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Standing Room Only

By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford City Council met before a standing room only crowd at their Monday night meeting. People took up every chair, stood along the walls and sat in the aisles.

Mayor Gary Doran noted the council meeting was the best place in town for entertainment and he hoped it wasn't detrimental entertainment. He praised two city employees for their efforts including city administrative assistant Jim Poland for repairing the city's computers and public works director Jerry McNurlin or saving money on engineering fees.

McNurlin said the city would look at a site in the north end of town for their next test water well. The first one in Buffington Park failed to produce enough water to meet the city's needs.

Planning director Butch Parker apologized to the council for not attending their March 10 meeting. He spoke about the planned unit development on Arizona Street and said the decision of the planning commission approving the conditional use permit had been appealed by the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society. Parker had reviewed this request with city attorney Randall Tosh and Parker recom-

mended the council have the meeting held as a de novo one on May 6 instead of April 22. The council agreed.

Community Resource Team president Martha Weaver-Britell asked the city council to be more a part of the CRT process.

Frank Cramer spoke to the council about damage being done to Washington Street between 8th and 9th Streets because of the increased traffic of big trucks. The public works department will look at the overall problem and look for solutions.

Vandalism at Wayfinder Site

Ralph Donaldson spoke about the vandalism to the Wayfinder Site stone wall at Battle Rock Park. Early Sunday morning two gallon cans of paint were dumped on a partially completed section of the wall. Donaldson proposed a reward of up to \$1,000 leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. He said the Chamber of Commerce would donate \$100 in reward money. Donaldson made a motion authorizing \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the vandalism and the council passed it unanimously.

Mayor Gary Doran read a statement proclaiming the week of April 19-25 as Port Orford Library District Week.

The council next heard from Paula Cracas. She had asked over one month ago to be placed on the April agenda so the council could resolve her problems with her sewer hook-up fee and sewer fees she has paid since 1989 when she bought her home on Washington Street. Her home wasn't hooked up into the sewer system until last year. She had spoken to the council about this issue at their December, 1997 meeting and wanted the council to make a decision on her requests which now include waiving the sewer hook-up fee and reimbursing her for the money she paid in sewer costs even though her home wasn't hooked up into the sewer system.

Cracas said she doesn't have an attorney and wants the council or their attorney to settle the issue. Councilor Carl Eskelson took a hard line toward Cracas and said he wanted her to pay a \$2,000 hook-up fee. Since living in her home on Washington Street Cracas has paid over \$800 in sewer fees. She asked the council apply the \$800 to credit against future bills and waive the sewer hook-up fee. The council couldn't agree with her requests so councilor Ruth Jamieson made a motion for the city to hire a lawyer (for advice not litigation) to settle the Cracas case. The motion passed unanimously.

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Thu Apr 16	2:43a 6.6	9:39a 0.1	4:16p 5.3	9:25p 3.0	6:32a 8:01p	12:31a 10:07a							
Fri Apr 17	3:22a 6.5	10:27a 0.2	5:14p 5.1	10:14p 3.3	6:31a 8:03p	1:21a 10:55a							
Sat Apr 18	4:09a 6.2	11:23a 0.3	6:20p 5.1	11:19p 3.5	6:29a 8:04p	2:09a 11:48a							
Sun Apr 19	5:09a 6.0	12:25p 0.4	7:26p 5.3		6:28a 8:05p	2:53a 12:46p							3Q
Mon Apr 20	12:38a 3.4	6:22a 5.9	1:29p 0.3	8:24p 5.6	6:26a 8:06p	3:33a 1:48p							
Tue Apr 21	1:56a 2.9	7:41a 6.0	2:29p 0.2	9:13p 6.1	6:24a 8:07p	4:11a 2:54p							
Wed Apr 22	3:03a 2.2	8:54a 6.2	3:24p 0.1	9:56p 6.6	6:23a 8:08p	4:47a 4:02p							
Thu Apr 23	4:00a 1.3	10:00a 6.5	4:14p 0.1	10:37p 7.2	6:21a 8:09p	5:22a 5:15p							

Weather

Rainfall provided by the City of Port Orford Public Utilities Department

All other figures taken at The Downtown Fun Zone

Figures were recorded between approximately 7-9am on the dates shown.

Date	Temperature			Rain	High Wind	Wind Chill	Barometer
	High	Low					
Fri Apr 3	81	42	.01	16	35	30.20	
Sat Apr 4	81	42	---	17	35	30.28	
Sun Apr 5	74	38	.05	14	38	30.28	
Mon Apr 6	80	42	.41	15	30	30.30	
Tue Apr 7	80	36	.06	22	22	30.39	

Standing Room Only Continued from front cover Wayfinder Site Discussion

The reason for the SRO crowd at the council meeting was the public discussion about the wayfinder site wall at Battle Rock Park. Twenty-six people signed up to speak including planning director Butch Parker who spoke first. He told the council that former CRT co-chair Nancy Dowdy had come to him early in the process and asked him if a conditional use

permit was required for the wayfinder site. Parker told her it was permitted as an "outright use" and a conditional use permit was not needed. Parker had gotten in touch with David Perry, south coast representative for the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) earlier in the day. Perry wrote a letter back to him in response to Parker's question about the zoning of the wayfinder site at Battle Rock Park. Perry wrote "the wayfinder project is authorized in the zoning ordinance as an outright permit-

ted use under Section 2.610."

John Mayea spoke next and presented the council with petitions signed by 543 people asking that Battle Rock Park be restored to the condition it was in as of January 1, 1998 (before construction on the wayfinder site began). Mayea spoke in opposition to the construction of the wayfinder. He said the people had been betrayed by ODOT. He said the wayfinder site was located in a shoreline overlay zone and wanted it referred to the planning commission for a conditional use permit. He said work should stop until the issue is resolved at the planning commission. He left the microphone telling the council they didn't have the courtesy to answer the letters he had written them.

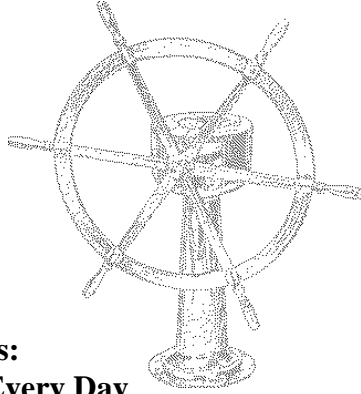
Siggi Hoffmann said his constitutional rights were being infringed upon. He said the citizens elected the council and the council's vote on the wayfinder site should stand.

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Parks commission member Ernie Gordon said the parks commission still supports construction of the wayfinder site and deplored the vandalism that occurred on Sunday.

Bonnie Allen supported the wayfinder site, the council and the public process it went through. She sees this as a turning point and finished by saying we need to get past mob rule.

Neonta Hall said she had lived here a long time and that Battle Rock Park should have been left in the natural. Ralph Donaldson remarked that a park with an

asphalt parking lot is not in a natural state.

Glenda Hawkins asked whom on the council or others called ODOT and told them not to attend the public meeting held on March 18 at the Senior Center concerning the wayfinder site. She said ODOT employee (Mark) Usselman had said Al Geiser and Jim Poland had told ODOT not to attend the meeting. Jim Poland said Usselman was lying.

Dottie Barnes asked if the park was too small for motor homes where will they park. Mayor Doran said they would park across the street. Barnes disagreed and said they will keep going. Jerry McNurlin said the city would be looking into the RV parking situation.

Chamber president John Phillips said the chamber would offer \$100 for the reward money for the vandalism. He said there hasn't been adequate parking at Battle Rock since he has been here. He asked the city to verify if the signatures on the petitions were those of city residents.

Brice Wagner asked how the council could justify taking away 20 parking places at the park. He said people had quit going to CRT meetings when they were assured they would have an unobstructed view of

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the beach. Wagner said he believes a majority of the voters want the wall taken out. Joan Geiser stated at a later point in the meeting that 11 parking places would be lost at the park.

Gayle Wilcox objected to the situation being referred to as mob rule. She told the council they should be more concerned with their zoning ordinances. She reminded them of the large demonstration of public opposition to the whale watching deck in 1995 as lesson to be learned about changes at Battle Rock Park.

Ralph Donaldson said he was worried about the drain field replacement. He said we would look terrible in the eyes of the granting agencies if we pulled out of the wayfinder project.

Gene Traglio said he has been doing business at Battle Rock Park since 1982. He said the wayfinder wall would deter people and get them to leave Port Orford. He said the people didn't get to vote on the wayfinder site.

Joan Geiser said she was proud to be a member of this community. She said the democratic process was in jeopardy if we don't follow the process. She said she had made a personal effort to inform people about the wayfinder site.

Norm Leeling commended the city council and said he found the impairment of the view very minimal.

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By Mary Yoder

Today I'd like to give credit to the volunteers who are on the Nutrition Committee. First, Bessie Laurson the chair person – then the members – Beth Newkirk, Pattie Young, Roald Young, Kay Neal, Jan Dacayana, Greta Carver, Norma Ellis, Lorraine Hass, Dee Hanshon, Thelma Lagace, Mary Evans, Jane Black. These people meet the first Tuesday of each month. These volunteers make out the menus for all the luncheons or dinners, and they have to take care that all food is at the center. Not only that – they take turns cooking. Most of the time it takes the day before to prepare some of the food – aren't we lucky to have these people in our Senior Center? If you'd like you can come help too.

Remember I wrote about a waffle supper – well I was right Friday April 17 – 4pm till 6:30pm – course there will be more

than just waffles. Best come. I believe the volunteers who did the breakfast will be doing it. I hope.

Now rotary was April 9th. Volunteers working were Greta Carver, Kay Neal, Lorraine Hass, and Dee Hanshon setting up the dining room. Doing the dishes Bill Butt and Owen Miller.

April 11 was the luncheon. Volunteers Jane Black, Pattie Young, Roald Young, Kay Neal, Jan Dacayana, Glorene Godfry. Dishes – Owen Miller and Bill Butt, Peigi Stahl coffee etc.- Clair Stahl cashier. The Sing a Longs entertained and second hand rose showed up – I heard she even had second hand under clothes – what do you

thank of that? Glorine Godfry sure does a good job of making it so nice. I love the songs they sing – do it again soon – OK

Tuesday, April 14 was the board meeting – more about it next week. You know how many hours What's his Name and Henry Kron and all of the other helpers spend in the basement – sorting, washing and folding clothes. We just don't realize the work they do. Thanks all of you – from all of us. One more thing - pinochle April 20 at 7pm. Hope I haven't missed anyone or anything.

Will close with this:

Do an act of kindness,
Gladden some ones day.
Give a smile to someone,
Passing by your way.

Share a thought with someone,
It could mean so much.
Little beams of sunshine,
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Bereavement Support Group

The regular meeting of the Bereavement Support Group will be on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at noon in the Port and Starboard Restaurant, Port Orford.

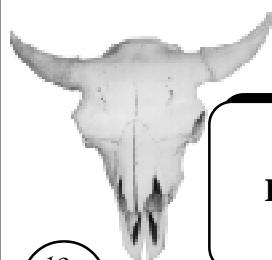
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Candidate Forum

A Candidate Forum will be held in Port Orford at the City Hall Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00pm. Letters have been sent to all the candidates for county office who face opposition in the party primary election on May 19. Curry County League of Women Voters is sponsoring the forum, as well as one in Gold Beach on April 28 and in Brookings on April 30.

Invited candidates are: for County Commissioner, Position #1, incumbent T.V. Skinner and Peter Harrell, Republicans; Cheryl Thorp and Dave Wilken, Democrats. For Sheriff, Kent Owens, Mark Creighton, William "Skip" Clark. For Surveyor, Darryl Niemi, incumbent; Reily Smith and Jerry Floyd. For Treasurer, Vinita Buchanan, Terry Hanscam, Patty Ingersoll and Kathleen Bell.

According to Voter's service chair Ann Younger, the League makes every effort

to have forums fair and impartial. Candidates draw numbers to determine the order in which they speak (four minutes each). Each person in the audience may write one question on a card to be asked of any candidate. The candidate's opponents may answer, also, if they wish. A candidate has one and a half minutes to answer a question. Candidates attending the forum are also asked to remain after the forum to speak with citizens informally.

Linda Brown of Brookings will be moderator for the forum in Port Orford. Shirley Nelson of Port Orford will moderate the Gold Beach forum and Lucie La Bonte of Brookings will moderate the Brookings forum.

Letter to the Editor,

According to the 1997-98 Curry County Property Tax Rate Summary the Health Districts receive 2.91% of the grand total taxes. As property owners in Curry County paying property taxes on a fixed

income my husband and I have to be careful to live within our budget, be it living expenses, insurance or property taxes. But we feel 2.91% spent on the Health Districts is one of the better tax dollar investments. Having a local clinic and a State accredited hospital in Curry General Hospital gives us a sense of comfort and pride. Comfort in knowing we have a local doctor in our clinic to meet routine medical needs, as well as specialist doctors who see patients here in Port Orford. Also knowing there is a good hospital for other medical needs as well as emergencies.

Pride in knowing that the medical needs of Curry County citizens will be met in a caring professional manner in our own county. Keeping medical service dollars in Curry County just may help keep down the tax dollar expenses.

Once again I will be voting Yes on the Health District funding.

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Highway 101 Update

The April meeting of CRT (Community Resource Team) will be April 16, at 6pm, in the Senior Center. The regular agenda will be omitted in order to devote the meeting to an update by David Slusarenko and Associates on the Highway 101 "Main Street" plan. The latest update will reflect modifications suggested by the public at previous presentations.

Please note: the design team's schedule has resulted in a change to CRT's schedule. The meeting will be on the **THIRD** Thursday of the month, rather than the second. Please come! Your input is necessary to get the best plan.

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The Soprano Singers directed by Diane Cassel, Richard Brown with the PHS Siesta Combo and the Blanco Middle School Band will provide live music.

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Cracas will give away three worm farms in celebration of Earth Day's 25th anniversary. The workshop is free and will be held at the Port Orford Senior Center on April 23, at 7:00pm. All are welcome! For more information, call 332-1945.

(Editor's note: Paula Cracas gave her famous worm demonstration at the Los Angeles Natural History Museum in March of this year. She has also given demonstrations to all the garden clubs in the county, most of the schools, and is available to talk at clubs and classes.)

Hughes House

Local Artists Mildred Hill and Jerry Stoope will be present at the Hughes House on April 18, 1998 from 10am to 4pm to demonstrate her artistry in rug making and Jerry will demonstrate his art of woodcarving. Rug making and woodcarving are arts keeping with the time for

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The Friends of Cape Blanco invite you to come and visit with the artists. Watch for dates when other local Artists will be there in conjunction with the 1898 Centennial Celebration.

The Hughes House is located 5 miles N. and four miles west of Port Orford.

Tai Chi

SWOCC is offering Tai Chi classes starting April 21 in Gold Beach. The classes are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:30pm – 9pm at Riley Creek School. The Port Orford class will be on Fridays from 8:30am – 10am starting April 24 at the Port Orford Senior Center.

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Letter to the Editor,

I wanted to make it clear that the citizen's review board proposed by Mark Creighton, and the one I'm proposing are different in scope and function, although they will operate in a complementary fashion.

He and I have discussed this, and we agree that each board will have important duties and benefits.

My understanding is that his board will have advisory capacity to the Sheriff's Department, and will be instrumental in forming policies for implementing community policing and other citizen-friendly policies and programs.

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Some More Reflections By Graeme Graydon



I enjoy studying and using plant medicines and essential oils because I suppose, they are an intimate part of nature of which I too am a

part. Some of my readers are interested, perhaps the majority are mildly entertained, for others, it's all nonsense. It depends on your conditioning.

As a small boy I would build a hut out of tree trimmings, thatch it well enough with bundles of wild grasses to keep me dry on rainy days, tend a little fire and simmer a can of water into which went leaves and seeds from my mothers garden, the favorite were leaves from the gum trees – instant eucalyptus.

My father made x-ray equipment and generally served the world of modern medicine by supplying technology. By age 10, I was practiced at x-raying the hands and feet of my friends as a treat at birthday parties. But my father taught me to respect nature. A lunar eclipse or display of the Southern Lights was always excuse to wake me. He gave me a good microscope, it was used often. Stormy Sunday afternoons could be spent in the Oldsmobile rocking in a wild Antarctic gale as we applauded the twenty-foot seas exploding onto the rocks.

But I understand that there are people for whom the world of nature is something to be exploited, feared or ignored. These people want instant satisfaction. Nature is too slow. They still assume that one-day science will control nature and they want instant healing. When science promised miracle cures, they not only believed, they demanded them as a right.

This public demand caused the outrageous misuse of antibiotics and other drugs, which shows up in many of today's chronic conditions and in the menace of new microbes. Synthetic medicines don't harmonize with living tissue, they bulldoze! But life brilliantly adapts to the

synthetic in a process called tolerance and pretty soon, living tissues emerge that are unaffected by the once useful drug. The International Congress of Chemotherapy, Naples 1961, concluded – “antibiotics should not be used except in cases of absolute necessity.” But the public did not want to hear about that, not 37 years ago – not now.

So I understand that when I write about the plants, I have two groups of readers. The first group finds enjoyment in learning the ways of nature, the second is entertained by the folksy beliefs of uninformed people before corporate science was trusted with our health.

I look for the day when all scientists in this field will be free to find healing in nature without the constraint of “Only if it is profitable for the bottom line,” and then we'll all be better off.

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Donkey Sports, Inc. presents Donkey Basketball on April 24th at 6:30pm at Pacific High School. Sponsored by Pacific High School Booster Club. Advance tickets: \$4 adults, \$3.50 students, \$3 children. Prices higher at the door. All proceeds will go for the activity bus.

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So You Want to be a Star By Donna Lindberg

It is time to get all those characters gathered up and get going on this year's Community Theater melodrama, as well as other theater activities.

We are looking for anyone interested. If you can act, paint sets, design sets, sew, direct, build sets or want to be involved in any way come join us. We will be having a meeting on Friday, April 17, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant at 7:00pm. We have a need to reorganize, elect new officers, and set goals for the future. I would like to see our local theater group put on more than one play a year. We have the ability in our community to do this. How about a fall mystery, a spring dinner theater, and a kids affair. We can be as active as other community theaters, but only with the community involvement. Let's get acquainted and get going.

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Secretary's Day

April 22nd

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League of Women Voters

If you need to register or re-register in order to vote in Oregon's May 19 Primary Election, you can do so outside Sentry Market Tuesday, April 21 between 10am and 4pm. Members of the League of Women Voters of Curry County will be present to assist you. At this election we will nominate candidates for County Sheriff, Surveyor, Treasurer and one Commissioner. Several state offices are open, too, including that of Governor.

If you are a new resident of Curry County you need to register in order to vote. If you have changed your address, name or political party since the last election, you must re-register. The Post Office also has registration forms. They must be received in the County Clerk's office in Gold Beach by April 28.



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Letter to the Editor,

I recently submitted a letter to the editor, and received the following e-mail from you:

“I’m sorry to inform you that your submission of approximately 400+ words is well in excess of our 250 word limit (fewer words preferred). - Valerie Kramer”

I took the e-mail at face value, and assumed that was your policy.

The next day I had occasion to see your paper, and noted that there was a letter to the editor which was in excess of 600 words.

The opinions stated in my letter are not consistent with the opinions expressed by your husband. It therefore occurs to me that in reality, you are reluctant to publish letters which express opinions which do not happen to concur yours. Meanwhile, you send a letter to the other newspaper in town, admonishing the editor for poor journalistic ethics.

I would certainly hope, that in the future, your paper does not attempt to color public opinion by selectively choosing, omitting, supplementing, augmenting its “editorial” content with materials they deem appropriate for the public to see, to arrive at the conclusions, you want them to arrive at.

Very truly yours,

Shaun Harris

Response by Valerie Jean Kramer, Editor:

I feel that this is a serious matter and that an accusation such as the above warrants a substantial response therefore I submit the following points:

- 1) We do have, and have on a number of occasions published, a limit of 250 words. (shorter is better!)
- 2) Even if it meets our limits, not all

submissions are printed due to the limited amount of space available in our paper. We try to print material that is well written, timely, and relevant and we try to include a variety of viewpoints.

3) We reject some items because we feel they might expose us to legal action, because they are poorly written, because we feel they are irrelevant or have little local interest, or if they are submitted in handwriting that we can’t readily read. Other red flags include unnecessarily inflammatory material, redundant submissions, etc.

4) We do NOT reject letters based on whether we agree with them or not. You can see this clearly if you care to look at past issues. In our April 2 issue we printed letters opposing the Battle Rock Park project by Gayle Wilcox and another signed by a lengthy list of local residents. In our March 26 issue we had negative views by Jean Kilburn, Brice Wagner, and Walt Kaplan. We also had a letter from Clarence D. Smith who acknowledges that we do print opposing views, though sometimes with a rebuttal.

5) If it were up to me, there would be no exceptions to our 250 word limit but, unfortunately, I’m opposed on this by my husband who sometimes feels that we should bend our rules for particularly well-written, authoritative, and important submissions. I do my best to restrict such exceptions but sometimes he feels so strongly I yield and sometimes I even

agree with him as was the case with Dr. Pitchford’s letter in this issue (which, by the way, was in contradiction to my own views.) I regret that this occasionally causes hurt feelings or a view that we are “playing favorites.”

6) In conversations and in correspondence to our office, the public seems to be about 10-1 in favor of dropping the Battle Rock Park controversy. Some actively like the fence, others don’t mind it, and still others don’t like it but are willing to abide by the majority. A vocal minority are still fighting the war.

7) I assume the 600+ word letter you referred to was the one by R. G. Williams, M.D. Chief of staff, CGH and his administrators. Although it was opposed to my own views, it was printed because it met all three of the criteria in #5 above, “particularly well-written, authoritative, and important submissions.”

8) As editor we do, and will continue to, exercise judgment over the content of our paper. We believe that both sides of an issue deserve to be heard and do not refuse to print any submission solely because we don’t agree with it. Your submission was well over our size limit and had no outstanding merit to warrant an exception. We trust this will not discourage you from submitting in the future.

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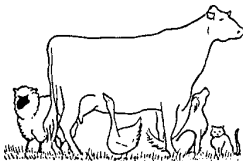
When we deliver a new week's issue, we bring back any copies of the previous week's issue that were not taken. Over the past several weeks we've begun to bring back many more than had previously been normal. Seasonally reduced traffic flow might account for some of the change but we also noticed a pattern of apparent sabotage where our papers would be obscured by other materials. While this occasionally happens accidentally, in Gold Beach it has begun happening consistently at several major distribution sites. We have decided that this is a battle we do not wish to fight so for now we will simply terminate our deliveries south of Port Orford.

We regret that this has become necessary and hope that our supporters will visit Port Orford to continue to obtain copies. Deliveries to Bandon will continue as normal.

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Friday, April 24, from 6pm-9pm will be a lecture and slide presentation. It will be held at the Gold Beach campus of Southwestern at the fairgrounds. Saturday, April 25, starting at 9am, there will be a field trip to locate and identify wild mushrooms. Afterwards, everyone will meet back at the OSU Extension office to learn to prepare the harvested mushrooms. Lunch will include samples that have been picked in the wild.

This class fills fast. Be sure to sign up early, as preregistration is required. The tuition is \$9.25 plus a \$6.50 fee. For information or to register, call 247-2741, or (Fridays) 332-3023.

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Letter to the Editor,

We care greatly on all issues for the well being and prosperity of our lovely coastal town. The necessary changes needed to maintain what we all hold dear may be hard to adjust to but are called for nonetheless. An attitude of status quo is short sighted and unhealthy in this day and age, and this town cannot afford it any longer. Any and all enhancements (the Wayfinder Park certainly being one them) will help stabilize a shaky economy by inviting travelers to stop and see what we enjoy everyday. Be patient – I believe when those skilled rock masons are complete, the well thought out plans that was their basis will make us all proud.

Linda & Buck (Gene) Smith-Haynie

Conversational Spanish

Southwestern Oregon Community College will offer two classes in Conversational Spanish. One will be in Gold Beach on Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00pm starting April 22 through June 10. The other class will be in Port Orford on Tuesdays from 6:30-9:00pm starting April

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Sixes River Recreation Plan

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior, will conduct a public meeting on Tuesday, April 21, from 7:00-9:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center. The meeting will concern itself with the Sixes River Recreation Area Management Plan. Public input is solicited in developing a Recreations Area Management Plan for Public Lands located within the Sixes watershed. The agenda will focus on recreation management objectives and issues.

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Public Meetings and Events

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Community Resource Team meets on Thursday, April 16, 6:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center

Port Orford Library holds a spring book sale on Saturday, April 18, from 9:00am-4:00pm in the city hall council chambers.

Coast Baseball League sponsors the 1st annual spaghetti feed fundraiser on Saturday, April 18, from 3:00-6:00pm, at Driftwood Elementary School. The spaghetti and pizza dinner is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and under 4 are free.

Port of Port Orford meets on Tuesday, April 22, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

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Standing Room Only Continued from front cover

Alice Pfand said she had been a resident of the city since 1989. She said there is more interest in the city business than ever. She said we have more pressing city issues like the water and sewer problems. She said if the wall were to be torn down the citizens would have to pay for it and urged the council to stick with their decision in support of the wayfinder site.

Al Affonso noted everyone's interest in RV's. He said vehicles, which used to be able to turn around at Battle Rock Park like fifth wheels would still be able to turn around and urged the council to hold their ground.

Shaun Harris told the council he had conducted a poll with a 1-800 phone number asking people how they feel about the wall. He said 41 people called with 37 opposed and 4 in support.

Robert Warring said no decision was called for. He said he had attend an OCZMA meeting on Friday and spoken to the Region 3 director for ODOT. The director said they were going to complete the wall as contracted and after its completion the city would have to deal with it.

Mayor Gary Doran ended the wayfinder site discussion by asking the public to let the project be finished. He said we would grow to like it and it wasn't fair to take something down that people worked so hard for.

In conclusion the council took no action on the anything said in the discussion that took place. Their decision to support the wayfinder site stands and on Tuesday morning construction continued at the site.

On Tuesday morning Ralph Donaldson passed along one more piece of information. I had left the meeting at the beginning of the council reports and didn't hear the news that the city employees have agreed to a wage freeze for 1998-99 due to the city's financial condition.

Minnich Earns Educ. Award

Larry Minnich, a Gold Beach resident for the past several years, retired from the U.S. Army to live quietly on the Southern Oregon Coast. Since that time, Minnich has dedicated many volunteer hours to his community, including spearheading the effort that led to Curry County's inclusion in the Southwestern Oregon Community College District 3 years ago.

Minnich was honored at Oregon Community Education Association's 26th Annual Conference March 16-17 in Hood River.

Minnich received OCEA's Cooperation by a Community Member Award for his outstanding volunteerism, including the college district effort, training of volunteer firefighters, acting as interpreter for the courts and schools, substituting in various local school districts, participating in local efforts including Gold Beach 2010, and serving as chair of the Curry Southwestern Advisory Council. The award is presented to a volunteer, school, college or agency administrator for their outstanding service to a local school college or community program. Minnich was presented the award by Steve Kridelbaugh, President of the Southwestern Oregon Community College, and Peggy Goergen, Associate Dean for the college's Curry County programs.

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As one would imagine, Dorothy clearly enjoyed herself, selecting some great meats, staples and family favorites. After it was all over, she remembered she had to go back in and buy milk.