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### “Minor Alignments” in Hwy 101

By Evan Kramer



The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) held a meeting in Port Orford on Wednesday concerning the upcoming construction on Highway 101 in Humbug Canyon. ODOT area manager for south-western Oregon Mark Usselman spoke first and described his job as overseeing construction projects. He described the upcoming road widening work in the canyon as “minor alignments.” He said impetus for the road widening began when ODOT motor carrier enforcement agents noticed large trucks crossing the yellow centerlines and fog lines. They felt this safety issue needed to be addressed.

ODOT project manager Ray Cranston explained the purpose of the Wednesday meeting. He said ODOT was in Port Orford to talk about the construction aspect of the project only. ODOT already has a contract with Home II for the construction, which will begin on September 8. The cost of the project is \$1.67 million. Three curves in the canyon will be widened on the creek side. Cranston said they would work in areas with an existing concrete slope with as he put it “minimal impact on Brush creek.” Cranston said

that flooding on Brush Creek is controlled with a spillway. Cranston said the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wanted the project completed between June through October.

Some of the consequences of this project include closure of the side of the highway nearest the mountain for a length of six tenths of a mile during construction resulting in only one lane being open. Construction is expected to be finished by the end of October. Cranston estimated the biggest delay in traffic being 10 minutes. No permits will be issued for loads over 12’ wide until the project is completed. Cranston said a 60’ long truck can drive through the canyon safely now but not a 74’ long one. Nathaniel Wander asked how many 74’ trucks using Highway 101 now. Usselman didn’t have an answer for that question. He stated he wanted to “talk about construction only.”

Al Geiser rose to speak. He had copies of the Scenic Byway Management Plan and the Pacific Coast Scenic Byway Corridor Plan. Geiser said the community was supposed to get input into the highway plan. Geiser firmly stated that ODOT had promised public input. Usselman said that ODOT’s #1 concern is traffic safety and he wasn’t going to go any further with the issue of public input. Monty

Montgomery said he was glad ODOT was doing something about the canyon stating he had pulled many wrecks out of the area. Nathaniel Wander said he wanted to see the canyon safer and asked that ODOT look at alternatives to the road widening. One idea was paving the hiking trail that parallels Brush Creek and uses it as a bicycle lane thus getting them off the highway. The shoulder could then be used for widening the highway. Justin Bauman asked that ODOT keep the traffic delays to a minimum. Basil Andrews asked where the funding was coming from for the project. Usselman said it is part of the state highway program and money wouldn’t be taken away from other projects. Usselman described this project as a Category 2 meaning it didn’t have to have public input.

Nathaniel Wander told Usselman that ODOT’s message is “we don’t count.”

After the public input portion of the meeting was over people were allowed to question Usselman “offline” as he referred to it. He told one group that if the trucks continue to cross the centerline ODOT would take other safety measures after the project is completed. He also said State Representative Ken Messerle had pushed for this road widening.

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Fri Sep 11	4:21a	6.4	10:01a	2.0	4:16p	7.7	11:07p	0.2	6:52a	7:35p	11:17p	1:24p
Sat Sep 12	5:34a	5.9	10:59a	2.7	5:14p	7.4			6:53a	7:33p	12:03a	2:25p 3Q
Sun Sep 13	12:17a	0.3	6:55a	5.7	12:09p	3.2	6:20p	7.2	6:54a	7:32p	12:53a	3:21p
Mon Sep 14	1:30a	0.4	8:16a	5.7	1:29p	3.3	7:32p	7.0	6:55a	7:30p	1:47a	4:12p
Tue Sep 15	2:39a	0.3	9:24a	5.9	2:45p	3.2	8:42p	7.0	6:56a	7:28p	2:43a	5:00p
Wed Sep 16	3:38a	0.2	10:18a	6.2	3:48p	2.8	9:44p	7.1	6:57a	7:26p	3:40a	5:39p
Thu Sep 17	4:28a	0.2	11:01a	6.5	4:40p	2.4	10:37p	7.1	6:58a	7:24p	4:39a	6:14p

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Bid documents, public notice and instructions to bidders, including plans and specifications, general conditions, may be seen or obtained from the office of the

City of Port Orford, PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465. Contact person is Jerry McNurlin, Public Works Director-telephone number (541) 332-3681.

Bids must be received at the City of Port Orford, 555 W. 20th Street, Port Orford, OR 97465, by 5:00pm on September 22, 1998. Mailing address: PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465. Submit bids in a sealed envelope marked "Garrison Lake-12th Street Ramp."

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Bids will be opened and publicly read at City Hall, 555 W. 20th Street, Port Orford, Oregon at 5:00pm on September 22, 1998.

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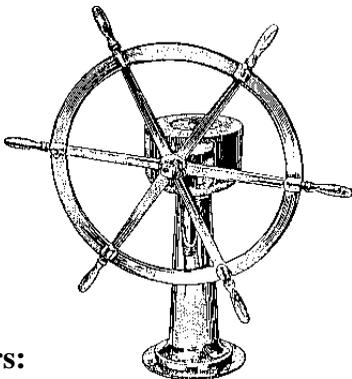


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## Arrogance of Power Editorial opinion by Evan Kramer

Oregon Department of Transportation officials subjected Port Orford residents to an arrogance of bureaucratic power last Wednesday night. ODOT's hastily called public meeting was lightly publicized with notices of it not getting into the town's two newspapers until the same day as the meeting. It only appeared in our paper because of a friendly e-mail message. Thanks to the efforts of Kalmiopsis Audubon Society president Nathaniel Wander posters were printed and displayed around town notifying people about ODOT's "secret" meeting.

ODOT managers presented a fait accompli also known as "a done deal" to the residents of Port Orford. Many of us have been aware of the Humbug Canyon Highway 101 road widening project and had wanted a public meeting to find out more about. We got one on Wednesday night. We were told that construction would begin on Tuesday, September 8. We were told the purpose of the meeting was to discuss construction issues with ODOT, not whether or not the project was necessary or had merit. We were allowed to ask questions like what the walls of the wid-

ened part of the road would be made of it and what kind of fill they would use.

ODOT south western area manager Mark Usselman treated the citizenry like peasants in a medieval society. He tried to tell us what we could talk about and when that ploy didn't work he terminated the public input portion of the meeting. He gave us permission to speak with him "offline" about issues including lack of public input. By "offline" he meant privately so the group as a whole couldn't hear what was being said.

How arrogant is ODOT? They didn't even bother to contact Port Orford city councilor Robert Warring about this meeting. Mr. Warring is the city councilor responsible for the city's contacts with ODOT. I spoke with him two days after the meeting and was told he wasn't notified of it. Warring told me he has had many contacts with Usselman and could have contributed to the meeting.

ODOT violated their own stated purpose in the "Scenic Byway Management Plan for South Coos and Siskiyou Regions of the U.S. 101 Corridor in Oregon." Listed under Strategies for Humbug Mountain State Park is "involve local

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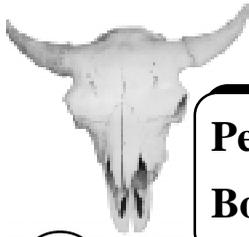
communities in future park and highway planning."

The reason I feel so negatively toward ODOT's behavior is I believe in a government by and for the people. ODOT managers work for us. Our taxes pay their salary. I am deeply offended when they treat us like our opinions and concerns don't matter. Don't they remember who butters their bread?

## Letter to the Editor,

Citizens of the City of Port Orford: Let's not allow history to repeat itself. Approximately 10 years ago, the City was faced with a sewer dilemma – build a new sewer plant and outfall. John Mayea and friends did an end run around the City Council and the citizens of Port Orford, and swayed Salem, against their better judgement, to allow an ocean outfall. We are now paying the price for his solution; a wrecked and ruined ocean outfall and the bills that we citizens have to pay to get another system that will work. Let us not allow the same thing to happen with the Wayfinder at Battle Rock. The citizens of Port Orford and the City Council planned and built this wonderful site. Let the Council know that you want no more end runs. Members of the City Council: Hold your ground! Raising the parking lot 7" to accommodate seeing the waves hit the beach while sitting in a sports car, or any other car, is ludicrous!

Siegfried W. Hoffmann



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Approximately 16 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 1998. The most any city or county can receive will be \$750,000.

A public hearing will be held by the Port Orford City Council at 7pm on Wednesday, September 26, 1998 at the Port Orford Community Building at 409 – 11th St., Port Orford.

The purpose of the hearing is for the Port Orford City Council to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions about Community Development and housing needs, especially the needs of low and moderate income persons as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a CDBG project and the performance of Port Orford in carrying out its community development responsibilities.

Written comments are also welcome and must be received by 5pm, September 15th, 1998 at Port Orford City Hall, P.O. Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465. Both oral and written comments will be considered by the City Council in deciding whether to apply.

A second public hearing will be held prior to completion of an application for a specific project.

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### First – Do No Harm By Graeme Graydon



There was a doctor who, near the end of a successful career, became totally dissatisfied with the medicines that he could legally use on his patients. His

concern was not only the effectiveness of the drugs but the new and disturbing side-effects. It mattered to him that his patients were developing distressing symptoms unrelated to their original complaint. Worse still, the cost in terms of suffering was rarely balanced by acceptable improvement.

He considered the alternative therapies – all of them new to him. They promised safe treatments with results at least equal to conventional methods. This excited him but he was saddened to realize that he didn't have the energy or the years to learn the new ways. He would have to replace a lot of what he had been taught with perhaps the strange principles of Homeopathy, the complexity of herbal medicine, perhaps acupuncture with its foreign philosophy and invisible meridians or learn the ever changing science of

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applied nutrition. He knew nothing of tissue cleansing or lymphatic drainage. To him, health could be defined as an absence of disease. After working for a lifetime with that orientation, how could he embrace the concept that health was a state of being where one is unaware of any part of the body and in which one chooses to eat or drink, do, or not do anything one wishes, without harm. He was financially secure, if he retired tomorrow, he would be just fine and he wouldn't have to deal with his problem. But he loved his work, he could not just walk away from those who needed his care. These were his peak years where his insight and wisdom were at their highest – what could he do?

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relationships. His research into alternative therapies had revealed practitioners and treatments that worked reliably and did not harm. He sent his patients to them. He knew surgeons who could work for him, the dangerous drugs became a measure of last resort only.

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It must have taken great courage to do what he did, many will disagree with him. But wouldn't you want a doctor whose first consideration was to do no harm?

### Tree of Love Dedication

Curry General Hospital Auxiliary will be dedicating their “Tree of Love” in a special ceremony on Sunday, September 13, at 2:00pm, at the hospital. Curry Café will provide refreshments.

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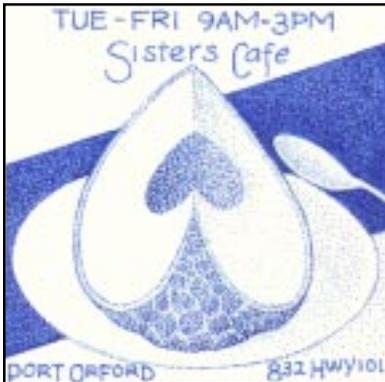
**Senior News**

Well let's see – September 3 was Rotary luncheon. Here are the volunteers who worked – Marge Kyle, Greta Carver, Bessie Laursen, Kay Neal – setting up the dining room – Glorene Godfrey – Owen Miller and Bill Butt doing dishes and clean up.

September 6 was the birthday party – turned out real nice – those making it that way were Mary Evans, Pauline Lenox, Thelma Lagace. Sad only one birthday person came. The cake was really pretty. I was disappointed – the ice cream was white no brown – we all sang happy birthday to this person and many more – I mean birthdays.

September 8 is board meeting will tell about next week.

What's coming – September 11 Lion's Bingo at 7:30pm – best come it's for a good cause – besides it's fun.



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September 13 is the breakfast 8:00am till 1:00pm – also rummage sale 8:00am till 1:00pm. The volunteers who work sure know how to do it - scrambled eggs, pancakes, waffles, ham, sausage, syrup, butter, coffee, tea and juice – who could ask for anything more?

September 7 – pinochle – high ladies – Bunny Planton and me Mary Yoder low-men only one EJ Drew low and high – all had a real fun time.

If you like to sing – the sing alongs practice every Thursday at 2:00pm – I heard they'll be singing soon – well I covered it all – now this

Hard times teach us to appreciate Good times when they come along. If all of life was fun and pleasure How could we ever grow strong?

**Health Survey**

Curry General Hospital's Curry Café will host the start-up meeting for Community Partners' proposed countywide health survey, at 6:30pm, Thursday, September 10. The café is located in the hospital at 94220 Fourth Street in Gold Beach. A large array of complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

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“planned approach to community health,” according to Thelma Hoffmann, development specialist, coordinator of the process.

The start-up meeting is open to volunteers wishing to help gather opinions about health care in the next few months by interviewing, phoning, surveying, and working with employers and employee representatives.

For more information, or if you belong to a club or organization that would welcome a speaker on this comprehensive undertaking, phone Hoffmann at 247-7011, extension 283.

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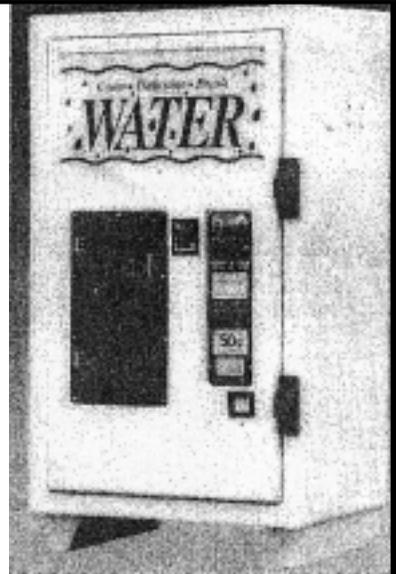
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## Letter to the Editor,

Who are these self appointed leaders hassling the City over our beautiful Wayfinder point and claiming to be defending our American rights?

I know who Sandy Duerr is. She is someone who had the courage to publicly say almost verbatim what we wanted to say. Like Ms. Duerr, my wife and I are also "newcomers" of about eight years). Our career is also in the service industry, as a Civil Engineer. We can't afford to offend anybody either. We are qualified, however, to comment on "The Wall"/ The proposed paving of the parking lot is an incredibly poor idea. The resulting drainage, safety and structural problems will far outweigh the sought after better view. I'm not real keen on politics, but I do know an engineering snafu when I see one. Paving the parking lot would be one. Was it responsible engineering or politics that put the city disposal field in the Garrison Lake sand spit?! This is nonsense to claim no taxpayer money will be used for the paving costs. Where do they think the grant money comes from? Am I wrong that grant monies are not unlimited and, therefore, should be used for the most worthy projects?

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Ms. Duerr is right. We, the silent majority, so busy making a living, must find the time to wrestle our rights away from these self-proclaiming leaders. We will attend the next City Council meeting to give our opinion. We will learn more about how our city government runs, we will call on our council members, and we will not let a vocal few ruin our beautiful Wayfinder point.

Gary & Lynda Dietel  
Port Orford Engineering

## Letter to the Editor,

The upcoming Council debate regarding the Wayfinder reminds us of a favorite

story. It's about twin boys; one an Optimist, the other a Pessimist. The Pessimist was put in a room full of new toys. He searched around until he could find fault with one of them. The Optimist was put in a room knee-deep in horse manure. He looked around with obvious delight. When asked why he was so happy he answered, "With all this horse manure there must be a pony here somewhere!"

We applaud the parties for showing the patience needed for the mediation process. Is it possible that the proposed agreement about the asphalt and the two signs could bring on an era of good feeling in our community? It seems to us that the decision that must be made is more political than legal (as it should be). In addition to the general public, we would like to hear the views regarding the matter of all the candidates for Council. The information will help us decide whether these festering issues can be resolved for most people by such a compromise. If so, then there is a pony here!

We believe in the rule of law, but the law can be used to obstruct as well as keep order. We do not look forward to unending legal threats followed by compromise, particularly if ample chance is provided for airing views. In the Wayfinder case we think there are legitimate issues to resolve, particularly regarding the sign(s). Councilors, please look and see if you can find the pony!

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## Tons of Tuna Thanks

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Behind the scenes: Hay movers Ed Beck, Pat, Patrick and Michael Evans, Paul Bodtke, Jon Porter, and Rick Cook. Tuna choppers and marinade makers Jay Stoler, Jean Kilburn, Jason Sievers, Cheryl Rae, Kaycee MacDonald, Mary Evans, Paul Bodtke, Leesa Cobb and Jon Porter. Marsh Haven Farm for the fresh herb brushes.

At the Dock on Sunday: PPS, Hallmark, and Filet Master Dave Barnes; the fishermen and tuna chefs Bill Cobb, Rob Ashdown, Buck Dezern, J.R. Allison, Ron Dean, and Marlin Man Darrel Cobb; the Corn Cookers Jon Porter, Jay Stoler, Paul Bodtke, Jason Sievers and butter brusher Jean Kilburn; the money takers and servers Sheryl Alexander, Mary Evans and Buzzy Nielsen; the Clam Chowder Crew Cheryl Rae, Kaycee Macdonald, Leesa Cobb and Cecil Ashdown. Tuna Tunes, you did a great job! Special thanks to Jennifer the Great Apron Maker and our walking PR expert Dolores Purdy.

Big thanks go to Postmaster Sonja Mason, Driftwood Elementary School principal Harry Shipman, Lee Gay, Umpqua Dairy and Buck's Sentry. We greatly appreciate the fine turn out of artists and the strong support from local businesses. And last, but no you know what, many thanks to Port Orford Press and Port Orford Today for their excellent coverage. See you next year!

Pam Macdonald for the Port Orford Women's Fishery Network  
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### Letter to the Editor,

The Battle Rock Park's new sidewalk leads in graceful curves to the circle, whose informational signs and compass rose make it an attractive and helpful feature. Concrete bumpers would be ugly, and a hazard for the unwary pedestrian. Let's not change it.

Ina Lefter

### Letter to the Editor,

The Wayfinder Sign at Battle Rock Park is perfect just as it is. Let's leave wall enough alone!

Ruth Bryant

### Port Orford Visitor Center

The Visitor Center at Battle Rock Park is enjoying a record-breaking summer. 4,175 visitors signed the guest book at the visitor center in the month of August. By comparison 1,491 visitors signed the guest book at the visitor center in August 1997. Guests have enjoyed the hospitality they have been shown at the visitor center by both the volunteers and office manager Nancy Phillips.

### Letter to the Editor,

The rock wall and improvements to Battle Rock Wayside are a great asset to the city.

To change the parking area by raising the pavement and putting in bumpers to satisfy a few who did not get their own way is ridiculous. Sincerely,

Ralph and Arlene Fitzgerald

### Lightin' Bugs Meeting

The Lightin' Bugs will meet on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00pm at Port and Starboard Restaurant Port Orford. In order to carry out our bright commitment to the community, plans must be made. We do have a great time. For info: call Al or Maureen at 332-1041

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Geology for the Homeowner is a 6-week class designed to teach the homeowner to recognize basic geologic conditions affecting your property. It will focus on slide and stability problems, excavation and grading considerations, groundwater, foundations and drainage, and how to review geologic reports. This class is appropriate for homeowners, realtors, builders or anyone wanting to know more



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Register now for the fall term. Classes may not be held if enough people do not register. Remember, if you are over 62 tuition is half price. Call Southwestern for more information or to register. Gold Beach 247-2741, Brookings 469-5017, or Port Orford (Fridays) 332-3023.

**Letter to the Editor,**

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the goal is to solve or assist. Ideas come from many experiences and must be weighed and considered before decisions can be made. This makes the process by which the decision is made all the more important when volunteers put faith in the outcome of their effort by the knowledge they followed an accepted path, i.e. the consensus of our town is, our city council will make decisions based on their power to decide as elected representatives. They must consider the process first and expenses, including the “volunteer capitol” spent when agreed to, as was the case for the Wayfinder project. To expect change at this late date is to expect consideration not afforded the rest of us and would waste the volunteer time and effort expended to accomplish such a project. Please come to the Sept. 14 Council meeting and let our elected “volunteer” representatives know how we appreciate all “Volunteer capitol”.

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### Letter to the Editor,

I couldn't believe the city council was making a deal with a couple of disgruntled people. I called the council members to ask why? Was told by one if the city was sued it would cost \$11,000 in attorney's fees. Well if someone trips over one of those cement blocks sticking up, \$11,000 would be nothing compared to a lawsuit over a broken arm or leg. I do have to commend some of the council members. Mr. Donaldson, Warring and Leeling for admitting they had made a mistake and were going to try and rectify it. It gave me a chance to see who really had the best interest of the town. Someone asked why all they heard at the meetings were the grumblers? Most people get tired of going to a fighting match and see who can holler the loudest and if you are against what they want they will call you on the phone and call you names, etc. Talk about the Indians fighting? At least my people were trying to save their land (and they were called uncivilized)? Am very

surprised at Ms. Wilcox fighting the change. Her business used to be a gas station! She just tore down a part of history. Granted it looks better but so does Battle Rock.

The main complaint is you can't see over the wall. I hope this obsession with the wall stops and we can move on with important matters like the water, sewer and schools.

Wanda Melton

### SWOCC Art Classes

Southwestern Oregon Community is helping to keep the Arts growing in Port Orford. Marlene Gay will be back to lend her skill and expertise in the art classes. You will have several choices, among them: Drawing lab on Mondays, Painting and watercolor lab on Tuesdays, and Color Theory on Thursdays. All Marlene's classes run from 12:30pm – 3:30pm and start the week of September 28. If you

want to learn or you've been lax about your drawing or painting over the summer, this is a great way to get back in the swing of things.

Southwestern also has two workshops taught by Donna Roselius of Roaring Sea Gallery. A four-session Drawing with Brushes starts September 21. The class will focus on sketching and line drawing with a brush instead of a pen or pencil. The aim is to become more relaxed and comfortable using a brush. Both workshops will be Monday and Wednesdays, 6pm-7:30pm. The second workshop, Painting on Silk, is 6 weeks starting October 12. In this class the student will learn painting techniques with Procion dyes on silk. Materials are included in the fee.

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If you would like to join this group or if you have any questions or special needs, please call Marilyn Green at Senior and Disabled Services 247-4515 or 1-800-257-1385 (both voice/TTY #'s).

## Arts Festival Thanks By Tobe Porter, president Port Orford Arts Council

It took many hands to make the Arts and Seafood Festival so much fun this year. On behalf of the Port Orford Arts Council I want to thank the following people for making the Community Center truly the Perfect Package: Art, Theater, Music and Fine Food.

Marji Bromser, Joan Geiser, Nadine and Robert Viles, Loretta and Jerry Hillman, Mary Boselli, Paul Bodtke, Jon Porter, Carol Malley, Elaine Small, Marlene Gay,

Norm and Barbara Leeling, Paula Cracas, Evan Kramer, Florence Quillen, Mark Eikamp, Sheryl Alexander, Buzzy Nielsen, Karen McGowan and Lyn Barns.

We were so pleased the Blanco Boosters could join the festivities and thank the Driftwood Boosters for the tantalizing fragrances of popcorn and cotton candy. Thanks Katz Juice and Java for the seafood delights. Tere Tronson of NCFCC, Carol Malley and TheaterWorks, you all are the greatest! Steve Montana we appreciate your sweet songs and we say a delicious thank you to Julia Barnes for her incredible sand castle cake enjoyed by over 100 people to celebrate the end of another great festival. Thank you all.

## Art Short Sessions

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media art instructor may just have the answer for you. New this fall is an open medium class that begins at 5:30pm right after your workday ends. The \$15 class is just two hours long and lasts for three weeks. "The Art Short Sessions are designed to encourage people to get back into art, finish an old project that has been lying around, or try something new. Open medium means any kind of artwork you want. Painting, ceramics, sculpting, you name it." Olive said. Fall term Art Short Sessions begin September 24th, October 15th and November 5th. The classes will be held at Manley Art Center. Register at Southwestern's Brookings campus at 420 Alder Street, or call 469-5017 or 247-2741.

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## **Candidate Statement** **by Jane Cramer**

In last week's issue of Port Orford *Today!* you asked candidates for City Council to state their position on the mediation. Here is mine.

I do not believe a city should make any decisions based on the cost of litigation or the threat of litigation. Decisions should be based on facts and on what is right.

In the Battle Rock Wayfinding Point situation, the facts are that a process which involved ALL people who chose to be involved resulted in a carefully planned, beautiful asset to our city with no cost to the citizens of Port Orford. The mediation process has excluded the majority of citizens from participation. The proposed settlement would mar the beauty of and detract from the excellent workmanship of the project for the benefit of a few. The message to the people would be *don't follow proper procedures – it doesn't pay. Instead you should demand your own way at any cost.*

If I were a member of the City Council, I could not in good conscience support the proposed settlement. It would amount to disenfranchising the citizens who followed proper procedures and rewarding those who chose not to participate in the planning process, but want it all changed after the fact.

One solution might be to pave 5th Street and the parking deck below Battle Rock Park if non-public funds could be found to pay for the work.

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### **Accompanist Sought**

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The hike will have a little bit of everything. We'll go through the meadow, the woods, and the top of the Cape and along the beach. There will be one fairly steep, but short, uphill portion so wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water and a snack. Hike happens rain or shine so dress appropriately. Figure on about 3 hours. For more information call Frank and Jane Cramer at (541) 332-2113.

The Cape Blanco Lighthouse and historic Hughes House are open to the public from 10am to 3:30pm so come early and tour these attractions before the hike.

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## Letter to the Editor,

The family of Dr. Robert M. Kimball wish to thank the entire staff of Curry County Home Health and Hospice for their loving care and support. Especially to Val, Gerri, Mary, Rhonda, Fred, Mafalda and Kmac who arrived at our home faithfully and became like members of our family. They not only displayed efficiency in their profession, but also kindness and love and enabled us to have Bob here with us on the Elk River where he most wished to spend his last days. Also a heartfelt thanks to Elaine and Ted Owens, hospice volunteers, and to Lou for sending them to us.

To Monique Graydon and your special touch; we will forever have you in our hearts, and will always be grateful to Joyce and Ray Iida for bringing us together.

With Sincere thanks,

Helen, Mark, and Mary Kimball  
and the Kimball Family

### Public Meetings

**Umpqua Community Development Corporation** groundbreaking for their Cedar Point Terraces affordable housing

development on Arizona Street at 1:00pm on Thursday, September 10.

**Port Orford Chamber of Commerce** board meeting on Monday, September 14, noon, at the Paradise Café.

**Port Orford City Council** meets on Monday, September 14, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers. On the agenda tonight is the mediation agreement concerning the Wayfinder Site at Battle Rock City Park.

**Port Orford Planning Commission** meets on Tuesday, September 15, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

**Port of Port Orford Commission** meets on Tuesday, September 15, 7:00pm in the old public works room at Port Orford City Hall.

### Letter to the Editor,

It is time to move into the future and work on issues that impact our community on a daily living level, i.e. sewer, water, schools, library, etc. The Wayfinder is a completed project and to continue to spend more time and energy not to mention attorney fees on this issue is counter productive. I urge our city council, as our elected representatives, not to be intimi-

dates or coerced with regards to the mediation agreement. Release the lawsuit to move on to LUBA. Perhaps some input from sources not so closely connected with the issue will reveal the reality of what is really going on here in our little community by the ocean.

Joyce Kinney  
Port Orford

### Back to School Meeting

The Pacific Booster Club would like to invite parents, community members and anyone interested to join the Pacific Booster Club for the first meeting of the 98-99 school year. Fall sports coaches will be present to discuss needs and ideas. This is your chance to get involved, help our students and high school. We need a strong Booster Club, so come to the meeting, Wednesday, September 16th at 7pm in the PHS library. For more information call Linda Smith at 348-2262 or Carol Smith at 348-2326.

### South Coast Head Start

South Coast Head Start, a state and federally funded education, health and family service program for eligible families with preschool age children, announces openings in our Port Orford program this fall. Head Start is working with the Port Orford Community Children's Center to provide preschool and parent involvement activities for three year old children and their families. There is no charge for this preschool experience. Head Start is currently taking applications for enrollment in this program. If you are interested or have questions, please call 1-800-628-9629.

### Bereavement Support Group

The Bereavement Support Group will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15 at noon in the Port and Starboard Restaurant, Port Orford. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is invited. For more info, call Donna Smith at 332-1300 or Luana Berens at 1-800-535-9472.

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