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Tsunami Warning Sirens

By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met on Monday night and began by getting a year end report from Volunteer Fire Department chief Gayle Wilcox. She told the council it had been an "excellent year for the department." She said all department members were now NFPA 1 (National Fire Protection Association) certified. She spoke about the cooperation between the Port Orford, Sixes, Langlois and Ophir fire departments. Councilor Jim Campbell told Wilcox he was impressed with the amount of time the firefighters put into their job. Mayor Jim Auburn thanked the fire department for the job they've done. Wilcox's written report shows that on average 10 firefighters respond to calls and they average 15 firefighters at the training sessions.

The council received a written request from Hamlet resident Erna Barnett on behalf of Hamlet residents. They want to hold a block party on Saturday, August 19, from 1:00-5:30pm and block off the area between Wyoming and California to traffic. The council voted 4-0 to approve the request.

Councilor Steve Abbott spoke about the recently installed Tsunami warning si-

rens and said they needed to be tested. They have been installed and the electrical work done but need to be inspected. A public announcement will be published in this paper and the Port Orford News next week announcing the date of the testing of the sirens which will be at noon.

The Public Works report showed 7.676 million gallons of water pumped from the Hubbard Creek reservoir. The city distributed 5.4999 million gallons of water from the water treatment plant. 3,146,000 gallons of water were metered. 100,000 gallons of water were lost due to flushing the system and 2.253 million gallons of water were unaccounted for and lost.

Public Works Director Dave Pace brought an example of why so much water gets lost. It was a section of water distribution line made of asbestos cement. The piece that Pace displayed to the council had developed a hole the size of a tennis ball which would have drained the water tank if not discovered. Pace said the city has ten miles of asbestos cement water distribution lines. He said the crew was checking for water leaks street by street.

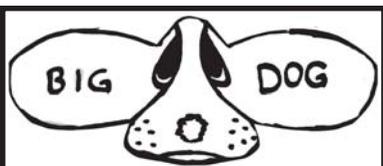
Police Chief Mark Creighton spoke to the council about the department. Mayor

Auborn told Creighton the police did a great job over the July 4 holiday. Creighton told the council they had just sworn in a new reserve officer - Chris Bussmann. He said that Myrtle Point had donated a car to the department and that currently all police cars have under 100,000 miles on them. Creighton said the department had hired Patty Barnes for the court clerk position. He said she has a paralegal certificate with a lot of police experience.

Chamber of Commerce member Jay Stoler told the council the organization was preparing for this weekend's Curry County Fair. He said the Chamber would have a double booth at the Fair promoting North Curry County products. The theme of the booth is "It's Only Natural". The Chamber will also have a presence at the State Fair in Salem in August. The Chamber wraps up its summer activities with a 155 birthday party for Port Orford at Buffington Park on Labor Day featuring a tuna barbecue.

Councilor Abbott said the watershed committee had volunteered to help the city with its water master plan. Abbott spoke about needing help to water the trees on the 140 acre watershed easement.

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Tsunami Warning Sirens Continued from Front Cover

The Port Orford Municipal Court date has been changed to the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Progress stalled on the development of the Old Jail Park. The council considered Ordinance 2007-01 which would vacate a portion of Eighth Street at Jefferson Street. This is part of a land swap where Eight Street would be vacated and the owner of the property would get part of that vacated street and he would relinquish part of the land the jail is located on. But the council was not presented with a map of the land swap known as Exhibit A so continued the matter to the August meeting.

The council took no action on the planning director contract. They are considering two options; one to contract the city planning services out to the county or have their own department. They have received a letter from planner Crystal Shoji about the cost of doing the city planning but city manager Mike Murphy said he has no idea yet what it will cost.

Mayor Auburn estimated it would cost the city \$2,000 a month to run their own planning department. If the city contracted with the county all fees and grants would go to the county and the city would in effect get a free planning department. But then the city would have to go along with the county planning fees which are up to 700% higher than the city's.

The City is working on a contract for a city engineer. They are attempting to get a scope of work document from SHN Engineering.

The council is considering whether to change the way it handles its unemployment insurance claims. Currently the city is what is known as a "reimbursing employer". City employees who are laid off collect unemployment insurance through the state but then the city reimburses the state for the cost. Most private employers pay into the unemployment insurance pool and then let the state handle it. Mike Murphy said the city wouldn't have saved any money the past four years if they had been insured through the state. Last year

the city paid \$12,783 in unemployment claims.

The city has been offered a free water/sewer rate study which they will accept.

Mike Murphy said the electricity had been installed in Buffington Park for the park host. It cost the city \$920 but thanks to Murphy getting three bids on the job the city saved nearly \$1,900 over the high bid. The park hosts volunteer their time but are provided with a free space and utilities. A background check run through the police department will be done on any potential park hosts.

The next council meeting is on Monday, August 21, 7:00pm.

Police Report By Chief Creighton Creighton@popd.org

07-10 Police responded with Port Orford Ambulance to an accident on Port Orford Loop Road, Police and ambulance personnel arrived and ambulance personnel attended to the injured. A male

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subject was trying to back a 4 wheeler out of a pickup truck with two small children aboard. The four-wheeler went into a forward gear, and the vehicle flipped over onto the subjects, and then rolled out of the vehicle. The vehicle driver and two small children were transported by ambulance.

07-10 Police received a complainant from a person who found two Ravens dead, and were concerned about the bird Flu. Information was provided to the Curry County Health Department. If you find any dead birds and are concerned, you can call the Curry County Health Department at 541-247-3300. When we contacted the health department we were advised that the state will examine any birds found if the birds have died less than 24 hours of finding them, and the death is unknown or suspicious.

07-10 police took a report of harassment on 12th street.

07-11 Police assisted Bandon Police on a report of theft. The victim of the theft followed the suspects to Port Orford. When they stopped he contacted them and obtained his property back. After the victim got his property back he took the

keys from the vehicle and took them to the Port Orford Police Department. The suspects came to the police department to file a theft report against the victim for taking their keys. Bandon police responded and advised the female had taken other property in Bandon. She was arrested, and Bandon Police took custody of her.

07-13 Police received a report that a male subject had confronted a 15 year old juvenile and requested controlled substance from the juvenile. Police determined the male subject was on parole with a clause of no contact with minors. Police searched and located the male at the Port Orford Library where he was detained pursuant to contact with his parole officer. The subject became violent and it took three Port Orford Officers to detain him. Because of the males violent actions two officers were needed to transport him to the county jail where he was lodged for the parole violation and later released back into our community by the Sheriff's Office.

07-14 Police assisted Port Orford Ambulance on a report of a subject with a possible broken hand. The male subject was volatile and had broken his own

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hand by slamming his hand in the door. Police gave Port Orford Ambulance a courtesy escort to the hospital pending violent actions by the subject they were transporting.

07-14 Police received a report of a female subject receiving harassing letters.

07-14 Police assisted Curry County Sheriff's Office with a courtesy ride to a female and her dog to the Port Orford area.

07-15 police responded to Rays Food Place on a call of a fight in progress. The fight had been broken up upon police arrival, and one male had fled the area. One male subject was transported by ambulance for a head injury. The other was located, and after an investigation into the incident was issued a citation to appear for Assault IV, and Disorderly Conduct. The male that was transported to the hospital was later contacted, and issued a citation to appear for Disorderly Conduct.

07-15 Police responded to 18th and Jackson Street where a subject was cited for a dog as a public nuisance.

07-15 Police observed a loose goat in the street where he tried to contact the goat and tie it back up. Another goat was tangled up so the helpful officer tried to untangle that goat. The goat got upset with the officer and tried to bite the officer on the knee. The officer decided he had been too helpful and left the area.

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Police Chief's Note

By Chief Creighton

Creighton@popd.org

The Port Orford Police Department received a donated police car from Myrtle Point Police Chief Rock Rakosi. The newer patrol vehicle has 80,000 miles on it and will replace our oldest patrol vehicle with 198,000 miles. Thank you Myrtle Point Police. The Port Orford reserves are becoming very active. When I started the reserve force over a year ago we had five new reserve officers with little training. We have lost and gained reserves this past year. Two of our reserves are now employed by the Curry County Sheriff's Office, and two have been hired by our department. Those positions have been replaced by other reserves still maintaining a reserve staff of five. Two of our newest reserves have extensive law enforcement training, and can handle almost any call with minimal supervision. Our reserves and volunteers have donated

more than 2500 hours to your community this past year, and the program is working well. The reserves have been actively seeking donations from the community for needed equipment. Thanks to Frank Smith who donated \$100.00, and several anonymous donors they have \$600.00. The reserves also received a vehicle from an anonymous donor to sell. The donor gave the reserves the vehicle and will match the sale price up to \$200.00. The money from this sale will be used by the reserves to purchase needed bicycle helmets for our area children, and child vehicle safety seats.

Foreign Exchange Students

High school students are coming from around the world to study in Port Orford, during the 2006-07 school year. They will integrate themselves into a Port Orford family with the goal of experiencing American culture as an American high

school student does. In turn they will provide insight into their own culture. STS Foundation, a non profit student exchange organization, is proud to help facilitate these relationships. They have been doing so for the past 20 years and look forward to finding new host families in Port Orford and connecting them with exchange students like

Erica: she is a lovely 16 year old girl from the Brazil who loves sports and music. She plays volleyball and drums. Virgile is an interesting 15 year old boy from France who loves playing guitar. He also enjoys cooking and camping. They are both excellent students and will have their own spending money and health insurance. The host family provides a separate bed, family meals and a safe environment. If your family would be interested in being a host family please call Lillian at 1-800-522-4678 or email at lillian@stsfoundation.org and visit www.stsfoundation.org.

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Sherry Pelton, renowned Port Orford composer and performer, will present her work, "Playing With a Deck of Tarot Cards, on Sunday, July 30 at 1 p.m. The suite features piano, flute, dance, and vocal. Narration and a slideshow will also be woven into the music telling the ancient tale of the "hero's journey," the path of life we all travel from innocence to wisdom. There is a suggested \$5 donation, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. The event will be hosted by Unity of Bandon, located on Highway 101, one mile south of 11th Street.

The Tarot often carries mysterious associations, from conjectured ancient sources to fame and fortune readings. But, today, Jungian psychologists and Joseph Campbell mythologists alike recognize in its symbols universal archetypes of the collective unconscious.

Sherry Pelton, resident of Oregon and Arizona, with a career teaching music and English and as a business woman, composes and performs her works for the piano. She has also composed for orchestra, and utilizes her music to facilitate healing of the sick. In addition to her music, she publishes articles based on her book in progress, "The Living Well." She is a Theosophist and a member of the American Music Center. Sherry Pelton, with her wide range of work, is featured in the forthcoming issue of "Quest" magazine.



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Port Orford Refinement Plan By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford Planning Commission met on Tuesday night, July 11. Crystal Shoji, from Shoji Planning and Development, presented the completed version of Phase 1 of the Port Orford Refinement Plan entitled "Looking to the Future". She led the seven member commission and public through the document and then recommended to the commission they take public input on the recommendations, which form Chapter 7 in the document. She said the recommendations did not propose widespread change in the town. Some of the goals in the recommendations include maintaining a small town ambiance through planning and zoning with utilization of several techniques from limiting the scale and footprint of uses in both residential and commercial areas to limiting or excluding metal siding in specific areas. There were four other goals plus ways to bring them about and for that you'll need to go online or to the library and read it.

The commission held a public hearing on a request for a conditional use permit by Oregon State Parks and Recreation to allow installation of a permanent over-

flow outlet for Garrison Lake. This would control the flooding of the lake. State Parks area manager Frank Eckley represented Parks and told the commission the culvert would be at 14'6" which would become the stabilized lake level. When the lake goes over that height the culvert gets triggered and water would flow through it to the outlet channel. The culvert will be 6 feet high and 12 feet wide and approximately 300 feet long running underground through Tseriadun State Park to Little Round Lake. Eckley told the public it will be easier for people to get to the beach once this culvert and routing for the overflow water is in place. Eckley said there would be no pump involved and that Governor Kulongoski had directed State Parks to get it done. Eckley said it would not happen this year but could happen next year. He estimated the cost at \$1.3 million to \$2 million. Commission member Frank Smith made a motion to approve the condition use permit and it passed 6-0.

Curry County Planning Director Dave Pratt spoke about the Rural Residential 2 acre plan currently being considered by the county. The city planning commission had several concerns with it which Pratt said had been passed on the county

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planning department. The Rural Residential 2 plan would affect what Pratt called "rural exception land". He said there were 76 rural exception areas in the county totaling 8,123 acres. Pratt said many counties allow rural residential lands to be developed into 2 acre sites as long as there is potable water available and room for a septic system.

The Planning Commission chose to hold the public input meeting on the Phase 1 Refinement Plan document on Monday, August 7, at 6:00pm, in the council chambers. The planning document is available online at www.portorfordplan.northcurry.net and at www.shojiplanning.com. There is a printed copy of the plan available at the Port Orford Public Library.

Last week we reported that the Division of Land Conservation and Development had granted the City of Port Orford \$30,000 for Phase 2 of the Refinement Plan.

HIV Testing Day

Friday, July 28 is HIV testing day in Curry County. The test will be given at the Curry County Health Department building, 1403 N. Oregon St. from noon – 2:00pm. The test is anonymous, free and does not use needles. The results are available in 20 minutes. For more information contact Sherry Cleghorn at the Curry County Health Department at 541-247-3300 or Mary Murphy at the HIV Resource Center at 877-440-2761.

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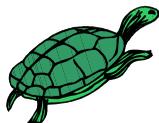
Curry General Hospital physicians are now using a sophisticated computer-aided tool to help find early breast cancers in local patients, according to Ginny Hochberg, clinical manager of the hospital's countywide health network. Known as Computer-Aided Detection, or CAD, the system acts as a "second opinion" to help radiologists find undetected cancers an average of 15 months earlier than screening mammography alone, Hochberg says.

"Mammograms are the best thing we have to detect small tumors, but they aren't perfect. The CAD program essentially acts as a second opinion. It helps our radiologist identify potentially cancerous lesions," Hochberg says.

The system works by digitizing an actual mammogram, then creating a laser-printed output so the radiologist has another perspective, according to Aaron Robbins, manager of Curry General Hospital's radiology department.

"By highlighting potential areas of concern, the system calls attention to subtle changes in tissue that may show a cancer," Robbins explained. "You still need the skills of a radiologist experienced in reading mammography to interpret the CAD's findings," Robbins says. "Our patients are benefiting because now we have both – the skilled radiologist and the second-opinion CAD system."

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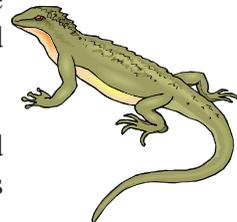
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Other areas of the highly technical digital imaging at Curry General Hospital include regular X-rays, ultrasound, CT scanning and MRI.

Besides availability in Gold Beach, the digital technology also extends to patients receiving services at Brookings Medical Center in Brookings and Curry Family Medical in Port Orford.

For more information, phone Robbins at (541) 247-3117 or 1-800-445-8085, ext. 117.

Speaking of mammograms, Alice Hammermeister, coordinator of Curry General Hospital's Breast Health Network, will explain current and pending changes in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's free mammogram program and how it affects women in Curry County.

Hammermeister will speak during the Curry Breast Health Network's regular breast cancer support and information group meeting, at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 25. The meeting will be held upstairs at Gold Beach Books, in the Biscuit Building, 29707 Ellensburg Ave. (Highway 101) in downtown Gold Beach. All patients, survivors, family members and friends are invited to participate. Hammermeister also is available to speak to any sized gathering of men and/or women in Curry County.

To arrange for a free breast health presentation, or for more information, visit the Curry Breast Health web pages at www.curryhealthnetwork.com; or phone Hammermeister at (541) 425-0074.

Pete Lenihan at Paula's

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Bettye J. Cummings

Bettye Joyce (nee Smith) Cummings, loving daughter, wife, mother, and friend, passed away July 7th, 2006 in Seattle, Washington. She was 64 years old. Born in Washington, DC, she was the daughter of the late Margaret S and Lester L Smith of Maryland. She moved to Seattle during the Seattle World's Fair and met Kenneth D Cummings, a student at the University of Washington. They were married in 1965. After graduation, Bettye and Ken lived in San Jose, California; Aromas, California; Tucson, Arizona; Port Orford, Oregon; and recently returned to Seattle, Washington, where their marriage began.

Bettye is survived by her husband, Ken, two daughters Kathie Lynn Cummings (Dwight Brown) of Colorado Springs, CO, and Kerry Anne Cummings of Tucson, AZ, and step-daughter Linda Lee Cummings of Kalispell, MT. She is also survived by two step-grandsons Brandon Adams and Jeremy Adams of Kalispell, MT, as well as sisters Alberta Barger of Nanjemoy, Maryland; Margaret Campbell of Cincinnati, Ohio; Leslie Smith of Burlington, Kentucky; and Jean Edwards of Lawrence, Kansas; plus numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family. Bettye was predeceased by her brother, Dennis Smith.

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coast and especially the Cape Blanco Lighthouse and nearby Port Orford, Oregon. They enjoyed the area so much so that they sold their RV and bought a home overlooking the ocean, with the light from the lighthouse flashing into their windows day and night. The couple loved their friends and neighbors in the little town and request that any donations be made in her memory to the Port Orford Library Foundation, P.O. Box 294, Port Orford, OR, 97465, or to a charity of their choice.

Common Good News

Frank Cramer, president, Common Good Food Bank of Port Orford, announced at the annual board meeting on June 19 that he would resign his position as president due to health reasons. Thank you Frank, from all of us at the food bank for your many years of dedicated service and your continued service at the Common Good.

New Common Good board officers for this year are as follows: Ray Johnson, president; vice-president John Suchy; secretary Jane Wight; and board members at large Florence Quillen and Anita Thomas.

The Common Good Food Bank will have its next monthly board meeting on Thursday, July 27, 4:00pm, at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Room, 2015 Washington Street, Port Orford. Public attendance is encouraged.

The Common Good Food Bank received a Fred Meyer Foundation Grant in the amount of \$910.87 to help purchase food to supplement declining USDA food allotments. Since the recent decline of USDA food allotments, this grant will help to continue the important work of providing food and enhance the welfare of our children, and the community in reducing hunger in our area.

The grant from the Fred Meyer Foundation is a direct result of true community effort involving both Fred Meyer associates, the annual employee campaign, and customer contributions made in Fred Meyer stores using Make Change County coin boxes and scan cards. Through all the efforts, dollars are combined and allocated by the Advisory Committee as community grants in the states where Fred Meyer has stores. Thank you Fred Meyer Foundation and thank you to all

Speaker at Church

Frank Sherwin is a zoologist and seminar speaker with the Institute for Creation Research. He will be speaking at the Port Orford Christian Center on Thursday, July 20, at 7:00pm. We are located one block behind Circle K at Tenth and Washington Street. There is no charge to come and hear Mr. Sherwin; however, a freewill offering will be taken. I hope you can make it. There are many truths and questions that need to be investigated. I personally have been amazed at the authenticity of this institute's scientific investigation. You deserve to know. Please set aside some time and come. Pastor Doug

Remembrance for Nancy

There will be a remembrance for Nancy Broadhead on Sunday, July 23, at 11:00am, at the Blacklock State Park trailhead. To get there take Airport Road west to the end where it meets the Cape Blanco Airport and then look for parking.



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**Another Kramer Trip
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2006-05-12 Friday

By about 6:00pm we were in Joliet and had driven over 400 miles since morning. We were both ready to settle down for the night but guess what? No rooms! This cloud, however, had a silver lining. About 25 miles further, in Morris, Illinois, we found a room in the Park Motel. Evan enjoys historical buildings such as theaters, restaurants, motels, etc. and particularly likes those from about the 1940's to the 60's. The Park Motel was a classic and even had the original furniture (in very good condition!) They didn't accept pets but did allow us to keep Honey Bear in the back of the truck for the night. We've often done that. She doesn't seem to mind and is quiet and well-behaved.

We made a stop at a local thrift store where Valerie found some book bargains. Then we went to Culver's—a very popular Midwest chain of restaurants featuring custard and “butter burgers.” They have a huge menu listing everything from burgers to fried chicken to salads. The place was packed on Saturday night.

2006-05-13 Saturday

We had breakfast at the Morris Diner in Morris, Illinois, just across the street from the Park Motel. The car also got it's breakfast. A nice fill-up of Phillips 76 gas at \$2.97/gal. I think the car ate better than we did. We then drove into downtown and took some photos of the Morris Theater, now a church and community center, and other buildings before heading west once more.

An hour or two later found us in Ottawa, Illinois where Evan stopped to take pictures of the Roxy Theater. He also took photos of the Ottawa train station and of a long Iowa Central Train that ambled slowly by. About twenty after twelve, we crossed the Mississippi into Iowa and stopped at their very fine rest stop/visitor's center. Iowa really knows how to run a visitor's center! It's a lovely old house in a park setting. There are loads of brochures for attractions and souvenirs to buy, as well as a number of historical displays and information. The staff was friendly and helpful and they had a free WiFi hotspot. Iowa rules!

Thanks to a book store flyer she found (and somewhat egged on by the center's

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staff who eagerly phoned to be sure it was open), Valerie wanted to stop in downtown Davenport so we drove a few miles along the river to the town. It was, in her opinion, well worth the stop! The “Source Book Store” had an excellent selection of books at very reasonable prices. It also had a basement that brought back memories of the basement in Cleveland's Publix bookstore – one of Valerie's favorite haunts in her younger days. The store claims they have “over 100,000 books on all subjects” and Valerie would probably have liked to look at every one of them but we both felt the pressure to keep moving so she only bought one box of books to bring home. She would surely have found much more if she'd kept looking.

While Valerie investigated the book store, Evan walked around downtown Davenport and took photos including some of the Capitol Theater and the RKO Orpheum Theater located in the Mississippi Hotel. The hotel is closed but renovating. There is a railroad line through the downtown area with very low clearances (10-11 feet), which is unusual.

Having finished at the book store, however reluctantly, we went to a nearby Quiznos and had a bite to eat. Quiznos has recently opened a store in Coos Bay and has become quite popular for their sub sandwiches and other fare.

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At exit 284 on Interstate 80 at the unlikely junction of County Road Y40 we found the self-proclaimed World's Largest Truck Stop. We didn't stop but perhaps we should have. We missed seeing the 50' salad bar, the new 300-seat restaurant, the Truckers Warehouse Store and a whole lot more. See www.iowa80truckstop.com to learn more.

We got off the freeway at Colfax, a short way before Des Moines, to check out a place called, "Trainland" but it was closed for the season. It is only open summers between Memorial Day and Labor Day which is not uncommon for attractions back East. All we saw was one old full-size train car and no sign of the promised 2600 square foot display area with 25 "O" gauge trains running on 4,000 feet of track. Perhaps it was in the basement

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of an adjoining house or one of the outbuildings. In any event, we were doomed to disappointment.

At about 6:27pm (EDT) at the rest area at about milepost 117, Valerie found a new type of Zingers. These were devils food cake with white icing. She reports she likes the traditional yellow/yellow ones better. Oh well.

We had rain off and on all day with a solid cloud bank and we were glad when the day drew to a close. We stopped at a Motel 6 in Des Moines but it was a newer one where all rooms open on an inner corridor. We prefer the kind where you park right by your door. We like the security of being able to keep an eye on the car and it's easier to lug stuff in and out. We finally stopped at a Super 8 Motel in Stuart Iowa. They charged a \$25 deposit for having a dog in the room but it's refundable. They check the room in the morning when you check out and if it's all right, you get your deposit back. Honeybear enjoyed the motel and was very quiet and well behaved, as usual, so we got our deposit back.

Stewart has a welcome sign at the edge of town that says "1,600 good eggs and a

few stinkers." They also have a police headquarters that was formerly a bank. It has a plaque on it saying that it was one of the banks robbed by Bonnie and Clyde. Being small, like Port Orford, Stuart doesn't have a lot of evening dining places to choose from. In fact there seemed to be only one place open. We went to Lincoln's Lounge & Restaurant. There seemed to be one large room, rather dim, with fairly large tables scattered around and a few booths. Many of these were occupied by family groups and everyone seemed to know everyone else. We both had a Prime Rib dinner which turned out to be a very generous serving. It wasn't the Omaha steak Valerie had been hoping for but it wasn't bad at all.

2006-05-14 Sunday

The motel had WiFi access so before we took off on this fine Mother's Day, we caught up on email and Valerie processed all the advertising and articles she'd received so far. We didn't get underway until 10am. When we left Stuart, Iowa it was cold with scattered clouds but that was a lot more desirable than the heat

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that we'd endured earlier in the trip. We'd now gone 4,740 miles and were still half a continent from home.

We only went about 30 miles on Interstate 80 from Stuart before we got off at Highway 71 and then headed to Highway 6 heading for Council Bluffs. We drove through downtown Atlantic and of course Evan got photos of the Atlantic Theater but didn't stop to photograph the 1940's era Coca Cola bottling plant. Then we drove on to Oakland and got a look at one of the most historic old downtowns of the trip. It felt like a movie set it was so moody. We drove through Council Bluffs but didn't stop.

Early afternoon found us in Omaha, birthplace of former president, Gerald R. Ford. We, again, stopped at a rest area and found that Nebraska, or at least this small part of it, was no Iowa. The signage

for the rest area was inconveniently located and confusing. For example, there was an unnecessary detour sign. The visitor center had no maps, no brochures, and no WiFi. At least it did have a rest room and a place to walk Honey Bear. It may have been this rest area where Valerie first saw Swedish Fish in a vending machine. She had to do a double take when she saw the name on the package. Upon closer inspection, she found that Swedish Fish are a type of "gummi bear" in the shape of fish. After seeing that name she was too much in a daze to even think about trying them but later she found some at a store in Wyoming and bought a package.

**To Be Continued Next Week
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Pioneer Ways & Western Days

The Curry County Fair opens in Gold Beach on Thursday with the theme of "Barnyard Boogie." It runs through Sunday, July 23. Following up on the heels of the Curry County Fair is the Coos County Fair in Myrtle Point. The theme of that fair is Pioneer Ways and Western Days. The Coos County Fair opens on Tuesday, July 25 and runs through Saturday, July 29.

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Child care referrals are available to a variety of child care placement options, from family home child care to child care centers. Parents are encouraged to look for quality care in a setting that is most appropriate for their child. CARE Connections makes referrals, not recommendations, and it is up to parents to determine care for their children that meets their family standards and the child's needs.

Both registered and exempt providers are eligible for resource and referral services. CARE Connections offers training and classes to help providers better understand child care regulations in Oregon and to meet registration requirements if they want to become licensed.

Family home child care providers in Oregon can legally care for three children in addition to their own without regulation. Other categories of exemption also exist. The benefits of becoming licensed to provide child care include the capacity to care for additional children in the community and professional development to better meet the needs of those children already in their care.

Providers in Curry and Coos counties can begin receiving referrals from CARE Connections by enrolling as exempt or registered child care providers. For information about receiving parent referrals, please contact CARE Connections, at (541) 469-9299 or toll-free, 1(800) 419-1371 extension 224. There is no obligation to accept referrals.

The Oregon State Employment Department's Child Care Division is the official licensing agency for regulated child care in Oregon. To contact the Child Care Division, call 1(800) 556-6166.

Hospice Care

The Rotary Club of Port Orford President Dick Wold introduced Helen May Riccio, RN CHPN who is the Curry County Home Health and Hospice Care Coordinator. Helen explained that Home Health began in 1967 but the Hospice program was added in 1995. Lori Kent is the Executive Director.

Curry County has the oldest per-capita senior population in the state. Home care is the most cost effective health care available and data shows that 90% of Americans would prefer to die at home.

Helen talked about the hospice philosophy which includes the reality that dying is a natural part of life. The program does not seek to prolong life nor to hasten death. They provide relief from pain and symptoms, provide team care for the person and family needs and provide

grief support to the family.

Criteria for admission includes that the patient consents to care, life prognosis is 6 months or less, the patient resides in Curry County, is under physician or nurse practitioner care, and the residence is a safe environment.

If you have questions regarding the Curry County Home Health and Hospice programs, call 332-0273 or 800-535-9472. If you would like to learn more about the Port Orford Rotary Club, visit www.portorfordrotary.org.

New Hire

On July 17, Patty Barnes was hired as the new Port Orford Police Administrative Assistant/Court Clerk. Barnes moved here from Ketchikan Alaska where she worked for the State of Alaska Department of Corrections as a Chief Parole/Probation Officer. Barnes has extensive experience in police procedures, court procedures, and file management. She has been awarded a Masters degree in Management, a Bachelors Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation/Psychology, and was awarded a Paralegal Certificate. Barnes has been a reserve with the Port Orford Police Department since February 2006 working primarily with the court clerk. According to Chief Creighton, "We're glad to have Patty aboard. With her experience she will be a great asset to the citizens of Port Orford, and our department".



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The Fantasticks is the story of young lovers, separated by a wall of family prejudices and politics. Their struggle to pursue their love is filled with humor and passion and is punctuated by a bountiful series of catchy, memorable songs, many of which have become standards.

The cast includes several of our area’s brightest stars, including the multi-talented Dylan DoVale and beautiful song bird Sarah Sperry as the young lovers. Also included are the familiar faces of Sharon Lee Danielson, Linda Radford,

Dove DoVale, Corrie Gant, Richard Robinett and Bill Binnewies.

Directed by Sally Ford with costumes and sets by Ruth Anne McSurdy-Wong, The Fantasticks opens July 28th and runs Fridays & Saturdays at 7 pm, with Sunday performances at 2 pm. The final show will be on August 13th.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$12 for Senior’s and Students. Tickets are available at many Bandon local merchants, including Winter River Books (347-4111), Bandon True Value (347-2506), Bandon Mercantile (347-4341) and the Sprague Theater box office (347-7426). The Sprague Theater is located at 1201 11th Street S.W. in Bandon.

2CJ News

At the Board Meeting on, July 10, the Board of Directors for the Port Orford-Langlois School District unanimously



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gave their approval for the restructuring and leveraging of district funding streams to create Principal positions at both Driftwood and Blanco. Community members who attended the Board Meeting strongly rallied in support of the Board’s decision, stating that it has been almost an impossible task in the past for one Superintendent/Principal for the entire district to successfully provide the kind of leadership that this quality district needs and deserves. The astute fiscal management of the Board has allowed, by re-allocating assets and leveraging funds, the creation of these two positions for less than the cost of one new administrator.

As in many small districts, these principals will also have district-level responsibilities, one position to serve as K-8 Principal/Director of Federal Programs, Curriculum and Instruction, Grant Budgets, District Comprehensive Plan; the other to serve as K-8 Principal/Director of Special Programs including /Special Education, TAG, 504, ELL, and other programs/duties as assigned by Superintendent. The Board unanimously approved Mick Lane for the position of Principal/Federal Programs on July 10th. His assignment will be as Principal of Blanco K-8 School. The position of Principal of Driftwood/Special Programs is open; Superintendent Ruby Price said that she expects to have the position filled by the end of July. Price serves as Superintendent of the District and Principal of Pacific High School.

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Bob Hergert teaches a class in beginning scrimshaw on July 31 through August 4 at the Arts Council office. It will be held from 6:30-8:30pm. Adult fees for the class are \$25 for arts council members and \$35 for non-members.

Coming up on August 7 through 11 is a class in beginning stained glass with teacher Jodie Moen. Learn copper foiling, soldering, and more in a ten hour workshop which will be held at the Arts Council office. This class is for ages 14 through adult. Cost is \$25 for arts council members and \$35 for non-members.



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The class runs from 1:00-3:00pm each day.

An Art from the Heart class will be led by artist Elaine Roemen and instructor Katy Kraft. Painting "Peter and the Wolf" – create an illustrated story inspired by music in this class which will be held on August 1, 3 and 5 from 10:00am-noon at the arts council office. This class is free to arts council members and \$15 for non-members.

Letter to the Editor,

The Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank our community for your cooperation in making the July 4 fireworks shoot again a spectacular show.

You may not realize that we spend countless hours throughout the year planning and preparing for this show. While we truly enjoy doing this, it also requires many hours of our time on July 4 as well. It is a tremendous undertaking.

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Without all of the above and the support and donations from the entire community we could not accomplish such a great endeavor. Thanks to everyone.

Sincerely,

Gayle Wilcox,
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First Aid Class

Southwestern Oregon Community College will present a free Red Cross Community Adult First Aid & Safety Class on Saturday, August 5 from 9:00am-5:00pm at the Port Orford City Hall. This course is designed specifically to meet the need of business and industry. Workplace Standard First Aid adheres to OSHA guidelines. This course covers topics such as shock, controlling bleeding, splinting and Adult CPR.

Please call ahead for further class details and registration. Classes may cancel due to insufficient registration. (541) 253-7553.