



The Friday Update

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COOS BAY K-9 TEAM RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Officer Rodger Craddock and K-9 Cutter were presented recently with the Pacific Northwest Police Detection Dog Association "President's Award" for distinguishing themselves by displaying professionalism, pride and commitment to narcotics K-9 detection. Coos Bay's team was selected from numerous other K-9 teams located throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Officer Craddock and "Cutter" have been a working team since 1998 and have been instrumental in recovering illicit drugs and paraphernalia in countless investigations throughout the South Coast area.

HELP SUPPORT COOS COUNTY WOMEN'S CRISIS SERVICE - At 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 17th, On Broadway Theatre will be presenting *Extremities*, directed by Byrell Justice. All proceeds from this performance will go to benefit the Coos County Women's Crisis Service. Note - due to the content of this play, those less than 17 years of age will not be able to attend.

BROADWAY AND NEWMARK TO GET SPRUCED UP - The Classified Federation Union from Southwestern Community College will be cleaning up along Newmark Avenue from Broadway to Wallace and on Broadway in North Bend from Newmark to the North Bend Community Center. The group is planning to pick-up litter and debris this Saturday, May 18th. The State is supplying the bags, signs, and vests since most of the project area is along the State Highway. Each City will pick up the bags within its respective city limits on Monday. With Memorial Day just ten days away, this is the perfect time to pitch in and help clean up along each of our own streets. Thanks again to the individuals who will participate in this much needed project.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL - On Tuesday evening the Planning Commission reviewed a request by the City to rezone approximately 14 acres from residential to commercial. The area lies south of Newmark Avenue, west of Staples, east of LaClair and about 100 feet north of Lindberg Street. A petition signed by 35 residents, who live or own property to the south of the area being rezoned, was reviewed by the Planning Commission. The petition stated opposition to any change to Brule that would alter the residential character of the neighborhood and requested that Brule, north of Lindberg, be vacated. After taking testimony from the audience, the commission recommended approval of the rezone to the City Council with two conditions: 1) a Site Plan and Architectural Review be approved by the Planning Commission prior to development on the property; and 2) the City pursue the vacation of Brule Street north of Lindberg Street. The City Council will make a decision on the proposed rezone after taking testimony at a public hearing on July 2, 2002 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

I.O.O.F. CEMETERY TO GET CLEANING - The IOOF Cemetery by Marshfield High School will be cleaned in the next couple weeks preparing it for visitors over the Memorial Day weekend. The City Parks crew along with Shutters Creek inmates will be mowing and weed eating the area around the plots. The cemetery will be open to the public from Friday, May 24th until Tuesday, May 28th when the gates will then be locked again. A key can be checked out from the Department of Community Services at City Hall for entry at other times. **Don't forget the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 in downtown Coos Bay. The Coos County Veteran Group sponsors the event each year and we appreciate their hard work and dedication.**

SPORTSMAN PEDWAY PROJECT MOVES AHEAD - The Sportsman Pedway project is back on track this week with Bracelin & Yeager drilling through the concrete walls to add additional ties to the floor and ceiling joists. The project is tentatively scheduled for completion in early June with the final step of painting the walls occurring in mid to late June.

SOUTH COAST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING - SCDC will hold their next board meeting on Wednesday, May 22nd at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Coquille Community Center, 115 North Birch, Coquille.

POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE CELEBRATES 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY - Police Department dispatcher Tammy Lounsbury celebrated her 20-year anniversary with the City of Coos Bay on May 1st. Ms. Lounsbury started her career with the Coos Bay Police Department as a work/study student from North Bend High School and was subsequently hired to work full-time as a Dispatcher/9-1-1 call-taker in the North Coos County 9-1-1 Center. In addition to her duties as a dispatcher, Tammy has worked as a member of the Regional Hazardous Materials Team, been Co-Advisor for Law Enforcement Explorer Post #511, assisted at several Safety Town sessions and has been active in fund raising for Special Olympics.