

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
May 7, 2013	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Jackie Mickelson, Executive Assistant *JM Lee*

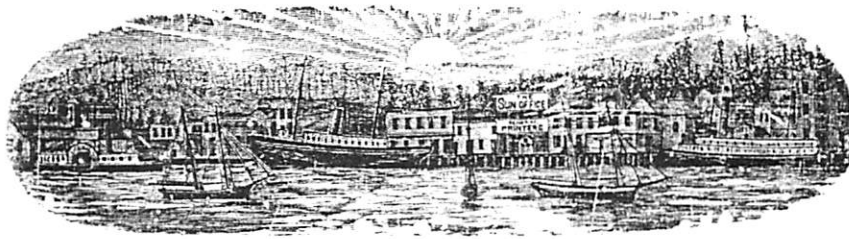
ISSUE: Marshfield Sun Printing Museum

BACKGROUND:

The Marshfield Sun Printing building was built in 1895, and this building was where Jesse Luse published the Marshfield Sun Newspaper from 1891 to 1944. It has been preserved as a printing museum with much of the original equipment on display. The original equipment has been preserved in the paper's original building, and it is now a museum on printing and local history. The museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Tuesday through Saturday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Marshfield Sun Printing Museum has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior.

The Marshfield Sun Association (the Association) is a non-profit corporation which has a management agreement with the City of Coos Bay to maintain the Marshfield Sun Building. The agreement requires the Association to make a report of their activities in the operations of Marshfield Sun Building to the City Council at least once a year. The Association Board President George Tinker and Board Member Lionel Youst will be providing a report on the bound copies of their newspaper collection.

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Sun

Marshfield Sun Printing Museum

1049 North Front Street (PO Box 783)
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

March 15, 2013

Jeff Precourt, Publisher
The World
P.O. Box 1840
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Dear Mr. Precourt:

The Board of Trustees of the Marshfield Sun Association have voted to accept ownership of the bound copies of the newspapers that are currently in its possession, asking that they be formally "assigned, transferred and conveyed."

The reason for the request is partly to protect the investment in time and funds already incurred in archiving and storing the volumes. It is also thought that full unencumbered ownership of the collection will place the Marshfield Sun in a better position to negotiate a permanent, public location for it within the community.

We have inventoried and boxed the collection, and as of this date it is placed in intermediate storage at 100 Central in Coos Bay. The collection consists of 746 bound volumes of newspapers dating from January 1, 1907 through December 31, 2007 (with significant gaps and duplications): Oregonian, 1 volume; Bandon Western World, 7 volumes; Umpqua Post, 10 volumes; Southwestern Oregon News, 104 volumes; Coos Bay Times, 302 volumes; The World, 322 volumes.

Enclosed is a copy of our completed report and inventory. Please be advised that The Marshfield Sun Association is a 501(a) tax exempt organization, and a member of the Oregon Cultural Trust. Our Employer Identification Number is 93-706269.

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Enclosure: report and inventory
Copy to: Cindy Rawlings, Circulation

Sincerely yours,

George Tinker
President