

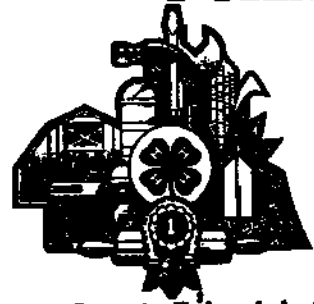
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Curry County Fair - July 28-31

Wreck Em! By Evan Kramer

The Curry County Fair opens today for a four day run of fun at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. Fair manager Ron Crook, the Curry County Fair Board, employees and volunteers at the Fairgrounds have been busy preparing for this latest version of the Fair with the theme of "Cheers to Another 60 Years."

The Curry County Fair started out as the Fat Lamb Show in 1934 and was held at the Courthouse where the sheep ranchers brought their animals to for judging. No Curry County Fairs were held during World War II, from 1942-45.

The search for former fair queens and princesses has proved successful. 3 of the 4 members of the first fair court dating back to the first court in 1937 have been located. They are Queen Ida (Adams) Smith, Princess Rose (Gardner) Walker and Princess Shirley (Forty) Boice. You can see them in the fair parade on Saturday morning, starting at 11:00am down Highway 101 in Gold Beach. They'll be in the surrey with the fringe on top.

Another highlight of this year's fair parade is the appearance of a horse logging outfit who will also put on two free shows in the arena on Friday and Saturday.

Last week we talked about gardening. This week you can go down to the Fair and see the best efforts of dozens of Curry

County gardeners and farmers on display in the floral and horticulture building. Rick Hazard, Port Orford's organic farmer par excellence, told me he would have some of his garlic and strawberries entered at the Fair. Hazard's garlic and strawberries are available from him in quantity or in smaller portions at Elephant Rock Farm and they are the best I've had. It must be that chicken tractor of his.

South Coast Satellite will be giving live demonstrations of their long awaited and much heralded Direct Broadcast Satellite system. If you haven't gone over to Coos Curry Electric's office in Port Orford this will be a good chance to see the 18" satellite dish & receiver and get an idea of the variety of programming South Coast will be offering.

Two of the big events at this year's Fair are the NPRC Pro-Rodeo and the Demolition Derby. These events require a separate admission fee and will both be held in the indoor arena. The cost for the rodeo is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children while tickets for the demolition derby are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Fairgrounds for these events. Last year the demolition derby sold out.

Thinking about this year's demolition derby reminds of one of my favorite times of the week growing up. Every Sunday from 2:30-5:00pm Channel 5 KTLA broadcast the auto races live from Ascot

Park in Gardena. Now these weren't the Team Continental style of auto racing. Ascot Park featured among other types of racing figure 8 races, demolition derbies and older model stock car races. I couldn't get enough of the Figure 8 and demolition derby races. Watching the cars smash into each other was what I thought auto racing was all about. I can remember friends and I yelling and screaming at the television screen propelled forward by the forces of metal against metal. It may not be Ascot Park in the early 60's but good old fashioned auto racing (mayhem) is back in Gold Beach this weekend. Now all we need is Dick Lane in the announcer's booth and some used car salesmen like Frankie Lane or Cal Worthington pitching automotive treasures and we could travel back in time.

Some of the participants in this year's demolition derby are Cindy Ryan from Arcata. Cindy finished second in last year's race and won the demolition derby at this year's Fourth of July celebration in Crescent City. She'll be driving a different version of last year's infamous black and white Moo Car. Let's hear it: Moooooo, Moooooo. Other drivers include Josh Amos from Gold Beach driving a '70 Ford T-Bird. Other Gold Beach racers include Randy Austin, Bret Kerr, Mike Lang, Bill Piper and Clay Lofley. Port Orford will be represented in the race by Jeremy Knapp. You too can still enter the derby up until gate time by

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It is now closed because it was not funded by the Curry County Board of Commissioners for the 1994-95 budget year.

The park property was given to the county for exclusive use as a park. If it is not used as a park, the property will revert back to its former owner, Georgia Pacific Lumber Co. Since the county failed to fund it, local residents have been trying to find someone else to continue its operation.

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The Port Orford city council showed no interest in assuming management of the park at its last meeting.

Another agency that could take over and operate the park is the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

If you want to see this park continue to exist and you support the idea of the BLM taking control and operating Edson Creek Park, you can help by calling the following important people to voice your feelings.

Jana Doerr, assistant to Congressman
Peter DeFazio 269-2609

Bill Bradbury, State Senate Majority
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**Monster Weeds, Part II
by Sandy Eisman**

I went out to my garden again a couple of weeks ago and began the second attack on the monster weeds with the weedeater and then by hand. Everything needs to be watered after all this drying wind and sun, so if you water deeply first, the weeds are a lot easier to pull.

I also fertilized everything again with fish emulsion and the next day I could see that the plants looked greener and happier.

If you have your own vegetable garden you're probably munching on fresh peas as you read this. Everybody seems to have a good crop this year.

It's time to plant more cabbage, spinach, arugula, beets, broccoli, etc. so you can extend your harvest time. There are a lot of vegetables, especially greens, that can be planted now for fall.

If you have lots of ripe cabbage remember that you can use it in place of lettuce in most salads, tacos, and other dishes that call for fresh or cooked greens. I had a delicious quesadilla last night, a tortilla stuffed with cheese, chopped cabbage, tomato, onion, sprouts, and salsa.

Happy gardening and happy eating!



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Republican Women Meet

The Curry County Republican Women's Club will meet for their monthly luncheon at 11:30am on Thursday, July 28, at the Rod and Reel Restaurant in Gold Beach.

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Saturday Field Trips

The following is a list of the next three Saturday Field Trips coordinated by the Cape Arago Audubon Society and the Coos Bay District of the Bureau of Land Management.

Mushroom Mania and Forest Fungi July 30

Learn to identify edible and non-edible species of mushrooms and lichens. These tiny, unassuming forest dwellers are often keystones of the entire forest ecosystem. The program will be led by Bruce Rittenhouse and Sarah Sheldon of the Bureau of Land Management.

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Dock Walk
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Native American Archeology August 13

Many clues to understanding native cultures are hidden under our feet. Visit a dig site and help uncover some mysteries about life here long before the Europeans arrived. The program will be led by Don Whereat of the Confederated Tribes.

The field trips meet at the parking lot of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce on Highway 101 in downtown Coos Bay at 9:00am on the day indicated. For more information contact the Bureau of Land Management at 756-0100 or Lynn with the Cape Arago Audubon Society at 267-7208.

By The Sea

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Letter to the Editor,

Peggy Goergen's letter last week should have been a wake-up call to everyone who has ever used or hoped to use the Community Education services. The ESD (Education Service District) and the Adult Education Advisory Council are collectively tearing out their hair trying to find the funding to carry on the program at approximately its present cut-back level. Community college classes, as scarce as they were, will soon be a thing of the past in Curry County, and if the cuts reach their predicted levels, even the GED and continuing education classes will disappear, since the reserve funds are being



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used up trying to keep the present class offerings going.

Our city's strategic planning group, Gold Beach 2010, has adopted a strategy of annexing Curry County to the Southwest Oregon Community College District. Not only would such an annexation address all of Peggy's concerns, it would also offer a lot more classes and opportunities to us who live here. We have made a proposal to SWOCC of what we would expect from annexation. It is too early to expect a reply to our proposal, but we hope to get associate degrees delivered entirely within Curry County, in addition to an expanded offering of college level classes and vocational training. Annexation would tie in perfectly with the Education Reform Bill, ease the transition from high school to college, and provide access to all the vocational training and retraining available to the

SWOCC District, but not now available to us here in the County.

There are disadvantages, of course, to our joining the SWOCC District. The climate is poor for any change in existing structures, and that condition will remain. The question that really has to be answered is Who pays? The answer is really appealing: the other guy. Under Measure 5, the education portion of the property tax is capped. For next year, the soonest we can join SWOCC, the cap is below any rate in the County. The SWOCC addition to the education portion won't be seen by any Curry taxpayer. In a sense, we are already paying to support SWOCC (the pooling of all K-14 money by the folk in Salem) without getting any services in return. What will happen is the enlargement of the SWOCC portion of the total community college budget within the State at the expense of the other community colleges.

I recognize that I'm offering a simplistic answer to a complex problem; I'll be happy to provide more detail to any interested folk out there. Call or write. In the meantime, look for our petitions.

Sincerely,

Larry Minnick
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By Valerie Jean Kramer

(Abridged from *The Morris Report*,
The Magazine for Finicky Readers)

Today there are about sixty million cats living in the United States, and it seems that every one of them has a tale. (Most of them have tails too, of course, but that's another tale...)

As an incurable cat-aholic, I have made a hobby of collecting cat tales the way other folks collect stamps. Here are just a few of the cats I have encountered in my ongoing search for memorable cat tales.

Interesting Names

"Cruiser," a handsome black cat with white markings, was a stray cat found in Cleveland, Ohio, by Ruby Charnock. He got his name because, like police cars of that area, he was a black-and-white making his daily patrol of the neighborhood. Photographic evidence shows that Cruiser had a pink nose instead of a red light on top, however.

The winner of the Strange Name For A Cat award is ((A)>(B)?(A):(B))*1.0e6, who is more commonly known as Maxmillion. Max is a Siamese male about two years old and belongs to Joanne Dow, an electronics engineer and computer programmer in the greater Los Angeles area. Max's formal name is an expression from "C," the computer programming language. [The expression instructs the computer to find the maxi-

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mum of A and B and multiplies this maximum by one million. Hence the expression could be read loosely as "max million." Despite his unique moniker, Max is otherwise as normal as any cat.

Interesting Acquisitions

Richter T. Cat first entered Sheila M. Blaise's life on October 1, 1987, just after an earthquake rocked Southern California. Sheila was riding an electric cart on her college's campus. The kitten, evidently scared by the earthquake, jumped into the cart, climbed all over her, and communicated quite plainly, "Take me home!" Sheila did, and named the longhair black and white cat for the

Richter Scale, which is used to measure the intensity of earthquakes. Incidentally, the "T." in Richter's name is not for "The," as you might guess, but rather for "Trouble."

When Evan Kramer of Los Angeles purchased a house he found that a large gray tomcat came with it. Evan felt this old gray cat had a dignified presence and should have a distinguished and unique name. He couldn't just call it "Tom" or "Joe." This fiercely independent, conservative republican cat reminded Evan of the spirit of the former Governor of New Hampshire so he named the cat

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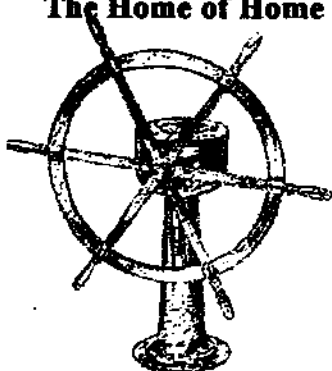
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Every Cat Has A Tale Continued

that's where the cape and coffin come in. Bob and Diana realized that Vlad's calm personality and unusual appearance (which is completely real) could be enhanced with a little stage setting (the cape and coffin) to produce a highly photogenic cat. They have been trying to solicit publicity in the hopes of selling

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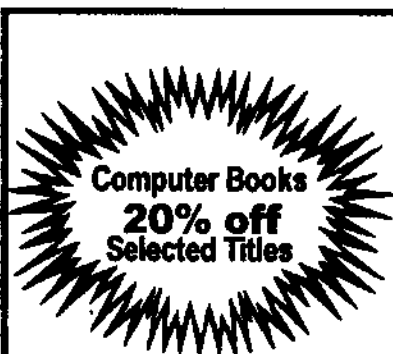
advertising rights. Except for his unusual appearance, Vlad is a normal cat. Many cats are, after all, more active at night than during the day. Like any normal cat, he enjoys eating cat food, steak, fresh fish, blood and cantaloupe.

Asking people to tell me about their cats has been a most enjoyable task. If there's one thing I've learned from all my research into the oddities of catdom, it's

that all cat owners have a tale to tell, and they all seem more than eager to share it. And so the stories go on. Does your cat have an interesting tale? Write and tell us about it.

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Of course one of the most famous adoption stories is that of Morris, the 9 Lives Spokescat. Rescued shortly before he was to be put to sleep in a New England animal shelter, Morris has gone on to become probably the world's most famous domestic cat.

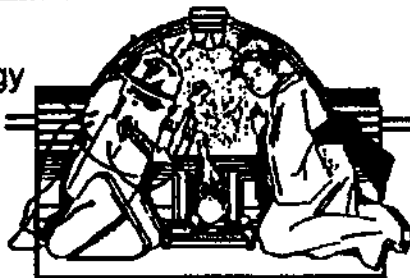
Unique Feats

In February, 1978, Tiger Frommelt found his way home. Tiger had gone with his human family to Wausau, Wisconsin for his summer vacation but he failed to return with them to his home 250 miles away in Dubuque, Iowa. He made the trip on paw in about 8 months and arrived home healthy except that he had put on a little fat. There are those who believe stories like this arise from the fact that many cats look alike. These people believe that we poor humans just can't tell one cat from another. Is Tiger really Tiger? Only Tiger knows for certain.

Distinctly Cat-like Behavior

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my face. As I groped my way to awareness I realized there was a cat standing on my chest — facing my feet! Just about the time I was conscious enough to reach the uncomfortable conclusion that I had been mistaken for a litter box, I realized that a leaky roof was dumping warm rainwater on me. Whew!

Unique Appearance

Vladimir is a 3 1/2 years old black tom

cat. There are lots of black cats, but how many have unusually long fangs, dress in a red and black cape, and like to sleep in a coffin? So far as is known, only one: Vladimir the vampire cat. Vladimir was found at the Salvation Army by Bob and Diana McClure of Phoenix Arizona. He is a good-natured cat who is more than happy to pose for photographs. In fact,

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Nurses Join Hospital Staff

Teresa Hartman, R.N., and Tina Somers, L.P.N., have joined the nursing staff at Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach.

Hartman holds two associate degrees from Clark College in Vancouver, WA, one in science and another in nursing. Prior to earning her nursing degree, she worked for 11 years as a certified nurse's assistant. While in nursing school, she also worked as a ward clerk for Kaiser Permanente in Clackamas, OR. Hartman grew up in Roseburg. She and her husband, Donald, have a 16 year old son, K.C. Hartman.

Somers is a graduate of Howard College School of Nursing in San Angelo, Texas. In 1987, she accompanied her husband to England where he was stationed at Mildenhall R.A.F., a United States Air Force base. She took a job with the British Nurses Association in Cambridge, England. "I loved the people, loved the country," she says, adding that medical practices differ quite a bit. "The average hospital is about 20 years behind U.S. hospitals in terms of nursing care."

The couple returned from England in 1991. Prior to relocating to Curry County, Somers worked for the 90th Med Group at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, and later for the United Medical Center, both in

Cheyenne, Wyoming. A nationally certified Emergency Medical Technician, she eventually plans to volunteer with the Central Curry Ambulance Association. She and her husband, Dale, live in Gold Beach.

Patient Liaisons smooth patient admissions at Curry General

Patti Cooley of Brookings has been hired as a patient liaison, a new position established at Curry General Hospital to help smooth the way for patients entering the hospital or using outpatient services. Sharing the new position is Laurie Miller of Gold Beach who has worked for Curry General Hospital nearly six years.

Incoming patients now are directed to a private office where staff is dedicated exclusively to admission services, he said. Previously, patients were admitted in the switchboard/reception area. Personnel in that office now serve as receptionists along with providing secretarial support to the entire financial services department.

In addition to Cooley, the hospital also welcomes new hires Joyce Vierra of Gold Beach, billing; Glenda Eckersley of Brookings, evening switchboard; and Steve Zentz and Melady Beeson of Gold Beach, trainees. Zentz is working in maintenance and housekeeping through the Summer Youth Employment Program, while Beeson is under going computer and general office training.

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ber 1993 to May 1994, while assigned to
the Total Quality Management (TQM)
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Hanratty is the Commanding Officer of
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Featured artists are Lloyd Eiters (co-owner of Bandon Botanical Nursery), whose oil paintings always evoke amazement and avid interest; Larry Roberts from Myrtle Point, a "new" artist, who works in wood; and Carol Waxham, from Raincoast Arts in Langlois who will bring her weavings and some new baskets.

Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served as well as potluck snacks. The address of the Studio Gallery is 41687 Highway 101 south, sharing a driveway with the SeaCrest Motel.

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Thu July 28	3:48am 5.7	10:07am 1.3	4:31pm 6.8	11:11pm 1.9
Fri July 29	4:48am 5.1	10:44am 1.9	5:10pm 6.8	NONE ---
Sat July 30	5:59am 4.7	12:11am 1.7	5:56pm 6.7	11:29AM 2.5
Sun July 31	7:27am 4.6	1:16am 1.5	6:46pm 6.8	12:24pm 2.9
Mon Aug 1	8:48am 4.7	2:19am 1.2	7:42pm 6.9	1:23pm 3.2
Tue Aug 2	9:54am 4.9	3:15am 0.8	8:35pm 7.0	2:26pm 3.3
Wed Aug 3	10:42am 5.2	4:06am 0.4	9:23pm 7.2	3:26pm 3.3

Airport Race Concession Applications

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce co-sponsors auto racing at Cape Blanco State Airport on Labor Day weekend, September 3, 4, 5. The applications and regulations for operating a concession booth at the auto races are now available at the Chamber office/visitor center at Battle Rock Park. Completed application forms must be accompanied by a \$50 check. \$20 is refundable if the following conditions are met:

1. The concession stand is open for business all three days of the race event.
2. The concession stand is removed from the airport facility and the area around the concession stand and spectator area is cleaned up no later than 5:00pm, Tuesday, September 6, 1994.
3. Applications will be accepted by the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce, at their offices located in Battle Rock Park, Port Orford, OR, or by mail at

P.O. Box 637, Port Orford, OR 97465.
Applications will not be accepted after 5:00pm, Wednesday, August 10, 1994.

The Chamber will give preference to operate the concession booths in the following order:

1. Local non profit organizations
2. Port Orford Chamber business members
3. Other non profit organizations
4. All others

Each application will be initiated with the date and time it was received. Each application will be considered based upon the above priority list and date and time. The Chamber reserves the right to approve/disapprove of any or all applications.

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