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Council Endorses Wilderness By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council heard a presentation from Jim Rogers on the Copper Salmon Wilderness on Monday night. Rogers, a forester and member of Friends of Elk River, and a former timber manager for Western States Plywood (1968-74) asked the council to endorse the Copper Salmon Wilderness proposal on the North Fork of the Elk River. He said the issue is protecting the salmon fishery. He referred to the Elk River as the river of Port Orford and noted the economic benefits of the river to Port Orford. Rogers quoted Forest Service Fisheries Biologist Dr. Gordon Reeves who called the Elk River, "the most productive anadromous fishery I have seen south of Alaska."

Councilor Robert Warring made a motion that the city council officially endorse the Copper Salmon Wilderness proposal in the recreation and economic interests of Port Orford. The motion passed with councilors Jane Cramer, Norm Leeling, Nathaniel Wander and Warring voting for the motion and Councilor Jim Campbell against. Councilor Jane Cramer then followed with a second motion that the city council send letters to the Govern-

nor Kitzhaber, Senators Smith and Wyden, Representative DeFazio and the Curry County Commissioners supporting the Copper Salmon Wilderness proposal including the recreational and economic impact to Port Orford. The vote was again 4-1 with Campbell voting no.

Public Works director Jerry McNurlin told the council he recommends they hire Wayne Nick Page for the position of city maintenance worker. The council endorsed McNurlin's recommendation by a unanimous vote.

Fire Chief George Gehrke reported there had been two house fires in March. Gehrke told the council he wants to buy a crew cab for the fire department for \$12,000. The money isn't in this year's budget but Gehrke told the council he needs to buy it now while it is available. Gehrke spoke about getting the \$12,000 from the Rural Fire District who would be paid back by the City in next year's budget. The council decided they would wait until the city budget hearings start on May 17 before making a commitment to spend the \$12,000.

Parks Commission Chairman Rick Cook had two items for the council including a request from Don Ivy of the Coquille Indian Tribe. They are asking that the gravesite of Jake and Betsy Summers and

Jake Jr., which is located on top of Battle Rock, have a four-foot high fence erected around it. Cook said the tribe has trouble with people walking across the gravesite. Jane Cramer said she wanted to keep everyone off Battle Rock. Norm Leeling made a motion granting the request to erect a 3' by 7' fence around the gravesite. The Coquille tribe will pay for the materials and the Port Orford Rotary Club will provide the labor. The motion was 3-2 with Cramer and Warring voting no. Cook then asked the council that the skateboard ramp group be granted the authority to investigate grant funds for building their skateboard park. The council unanimously agreed to a motion authorizing the skateboard group to investigate grant funds with the Parks Commission overseeing their activities.

The low bidder for the north and south entrance signs to Port Orford was OMIE. Their bid was for \$11,350. Nathaniel Wander made a motion approving the OMIE bid to construct the two signs and it passed unanimously.

City Administrator Johnny Alexander said he is working with councilor Campbell to tie up the Bussman property on the North Fork of Hubbard Creek for 90 days. The city will put \$1,000 down in earnest money

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Sat Apr 17	1:01a	8.1	7:34a	-1.3	1:55p	6.9	6:31a	8:02p	8:19a	10:12p		
Sun Apr 18	1:41a	8.2	8:23a	-1.5	2:51p	6.6	6:30a	8:03p	9:03a	11:21p		
Mon Apr 19	2:25a	8.0	9:16a	-1.5	3:50p	6.3	6:28a	8:05p	9:53a	12:26a		
Tue Apr 20	3:13a	7.7	10:12a	-1.2	4:55p	5.9	6:26a	8:06p	10:47a	1:25a		
Wed Apr 21	4:08a	7.2	11:14a	-0.8	6:06p	5.7	6:25a	8:07p	11:44a	2:17a		
Thu Apr 22	5:12a	6.6	12:21p	-0.4	7:19p	5.7	6:23a	8:08p	12:44p	3:02a	1Q	

**Senior News
By Mary Yoder**

This is to let you know there will be no luncheon on Saturday, April 24. Why? The RSVP is having a party at Gold Beach for all volunteers in Brookings, Gold Beach and Port Orford. It's to honor these people. They do this every year. This is the day the volunteers will not have to do any work. Nice huh?

Now April 8 – Rotary luncheon – volunteers working were Bessie Laursen, Mary Evans, Thelma Lagace, June Dennison doing dining room set up – Harold Pace, Bill Butt, Owen Miller clean up dishes – all kinds of things.

April 10 was the birthday party, luncheon and rummage sale. Those working at the luncheon were Norma Ellis, Mary Evans, Barbara Workman, Ken, Bill Butt and Owen Miller dishes – saw Owen serving food also. The birthday cake was beautiful. It was made by Julia Barnes. The

rummage sale was taken care of by Bobbetta Kron and what's his name. Oh yes Claire Stahl taking care of the money box upstairs.

April 11 breakfast – volunteers working were Lee Hyle, June Dennison, Lucille Tubbs, Bessie Laursen, Judy Flager, Greta Carver. I also saw Art Klima serving coffee and doing other things. Rummage sale was from 8:00am to 1:00pm. What's his name and Bobbetta Kron working – Henry Kron was there too but he said he wasn't working but he was doing something right Henry? Bill Butt scrambling eggs – good job Bill, also dishes.

April 13 was the board meeting more about it next week. Be sure and practice for the pie eating contest on May 1 at 7:00pm. Hope I haven't missed anything or anyone.

Don't count the years. Just think of days That you have tried your best always That's how a youthful spirit stays

Don't count the years gone before
Just look ahead – look through life's door
And count God's blessings still in store.

Public Events and Meetings

Port Orford Library book and plant sale on Saturday, April 17, from 9:00am to 4:00pm as part of National Library Week. The library is still accepting donations of books and plants for sale.

Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Tuesday, April 20, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District board of directors meet on Tuesday, April 20, 8:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

Port Orford Jubilee Committee meets on Wed., April 21, 6:30pm, at Salsa Rita's.

U.S. Forest Service Powers Ranger District open house in Port Orford on Thu., April 22, from 6:00-9:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

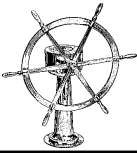
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Rumors by Paula Cracas

"He is the best physician who is the most ingenious inspirer of hope." Samuel Taylor Coleridge said that. I wonder if he knew a doctor like Port Orford's Dr. Thomas Pitchford? For the past few months, there's been a rumor circulating that Dr. Thomas Pitchford is leaving. His contract, I heard, expires in June and the Health District doesn't plan to renew it. The timing is ironic, because I had just received in the mail, Staff Care, Inc.'s "The Country Doctor of the Year Award" application. I had already filled in Dr. Pitchford's name. I needed to ask him where he had gone to school, done his residency, and the dates. When I'd read about the award I immediately thought of him. He is the quintessential country doctor. He demonstrates extraordinary dedication to his patients and community. He makes house calls. When he set up his practice in the little building on 12th street, he would work until the last patient was seen ... until 7: or 8:p.m. or later. He seldom took a day off until recently, when the new doctors came on board at the clinic. He's been practicing in Port Orford since 1987. Dr. Pitchford has been my

physician since I moved here in 1989. Because of a near-fatal prescription allergy discovered in my early twenties, I'm careful about the medications I take. So is Dr. Pitchford. He pulls out a book larger than my word processor and we look up the potential prescription's ingredients. once I took a sick friend to see him. He said, "Call me at home if his fever doesn't go down." I did. At 10:p.m. on a Saturday night. How many doctors do you know that give out their home phone number and allow it to be listed in the phone book?

Dr. Pitchford leaving the clinic and Port Orford? Unthinkable! He is too fine a doctor for this community to lose. This rumor better not be true, I kept mumbling to myself. The only reason I, and I assume many other people, voted for the Health District's last bond issue was because Dr. Pitchford was going to return to the clinic. I wrote Dr. Pitchford a letter and asked him if it was true. No response. I sent him a post card ... same question. No response. On Monday I woke up with a back pain that sent me to the clinic. I got the opportunity to ask him in person... is he leaving? He doesn't know, he told me. The Health District hasn't renewed his

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contract. Would he stay if they did? Yes! But he also told me he wants to explore other options at the end of the year. Possibly additional education.

I called Randy Scholten, director of Curry General Hospital. What's the scoop on a contract for Dr. Pitchford? He said, "The Health District wants to leave its options open. They don't have any plans to renew Dr. Pitchford's contract at this time, but they don't intend for him to leave at the end of May." Then why not renew his contract? Well, it depends on the "levels" at the clinic. He was careful not to make a commitment one way or the other. I told Randy that many people would be upset if Dr. Pitchford was forced out of the clinic again. And I remember the revolving door of physicians and physician's assistants that have come and gone in the past ten years. I'm just too darn old to start over with another doctor. I don't want him to leave a minute sooner than he wants to. If you feel the same way and if you'd like to see Dr. Pitchford stay, at least until the end of the year, I suggest you write to either Director Randy Scholten or Barbara Stover (Chairperson Health District) at Curry General Hospital, 94220 4th Street, Gold Beach 97444. You could phone (1-800-445-8085) but a letter will count more. In the meantime, maybe we'd better follow Mark Twain's advice: "The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not."



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Letter to the Editor,

Where is the Environmental Protection Agency when we need them? The noxious fumes of the horse manure spread over us by the snake oil peddlers of the Canopy Board and their slick spinmeisters from Portico/Runyan envelop Curry County.

Though wondering about the rational of expecting a "capture rate" twice as high as the established world-class High Desert Museum one ponders if they are even reaching far enough.

Why not go all the way and become the envy of similar tourist traps around the globe?

And the money the American taxpayer will save! No need to spend \$25 million when for a smaller amount, probably even less than one million, we can construct a tollbooth across Route 101 and charge \$6 per passenger (maybe a small discount for toddlers and seniors).

The capture rate will be 100% as, unlike toll roads and bridges elsewhere, motorists have no alternatives to escape the booth!

You ask, "will it create jobs?" You bet it creates jobs! In addition to the toll collectors we will need repo-men to take possession of cars when drivers cannot or refuse to pay, personnel to operate the shuttle (monorail?) between the tollbooth and the county jail, scores of hostesses,

waiters and chambermaids to handle the influx of inmates and other ancillary support personnel.

You get the idea? Portico/Runyan do not have a monopoly on creative talent and dreams spun off it. We have another commonality – our nightmares should not become a reality!

Henry Lustig

Parks Plan Meeting

Hey! Did you know that the Oregon State Parks are drafting a 20 year plan for our local parks: Floras Lake/Blacklock, Cape Blanco, Paradise Point, Port Orford Heads, Humbug Mountain.

If you want to know more, and respond to the State Parks, come on over to the Adventure Center (A-Frame at Buffington Park, 14th and Arizona) on Thursday night, April 15, at 7:00pm and let's see where our taxes are going.

Those people interested in commenting on the Curry County State Parks Master Plan have until April 23 to do so. Comments should be sent to the following address:

Kristen Stallman
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Policy and Planning Division
1115 Commercial St. NE, Suite 1
Salem, OR 97301-1002

e-mail kristen.stallman@state.or.us

Letter to the Editor,

At the beginning of this legislative session Ken Messerle was approached by Bob Meinen, Director of Oregon Parks Department to sponsor Senate Bill (SB) 503. It was his understanding at the time, the goal was to correct a mistake in North Curry County that was made when the Oregon Beach Law originated. SB 503 was to correct this mistake that had given the Parks Department a problem for years. Because Messerle had already used up his limit of priority bills, he asked Senator Veral Tarno to co-sponsor the bill, making it a Senate bill.

"I sponsored this bill as a courtesy to the Oregon Parks Department, said Messerle. "It was never our intent to deny public access to our beaches or weaken the Oregon Beach Law of 1969. Parks's staff believe erosion and/or accretion of sand has significantly changed the location of the actual vegetation line such that the statutory vegetation line does not begin to approximate the actual vegetation line. It was on this premise that we sponsored the bill."

"Since SB 503 came out for a hearing we are finding there are many problems with the wording. As a result both Senator Tarno and I have withdrawn our support of the bill. We apologize for the very valid concerns and frustrations this bill has generated."

Ken Messerle
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Southwestern Oregon Community College will offer this important and practical class on Saturday, April 24. The class is from 9:00am – 5:00pm, at Port Orford City Hall. The fee is \$20.00. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required.

Students will learn first aid, and the skill necessary for the immediate and temporary care of the sick or injured, until qualified medical help arrives. Adult CPR is included. Fishermen, guides, first responders, and others may find this one-day course meets their First Aid/CPR requirements.

There will be another First Aid/CPR class in Gold Beach on May 8. There will also be a Pediatric First Aid/CPR class on Saturday, May 22, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, in Gold Beach.

Call Southwestern for more information or to register in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or Port Orford on Fridays at 332-3023.

Port Orford Police Log

April 5, 5:15pm: Report of assault at 530 9th Street. Unfounded.

April 6, 1:20pm: Report of illegal camping at Battle Rock. People contacted and advised. Moved on.

April 6, 6:30pm: Report of lost juveniles at Arizona Street. Located okay.

April 7, 10:00am: Report of criminal mischief at Sentry Market. Report taken.

April 7, 2:30pm: Report of hit and run on Oregon and 19th Streets. Property damage to resident's fence. Adam Gregory cited.

April 8, noon, Report of stolen ATV from residence on Port Orford Loop. Report taken.

April 9, 4:30pm: Report of disturbance at 720 Jackson Street. Handled by contact.

April 10, 12:10pm: Stolen ATV recovered on China Mountain Road. Adam Ray Sullivan and Wallace C. Calligori arrested for unauthorized use of vehicle. Both of cited and released.

April 10, 2:10pm: Theft from 14 Geer Circle. Report taken.

Introduction to Childcare


Have you thought of becoming a child care provider? Do you know what it takes to get licensed? What agencies are available to help? Then, the free class, Introduction to Childcare-Oregon Child Care Service Overview, will help you get the answers you need.

The Introduction to Child Care Overview class is important for those who are already child care providers or for those who want to become providers. Students will learn what the state requires for someone to become a licensed child care provider. The topics covered include rules and regulations, support agencies, immunization, and business and professional development.

Coos Curry Child Care Resource and Referral will present this informative class on Monday, April 19, May 17 and June 7. The class only needs to be taken one time. The time is from 10:00am to noon, at the Gold Beach office of Southwestern Oregon Community College, on the Curry County Fairgrounds.

To register, call Roxanne Arnot at CCCCCR at 247-9426 or Southwestern for more information or to register in Gold Beach at 247-2741 or in Port Orford at 332-3023 (Fridays).

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These classes appear to be very small right now, so it is very important to register your children on these dates. Program decisions will be made after registration and will be based on the amount of total students who register on these days.

Parents/guardians are asked to bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and current immunization record, if the school doesn't already have a copy.

If you have any questions, please call Blanco School at 348-2326 or Driftwood Elementary at 332-2712.

Also, the Port Orford Health Department will be having a free immunization day on Thursday, April 22, from 9:00-11:00am and 1:00-6:00pm. This would be a good time to get your child's immunization shots updated.

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Letter to the Editor,

With regard to the proposed boycott on April 30th and the idea of not buying gasoline on that day because the price has increased recently: how about coming up with some ideas on how to use less gas so the ole USofA will be less dependent on foreign countries and won't be inclined to try to convince us we need to ruin some wilderness tundra exploring for alternate sources?

Paula Cracas

New Business Loans

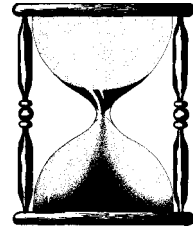
Got a great business idea but don't quite know how to get it growing? Could you use some help with your small business marketing or financial planning? Interested in finding some loan money to get your venture started?

Then plan to attend a free presentation of the MEDAL (micro-enterprise development and lending) Program on Friday, April 23, at 7:00pm, at the Port Orford City Council Chambers.

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T-Ball Fun Day

Sunday, April 18, from 2:00-4:00pm, Coast Baseball League will be sponsoring a Fun Day at Red McWilliams Field in Buffington Park. Children ages 5-8 are invited to come and join in an afternoon of baseball skill building and other fun activities.

Bring any out-grown cleats or gloves you would like to donate for the annual equipment exchange to benefit future baseball players of all ages. If you have equipment you would like to donate, pick up is available for your convenience.

The concession stand will be open before, during and after the event to provide everyone some extra nourishment and to raise money for the league!

If you're not registered to play T-Ball yet, registration forms will be available. All T-Ball coaches or those wishing to volunteer are encouraged to participate.

Little League try-outs are currently scheduled for April 24. Watch the paper for more information on this event. Registration is still open!

For additional information, please contact Steve Martin, 332-7003.

Reserved Seating By Evan Kramer

The Curry County Canopy Project board conducted a public meeting in Gold Beach last Tuesday with a presentation by the Portico Group.

The meeting was held in the Gold Beach City Hall council chambers and included reserved seating for special invited guests. Members of the public were relegated to the back rows or to stand in the hallway or watch the meeting on a television set in the fire hall.

The presentation by Portico Group concerned a financial pre-feasibility study and design concept of the Canopy Project.

Bob Harvey, with Egret Communications, was first to speak. He asked the question, "why are we here today?" He said the Canopy Project began in 1994 when Curry County had three different County Commissioners. Harvey said the fishing and timber industries weren't what they used to be. Harvey said he wanted the Canopy Project to be a sustainable project not dependent on future federal or state underwriting.

He said the Canopy Board was looking at architectural engineering and sites for an interpretive center and canopy site with an Environmental Impact Statement as the next step.

Dennis Myer from the Portico Group and Dean Runyon then led off with a slide show presentation about the Canopy Project after being introduced by Canopy Board president Mike Hewitt. Dean Runyon rhetorically asked what would sustain this project economically. He said it was intended to bring a new type of visitor to the South Coast. Runyon provided some figures for the audience to chew on. They included a total attendance for the interpretive center (also known as the Canopy Discovery Center) and canopy walk (Adventure and Aerial Trails) of 160,000 by the year 2005 with 40,000 of those taking part in the canopy

walk. His figures showed 60% of the yearly attendance occurring in summer. Runyon then went on with a chart illuminating the "economic benefits" of the Canopy Project. They include a budget of \$2.4 million with 125 jobs, including on-site employees, a payroll of \$2.1 million, \$8.3 million in additional sales (off-site), and \$428,000 per year in state and local tax revenues.

Some of the projected adult admission prices for participating in the various attractions are \$6 for the discovery or interpretive center, \$45 for the adventure or canopy walk, and \$20 for the aerial walk (stable ADA experience).

Dennis Myer took over talking about the potential sites for this endeavor. He started with the Otter Point site between Port Orford and Gold Beach. Myer had slides showing drawings of the proposed interpretive visitor center. It is a large building with a large roof with a lot of glass. There would be a firarium in the center of the building with an old growth snag as a reminder of past glories. There would be a retail area, an information area and kiosk, a discovery center and a total of three levels of activities including science stations. Myer called this a "paid facility" designed to be economically self-sustaining. Outside the interpretive center would be trails leading to the beach in addition to the walk through the treetops.

A second site for the adventure center and canopy walk is the Shrader Old Growth Forest, located nine miles up the south bank of the Rogue River. Another potential site in the Rogue River drainage is Quotsatana Creek old growth site situated amongst a large landslide. Myers talked about aerial trams to move people and really allow a person to soar out in the middle of the gorge. The elevated walkways would be held up by pylons and not attached to trees.

Two south coast sites were the Twin Rocks site near the Lone Ranch and the Loeb Park old growth redwood site lo-

cated 12 miles up the Chetco River.

Next up were questions from those in attendance based on order of importance with the first group coming from the three county commissioners. Commissioner Cheryl Thorp said, "It looks marvelous." "What about liability?" Mike Hewitt answered that anything is insurable and that the Canopy Board has factored insurance in. He said insurance would not be a county responsibility. Dean Runyon said the group running the Canopy Project would be responsible for the insurance. Commissioner Lloyd Olds asked if the project could be used for 300 plus days a year. Runyan told him the bulk of usage would be in summer. Another Portico person told Olds that school groups would come and use it in winter. Commissioner Bill Roberts asked would the project be a revenue maker creating more income for the private sector. Runyan said the project would raise the level of tourism and generate more off-site than on site revenue.

Lloyd Olds asked if the admission price of \$45 for the whole package was realistic. Runyan said there is nothing like this project on the West Coast of North America. Runyan compared the price to activities of comparable cost being the jet boat rides up the Rogue River.

Cheryl Thorp asked who will fund the project and was told granting agencies and private donors.

Bill Roberts asked if the project would change the quality of life in Curry County. Runyan told him many of the visitors would be people already here. Cheryl Thorp asked about the effect on our infrastructure and if there is funding in the project for repairs. Runyan told her the "affect will be very limited" but it would be discussed more during the Environmental Impact Statement phase.

Runyan estimated a "capture rate" of 15% of existing visitors stopping in the interpretive center.

The full report of the Canopy Project will be released on April 15.

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Forest Service Open House

The public is invited to the Powers Ranger District's open house from 6:00-9:00pm on Thursday, April 22, in the Port Orford City Hall council chambers.

District Ranger Carl Linderman will highlight some of the accomplishments made in 1998. Employees will be present to answer questions on project displays which will be arranged around the room.

Some of the displays will include, the current status of flood repair (roads) from the 1996 winter storms, the Trail Park Pass Program, special wildlife projects, the Sunshine Bar Campground enhancement, and other proposed actions in the Elk and Sixes River areas.

Tom Sill, with the Bureau of Land Management, will also attend the meeting and give people an update on the Sixes River management plan.

For additional information please contact the Powers Ranger District at 541-439-3011.

Rangel Promoted

Effective, April 6, 1999, Doreen Rangel was promoted from part-time City Recorder to full-time City Clerk. Doreen started working for the City of Port Orford on May 19, 1998.

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Happy National Library Week by Tobe Porter

To celebrate National Library Week and National Poetry Month, both Langlois and Port Orford Public Libraries are featuring astounding poems and drawings by the students of Blanco and Driftwood Elementary Schools.

At Port Orford, a committee from the Friends of the Library will select 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from each class. Prizes will be presented at a special assembly later this month. Two local artists will select the top ten entries on display at the Langlois Library.

Just to whet your poetic appetite, here are two samples: Noelene Dacayana, a kindergarten at Driftwood wrote: "When the sun goes away I saw a moon. Then the moon went away." Blanco 3rd grader Melissa Wood's entry is: "Needle claws, pincushiony toes; a Siamese seamstress wherever she goes." Please plan to visit your local library to cast your vote for Best in Show.

Poetry Contest Winners

Eight students between the ages of 12 to 18 from the Bandon and Port Orford-Langlois School Districts, won cash prizes awarded in the Third Annual Celia Piehl Youth Poetry Competition. The event was sponsored by the Friends of the Bandon Public Library and William Piehl.

First prize of \$100 went to Mandy Vedder for her poem "The Child Is Gone". Second prize of \$75 was awarded to Heather House for her "Double Take" and third prize of \$50 went to Nicole Reed for her "Teenager". Honorable mentions of \$25 each were awarded to Tuula Rebhahn, Faron Levrets, Caryssa Day, Jason Eichelberger and Jenny MacWhorter.

Celia Piehl, who died in 1997, began writing poetry in her mid-sixties. She had a keen interest in the potential creative writing abilities of young students. A psychiatric social worker by profession, she counseled and taught many individuals, couples and families in Oregon's south coast counties.

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Echo from the Past By Graeme Graydon

The passageways and chambers of the Great Pyramid were closed when I visited Egypt, so much for my intense research on them. As a second choice, my friends and I elected to have a look inside one of the lesser pyramids of which I knew nothing. Access was through a narrow, low tunnel, it was very uncomfortable but eventually led to a large, plain chamber. I'm guessing 70 feet by 25 feet with four, high, smooth walls, a steeply pitched barn "roof" and a 5 foot hole half way along one of its long sides. That was it. We had been instructed not to make any noise – no talking even. There were Egyptian guards who tried to keep as many people leaving as there were coming in. Our group had been in Egypt for some time, we weren't exactly tourists and we wanted the full flavour of any place we visited – we weren't about to be rushed out like so many sheep.

A little to my annoyance, two girls from my group began a soft little chant in sweet harmony. Watching from the opposite end of the chamber, I saw guards look around anxiously to see who was singing, but in that place, it was impossible to

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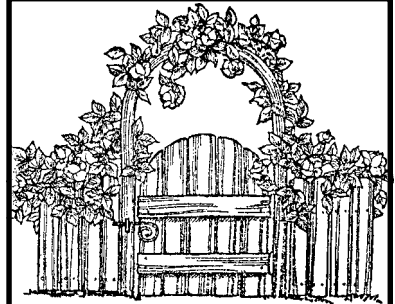


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know where sound came from. Then I surprised myself. I backed into a corner of the barn-like room, my shoulders not quite touching the stone walls. Furtively I began to hum a single drawn-out tone. I didn't look for the note, I went straight to it. Within seconds my quiet humming amplified into a palpable sound throughout the whole place. People looked around wondering where the sound was coming from. Robert, a friend of mine was standing nearby peering at me – "Are you doing that?" he whispered. I nodded and went from humming to soft singing and then full blast, holding the one tone. When I stopped to take a breath, the sound barely altered. No one but Robert seemed to know it was me. It was as if the air itself was set in vibration. Other voices harmonized with the sound until it was like a liquid pulsation that enveloped everyone. The guards were running around like chickens trying to move people out – but no one wanted to leave. This was fun. I began to experiment. If I moved three inches back or forward, if I touched the wall or changed my note, the effect stopped.

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I am still impressed that I remembered this trick or was it a technique from a time I can't recall and I will never forget the sense of power I felt as I caused the hundred or so people to be enveloped in a sound that washed right through their bodies leaving them enchanted and uplifted. I wonder what ancient ceremony, what art or science utilized the natural frequency of this cavity deep under a pyramid, so long ago.

Circus Corrections

Last week we had an article about the Starr Brothers Circus coming to Port Orford. They will be here on **Sunday**, May 16, not on Saturday. The Circus has scheduled one performance and that will be at 3:30pm on the field at Driftwood Elementary School on Sunday afternoon.

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Whale Watching

Though the “official” spring whale watching week is in March, visitors to Oregon’s South Coast can spot the migrating gray whales all through the spring. The whales are on their annual migration back to their summer feeding grounds in Alaskan waters, after spending the winter at their breeding and calving grounds along Baja California.

Watching gray whales along the southern Oregon Coast does not end when the main migration back to Alaskan waters has passed in April. Many mother and calf pairs follow and are the easiest to see from land. According to Cliff Misener of Brookings, Oregon, a seasoned whale watcher and observer for the Oregon State University Extension Service, “The mother-calf pairs travel slowly and in shallow water from April to June.”

Misener recommends looking for these whales near the beaches and rocks. The calves will be about 18 feet in length by this time – easily distinguished from the mother, who measures in at about 40 feet. Also, the calves’ spouts are not as high as their moms’.

During their migration north the calves

stay very close to their mothers, stopping often to nurse. This is frequently seen with mother on her side and half of her fluke above the water. In this manner the calf feeds on its mother’s fat-rich milk. This high fat diet results in a weight gain for the calf of about 30 pounds per day.

There are approximately 300 resident gray whales that live on the Oregon Coast year-round. They tend to move slowly up and down the coast – much like cattle grazing on the range. Where food is plentiful, as in the area between the mouth of the Chetco River and Cape Ferrelo, four miles north of Brookings, they will stay for many days. This group is comprised of juveniles and older whales who

do not travel to Baja California to mate or calve.

For more information about whale watching on Oregon’s South Coast, call 1-800-535-9469.

Historical Society Potluck

There will be a potluck lunch, sponsored by the Curry County Historical Society on Sunday, April 18, from 1:00-4:00pm. This will be held in the Society’s new Annex Museum, which will be open shortly. The new annex is located on the east side of Highway 101, across from the Fair Grounds, in the blue-roofed building, next to Bookworm Bookstore. There is plenty of parking available behind the building.

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite dish, their family and friends. Clam chowder will also be provided by the Historical Society. The potluck is being put on to introduce the community to the Society’s expansion into a new annex museum.

Please come and share your ideas and suggestions on this new venture. Board members will be there to hear what you have to say.

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ments for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes or destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet EPA requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe. {OAR 333-61-097(5c) required by OAR 333-61-042(1) for violation of OAR 333-61-032}

This notice is directed by the State Department of Health and is the result of our turbidity measurements for the month of March 1999. If our turbidity reading is 0.5 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs) or greater more than 95% of the time during the month, then we have to publish the above notice. If we process any water that exceeds 5.0 NTUs, then we have to issue a boil notice. We are required to take turbidity readings every four hours when we are processing our water. That information is recorded on a form, and at the end of each month, that form is sent to the Department of Health. The table below is some of the information from the March report we sent to the Department of Health.

Month	Lowest NTU	Highest NTU
March 1999	0.4	1.4

If you have any questions please contact Allan Wagner at 332-3681.

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Gun Club News By Bill Oleson

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for Pacific International Trap Meets, the rest of us shot locally under the sunshine. George Millon, Coos Bay, won the 16-yard singles event. Jim Johnson, Coos Bay, and Rudi Breuer, Port Orford, tied for runner-up. The Handicap event was won by George Welch, Port Orford. It was fun to watch George win over the rest of us because he is very new to trap shooting. George also won his class last week in league shoot at Myrtle Point. The three Custer events were won by Rudi Breuer (2) and Frank Barrows (1).

Members doing well or participating at Del Norte were: Scott Wurster runner-up in Sunday's Handicap with a 94/100, Robert McKenzie winner in his class in Saturday's Handicap with a 95/100, Scott MacDonald runner-up in Saturday's Singles event, Jim Harrison scored a 98/100 and a 99/100 and was defeated by a host of 100/100 in the 16 yard singles. Doug Laird, Coos Bay, and a member of our club, also scored 97/100 in B class doubles. It has been said that he will no longer be allowed to "sand-bag" and has been pushed up to A class. Jim Bussman and John Paulus also had respectable scores.

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Council Endorses Wilderness *continued from front cover*

after a price is agreed upon between both parties. The city will make a "contingent offer" based on their ability to secure money to buy the property which is located just above the city reservoir and is an important part of the city watershed.

Watershed member Norm Leeling asked the council to add two more watersheds to the overview of the Port Orford Watershed Council. The two watersheds are the South Fork of Hubbard Creek and Brush Creek, which is located in Humbug Canyon. Councilor Cramer made a motion agreeing with the watershed council's request to add the two watersheds to their purview. Leeling told the council that all major streams need basic assessment done and the Port Orford Watershed council could do that with these two. The motion passed 5-0. Leeling said that Steve Taylor wants to join the watershed council. Mayor Gary Doran appointed Taylor and the council concurred unanimously.

Mayor Doran said the city had received a letter of resignation from the planning commission of member Leo Langner on March 22. Doran said the city had received two applications to fill the va-

cancy. Doran appointed Frank Smith to the planning commission. The council voted 3-2 for Doran's appointment with Wander and Warring voting no.

Councilor Jane Cramer presented the council with an application form for renting the Community Building that she had developed. The reason for her working out an application form is the constant confusion that goes on every time someone wants to rent the building and asks for a reduction in the rates. The council batted the form around and made some changes including that it be submitted 14 days prior to the proposed usage. They tabled making a motion approving the form until the rental prices can be included.

Councilor Cramer talked about her concerns with the city hall parking area which is owned by McNair's Hardware. She is concerned about the condition of the rutted lot and wants a written agreement with the owner over usage and the area graded and improved. Jerry McNurlin estimated it would cost between \$1,500-\$3,000 to regrade the lot. The council will look into purchasing part of the parking area and will reconsider this issue at the budget hearings.

Mayor Doran appointed Frank Smith, Al Affonso and Tom Hamilton to a sewer and water efficiency committee with the concurrence of the council.

The council concluded new business with a discussion centered around high school students participating in their required community service.

National Immunization Week

The week of April 18-24, the Curry County Public Health Department is recognizing National Immunization Week by offering **free shots** to children ages 0 to 18. This Immunization Week is a perfect time to focus on the importance of getting our children immunized, not just to protect an individual child, but to protect the health of our entire community. The more children who are immune from the 11 preventable childhood illnesses, the less risk there is for those in our community who are not immunized-this may include the very young, the elderly, those with weakened immune systems, and the underserved.

The "free shots day" at the Public Health Department clinic in the "One Stop" building, happens on Thursday, April 22, here in Port Orford. The free shots will be given from 9:00-11:00am and from 1:00-6:00pm, for kids ages 0 to 18. Just bring your child's shot card and your health insurance card, if you have one. If you cannot make it during one of those times on Thursday, come in any time during Immunization Week for a "free shots coupon," good for free shots at the Public Health Department in the future!

Let me end with this: If we believe that it takes a village to raise a child, then the inverse is certainly true as well. It takes the collective choice of individual parents to immunize their children to protect an entire village. As such, we hope to see you next week to get your infant, child, or teen-ager up-to-date on their shots.

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