

Study from 1A

involved in the expedition. Students also used a workbook to record the work standards they completed during the project.

This was Halpin's way of getting students deeply engaged in their studies.

"We took all of the science standards, all of the social studies standards and some of the reading standards and put them in those little books by each student's display," she said. "They have to work those core competencies as a project form and a presentation form, verses a work sheet."

Four students were selected to give presentations to second-graders, similar to what they experienced two years earlier.

Presentations were given on Thomas Jefferson, by a student who dressed as Jefferson, complete with wig; Sacagawea, the Shoshone Indian who, with her husband and infant accompanied the expedition; York, Clark's slave and manservant; and Seaman, Lewis's black Newfoundland dog.

The rest of the class displays

were set up in the elementary school hallway for students to enjoy.

Halpin said, "The second-graders who got to hear the presentations will have a chance to do their own Lewis and Clark presentation in two more years. It is pretty empowering that the students that were second-graders two years ago are now able to do this."

Halpin sees the project as a way to get students immersed and excited about their studies.

"The second-graders in the audience will be fourth-graders in two years and, most likely, if



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One of Gina Halpin's fourth-grade students shows maps, instruments and a globe used in the class' section on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Western Lane Community Foundation donated globes, protractors and more to help with the four-month project.

they are in my class, doing the same project and taking the same core competencies that go with common core that lend themselves nicely to historical facts and any literature ties we have here in Oregon," she said.

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and tell them a bunch of things that leave everyone in the room feeling helpless and depressed," he said.

One technique Steelquist suggests in his talks to prevent audience members from becoming overwhelmed with negative information is simple: go for a walk.

"My approach has been to start with the experience of what's close by. Let's celebrate what we have around us," he stated. "If we are familiar with a particular stretch of beach and we notice that the sea stars there are suffering, while that might trigger some worry and even concern, at the same time it gives us context and the ability to see that we can provide information on a specific situation that may be helpful."

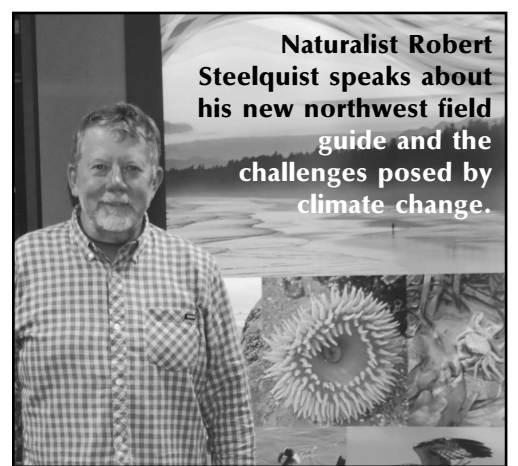
The benefit of having interested individuals involved in the natural world in a direct way is clear to Steelquist; it gives people the opportunity to be the eyes and ears for their community and to have an impact on the situation.

"That way we don't have to idly sit back and receive bad news and withdraw from the world," he said. "We can plunge ourselves into the natural world and help to make things better."

According to Steelquist, the facts of what's going on are immutable. There can be no argument about whether habitat loss for salmon is occurring because that fact is quantifiable. What it really comes down to, for him, is that people on all points of the political spectrum agree that salmon are important and people must act on these areas of agreement, not argue about disagreements.

Steelquist is also quick to point out that not all the information out there is negative; there are in fact positive stories to share.

"We have a lot going on out there that is good news. We have stories of recovery for



Naturalist Robert Steelquist speaks about his new northwest field guide and the challenges posed by climate change.

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sea otters and other species. We have protected areas that are thriving and every year we have this amazing parade of migratory wildlife off of our coast," he said.

Steelquist continued his summation.

"We have to pay attention and we have to choose actions as individuals and as communities to stave off some of the bad things that are happening in the environment. At the same time, we have to experience every day that we have, even if it's just driving up the highway headed for work. We can take the time to appreciate a sunrise or a sunset."

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A popular myth circulated in the Florence area — that Miller Park is a haven for drug dealers — is not what police have found.

Police Commander John Pitcher said, "Other drugs play a factor in our day-to-day lives as police officers, but alcohol is by far the No.1 issue we are dealing with in our community."

Turner added, "Methamphetamine and other variations of that narcotic and marijuana are minimal compared to alcohol."

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, youth who start

drinking before the age of 15 are six times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse than people who begin drinking at or after age 21.

Turner said his department has been working on a three-pronged approach to the teen alcohol problem.

According to Turner and Pitcher, Florence police will be using the recently approved School Resource Officer (SRO), police bicycle patrols through Miller Park and the launch of a local version of a Lane County program called Healthy Directions.

Pitcher said, "The police department, along with the schools and Lane County Mental Health, are involved in starting a new program called Healthy Directions. It is targeting underage drinking and selling alcohol to minors. We are

still in the forming stages. We will be doing things like party patrols and prevention education."

In addition, Castle is working to create what she calls the Black Ribbon Project to spot what she refers to as predators in places like Miller Park.

"Walk through the park and use your eyes and ears. Make basic eye contact and capitalize on the power of positive paranoia. Is there an area in your neighborhood that you see kids going to? Why are they there? As a community, we have to be the eyes and ears," Castle said.

She added, "I don't think the parks should be avoided. There needs to be more community awareness so people who would be the predators would shrink back a little and say, 'I know that they know.'"

Castle suggests tying a black

ribbon around a wrist or on a car antenna.

"Black ribbons are very subtle," she said. "The only people that would really notice are either the watchers or the predators. It will make the predators nervous. If they go into one of those little bunkers of bushes they have and see a black ribbon, they go 'Ooop.'"

Turner said, "Working through the programs we have coming up, Healthy Directions, SRO and the bike program will help combat the problem. Hanging out in the park shouldn't be a bad thing. We have to figure out which are the bad hangouts and which are the good hangouts."

For more information on the Black Ribbon project, call Brenna Castle at 541-590-3515.

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Thompson believes his team is what sets Coast Radio apart from others and is eager to share their enthusiasm for their mission.

"I am very proud of our staff, not only for what they do daily on the radio but also what they do in the community. They are fully engaged, responsive and committed," he said. "I'm very proud to have our peers acknowledge and recognize what we have been doing in a small community on the Oregon coast."

about the work he does, citing Coast Radio's commitment to local events and special projects as a way to give back to the community, not as a responsibility that comes with the job.

"Our current tag line is 'Local news, sports and everything Florence,' but I think it's more than information or entertainment. It's our local air personalities being involved in the community and interacting on air with our listeners, leaders and news makers," he said.

Coast Radio has seen significant changes in its business over the years, but the focus has remained the same for Thompson and his team.

"We have a full-time local news department and put a strong emphasis on public affairs programming and air more high school sporting events than most stations," Thompson said.

This interest in sharing the Florence's stories and news translates to an ongoing commitment to the residents, non-profits and businesses here.

Even high school students get the chance to be on the air during Viking Hour.

"We produce events in the community and provide a voice and airtime for many of our institutions and nonprofit groups. We're a small community station but I think we sound as good as many stations in bigger markets," Thompson said.

He said he believes that maintaining Coast Radio's focus on the needs of the community will prompt listeners to forgo the Pandora and Spotify options and choose the simpler solution of tuning into a station that cares about the people in their listening area.

"While the industry has gone to consolidation and music-intensive formats, we continue to focus on being a locally owned community radio station," Thompson stated. "In this age of technology, you can find multiple options for your specific music tastes or to get regional or national programming and information, but Coast Radio offers all that — as well as local programming and personalities that you can't find anywhere else. That's what sets us apart from internet streaming, Pandora and the many other entertainment options now available."

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