



The Friday Update

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METHAMPHETAMINES - NOT HERE; NOT NOW; NOT EVER! – A stand was taken last night against Methamphetamines use on the South Coast. A panel of experts presented the problems associated with the drug at a town hall forum held at Coos Bay City Hall. The panel is the result of an effort initiated by the Coos Bay - North Bend Rotary Club to deal with the issue of Methamphetamine abuse here in our community. The panel moderated by The World Newspaper publisher, Greg Stevens included representatives from law enforcement, medical, social services, schools, community corrections, judicial system, and a neighborhood activist. Panel organizers included former State Representative Mike Lehman, Police Chief Chuck Knight, St. Catherine Administrator David Darling, and Greg Stevens. The program will be aired locally government television Channel 14, with the first program airing at 5 p.m. tonight (Friday, January 26th). A schedule showing other airings can be found on the City of Coos Bay web site at <http://www.coosbay.org>

Last night's panel presentation is just the first in a series of efforts the Rotary Club and event organizers hope to see kicked off locally to deal with the Methamphetamines issue here in Coos County. "Not here; not now; not ever!" is the group's battle cry, Greg Stevens proclaimed last night. Four interest groups are being formed to deal with this important issue. Interested persons should call 751-7648 to learn more and to volunteer for one of four action groups being formed, and named:

- * Not in Our Schools!
- * Not in Our Neighborhoods!
- * Not at Work!
- * Not IN Our Communities!

"I'd like to personally thank Mike Lehman, Greg Stevens, David Darling and Chuck Knight for their leadership in pushing forward with this effort," said city manager Bill Grile, who also serves as this year's President of the Coos Bay – North Bend Rotary Club. David Darling and Grile are pursuing a grant from Rotary District 5110 to generate more resources to help increase public awareness about the Methamphetamines problem in our community.

A public meeting to continue dialogue about Methampetamines will be held at St. Catherine's in North Bend at 7:00 PM on February 15th. Again, for more information call 751-7648.

MARSHFIELD CLASS OF 2001 GRADUATION – The 2001 Marshfield Senior Class parents are working diligently to put on a successful graduation night drug and alcohol free all night party this year. Committees are formed and work has begun. Donations of cash and prizes are need to be secured as soon money, food and merchandise help make the graduation night party a success. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2001 and would like to be able to recognize each graduating student with a prize. If you can contribute, please contact Joann Patnode at 267-1340 or 266-0268 or if a cash donation, mail to Marshfield High School, Attn: Joann Patnode, P O Box 509, Coos Bay. If you have merchandise to

donate, arrangements for pick up can be made by contacting Ms. Patnode.

FIRE CHIEF SELECTED FOR COMMITTEE – Fire Chief Stan Gibson has been selected to participate in the 68th Annual Validation Conference of the International Fire Service Training Association (IFSTA) in Tulsa, OK in July. This working conference divides participants into committees to review IFSTA manuals to suggest deletions, additions, and corrections that will aid in fire training programs throughout the world.

LIBRARY HOSTS KINDER KONZERT – Coos Bay Library will host a performance of the Kinder Konzert program "The History of Music Through the Violin" at 11 a.m. on Saturday in the library's Myrtlewood Meeting Room. This year's Kinder Konzert will be the 9th in the current series and is presented by Oregon Coast Music Association as part of its educational outreach. The innovative music program will be a multi-media exploration into the history of music through stringed instruments since ancient Sumerian and Egyptian times, using music, story-telling and theatrical props. Presenters will be Southwestern music department head Professor Chris Rosman, pianist Charla Spigolon, violinist Claire Mohr and violin students from the Youth Orchestra of the Boys and Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon.

LIBRARY INSTALLS NEW READER BOARD – The library's old manual reader board has been replaced with a new digital display board that will allow for multiple library messages that can be changed quickly from a computer inside the library and programmed far in advance. Purchase of the new reader board is part of implementation of goals determined during last year's planning process, having as its purpose to better acquaint the public with library services available to them. The sign was supplied by Art Signs and includes a decorative design by them that echoes the design and color of the library building.

LIBRARY ART SHOW – "Seeing the Forest: Art About Forests and Forestry" is a traveling exhibit provided by the OSU Extension Foresters, appearing at Coos Bay Library until Tuesday, January 30th. The juried exhibit features multi-media works of art from 26 Northwest artists, including photography, oils, watercolors, and folk art. Its purpose is to increase public awareness of the complexity of forest issues and to solicit comment from the public about forests and forestry. February's art show opens on Friday, February 2nd and will feature watercolors by North Bend artist Barbara Lippold.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF VISIT COOS BAY – Staff from the Oregon State Historic Reservation Office joined city staff in attending a public meeting regarding the potential 5th Street Historic District this week. Approximately 40 individuals interested in the potential historic district attended the meeting to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the local impact of an historic district. Historic Preservation staff were invited to the meeting by city staff in order for the local residents to have a face-to-face opportunity to get their questions answered. Anyone having any questions about how an historic district will impact them should contact Laura Barron at 269-8918.

ODOT GOODWILL GESTURE – The State Highway Department recently remediated impacts to private property from a landslide between Ocean Boulevard and Barham Terrace. Formerly known as Empire-Coos Bay Highway No. 243, ownership and maintenance of this section of roadway was transferred to the City of Coos Bay last year through a Jurisdictional Exchange. Underground springs and surface drainage from the surrounding hillside resulted in the shifting of right-of-way slopes and misc. private property improvements. The City is very appreciative of the work done by ODOT which included the installation of an extensive underground drainage system and surface restoration work by JBS, Inc.

SHUTTERS CREEK WORKS ALONG WOODLAND DRIVE – The Shutters Creek inmates have been working along Woodland Drive repairing the gravel path along the east side of the street from Myrtle Avenue to Thompson Road. The inmates are cleaning and placing new gravel along the path. The inmates will be

finishing the project up over the next couple of weeks.

BUILDING DEPT. NOW VERIFYING CONTRACTORS ARE LICENSED – The Coos Bay Building Department, in an effort to help protect the public and benefit licensed contractors, will now be verifying all contractors licenses for each permit application via the internet. Oregon law requires anyone who is engaged for compensation in any construction activity involving improvements to real estate to be registered with the State of Oregon Construction Contractors Board 1-888-366-5653 and 1-503-378-4610 or www.ccb.state.or.us.

THANK YOU COOS COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS – Community Services Director Shanda Shribbs and Planning Administrator Laura Barron were invited to the January meeting of the Coos County Board of Realtors to brief the members on current city projects. City staff appreciate the opportunity to talk about the exciting projects the city and Urban Renewal Agency have embarked upon.

SCDC APPOINTS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Wednesday evening the South Coast Development Council met in North Bend to announce the appointment of Melinda Anderson as it's new executive director. Anderson assumes her new post next month, relocating from Bend, Oregon, leaving a position as economic development manager for the Bend Chamber Visitor and Convention Bureau. Her challenge will be to help bring quality jobs to the area. The South Coast Development Council is a private non-profit organization chaired by Coos Bay Council President Jeff McKeown and supported by a blend of public and private dollars.

MINGUS APRK POOL GETS NEW TUNNEL-SLIDE - Drive by and check it out. Wow! Cool!! The kids are going to love it.

SCINT FUNDING TO BE DISCUSSED AT SOUTH COAST MEETING - With the passage of Ballot Measure 3 last fall, funding for continued operation of the intergovernmental South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team is at serious risk. In response to this challenge, the Coos County Commissioners have called a February 5th meeting to discuss ways to keep the Team afloat. Coos Bay Police Chief Chuck Knight and City Manager Bill Grile will be attending along with representatives of all the other affected jurisdictions. Stand by for feedback. Ideas, anyone?