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Paradise Point North By Evan Kramer



Paradise Point State Park isn't much more than a gravel parking lot with an unimproved trail down to the beach from the bluff above. But it is very important to residents of Port

Orford and others seeking public beach access. Paradise Point State Park is the only free public beach access from Dock Beach on the south to Cape Blanco State Park on the north. The only other public access point in this area is the privately owned Agate Beach Trailer Park. They charge fifty cents per person to go out on the beach where Garrison Lake drains out into the ocean. The most important thing Oregon State Parks can do at Paradise Point is occasionally grade the parking area and most of all keep it open!

To the north of Paradise Point is the much larger and historically significant Cape Blanco State Park. This park was once home to the Patrick Hughes family and their 1898 Eastlake Victorian house still sits on a bluff overlooking the mouth of the Sixes River. Their restored house is open to the public for tours through summer.

Cape Blanco State Park covers 1,895 acres. Cattle and sheep still graze on

about 500 acres of the park. Cary Sutter, district park manager, said the reasons for continued grazing at Cape Blanco State Park are that historically it has been a grazing area. He said that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife supports grazing as an appropriate use of the land for promoting a diversity of wildlife. Patrick Hughes had a herd of over 100 dairy cows on his ranch

Myrtle the dog and I went out to Cape Blanco State Park on Sunday for a long walk and a visit with an "old friend." We parked at the day use area on the south side of the Sixes River. From there it is a flat, meandering walk out to where the Sixes River meets the ocean. I found a large black plastic Japanese fishing float along the way to the mouth of the river and it turned out to be a good sign of things to come. I spotted a bald eagle on the north side of the river before turning south and heading along the beach toward Cape Blanco lighthouse. There were a large number of plastic floats from the Sixes River to the area of the beach under the lighthouse. There were also lots of small landslides and signs of erosion along the bluff and cliffs. A trail leads up to the road, which goes from Highway 101 to the 129-year-old lighthouse. It is open for public tours through summer Thursday through Monday from 10:00am-3:30pm. We walked along the road east towards

Highway 101 though we only walked to where the Coast Trail cuts off to the north. The trail led us back to the mouth of the river for another look at the bald eagle that had been joined by another bald eagle. I counted 35 seals swimming around in the water very aware of human and dog presence. Besides the trails on the north side of Cape Blanco there are horse trails to the south of the road and trails through the campground that lead down to the beach and a walk down to the mouth of the less accessible Elk River.

The next big State Park in Curry County is Floras Lake Natural Area, which includes Blacklock Point. I always thought it was called Blacklock State Park so I learned something from Cary Sutter on that point. The entrance point I've used for this park is at the end of Airport Road off Highway 101. On one side is Cape Blanco State Airport and to the north and west is the State Park. The most outstanding feature of Floras Lake/Blacklock State Park is its natural condition. It is by far the least developed of the "big three" north Curry state parks and (editorial opinion) hopefully state parks will see fit to keep it that way. Other than a set of trails out to Blacklock Point and Floras Lake, a small unimproved parking area and some wooden signs there is little evidence of

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Fri Apr 9	12:12a	3.8	6:02a	5.8	1:25p	0.8	8:30p	5.1	6:44a	7:53p	3:33a	1:11p	
Sat Apr 10	1:34a	3.6	7:16a	5.8	2:26p	0.7	9:20p	5.4	6:43a	7:54p	4:12a	2:10p	
Sun Apr 11	2:43a	3.2	8:27a	6.0	3:18p	0.4	10:00p	5.9	6:41a	7:55p	4:49a	3:12p	
Mon Apr 12	3:40a	2.5	9:30a	6.3	4:05p	0.2	10:36p	6.4	6:39a	7:57p	5:23a	4:17p	
Tue Apr 13	4:29a	1.7	10:26a	6.6	4:48p	0.1	11:11p	6.9	6:38a	7:58p	5:57a	5:28p	
Wed Apr 14	5:15a	0.8	11:19a	6.9	5:30p	0.1	11:46p	7.4	6:36a	7:59p	6:30a	6:37p	
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**Best Kept Secrets
By Alfred C. Ingersoll**

Speaking before the March meeting of the Curry County Committee for Public Education, Peggy Goergen, Associate Dean of the Curry County Branch of the South Western Oregon Community College (SWOCC), revealed a host of the "best kept secrets" in Curry County.

SWOCC-Curry County has now graduated its first two students completing their Associate (2-year) degrees here. Both are gainfully employed, one of them working with a health agency in Florida who reports here degree from SWOCC qualified her for the job and continues to support her in her work.

SWOCC has an articulation program with Brookings-Harbor high school which allows upper-class students to take college-credit courses on the Brookings campus. These credits are transferable (within some limitations) to any college or university.

There are reports (from similar programs elsewhere) where high school students can achieve almost a year of college credit before receiving their diploma.

A related activity is the opportunity high school graduates have to beef up their course requirements for admission to the college of their choice. Not uncommonly graduates may receive scholarships (perhaps based on athletic talents) only to find that they need additional course work to be admissible.

Students enrolled in one of the state universities in Oregon can get credits toward graduation for courses taken on the Curry County campus of SWOCC. While there is not much activity at present in this arrangement, one could easily imagine considerable participation in summer programs when the weather is unparalleled.

The key to SWOCC's future here rests on two important prospects: (a) achieving a full-time equivalent student body of 300

or more FTE's (one FTE is 510 contract hours per year, or 15 units per term) to gain secure funding, and (b) acquiring or building a viable campus of 3 acres - 5 to 10 would be much better including a building of 12 to 15 thousand square feet. Funds are available now for construction only and the college is actively seeking a donor who might wish to contribute a suitable site. SWOCC is also working with local legislators to obtain increased funding for the Curry County annexation similar to that allotted to later annexations.

The current budget of SWOCC in Brookings is about \$550,000, with more than two-thirds of this devoted to salaries.

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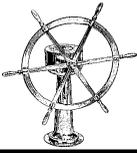
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Highway 101 Realignment By Evan Kramer

All that earth moving construction on the east side of Highway 101 south of Port Orford has to do with a minor but much needed road alignment.

Jerry Gregory, the Oregon Department of Transportation Area Maintenance Manager for Region 3 gave me a tour of the project on Thursday afternoon. Gregory described this as “not an expected project” but an emergency project. The \$1,000,000 for the road alignment won’t come out of the local ODOT maintenance budget but of of state highway funds via the federal government. ODOT has hired Bracelin and Yeager as construction project managers for the project which has to be completed no later than June 30, 1999.

Gregory told me the reason Highway 101 is being realigned is because of slides, which are undermining the highway. Gregory said the alignment wouldn’t be a permanent fix because that part of Highway 101 is in the “ancient” Rocky Creek landslide zone according to the geotechnical report. The Rocky Creek landslide is approximately 2,000 feet wide and goes to the top of the ridgeline. But

moving the highway to the east a couple of lanes will get rid of a lot of weight on the slide and improve drainage as well as provide at least a temporary solution.

The road realignment begins just south of mile marker 303 and rejoins the current highway north of Rocky Point.

Gregory showed me another ODOT project of a different nature across from Battle Rock Park on a clearing next to Highway 101. ODOT is putting in a weather station that will record wind speeds and temperatures. The tower will also contain a camera, which will take photos of Battle Rock Park. These photos and the wind speeds and temperature will be available for all to enjoy by accessing the ODOT website. Money for the weather station is coming from the Hazard Elimination Program, which is a federally funded safety improvement program. The weather station in Port Orford is one of seventeen funded statewide by the program.

Gregory noted the increased traffic in Port Orford on Thursday afternoon and said it had to do with the snow on Highway 5 in the Ashland area and people avoiding it.

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Port Orford Library Book Sale

National Library Week is April 11 through 17. The Port Orford Library is holding a book sale on Saturday, April 17, from 9:00am to 4:00pm as part of library week. Come and browse. Come and buy.

Find books that are old friends; books that are new acquaintances; books that you’ve heard about and always wanted to read; books you’ve never heard about but which look intriguing; books which would be just right for your aunt, your nephew and your old friend.

Bring your children. Let them experience the pleasure of browsing among books and choosing one for their very own.

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Senior News

By Mary Yoder

Let's start with this – the president of the center Glorine Godfrey named this committee – Norma Ellis, Bessie Laursen and what's his name for the election of officers. If you would like to be an officer please let this committee know. All offices are available.

Rotary luncheon volunteers were Norma Ellis, Greta Carver, Mary Evans, Bessie Laursen, June Dennison and these no last names James, Dennis – Bill Butt doing dishes, etc.

I wish you would have seen the large group of people doing egg coloring. It was amazing but there were hundreds of eggs to be colored. Nice going all you folks.

April 5 was pinochle – four tables – no popcorn – high scorer – June Dennison – second – E. David Klein – low – Betty

Harper. All had a nice time.

Nutrition meeting was Tuesday April 6. More about it next week.

April 10 is luncheon at 11:30am. Birthday party rummage sale from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Hope to see you all – remember all birthday people in April have a free lunch. Now here is something new – May 1 a pie eating contest. Thought I'd let you know early so you could practice. I want to go. I've never been to one – have you? Oh yes it's at 7:00pm.

April 11 is breakfast from 8:00am to 1:00pm – also rummage sale from 8 to 1.

April 13 – board meeting at 11:00am – come help plan – all are welcome.

April 19 and 20 is 55 Alive from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Like to say thanks to Mary Evans family for the donation of food to the center.



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The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the return of the big top circus to town. Starr Brothers Circus is coming to Port Orford on Saturday, May 16 for two shows. They will set up their big top tent on the grass field at Driftwood Elementary School.

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Your original design must be postmarked May 7, 1999, Send it to the Arts Council, P. O. Box 771, Port Orford, 97565, or hand deliver to the Rick Cook Gallery.

Head Start Programs

South Coast Head Start is currently taking applications for programs throughout Coos and Curry counties. Head Start provides a pre-school experience and parent involvement program for families with three and/or four year old children. The program is free for those who qualify. For more information, please call South Coast Head Start at 1-800-628-9629.

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There will be tasty snacks and hearty food as well as an array of booths offering samples of a large variety of specialty brews from microbreweries of the Pacific Northwest, some of which present displays of articles for viewing and for sale.

The Homebrew Contest and the Chili Cook-Off were both very popular last year and will be continued again this year.

Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in the Chili Cook-Off, as the judging is "People's Choice," by ballot at the sampling counter.

The winner of the Chili Cook-Off will receive two season tickets for the Curry

County Fair, July 29-August 1. Entries should be delivered to the Fairgrounds in crock-pots by noon on Saturday, April 10.

The "Champion Brewmaster" will be chosen from among the entrants in the Homebrew Contest and will receive an elegant, laser, engraved myrtlewood plaque and \$50 cash. Entries for the contest are due by noon on April 10.



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Activities begin at 11:00am, with admission at \$6.00 until 6:00pm. In preparation for the live music and dance, the admission is \$8.00 after 6:00pm. Festivities continue until midnight amid the reminders of the seaside setting, with boatmen's nets and floats and other artifacts of a wharf scene.

For further information, contact one of the co-sponsors of the 1999 Sea Lion Suds Fest at the Curry County Fairgrounds, phone 247-4541 or the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-525-2334 or 247-7526.

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**Thank You
 By Laura Rhodes**

Humbug Mountain State Park

Thanks to all participants for your efforts in the Great Oregon Spring Beach Clean Up. Everyone pulled together, worked hard and did an excellent job making our ocean shores a cleaner and safer place for our valuable tourists and us to visit. Not only local citizens made this year a great success, but also citizens from as far as Grants Pass, Medford and the Bend area.

Between Cape Blanco and the South Rogue River Jetty many volunteers, at least 90 signed in, not to include the ones who didn't, combed the beaches picking up approximately 1725 pounds of debris along the shoreline including large Styrofoam pieces, 60 tires and lots of odd items.

I would like to thank our sponsors including Wells Fargo, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Tektronix, Clean River (Cooperative, Inc.), Jantzen and Shilo Inn.

I would also like to thank the Port Orford Press, Downtown Fun Zone and the Curry County Reporter for publishing the articles. Also a special thank you to Curry Transfer and Recycle for their large part in making this event successful by the removal of debris, along with Stamper's Tire Company in Brookings for recycling the collected tires free of charge.

Special thanks to my beach clean up sit captains for all their hard work handing out supplies, gaining signatures and assuring beach clean up be a great and safe success. Cape Blanco-Ray Johnson with Rotary and Linda Mays from the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce; Ophir-Isle Sherman with Ophir Grange; Battle Rock-Shelly Hall a Pacific High Senior; and South Rogue River-Cary Sutter, Cape Blanco State Park manager.

Due to the great turn out, all the participants names were too numerous to list, but please know that your efforts were great appreciated.

Beginning Windows '95

Are you still trying to learn to use your Windows '95 program? Do you have questions about upgrading? Do you want to prepare for Windows 98? Then we have what you need.

Southwestern Oregon Community College is offering an Introduction to Windows '95 workshop on Saturday, April 17. The class is from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Gold Beach Southwestern office on the Curry County Fairgrounds. The cost of the workshop is \$38.00. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

If you need to learn more about the in's and out's of this integral program, this workshop is for you. The workshop will cover the basic features of Windows '95 and will introduce you to other new features offered in this popular program.

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Southwestern Oregon Community College is sponsoring the 55-Alive class in Port Orford. The class is Monday, April 19, and Tuesday, April 20, from 9:30am – 1:30pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center. Instructors Bessie Laursen and Thelma Lagace present this informative and interesting class.

There is an \$8.00 charge for materials and is made payable to AARP. Pre-registration is appreciated. There will be another 55-Alive in Gold Beach in May.

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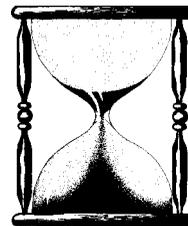
Summer is coming with no school and what is a girl to do? Well, one option is to try out for the third annual port orford miss jubilee junior court. Being a part of the junior court means riding in parades, participating in fund raisers, various community services, and a crowning ceremony where one lucky young lady will be crowned queen.

This is only for girls who are at the fifth grade level in the 2cj school district. The contestants can be enrolled in school or home schooled. To become a contestant you need to write an essay approximately 500 words long. The theme of the essay is "why i like living on the oregon coast." To participate write your essay by april 23, 1999. You are to write the essay yourself, but your parents, teachers, and friends may help you. On april 23rd, turn your essay into your teachers.

For more information you can contact roxanne gibbs @ 332-9250 or patricia waller @ 332-5026.

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March 29, 12:27am: Alarm on Beacon Hill Road. Everything was secure, weather related.

March 29, 9:10am: Telephone harassment complaint by citizen on Arizona Street. Report taken.

March 29, 3:15pm: Criminal possession of rented property. Item returned. Unfounded.

March 30, 8:10am: Report of telephone harassment complaint by citizen, report taken.

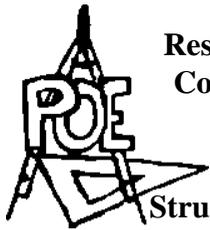
March 31, 3:15pm: Report of theft of sweater from citizen. Report taken.

April 3, 9:30am: Motor vehicle accident, single vehicle into ditch, non-injury.

April 3, 12:45pm: Theft III from the Wheelhouse Restaurant. Report taken.

March 4, 6:30am: Alarm at Port and Starboard Restaurant, employee error.

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Thank You

Helen Doke and her family wish to thank the many people who made it possible for Gordon to experience a peaceful passing in his own home. Ambulance crew Randy and Linda Foster, Warren Jewel and Donna Lindberg gave Gordon a gentle ride home from North Bend even entertaining him with song. The transition from hospital to home went smoothly thanks to Curry County Home Health and Hospice nurses Gerri Jamieson and Mary Roberts. Our family was given support and comfort by Hospice volunteers Ted and Elaine Owens while caregivers Inge Lincon, Cheryl Novotny and Rick Forty lovingly cared for Gordon's needs. His good friends, Tim Belmont and Karim Shumaker never left Gordon's side.

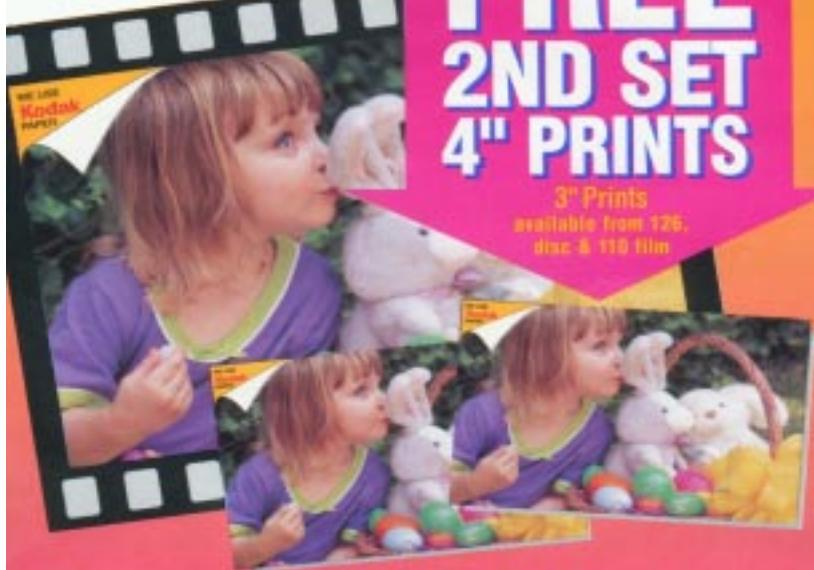
We also want to express our appreciation to the many friends who have shown us their love and support through phone calls, visits, food and flowers. Those beautiful gestures of love will never be forgotten.

Public Meetings

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, April 12, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Rural Fire District board of directors meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 5:00pm, at the city hall fire station. Items on the agenda include selection of

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a new member for the board, first budget committee meeting, and review of plans for the new fire station building.

Port Orford Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, April 13, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce board meeting on Wednesday, April 14, noon, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.

Friends of Cape Blanco

The April meeting of The Friends of Cape Blanco will be at 7:30 PM on April 14 at the historic Hughes House. Linda Lopez, Volunteer Co-ordinator for State Parks in Salem, will be the special guest. Linda will be available for questions about the role of volunteers in State Parks. It is not necessary to be a member of the Friends of Cape Blanco to attend. Everyone is welcome.

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Seascops for old Flirts by Paula Cracas

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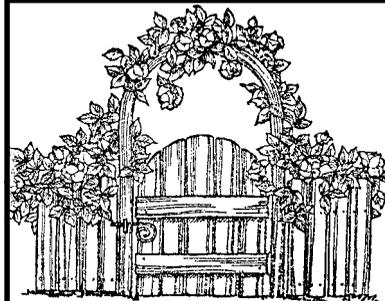


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service") and asked why I had to fill out a form and spend 33¢ to keep some crook from taking over my long distance service? Why doesn't GTE require the long distance company to provide my authorization in the form of my signature on a change request? Here's the answer: blah, blah, blah.

While I was going over my phone bill, I noticed I was charged \$4.80 for a 20 minute call to Springfield at 9:30p.m. Hello? That's 24¢ a minute! Thank you AT&T. Was I ever asleep at the wheel? I'm discussing "local long distance calls" as in Bandon, Springfield, Eugene, Coos Bay, Gold Beach, etc. GTE charges 8¢ a minute for those types of calls (between 7pm to 7am) and 11.5¢ a minute the rest of the time (7am to 7pm) and there's some negotiating these times (mine runs 5pm to 5am). There are discounts if your calls total over \$10 (10%) and \$25 (25%). Know of a local long distance service that is cheaper? Let me know. For other long distance service, The Oregonian did an analysis in January and Telecom USA (10-10-220) charges 99¢ for any call up to 20 minutes, 10¢ a minute thereafter, any time, any day with no monthly fee. If your call is under 20 minutes, you still pay



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Genealogy Meeting

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On The Road & On Line by Bill Wetzel

Local officials have just issued a warning to all Port Orford area residents. They urge you to keep watch for a 19 year old male who has been seen most recently riding a 21 speed Trek mountain bike Northward along route 101. His bike is loaded with two large black saddlebags, which are filled with anything from Gore-Tex to granola. The suspect has been accused of taking a year off before attending college.

Authorities are afraid that if other people get the idea to take time off before college that there would be too many young people with too much free time on their hands.

Of course, for Bill Wetzel, this is the smartest thing he's ever done. Becoming increasingly bored with what Wetzel calls being "cattle ranched" through his traditional school system, he decided to pack his bags and see the world for himself. It began with a 58 dollar Greyhound bus ride from New Jersey to San Francisco, California. After volunteering with the non-profit organization, YES!, or Youth for Environmental Sanity, in Santa Cruz, Wetzel headed through the Bay Area, out to Sacramento, and up the coast on High-

way 1 and 101.

Aside from several contacts that he made before the trip, Wetzel generallyh "wings it" with his one person tent, and tries to find shelter from friendly locals when he can. He plans to finish the trip by early summer in Vancouver, British Columbia, but he confesses, "there's no telling what will happen between here and there."

How does he get by? Right now, there's 650 dollars left in the piggy-bank-turned-ATM card, most of which Wetzel earned by picking blueberries on an organic farm two summers ago. If that runs out, he plans to pick up some work and then continue on his way.

Wetzel explains, "It's quite a change going from differential equations in a row of desks to exploring the country with a journal and bike. Now there's a real education."

"I'm not trekking the arctic or anything too dangerous. I'm just trying to make up for all the brain damage I received in high school."

If you spot this man, be sure to keep your kids inside. Encourage them to do their homework, or quiz them on their upcoming algebra unit. And remember, keep those bikes in the garage...

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THE CITY OF PORT ORFORD Planning Commission has a vacancy. Any individual interested in filling this volunteer position is asked to submit a letter of interest to: The City of Port Orford Planning Commission, c/o Mayor Gary Doran, P.O. Box 310 Port Orford, OR 97465. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Langlois Library News by Tobe Porter, Library Director

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am delighted to announce that we hired Jennifer Harrison as Assistant Director. Many of you know Jennifer from visits to Bandon Public Library where she has worked for many years. Jennifer will be at our library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (and the rest of the week in Bandon). We will work together to advance the new library construction project, create new children's programs, and put together a bang-up Summer Reading Program. Welcome Jennifer.

Very ably at the library helm during this month of transition have been Sheryl Alexander, Carrie Eggert and Anita Hart. Thank you for doing a wonderful job. You will see Carrie and Anita on Saturdays, while Sheryl will move on to something splashier (she's a water aerobics instructor too).

I have been asked to testify before the Oregon House Ways and Means Committee as to the value of the Ready to Read Grant that public libraries receive each year. This grant is the only money received by libraries from the state, and it has enabled Curry County public libraries to provide such meaningful projects as bi-lingual materials, book kits for newborns, activity bins for child care providers, storytelling workshops, and, in many cases, basic children's services such as new books and summer reading programs. Port Orford and Langlois Public Libraries are sending me to this meeting, but I will represent all five public libraries in Curry County. I am honored to have the chance to brag about what we can do in Curry County libraries.

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Letter to the Editor,

To all members and clients of Tracy's Place: Due to some legal matters concerning my lease, my place was closed March 26 through March 28. I want to apologize for any inconvenience this put on my members. I'm doing all I can to uphold all memberships, while dealing with this situation.

Your patience and help in keeping this place alive and running will be greatly appreciated.

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Paradise Point North *continued from front cover*

State Park's influence. This park is a Fun Zone favorite as not only is it my favorite state park but it is also a big favorite of Greg and Nancy Broadhead.

The hike out to Blacklock Point is interesting this time of year as the trail has a lot of standing water on it and several small bypasses have been worn in adjacent to the trail. From Blacklock Point you can walk down to the beach to the south and from there to the north bank of the Sixes River. I've never walked all the way to Floras Lake from the Airport but one of the special places on the way out there is a waterfall and incredible sandstone cliffs. The last few years have been hard on those cliffs and there has been a lot of erosion. Be careful when walking on top of the cliffs.

Last week the price of gasoline rose fifteen cents a gallon in Port Orford. It increased from \$1.289 to \$1.439. It made these wonderful Curry County State Parks a less expensive alternative to driving out of the area to go hiking and camping.

A Matter of Celebration By Graeme Graydon



I was a trooper in a New Zealand Scottish Regiment when Queen Elizabeth was crowned in 1953. As part of the celebrations there was to be an Official Parade which would pass in review before the assembled dignitaries of New Zealand, the Who's Who, as it were, of the country, gathered according to their pecking order on the wide, front steps of Parliament. To lead the parade were 3 old armoured cars that somehow survived the battles against Rommel in the Libyan Desert and were now the pride of my Squadron. I usually drove, but on this occasion, as gunner, my job was to swivel the turret and dip the barrel of the 2-pounder in salute as we drove past the reviewing stand. Moments before we got going, the Prime Minister announced that Ed Hillary, a bee keeper from Auckland along with Sherpa Tensing had just become the first to climb Mt. Everest. Now for a small, isolated country like New Zealand, that was 10 times the achievement of getting a man on the moon – and like the moon landing's "Small step-Giant step," statement, we had Ed Hillary's

classic pronouncement on his return from the summit – "Well, that's knocked that bastard on the head." You could say that for a moment there, the Coronation got forgotten. Shortly after, I dutifully swung and dipped the gun in salute, unaware of a quiet drama unfolding there in front of Parliament.

My Mother had an old friend, Mrs. Doyle whose Scottish accent was so broad and lyrical that it was an entertainment just to listen to her. For years she had swept and mopped the floors of Wellington Railway Station. Her Colonial cottage, defying change, was squeezed between shops just a block away from Parliament Grounds. It seems that on Coronation Day, June 2, Mrs. Doyle had taken it into her head that she too, would take part in the Celebration. She bullied a little mouse-of-a-friend – "Minnie, Noo you get yourself poshed up – I'm taking you to the Coronation." So the two ladies rummaged through the remnants of earlier days and managed to deck themselves out in unfamiliar splendor. Minnie kept complaining – "What are you doing – no one invited us," but the determined Mrs. Doyle shushed her and produced a large, official-looking envelope.

So it was that the two presented themselves to the officials at the Gates of Parliament, Mrs. Doyle flourishing her envelope and Minnie sort of trailing along behind, protesting faintly. They were waved through, the official guests were already seated. Mrs. D marched up to the crowded stand, Minnie in tow, the envelope flashed again and an usher said "You're just in time, we've been looking for you," and they were hurried into two seats in the second row.

"There Minnie, see, they were expectin' us all along. I hae nae idea what y'd be sae bothered about," and she folded the magic envelope, for that all it was, an envelope, as she took her rightful place alongside generals, bishops, judges and politicians, all with their spouses, to enjoy the Parade that celebrated the Coronation of Her Queen.

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