



The Friday Update

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GTE FOUNDATION FUNDS LIBRARY COMPUTERS – Through the Friends of the Library, the library has received \$2,500 from GTE Foundation towards purchase of personal computers for children's use. These funds will be used along with a grant from Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation to furnish and equip the newly constructed children's room.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE SUCCESS – The Friends group held another successful used book sale on May 1st and 2nd, with proceeds of over \$1,700. The 331-member group also received a donation of \$500 from Wal-Mart employees as partial match for the March book sale, which had net proceeds of \$1,494. In addition to full funding of library children's programs, the Friends group donated \$10,000 this year to furnish the new library meeting room.

NW FIRE EQUIPMENT EXPO – Coos Bay Fire Department members recently attended the annual Northwest Fire Equipment Expo in Eugene, OR. The yearly fire apparatus and equipment show gives departments in the Northwest the opportunity to see the latest innovations in fire service related equipment as well as the opportunity to network with other departments around the state.

BRUSH PICK-UP COMPLETED – City crews have completed the brush pick-up for this spring, picking up more than 1,150 cubic yards of brush and hauling it to Les' Sanitation for grinding. The brush pick-up this spring was completed in just over two and one-half weeks. The City crews appreciate the consideration of the public in putting out material to be picked up in a way that made the pick-up proceed smoothly.

URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY MEETING – The City's Urban Renewal Agency held a special meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 1999. The meeting's single agenda item was an extended policy discussion of potential projects to be undertaken in the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 1999. The Agency provided direction to the city staff that will allow the preliminary work of cost analysis and feasibility to begin for several different initiatives. These will be returned to the Agency for further consideration and/or approval in the middle future. Stay tuned.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – The 11th annual Memorial Day parade will be held on Saturday, May 29th beginning at 11 a.m. in downtown Coos Bay. The parade will begin at 4th Street and Golden Avenue, proceed down 4th Street then onto Commercial Avenue to 2nd Street. The parade is being sponsored by the Coos County United Veterans Parade Committee and the City of Coos Bay.

The parade is to honor all veterans but everyone is invited to participate. Applications may be picked up at the Driftwood Barber Shop located at 402 Commercial Avenue, Coos Bay or phone 267-4702. The Oregon National Guard will be participating and helping with the parade, in addition to having their equipment on display at the Chamber of Commerce parking lot. The Coast Guard cutter Orcas will be docked at the Boardwalk and will be open for tours, and the Coast Guard Air Station will demonstrate an air sea rescue. Mark your calendars to attend this very special event.

METH DRUG PANEL CONVENED IN COOS BAY – The Education committee of the Methamphetamine task force presented a panel discussion on the topic of “What you don’t know can hurt you.” The panel which will air on the Government access channel in the Bay Area was moderated by Chris vanLobedan of Coos Bay. Panel participants included the undercover officer from last years operation at Bandon and Marshfield High School, a student who was arrested in the Marshfield operation, a school official, and two adults who have recovered from drug addictions. The task force was formed last year when Mayor Verger appointed Chief Chuck Knight to form the committee. The education committee is chaired by Greg Stevens of The World Newspaper. The panel discussion will begin airing on Falcon Cable Channel 14 on May 14, 1999.

NEW COOS BAY POLICE OFFICER – Officer Robert Farquhar recently joined the Coos Bay Police Department. Officer Farquhar recently moved to Coos Bay from California where has had prior law enforcement experience. Officer Farquhar’s wife and children plan to join him in Coos Bay in the near future. Officer Farquhar will join newly hired Officers’ Kevin Shaw and Steve Myers at the Oregon Police Academy for training beginning May 24, 1999. The Officers are scheduled to graduate on August 13th .

MAYOR’S 4TH OF JULY ESSAY CONTEST – Announcing the Mayor’s 4th of July Essay Contest “*What the 4th of July Means to Me*”. All elementary and middle school students are eligible. The essay can be of any length and can be either written or typed. Please make sure the writer’s name, address, age, school, grade, and telephone number are included in the entry. Winners must be present at the celebration to read their essay and receive their award. Entries must be received at Coos Bay City Hall by Monday, June 21st at 5 p.m. Entries may be mailed to “July 4th Celebration”, City Manager’s Office, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay OR 94720. For more information call 269-8912. Prizes: One \$50 US Savings Bond for the winner in grades 1, 2 or 3; one \$50 US Savings Bond for the winner in grades 4 or 5, and one \$50 US Savings Bond for the winner in grades 6, 7 or 8.

The July 4th Celebration in Mingus Park will be held on Saturday, July 3rd beginning with the Mayor’s Firecracker Run at 10 a.m. The event will begin at 11 a.m. with the salute to the flag and continue with family activities and entertainment through 4 p.m.

CHAMBER FORUM – The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce will feature a status report on the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board’s current water supply expansion project. Rob Schab, general manager of the Water Board, will be the featured speaker for the breakfast meeting which will be held on May 19th at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion in Coos Bay. Forum meetings are open to all members of the Chamber and to the general public. Reservations are requested to assure adequate seating and may be made by calling 269-0215.