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Festival Fun By Evan Kramer



This recent weekend Port Orford played host to a successful Arts and Seafood Festival. The weather even cooperated and the rain occurred after hours.

I started my festival fun on Saturday morning by going over to the Port Orford Community Building for a cup of delicious clam chowder at the Soft Shell Café. Last year I arrived at the American Legion Hall only to find the clam chowder sold out so this year I took no chances and showed up early.

I toured the junk art show in the American Legion Hall and cast my vote for the best of the sculptures. It turned out that the sculpture I voted for won – Ernie Gordon's truck made from old television and refrigerator parts. Gordon's prize was two \$7.00 gift certificates for the Curry Transfer and Recycle Station.

Then I went into the Community Building to see what the craftspeople had for sale and came away with a piece of the old wooden Port Orford dock. I bought a pen and pencil holder made by Charles Hollowell from a piece of one of the

wooden planks and have it on my desk. Valerie couldn't resist the birdhouses that sported a big cat face (and a small mouse) on the front. She apologizes but she was too excited by her purchase to make note of who made it. A total of 600 people went through the Festival Center on Saturday and another 400 on Sunday.

Please permit me to gush a bit now. I want to say a few things about the Arts and Seafood Festival chairperson, that being Tobe Porter. This was her third year as festival chairperson and she oversaw a very successful event once again. I volunteered to sell sweatshirts and tee shirts for the Arts Council down at the albacore barbecue and got to overhear what some of the people were saying in line. One woman was down here for the festival from Astoria because she had read about it in the local newspaper. I call that music to my ears. Tobe Porter understands the importance of publicity and especially getting the word out to a large geographic audience and that's what happened. She really did our little town a great service as head of the Arts Festival committee and deserves a big thank you.

Tobe does all this work on behalf of the Arts Festival in her "spare" time. Her day jobs include being librarian at both the Port Orford and Langlois libraries. The Langlois Library is getting closer to

building a new 3,100 square foot building and needs another \$80,000 to make it happen. Tobe's goal is for the library building to be rebid in January 2001. The Friends of the Port Orford are saving money for a new Port Orford Library.

I spoke with Tobe on Tuesday afternoon and she said she was thrilled with how the festival went. She summed it up by saying what it was all about to her was knowing people enjoyed it.

Valerie and I hosted a show of the art, poetry, sculpture and Star Trek models of Will Van Dorin at the Fun Zone. One problem we had this year as well as last with his show is we can't move all the videotapes out of the way so most of his work is displayed "on high," above the videos, in the store and it caused a bit of confusion. Thanks to all of you who came by and saw some samples of Will's work once you figured out where to look. I'm proud to own several of Van Dorin's works and count him and his wife Jan as good friends.

Sunday the decks were cleared for an all day adventure with the Arts Festival. I started with lox and bagels and hot coffee provided by the Chamber of Commerce at the Soft Shell Café and then it was on to the Rotary Club Show 'n Shine Car

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Senior News
By Mary Yoder

First I'd like to tell you who our volunteer of the month of September is – Dutch Heinauer. He is an outstanding volunteer. He gardens, does dishes, and takes care of the office. Thursday afternoons anything he'll do it. He has been off duty but know he will be back soon. Thank you for all you've done from all of us.

Now here are the birthday people for September. Patric Bogan 9-10, Leo Welch 9-9, Hazel Klima 9-20, Savannah Tremmel 9-22, Ed Dowdy 9-25, Dottie Clothier 9-25, Lila Sarratt 9-30. Hope you all had a very very happy birthday.

August 31 Rotary luncheon – volunteers working were Mary Evans, Gale Lee, Norma Ellis, Betty Berger, Judy Franklyn, Connie Heida, Amos Nelson. Setting up the dining room Mary Yoder with Mary Evans helping.

September 4 – pinocle – good time had by all. High Jean Shank, Betty Keeler tied for high, 2nd Dot Spencer, low me Mary Yoder.

September 5 board meeting. Anything new I'll let you know.

September 9 is the luncheon at 11:30am also birthday time. Free lunch for birthday people. Also ice cream and cake. Rummage sale 8:00am to 1:00pm.

September 10 is breakfast from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Also rummage sale from 8:00am to 1:00pm.

The walking group at 8:30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Every Thursday at 1:00pm is dominoes.

September 8 at 6:30pm is Lion's Bingo at Langlois.

Don't forget to turn in your recipes. The ladies are waiting for them.

It takes a little courage
 And a little self control
 And some grim determination
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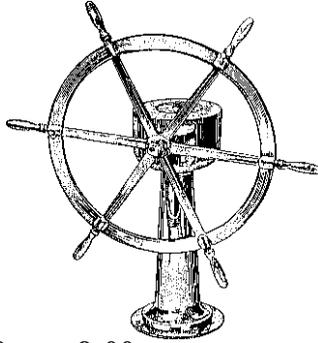
Water Quality Management

Curry SB1010 (Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan) local advisory committee (LAC) will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00pm at the Gold Beach Fire Hall, Gold Beach. The public is welcome. For more information please call Linda Smith, Curry SWCD, Outreach Coordinator at 541-348-2652.

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Thoughts on Generations By Graeme Graydon



One of the biggest surprises, when I came to this country, was to find a pronounced separation of generations. There was a distinct culture according to the age of people. It was most evident with the teen-agers, (who by now are parents of teen-agers themselves). The hardest thing to understand however, was that the seniors, for whatever reason, were well separated from their families except for the usual Christmas and Thanksgiving formalities - which raises a tricky question. If, in the course of years an elder gathers some wisdom or understanding, how can s/he share it with young minds, still eager to learn, when the generations don't want to talk or listen to each other. In this country more than any other I know, it hasn't been OK to be old. Other cultures value their elders, they have a place of prestige in the community, respected and sometimes honored by all, and they do not live completely separated from them.

The separation has become so great, that retirees do their best to get away from their families, and we are now having to build special facilities for teen-agers to keep them amused and occupied. Taking care of children for mothers and caretaking of seniors for families, are both thriving industries - and very expensive to maintain.

I believe that people need people. Babies need the confident arms of older people, children need to appreciate the process of growing older joyfully by knowing people who are already there. Teen-agers need the opportunity to question the hearts and minds of respected elders other than their parents. Young parents need their children to teach them to be parents, and the encouragement of an elder generation who have survived parenting. Elders need young, clean minds around them to keep them on their toes and teens to keep them from being stuffy and complacent. Young ones need to see age and understand that death is as natural as birth. Old folk need to see birth to remind them of their own to come.

My favorite person, when I was 10, was a very old gentleman, Tom Cox, who

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greeted me once a week at church. He always made me feel good - Granny Proctor, (who wasn't related at all), lived all alone in a tiny cottage with a magic garden halfway between the home of my parents and the first farm I worked on. She was in her 80's when I was a late teen with a big BSA motorbike. I loved to drop in on her, she was so special. At high school, we begged our teachers to tell of their experiences in the war, things they wanted to forget but we wanted to know. I learned about sex, not from my peers, but from older, married men who respected me and their own sexual expression

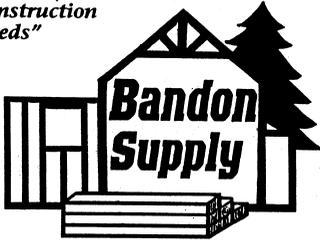
Now that I am an elder, (I suppose), I don't expect younger people to take much notice of me, but when they do, it makes me feel that I am as young as they are, there's really no generation separation at all.

[Editor's Note: Graeme apologizes that this isn't the article he promised last week. That one is proving more difficult to write than he anticipated so, to do it proper justice, he's spending a bit more time on it. He hopes to have it ready next week.]

NHRA Drag Races

Due to the rain the PRA stock car races were cancelled on September 3 at Coos Bay International Speedway. The next event at the Speedway will be NHRA drag races on Sunday, September 17.

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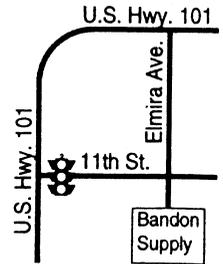
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Cranberry Festival Coronation

Breaking a 54 year tradition; sixteen year old Joel Foster is the first male to compete in Bandon's Cranberry Festival 2000. Sponsored by Coos Curry Electric, this is not the first barrier Foster has broken. His first experience in the theater was with the lead role of Johnny Quick in the 1997 Port Orford production of "Fool's Hill" written by William Sipes, and under the direction of Michael Hall.

A junior at Pacific High School, Foster's interests are varied, including his passion for cross country and track. Visual art is created through his dramatic drawings and metal sculptures, while bringing us into his world with his humorous writings. As a published humorist, Foster's anecdotes and sometimes confession, can be found in his weekly column in the Port Orford News.

Foster can also be found in the political arena. As president of his class two years

running, he takes an active roll in student government. His plans include pursuing the position of Oregon Association of Student Councils state president.

The son of Randy and Lynda Foster of Port Orford, Joel's accomplishments are many. His goal of attending Yale University with masters in Theater/Drama Arts as well as graphic arts, may seem to some, an unattainable dream, but for Joel Foster; "Success is a journey, not a destination" and with the exceptional support and encouragement I've received from my family and friends, "My journey has already begun."

The 54th Annual Cranberry Festival Coronation ceremony is Friday, September 8 at 7:00pm, held in the Harbor Lights Middle School in Bandon. Tickets are \$4 for students and seniors and \$6 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at Coos-Curry Electric, Downtown Fun Zone and by contacting Joel Foster at 332-9035.

South Pacific

Bandon Playhouse's presentation of Rogers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific has been rescheduled. The play is now set to open on Saturday, September 9 at the new Sprague Theater in Bandon City Park.

The play will be performed on September 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 on Friday and Saturday nights starting at 8:00pm. Matinee performances will be held on September 10, 17 and 23 and begin at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$10 for the evening performances. Sunday matinee performances are \$7 for seniors and kids. Tickets are available in advance at Bandon Tru-Value Hardware and Bandon Mercantile.

Chamber Board Meeting

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting is on Monday, September 11, noon, at the Wheelhouse Restaurant.

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Brice Wagner Statement

To all patrons of the Port Orford Rural Fire District.

Reason for my personal choice of resignation v/s recall election.

1. The first reason is after inquiring of the Curry County Elections office, I am told the election would cost \$1,000 and even though several friends have advised me to challenge or contest this problem I personally feel the taxpayers of this fire district have a better use of fire protection dollars than spend the money on a recall election that law required the fire district to "foot the bill."
2. To have pursued this course of battling politically to hold an unpaid position plus create hard feelings among patrons pro and con for my recall it seems to me the right and proper thing to do is resign.
3. It is my hope that all patrons of this fire district who are interested in the progressive improvement to their fire protection seek the truth and actual facts of some serious problems that exist within this community.
4. All patrons in the fire district who are interested in their fire protection need to understand the various rea-

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sons past and present Boards planned, cleared, and built the fire station at the Cedar Terrace location.

5. The chief petitioner Lu Cobb and her group were on the past board of the Port Orford Rural Fire District and were part of planning for this necessary improvement in locating fire apparatus more central throughout the district.
6. Serving on the Port Orford Rural Fire Board, and originally carrying the petition to help form the district in its beginning has been a great feeling of accomplishment for myself to have been involved with these twenty three years of both board service and fire service.
7. I plan on keeping very interested and with optimism that both city and rural negotiating teams can come up with a new set of business like contractual agreement that fits both entities and the net result be all parties, city council, fire department and rural district working in harmony in the very near future.

Sincerely,

Brice Wagner

Pete Lenihan Trio

The Pete Lenihan Trio performs on Friday night at Spaghetti West from 7:00 to 10:00pm.

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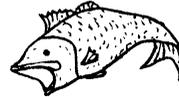
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Public Meetings

Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School district board holds a work session on Thursday, September 7, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School. In addition an executive session will be held under ORS 192.660(I)(I) concerning personnel matters.

Port Orford Arts Council will meet at 6:30pm, Friday, September 8, in the back of the North Curry Service Center, 1403 N. Highway 101. All are welcome.

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, September 11, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, September 12, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Rural Fire District board meets on Tuesday, September 12, 7:00pm, at the Elk River Fire Station.

Port Orford-Langlois 2CJ School District board meets on Tuesday, September 12, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

Curry Governments will meet on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00pm. The meeting will take place at the Gold Beach City Hall. For further information contact Commissioner Cheryl Thorp at 247-7011.

Board Picks New Members

The Port Orford Langlois 2CJ School District board met on Thursday afternoon and chose three people to fill the vacancies on the board. Board members Gary Anderson, Alan Brown, Virginia Hughes and Shirley Van Loo were in attendance as well as school superintendent Phil Sword and in her last official act with the school district Administrative Secretary Gloria Koski.

Shirley Van Loo made a motion to appoint Gayle Rathbun for position #1, Jim Arntz for position #2 and John Jensen for position #3. The motion carried 4-0.

Gary Anderson made a motion to allow Lauren and Leslieann Hancock to leave the 2CJ school district and go into the Bandon school district if the family has moved to Bandon by October 1. The motion passed 4-0. The board was acting on a request made by their foster parents.

Gloria Koski has now left the 2CJ School district and is moving to Reno after she working as a secretary for 30 years. She said she wants to become a professional pet sitter in Reno.

Art Show Winners

Here are the winners in the first youth festival art show.

Division A ages 6-9

Zane Groven
Noelene Dacayana
Jessie Culley
Chelsi Garratt
Ashley Curry
Todd Martin
Emily Grace Houck

Division B ages 10-14

Robyn Culley
Signe Tronson

Division C ages 15-18

Holly Klein
Marilyn Garratt

Best of Show – Marilyn Garratt

There were 51 entries in our first youth festival art show. Special thanks to our merchants, judges, clerks and husband.

Sincerely,

Jan Dacayana



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Letter to the Editor,

Do we care about the future of Port Orford? I do. I'm willing to give my time and energy for the well being of citizens and visitors of Port Orford. I was encouraged by several people to run for mayor again. It was a difficult decision due to the time and energy required and the other obligations which I have. I know many of you also give time, energy and funds to worthwhile endeavors. If we really care about the safety, security and the future of Port Orford, now is the time to put our money towards the livability of our community. Please show you care by voting for the police funding levy.

Sincerely,

Mayor Gary Doran

Letter to the Editor,

Does anyone in Port Orford know the Roselie'es? They owned and ran the Whale Cove restaurant across from Battle Rock. I used to work for them and I just wanted to say "Hello" to them. Port Orford is beautiful anytime of year. It's great to know that I can visit anytime over the Internet, because I live over 2,300 miles away in Centerville, Iowa.

Would any one in Port Orford like to have a pen pal from the Midwest? My wife & I have been back here for 6 yrs. now, the pace is slower back here, and the rents are more reasonable for us away. I am a freelance commercial writer part-time, I

haven't got any bids yet, but that will change over time. The rest of my time I'm a Consumer Advocate for the Mentally-Ill in SE Iowa. Well, it's 2:15 am & I have to get some sleep.

Later!!!!

Peter Bowers III
pwb3@iowasocean.com

Ballot Measure Discussion

Ballot measures 91, 93 and 8 will be discussed at the September meeting of the League of Women Voters of Curry County, North County unit. Also on the agenda will be an outline of the local League's program for the year and plans for Voters Service for the General Election.

The meeting will be held Friday, September 8, at 10:00am at the home of Dot Mathews in Port Orford. Dot lives on Doug Johnson Lane, at the end of Deady Street. All citizens of voting age, men or women, are invited to attend.

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Fly Over

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Letter to the Editor,

I am voting for the police levy. I am doing this not because paying more taxes gives me goose pimples, or because I am out of ammunition or because I don't have a scary dog or because I might get a free get out of jail card or because I am slow on my crosswalk dashes. I am doing it because nobody has shown me a reason not to. I have gone to the Sheriff's meetings, I have gone to the budget meetings and I am on the committee whose main purpose is to figure out a way to get someone else other than us to pay for it. I have not made this decision lightly. Bucks are hard to come by. This is no gold plated fancy dude service I am willing to sup-

Cranberry Coronation Ceremony 2000

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port. This is a no frills two man local, local department. Not saying anything against the sheriff or the guys with the funny hats but I like to keep the decision making closer to home. Every time things get tight, we seem to take it in the shorts. 91,796 a year is what is keeping us from having a department. I know a lot of reasons for having a department and so does everyone else who reads the paper and stops to think about it. I can think of only one not to and it is kinda selfish. I am still open for convincing other wise but right now I'm stumped. I'm voting yes.

Ed Beck

Letter to the Editor,

This letter regards the statement printed in last week's paper written by Jeff Barnes.

In reference to your paragraph #3, newspaper article paid by you and published August 31, 2000. Quote "Any respect-

able community would have been indebted to him, why not Port Orford." Whoever you are talking about is not the only person in this community that devotes their time and money for worthy causes. What about the service organizations such as Rotary, Lions, E.S.A., Chamber, Jubilee, Booster, Project Graduation, Garden Clubs, Senior Center, Arts & Seafood, Fishermen and Wives, church groups, sports groups, ambulance, fire departments, police, governmental boards & councils, parents, grandparents, etc. We are all grateful to those who give their time, money, and efforts to make our community a better place to live.

I take your statement not only as a personal insult but a slam against our community. Shame on you, Mr. Barnes. In light of your article I sincerely hope that you resign.

Mary O. Loan



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Mad Scientists To Meet By Valerie Jean Kramer

The first meeting of what I hope will become the "Mad Scientists of Port Orford" is scheduled to meet at 7:00pm on Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to see if there is enough interest to form such an organization and, if so, what kind of group it will be. How will it be organized? Where, when, and how often should it meet? What should the meetings be like? What projects might the group like to consider? Etc.

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the Fourth of July. I hope that in the process of showing some of the fun side of science, we can open people's imaginations and perhaps encourage some of the school-age folk to take more of an interest in science.

But those are just my ideas. What will the group decide? Guess we'll have to wait a couple of weeks and see! Don't forget to mark your calendar if you're interested. If you have questions, call me at 332-6565 or drop by The Downtown Fun Zone.



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Voters' Pamphlet

Secretary of State Bill Bradbury prepared Oregonians for the size and breadth of the November Voters' Pamphlet. "The Voters' Pamphlet will be two volumes, one for candidates and one for measures. We are expecting the measure volume to exceed 360 pages," Bradbury stated. "It will be the largest pamphlet the Secretary of State has ever produced."

The size of the Voters' Pamphlet is due to a record 607 arguments purchased on the 26 ballot measure voters will decide in November. The previous record was 365 arguments in the November 1996 pamphlet. Each argument costs \$500 and the

state poses no limitations on how many arguments can be submitted.

"This year's measure pamphlet will look different to voters," Bradbury said. "Since it is so thick, it cannot be stapled, so it will be bound like a phone book and will be about as thick as the white pages for Eugene and Springfield."

"I don't want voters to be scared off by so much information, so I will be clearly labeling the impartial explanatory committee statement, fiscal impact statement and text of each measure," Bradbury said. "The impartial information will be marked with a printed tab so voters can go right to it and it will be immediately clear

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what is impartial information and what is paid political advertising."

Bradbury made the decision to go the phone book style, called "perfect binding," when it became clear that the measure book would have been divided in two if it were stapled. The separate candidates' volume will be stapled and will look more familiar to voters. "By binding the measure pamphlet like a book we are not only eliminating the confusion of having three pamphlets, we are also making this tool more user friendly," Bradbury stated.

"It is important to me that the elections process remain as accessible and understandable as possible and these improvements are a step in the right direction," Bradbury stated.

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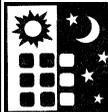
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Letter to the Editor,

The Democratic Party of Coos County wants to go on record as being in opposition to Ballot Measure 97, which would ban trapping. It would prohibit the use of leghold traps and other body-gripping traps to capture mammals and would prohibit the sale, purchase, barter or exchange of raw fur from mammals trapped in Oregon.

Here's why the Democratic Party of Coos County believes this Measure just doesn't make sense. First, it would ban common mole and gopher traps. Second, it would require a permit for trapping nuisance animals. Third, violations

could result in a Class A Misdemeanor with fines up to \$5,000 per animal and one year in jail. Furthermore, head gates, which are used to hold cattle, sheep and horses while receiving essential lifesaving medical treatment, could be banned. Lariats used to rope cattle at rodeos could be banned. Finally, snares and catchpoles used by animal control officers to restrain vicious dogs could also be banned.

To conclude, if Ballot Measure 97 were passed it would limit resource management decisions by professionals and turn the decision-making process into a complicated system of bureaucratic red tape. It would increase crop and livestock dam-

age causing significant economic hardship to South Coast farmers and ranchers and would create an additional crime, which would tax our already overworked District Attorney. Vote NO on Ballot Measure 97.

Dave Tilton, Chair
Democratic Party of Coos County

Sunset Garden Club News

The garden club will meet at noon Sept. 8 at Lee Kinkaid's, 43399 Elk Hill Road.. Bring a sack lunch & lawn chair. Lee will provide coffee and fruit juice. Parking is limited. To carpool, meet at the Senior Center at 11:30. For more info, call Kirk 332-6325.



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Editorial opinion by Evan Kramer

Port Orford voters are facing a choice to either pay for or not pay for a police department in an election that will be decided on September 19.

Port Orford has had a police department for the past four years thanks mainly to federal COPS grants in the amount of \$147,227 as well as general fund money generated from traffic tickets. Now the grants have run their course and it's time for Port Orford to pay its own way for the police department and in effect fly on its own.

Port Orford has many problems that warrant a police department. The main highway through town is a speedway, **not** a speed trap and enforcement of the traffic laws is my number one priority. There are numerous other jobs the police department handle, which many will consider more important including crime prevention and apprehension of criminals. We're currently undergoing a wave of burglaries that need to be stopped and solved. We're fortunate we don't suffer from a lot of the major crimes like murder, rape, robbery and assault but if these incidents occur we will need our police department to deal with them. Hopefully having a department will deter people from committing these kinds of crimes in the first place.

I type the police log into our paper every week and can see the problems in our city. If there is a big drug problem in Port Orford it's not evident from reading the police log. I'm supporting the police levy despite the war-on-drugs fear-mongering that is being promoted in the other newspaper.

Valerie and I don't live in the City but own business property here so we get to pay for the levy if it passes but not vote on it. I'm willing to pay my share to keep our police department in operation.



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Festival Fun

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Show at Driftwood Elementary School. The owners of the restored antique cars and trucks not only don't want you to touch them; you can't even take them for a spin around the block. I settled for lots of photos. One enjoyable addition this year was Stan and Jackie Dishong displaying two of their antique motorcycles including a Harley Davidson motorcycle that once belonged to actor Steve McQueen. Stan started up the Harley but didn't take it around the track so to speak. The Rotary Club had some tasty barbecued "cheezburgers" for sale and I couldn't resist. My stomach was now full and it was time for a walkabout so I headed over to the Rick Cook Gallery where Jerry Stoope was carving a fish from a piece of wood then walked down to the dock and my short stint selling sweatshirts. The albacore barbecue was a resounding success and all two hundred and twenty five pounds were sold feeding approximately 500 people. Live music was provided by String Fling with Steve Montana and John Chamberlin. They treated the crowd to a delightful mix of bluegrass and folk music played on a 5-string banjo, bass, guitars, mandolin and

dobro (not all at the same time).

I left this event and headed back up the hill and stopped and said hello to Joyce and Doug Kinney at the TransAction Gallery and took a look at their show, which consisted of some truly unique hand woven pieces. It was while standing outside there that I witnessed the flyover, which Clayton Lyons had promised. Three planes from Frank's Flying Service in Bandon flew over in a formation with George Welch in his much faster plane doing more interesting aerial acrobatics. Thanks George and the Bandon flyers for the air show. Then it was back to the Fun Zone where my truck was parked and a short drive up Coast Guard Hill to Siggie and Donna Hoffmann's house for Art in the Garden II featuring the metal sculpture of Lewis Lytal and the marble sculpture of Eric Johnson. I had never been up to the Hoffman's garden for a visit and it was delightful. I got very inspired by what a lot of hard work can produce and decided to get back to working in my garden.

Then it was back down the hill and with a little time to spare before the play I strolled back to Driftwood for another look at those cars and trucks.

Then it was finally getting close to show time at the Savoy Theater where a presentation of "Wild Bill" Shakespeare's **Much Ado About Nothing** was set to begin at 4:00pm. Judging from the size of the audience this was the most well attended of the three performances and it was well received. The play was funny and the young cast with a couple of seasoned veterans thrown in did a fantastic job of making the Immortal Bard accessible to us. I still don't see how they remember all their lines. I can't remember what day of the week it is sometimes. J.J. Nelson, who played the part of Claudio, told me the cast rehearsed the play a total of 200 hours meaning most of the month of August was spent working on this play.

I didn't get to see all the events so I can't report on all that went on with this Festival. The Festival sponsors and people that put on the events deserve a big thanks. If you didn't get an Arts and Seafood Festival tee-shirt or sweatshirt there are still some available at the Rick Cook Gallery.

Ballot Box Drop Off

Ballots for the September 19 City of Port Orford police levy election can be either mailed back to the Curry County Elections division or dropped off in person at Port Orford City Hall. The drop off box will be located in the hallway adjacent to the council chambers and it will be attended. The ballot box will be provided during the following hours.

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