



The Friday Update

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES' FORUM – The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce government affairs committee will hold a “rise and Shine” forum featuring candidates for Coos County Commissioner on Wednesday, April 12th. The breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Red Lion Inn. All seven candidates for the commission post have been invited: Democrat Keith Schroeder and Republicans “Fritz” Beck, Fred Clauson, John Griffith, Tom Hall, Cindi Miller, and Ranelle Morris. Each candidate will have two minutes to introduce himself or herself, outline qualifications and reasons for running for the office. Three or four specific questions relating to county government or issues will be asked by members of the government affairs committee, with each candidate having one minute to respond. Following the prepared questions, members of the audience will be invited to ask questions of all the candidates. The no-host breakfast meeting is open to all chamber members and the general public. Reservations are requested to assure adequate seating, and can be made by calling 269-0215.

COMPANY'S COMING!! – Chamber of Commerce Manager Kathi Joy reported at the City Council meeting this week that an area-wide cleanup campaign will be held Saturday, May 6th. Are we ready for company? Everyone is encouraged to take a good look around the Bay Area – does it look like a place you'd like to vacation or visit on business? If you would like to help spruce up the area and aren't sure how to go about it, please join us for our second annual “Company's Coming” community cleanup day. Bring your relatives, friends, neighbors, church group, service club or whatever.... Just come! Children less than 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Plan for **Saturday, May 6th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Check in at any of the four designated locations: Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (50 East Central Avenue, Coos Bay), Charleston Visitors Center (west end of the Charleston bridge), K-Mart parking lot (3111 Ocean Blvd, Coos Bay), and Pony Village Mall (1611 Virginia Avenue, North Bend). Volunteers will be available to help you select the job that's right for you and give you instructions, materials, and a pat on the back for joining this effort to make the Bay Area shine for all our visitors. Questions? Call the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce at 269-0215.

Celebrate Bay Area Pride! Clean it up! Paint it up! Show it off!

LIBRARY HOSTS ONE-MAN ART SHOW – Coos Bay artist Pat Snyder will have a one-man art show at Coos Bay Library throughout the month of April, displaying his most recent drawings and etchings. Snyder has a Master's degree in art from Northern Illinois University. He retired in 1998 after a thirty-year career teaching art at Marshfield High School. He now concentrates on his art, especially drawing, etching and engraving.

LIBRARY OFFERS SAFE DRIVING PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS – “A Driving Need: A guide for Mature Drivers and Those Who Care About Them” is the topic of a talk on Saturday, April 15, 1:00 p.m., in the Coos Bay Library Meeting Room. Presenter is George W. Gebhardt, a retired aerospace engineer who is now Assistant State Coordinator for the AARP Mature Driving Program. The free program is sponsored by Friends of the Library. The talk and video showing will examine the effects of aging on driving skills and provide older drivers - and their families - with basic information and useful strategies to ensure their continued safety behind the wheel.

SENIOR FILM DAY AT THE LIBRARY SET – The monthly Senior Citizen Day at Coos Bay Library will be April 11, 2:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. The video shown will feature musician and humorist Victor Borge, capturing moments from some of his early movies and TV shows, and from live performances taped at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. The Friends of the Library sponsor this free program.

SUNDAY HOURS FOR BEAVER HILL DISPOSAL SITE – Spring is clean up time! Beginning April 9th and running through October 15th the Beaver Hill Disposal Site will be open Sunday afternoons from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. (Except for Easter Sunday, April 23rd) and the Sunday before Memorial Day (May 28th) and the Sunday before Labor Day (September 3rd).

FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS CENSUS 2000 TRAINING – The Fire Department will be hosting several training sessions for Census 2000 workers. The work sessions held in March and April provide local Census 2000 workers a central location to meet and get the training they are required to have before they go out into the community.

SPRING FORWARD – The Fire Department would like to remind everyone that along with moving your clocks ahead one hour it is also the perfect time to change your smoke alarm batteries. Remember that you are the key to fire prevention!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PUBLIC FORUM – The League of Women Voters will hold a public forum on Wednesday, April 19th at 7 p.m. at Empire Hall, Southwestern Oregon Community College. The forum will include the following:

Commissioner Candidates for Position I: Alfred “Fritz” Beck (R), Fred Clausen (R), John Griffith (R), Thomas Hall (R) (declined invitation to appear), Cindi Miller (R), Ranelle Allen Morris (R), and Keith Schroeder (D).

Assessor Candidates: Frank Lassen (non) and Robert “Bob” Main (D)

Southwestern Oregon Community College Bond Measure #66: Speaking For the measure – Steve Kridelbaugh, SWOCC President. Speaking against the measure – Roberta Stewart, Coos County citizen.

The forum is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Coos County, American Association of University of Women, and Southwestern Oregon Associated Student Government. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Vi Fietz (267-5306) or Judith VanDuzer (267-6508).

LABOR TRENDS -- The South Coast experienced small employment fluctuations in a variety of industries in February; however, the overall job change was small. Non-farm jobs in Coos County fell by 50 over the month, while Curry posted a net gain of 30. Manufacturing employment dropped by 50 in Coos County. There was less hiring among local seafood processors. Curry’s manufacturing total was unchanged. Non-manufacturing employment in Coos County was unchanged overall; however, employment in public education jobs did increase. Employment fell in construction, trade, and the rest of local government. Curry’s non-manufacturing job total advanced by 30. The largest increase came in the construction industry. Services edged up slightly as well. The additions were partly offset by seasonal downturns in trade and transportation. (*Information excerpted from State of Oregon Employment Department*)

POLICE OFFICERS ATTEND TRAINING SESSIONS – With the assistance of scholarships and donated funds police department members were able to attend training sessions recently. Officers Rodger Craddock, Gary McCullough, and Dennis Burge attended a training two day training conference on the multi disciplinary approach to dealing with driving under the influence of intoxicants. On another scholarship, Sergeant Darrell King attended a two day training session on domestic violence conference for professionals. Officers Craddock, Scoville and Osborn also attended a K-9 officer training seminar with the assistance of donated funds. The police department continues to seek alternative funding sources to maintain the well-trained professional staff at Coos Bay Police Department.

POLICE CHAPLAIN RICHARD DERBY ATTENDS TRAINING SESSION -- Chaplain Derby attended a two-day conference in Bend recently sponsored by the International Conference of Police

Chaplains.

Chief Knight has expressed his gratitude to Chaplain Derby and the Bay Area Emergency Services Chaplains for their support to the Police Department and the community.

ORGANIZED CRIME TOPIC OF SEMINAR -- Police Department Cpl. Dave Main attended an Organized Crime Conference hosted by the Oregon Department of Justice Organized Crime Unit. Seminar topics included the issue of medical marijuana, money laundering, firearm investigations, domestic terrorism, and other related topics.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS PEAR BLOSSOM FESTIVAL -- Motorcycle Officers Dan O'Loughlin, and Gary McCullough will be in Medford this weekend (April 7, 2000) to assist Medford Police Department with traffic and crowd control at the community's Pear Blossom celebration. Medford has assisted Coos Bay the past several years in providing a similar service for the Bay Area Fun Festival.