



# The Friday Update

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**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - The next blood drive scheduled for our community will be held Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 6 p.m. at Pony Village Mall. From a call to Red Cross Thursday morning, city staff learned that additional blood drives have not been scheduled for our area due to the Oregon Red Cross' response to New York City's needs. Red Cross personnel urge local residents wishing to donate blood to call to make an appointment by contacting Alice or Christi at 1-800-792-5682. The hours for donating blood on Wednesday will be extended as long as needed.

**ALL CITY FLAGS AT HALF-STAFF** - The international flag display along the bay and flags in the downtown area have been changed to American flags and will be flown at half-staff until further notice from the Governor's office.

**BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL** - Join the "Fiesta of Fun" this Saturday and Sunday at various locations throughout the Bay Area. Featuring the Prefontaine Memorial 10K run and 2-mile walk, Cruz the Coos rolling car show, Coos Sand 'n Sea Quilt Show, Cruz the Coos Poker run, Coos Bay Waterfront open house, Fiesta of Fun Parade, US Coast Guard water rescue demonstrations, the mall market, food court, live entertainment and much more. The parade is at 1 p.m. beginning on 4<sup>th</sup> Street following the downtown parade route down 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Commercial Avenue to Second Street. Additional information is available from the Chamber of Commerce at 269-0215.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT WORKING TO AID NEW YORK COMRADES** - Members of the Coos Bay Fire Department will be working the Fun Festival to collect donations for the New York City Firefighters relief fund. There will be a table set up in the downtown Coos Bay fire station to get information and make a donation to this fund. All funds donated will be added to pledges from the Coos Bay Volunteer Firefighters Association and sent on to those who are in need during this most difficult time.

**PREFONTAINE RUN INFO ON THE WEB** - The Prefontaine Memorial Committee recently reported that this marks the first year runners could submit Prefontaine Run entry applications online using Visa or Mastercard for payment, or applications could be printed and mailed with check or money order. Race results from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prefontaine Memorial Run will be posted on the website which can be located by visiting <http://prefontainerun.com/runinfo.html>. The website also features information on Steve Prefontaine, the PRE race course, memorabilia, stats from the 2000 PRE and more.

**"SILVER SPURS AT THE OK CORRAL"** - The Coos Art Museum recently announced plans for this season's gala fundraising event and party to be held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, in North Bend. "Silver Spurs at the OK Corral" will feature an auction of high quality art as well as goods and services - all set in a western theme highlighted by a "chuck wagon buffet", no-host wine-bar and dancing. Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m.. For information and reservations please contact the Museum at (541) 267-3901.

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON & ANDIAMO EXHIBITS HELD OVER THROUGH THE WEEKEND** - *Harley Davidson, A Century of American Design* closes September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Coos Art Museum after setting attendance records and drawing enthusiastic comments from viewers. "We've had such great response and

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so much interest that we're holding the show open an extra day", said Reed Lockhart, Museum Administrator. The Museum will also expand its hours on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> to accommodate crowds visiting downtown Coos Bay for the annual "Fun Fest" and the Museum's popular "Beer Garden" event. Coos Art Museum will be open September 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and September 16 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.. The popular Harley exhibit features more than thirty original historic motorcycles and dozens of related artifacts documenting the design history of Harley-Davidson. Viewers are encouraged to judge for themselves why it is that these designs have for decades famously symbolized a freethinking, free-spirited and unconventional American approach which has resonated world-wide.

Also open in the Mable Hansen Gallery, *Andiamo - The Art of Kim Osgood*, a "simmering brew of personal imagery, texture, shape and color" expressed in the monotypes and chine colle works of the Northwest artist. For more information please call the Coos Art Museum at (541) 267-3901.

**COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY DISPLAYS WORKS BY TERRY MAGILL** - Southwestern Oregon watercolor images by local artist Terry Magill are on display in the main library reading room throughout the month of September during the library's regular business hours. For more information call the library at 269-1101.

**FARMER'S MARKET** - Just a reminder that the Farmer's Market is held every Wednesday during the summer months in the parking lot next to the Chamber of Commerce. This is the second year the Downtown Association has sponsored the market and it has been a popular shopping area for residents and visitors.

**THREE FLAGS SAFETY BLITZ** - The Coos Bay Police Department will be participating in a traffic safety blitz with law enforcement agencies throughout Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. The grant funded traffic safety program aimed at safety belt compliance and child safety. The Three Flags campaigns are run concurrently in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. The safety blitz will run from September 15<sup>th</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS** - For the fourth consecutive year the Coos Bay Police Department will be receiving law enforcement block grant funding. The Police Department will use the grant funds for the purchase of safety equipment and other departmental needs. The Police Department will be receiving \$10,520 in this years grant distribution.

**POLICE OFFICERS ATTEND ELDER ABUSE TRAINING** - Sergeant Ron Robson, Corporal David Main, along with Officers Terrie Gale and Andy Osborn attended an Elder Abuse Workshop in Eugene this week.

**K-9 CUTTER RECEIVES I.D. CARD** - When newly assigned School Resource Officer Rodger Craddock received his Coos Bay Schools identification card, he was surprised to see that the Police Department's Narcotics dog, Cutter, was also issued a photo identification card as well. To our knowledge Cutter is the first K-9 to receive a photo identification card from Coos Bay Schools.

**NEW ARTWORK UNVEILED AT BOARDWALK** - New artwork on the aquarium was unveiled Friday morning at the Boardwalk. The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and the City of Coos Bay officials unveiled the new artwork at 9:00 a.m. The work was solicited by the Tribe and work was performed by local artist David Smith. The entire aquarium project is a partnership of the three entities. Look for more interesting and exciting information around the aquarium in the future, as other improvements take place.

**TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN** - In July, Coos Bay and North Bend were awarded Transportation Growth Management Grants for \$90,000 each to develop Transportation System Plans. The two cities will be working together on common regional work issues to ensure coordinated plans and to make the most efficient use of the grant dollars. The purpose of the plans is to provide guidance in developing the area's transportation system through the identification of local needs and the development of preferred solutions, protection and enhancement of state and local transportation facilities and services.

**BRUSH PICK-UP IS COMING** - The semi-annual brush pick-up is fast approaching. The local garbage haulers will begin on October 1, 2001 to pick-up brush in Coos Bay. For details on how and what can be placed for pick-up, contact your local garbage service for details. A flyer giving details will be in the South Coast Mailer. Additional information can be viewed through a web site at [www.uci.net/~recycle/curb.html](http://www.uci.net/~recycle/curb.html), <<http://www.uci.net>> then click on news for information on the brush pick-up.

**OMI THANKS THE CITY OF COOS BAY** - In a tradition begun 4 years ago, OMI, the contractor hired by the city to manage our wastewater system, served up a wonderful barbeque lunch for city staff and the City Council. "It is important to take the time to celebrate our successes," said OMI Project Manager Gary Young. Thank you, Gary and OMI crew for making the Coos Bay wastewater system run so smoothly, and thanks for lunch!

**LEADERSHIP COOS ATTENDEE** - Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs is participating in Leadership Coos for the next 9 months. A program developed and sponsored by the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, the program takes attendees through all facets of our community including education, recreation, government, health, natural resources, business and industry and virtually every other component of our area. Twenty-six local people are participating in the broad-based program, representing government agencies, private business, education and health services. For more information on the program, contact Connie Davis at the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, 541-269-0215.