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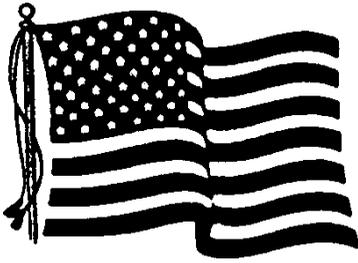
Old Fashioned 4th Of July by Valerie Jean Kramer

I'm sorry you can't all be with us today but I thought I'd share this with you so you can all enjoy it vicariously at least.

The 4th of July is one time when all of Port Orford turns out for community fun and it's a great time to visit our area. Actually, the celebration began yesterday with the annual pet show. Here are a few of the entrants. Everyone got a prize (or two or three).

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Port Orford 1997 Jubilee

Schedule of events

Sunday, June 29

2:00 p.m. **Junior Court Coronation** at Community building. No admission. Donations will be accepted for refreshments.

Thursday, July 3

3:00 p.m. **Pet Show** behind Old Town Cantina, 8th and Oregon. All types of animals are welcome. No fees or admission charges.

8:00 p.m. **Square Dance** at Beachcomber's Cove, two miles north of Port Orford.

Friday, July 4

7:00 a.m. **Rotary Pancake Breakfast** at Driftwood Elementary School, sponsored by the local Rotary Club. Pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, milk or coffee. Adults \$4, under 12, \$2.50, under 4, free.

7:30 a.m. **Sand Sculpture Contest** at Port Beach on dock road. Divisions for all ages and prizes given. Judging at 9:30 a.m. No admission fee. Sponsored by North Curry Family and Children's Center.

9:00 a.m. **Quilt and Flower Shows** at Driftwood elementary school.

10:00 a.m. **Fish Display** at Driftwood school. Sponsored by Port Orford Women's Fishery Network. No fees or charges.

11:00 a.m. **Jubilee Parade** starts at fireball on 19th and Idaho, ends at Battle Rock city park. Lineup for judging at 10 a.m.

12:00 NOON **Square Dance Demonstration** at Battle Rock park after parade.

12:30 a.m. **Horse Playday** at Buffington Memorial Park. Games for all ages. No admission charges. Ribbons and High Point trophies awarded. Sponsored by Curry County Mounted Sheriff's Posse.

1:00 p.m. **Fish Box Derby** begins on Eleventh street east of Highway 101. Races Begin at 1 p.m.

1:00 p.m. **Dinghy Races** at Battle Rock beach. No admission fee. Two person teams. Row out to marker and back. Two laps per person, four lap race. Sponsored by Port Orford Fisherman's Association.

2:00 p.m. **Survival Suit Contest** following dinghy races. Participants will put on suits and swim from boat in bay to beach. Sponsored by Fisherman's Association.

3:00 p.m. **Salmon Bar-B-Que** at Driftwood school. Salmon, baked beans, Cole slaw, rolls, cake, coffee or lemon aide. Adults, \$8; under 12, \$5. Sponsored by Fishermen's Association.

6:30 p.m. **Breeches Buoy Contest** at Battle Rock Beach. No admission fees. Participants will remove two bodies (dummies) from shipwreck.

8:00 p.m. **Square Dancing** at Beachcomber's Cove.

Dusk - **Fireworks Display** at Battle Rock park under direction of local volunteer fire department. No admission but donations will be accepted at sound truck.

Saturday, July 5

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **Pancake Breakfast** at Beachcomber's Cove. Ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes, coffee or milk for \$4.

9:30 a.m. **Horseshoe Tournament** at Buffington Park. Singles, doubles, and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$3 per event. Trophies awarded.

8:00 p.m. **Square Dance** at Beachcomber's Cove, two miles north of Port Orford.

8:30 p.m. **Teen Dance** at the Port Orford Community Building. Couples, \$5, singles, \$3.

Concession Booths will be located in Battle Rock Park

Please don't drink and drive!



Old Fashioned 4th Of July continued from front cover

This morning (the Fourth) the day dawned clear and sunny. At least I suppose it did. There was overcast at about 3:30am when I ducked into the spa for a dip but after that I went back to bed and didn't get up till almost 8 o'clock and it was nice and sunny by then. I might not have gotten up yet but I didn't want to miss all the fun.

As soon as I was presentable, I headed down to The Downtown Fun Zone to be sure I had a parking space. I walked across the street to Paul Bodtke's Port Orford Pottery. Paul has been running a massive pottery sale on seconds and odd lots every Fourth of July for four years now and there are always some fantastic bargains. I felt like I hit the jackpot this year. Even though I was late in coming, I got three unique dragons along with some dragon eggs and a bit of fish for their dessert.



Evan joined me and we went to the Rotary Club's all-you-can-eat breakfast. So did most of the rest of Port Orford, it seemed. The line was long but it moved fast. Charles Quillan and Justin Bauman were selling tickets and a large crew was in the kitchen. I saw Mike Hewitt flipping pancakes, and John Phillips working scrawled eggs and ham. My apologies to



all the rest for not making note of your names but there were a lot of you and you all did very well.

The breakfast was even better this year than last year but all too soon it was time to go see the sand castles at the Dock Beach.



There was no shortage of sand nor of creativity. Here are just a few of the works including castles and a clown as well as a couple of the artists who posed for a quick pic. There were also a sand mermaid, sand race to the future theme images, a hippo, a volcano, and lots more. All now have returned to just plain sand as the tide came in. Sic transit gloria mundi.

That's ok though. Myrtle enjoyed a swim



in the ocean, chasing sticks that Evan tossed to her and it was soon time to return to town to watch the grand parade. The parade is a big deal! Everybody gets in on the act.

The parade started with a fly-by of a couple of F-16's at about 10:35. I missed them. I forgot to go outside and watch. Oops. At 11am the parade begins lead by a police car and its screaming siren. There are lots of vehicles with sirens, loud horns, or playing music. The kids love it! Many of the vehicles' passengers throw candy to the crowd which also pleases the kids (and more than a few adults). Here are some photos.









Everywhere you look, people were having fun. I forgot to look at my watch but the parade must have lasted between an hour and an hour and a half. I was still left wanting more.

After the parade many fans wandered to the end of the line at Battle Rock Park to visit the booths, buy fireworks, or just to see what everyone else was doing! The local restaurants are all doing a booming business as are Circle K and Sentry market.

As I write this, it's after 1:00pm and the fishbox derby, the dinghy races, and the survival suit contests have begun. Evan just came by to get the camera and go take some pix of the fishbox derby. I think he had been watching the dinghy race preparations.



The current contests will continue for a while yet. At 3:00 pm the Salmon Bar-B-Que begins. If you like salmon, you won't want to miss it! Later the Breeches Buoy Contest will be held at 6:30 and the square dance at 8. Fireworks at Battle Rock Park is probably one of the days most popular events (after the parade.) Be sure to bring warm clothes - it gets chilly down by the ocean at night.

Saturday the fun continues but you can see all that in the schedule on page two. If you didn't make it this year, hope to see you next year! The more the merrier!



