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Goodbye To Ernie Malasky By Evan Kramer

A good friend of ours, and probably yours also, passed away last Wednesday morning, June 12, after being hospitalized on Tuesday night. I'm talking about Port Orford's pharmacist Ernie Malasky. I talked to his wife Jean and she told me at Ernie's prior request there would be no funeral or memorial service for him.

I knew Ernie for a little less than six years and in that time came to appreciate and like him quite a bit. Ernie was a big supporter of Valerie's and my efforts at the Downtown Fun Zone ever since the store opened back in February, 1991. I spoke with Ernie quite a bit. I was in his pharmacy often either purchasing a card, getting a prescription filled occasionally or selling him an advertisement for our newspaper. Ernie stopped by our store most Saturdays and rented a video or two. He was relentless in his praise of the store and a regular reader of the newspaper. He felt we were really doing something for the town and he was genuinely glad about it. No one was a bigger supporter of ours than Ernie.

Ernie read the Port Orford Today! and didn't let everything we write get away without comment. When Valerie and I took our recent trip to Carlsbad Caverns

one of the things I wrote about was Mama Rosa's Restaurant in Moriarity, New Mexico. Ernie asked me why I didn't get more into the story. He told me I had a good beginning but needed to complete the story.

There are many things that go on in a small town that are regular in nature and comforting at the same time. One of those was looking out the window of the Fun Zone at Bartlett's and seeing Ernie in the corner by the window eating his breakfast. Not that long ago Valerie and I went over there for breakfast and couldn't find an empty table. Ernie graciously shared his with us and all of us talked rather than read the newspaper.

Ernie was the financial "angel" behind the Port Orford Fourth of July Jubilee Dinghy Races at Battle Rock for many years. He sponsored it from 1981 to 1994. There is a plaque on one of the walls at the pharmacy which lists all the winners of that boat race during those years except 1994. Ernie was a member of the Sixes Grange and a long time member and financial supporter of the Port Orford Arts Council where he served as treasurer.

I didn't know a lot about Ernie's interests outside the pharmacy and the community. I spoke with Brenda Dell who

works at the pharmacy and she told me Ernie at one time enjoyed fly fishing and rock hounding. She also said Ernie knew where the Port Orford meteorite landed and had been there but didn't tell her where. I remember one piece of advice Ernie gave me recently (which I haven't followed). He told me to hook up with one of the old time hunters or fishermen around here and have them take me into the back country where I could really see something.

In lieu of flowers you can make a donation to the National Parkinson Foundation, 15840 Ventura Blvd., Suite 215, Encino, CA 91436. Please include a note with your contribution that reads "In Memory of Ernie Malasky, PO Box 137, Port Orford, OR 97465.

Ernie was cremated and his ashes were scattered at sea on Sunday.

The pharmacy has remained open and will continue to be open normal hours with Robert Johnson serving as pharmacist with capable and friendly assistance from Brenda, Sandy and Maureen.

Goodbye to Ernie. We'll miss you, friend.

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Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu Jun 20	2:11am 6.7	9:25am 0.1	4:06pm 6.1	9:37pm 3.2
Fri Jun 21	2:53am 6.3	10:04am 0.4	4:46pm 6.2	10:33pm 3.1
Sat Jun 22	3:42am 6.9	10:43am 0.8	5:26pm 6.4	11:32pm 2.9
Sun Jun 23	4:41am 5.5	11:27am 1.2	6:06pm 6.6	NONE —
Mon Jun 24	5:53am 5.1	12:38am 2.5	6:49pm 6.8	12:13pm 1.7
Tue Jun 25	7:17am 4.9	1:44am 1.9	7:32pm 7.2	1:06pm 2.1
Wed Jun 26	8:38am 5.0	2:43am 1.2	8:18pm 7.5	1:58pm 2.4
Thu Jun 27	9:49am 5.2	3:35am 0.5	9:06pm 7.9	2:57pm 2.6

Strategic Plan for Port Orford By Nancy Dowdy

The meeting last Thursday to review the draft Strategic Plan for Port Orford turned out to be much more lively than expected. A large number of people had reviewed the draft and had found that it included one particular strategy that they wanted to delete from the plan. It is important that many more people from the community review the plan and provide input so that it can be revised to reflect the will of the community.

The purpose of this article and the one next week is to give an overview of the draft Strategic Plan and convince as many people as possible to be involved in making sure the final plan belongs to the community as a whole. I will attempt to answer, in my own words, the following questions: What, exactly, is a strategic plan? Why have a strategic plan? Where did this one come from? Why should you care?

What is a Strategic Plan?

A strategic plan is like a road map. You use it to figure out how to get from (A) where you are to (B) where you want to be at some chosen future time by choosing (C) the roads to follow and (D) the means of traveling. The corresponding four parts of a strategic plan are:

Assessment: The process of creating a strategic plan starts with a Community Assessment of where we are starting from—where we are now. What are our strengths? What are our problems? Where are we likely to end up if current trends continue, and we do nothing? What's happening in the outside world that could affect us?

Vision: After you know where you are starting from, you need to decide where you want to go. This is the Vision, which describes, in this case, the kind of town we would like Port Orford to be in 2010. The vision is pretty general and is probably not easily achievable. It may not be

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Sat June 1	65	52	—
Sun June 2	65	51	—
Mon June 3	66	51	—
Tue June 4	63	51	—
Wed June 5	67	51	—
Thu June 6	67	51	—
Fri June 7	63	50	—

achievable at all, but that doesn't matter. The Vision is a beacon that helps keep us on course. Every action we consider taking should pass the test of moving us in the direction of our vision.

Goals: Once the starting point and the destination are set, we need to decide which roads to take or which points to go through along the way. These points are the concrete goals - specific things we want to accomplish by a certain date. A goal can be measured. Either we did it or we didn't. Of course a good goal would be one that moved us closer to our Vision. The challenge is to choose the best goals from the many possible good goals. We want a set of goals that are achievable, that we have the resources to work on, and that best move us toward our Vision.

Strategies: For each goal, we identify possible strategies for achieving that goal. Each strategy is based on strengths and

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Strategic Plan for Port Orford Continued

opportunities identified in the Assessment. The strategies are how we travel to the intermediate points, or goals. They are tied to the starting point, the Assessment. Details are developed for each strategy in terms of who does what, when, and for what cost.

Changing the Strategic Plan: A strategic plan is often described as a "living document." It should be re-evaluated regularly. Are these strategies working to achieve our goals? Are these goals really moving us toward our vision, or would other goals serve better? What new goals should we strive for now that we have accomplished earlier ones? Has our vision shifted in some ways? What has changed in the facts in the original assessment; are there new opportunities; have some weaknesses been fixed?

Why have a Strategic Plan?

Life goes on, and changes occur, with or without a strategic plan, just as you can get from one place to another without a road map, if you're lucky and have at least a general idea of where you're going. But having a good strategic plan

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increases our chance of keeping our community one we are happy to be part of, just as having a road map increases your chances of getting where you want to go without getting lost. A strategic plan helps direct our efforts so we work together to achieve shared goals rather than spinning our wheels or, worse, working against each other.

Where did the Port Orford Strategic Plan come from?

Approximately 100 people from the Port Orford area (roughly Ophir to the Coos County border) have participated in the strategic planning process that has been underway for the past seven months. These are the people who took it upon themselves to participate in the process when they learned about it from the local media. They formed the so-called Community Response Team (CRT) that developed the draft Strategic Plan with the help of Rural Developments Initiatives, Inc. (RDI), which was asked by the city of Port Orford to facilitate the process. RDI is a non-profit organization founded by the Oregon State Legislature and the Oregon Economic Development Department to promote rural economic development in Oregon.

And why should you care?

Change does not mean growth; development does not mean growth (unless that is what we as a community decide we want). But there will be change of some kind, and we all would prefer that change to be for the better. The strategic plan is our community's consensus on what "better" is and what we commit to do to achieve it.

Many of us came to Port Orford from places that had become less and less desirable largely because of the action (or inaction) of the local governments, schools, and businesses. In these places, we felt we had little influence on things, and we watched in dismay as things became worse and worse. Here in Port Orford all of us have an opportunity to be heard and to influence things. Here we have a chance to preserve what is good and improve what is not. How could we not care?

Anniversary

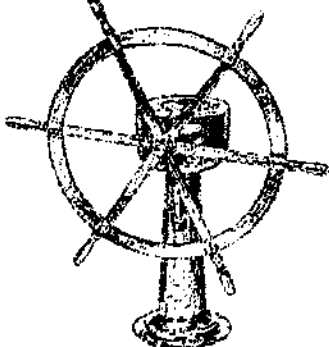
Jerry and Lois Crum of Port Orford will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary at 1pm, Sunday, June 23 at the Port Orford American Legion Hall. The event is hosted by their children who invite all their friends to join in the celebration. There will be a money tree and a memory bucket available for those who want to share a humorous or special memory about the couple.

They were married June 26, 1971 at Reno, Nevada. Their children are: Deanna Tinker of Roseburg, Donna Sprouse of Roseburg, Debra Clarke of Gaston, S.C., Wesley Hughes of Salem, Stanley Hughes of Sweet Home, and David Hughes of Bandon. They have 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Crum was a logger and plywood worker for several years and is a long-time salmon and crab fisherman. Mrs. Crum was the bartender at Orford's for many years and now works as assistant manager at the local Circle K.

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Remember, sign up and registration is Thursday night from 5:00 - 9:00pm at Soakers in Gold Beach this year so don't be late. We have ordered plenty of wind, waves, sun and fun for everyone so whether you are going to compete or just enjoy the incredible action, you are in for a great time. For information or an invitation call Mountain Stream Consulting at 509-493-3767 or e-mail them at InTheWaves@aol.com. For information or lodging or camping facilities call the Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-525-2334.

We Need Your Help. Port Orford Clean Up the Lake Day!!! The City of Port Orford will be having a Garrison Lake Clean Up Day on June 29. A great chance to improve a great place.

During the winter months a lot of debris has formed around the lake sides and this is a chance for volunteers to come out and help clean up their home town lake.

To help with the cleanup, show up at 10am on Saturday June 29 at the 12th Street Fishing Dock to launch your boat. A site coordinator will provide trash bags and give you directions. By 1pm return to the meeting site to leave your trash bags where directed.

Tips for a Successful Cleanup

- Bring gloves
- Wear sturdy shoes
- Dress for the weather
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Burning permits will be issued at the site. Plan any burning in advance to allow ample time for an inspection by the Forest Officer. Call the nearest Coos Forest Patrol office listed in the telephone directory to request permits. Permits for open burning are issued for no more than ten days and incinerator permits may be issued for extended periods of time. All permits must be signed by the permittee and Forest Officer at the burning site.

If you live in the Port Orford or Langlois area you may call Forest Officer Joanne Ruoff at 332-1625 or our Bandon office at 347-3400 for permits.

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The applications should be delivered to the Fair office by next Friday, June 21.

Entrants should deliver to the Fairgrounds a current school photograph, along with handwritten information giving Name, Address, Birthday, Parents, School, Favorite Subject, Favorite Hobbies and Activities, and the statement "Why I would like to be a member of the 1996 Curry County Fair & Rodeo Junior Fair Court."

Drop off applications at the Fairgrounds, or mail to 29392 Ellensburg, Gold Beach, OR 97444. Applicants may FAX to 247-4542 and then mail or deliver the color photograph later.

For further information call the Fairgrounds at 247-4541.

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Lorelei Kunz, coordinator of the Y.E.S. (Youth Empowered By Seniors) program wants to extend a big "Thank You" to all of the mentors that participated in the program for the 95-96 school year. She would also like to thank the students and their families and the school staff for sharing in this very special program.

The Y.E.S. program is getting ready for the 96-97 school year and we are searching for more mentors for the upcoming year.

It only takes one hour a week at the school, being a special friend to a child. It's fun and a learning experience for both the mentor and the child. The rewards are endless. We encourage people of all ages to become a mentor. Get involved. Have fun and make a new friend.

For more information, stop by the R.S.V.P. office, located downstairs in the Curry County courthouse. Or you can call Lorelei at 247-2422.

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Windows Workshop

Southwestern Oregon Community College will be offering an Introduction to Windows Computer Workshop, Saturday, June 22, 9am - 4pm at the Gold Beach SWOCC Office on the Curry County Fairgrounds.

Many of today's computer software programs are developed in Windows format. If you need to learn more about the in's and out's of this integral program, this beginning level workshop will teach you the basics. The workshop will cover the basic features of Windows, using the mouse, creating icon groups, switching between different running programs, copying text and graphics between applications and other student generated topics. An intermediate level workshop will be held August 17.

The cost of the workshop is \$36. Pre-registration is required. Students may phone any SWOCC Curry Office, 247-2741, 469-5017, or 332-1325 (messages) for further information and pre registration.

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In a little over two weeks the Sixes Grange, NORBA, Club Bump Bicycle Club of Myrtle Point and the Coastal Riders Mountain Bicycle Club of Port Orford will host the Port Orford Mountain Bicycle Race on Saturday, July 6. A look at a list of the sponsors reveals that not only are there a lot of interested bike racers but also there are many businesses and individuals coming out of the woodwork to support this event.

Did you know mountain bike racing and bicycling has become more and more popular every year. According to an article in the July issue of Popular Science entitled *Missy in Action* by Richard Needham "mountain biking is the fastest growing outdoor recreational activity in the United States". The author goes on to say that in 1983 there were 200,000 mountain bikes in America and that there are now 26 million mountain



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bikes. This year for the first time the Summer Olympics will include mountain bike racing as an Olympic event.

Coca Cola Bottling Company of North Bend has donated a mountain bike for a prize. Every bike race entrant will receive a free ticket for this drawing. Otherwise tickets are available for \$1.00 each and they will be for sale to everybody. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the bike races on July 6 at the Port Orford Community Building.

Some other information Mirleen passed on to us is the Youth Sunset Course bicycle race starts at 11:00am at Hensley Hill and Salal. All other races start at 11:00am. She said the different race courses are specially designed for each age group, gender and ability. The starting point for the juniors, seniors and touring races is a place on Elk River Road known as Iron Head. This is the place where most drift boats pull out of the river. The "street running" parts of the race include part of Elk River Road and towards the finish line they include Port Orford Loop Road from Silver Butte onto Jackson St. and down Jackson to 12th Street where the racers will turn right and finish at the Community Building.

For more information or to receive an entry form call 332-2725.

City Council Meeting

The Port Orford City Council will hold a special council meeting on Monday, June 24, at 7:00pm. This meeting is preceded at 6:30pm by a public input meeting concerning the plans for the remodeling of the visitor center at Battle Rock Park. The plans are on display at the Port Orford Library.

Some of the items on the agenda for the special council meeting are approval of a police procedures manual, approval of the 1996-97 City of Port Orford budget, an ordinance to create a municipal court and judge, appointment to fill a vacancy on the city park's commission and approval of the plans for the remodeling plans for the visitor center.

Otter Point Beach Hike

Saturday June 22, 1996 10am is the Otter Point Beach Hike north of Gold Beach. Join Dorthea Peterson for a moderate hike focusing on the botany of the headland and trail to the beach. The low tide is 11am and will give you an opportunity to observe tidepools. Plan on 2 hours, bring water, snacks. Good for all ages. Take the "Old Highway 101" north of Gold Beach. Meet Dorthea there at 10am. Questions? Call Dorthea at (541) 247-7944.

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The reserved seating tickets are available now at the office of the Curry County Fairgrounds. The two sections of reserved seats are on both sides of the center aisle.

The Rodeo tickets this year provide for the entire day at the Fair as well as the evening at the Rodeo. The tickets provide for entry directly into the Fairgrounds and then into the arena for the Rodeo, bypassing the ticket sales booths at both entries.

"Now is a good time to get the tickets," says Crook, "Besides having a choice of excellent seating, it helps stretch the summer budget, too."

The Rodeo will be on Friday and Saturday nights of the Fair, July 26 and 27, the last weekend of the month. Mutton Bustin' for the kids is scheduled to start at 7pm with the Grand Entry immediately following.

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Letter To The Editor,

Treva Hunter - Frank and I want to express our admiration and gratitude for the professional manner in which you conducted the June 13 meeting of the Port Orford Community Response Team under difficult circumstances. We realize you were just doing your job, but we want you to know that we appreciate your efforts to be fair to allow everyone a chance to speak.

We do feel there was a terrible injustice done to a member of the team and would like to make a public apology to him by way of this letter. We would appreciate if you would include a copy of this letter in the material sent out for the next meeting.

Although I voted against the business park at this meeting and quite probably will do so if we vote again, I would like it known that I do not agree with the concept of money-hungry developer in a smoke filled back room as was stated on several occasions during the meeting. I only wish I had the presence of mind to respond at the time.

John Zia, who is listed as developer in the business park strategy, has done a lot

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for the City of Port Orford although he is not a resident. Over the past several years he has taken overgrown lots within the city limits (remember infill rather than sprawl is part of our vision) and built 8 - 10 affordable houses (another part of our vision). These houses were in most part purchased by residents of Port Orford (remember the part of our vision that states little or no increase in population). By doing so he has increased the quality of life in Port Orford as well as the attractiveness of the town while operating according to a vision of the people that hadn't even been articulated.

John is an honest, dependable contractor, who stands behind his work. He does not desert his clients just because he has already been paid, but acts responsibly to resolve problems. We know this from personal experience. He does not deserve the description of money-hungry developer.

Frank and Jane Cramer

Sioux Nation Prayer Day

June 21 from 9am., Pacific time. Join others in prayer for upliftment of all beings and for Earth our dwelling place.

Senior News By Mary Yoder

Today I'd like to remind every one the dues are due July 1 - for the new year. The dues are only \$3 not bad and that is for a whole year.

June 13 those volunteers who worked were Gayle Lee, Lorraine Hass, Thelma Lagace, Bessie Laursen, set up June Dennison, Dishes E. David Klien and Judy Peacock Klein.

Monday night was pinochle - ladies high Mary Yoder and ladies low Maybell Beith. Men's high Micky Harper and men's low was Art Klima.

This Saturday June 22 will be the luncheon and rummage sale from 8 to 1:30.

The membership meeting is June 26 at 11am. Then too the Port and Starboard for pizza - that's at noon. Well, next will be the pot luck lunch - that will be the fifth Saturday or June 29. That evening is also the dance from 7:30 to 10:30. The band Memphis will be playing so get out your dancing shoes and come on down or should I say up?

Oh yes, Irene Allison is wondering if any one would be interested in a class about Bonsai that's a potted plant that has been dwarfed by special methods of culture. I'll have more about this later.

Right now I want to say a great big thank you to all of the people who have given so much for our rummage sales and to the volunteers who have done such a wonderful job organizing and selling it.

That's it for now.

Port Orford Library

This is a reminder to all kids who want to be winners. Lots of opportunities at Port Orford Library's Summer Reading Program. We start tomorrow, June 20, at 4pm at the library. Bring your permission slip (from the bright red folder), signed by a parent. This is for kids who will enter grades 2 through 6 in September.

Coquille

Cowboy poet "Jay" Kulm will pay a visit to Coquille on Friday, June 28 to entertain local folks with his poetry and humor. John owns a farm in Quincy, Washington, where he grew up working cattle and driving tractors. His poetry is mostly written in the traditional rhyme and meter of the cowboy, but he occasionally uses free verse. "The Common thread is humor," he says. "Some melancholy, some social commentary, but I always come back to humor." Along with his original poetry, audiences are given an overview of cowboy poetry written from the 1870's to the 1940's.


John has played on National Public Radio, as well as such diverse venues as the Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko Nevada to the alternative music festival Lollapalooza. His performance in Coquille is sponsored by the Coquille Performing Arts Council.

The evening, entitled "Beans and Jeans", will kick off with a chili dinner from 5:30 until 7pm. Live music by "Jo Deb's Pickin' and Grinnin'" will accompany the meal, with wine and beer available for purchase. The performance will begin at 7:30pm in the large auditorium of the Coquille Community building located at 115 North Birch. Tickets for the dinner/performance are \$12.50 and may be purchased up until June 26 at the Box Office in Coos Bay or Bonney Drug in Coquille. Performance only tickets are \$8.00 and may be purchased at either ticket outlet or at the door. For more ticket information, call the Box Office at 269-2720 or 1-800-676-7563.

Three Stooges Marathon

Are you a Three Stooges fan? (editor's note, isn't everybody). Soakers in Gold Beach is running a non-stop Three Stooges Marathon on Sunday, June 23, from 2:00 - 6:00pm. Come join in the fun. The popcorn is free.


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How Dry It Is By Tobe Porter

Fire season is in effect so make sure you have a safe burn barrel with a good screen and the required burn permit. To obtain a permit call the Coos Forest Patrol at 347-3400. Folks who are entering fire season for the first time should watch the local ads for good prices on a burn barrel and a heavy duty screen; do not use regular window screening. I asked Chief Mike Murphy how the date fire season starts is determined. "Depends on how dry it is. Earlier this year the ground was dry but the fuels were still wet, now even the fuel is dry," he replied. "Fuel" in fire language means anything that burns - like brush.

If you have dry fuel on your property that you're a bit leery about burning, as a public service the Langlois RFPD will gladly assist. Mind you, we're not talking about heaps of stuff that you've spent two days on a Dozer clearing; we're talking about what's called a "back yard burn," something that will burn in a few hours. Brings to mind that old saying, "better to be safe than sorry." Have a fire-safe summer!

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Visitor Center Plans Available

The floor plan for the proposed remodeling and expansion of the Visitor's Center at Battle Rock Park is available for viewing in the Library. Also available is a sketch of the building with a steeper pitched roof. Everyone is encouraged to take a look.

A public input meeting will be held at 6:30pm prior to the Special Council Meeting on Monday, June 24th. All interested residents are invited to make comments at the meeting. Comments may also be submitted in writing to City Hall prior to the 24th. This is your chance to make any suggestions you might have for the design of a building that will allow the City to put our best foot forward when greeting visitors.

The City and the volunteers are ready to proceed with the project as soon as the Council approves the final project plans. So, if you have any good ideas now is the time to make them known.

Livestock Assoc. Picnic

The Coos Curry County Livestock Assoc. Will be having their annual picnic on June 23, 1996 at 1pm. It will be held at the Wilson Ranch, five miles east on Sixes River Rd. Look for the orange cones. Please bring your own table service, drinks and a side dish to share. Lamb, beef steak and burgers will be provided along with all the condiments. Baked beans will be provided courtesy of the Coos County Open Shearers.

At 10:30am those people who would like to tour some local ranches are invited to

meet in the parking lot at Pacific High School. Please RSVP if you want to join the tour (541)396-3121 ext. 240.

At 2pm, following the picnic there will be a sheep dog demonstration. We hope to see you there.

Parks Commission

The regular monthly meeting of the Port Orford Parks Commission will be held Tuesday June 25, at 7pm in the City Council Chambers.

Swim Bus

There are still spaces available on the swim bus (July 22 - August 2). If you would like to register your child, please contact Liz Andy at 332-1404. The cost is \$25 for lessons and a \$5 bus fee. Registration ends July 29.

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Assorted Interests by Valerie Jean Kramer

Lots of nifty news this week on a bunch of different subjects.

Internet: Please remember to send me an email with your name if you want to be in the email phone book. I've only had one taker so far! Send your mail to funzone@harborside.com

I've rearranged our video listings so the entire list of titles is one page (with indexes to the categories). This should make it easier if you are searching for a specific title or want to download the list for study off-line. I've also updated the list of movies we have on order.

Microsoft has a lot of new free software. The new kernel toys are more for technonerders but the new Internet Assistant for Access (nothing to do with the Internet Assistant that helps you set up your computer to use the Internet) lets you export data from your Access database into an attractive web page format. Really neat! www.microsoft.com.

If you don't have your own web page, why not? Its fun and easy. Of course, you can make it as complicated as you want but a simple page can be made in nothing flat. If you are a Microsoft Word user, be sure to download the Internet Assistant for Word which will let you create web pages easily. Its now what I use to put these articles on our site each week. What? You haven't found them? Look in

www.harborside.com/funzone/dfz-pot.

Computers in General: Zip drives are IN! Iomega Zip drives are going to be built-in as standard features on a number of new systems and Epson has released a compatible drive. These drives read and write "floppy" disks that hold 100Mb each. I've put one in my system and I LOVE it! Egghead sells the drives for about \$189. The Fun Zone will carry blank disks currently for \$16.95 each but hopefully the price will drop as they become more popular. Iomega also makes a Jaz drive that uses 1Gb floppy disks but each diskette costs well over \$100! Ouch!

Magic: My wholesaler tells me that the new Alliances cards were a one-printing-only print run and that when they're gone, they're gone except that we might be able to get a few more in six weeks. Maybe. The set contains 140 cards, some of which are rare. Should be a field day for the collectors with some high prices as people try to complete a set! If you are into collectibles, act fast as many stores are already sold out. The Downtown Fun Zone still has one box left at \$3.95/pack.

We also have the new limited-edition Middle Earth: The Dragons expansion set and the new Dr. Who game. Plus all the standards like NetRunner, Star Trek, Star Wars and Wyvern. Lots of fun for a summer day!

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Elk River Fish Hatchery By Elizabeth White

The crew of Elk River Hatchery would like to thank all of you who brought the 66 youths to fish for the first time on June 8. This was our first activity for free fishing weekend at Elk River. We were busy from 7:54am till 5pm and every one caught their limit of three and made our first event a very memorable one.

A special thank you to Kenneth and Libbie Getgen for helping to feed fish and do the other daily chores while we were supervising the fishing pond and to Leah Spear for the much appreciated sandwiches and pop at lunch. With out the help of these volunteers no event could have taken place.

We at Elk River Hatchery extend an invitation to all interested persons to visit our facility. If you would like to Volunteer some time on one of our projects or arrange for a group tour at the hatchery please call us at 332-7025 and leave a message. See you at Elk River Hatchery!



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Race Results

After racing 2 days on the Klamath River, 1 day on Coos Bay and 1 day on the Rogue River the Kiwi team of Mark Cromie has retaken the lead for the World Crown. Gold Beach racer Tim Harding lead the event after the race in Coos Bay on Wednesday but the larger "Unlimited" motor or Cromie is a major advantage. Harding is entered in the "A" class with a limited motor and is first place in his

class.

44 boats started Saturdays event and 35 finished. Ryan Rogers from Lewiston, Idaho lost steering on the down river leg and hit the bank but both Ryan and his navigator Rich Rogers were OK.

Sunday was the final leg of the World Championship. The final leg started at 10:30 at Jot's Resort in Gold Beach and restarted at Foster Bar at 2pm.

Summer Reading Program

The Langlois Library Public Library presents their summer reading program. The "six sense-sational weeks exploring the arts" begins on Saturday, July 6. Each program takes place from 3:00 - 4:00pm.

Here is the program.

July 6 Sculpy Beads and Bangles with Delzalle Lewis

July 13 Super Summer Weaving with Carol Waxham and Laurie Foster

July 20 Silly Storytelling with Tobe Porter and Other Guests

July 27 Jazzy Jewelry Making with Jane Odson

August 3 Captivating Basketmaking with Ellen Warring

August 10 Dazzling Stained Glass with Virginia Hughes

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Current management practices and the animals interactions with humans will be discussed. Open discussion will be encouraged, and it will be an excellent opportunity to ask your questions of an expert in the field.

This free lecture is made possible by the co-sponsorship of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Southwestern Oregon Community College. For further information and pre-registration phone any SWOCC Curry office, 247-2741 (Tuesday-Thursday), 469-5017 (Daily), or 332-5810 (Fridays).

T-shirt Design Contest

\$100 cash prize - Port Orford Arts Council 8th Annual T-shirt Logo Design for the Port Orford Arts Festival '96.

Entries must be submitted by 5pm, June 27, 1996.

For contest entry information please write Port Orford Arts Council, P.O. Box 771, Port Orford, OR 97465. Entry information may also be obtained by calling the Grantland Mayfield Gallery at (541) 332-6610 or the Rick Cook Gallery at (541) 332-0045.

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