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Shake, Rattle, & Roll by Valerie Jean Kramer

As some of you know, I've been getting back into photography lately. You may have seen some of my photos hanging in the library this month, along with those of other students in the classes given by John Heida and Steve Thompson. As part of this interest, I've been getting out a little more, looking for interesting people, places, or things to photograph. I'd already made a couple of expeditions up the Elk River so, for a change, I took a trip up the Sixes River Road last Sunday morning.

Sixes River Road is an interesting drive but one you would not likely take unless you live there, are heading to some place on the road, or are just out exploring as I was. The road begins just opposite the Sixes Grange, Sixes Port Office, and former Sixes store on Highway 101. There are a number of farms, ranches and homes along the road and the first part of the road is well paved though quite twisty as it follows the river and the contours of the hillsides.

About 4.5 miles upriver you come to Edson Creek Park and campground. This is a popular camping and picnicking site for locals and tourists. There is

a swimming hole in the river which is a popular reminder of a long-gone era.

A few miles later there is a 1.3 mile stretch of single lane paved road. There are plenty of wide spots to pull over and allow traffic from the opposite direction to pass and usually traffic is light anyway. Shortly after this section of road, the paving ends and the rest is just a gravel road. It is, however well graded (at the moment at least) with relatively little "washboarding". Only a few places made the car "shake, rattle, and roll."

At about 11.5 miles you come to the Sixes River Recreation Area and BLM campgrounds. This river access site is a popular place for panning gold. You won't get rich, but you can get some "color" to take home to amaze your friends. Bring your own gold pan.

Beyond this BLM area lies nothing much but a mix of wilderness and clearcuts. The road after the BLM site was very dusty. The leaves on the bushes along the road were coated with dust and it all looked rather drab. After a few more miles, however, a logging road forked off to the left while the main road went across a bridge to the right. Perhaps the dust was caused by logging trucks because the bushes quickly became clean and green again, almost as if I'd passed

into a different dimension. The road, however, began to change. Instead of a wide swath of clean white gravel, it began to appear more like a single lane with two ruts. After a while, weeds began to appear in the middle between the ruts and the weeds became larger and the ruts deeper as I went on. I also noticed the bushes getting closer and closer to the car on either side and the road was sometimes unnervingly close to a drop off with no protective railing. At one point the road itself appeared to be eroding away down the cliff. There wasn't much traffic up there on Sunday morning. Actually, there wasn't any! I drove for well over an hour on my excursion past the BLM site and never saw another vehicle or person. Twice I saw a pair of deer crossing the road. They looked much healthier than the deer you see around town. Their eyes were alert and their beautiful brown coats almost glowed in the sunlight. I also saw three turkey vultures take flight from a tree but they weren't nearly as pretty... at least not to me. Maybe their mothers might have a different opinion. I don't know.

After a couple of unsettling noises from under the car caused by the high ridge between the ruts in the lane I came to

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a place where some trees were lying down almost across the road. I'd guess that they had been across the road but someone had cut them up and moved parts of them out of the way. There was still a fair amount of debris but one could squeak by. I chickened out and decided to turn around while I could – turn around spots had become pretty scarce. This was about 10 miles past the BLM recreation site.

I found some interesting views and enjoyed my excursion and I took a few photos but I have to say that for photographic expeditions, Elk River Road wins hands down. On the other hand, if you want to get away from everyone and everything and enjoy as pure an experience of nature as you're likely to find, then head up Sixes River Road and just keep on going.

City Council Highlights
By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council met on Monday night with council president

John Hewitt running the meeting in the absence of Mayor Jim Auburn.

Port Orford Volunteer Fire Chief Gayle Wilcox submitted the department's annual report in writing to the council and gave them a brief oral report. She said the department handled 26 calls last year; most of which were for motor vehicle accidents. Wilcox expressed her gratefulness for the support from the Sixes and Langlois fire departments, the Port Orford Police Department and the Port Orford Ambulance. She said she had looked at the proposed layout for the library space and said the department was excited about it.

Police Chief Mark Creighton gave his report this time orally rather than in writing. He said that ODOT (Oregon Department of Transportation) was investigating the traffic and pedestrian flow at the intersections of 15, 18, 19 and 20th streets because of the city's request for crosswalks located there. That's what the ODOT cameras were doing the past week. Chief Creighton introduced the newest police officer Randal Dresser. He moved here from Las Vegas where he

served as a police officer with the Las Vegas Metro Police.

Creighton has submitted a series of questions to the council earlier about the speed trap issue. Councilor Hewitt told him the council doesn't micro-manage the police department but sets policy. Councilor David Smith had spoken with a representative from the Oregon State Police who told him that it's up to the local police department to set the protocols for handling traffic. Creighton asked Hewitt why he had given him a score of one on his performance evaluation when he (Hewitt) was evaluating him in an area he didn't understand. Hewitt trying to move on told Creighton, "It's history." Hewitt told Creighton several times during their conversation that he though he was doing a much better job with traffic enforcement.

Councilor Steve Abbott told Creighton that he wanted the speed trailer located at the school but Creighton responded that putting it there would cause a hazard being a distraction for drivers.

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Creighton told the council he has a real good working relationship with the new Curry County Sheriff John Bishop.

The planning commission was set to hold a workshop meeting on Wednesday July 23 as a continuation of their five and a half hour meeting from last Tuesday night. Planning Chairman Dave Holman told the council there were two main concerns with the two new proposed subdivisions and they were geologic and water.

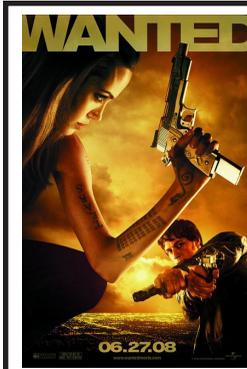
Councilor Smith who is also Chamber president proudly displayed the new Chamber map with Port Orford on one side and northern Curry County on the other. This excellent map is being distributed for free at the Visitor Center.

Saturday July 26 many members of the LDS Church will be in Port Orford cleaning up the three city parks. They will do weed whacking, brush removal, ivy removal and trim low hanging tree branches.

Councilor Bill McArdle reported on the Garrison Lake meeting and said a recent visit by a lake expert determined that our lake is healthy. They found rainbow and cutthroat trout in the lake as well as two herring.

The council moved into a discussion of the plans for the library space. The Port Orford Library has rented the space through July 31 and is selling off the shelving and some of the older computer equipment. Beck said the three priorities in order for city hall were painting the building, the police department space and the city staff space. Beck made a motion that the city approve the remodeling plan for the library space by the police department and that it not include either bathroom in the hall. The council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

Then council president Hewitt read a memo from City Finance Director Da-



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vid Johnson regarding the cost of potential recall elections. He estimated that five separate recall elections could cost the city \$17,500 and that money had not been anticipated or put in the budget. Johnson offered the council two options – one would be to postpone the remodeling of City Hall until the conclusion of the recall process and the other option is do nothing. Ed Beck pointed out there was money in the budget for other things like money to possibly buy McNair’s parking lot if that becomes necessary. He said there were volunteers available currently to get the work done in the library space and urged the council to act now. Councilor McArdle called the recalls frivolous. He said he wanted to postpone the remodeling until November and called on the backers of the recalls to call them off so the remodeling could move forward.

Beck made a motion to accept the bid of \$13,200 for materials to remodel the library space for the police department using the \$15,000 set aside for McNair’s if necessary. The deeply divided council voted 4-2 no on the motion with Beck and Finch voting yes and Smith, Hewitt, McArdle and Abbott voting no.

Beck then made a motion to postpone the remodeling and put it on next month’s council agenda and that passed unanimously.

There were other issues discussed and voted on but no room this week. However at the end of the meeting under staff considerations Chief Creighton spoke to the council and asked them if he could get donated materials for the remodel and that the city pay for the building permit if he could proceed with the work. They agreed pending approval by City Finance Director, David Johnson.

The council and city administrator Mike Murphy couldn’t decided what color to paint city hall. Earlier in the meeting they had discussed the painting of city hall. They approved a motion by David Smith to proceed with allowing the juvenile department to use 2-4 juveniles to paint the building. They would be under strict supervision and Mike Murphy is to meet with the juvenile department supervisor on Tuesday. If any citizens have a suggestion on the color of the building please call or visit city hall and give them to Murphy.

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Common Good News

Here at The Common Good, Inc in Port Orford we are having a busy summer. The "Frugal Decadent Dessert" sale was a big hit and a complete sell out. Friends of TCG, Inc. made over \$250.00 which will provide two months of eggs for the pantry. Thank You's go out to Rene & her family, The Fun Zone "Llama Lady", Elaine, Al, Jackie, and President Ken. Also a BIG Thanks to Driftwood School and Port Orford Senior Center for letting us use their facilities.

Remember our "Carrot Fund" at Chetco Federal Credit Union. Just tell the teller to put \$1.00 in our special account whenever you cash a check.

"Shoes for Kids" is getting ready to measure those feet. Call TCG, Inc., 332-1365, about days and forms or check this paper.

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New State Park

It's official! Oregon State Parks Area Manager Frank Eckley told this paper on Monday morning that the newest state park in our area is now open as of last Friday. It will be called either Arizona Beach State Park or Arizona Beach State Recreation Area depending on what the State Parks officials decide. The naming decision isn't up to Mr. Eckley.

Arizona Beach State Park is a 68 acre gem located about half way between Port Orford and Gold Beach and carries a Port Orford zip code. Until it was sold the property was the site of the Arizona Beach RV Park and has a rich history before that including being a stage stop and dairy. The park has beach access through a road that goes under Highway 101. Note: like most day use parks there is no fee to enter this park.

The park is open from 8:00am till 9:00pm through summer and is a day use park only with no camping. There is a small man made lake in the park which has been stocked with rainbow trout. Fishing is allowed for youth 17 years of age and under but those 14 and above will need a fishing license.

Joyce and Jason Hrebin are the park hosts who are staying at the park currently and the ones who did so much to get it ready for the public. They have spotted an osprey, a blue heron and an otter and now will be spotting many a visitor.

Fresh Fruit, Microwave Popcorn, We have enough egg cartons for now, thanks.

If you would like to be a "food patron" and provide a months worth of any of the above items call Jackie at the office and she will explain how simple it is. What with food costs going up all around this may be a good idea for those of you who know where the REALLY good buys are !

Micki and Bill, our "Closet" organizers, are very happy with the quality of the donations that have been coming in. The items are clean, mended and usable off the rack. Keep up the good work, Port Orford.

Coming Soon: Harvest Wednesdays. Those gardener's who have an abundance of fruits or vegetables please drop them off on Wednesdays, in the morning, for our clients to appreciate. The Common Good, Inc. will provide you with a receipt and a BIG smile.

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Rotary Club News

Melissa Weinblatt spoke to the Port Orford Rotary Club about her adventures on a Rotary Group Study Exchange to northern Argentina. A Rotary Group Study Exchange sends young professionals with a Rotarian group leader to another country for 5-6 weeks where they are hosted by local Rotary clubs, meet with professionals in their own and related fields, and are introduced to the foreign culture. Ms. Weinblatt applied and was accepted as a member of her Oregon group because her agricultural vocation and command of Spanish would enhance her visit to northern Argentina.

Ms. Weinblatt compared her visits to Rotary Clubs in Argentina with her visit to the Port Orford Rotary: whereas the Port Orford club meets at noon, the Argentine clubs met from 9 p.m. to midnight, with lots of wine.

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Grateful to have the opportunity for such unusual travel, Ms. Weinblatt said she not only had the opportunity to experience another culture, she also found out a lot about herself through interactions with her Exchange team, and with the families who hosted team members in their homes.

One thing Melissa learned from this trip was that you can't judge people by their looks: experiences with hosting families showed her that first impressions of people can be entirely misleading.

Toward the beginning of her trip, Ms. Weinblatt stayed with an Argentine farmer who grew cattle, rice, soybeans and sorghum. She asked herself, "Why does the best have to happen first?" ... and then other experiences were as good or better. People opened their homes and their hearts so that after only a few days when the Exchange Group moved on, it was like leaving family.

Melissa was gratified that she was able to give back to one family who owned a tractor which needed parts unavailable in that area of the world. The only solution they could find was to buy a new tractor! Melissa got on the internet and had parts sent from Eugene!

To learn more about Melissa Weinblatt's experience, go to the Group Study Exchange's blog at www.district5110gse2008.org

City Water Report

The City of Port Orford Public Works Department treated 5,605,000 gallons of raw water from the Hubbard Creek reservoir in June. They used 316,000 of water for backwashing filters at the water treatment plant in Buffington Park. This left 5,289,000 gallons for consumption. The City metered 2,680,070 gallons of water in June and lost 2,608,930 gallons for a loss rate of 49.4%. Port Orford's "water shortage" is that being lost in their aging distribution system.

The Public Works crew fixed a water leak on Monday morning in front of the Transaction Gallery. They used the Vac-Con truck.

School Board Works Session

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board has a planned work session Thursday, July 24, from 9:00am. to 3:00pm. The meeting is open to all and will be held at the Langlois Mountain Retreat Center.

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07-13 Police responded to a burglar alarm at one of our banks. A check of the bank determined that the alarm was false, and no other action was taken.

07-13 Police and fire responded to a house fire alarm on 18th Street. The homeowner was barbequing steaks inside the home when smoke filled the room setting off a fire alarm. The alarm company called the homeowner to verify the fire but the homeowner thought it was a telemarketer calling so he yelled at them and hung-up. Police and Fire arrived and the homeowner apologized but didn't have enough steaks for everyone so they all left hungry.

07-15 Police received a report from a citizen that a bank bag with money inside was missing and presumed lost. The bag was later located with everything intact.

07-16 Police received a report from the wife of a possible suicidal subject who had taken a large quantity of sleeping pills. After an investigation it was determined the subject had actually flushed the pills and just wanted to be left alone for awhile. He was counseled and referred to mental health.

07-16 Police responded to a residence with Port Orford Ambulance on a medical call where a subject was not able to get to the door and the home was locked. An officer entered the home through a window and unsecured the residence so ambulance personnel could attend to the subject.

07-17 Police responded to a motor vehicle crash where a driver was attempting to make a left hand turn onto 11th Street and was struck in the rear by another vehicle. There were no injuries and a report was taken.

07-17 A transient person was given a courtesy ride from downtown Gold Beach to outside the city limits. He was then given a courtesy ride by county to Port Orford where he was provided a meal by one of our local businesses, and given a bus pass to another town further north.

07-17 A burglary report was taken at the A-frame at Buffington Park where unknown person(s) unlawfully entered the building and took an undisclosed amount of property. If anyone has any information about this burglary please contact us.

07-17 Police took a report of an intoxicated subject in the area of Deady Street. Police checked the subject and he was determined to be able to care for himself and went on his way.

Chiefs Note: I attended the Monthly Rural Fire Board Meeting up in Cedar Terraces on Thursday and was a little taken back when I heard several negative comments made about the Port Orford Volunteer Fire Department in reference to a house fire. Officer Breuer and I both responded to that fire and provided scene security while our firefighters controlled the fire from entering the wooded areas and burning other homes. I watched our firefighter's work very hard, risking their lives for many hours on that volatile fire. A big thanks to Michelle Breuer who woke up at 1:00am made sandwiches for the firefighters and Tyson Breuer Jr. who brought them to the scene. Drinking water was taken to the scene by ambulance personnel who were on stand by. I want to express my gratitude to Fire Chief Wilcox, and all our volunteer firefighters, Ambulance personnel, and Reserve Police Officers for volunteering their time to keep us all safe. Most citizens don't realize that our Emergency Services Personnel are on call 24/7, and give of their free time when the rest of us are at home. I have personally responded to many emergency calls with all our Emergency Services

Volunteers and can say I am proud of all of them for performing such an exceptional job keeping our community safe.

Sign up for School Shoes!

Do you need help getting your kids ready for school this year? The Shoes for Kids program of The Common Good food pantry can help.

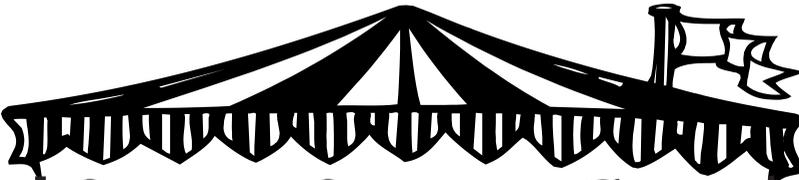
We provide new shoes, socks and personal care supplies to all children in the Port Orford-Langlois (2CJ) school district who need them. There is no charge to families; shoes are paid for with donations from the community.

To receive shoes, sign up at The Common Good. Please bring your children on Wednesday August 6 or Wednesday August 13 between 10 AM and 3:30 PM. Sign up early! If you are already certain of your children's shoe sizes, you can sign up by simply filling out an early registration form available any Wednesday in July at The Common Good, 1405 Idaho Street, in Port Orford.

Shoes will be distributed on Saturday August 16th at the Port Orford Christian Center (10th and Washington) from 11AM – 2PM. This year, the shoe distribution and school supply distribution will happen together – same time, same place!

Port Orford community members: We're now halfway to our fundraising goal of \$3000 to cover expenses for this wonderful program. We appreciate the generosity of many so far, but still need more contributions. Please send a check to "The Common Good – Shoes for Kids", PO Box 564, Port Orford, OR 97465. Or, feed the GIANT basketball shoe donation canisters at the Downtown Fun Zone, Crazy Norwegians, Coos Curry Supply, or at Chetco and Sterling banks. Thank you for helping our kids.

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Letter to the Editor,

First, let me make clear that I do not in any way wish to denigrate the many wonderful and Heroic efforts of our many volunteer firemen/women and EMT's. My critique has to do with the disrespect shown our flag and National Anthem.

After the July 4, 2007 parade, it was discussed specifically with the Chief of the Port Orford fire organization concerning the repeated activation of the sirens on the emergency vehicles in the parade while we were at the reviewing stand rendering due respect to our flag and our Country with the singing of the National Anthem. The continuous noise from the emergency equipment rendered the singing meaningless as no one could hear over the noise.

I was assured the same would not happen again, but it did, even worse this year. I was very embarrassed for our Valiant Singer, Ruby Wagner, and I fear there may be no such participation next year. I know the youngsters along the parade route love the Fire Trucks and the noise of the sirens, but the parade is the celebration of our independence of which our flag and Anthem are symbols for which many have fought and died.

Bill Dooley, Commander
American Legion Post 76

Letter to the Editor,

At the last Planning Commission Meeting, as agent for the Territory Land Company, LLC of Grants Pass, you stated that you could "go to a judge and get him to force the city to approve the plat."

No judge in his right mind is going to force 12 new units on a small city (1.6 square miles) with a failing water delivery system and thereby endanger the welfare of all current residents. If somehow this plat gets approved, then will you proceed with attempting to force approval of the additional 28 lot development represented by you for the Pirates Cove Land Company, LLC?

I'm not sure what they are, but surely there must be statutes in the ORS to protect children -- indeed all of us -- from thirst. And since the City Council is charged with the "welfare of their citi-

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zens," as well as having some responsibility for "land-use planning within their city limits," I request the Council focus on this serious topic which can seriously affect all of us.

Nella Abbott

Innominata Garden Club Tour

The Innominata Garden Club is hosting their annual garden tour for Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 10 to 4. Tickets are for sale at Flowers by the Sea, 101 Creations and Sweetbriars for \$5. This is a self guided tour; the ticket includes a map and info about each garden. Person to contact would be Linda Stokes @541-247-2689.

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or by phone at (541) 332-0516

In Love and Gratitude, Grace Lee Bonnell

Councilor Target of Recall

Councilor Milton Finch Sr. has joined the list of Port Orford city councilors and mayor who are the target of a recall. A recall petition was filed against Councilor Finch last week by chief petitioner Michael Dodson of Port Orford. The reasons stated on the recall form read in part as follows "Councilor Milton Finch Sr. failed to follow his duty as an elected City Councilor by walking out of multiple council meetings because he apparently disagreed with decisions made by the Common Council. He also failed to follow the will of the people when he

and he alone, voted NO to renew the liquor licenses for all of the businesses that sell alcohol within the City of Port Orford." Dodson has to collect 79 valid signatures of voters living within the city limits to qualify this for a recall election. Finch now joins councilors John Hewitt, Steve Abbott, David Smith, and Mayor Jim Auburn who are also the targets of a recall. Chief petitioner for the recall of the latter four individuals is Jack Marohl.

Of those facing a recall all but councilor Hewitt are holding positions up for election this November. Mayor Auburn has

already announced he will not run for another term (sentence).

POP Armbands

The Curry County Fair features POP (Pay-One-Price-Ride-All-Day) carnival ride armbands every day of the four day fair for the first ever. The carnival rides open at noon and close at 10:00pm. A one day all you can ride armband is \$25. Johnson Amusements operates the carnival rides and promises to bring in a minimum of 15 rides this year including the Zipper, the Gravatron, the Dizzy Dragon and the big Cage Wheel.

Pick of the Week

The Sunset Garden Club holds their annual garden tour this Saturday and it's the pick of the week for things to do in Port Orford. Can't tell you where all the garden club tour spots are but you can begin at the Port Orford Senior Center for a look at the Educational Demonstration Garden and see all the vegetables being raised there. Here's a list of some of the vegetables at the Demonstration Garden which include potatoes, beans, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes, radishes, broccoli, and kale. There are nine raised beds at the garden and all have deer netting over them to protect against foraging animals. A greenhouse effect was concocted using plastic sheeting over the tomatoes to give them the heat they need. Jennifer Ewing and other volunteers did a great job and if you haven't seen it there couldn't be a better day than this Saturday.

Maps to the six gardens can be purchased for \$5 at the God's Green Earth Nursery and the Downtown Fun Zone. The tour goes from 10:00am till 4:00pm. Enjoy!

Open Mic Night

A Lyrical Open Microphone Night will be held at 8:00pm this Saturday, July 26 at the Biscuit Showroom in Gold Beach. The event will be hosted by Earl Mohr, a long time interpretive reader at the Brookings Art Walks, Salon Nouveau at the Snug Café in Brookings, and local schools, as well as the Portland Wordstock Festival.

In addition to providing thematic readings of his own, Mohr will introduce each performer, who receives up to 10 minutes to recite poetry or prose, or to perform musical compositions, including original work and personal favorites from other authors.

Bookstore owner Ted Watkins praises Mohr's talent, explaining, "I call Earl 'a troubadour of the spoken word' because

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he is gifted with many different voices, from lyrical to dramatic to comedic and so many others; much like James Earl Jones, he could even read the phonebook to applause." Watkins adds, "For each of our monthly open microphone nights, Earl prepares wonderfully insightful and entertaining pieces of his own, while making new readers feel comfortable when it's their turn at the podium."

Mohr's own readings Saturday will be on the theme, "Of Children and Shaggy Dogs." He will include poems from "Michela," an Illinois resident with roots in central Oregon, whose work reflects her struggles overcoming personal obstacles and ongoing illnesses to provide a positive influence upon her two daughters.

The open microphone event is held at 8 PM on the last Saturday of each month, with spur-of-the-moment participants welcome. In addition to any live music which may be performed, the evening includes brief selections from local musicians' CDs, which are available on site, as well as classic audio selections from famous poets.

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The Biscuit Showroom is located on the second floor of Gold Beach Books on Pacific Highway 101 and First Street in Gold Beach.

Coast Guard Day Celebration

Put a circle around Sunday, August 3 on your calendar. The Oregon Coast Lab Band is returning to Port Orford Heads State Park to give another free concert, playing all their wonderful music selections of old and new. This concert is again being presented as a thank you to the community from the Point Orford Heritage Society. Starting time is noon.

This is a celebration of the birthday of the Coast Guard and an official color guard will present the colors. These service people will be coming to Port Orford from the Coast Guard Station in North Bend to do the honors.

Bring your blanket or lawn chairs and if you wish, a picnic lunch or there will be sack lunches available for \$6.00. Parking will be directed and you might wish to carpool with someone. Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of music.

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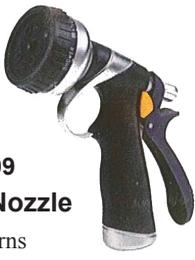
Girls of all ages are invited to Bandon/Port Orford's Women's Connection "Girl's Night Out" on Monday evening, August 4, 6:30-8:00pm, VFW Building, 55382 Bates Rd., Bandon.

Come join our summer celebration. Enjoy a delicious dinner, fun, chocolates, lots of door prizes, an opportunity to network with girls of all ages, and a "Fall Fashion Forecast" event for just \$10.00 (\$5 for young moms/girls under 18).

There will be a special gift for the lady who brings the most family and friends!

Feature for the evening will be Black Horse Boutique. With fall coming, perhaps your wardrobe needs a bit of updating. Come and see the latest fashion and style trends modeled by local women.

You don't want to miss our inspirational speaker, Fayemarie Miller from Clatskanie, OR. Fayemarie is a perfect example of why you should never judge a book by its cover! This former "Go-Go" dancer who became a mother at 15 tells about an amazing transformation that took place as the fear that once ruled her

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Letter to the Editor,

I've been honored to serve as your mayor for the past 4 years and have been pondering the advisability of running for reelection for the past several weeks. Unfortunately, health concerns preclude my serving effectively in a leadership position at the beginning of the next term. It would be unfair to our citizens and selfish of me to burden a new council with an absentee or less than fully capable mayor at that critical time. Therefore, I've reluctantly decided not to petition for reelection. I will continue to serve the remainder of this present term to the best of my ability and encourage qualified candidates to run in the next election.

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Curry County Fair Opens

The Curry County Fair opens 10:00am Thursday, July 24 at the Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. This year the Fair features an Energy Park sponsored by Southwestern Oregon Community College. Featured displays include solar panels, a wind powered turbine, and alternative science projects from Curry County students. One of the highlights of the Energy Park is the booth presented by Grants Pass Electric Vehicles featuring their all electric cars. Coos Curry Electric Co-op has a booth at this year's Fair with information on renewable energy, and the CCEC solar demonstration project.

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PORT ORFORD LIBRARY SALE. Fri/Sat July 25 & 26, 10-2 at old library. Metal shelving 78 x 36, fax machine, packing boxes, misc computer equipment, etc.

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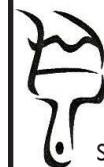
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Public Hearing Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Port Orford Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday August 12, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. and the Port Orford Common Council will hold a Public Hearing on August 18, 2008 at 7:00p.m., each in the Council Chambers of Port Orford City Hall at 555 W 20th Street, Port Orford, Oregon for the purpose of considering the adoption of legislative amendments to the City's Municipal Code: Subjects for the proposed amendments are:

- **Natural Hazards:** Replaces existing natural hazards ordinance provisions with more comprehensive requirements to provide increased safety for residents of the City.
- **Partitioning and Subdivision:** Proposes to: (a) clarify standards and procedures, criteria for decision-making, and responsibilities of all parties; (b) set forth expectations for tentative plans and final plats; (c) incorporate expectations that major partitions and subdivisions will comply with the City of Port Orford design standards.
- **Minor Partitioning:** Proposes to limit utilization of minor partitioning standards to one time on any parcel

or tract, within any 5-year period, and states that subsequent partitioning of such parcel or tract shall comply with all of the requirements of major partitioning or subdivision.

- **Zoning:** Proposes to incorporate expectations of current Oregon law pertaining to: (a) subdivision of existing mobile home parks; (b) child care facilities, residential homes and residential facilities in residential zones; (c) consolidated application procedures; (d) time limits for final decisions on quasi-judicial applications.

You are invited to participate in either or both of the hearings, and in any workshops or continuation of the hearings that may be scheduled and announced at hearings. You are invited to submit written testimony prior to or at the hearing. Please contact the City of Port Orford for more information - Phone: 541-332-3681.

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If you are available to help, please contact Susan at 247-4466.

The Avenger Part VII
By Lou Mincer

I mentioned previously that the oceans of the world played a vital role in the formation of greenhouse gas. Let's touch on this aspect briefly. To preface this commentary let it be said that a new incursion by oil exploiters has focused their sights on the ocean frontier. The reality is that strikes have been discovered where untouched deposits of oil and gas exist and wildcatters are about to burst loose with their drills and rigs in the Artic Polar waters. OPAC has no intention of developing alternative fuels that will compete with oil.

Man steeped in greed, to the exclusion of all else is tampering with the evolutionary cycles of nature.

Six hundred and fifty million years ago the oceans and world were a frozen mass of ice. According to climatologists that phenomena should occur one again in the earths next weather cycle. Due to the carbon apparition however weather transformation is headed in the opposite direction with parts of the earth being super heated. This is proof positive of man's incipient impact on climate change.

Speaking though of the carbon genie, that omnivorous pariah, the sea beds of the ocean contain Methane Hydrates noted for absorbing carbon. Methane is the residual accumulation of the decomposition of phytoplankton, which is transformed into methane upon death sinking to the ocean floor. The ocean floor is a hotbed littered with millions of tons of methane hydrate, which is highly inflammable. It is estimated that there are 10,000 million tons of methane lying dormant in ocean sea beds.

This volatile mélange if ignited would be comparable to a Mt. Helens volcanic explosion only magnified a hundred fold. The holocaust ensuing from the ocean engulfed in flames would be a kin to multitudes of molten lava flows.