system and parental consent is required for any child to participate in the program.

For more information on how you can become a mentor, contact Scott Hoy, Y.E.S. Project Coordinator, by calling 247-2422 or 247-7505, or by stopping by the R.S.V.P. office, which is located in the main Courthouse building.

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Hospice Program Update

Formation of an accredited Hospice program is nearing reality for Curry County. The staff of Curry County Home Health, along with numerous volunteers, are developing a community-based program which will serve residents who are terminally ill.

The Curry County Hospice will seek state accreditation and Medicare certification, possibly as early as July.

"An incredible amount of time and effort has already been put forth" states Lori Kent, Home Health Director. She notes that discussion and planning for this program has taken place for at least two to

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three years. "We still have a lot of work to do, but the reality is very close. We're really getting excited about being able to offer this type of service. It's long overdue".

Kent notes that the next step is to determine who will serve as the Medical Director. A physician, licensed in Oregon as an M.D. or D.O., is required. The physician may either have an active practice, or can be retired. "Although not a lot of time will be required, the Medical Director will oversee the medical aspects of the program, and certify that patients qualify for the services", states Kent.

Hospice offers a full range of medical, psychological, social, spiritual and practical assistance. It provides support for families of dying patients and continues that support during the period of bereavement. It makes possible the option to remain at home during much or all of the illness.

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A volunteer training program will begin in April. Volunteers will be utilized for respite assistance, hands-on care, fundraising, and many other functions.

Physicians interested in working with the program, or other individuals needing more information, may call Kent at the Gold Beach office of Curry County Home Health at 1-800-535-9472. Several staff members are available to speak to interested groups as well.

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Promotion Committee

Two of the five 2-year term positions on the Gold Beach Promotion committee expire in May 1995. Nominations are now being accepted for the next 2-year terms.

One of the positions represents the Chamber of Commerce, and nominations may be forwarded to the chamber office. To be eligible for the chamber sponsored position you need to be, or be employed by, a member business.

The other position represents the Motel/Lodging industry, and nominations should be directed to Ralph Richmond, Ireland's Rustic Lodges, 247-7718. To be eligible to represent the Motel/Lodging industry you must own, operate or work at one of our area Motel/Lodging establishments.

The Promotion committee meets a minimum of once a month (third Tuesday at 7 pm) with special meetings called when necessary. Some tasks have been assigned in sub-committee format to individual committee members. These tasks require additional time commitments to complete.

This committee is responsible for managing the image, publicity, media campaigns and general advertising and promotion of the City of Gold Beach and the surrounding area. The committee is selected and directed by the Gold Beach City Council. The current Promotion committee is comprised of Bill Rich-

mond, Ireland's and Barbara Schulz (term expiring) Sand 'N Sea, of the Motel/Lodging industry and representing the Chamber of Commerce Jim Carey, Rogue Outdoor Store, Bill McNair, Jerry's Jet Boats, and Joyce Vierra, (term expiring) Oregon Adult Services Department.

Nominations will be collected until the April 15 and then the responsible organizations will provide the City Council with nominee names for final selection. Existing members are eligible for consideration to be reappointed if they so desire.

If you, or anyone you know, fit the necessary criteria and wish to contribute to the Promotion committee, please contact either the Chamber office (247-7526) or the City Administrator's office (247-7029) as soon as possible. For more information about these opportunities or the commitment required to successfully fulfill the duties of this committee, feel free to contact any of the above mentioned current members.

NCFCC

The deadline for getting events into the April North Curry Activity Calendar and Newsletter is April 24. Mail the information to NCFCC, P.O. Box 1145, Port Orford or call 332-5810. It is our hope that the North Curry Activity Calendar will be an informative, comprehensive calendar of youth, family, and school activities in North Curry. Calendars are available each month at the local schools,

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From the time of the tectonic plate upheavals that formed the land and the native Americans who lived here, amateur historian Walt Schroeder will share information on the early settlers who mined, logged, ranched and fished here. He will also briefly cover the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and wartime attacks on Curry County.

A poem by old time Port Orford resident Willis White, will be shared during the program. White wrote about the derring-do of a Curry County rancher who rode a bear.

The program is sponsored by the Curry County Historical Society and admission is free. Bring the whole family.

Public Meetings

North Curry Families' and Children's Center holds their monthly meeting on Thursday night, March 23, at 6:00pm, at the Port Orford City Council chambers.

Port Orford City Council holds a workshop meeting on Monday morning, March 27, at 8:30am, at the Warehouse Restaurant.

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce holds their monthly membership meeting on Monday, March 27, at noon, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant. The guest speakers this month are Bob Harvey and Diane Kelsay. The subject of their talk and question and answer period is ecotourism, a sustainable nature based approach to tourism.

Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ School Board will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 27, at 8:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School. The agenda includes employment and bus purchases.

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