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Draft of April board minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7 a.m. by Vice President Bob Russell. President Jonathan Bilden arrived just after the financial report was approved.

Treasurer Hank Rademacher reported the newsletter is still in black.

Kathy Sell reported on the website. She said the October newsletter is the latest one up on the website although she has sent them each month. Events are still up from April 2010. It was the general consensus that this is not serving the Chamber well. Hank said he would call Casey (webmaster) about it and report back. It was suggested there needs to be significant progress on the site within a month or else.

Tickets for the May 24 circus are on sale at LaQuinta, Rivertech, State Farm and at the Upper Rogue Independent. Bob Pinnell said he was sending the city a letter to obtain water from a fire hydrant for the circus animals. Flyers are to be ready by May 1.

Bob Russell reported he sees funds for 22 baskets. The Chamber budget shows \$1,600 allocation but he wanted to wait until the May Chamber meeting to see exactly what was needed. The goal is 40 baskets. He said he may ask the city if they have any funds.

A report was given on the board of directors meeting with City Administrator Dave Hussell. The chamber board and city administrator talked about a SWOT (strength/weakness) survey of the city done by Chamber and one done by the City Council. Richard Gyuro will chair the Chamber SWOT committee. Those volunteering to serve included Bob Pinnell, Kathy Sell, Nancy Leonard.

The board agreed to sponsor Vintage Faire, May 14 and to pay for an ad. The event was moved from Mother's Day to a 2nd Saturday

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5th graders from Little Butte Elementary all yielded shovels and were happy to help with the groundbreaking of Hillside Elementary School.

Upcoming events in Upper Rogue

Upcoming events:

Saturday, Apr. 30- 8-2 p.m. Thomas Ussary Car Show- EPHS Parking lot.

Saturday, Apr. 30- 9-5 p.m. Wood House Farm Festival

Saturday, Apr. 30, May 1- 10-4 p.m. Wildflower Show, Shady Cove School
Monday, May 2- 12n Chamber meeting- Ashpole Center, Supt. Cynda Rickert, guest speaker

Monday, May 2- 5 p.m. Eagle Point Economic Development, City Hall

Thursday, Friday, Saturday- May 5-7- FFA Plant Sale, EPHS greenhouse behind high school

Saturday, May 7- 7-11:00 a.m. Buckaroo Breakfast, in front Ray's Market

Saturday, May 7- 8:30-1:30 p.m. EP

Saturday Market begins, located between Museum & Mill

Sunday, May 8- Mother's Day

2nd Saturday, May 14- 10-4 p.m. Vintage Faire, EP Around Mill, Royal and Main St.

Tuesday, May 17- Election day

Tuesday, May 24- 5 & 7:30 p.m. Culpepper Merriweather Circus, grounds between ERE & EPMS

June 11 – 9 a.m. Centennial bike run-100, 50 & 10K Call 541-362-1352 for registration.

2nd Saturday, June 11- Biggest Yard Sale in So. Oregon-WC to Prospect

June 18- 11 a.m. on- Tie Days Riverfest, info 878-2084 or 821-2120.

June 25- 10- 6 p.m. Spam Festival, Shady Cove, Information 951-6346

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in order to support the Chamber's 2nd Saturday promotion so it was felt it should be a Chamber project.

The Chamber Yard Sale from White City to Prospect on June 11 was discussed. The Chamber will also have a yard sale that date at State Farm in Eagle Point. Donations are being accepted and can be placed in the storage unit at Eagle Point Mini Storage. Contact Bob Pinnell for a key. There will be an ad listing all the addresses for yard sales on that date.

The Chamber also agreed to once again do a full a page ad in the 2011 Destination magazine. The price is the same as last year, \$450 for a full color full page.

There will be a ribbon cutting for Book Mark, a new business in Eagle Point next to Eagle Point Dental, at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been in touch with the city about doing a community service project in Eagle Point in September. It would be a one day event with about 200 volunteers. The chamber board suggested perhaps there could be a coordinated clean up of Little Butte Creek, even extending to the dam north of the mill.

Treasurer Hank Rademacher said his term expires Dec. 31 and because of his many commitments he will not be able to continue with the position for another term. He suggested the board and membership start considering someone who has time and experience to be considered for the position.

Jonathan announced that Supt. Cynda Rickert would be the guest speaker for the May 2 meeting which will be held at the Ashpole Center. City Administrator Dave Hussell will be asked to be the June guest speaker to discuss the city and Chamber working together and the SWOT process.

Nancy Leonard, Secretary

Circus to town

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to Eagle Point Tuesday, May 24. The chamber sponsored the circus several years ago. It can be a good fundraiser if we all get behind it and sell tickets or encourage people to get tickets at one of five locations in the Upper Rogue.

Showtimes are 5 and 7:30 p.m. The event will be on the grounds between Eagle Rock Elementary and Eagle Point Middle School off Reese Creek Road.

Advance tickets are \$9 for adults, \$6 for children. Tickets on the day of the circus are \$12 and \$7.

Eagle Point ticket locations are State Farm, Eagle Point; Butte Creek Mill and the Upper Rogue Independent; in White City at LaQuinta and in Shady Cove at Rivertech Computer Service.

This circus was a good family event the last time they put on their show in Eagle Point. We urge everyone to get behind this event.



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Monthly business highlight, Edward Jones



Tom Cook of Edward Jones, Eagle Point

By Curt Evans

How long has Edward Jones been open in Eagle Point?

Edward Jones has been in Eagle Point since I retired from the Navy in 2002. We opened the office doors on 3/17/2004.

What sets your business apart?

Edward Jones is the LAST privately held firm in the financial services industry. This allowed us to grow by 6-8% during the most recent recession which caused much consolidation amongst our publicly-traded competition. Outstanding customer service makes our office stand apart.

How did you get into this business?

I was recruited by Larry Steiner from our Ashland office while attending church in 2002.

What are your business goals for 2011?

My main goal is to help everyone that wants the help. With all of the unemployment we have been helping many with rollovers.

How long have you been a Chamber member, and why did you join?

I joined the chamber in 2003-2004 originally to network and meet the community. I renew to be a part of the voice that shapes the views of business in the Upper Rogue.

Tell us something about yourself nobody else knows.

I recently visited New Zealand and with a vivid fear of heights bungy jumped off the original bridge in Queenstown. This reminded me to address your fears head on. There may be a sky dive in the future

School District #9 candidate forum highlights

The Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce held a Candidate's Forum on Apr. 25 to hear from each seeking a four-year seat on the School District 9 Board of Directors.

Candidates are Position 1-Ted Dole (incumbent) and Ralph Meeker; Post. 4- Mary Ann Olsen (incumbent), Curtis Sather and Raygina Sizemore. A few highlights include:

Budget cuts in athletics seemed to be a concern to all.

Dole and Olsen both spoke in positive terms with regard to the superintendent, administration and staff. Both have frequented the schools and events. Dole is the only board member with children in District 9 schools.

He has a son at the high school and two in the elementary grades. Dole pointed out that he has 25 years experience running his own business (Waterworld) and has first hand experience with the economic ups and downs. He is an advocate for retaining a five-day school week.

Meeker said while he has a steep learning curve he hopes to work to solve differences on the board.

Sather, who has five children in District 9 schools and lives in White City, said there was huge waste in the school lunch program. He sees no reason for having a principal at WCE and a principal at WMMS.

Dole said it will take a compromise for the

best education during this difficult time. He said help is needed from the union and from parents and more volunteers in the classroom are needed.

Sizemore said people should not be afraid of a four-day week and she pointed to Redmond's first year under the program and her own experience with a four-day.

Meeker said until now he wasn't aware of the great demographic differences between the District 9 communities.

Both Sizemore and Meeker said they were not trying to get rid of the superintendent.

All seemed in agreement more communication was needed; including perhaps a partnership with the chamber and schools.

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