



The Friday Update

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“WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO COOS BAY’S NEW WEB SITE?” – With the City’s WEB site completed and awaiting confirmation of a new “domain name” before publicly releasing it, an incredible and exciting new opportunity to improve the site even more has presented itself. City manager Bill Grile is thrilled to announce that CJ O'Connor with Digiteam and Jack Brown, President of WEB Marketing, Inc., are now working together to build a new WEB site for the City of Coos Bay.

WEB Marketing Inc, one of Coos Bay's new businesses, specializes in electronic marketing for the oil industry (WEB presentations) and is under an exclusive contract with Mobile Oil Corporation. WEB Marketing is known for its innovative graphic and WEB site designs. Ms. O'Connor's role in the relationship has provided editing services for the project, and she will serve as the City's official WEBmaster to maintain the site, once it is completed. Jack Brown and WEB Marketing, Inc. will be generously donating services at no cost to produce a WEB site for the City of Coos Bay that will be a world class presentation for our community.

"I'm pleased to be able to donate our experience and services to the City of Coos Bay," said Brown. "The new WEB site will be unveiled in about a month, and will prove over time to be a valuable tool for attracting new businesses and investment in our area based on what I have seen the Internet do for the private sector," he added. WEB Marketing, Inc. has produced over 160 Internet sites for the World Wide Web.

So the bad news is that we'll have to ask you to wait another month or so before inviting you to visit Coos Bay's new WEB site. The good news – the GREAT news – is that once completed, the City of Coos Bay will have a world-class WEB site that will be an effective tool for communicating vital information about our area to local residents, prospective visitors and companies seeking new plant sites.

In a related matter, last week Coos County Commissioner Nikki Whitty, Police Chief Chuck Knight, Community Services Director Bill Finney and Bill Grile met with Jack Brown to discuss the production of an economic development WEB site for the region. A concept is being developed to have WEB Marketing, Inc. and Digiteam coordinate and produce the WEB site under contract to some yet-to-be determined local governing body. Details will follow.

LEGISLATURE ADDRESSES GENDER EQUITY ISSUE – Legislative consideration of SB 643 requires that certain public facilities provide toilet fixtures for the public in a ratio of not less than two toilet fixtures provided for women to each one toilet fixture provided for men. The bill would apply to sport and entertainment arenas, stadiums, community halls, convention halls, special event centers, amusement parks and any other public building where more than ___ people (number not specified) congregate for events on regular basis. And the bill would apply only to facilities built on and after January 1, 2000, and to certain facilities on which major improvements are made on and after January 1, 2000. By: Senator Brown; Senators Castillo, Corcoran, Duncan, Trow, Representatives Edwards, King, Shetterly, and Westlund. What else can be said?

THANK YOU SARAH RICHARDSON AND JOSH WHITTY – Monday afternoon the city manager had an opportunity to meet with Marshfield High School students Sarah Richardson and Josh Whitty to get a first-hand demonstration and viewing of the new WEB site they produced for the Coos Bay Fire Department. It truly is a “hot” site! And bragging rights will go to the Fire Department for this one. Blending text about the department with carefully selected and artfully presented photographs of local fires and operations, the

site effectively communicates important information about our community's fire protection program. It will be viewed along with other sites at Coos Bay's new official – soon to be released – WEB site.

COOS BAY KIWANIS CLUB GETS BRIEFING THIS WEEK – City Manager Bill Grile was the program speaker at this week's Kiwanis Club meeting. His comments gave an update about the City Council's goals, economic development forums and issues, pending projects and contemporary issues.

PREFONTAINE RACE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS SHOREPINES RESIDENTS' CONCERNS – City Manager Bill Grile, Police Chief Chuck Knight and Fire Chief Stan Gibson met this week with Prefontaine Race Committee members Bob Huggins and Roger Gould to discuss concerns from Shorepines Bay Village residents. Some Shorepines residents fear that emergency medical responders have difficulty getting in and out of the senior residential development during race times when Ocean Blvd. access was restricted. A plan has now been formed to address the issue. A slight adjustment to the race turnaround will be made, a Coos Bay Police Officer will be stationed at the turnaround, and a Coos Bay Fire Dept. EMT team will be located inside the Shorepines development at times when Ocean Blvd. is closed for the race. Constructive dialogue amongst those affected here as produced a win-win. Hooray!

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY BRINGS RESULTS AND FUN – Last Saturday's community clean-up event was a big success by all accounts. Several City Councilors and Coos Bay staff participated in the event. Included among them was city manager Bill Grile. Some of you might have observed Coos Bay Council President Cindi Miller giving Bill much needed supervision as he scraped and painted parts of the Chamber's Visitors Information Center downtown. Rumor has it that he broke a legitimate sweat! Congratulations to the Chamber and its Community Enhancement Committee for organizing and promoting this great event. Let's do it again!

By the way, thanks to the business owners for sprucing up their own private properties as well. Company is coming! The Governor's Annual Conference on Tourism is now less than one month away. Thanks also to great work being done by the Community Services Department crew working on downtown sidewalk and planter weeds. We're starting to look a whole lot better!

RON ROBSON PROMOTED – Coos Bay Police Department Officer Ron Robson is the newest Sergeant at the Coos Bay Police Department. Robson was selected from eleven officers who competed for the position. Robson, who is currently assigned to the Investigations division will be assigned to the patrol division where he will take over the shift previously supervised by John Bender who retired last month.

9-1-1 PLANNING CONTINUES – Police Chief Chuck Knight has begun discussion with Bay Area Hospital staff to pursue the feasibility of relocating the North Coos County 9-1-1 Center and the City's dispatch center into space at Bay Area Hospital. The City of Coos Bay adopted an outstanding Emergency Operations Plan earlier this year. The relocation of the dispatch center will allow for the City emergency operations center to be located in a facility which provides amenities such as medical support, back up power supplies, security, and food service all within the same complex. The Bay Area Hospital site is ideally suited for the emergency operations center due to it's construction to meet the highest contemporary earthquake standard, and its geographical location to best serve the County's greatest population center.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR SECOND PHASE OF BUILDING PROJECT – As the first phase of the Coos Bay Public Library expansion project reaches completion, the library will close on March 22nd for a three-week period to get ready for Phase 2. During the closure, children's services will move into their new permanent quarters and staff work areas will be temporarily relocated to the newly constructed meeting rooms. Phase 2 of the project calls for renovation of those two areas of the existing building. When the library reopens on April 12th, services will be available in both new and old spaces. Later closures will be necessary to remodel the remainder of the existing building with completion of the project scheduled for late summer.

TAX FORMS CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE DURING LIBRARY CLOSURE – While the Coos Bay library is closed between March 22 and April 12, basic federal and state tax forms will be available to the public in the lobby of Coos Bay City Hall as well as at North Bend Public Library and the Southwestern Oregon Community College library. Both of those libraries will have access to books of reproducible tax forms and can photocopy the forms for a small charge.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER MEMBERS ATTEND CLASSES – Volunteer Firefighters Chuck Hanners, Jon Eck and Steve Schneiderman spent this week at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Classes included “Fire Cause & Determination for Company Officers”, “Fire Command Operations” and “Fire Service Planning Concepts for the 21st Century”. These classes provide valuable training to fire service organizations in the United States at a very minimal cost.

PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS – The downtown parking paving has finally been completed as of today, striping to come as soon as weather permits for painting. This has been a long process, but has made a huge difference in the appearance of downtown. Both the City street crew and Umpqua River Navigation have been instrumental in completing this project. The City crews patched and cleaned the parking lots preparing them for the paving.

“TREASURES OF OREGON” – The Oregon Historical Society along with the Coos County Historical Society is bringing a forty-five foot trailer to Coos Bay on March 21st and 22nd. The trailer will be at the Chamber lot for these two days. The City Parks crew is working to bring the necessary power in for the trailer. More to come as information is received on times it will be open.

STAPLES STORE – The City Council considered an appeal to the land use decision that would allow construction of the Staples store on Newmark to proceed. The appeal was argued by attorneys for Staples and the appellant at the City Council’s March 2, 1999 meeting. The Council’s action denied “standing” to the appellant, effectively ending the appeal process. Staples attorney will draft findings and conclusions for the City Council’s consideration at their March 16th meeting. Following that action, work on the Newmark site west of Wal-Mart should begin.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT – The City Council approved an agreement with the state’s Department of Transportation at the Council’s March 2nd meeting. The agreement opens the process for the City to hire a consultant using Department of Transportation money to pay for the consultant’s work on a local Transportation System Plan. This plan will have significant effects for development in the Front Street area. The cooperation of the state Department of Transportation in moving this grant process to this point is very much appreciated. This is one good example of the way in which the state’s “Community Solutions Team” process can be effective in addressing issues of local concern.

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL REPORT – Mr. MHS candidates have begun carrying around their money jars. This money goes to the Sacred Heart Neo-Natal Unit. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

February 27, the Marshfield Dance Team traveled to Sprague High School for a dance competition. The team received three awards: first place, best costume and the friendship award. Four Marshfield girls placed in the top ten drill down: Christine Lewis, Blaine Barklow, Valerie Gulseth, and Nicki Durham. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Amanda Ferry and Kelly Sichting, the March Girls of the Month. Amanda was a member of this year’s undefeated Varsity Volleyball team. She is taking many challenging courses such as: calculus and college prep English. Kelly has been very active in Marshfield sports throughout the past four years. She has been a member of the volleyball, basketball and track teams. Kelly spends much of her free

time aiding the community in various ways.

Congratulations to Francisco Farias and Tim Schweitz the March Boys of the Month. Francisco is actively involved in many extracurricular activities such as: Key Club, Kawanis and the Marshfield Bank of the Bay. Tim is recognized by the Marshfield staff as being a positive role model and a hard worker.

Monday, March 15TH, the Honor Band and Honor Choir will be performing at 7:00 p.m. in the Marshfield Auditorium. These groups are made up of a select few who work together all day Monday to prepare for their performance that night. Hope to see you there!

Will Farr, a senior at Marshfield High School has recently received the honor of being named an Advanced Placement Scholar by the Advanced Placement Program, a National Merit Scholarship Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program and a Semi-Finalist for the Presidential Scholars Program. The Advanced Placement Program is a program that allows students to earn college credits in high school if they perform well enough on Advanced Placement exams. The exams are given scores of 1-5 with 5 being the highest. Will has earned the honor of attaining the highest scores of 5 on AP exams in the areas of US History, Physics and Calculus. The National Merit Scholarship Finalists are found based on scores on the PSAT, the SAT and upon academic achievement in high school. Presidential Scholars are found based on accomplishments in many areas.