



## Prescription drug turn-in event was a success

The Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce participated in the state's first Prescription Drug Turn-In Event. It was one of more than 30 held throughout the state on Saturday, Mar. 13. In Eagle Point, the hours were from 2-4 p.m. at the Ashpole Center.

Expired or unwanted prescription medications, unneeded over-the-counter medicines, drugs that didn't work or are no longer used were turned in. Some meds were turned in that had been used by deceased family members.

In addition, several turned in medications that had been used for dogs or cats.

Only drugs from individuals were turned in. The program did not allow businesses, foster homes, nursing homes and such to turn in medicines.

Eagle Point Police Senior Officer Steve Frantz was on duty to accept the drugs. He had to count each pill. He counted the prescription pills that were turned in from 2 until 6:30 p.m. Three Chamber members greeted those bringing in the medications, marked through the name of the donor, checked to be sure the bottle contained only one kind of pill and then gave them to Officer Frantz to count. Chamber members counted the non-prescription items, such as vitamins.

In the two hours that drugs were collected in Eagle Point, 28 people brought in their old medicines. Between the prescription drugs and over-the-counter pills, there were enough bottles to fill a six-foot long lunchroom table. When it was all done those 28 people donated 28 pounds of old medications or expired vitamins.

Nearly every person that brought

in meds learned about the program through the Independent. All were very pleased that the program was being done and many asked when the next such event would be held. The majority of those turning in

medications were senior citizens.

Boy Scouts from Troop 48, Andrew Roberts and Tyler LaFever, volunteered to set up tables and chairs prior to the event and then returned to take them down at the end.



Prescription drugs of every shape and color were brought in to be disposed of at the Chamber sponsored Drug Turn In Event. Photo by Mike Leonard

# Eagle Point Economic Commission to head Centennial to be celebrated in 2011

The City of Eagle Point officially appointed the Eagle Point Economic Commission to be in charge of the city's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2011. They want to work with the Chamber, the Eagle Point Community Association, Eagle Point Grange, and all other groups interested in planning events.

The next Economic Committee meeting is the same day as the Chamber meeting. It meets from 5-6:30 p.m. at Eagle Point City Hall on Monday, Apr. 5. Chamber members serving on the Economic Committee are: Jonathan Bilden, Nancy Leonard, Joni Parsons, Kathy Sell, Shelli Shrock and Bob Russell.

In other news from the city of Eagle Point; the council approved naming the new park at Main & Royal Centennial Plaza.

Centennial Park was the name introduced by Bunny Lincoln at the initial meeting of Parks & Recreation and Economic Development. The committee felt the word Plaza was more appropriate than Park and thus the soon to be developed site corner of Royal & Main is officially Centennial Plaza.

Those two committees are working on items they would like to see in the new park that will be put together by John Galbraith. He was in attendance at the last joint committee meeting. That joint committee meets again on Thursday Apr. 8 at 5pm at the Eagle Point City Hall. The Parks & Recreation committee meets at 7pm.

## Information on new members update

The Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce welcomes four new members.

The **Lake Creek Historical Society**, located at 1739 So. Fork Little Butte Creek Rd. The office manager, who is a volunteer and a board member, is Marilyn Maloney. The museum is open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10-3 p.m. They have a lovely location beside the facility for weddings or outdoor picnics or bbqs. Call Marilyn at 541-826-15113 or visit contact them at

We are also pleased to welcome the **Eagle Point Grange #664** as a new member. The Grange is located at 5 So.

Shasta, the corner of Shasta and E. Main st. They rather recently had their entire kitchen re-done, modernized, upgraded and ready for rent. Grange members would be happy to give you information on membership and on their activities, as would the Lake Creek Historical Society. For more information on the grange, contact Helen Wolgamaott, 830-4049 or

Another community organization that now belongs to the Chamber of Commerce is the **Shady Cove Business Association**. Their current chairperson is Christie Eggleston. They just help sponsor Daffodil Daze in Shady Cove and will be sponsoring the SPAM Festival later this

year. The Business Association meets the first Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. at the River Plaza, Suite 1. For information, call 541-621-5388 or email

**RHT Energy Solutions**, located at 315 Boardman St., in Medford (97501) is another new member. RHT Energy Solutions is represented by Angalee Sutton, Green Building Outreach Manager. They are working on a project in Shady Cove and is interested in networking with local business leaders. For more information, call 541-770-5884 or email [angalee@rhtenergy.com](mailto:angalee@rhtenergy.com). Their have a website at



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# March 22 Board meeting minutes

Minutes of the Feb. 16 board of directors meeting were approved with one correction. Reference was made to Dave Pinnell and it should have been Bob Pinnell (Dave is his older brother.)

Hank Rademacher updated treasurer information. Included in his update was information on those who have not payed their obligation for last year's petunia baskets. After expenses, Hank reported a net income from Jan. 1 through Mar. 21 of \$942.65.

There had been previous discussion regarding support of membership. The Chamber banked at Washington Mutual (now Chase.) Chamber members have talked to Chase personnel several times about renewing their membership and despite promises since late in 2009, there has been no renewal. The board of directors voted to close the Chase account and open an account of PremierWest Branch in Eagle Point. Hank will handle the transfer and Chamber members authorized to sign on the account will be notified by PremierWest to sign the necessary documents. Authorized signers are: President-Bob Pinnell; President-elect- Jonathan Bilden; Vice-President-Bob Russell; Secretary- Nancy Leonard and Treasurer-Hank Rademacher.

Thus far Bob Russell only has \$1,100 toward the flower baskets and that is a very long way from having the baskets this year. Bob is urging members to participate with any amount they can and to try and contact others to participate. Ideally a basket costs \$300, but any amount will help. Or you can pledge \$100 a month for three months. It is a program that has received so many favorable comments and one the Chamber can be proud of, we don't want to see it go away.

Bob Russell reported several communities were bringing items to the Vintage Faire, such as a 1910 fire truck. Nancy Leonard offered to send promotional information to the Mail Tribune and to the Oregonian about the event.

Banners across Hwy. 62 to promote the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Garage Sales was once again discussed. A double sided banner would cost

\$545, no price was specified for a one-sided banner. Kathy Sell brought up the idea of three smaller banners, one for White City (perhaps at So. Valley Bank), one for Eagle Point (at PremierWest) and one for Shady Cove. Discussion also included whether there should be two one-sided banners, one at SC and one at WC.

Of major concern is securing someone who can put up and take down banners across Hwy 62 each month. Bob Pinnell said he would look into that. No decision was made on banners.

The idea of a banner for events was introduced and board members felt this was a good idea. It would be the logo and name. A price will be needed before a decision is made.

Bob Russell announced that Sue Tucker, who does flea markets and peddler faire type events in the valley, will be managing the June Peddler's Faire. Sandi Erskine will amend the map she has and give it to Dave Hussel for approval.

A location to store items Chamber members will donate for the Chamber's yard sale on June 12 is needed. Bob Russell said he would talk to LaVar Hansen and Bob Pinnell has offered the use of his lot for the Chamber's location. Bob Russell offered to price items and Kathy and Jonathan Bilden offered to help him tag items. Staffing will be needed but Bob Pinnell and Sandi Erskine each thought they could get an employee to help with the yard sale. Others will be needed.

Bob Pinnell still needs an outline from each committee head describing what the committee does.

Jonathan noted that with so many candidates the April 17 at 7 p.m. forum will give each commissioner candidate two minutes after the two District 55 candidates speak.

The Medford Chamber's event on May 20 was discussed.

The board has decided to meet the third Thursday at 7 a.m. at Moozie's.

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# Upper Rogue event calendar

The Upper Rogue is alive with activities. Following is information on a number of events.

Easter Egg Hunts on Saturday, Apr. 3, can be found in Eagle Point and Shady Cove. The Eagle Point Community Association is once again sponsoring the event at the old junior high field. It gets underway at 11 a.m. SHARP. There are six age groups to age 11 and also including a special needs category. The Eagle Cove Retirement Center will have a special event at 1 p.m. at their facility.

In Shady Cove, the Masons color 600 dozen eggs for a grand event at the school at 10 a.m.

Shady Kate's, at the south end of Shady Cove just before the bridge, will hold a The Tie Tree Tea, a high tea luncheon starting Apr. 13 and every second Tuesday thereafter. Fresh-baked scones, tea sandwiches samplers, soup, salad, dessert, and, of course, tea. \$15 each. Reservations are a must. Call 541-821-2120

Kate will have an art exhibit on Saturday, Apr. 24 beginning at 10 a.m. , the event is called the Tie Tree Toast Art Exhibition. She has invited artists to create their concept of the Tie Trees found hanging around Shady Kate's. They are invited to use any medium and design. There will be 18 pieces of art on display and may be purchased.

Candidate's Forum- sponsored by the Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday, Apr. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Ashpole Center by Eagle Point City Hall. The candidates for State Rep. District 55, Mike McLane and Mike Wendel, will be in attendance and speak. It looks like we have about 10 or 11 on the 13 County Commissioner candidates expected. They will be asked to give a resume and then be available to mix with the crowd. We really want this to be a big event with a good turn out. It is the only time we know of that

this many of the candidates will be available in our Upper Rogue area.

Shriner's- will be convening in Shady Cove the end of April and May 1. They will have a parade in Shady Cove on May 1. We should send them some information about the rest of the Upper Rogue in hopes they will visit other areas during their convention.

May 2- Annual Shady Cove Wildflower Show in Shady Cove and the Farm Festival at the Wood House in Eagle Point.

May 2- Boys & Girls Club poker tournament. 1322 Antelope Rd. White City. Register online at [www.begreat4kids.com](http://www.begreat4kids.com), deadline to register April 20, 2010. BBQ starts at 1pm, poker starts a 2pm.

May 8- Vintage Faire. This will be a very busy weekend in Eagle Point. The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Vintage Faire will be held at the Butte Creek Mill. There will many activities and events including Old Time Fiddlers, Banjo Bill, Saturday Market, a blacksmith, local quilters, food, wine tasting, Dutch oven cooking and more. Events run from 9-5. There will be an event at the Eagle Point Library as well with a shuttle taking people back and forth.

May 8-9 FFA Buckaroo Breakfast is on Saturday. More details in the next issue. The annual FFA Plant Sale is Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 7-8-9 at the greenhouses behind the high school.

June 12- Largest yard sale in Southern Oregon-Upper Rogue yard sale from White City to Union Creek. Along with a Peddlers' Faire in Eagle Point. For information call Bob Russell 541-826-3531.

And, don't forget Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9.

## Member injured

We wish member Dave Prichett a speedy recovery. We understand Dave's sweat shirt sleeve became entangled with a chain saw and did major damage to his arm, on Mar. 20. Quick response by those who were with him and to the medics and Fire District 4 made a huge difference. He is home recuperating. We certainly wish him well and look forward to having him at our meetings in the near future.

## Meeting host

The next meeting of the Chamber is Monday, April 5 at the Ashpole Center in Eagle Point. The Eagle Point Women's Club will host the event.

The May meeting will be hosted by the Boys & Girls Club and will be held at their newest location, which is at the Cool Club in Shady Cove.

The deadline is upon us to participate in the annual petunia basket project for downtown Eagle Point.

While a basket costs \$300, funds in any amount will be more than welcome. If you wish to pledge the whole \$300, that can be done on the basis of \$100 a month.

Fill out this coupon and mail it to Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1539, Eagle Point, OT 97524. For more information, contact Bob Russell at 541-826-3531.

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Thank you!

# All Chamber sundowner

The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County has invited members of the Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber, among others, for the first All-Chamber Sundowner. It is described as an "ultimate business networking experience." The event is Thursday, May 20 at the Rogue Valley Country Club between 5-8 p.m.

Participants will not only be able to mix and mingle, but will have the opportunity to reach small and large companies, meet potential clients and combine business with pleasure.

Each Chamber is asked to showcase a local winery and a regionally gourmet catering company to represent their Chamber during the evening.

Reservations are \$20 per participating business, with reservations required. Register online at

Checks should be made to The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County, 191 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Medford, OR 97501. Be sure you list your local chamber affiliation.

# Member renewals

This will be the last Newsletter for those who have not renewed their membership for 2010. If paying your dues has slipped your mind, or you can't find your renewal form, please call Jonathan Bilden at 541-301-4012 or email him at jonathan@highpt.net. Renewals received by April 16 will continue to receive the monthly Newsletter.

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# Arbor day in Eagle Point

Oregon is one of a few states that actually chooses to celebrate Arbor Day all week. Eagle Point always selects one day to mark the event and this year that day will be Tuesday, April 6.

At 11 a.m. in front of Eagle Point Dental, at 217 W. Main, the city will plant the last tree as part of the Main Street tree planting project. The majority of the older trees were removed as Main St. Received a facelift, that including curbs and gutters and considerable expanse of new sidewalk.

City Administrator Dave Hussell will talk about the city's Main Street tree program. The Eagle Point Economic Development Committee was involved in helping to plan the downtown changes and to participate in discussions on the various trees that could be planted. They heard the negative and positive about several varieties and some members visited neighboring communities and took pictures of trees. The final decision was in the hands of the city council.

Everyone is invited to the celebration and to learn more about Arbor Day and Eagle Point's many years as a participant in the event.



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