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### Presenting Your School Board By Evan Kramer



The Port Orford/Langlois School Board met for the first time since the new school year began on Monday night in the Pacific High School Library.

The District has a new Interim Superintendent this school year. His name is Dan Morin and he came to this district from the North Douglas School District where he was principal at North Douglas High School and superintendent of that District for three years. The school board consists of Joe Brown who is chairman, John Jensen, Shirley Van Loo, Alan Brown, Rosaria Williams, Virginia Hughes and Liz Brady. Karen Cooley Jennings is the District secretary.

The school year started last Tuesday with 124 students enrolled at Pacific High School and 105 each at Driftwood and Blanco Schools for a total of 334 students.

Superintendent Morin said the State Legislature needed to allocate \$5.4 billion to maintain education at last year's level but had instead budgeted \$5.2 billion. He said our District should maintain a prudent reserve of 5% but it is not re-

quired. He said the District needs to replace a boiler and a roof on one of the buildings.

Pacific High Athletic Director Tom Dill told the Board the OSAA (Oregon State Athletic Association) was reclassifying all athletic programs. He contacted the OSAA about allowing Pacific High to drop to a 1A school and go into what he called the old Skyline League composed of Elkton, Powers, Camas Valley, New Hope Christian, North Douglas and Yoncalla. Dill said this would save on transportation costs, as we would be playing schools closer to Port Orford and more similar in size. He said the OSAA voted to allow Pacific to drop to 1A. The official cutoff is 115 students. Over 115 is 2A and below is 1A.

Lee Pestana asked the Board for a change in policy on the key for opening the gym at the Langlois School. The Board policy is that keys for buildings have to be checked out on a day-to-day basis. Dan Morin will work with Lee on making the key more accessible to the gym.

School counselor Jerry Cox presented paperwork and a report to the Board in several areas including the state assessment tests. He said the District students met the minimum federal AYP (adequate yearly progress) in each of the

areas. He spoke of the importance of getting all students in the district tested.

Cox spoke about the International Exchange Student policy he had put together for the district, which he presented to the Board. Cox said there are four foreign exchange students this year at Pacific. Cox recommended in the future the program be discussed at the August Board meeting so they can get more notification of what is happening. The foreign exchange students are from Serbia, Japan, China, and Korea and live with host families. Cox said he likes the program and wants six more exchange students saying they had a positive effect at the school.

Dan Morin spoke about the future of the red brick school building in Langlois. He is going to talk with the county commission/counsel about requesting money for a best use of the property study.

The Board discussed the annual senior trip. They are requesting a timeline for

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Fri Sep 16, 2005	5:07a -0.8	11:38a 6.9	5:14p 2.0	11:15p 8.1	6:58a 7:26p	7:08p 5:56a						
Sat Sep 17, 2005	5:50a -0.6	12:13p 7.4	6:04p 1.1		6:59a 7:24p	7:31p 7:11a						FM
Sun Sep 18, 2005	12:09a 8.0	6:30a -0.2	12:47p 7.8	6:53p 0.4	7:00a 7:23p	7:53p 8:25a						
Mon Sep 19, 2005	1:02a 7.7	7:08a 0.4	1:22p 8.0	7:41p 0.0	7:01a 7:21p	8:15p 9:37a						
Tue Sep 20, 2005	1:54a 7.2	7:46a 1.2	1:57p 8.1	8:30p -0.2	7:02a 7:19p	8:40p 10:49a						
Wed Sep 21, 2005	2:49a 6.7	8:25a 2.0	2:33p 7.9	9:20p -0.2	7:04a 7:17p	9:07p 11:59a						
Thu Sep 22, 2005	3:47a 6.1	9:05a 2.8	3:11p 7.6	10:13p 0.0	7:05a 7:15p	9:41p 1:07p						

## Presenting Your School Board Continued from Front Cover

the trip in late winter or early spring from the organizers, not one week before the trip

High School Spanish teacher Chris Eidemiller said he had been approached by members of the Rotary Club to participate in a program where he would travel to another area for his professional development for 4-6 weeks. He asked the board for an unpaid leave of absence from April 26-May 26 for a trip to Baja California where he will work with teachers down there and make contacts, which will enhance the Spanish language program at Pacific. Alan Brown made a motion to okay this request and it passed unanimously.

Dan Morin spoke about goal setting and one of the goals is to hold the Board meetings at the other schools. The school board meeting in November will be held

at Driftwood, December at Blanco, January through March at Pacific, April at Driftwood and May at Blanco. The Board will publicize these different meeting locations and times and encourage a greater turnout from the public.

Alan Brown made a motion that the Board approve Resolution #05-09 adopting the 2005-06 Budget, a total of \$4,634,188. The motion passed unanimously.

Virginia Hughes spoke about the budget for an executive search for a permanent superintendent. The District has \$2,500 left for the search. Chairman Joe Brown said he would like the public involved with developing the qualities and qualifications for the superintendent. Brown said there would be two public meetings in Langlois and two in Port Orford where community input will be sought.

This year the student representative to the school board is Hildred Billings.

Technology supervisor Adam House gave a technology report and said he had worked with the staff in each of the three buildings and given an orientation to the freshmen in the computer lab. He said the District has acquired ten new computers for four classrooms at Driftwood.

Transportation and maintenance manager Tony La Plante said everything went like clockwork last week and the school bus drivers did an awesome job. He said the District was paying \$2,669 a gallon for fuel. The Board was concerned about the effect on the budget of the fuel prices, as it hadn't budgeted for the current prices for fuel.

Please keep in mind that your school board desires your input on hiring a new permanent superintendent and also is moving the meetings to the other two schools to encourage more public presence at the meetings.

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## **City Hall Update by Jay Stoler**

In the wake of the departure of former Administrator Ken Knight, the Port Orford City Council met in special session on Thursday, September 8 to make a few housekeeping adjustments with the current City staff.

Finance Director Dave Johnson will take on the extra duty of Office Manager and will be in charge of the office on a day-to-day basis and report to the Mayor and Personnel subcommittee in a weekly management meeting. In addition, until a new administrator is hired, Johnson will also be the Budget Officer. Johnson, who has been with the city for nearly two years, is a native of Port Orford and a graduate of Pacific High School. He has an accounting degree from Southwestern Oregon Community College and nearly twenty years management experience in the timber industry.

City Recorder Beverly Manes will continue to be official Recorder. Manes has been working for the City since December of 2002 and is a member of the Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders and regularly attends workshops

and training sessions. In addition, Manes will be taking classes in 2006 to become a Certified Municipal Clerk.

Patty Clark who is the Utility Clerk will also be the Elections Officer. Patty has been working for the City since September of 2000.

In addition, Terri Hatfield is a part-time administrative assistant who fills in as needed.

This structure will help the city function smoothly during the process of finding and hiring a new Administrator.

Carl Eskelson, chairman of the Personnel subcommittee and Councilor Milton Finch met at 5pm on Friday, September 9 to continue to work on the job description and title for a new Administrator. Councilor Jerry Steinhorst, also a member of the committee, was not in attendance.

The committee has put a lot of thought into the description and duties, but mainly is concerned that the new Administrator would not have autonomous powers over hiring and firing or disciplining of staff without Council consent. The sub-

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committee is also looking at a possible different title for the position.

The committee has not advertised yet and will discuss the job description and the timeline for hiring a new Administrator at the next City Council meeting on September 19 at 7pm. The committee is also concerned with the Employees handbook and the many inaccuracies it contains. They will schedule a separate meeting to deal with that issue.

In a short meeting on Thursday afternoon the Mayor and Public Works subcommittee met with Public Works Director Dave Pace and Finance Director/Office Manager Dave Johnson to discuss the financing of the proposed and approved purchase of a VAC-TOR Truck.

Finance Director Dave Johnson had looked at the original deal, which was to be financed with zero down at a rate of 7.5%. Johnson checked out several other configurations with various amounts as down payments. He was able to work a deal with Sterling Savings Bank for a 5.25% annual rate with \$30,000 down over a 5-year period at about \$16,600 per year. The down payment money came from already budgeted accounts including Sewer, Water and Equipment Replacement. The deal will cause the truck to be paid off sooner at a savings to the city.

In other Public Works news: Dave Pace will move the Deady Street Pump to Qua-To-Mah Street.

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## **Letter to the Editor,**

This year the annual "Run to the Rogue" was moved up one week to coincide with the 152nd anniversary of the signing of the treaty creating the reservation at Siletz, September 10, 1853. This was the 11th year that the people of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz have run in the 234 mile relay from Siletz to Oak flats on the Illinois River which retraces the difficult march of their ancestors removal from much of the coast and celebrate the strength of their peoples perseverance.

Last Friday night the Port Orford Community Center warmly greeted members of the Siletz tribe, the elders, runners, and support team members, to the 8th annual community potluck and music night. This night of sharing food, friends, culture, and music has slowly grown each year with support from new and long time community members of north Curry and Port Orford. Kass and Tim, Dean Duarte, Michael Disbrow, Brenda

Foster and one tribal member sang and drummed (sorry missed his name) provided music to a room bathed in candlelight making the evening very enjoyable.

The Mayor Jim Auburn and Karen his wife greeted nearly all the 150 plus guests before joining in the potluck that was provided by so many hands. This year the Siletz people contributed 50 pounds of salmon fillets that put a smile on many faces, complementing all the great harvest time dishes that arrived.

Many thanks to the Mayor, the Port Orford Arts Council, Brenda Foster the "energizer", Susan Shannon the "organizer" and the galley gang Dana, Karen, and John that baked, rotated, washed and to all those folks that brought flowers and dropped off dishes this is truly helpfully and supportive.

The runners arrived at Battle Rock Park at midnight stopping to change runners for the next leg of the relay. Robert Kenta

spoke about the history of the tribe and the importance of the run to remember their ancestors. He sang a short song that Port Orford "Jakee" sang many years ago when he traveled south to the Smith River tribal dances adding more color to the tapestry of this region.

Albert Geiser

## **Alzheimer Info Day**

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 10am-Noon, a RSVP volunteer will be at a information table in the lobby of Southern Coos Hospital and Health Center, 911 11th St, Bandon. Brochures on Alzheimer's Disease and adapting to the needs of persons with it, as well as resource information for caregiving will be available. A person with A.D. will gradually experience difficulties with personal care and activities of daily living; learn creative problem-solving techniques. For more info call 347-1601.

**Meals on Wheels Program**  
**Gail Conwell, Coordinator**  
 Meals on Wheels Program

Sometimes things that look easy, really aren't. That's certainly true of the Meals on Wheels Program here in Port Orford. For the last 3-4 years, elderly and disabled people in our community have been able to receive a hot meal daily, Monday-Friday. In order to make this possible for these folks, a lot of things have to happen:

- The meals need to be made in a licensed kitchen. They also need to be nutritional-ly balanced, as much as possible, for the special needs of our people.
- Our people need to have their meals delivered on a daily basis, Monday through Friday, without fail, because they depend on us. They also need to have someone check on them to see if there are any problems. The need to be able to talk with someone.
- Money needs to be raised for those that cannot afford the meals. And because our program is not affiliated with any government programs, that means the money comes from donations to us from right here in the community.
- Most of the time, the meals are prepared by Rhonda Gore and her staff at the elementary school. These ladies do a wonderful job of preparing the food. They make it attractive and appealing to our elderly. Things like homemade pizza, salads and fresh fruit are part of the menu.

Other involved are Frank, Deb and the crew at the Port and Starboard. When school is closed, these folks get in gear. Meatloaf, fresh pies and other mouth-watering items are sent out. Along with all of this are the people at Port Orford Breadworks. The Breadman and Nancy provide beautiful cookies, bars and other delights on a weekly basis as a treat for our folks.



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A team of volunteer drivers make it possible for the meals to be delivered daily through the week. Dutch, Marylou, Jim, Jane & Frank, Maybelle and Margaret, thank you all for the time and effort you put in to help take care of those on the program. Thanks especially for caring about them and checking on their welfare. Thank you Warren, John and Ray for filling in when our "regulars" are on vacation. Thank you Gayle for the lovely flowers and little gifts you send through the drivers to everyone – how you brighten up their day!

And now for the hardest part of all – the funding. Due to a lovely donation during our fund raising several years ago, we've been able to hold our own and support those that can't afford to pay for the program. Because everything is voluntary, 100% of the money has gone to those in need. But our funds are starting to deplete fairly rapidly. Over half the folks currently on the program cannot afford to pay. Every month \$300 - \$400 goes out to pay for food for these people. These are the elderly and disabled who have very little, and who can barely afford the rent they pay.

I know how pressed we all are in today's world. Food price increases, gasoline prices going up, and now those poor folks in the south. Many of us find it difficult to give more. But folks, I'm asking you once more to be generous. Presently, we have only enough funds to last for about 4-6 months or so. After that, we won't be able to feed those that cannot pay.

If you can see it in your heart to help those in the community who have so little, and who are so needy, it would be greatly appreciated. There are cans about town specifically for Meals on Wheels – drop your change in if you can. You can also make a donation at Chetco Federal Credit Union, where we have an account.

Thank you for all you have done in the past years to keep this program going. I pray that we can continue for many years to provide this service to those in the community who need us.

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**Port Commission Meeting**

The Port of Port Orford Commission meets on Tuesday, September 20, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.



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### Parks Commission by Jay Stoler

The Port Orford Parks Commission met on Tuesday, September 6 in the Council Chambers for their regular monthly meeting. Commissioners Joanne Ruoff and Jodi Bulaich, and Public Works Superintendent Dave Pace were absent. Chairman Jim Billings moved through the agenda that contained several important discussion items. Here is a summary of the meeting:

- Discussed the weed and reed problem in Garrison Lake. Dennis Miller and Ed McQuade, both of whom live on lake front property, told the Parks Commission that Mary Phaust, a PHD from Portland State University's Center for Lakes and Reservoirs would be in Port Orford on September 21 to meet with some homeowners, view the lake and attend the Watershed Council meeting. Miller and McQuade wanted to encourage all citizens who care about the lake to attend that meeting. Miller and a group of others are in the process of also writing a grant with DEQ to provide funds to mow or somehow eradicate the invasive underwater weed and deal with the overgrown, though not invasive reeds. May-

or Auburn expressed appreciation of Miller and McQuade for the work they are doing.

- Discussed the possibility of getting coin operated binoculars at Battle Rock Park to aid in Whale Watching. Chairman Billings said if Battle Rock Park could get the traffic of 100,000 cars a year the binoculars would be installed at no charge and the City would take part in the profit. If there would be less than 100,000 cars a year of traffic, the City would have the option of paying for the installation of the binoculars, and still could receive a part of the profit. There is a traffic count currently underway in Battle Rock Park.

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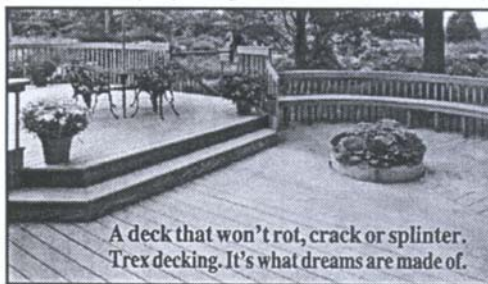
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- Briefly, discussed the Master Plan which is in the process of revision and will be the subject of a Town Hall meeting in the future; discussed several grants that are outstanding for Parks and the Chamber that deal with tourism and beautification; discussed the budget and ways to raise funds for dedicated Parks use. Chairman Billings had some questions about the monthly budget and various expenses.

- The Old City Jail mini-park is still an uncompleted deal with nothing new to report.

The meeting adjourned a few minutes after 8pm.

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The Strategy presents recommendations for ODFW's management of marine fish and wildlife and identifies potential areas of opportunity for others to contribute to the sustainability of nearshore resources. The goal is to provide a proactive, sustainable approach to marine species and habitat management in Oregon.

The coming meetings will provide an opportunity for the public to review the draft document and ask questions. The draft will be online at [www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/nearshore](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/nearshore) from Sept. 14 to Oct. 14. To request a paper copy, call (541) 867-0300, ext. 258. All comments should be submitted in writing by 5:00pm Oct. 14 via the website or by mail to: Nearshore Strategy, 2040 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365.

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The meeting in Bandon will be held on Tuesday, Sep. 20 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Best Western Inn at Face Rock, 3225 Beach Loop Drive, 347-9441.

### Lake Weeds on Agenda By Jay Stoler

A very important agenda item on the Watershed Council Meeting agenda next week will be the invasive underwater weeds and some other problems that are taking over Garrison Lake and threatening its usability. That public meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21 at 7pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

The lake weed problem was brought to the attention of various local, county and state agencies nearly two months ago by local lake-side residents Dennis Miller and Ed McQuade. In addition, they have contacted the Center for Lakes and Reservoirs at the University of Portland for assistance that will come in the form of a visit by Mary Pfauth, PHD, who will also be at the Watershed Council Meeting and who is familiar with Garrison Lake.

Many agencies and organizations will be present at this meeting and local residents that are concerned about Garrison Lake are encouraged to attend.

### Letter to the Editor,

The following notice has been posted at Paradise Point Wayside. The notice is at

the north end of the parking lot about 75 feet down the trail to the beach. It states:

"Pursuant to ORS 395.65, notice is hereby given that an application was filed with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department by Mr. Scott McKenzie requesting a permit to restore snowy plover habitat. The property is located along the Pacific shore at Elk River spit. A public hearing before the Department will be held if 10 or more requests are received by September 25, 2005. If 10 or more requests are received, a time and place for a public hearing will be set and notice thereof announced and posted."

If allowed to proceed unimpeded, this could have an adverse impact on public activity on the beach. If you enjoy salmon fishing on the Elk River, or hiking on the beach, or just watching the sun set on our beautiful coast, you will be affected. Insist on a public meeting. Write or call:

Calum Stevenson, Oregon Parks and Recreation, 8914 Cape Arago Highway, Coos Bay, OR 97420, 541-888-9324. Do this before September 25, 2005.

Note: According to experts, there has never been a snowy plover sighted in this area. Let's get this hearing and determine if this is really about conservation or just a backdoor approach to limit or stop public activity on our beach.

Leonard Patterson

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**Chamber News**  
**by Jay Stoler**

Thanks again to the more than 200 residents and visitors that helped us celebrate the 154th birthday of Port Orford over Labor Day. There were many helping hands behind the scenes. Thanks to Anne, Millie, Mary, Carol, Lee, and Scott for the terrific Tuna work; and thanks to the Arts Council, Parks Commission and City for being great co-sponsors.

On to the next event...OctoberFest is coming. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 8 from 5pm to 9pm, when the Chamber presents an OctoberFest Beer Garden and German Sausage dinner. In addition, the Portland Rally Club will be driving from Portland to Port Orford to help us celebrate. Watch the papers and portorford.info for more news about this.

There is still a vacant seat on the board. It is open to any full chamber member. To apply, call Jay at 332-8055 or drop by the Visitors Center in Battle Rock Park.

**Rotary Show and Shine**

There were 82 registered cars and trucks at the Port Orford Rotary Show and

Shine car show on Labor Day at Driftwood Elementary School. Last year there were over 100 but gas wasn't going for \$3.059 for regular unleaded. Most of the 82 cars and trucks were parked on the pavement at in back of the school with some including a row of Corvettes parked on the athletic field.

Three main awards were handed out at the end of the show including ESA Choice to Don and Carolyn Baronian of Coos Bay with their 1933 Chevy 3 window coupe. The People's Choice award was handed out to Russ and Bev Smith of Monroe, Oregon with their 1931 Model A Slant Window. Best of Show went to Chuck Mathis of Roseburg with is 1960 T-Bird. This car was super customized and looked like a Chuck Barris creation. The Rotary Club served up their much-anticipated barbecued hamburgers.

Those people showing and attending the Show and Shine were treated to the Ameriquest wildly painted blimp also known as the "Soaring Dreams" airship, which circled overhead a couple of times around 2:00pm much to the delight of those on the ground.

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**Letter to the Editor,**

Milton and Deloris Finch of Highway 101 Liquor and Stan and Jennete Dishong of the Motorcycle Museum in Port Orford would like to thank Chuck Beberness and Less McConnell for asking us to sponsor a motorcycle surf and turf ride and museum tour here in Port Orford.

The riders came from Junction City to Port Orford, a trip of 170 miles each way. The two clubs were the Oregon Vintage Motorcyclists and the Oregon Trail Chapter of Antique Motorcycle Club of America. About 19 bikes of which some were Triumphs from the sixties and BSA's, and others with passengers for 35 people arrived at 4:00pm. There was quite a party behind the Highway 101 Liquor Store with a band – Rich Young and the Fools playing until 10:00pm. There were ribs, chicken, crabs and salads brought by locals. About 75 people participated.

We would like to thank Stan and his daughter Jennete for co-sponsoring this event. We would also like to thank all of the guests that brought side dishes, and helped set up the canopies due to the rain. Everyone involved made this a successful event especially our cook Conrad! Good job.

We hope to do this again next year.

Milton and Deloris Finch



## Letter to the Editor,

A request for help comes from my friend Diane Turner from the New Orleans area. She has evacuated to Baton Rouge with her husband and family. Her pastor, who lost his home in New Orleans, along with relocated church staff members, is reaching out to the evacuees in Baton Rouge from their newest ministry location. In spite of their own personal losses, they recognize a desperate need to help the less fortunate, who now find themselves homeless because of Hurricane Katrina.

She has been asked to set up a program for feeding evacuees and homeless who come to their church for help. Needed are money, bunk beds, refrigerator, stove, microwave, bedding, towels, personal hygiene products, folding tables and chairs, paper goods for serving the food, and cooking utensils, including oversized cooking pots. They need to convert offices into dormitories for their displaced staff members, now staying in temporary shelters. It's a big task requiring lots of help.

If you can help, please send needed goods to New Home Family Worship Center International, 3000 Tecumseh Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70805. Checks are to be made out to Free Spirit Bookstore/ New Home at P.O. Box 1282 Denham Springs, LA 70727 in care of Diane Turner. Inquiries can be sent to MDT324@aol.com. Please write "Operation Hope" in the memo section of the

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Melanie Foss

## **City Council Meeting**

The Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, September 19, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

## **Quickbooks Training**

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**Letter to editor,**

The Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the community for turning out at the Labor Day Picnic and Birthday Party in the Park. It's not only a celebration of the 154th birthday of Port Orford, but a wonderful celebration of our spirited and creative community.

Special thanks to volunteers; Mary Taylor, Millie North, Anne Goetzman and Carol Strenkowski for prepping the Tuna and Lee Strenkowski and Scott Luhr for helping grill the Tuna. Also thanks to Anne and Millie for use of their grills.

Also thanks to Stacy Romele and the Arts Council for co-sponsoring the event and doing a the usual fantastic job, Sonja Mason and Rotary for the use of the Legion Hall kitchen, to Tony and Hallmark Fisheries for the Tuna, filet and storage, to the Parks Commission for the use of the Park, to NCFCC for the use of the A-Frame, and to Steve Montana for the music. Hope I didn't leave anyone out.

And thanks again to the over 200 folks who came, brought a ton of food and their festive attitudes to make this event a truly great time.

Jay Stoler  
 Chamber of Commerce

**Wyden Questions Gas Prices**

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) today sharply questioned Guy Caruso, head of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, about severe gasoline price hikes nationwide over the past year and following Hurricane Katrina, and particularly about increases in prices on the West Coast. At the hearing of the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to examine factors contributing to current high prices, Wyden specifically pressed Mr. Caruso about steep gasoline price increases outpacing crude oil price increases, and potential post-hurricane price gouging even in the West. Wyden noted that the West Coast is often called "geographically isolated" from oil markets elsewhere in the country, but has seen increases of at least 15 cents per gallon immediately after Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast.

Wyden: "Mr. Caruso, I don't know how many times I have heard folks from your agency say that the West Coast is an isolated gasoline market. That's been the agency's position again and again. But even though the West Coast gets no gas from the Gulf, and West Coast refineries weren't affected, oil companies raised prices on the West Coast of the United States immediately after Hurricane Katrina. So if the West Coast is geographically isolated from the gulf, as your agency has been maintaining, how can the oil industry legitimately justify these overnight price increases for West Coast deal-

ers and consumers that followed Katrina?"

Mr. Caruso initially disagreed that the West Coast market was geographically isolated, but then stated that West Coast consumers were being hit by high gas prices both because the West Coast is isolated and also because the market has been affected by price hikes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Also at today's hearing, Wyden questioned James Overdahl of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission as to why his agency is not investigating recent reports that some oil commodity traders made exponential profits in the days after the hurricane.

Senator Wyden has long been a leader in Congress in monitoring and fighting high gasoline prices. Wyden voted against the energy bill approved in July, in part because the legislation did not do anything to reduce gas prices facing American consumers. Since coming to the Senate, Wyden has released three investigative reports on factors contributing to gasoline and oil price increases, including Federal Trade Commission (FTC) inaction when it comes to protecting consumers. Wyden noted today that the FTC has not spoken about huge price increases in recent days, despite price levels having reached record highs. To read Wyden's previous gasoline price reports, go to [http://wyden.senate.gov/leg\\_issues/issue/special.html](http://wyden.senate.gov/leg_issues/issue/special.html)

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**Letter to the Editor,**

Have you noticed lately the large wooden planter tubs filled with flowers that are sprinkled up and down both sides of Hwy. 101 going through Port Orford? Take a look! These tubs of flowers are sponsored by the Sunset Garden Club members and friends and are there to dress up our town. The folks whose names are listed below are responsible for planting and maintaining these tubs, which means hauling water in the dry months. Sunset Garden Club is also in charge of the flower tub at the Post Office, the large planter outside City Hall, and the large arrangement of grasses

and flowers in the boat at the north entrance to town. This is a large project that is nearing completion.

Next time you see these folks be sure to tell them "thanks" for helping to make our town look great!

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**Oregon Beach Cleanup**

The Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup takes place this Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10:00am-1:00pm. The state is divided into 14 zones including Zone 13, which goes from the south side of the Sixes River to Ophir along the beach. Port Orford area volunteers report to Battle Rock State Wayside Park at 10:00am on Saturday morning. The Zone Captain for this area is John Leuthe. He will hand out trash bags and assign people to nearby beaches. People are asked to return to Battle Rock Park by 1:00pm with their collected trash.

Zone 12 goes from Cape Arago to the north side of the Sixes River. Volunteers for this zone meet at "The Barn" in Bandon City Park at 10:00am. Bev Ardueser is the zone captain for Bandon. This is the 22nd anniversary of the statewide volunteer beach cleanup. Last Fall 2,700 volunteers picked up over 21 tons of trash from Oregon's beaches.

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

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**CLASSIFIED ADS** are \$3.50 for the first 25 words or less, and 10¢ each additional word (if any.) Our normal deadline for submission is 3:00pm Tuesday to be in that Thursday's paper. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc., 832 Hwy 101, Box 49, Port Orford, OR 97465 (541) 332-6565.

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