

# The Friday Update

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**BLACKBERRY ARTS FESTIVAL AND AIR SHOW** – The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Blackberry Arts Festival will be held in downtown Coos Bay Saturday and Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The festival celebrates the annual harvest of blackberries and has something for everyone. The event will feature entertainment, food vendors, and arts and crafts vendors. Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come join the festivities in downtown Coos Bay. Entertainment schedule for **Saturday**; 1 - 3 p.m. Zion Train Reggae, 3 - 5 p.m. The Pentatones (another high school band formed in 1959 as students of Marshfield and North Bend High School. They played together for five years before breaking up, but reunited in 1995 to play the “good old rock and roll.” The band is made up of Les Engle, Mike Royce, Cliff Rehwoldt, and Ron Clark. The band will reunite from areas around the state to bring the reminiscent tunes to the Blackberry Arts Festival. For **Sunday**; 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Teatro Bagon Siliangan Theater of the New East. This group of folk dancers celebrates Filipinism through the arts. They come from the Portland area to bring their colorful dances to this year’s festival. Thirty-five dancers of all ages will treat festival goers to traditional and tribal dances. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Christopher Tree plays over 150 percussion instruments including bells, gongs, chimes, calabash water drums, Jew’s harp, or drums from Trinidad, Mali, Tibet and more. Tree is said to be a virtuoso of sounds improving and unusual composition before an amazed audience. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. the Oregon Coast Lab Band will perform the traditional big band sounds. This group of very talented youth from all over the Southern Oregon Coast, is a crowd-pleaser with a great following.

The Sixth Annual Rotary Air Fair will be held on Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. The air fair is sponsored by the Coos Bay and North Bend Rotary Clubs and will open the show with the Eugene Skydiving Club, followed by the Bud Granley Air Show featuring a YAK exhibition. War-Bird flybys are scheduled at 11:50 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:10 p.m. These F-16 Flying Falcon jet fighters-bombers are piloted by National Guardsmen from Klamath Falls. The highlight at noon will be a race between an auto from the Mid Coast Mustang and Ford Club and an airplane. The car club will also hold its annual Classic Show and Shine with show awards at 3 p.m. The air fair will include aerobatics demonstrations by the local radio controlled flying club, law enforcement canine demonstrations, and a search and rescue demonstration by the local Coast Guard contingent. Admission is \$7, \$5 for students, Parking is \$1 per car. Looks like a fun-filled weekend – hope to see you there! *(Information courtesy of the Downtown Association)*

**FARMER’S MARKET** – You may have noticed the Downtown Association’s Farmer’s Market has been so successful it has outgrown its location. The City Council approved the use of the northern portion of the Chamber parking lot and beginning this week, the Farmer’s Market is in a new location; just a short distance north of the original location. Many visitors and locals are enjoying the delights and treasures of the market – stop by if you haven’t already.

**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY COLORING CONTESTANT WINNERS** – A belated, but heartfelt thanks, to the downtown merchants who donated prizes for the children who entered the 4<sup>th</sup> of July coloring contest. The City has sponsored the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Mingus Park for children and their families for the past several years and even though many of the activities were rained out this year, plans are already in the works for next year’s event. Again, thank you for all who participated including the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors, vendors, volunteers, downtown merchants, and city staff. Merchants donating prizes included: Bay Appliance,

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Outdoor-In, Balogh Scones, On Broadway Theatre, Coos Bay Bakery, City Subs, The Headlands, Coming Attractions Theatres, Checkerberry's, and Accra Print. Contest winners are Summer Harvey, Denise Green, Sarah Blakeley, Kristin Dumas, Tanner Laiche, Andrew Kilmer, Krista Kilmer, Jessica McClay and Elissa Kilmer.

**MUSIC AND MORE IN MINGUS PARK** – Mark your calendar for a fun afternoon in Mingus Park on September 9<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Entertainment and children's activities will be centered around the new Mingus Park Stage and will include bubble blowing, bean bag toss, free swimming, free balloons and popcorn, to name a few. The entertainment schedule will be the Little Ole Opry Band from 1 to 3 p.m., On Broadway Theatre from 3 to 4 p.m. and Bulls-eye from 4 to 5 p.m. In the event of rain, the activities will be moved to the downtown convention center at 158 Central Avenue.

**LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED FRIDAY FOR STAFF TRAINING** – Coos Bay Public Library and other county libraries will be closed all day Friday for the annual staff in-service day, to be held on the college campus. This year's training will include a session called "Literary Independents, Literary Independence," with a panel consisting of Margarita Donnelly, publisher, Calyx Press; Trish Midyette, Books by the Bay; and Jack Mullen, author of "Duty" and "Behind the Shield." Other sessions will include library ethics and techniques of conflict resolution. The library will open Saturday at 11:00 a.m. for regular hours.

**CITY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** – A picnic lunch for city employees was held Wednesday in Mingus Park as part of the City Council's annual recognition and appreciation for employees' service to the Citizens of Coos Bay. Mayor Verger welcomed employees to the luncheon and Council President Cindi Miller and Councilor Don Spangler cooked hamburgers and hotdogs; supervising the cooking was Councilor Joe Benetti.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT MEETS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT 9 ELEMENTARY PRINCIPALS** - Police Department Sergeant Kevin Hedgepeth met with all of the Elementary Principals from Coos Bay School District #9 to discuss changes in the School Resource Officer Program and to try to find ways to improve the partnership between the Police Department and the elementary schools. Sgt. Hedgepeth asked for the opportunity to meet regularly with the principals from all of the schools, shared with the principals new training/safety measures that have developed as a result of events that have occurred in other cities, and talked about police department staff changes. Sgt. Hedgepeth was recently assigned to the position of School Resource Officer Supervisor and is enthusiastic about the opportunities the new job brings.

**CITY OF COOS BAY - NOTICE OF STREET CONSTRUCTION** - The 2000 Construction Season is in full swing with improvement projects being done in all areas of the City. Residents are encouraged to be patient as road closures and detours enable the work to be done in a safe manner. City staff will notify residents of work schedules prior to construction so that parking and access issues can be accommodated with the least amount of inconvenience possible. Citizens with questions are encouraged to call the City's Community Services Department at 269-8918.

Cammann Street – Newmark Avenue to Montgomery Avenue  
Woodland Drive – Ocean Boulevard to Myrtle Avenue  
Wall Street – Newmark Avenue to Schetter Avenue  
N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Hemlock Street to Coos Bay Boulevard  
Alder Avenue – Broadway to Bayshore Drive  
Myrtle Avenue – Bayshore Drive to N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Pine Avenue to Myrtle Avenue  
Date Avenue – 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lockhart Avenue – Broadway to S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
14<sup>th</sup> Avenue – "D" Street to "I" Street

**Remove & Replace Asphalt & Subbase**

	<u>Start</u>	<u>Finish</u>
Cammann Street	08/24/2000	08/24/2000
Wall Street	08/25/2000	08/25/2000
Woodland Drive	08/25/2000	08/25/2000
Date Avenue	08/28/2000	08/28/2000
N. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street	08/28/2000	08/28/2000
Myrtle Avenue	08/28/2000	08/29/2000
N. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	08/29/2000	08/29/2000
Alder Avenue	08/29/2000	08/29/2000
Lockhart Avenue	08/29/2000	08/30/2000
14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	08/30/2000	08/30/2000

**Furnish/Place Paving Fabric and AC**

Cammann Street	08/31/2000	09/01/2000
Wall Street	09/05/2000	09/05/2000
Woodland Drive	09/06/2000	09/06/2000
Date Avenue	09/06/2000	09/07/2000
N. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street	09/07/2000	09/08/2000
Myrtle Avenue	09/08/2000	09/11/2000
N. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	09/11/2000	09/12/2000
Alder Avenue	09/12/2000	09/12/2000
Lockhart Avenue	09/12/2000	09/13/2000
14 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	09/13/2000	09/14/2000

**LABOR TRENDS** **Total Personal Income** The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis ( BEA) publishes data on personal income for states and counties. The data are usually behind the current time period by about two years. In June, BEA released local data for 1998. States and national data are current through 1999. For 1999, total personal income in the United States increased by 5.8 percent to just under \$7.8 trillion dollars. Per capita personal income (total personal income divided by population) was \$28,518 nationally, up by 4.8 percent from \$27,203 in 1998. The state with the highest per capita personal income, at \$39,167, was Connecticut. Mississippi had the lowest at \$20,506. Oregon's per capita personal income was \$27,135 in 1999, up 4.7 percent from 1998. The fastest growing state was Wyoming (7.0%), the slowest was Alaska (2.5%). The fastest growing region was the Rocky Mountain region (6.0%). The Far West and New England grew by 5.5 percent. The slowest growth was in the Southeast(4.5%). (Information excerpted from State of Oregon Employment Department).

**NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS BEGINS WORK IN AREA** - Northwest Natural Gas has begun to install gas lines in various areas of the City. The work has been coordinated with the City's overlay project which started this week. (See additional article on overlays schedule) City staff has met NW Natural Gas several times to coordinate the work to prevent any hold up of the overlay project. NW Natural Gas will be coordinating with the Front Street Paving Project prevent any conflicts with the project.

**OCEAN BOULEVARD CLEAN-UP** - Shutters Creek inmates started working along Ocean Boulevard on Wednesday cleaning sidewalks and removing unwanted grass and overhanging vegetation. The crews will be back in the near future to finish the work.

**NEW TRASH RECEPTACLES FOR EMPIRE** - The City has placed four new trash receptacles the

Empire area at request of Councilor Spangler. There never has been any trash receptacles in the area to allow people to place their garbage. New planter boxes have been the receipt of most of the garbage because the wind blowing the litter into the bushes and flowers. The new receptacles are placed between Cammann and Wasson on each side of Newmark and at the corner of Wall and Newmark, both sides of Newmark.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES SPECIALIZED TRAINING** - Firefighters received equipment and specialized high angle rescue training from the owners of the New Carissa this week. The training was coordinated with Chief Gibson and Brian Gallant of Contingency Management Associates and safety officer for the owners of the New Carissa. The training and equipment are meant to enhance the capability of the department to respond to an emergency on board of the section of the ship remaining on the beach. Firefighters attended a one day classroom session and two days of hands-on training. The hands on-training, held at the SWOCC fire training facility, included possible rescue scenarios that crews might encounter.

**OUTDOOR BURNING** - Outdoor burning is still allowed within the city limits of Coos Bay and does not require a written permit. Weather conditions are still very dry and the Fire Department urges everyone to exercise caution when doing any outdoor burning. For a copy of the burning regulations or further information please call the Coos Bay Fire Department at 269-1191.