



The Friday Update

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HOME SHOW '99 – The Homebuilders Association of Southwestern Oregon, KCBY-TV and The World are sponsoring the 8th annual home show on April 24th and 25th at the SWOYA Boys and Girls Club. There will be over 100 exhibits, food, entertainment and how-to demonstrations. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. \$1 admission donation is suggested. For more information contact Connie Lewis at 269-7759.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FORUM – If you would like an update on what is happening with the proposed natural gas pipeline, then you'll want to attend the next Chamber of Commerce forum on Wednesday, April 21st. Tim Bishop, Chair of FONSI, will be the guest speaker. The forum will be held at the Red Lion at 7:30 a.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 269-0215.

LAB BAND HEADING FOR SAN DIEGO – The Oregon Coast Lab Band has been invited to play at the International Lions Convention in San Diego, CA in June. Oregon Lions Clubs will be hosting the young musicians. There will be 45 musicians participating in the trip. They will perform before a delegation of 25,000 Lions from 139 counties, in the "Parade of Nations" before 200,000 sideliners, and give five other performances for a variety of audiences. Lab Band musicians will be representing their hometowns of Bandon, Coos Bay, Coquille, Myrtle Point, North Bend, and Reedsport, as well as the state of Oregon. For an opportunity this prestigious, the Lab Band needs your help. The Lab Band is pursuing fundraising activities in the form of grants, additional performance donations, Lab Band merchandise sales, pizza coupons sales, raffles, and grocery store receipt-to-cash conversions at Albertsons and Safeway stores. Also, Lab Band has just recorded a new CD to be released in late May, the initial sales of which will help with expenses.

Proceeds from these fundraising activities will help in four main areas of need: purchase of additional uniforms for multiple performances in San Diego, parade float – banners, signs and decorations, transportation – small truck to carry extra equipment and ground transportation for those going, and funding for a new CD. If you are interested in helping the Lab Band with this project, please contact Greg and Patti Young at Southbound Sound in North Bend 541-756-6410 or leave a message at 541-266-9441 or mailing address of P.O. Box 1608, North Bend OR 97459. The Lab Band is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization and any contribution is tax deductible. Your support is greatly appreciated!

SPRING BRUSH PICK UP – The spring brush pick up has been scheduled for April 26th to May 14th. As in previous pickups, the City is requesting residents to call in their address (269-8918) after 5:00 p.m. and leave your address on the answering machine. Please call in before April 22nd. Brush should be placed along the curb or edge of the road for an easy pick up. The City cannot come onto private property to pick up brush due to liability issues. Have your brush ready to go by 6:00 a.m. on April 26th; the City will make only one pass through the City. Do not place brush around water meters, retaining walls, or other structures that could be damaged during the pick up. Remember, no plastic bags are accepted.

DAVIS CARNIVAL COMING TO TOWN – The Davis Carnival of the Northwest will be coming to town between May 4th and May 10th. The Coos Bay City Council accepted a proposal from Larry Goodman of Bay Broadcasting to use the parking lot between 2nd Court and 2nd Street and north of Curtis Avenue. Since the parking lot was just overlaid, a bond will be posted to cover any damage that may be done.

PARK AND STREET CREWS SPRUCE-UP – The Park and Street crews have been busy preparing for the Governors Conference that will be held in Coos Bay over the weekend of April 10th -13th. The Park crew has been barking and cleaning the downtown planters, street trees and the brick in the sidewalk. The Street crew has been hauling brush from various locations after the Shutter Creek inmates have cleaned an area. The inmates have been under the direction of Steve Skinner of the Community Enhancement Committee.

LADY WASHINGTON VISITS AGAIN – The Lady Washington will be coming to Coos Bay again and will be mooring at the Cos Bay City Dock. The ship is expected sometime in port after April 20th and plans to stay until May 2nd.

POLICE DEPARTMENT LONGEVITY – Several Coos Bay Police Department members are celebrating their anniversaries with the Police Department during the month of April. Celebrating their anniversary dates with the City this month are Police Chief Chuck Knight, 33 years of service; Corporal David Main and Officer Larry Mauer, 27 years; Sergeant Kevin Hedgepeth, 23 years; Master Police Officer Darrell King, 21 years; Communications Supervisor Tia Akers, 14 years; Master Police Officer Paul Foster, 10 years; 9-1-1 Dispatcher Koren Fare, 5 years; and Officer Randy Sparks with one year. The City of Coos Bay is fortunate to have such dedicated individuals.

9-1-1 MANAGERS MEETING – Support Services Supervisor Linda Spence and Communications Supervisor Tia Akers attended the 9-1-1 Managers meeting this week in Central Oregon. All Oregon 9-1-1 dispatcher centers must implement the Enhanced 9-1-1 solution prior to the year 2000. The North Coos County 9-1-1 Center hosted at Coos Bay City Hall and managed by Linda Spence and Tia Akers is on schedule to be enhanced prior to January 1, 2000.

COOS BAY LIBRARY CLOSED DURING REMODELING – If all goes well with the construction and moving, the library will open their doors on Monday, April 12th. There will be a few changes – the children's department is moved into new quarters and staff work areas are temporarily relocated to the newly constructed meeting rooms, a new wall will have been built through what is now the circulation desk, walls at the back of the existing library will have been removed, and services will be available in both new and old portions of the building.

We're not done yet; in June, the library will experience closures off and on until final completion of the project at the end of the summer. The grand opening will feature a renovated library with a sparkling new building addition! During the closure through April 11th books and other library materials other than videos will be due daily after regular loan periods and may be returned to the outside book drop located near the parking lot. Materials may also be returned to other area libraries. Library users who need to renew materials or place holds on items will need to do so through another library. Coos Bay materials will be available for check-out through holds placed at other libraries. Copies of tax forms will be available to pick up in the lobby of Coos Bay City Hall during the library closure as well as at North Bend Public Library and Southwestern Oregon Community College Library. Both of those libraries will have access to books of reproducible state and federal tax forms and can photocopy the forms for a small charge.

ANNUAL WATER BOARD REPORT – Rob Schab, manager of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board, will present the Water Board's annual report to the Coos Bay City Council on April 6, 1999 at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will continue with the remaining agenda at 7:30 p.m.

Other items on the Council agenda include approval of plans for the downtown restroom facility, approval of the Anderson Avenue traffic and parking alternative, approval of a memorandum of understanding with Coos County for the bikeways and trails partnership, a request from Falcon Cable to waive the 60 day notice to add a channel, and more. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.