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property until the issue was considered at a council meeting.

In the interim, the Swords documented the history of the road, and distributed that documentation throughout much of the community.

The city acquired Anderson Park in 1960, Sword explained, when much of the OA Mill property was disposed of, but the road through the park had been in existence since 1874 and had been used for commercial purposes up until 1941.

The Sword family had used the road, he added, to move farm equipment and transport logs from their timberland, since homesteading the property in 1887, and in 1961 helped provided the base for what was now a city road.

"My dad made his living building good roads," Sword said, "What made you close that road on June 24, 1986?"

Vaughn explained that Director of Public Works Mike Smith had said "there was a bad situation," and that he and Council member Dorothy Knowlton felt obligated to respond to the department head's concerns.

City Attorney David Frost commented that there was no written easement, and that an easement "by use" is not in the records, but Council member Joe Batty responded with "That road has been in existence for

100 years.

"I don't see where the city has the right to give an easement," Batty continued, "for property earned by pioneers."

Nevertheless, Batty moved to grandfather an easement through the park, a position agreed upon unanimously by the council, and which was met with applause from the audience.

The question of the city's Rock Creek swimming pool, which was not opened this year because of construction of a new water plant alongside the creek, was brought before the council by Jim Buxton.

"It is my understanding," Buxton said, "that work is going slowly on the new water plant, and I would urge the council to reconsider and open the pool."

The council expressed concern regarding the costs of opening the pool, especially so late in the year, and regarding swimmer safety when upstream construction causes turbidity in the pool area.

Buxton countered by offering volunteers to help with putting up the log dam, and pointed out that the pool could be closed when turbidity was too great.

Council member Bill Hansen presented a motion to open the pool, saying "Let's try it." The motion passed, again unanimously, and again to applause from the audience.

Bull injures man

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versity for treatment of his injuries. He is in serious condition.

Highway 30 was briefly closed. Assistance was also provided by St. Helens Police Department and Columbia River Fire & Rescue.

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qualifies).

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McCoy is 2010 My Fair Lady

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Fair, with all seniors receiving free entry. Seniors can call the Vernonia Senior Center at 503-429-3912 to arrange for free transportation to the fair, provided by Columbia County Rider. The free transportation is sponsored by Clatskanie PUD, Columbia River PUD and West Oregon Electric Cooperative.

How is spotted owl doing now?

by Chris Thomas, Oregon News Service

Twenty years after the northern spotted owl was afforded heightened protection, questions remain about its future. In 1990, the bird was listed as a threatened species, a decision that has prompted major changes in Northwest timber management ever since.

But, are the birds doing any better? Experts say that depends on where you look. The spotted owl numbers are still on the decline, but not as much on federal land as on state and privately owned land. Dominick DellaSala, president and chief scientist for the National Center for Conservation Science and Policy, believes the spotted owl should be listed as endangered, rather than threatened, because its recovery has been so slow.

"I think we need to give it higher recognition when it comes to proposals to remove additional habitat, which occurs often on federal lands, but even more so on non-federal lands. And, we've got to protect the remaining mature and old-growth forests that this and hundreds of other species depend upon." DellaSala thinks state and federal oversight of

timber harvest and monitoring of habitat is inadequate.

In the 1990s, environmental activists chained themselves to trees, and loggers held mock funerals for the timber industry - but today, few hear much about the reasons for their protests. It could be a controversial position in some logging communities, but Doug Heiken, conservation and restoration coordinator for Oregon Wild, says the spotted owl debate was the start of a transformation for Oregon. "The listing of the spotted owl helped right-size the timber industry and diversify the Northwest economy - and the current recession we're experiencing would have been much worse had the Northwest economy been more dependent on the timber industry than it has been."

Heiken is not surprised that the spotted owl's comeback is taking so long. He points out that some of the habitat that was destroyed took 200 years or more to grow and can't be restored in a couple of decades. And logging is not the only threat to spotted owls these days. The larger and more aggressive barred owl has migrated from the eastern United States to compete for turf with the spotted owl.

Obituary

JERRY RALPH BROWN

Jerry Ralph Brown, 69, Banks, died June 23, 2010. Interment was at Willamette National Cemetery.

Mr. Brown was born March 15, 1941, in McCall, Idaho, to Fred and Bernice Brown. He was raised in

McCall. He served in the U.S. Navy.

In 1965, he married Janet Fors. They made their home in Pocatello, Id., until 1968 when they moved to Beaverton. In 1990, they moved to Banks. He worked at Tektronix, Inc. for 35 years before retiring in 2003.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Timothy and Daniel, both of Hillsboro; a brother, Elwyn of Emmett, Id.; and three grandchildren.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JACKIE DAVID FRANCK

Jackie David Franck, 71, Gaston, died June 18, 2010. A celebration of life service was held June 27.

Mr. Franck was born March 29, 1939, in Forest Grove, to John Martin and Bessie (Rutledge) Franck. He attended Forest Grove Union High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp and the U.S.

Army Reserves.

In 1958, he married Sharon Lardy. They made their home in Gaston and later divorced. In 1971, he married Karen Smith (Angvine). They made their home in Gaston. He worked at Noble Craft, owned and operated his own carpentry business, worked for Dave McGlasson and Adair Homes. He then worked as a sub-contractor with his son for 15 years.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence; and a sister, Betty Vuylsteke.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, John of Forest Grove, and Martin of Cornelius; a daughter, Monica Betancourt of Forest Grove; a brother, Chuck of Forest Grove; a sister, Corinne "Cork" Vanderzanden of Banks; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Remembrances are suggested to a charity of choice.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove was in

charge of arrangements.

GORDON LOUIS LADD

Gordon Louis Ladd, 55, Vernonia, died June 16, 2010. Private services were planned at a later date in Cottage Grove.

Mr. Ladd was born November 23, 1954, in Cottage Grove, to Edward L. and Verna (Cline) Ladd. He was raised in Cottage Grove. At an early age he started working with his father in the logging industry. He had been married and was divorced. He moved to Vernonia 11 years ago.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Randy.

Survivors include his son, Brendon of Cottage Grove; two brothers Rick of Vernonia, and Roger of New Jersey; two sisters, Vickie Ladd of Juno, Alaska, and Tina Smith of Vernonia.

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