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Water Meeting Heats Up by Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council held the first in a series of meetings concerning the Water System Master Plan on Monday, May 1. The first hour was devoted to a review and discussion of the plan by Matt Gray, from H.G.E. Engineers and Planners. Also representing H.G.E. was the principal engineer in charge of the project Richard Nored.

H.G.E. was retained in the Fall of 1992 by the city council to work on the water plan. They completed the study in January of 1994. However, the company and the City have been kept busy with the completion of the new sewer treatment plant this past couple of years.

Gray described the biggest problem with the water supply as the significant amount of water lost through the system itself. He mentioned the problems with the raw water line from Hubbard Creek reservoir which include cracked and leaking transmission pipes.

Gray reviewed the Priority 1 projects which start with the Hubbard Creek water line and go through the Hubbard Creek building upgrade and include a total of nine projects. Gray then talked about funding for the project. He said the city can pursue several options for funding including grants from the Oregon Economic Development Department in

the form of a community block grant of up to \$750,000, grants from the wastewater program and from the Rural Economic Program. Gray said the "funding sources are becoming less and less".

Several citizens and city councilors had comments on the plan which took the meeting up till its closing time of 8:30pm. Jim Britell questioned the population projections in the H.G.E. study and said the population in Port Orford is flat or declining. He urged the council to go on record supporting the North Fork of Hubbard Creek as the main source of city water. Chuck Duncan recommended the council put the half million dollars allo-

ated for the Hubbard Creek water line into the water treatment plant improvements and the City go to using Garrison Lake water. John Mayea spoke about the importance of water to the City and asked that the council didn't rush into a decision. Mayea, a former city councilor, was one of two people who submitted letters to the city council concerning the plan which were also distributed to the public. The main gist of his letter was that the City abandon N. Fork Hubbard Creek as a water source and spend the money on improvements for the water treatment plant in Buffington Park. His reasoning was that Hubbard Creek can

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Roadmaster Attends Meeting

County Roadmaster Dan Crumley attended the April 26 meeting of the Port Orford Watershed Council. Crumley spoke about the County road right-of-way maintenance program. He discussed the reasons for maintaining the vegetation along the side of county roads. He stated they were the safety of the motorist, county workers, wildlife and the structural integrity of the roads. He mentioned one main goal was to maintain a good sight distance to reduce accidents.

He said the county is mandated to eliminate noxious weeds including gorse and tansy ragwort. Crumley did mention some acceptable low maintenance vegetation including native grasses, ferns and sometimes huckleberry brush.

Crumley said the goal of spraying the sides of the roads is to maintain bare shoulders and ditches.

He gave the council some statistics connected to the maintenance program. He said the county sprayed 526 acres last year at a cost of \$63.00 an acre or a total of \$33,000. An acre is described as an 8' wide segment one mile long. He said the county mowed 235 lane miles at a cost of \$132,000 and will mow an area every 3 to 4 years. The County owns its own mowing machine.

Crumley said the Road Department uses the chemicals Roundup and Oust in

Spring and in the Fall uses Crossbow and Tordon.

The Watershed Council had sent a letter to Crumley and the County Commissioners requesting Oust and Tordon not be used in the Port Orford watersheds. Crumley's response to the letter and the no spray requests at the watershed meeting was that he needed the council to explain in greater detail the problems with the two chemicals. They will work on a letter providing them for him. The watershed council is concerned that Oust and Roundup will get into the two watershed drainages and affect water quality.

Crumley said the spray program will begin in May but that specific dates were not available due to changing weather conditions. He mentioned that property owners who don't want their frontage being sprayed need to register and get an official "No Spray" sign from the road department. The number to call for a sign

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Community Theater

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Capturing the theme of the port's past, items and volunteers are needed. To decorate the booth, von Spaeth is asking for the loan of a Jacob's rope ladder, glass floats, heavy marine rope, crab pots and interesting fishing equipment including old nets. Furthermore, the Port Orford booth will feature items traditionally shipped from our port. "Wool, cheese, cranberries and art work will be on display," von Spaeth says.

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"We'll have someone at the booth throughout the fair," Cuatt asserts, assuring the safety of anything on loan. If you have something that fits the theme, contact Viola Cuatt at 332-2352 or Hannelore von Spaeth at 332-0065.

"A couple of hours in the fair booth can be very enjoyable," adds von Spaeth. "It's fun to listen to comments on the exhibit and answer questions about our town." Interested people are encouraged to help with another prize winner this year and to schedule time working in the fair booth.

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Booster Meeting

The next meeting of the Driftwood Boosters is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 1995 at 3 pm at the Driftwood School Library. This is the last meeting of the year. This year's officers are not able to be officers again next year due to other commitments. There have been no other parents or interested persons attending the meeting on a regular basis. The Boosters provide a lot of things that Driftwood students and faculty would otherwise do without. Last year the Boosters spent approximately \$9,000 on Driftwood, this year they will have spent approximately \$6,000. If there is anyone who is interested in continuing the operation of Driftwood Boosters, please come to the meeting on May 24th or contact one of this year's officers immediately. If there is no one to run the Boosters for the 95-96 school year, the Driftwood Boosters will be inoperative for an indefinite period of time.

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Letter To The Editor,

The City Council should "reconsider approval of the whale watching deck" not its location. This idea has been on the back burner for a couple of years and should be scrapped. It is questionable that the proposed whale watching deck will have any net benefit to the community. If it is constructed it will positively be a liability, annual maintenance costs, additional insurance etc....Battle Rock Park has enough flat surfaces to view the whales from for those that don't want to walk out onto the grassy bluffs or take the trail to the beach.

If the Beautification Committee wants to beautify Port Orford, come up with some creative ways to lower the amount of litter in the park, plant some native trees for wind breaks, improve the trail to the beach and stop the erosion of Battle Rock. The whales have been watched for years without a deck. If the goal is to increase whale watching, place a free telescope at the Chamber office and interpretive signs on the office wall, not in front of the view.

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Letter To The Editor,

Why should we believe that a viewing stand will entice the tourist dollar to stop here anymore than the beauty that is already obvious?

Let's be different and not scar up "our" view with each new generation's idea of what looks good.

Who will be responsible for the eye sore a few decades from now when graffiti, and litter accumulate or someone sues the city for an accident.

Man-made structures are obscuring natural vistas everywhere nowadays. They tend to sanitize and tame nature for many

who don't wish to tread too near the real thing, or worse, remain an idea never used like the structure above the Port. Please understand this is the slow march toward clutter of the landscape, not beautification. I have talked to photographers who look long and hard to find views that don't require "cropping out" some structure that has spoiled an otherwise spectacular site.

In adding our mark to the landscape we should always consider what is subtracted or forever lost.

Sincerely,

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Kay Patricia from Coos Bay will be in Gold Beach on Saturday, May 6th to lead African inspired dance workshops with live drumming.

There will be a children's class from 11 am to 12 am, the cost is \$7. Then in the afternoon from 2:30 - 4:30 there will be an adult class for a charge of \$10. Pre-registration is required for the classes.

In the evening there will be a community drumming from 7 to 9 pm. All are welcome there is a suggested donation of \$5.

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The hike will begin with a short, easy walk to Secret Beach for a magnificent view of secluded offshore rocks and a surf side romp at low tide. Later, the more adventuresome will continue along the steep cliffs and rocky beach below the Hooekanaden Slide area. Birds! Wildflowers! Rocks! Meadows!

The hike is part of celebrating National Hospital Week. There will be pulse checks along the way by Jan Melde, R.N. and free post-hike by licensed massage therapists Sheri Gee and Deborah Crouse of Oceanway Center for the Healing Arts, weather permitting.

Ed Gross, a geologist, will give an explanation of the Hooekanaden slide.

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Arts Festival '95

The Port Orford Arts Council is looking for a couple of volunteers to sit the Student Art Show during the Arts Festival '95 weekend of May 13 & 14 at Driftwood Elementary School. If you can donate an hour or two, please contact Ann Foss at 332-9185.

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Wild Rhodies in Bloom

Arts Festival '95 starts next Friday, May 12, and the wild rhodies are in bloom. I was taking a walk on Silver Butte the morning after this week's big rain and couldn't help but admire the large number of tall wild rhodies in bloom. The wild irises are also blooming as well as the lupen and multi-colored Scotch broom. There is nature's beauty and then there are people who create beauty and that is what the Arts Festival is all about.

This year the amount of contributing talent by our area's many creative people has increased again. There will be a display of paintings at the Port Orford Senior Center on Saturday, May 13. The Far West Bonsai Club will put on a display of bonsai at the Driftwood School Library on Saturday and Sunday.

The ever popular myrtlewood demonstrations will be presented at The Wooden Nickel all three days of the Festival.

A chuckwagon lunch will be held at the Buffington Park arena on Saturday, May 13, from 11:00 to 4:00pm. The chili, salad, beverage and dessert costs \$3.00. It is a benefit for the Over The Rainbow special needs riding program. You can also enjoy the horse show.

Next week we will print the entire Arts Festival '95 schedule.

No Swim Bus

Due to the fact that the school district office informed us that they would be charging a per mile rate for the use of the buses this summer for swimming lessons (a cost of approximately \$3,400) rather than just the cost of gasoline and bus drive wages. Last year's billing was about \$830. The Driftwood Booster Club has decided that they cannot afford to offer to pay for swim bus this year. Any questions regarding the reasons for the change in charges should be directed to the school district office.

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Bandon Playhouse

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Fri May 5	2:59am 6.6	10:28am 0.5	5:14pm 5.6	10:31pm 3.5
Sat May 6	3:45am 6.3	11:19am 0.7	6:10pm 5.7	11:36pm 3.5
Sun May 7	4:50am 5.9	NONE —	7:02pm 5.9	12:10pm 1.0
Mon May 8	6:03am 5.7	12:50am 3.2	7:47pm 6.2	1:07pm 1.1
Tue May 9	7:26am 5.6	1:57am 2.7	8:29pm 6.6	1:58pm 1.3
Wed May 10	8:41am 5.7	2:56am 2.0	9:09pm 7.1	2:51pm 1.5
Thu May 11	9:44am 5.9	3:51am 1.1	9:49pm 7.6	3:39pm 1.7

Letter to the Editor,

Why do some think there should be a whale watching platform at Battle Rock Park? I really don't know.

We have the most spectacular panoramic view on the whole West Coast. To obstruct that in any way is criminal.

I am a native of Port Orford and have had the privilege of enjoying that unencumbered view since I was a small child. My father before me also had that pleasure and I had hoped my grandchildren would have the same privilege.

To construct any kind of platform with a

42 inch high rail (wire or boards - no matter) and 42 feet long. Oh my!!

The care and maintenance of this structure would need continual attention. I think we all know what has happened with the structure at our viewpoint overlooking the Port - it is very sad there is not more respect for public property but that seems to be the way it is. So why not leave Battle Rock Park the way nature created it.

I think a few more benches in the park would be great but a platform with a rail - I am whole heartedly opposed to.

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What Value A Life? by Valerie Jean Kramer

I just read about an editorial in the Investors Business Daily by Mr. Kent Jeffrey's in which he reported some statistics from the Harvard Center For Risk Analysis. The statistics measured how much various federal agencies spend versus the number of lives saved. The article I read said the median amount spent per life saved was:

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Thank you teachers of Port Orford-Langlois School District 2CJ for the outstanding job you are doing for our students and our community! Thanks for putting your best foot forward for our students. They appreciate you. And so do we!

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce

Senior Center by Mary Yoder

What's going on in the month of May?

May 7th is our day to celebrate with all members who were born in May. Cake and Ice Cream from 2 to 4 pm, everyone is invited - birthday or not.

We will not have our breakfast on May 14 - because of Mother's Day.

Don't forget to come to the center to cast your vote for the new officers. At the board meeting to be held at 1 pm May 10th, the board will except nominations for officers from the floor. They have to be paid up members.

Here I go again - I just have to thank all who worked Sat. April 29th. This was the Lutheran Church dinner their 40th Anniversary. Thanks to: Jenny Hannon, Buddy Lee, Gale Lee, Betty Harper, Gretta Carson, Bobetta Kron, Peigi Stahl, Clair Stahl, Sally and Ernie Gordon, and me. One man said not to put his name in the paper. He works so good I'll just put his initials RH.

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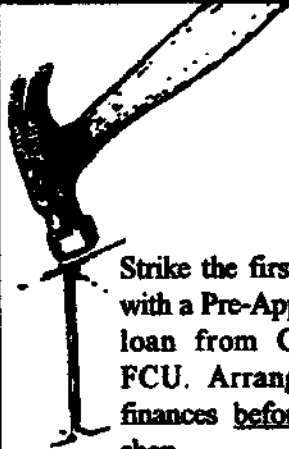
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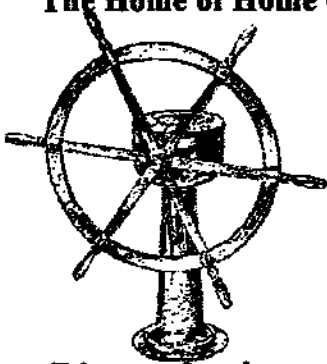


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Coos County Women's Crisis Service, through Southwestern Oregon Community College, is offering a new tuition-free class for parents called, "Taking Charge as a Parent". The class will be taught by Terry Yantis, Juvenile Counselor and Anne Ryssdal, M.S. LPC, Family Therapist.

The course is designed to empower parents to take charge of the parent/child relationship so that both parent and child feel respected, secure, and loved. Parents will gain new ways to address their children's acting out behavior using proactive versus reactive techniques.

The class will be held at Driftwood School in Port Orford for six weeks starting Wednesday, May 10, from 6 to 8:30 pm. For more information and pre-enrollment, please contact the Curry Community Education Office, (503)332-1325 or 247-2741.

Public Meetings

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 8, noon, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.

Port Orford City Council continues its water master plan meeting on Monday, May 8, 5:30pm, in the council chambers.

Port Orford City Council holds its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 8, 7:00pm, in the council chambers. One item on the agenda concerns the deck at Battle Rock Park.

Port Orford Rural Fire Board meets on Tuesday, May 9, 7:00pm, at the city fire station.

Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ school district board meets on Tuesday, May 9, 8:00pm, in the library at Pacific High School. The budget committee will meet there on Wednesday May 10 at 7:00pm.

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Amber Tinker, a junior at Pacific High School has organized an evening of musical entertainment to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. On the evening of May 12, about ten to fifteen individuals and groups will display their musical talents in the Pacific High School gym, beginning at 7:00pm.

Among the honored guests expected to attend will be Gus Retzwich. He starred with Arnold Schwarzenegger in the film *The Running Man*. He will talk about

the important work of St. Jude's. Also performing will be Carol Anne Smith from Coos Bay. She is a well-known harpist and recording artist who has appeared at the Hughes House and Shore Acres State Park.

When asked why she had organized this fundraising event for St. Jude's Hospital, Amber said she felt this was something that needed to be done, and it was something that she could do.

Adults will pay \$4.00; students with ASB cards will pay \$2.00; students without ASB cards will pay \$3.00; children under 5 will be admitted free of charge.

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Dear Editor:

I am writing to say that the proposed whale watching platform is a bad idea it will (as proposed) interfere with the view and is unfair to people who for whatever reason (too cold, windy, disabled) want to stay in their autos.

Also I resent being treated in a most uncivil manner by some of the people at Battle Rock Park (April 22) the attitude was "what's your gripe". I also was witness to a woman being told "get out of here you troublemaker" while she was offering some valid counterpoint to the party line of the people there. I think that could be construed as a violation of the civil rights of that person.

The gist is: there was no talk, just a one sided discussion with no dissent allowed.

Tim D. McCoy

Water Meeting Heats Up Continued from Front Cover

not meet current water demands nor will it be able to meet future demands.

The other letter submitted was from former councilor Hans von Spaeth. He recommended the money for the upgrade of the Hubbard Creek water facilities supply be spent on the water plant upgrade.

H.G.E.'s position on Hubbard Creek was stated in Chapter 8, page 3 of the water plan. They said, "It should be stressed that Hubbard Creek is Port Orford's best water source". They went on to say in regards to Hubbard Creek water transmission facilities, "It is critical that the City maintain these facilities".

Alice Pfand pointed out forcefully that this past winter we hadn't lost Hubbard Creek water for more than a couple of weeks due to turbidity and that was no reason to abandon it.

Lawrence Miller suggested to Matt Gray that the city dig a test well at the water treatment plant and if successful use that as a source of city water. Gray was not enthused about the logistics of this idea. Miller emphatically told both Gray and Nored earlier in the meeting that the bigger the water project the more their company stood to make in fees.

Ralph Donaldson talked about the June 12 "stone wall" goal of having the meetings wrapped up and the council having voted on its water plan priorities. Then the City could immediately apply for the different grants available in Salem. Donaldson's stone wall referred to a defined deadline, not the kind of stone wall associated with a Congressional filibuster. He said that grant money is vanishing fast and the City must act soon if it is to receive these kinds of funds.

The water master plan meeting will continue on Monday, May 8, at 5:30pm, in the council chambers.

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