



The Friday Update

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JULY 4th - City hall offices and the public library will be closed in observance of the 4th of July. Please enjoy the day with family and friends in the many activities available in the Bay Area. The City's annual 4th of July Celebration in Mingus Park will begin with the Kid's Run at 9:30 a.m. and the Mayor's Firecracker Run at 10:00 a.m. A welcome from Mayor Benetti and presentation of the flag will be at 10:00 a.m. on the stage. There will be free balloons, flags and popcorn, entertainment from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., children's activities and food vendors until 4:30 p.m. The Fire Department will provide a fireworks display over the bay at dusk. Have a great holiday!

FIRE SAFETY - A reminder from the Fire Department to be cautious with fire during the summer months. Check with the department before doing any outside burning at home, follow fire safety when using BBQ grills and campfires, and play it safe with fireworks next week. Any questions, please call the department at 269-1191.

OREGON COAST MUSIC FESTIVAL - The Oregon Coast Music Festival will be held July 13th through 27th. There's something for everyone so come on out and enjoy good company and beautiful music. Tickets for all events are available for AYA Copy Center, 2293 Broadway, North Bend or 756-8889. Visit the music association at www.coosnet.com/music

POLICE SERGEANT PROMOTION ANNOUNCED - Police Chief Knight announced the results of the police sergeant promotional process this week. Officer Gary McCullough has been tabbed for promotion to Sergeant as the result of a promotional process which began last April. Officer McCullough joined the police department as a reserve officer in 1993, and was sworn in as a full time officer in 1995. Prior to joining the police department McCullough served in the U.S. Navy and worked for Glenbrook Nickel in Coos Bay. Sergeant McCullough is married and lives in North Bend.

POLICE DETECTIVES ATTEND ELDER ABUSE TRAINING - Sergeant Dave Main and Detective Terrie Gale attended a training session on financial abuse of the elderly. The course covered investigative techniques in handling financial crimes against the elderly. The course was held in Eugene, Oregon.

FIELD DAY EXERCISE HELD JUNE 22-23 - Sergeant Kevin Hedgepeth participated in an annual Amateur Radio Field Day exercise at Bullards Beach State Park. The field day is an international event simulating emergencies where total power and communications failures are simulated. The Coos County Radio Club set up operations at Bandon for this years exercise. The exercise ran for twenty-four hours on June 22 and 23, 2002. Police Chief, Chuck Knight visited the site to review the communication capabilities in the event of a disaster.

THREE FROM COOS BAY ARE INDONESIA BOUND - Yesterday three local public officials left for Indonesia as City of Coos Bay delegates on this community's second exchange trip to the City of Bitung, in the province of North Sulawesi, Indonesia. Representing Coos Bay on the trip are Jon Richards (Southwestern Oregon Community College Business Development Center), Jeff Marineau (Coos Bay Planning Commission) and Tim Enright (Coos Bay Public Schools). The three will be welcomed by counterparts in Bitung, then put to work exchanging ideas about best management practices for effective democratic governance. The exchange is part of a program managed by the International City/County Management Association and funded completely by a grant from the U.S. State Department. No local tax dollars are involved in the program. We'll give you an update upon their return and share lessons learned and experiences gained. Stay tuned.