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Member recognition

There was some exciting news from three of our Chamber members last week. **Butte Creek Mill, Historic Prospect Hotel** and **Union Creek** are three sites selected on the National Geographic Central Cascades Geotourism MapGuide. Out of some 1,200 nominated there are close to 200 points of interest in Oregon and Washington. The Butte Creek Mill and the Prospect Hotel are two of those.

There are 10 points of interests in Jackson and Josephine counties marked on the map.

The map is available on the web at

Once there you can select from various categories on the menu to the left. Our two members are under Historic. Listings are then in alphabetical order. Touch the photo and up will come even more information about the mill or the hotel.

Beckie's Café, the Table Rocks and Rogue Creamery are also listed in the 10 from the two counties.

With the winter Olympics about to start in Vancouver, B.C. the timing for this map is ideal.

The Historic Prospect Hotel made news around the state of Oregon for the third time in recent months as the hotel was among four images representative of history and culture in Oregon featured on the cover of the annual Oregon Cultural

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Providence Medical Group Eagle Point ribbon cutting and open house was held Saturday, Jan. 9. Picture 1. To r. Chamber President Bob Pinnell, members from Providence include Shannon Blood, Dr. Leonrd Wilk, Shanna Fike, Kim Holland, Carl Morey, P.A., Gregg Florentio, Patty Park and Jonathan Bilden from the Chamber.

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Trust report. Earlier the hotel was on the SAIF calendar along with the Butte Creek Mill.

News from other members include an award given to board member **Nancy Leonard** by the Jackson Soil & Water Conservation District. She received the manager's award during their annual dinner and awards ceremony Jan. 15 for her support in the Upper Rogue Independent of farm related issues, including 4H, FFA, and issues concerning farming and ranching.

The **D9 Foundation** honored their volunteers at a dinner put on by the board at Arthur's on Jan. 26.

There is a new manager at Eagle Cove, Tami Blackwood.

Liberty Tax Service in White City is offering teens who have little income but need to file taxes, free assistance.

Mom's Café closed their doors shortly after the first of the year. We were sorry to see that happen.

The **Upper Rogue Independent** has been signing up Clearwire (now called Clear) customers for a number of months. Last week, they also became the place to sign up for Charter service, whether its one item or a bundle.

The **Butcher Shop** expects to be fully operational with their expanded facility soon. The Ambassadors probably need to talk to Cam about a ribbon cutting.

A huge thank you to Claire Anchick, **Towne & Country Cleaners** for cleaning the American Flags for our Avenue of Flags project.

Valley Feed & Pet Supply and the **Upper Rogue Independent** plan to host the February 1 meeting at the Ashpole Center.

We are always looking for special recognitions our members receive. Please let us know. Don't be bashful, this is an opportunity to let others know what you are doing. Call Nancy at 541-826-7700 or email _____ with your news. She can't print it if she doesn't know about it.

Board meeting minutes

The Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 at Moozie's Café. Present were board members President-Bob Pinnell, President-elect Jonathan Bilden, Past President-Sandi Erskine, Budget chair-Dave Pritchett and Secretary-Nancy Leonard. Vice-President was Bob Russell was out of town and Treasurer Hank Rademacher had another appointment.

The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Bob Pinnell. He then congratulated the membership committee, and chair Jonathan Bilden, for the good job in bringing in new members. The membership stood at 120 as of that meeting. He said the Chamber needs to do something special for the committee, but nothing was decided.

It was decided that all of the recent new members, about 50, should receive a welcome letter, a copy of the by-laws, a list of members and a community calendar. Nancy Leonard said the Independent would sell the Chamber for \$3.95 to the Chamber instead of the normal price of \$4.95, thus not donating the \$1 from the sale of each calendar to the Chamber. Pinnell will work on his letter. The board expressed the desire to have the community calendar updated as additional events are added during the year since the calendar is basically printed on demand. Nancy said she would pass that information to her production staff.

There was discussion regarding a concern over the updating of the website. The website committee scheduled a meeting on Jan. 21.

Pinnell said he had reserved the Ashpole Center for Chamber meetings the first Monday of each month in 2010.

Pinnell said he had talked to the Eagle Point City Administrator seeking space for the Clothes Closet. Pinnell said he understood it would be something for the city council to address.

Membership has not been billed for the upcoming year. Dues were due in January. Pinnell and/or Pritchett planned to discuss the billing process with Hank.

Pinnell had asked Nancy to put together costs for advertising. He wanted the price to run a listing of the entire current membership to run in the total market saturation issue. She reported the listing would take 3 columns by 13 inches for a non-profit cost of \$242.50. She also reminded the board that early in the year the board had approved a monthly 3 col x 7 in. ad but there was no agreement on content and it has never been run. After several minutes of discussion a motion was made and unanimously approved to purchase 3x13 ads on the following dates: Jan. 26-listing membership; Apr. 27 promoting 2nd Saturday; May 25 promoting Upper Rogue Yard Sales on June 12; June 29 for Chamber involvement in July 4 and July 27 Promoting Prospect's 60th Timber Carnival. Additional dates for the remainder of the year will be discussed later. Smaller ads, 3 col. X 7 in. Ads regarding



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the Chamber will run Feb.23 And Mar. 23.

The board also discussed having guest speakers. While nothing was firmed up, it was thought a speaker at the noon meeting would not allow enough time for the speaker and all the other items that come before the group. However, there was interest in having quarterly evening meetings with speakers. Perhaps a forum on business planning could be the first such event. Nothing definite was decided but it is something for the general membership to consider.

Pinnell will once again hand out a list of committee s and ask for volunteers. (See a separate article.)



Rogue River Lodge's main dining room located on the second floor. The new owners have had to strip the entire exterior and 90% of the interior, replacing the electrical and plumbing systems along with structural reinforcement and making the building ADA compliant. It is a wonderful project and they are very honored to be able to preserve this historic building for the long term. The Lodge will hopefully open around the first of May.

Annual membership rates:

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Eagle Point & Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce
Regular Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2010

Ashpole Center, 17 S Buchanan Ave., Eagle Point 97524

Board Meeting:

1. Call to order/Prayer
2. Reading of Board Minutes of Prior Meeting
3. Financial Report -Hank Rademacher

Board Report:

1. Board Meeting Report - The board will be meeting 2 weeks before the General meeting in order to make plans on the direction the Chamber will be taking this next year. Dates and location will be announced.

General Meeting:

1. Assign Committee Members
2. Calendar of events Focus on 2nd Saturday events other up-coming events

Committee Reports:

1. *Chamber Greeters*- Committee Members Steve Hauck and Kate Crowston, two more people needed from Eagle Point or White City.
2. *Web Site Committee*- Co-Chairs Sandra Erskine and Kathy Sell one more person needed.
3. *Membership Committee*- Chair Jonathan Bilden, members Tamara McMahan, Dave Pritchett, Roger King.
4. *Economic Development Committee*- Chair Kathy Sell, members Lee Kimball, Steve Hauck, Jack Jermain, Jonathan Bilden.
5. *Flag Committee*- Chair Helen Wolgamott, members Tamara McMahan, Hank Rademacher.
6. *Ambassadors Committee*- Members Sandi Erskine, Kate Crowston, two more people needed one person from White City would be great.
7. *Youth Development Committee*- Members Steve Hauck, Cynda Rickert, Kathy Sell, Ila Reimer.
8. *Budget Committee*- Members Dave Pritchett, Hank Rademacher, Sandi Erskine.
9. *Newsletter Committee*- Chair Nancy Leonard, members Kathy Sell, Hank Rademacher.
10. *By-laws Committee*- Need volunteers
11. *Advertising Committee*- Need volunteers

Guest:

1. Randy Sell, Valley Feed & Pet Supply and Nancy Leonard, Upper Rogue Independent (Thank you for lunch)
2. New Business-Open to the group
Adjournment

Deadlines for newsletter

Newsletter Deadlines and Mailing dates for 2010

Mar. 1 meeting:

Deadline- Feb. 18
Mail -Feb. 11

Apr. 5 meeting:

Deadline- Mar. 25
Mail- Mar. 19

May 3 meeting:

Deadline- Apr. 22
Mail Apr.26

June 7 meeting

Deadline- May 20
Mail- May 24

July 5 meeting

Deadline- June 24
Mail- June 28

Aug. 2 meeting

Deadline- July 22
Mail -July 26

Sept. 6 meeting

Deadline-Aug. 26
Mail- Aug. 30

Oct. 4 meeting

Deadline- Sept. 23
Mail -Sept. 27

Nov. 4 meeting

Deadline- Oct. 21
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Dec. 6 meeting

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Chamber website updates

With the amazing growth of the Chamber we have encountered some hic-ups in keeping up with changes to the website. The website committee met recently to discuss some ways to work out the bottlenecks in the information highway.

Some of the problems are easily fixed, others not so easy. The easy ones include legibility on applications. If when a member fills out their application they write as clearly as possible it will make it much easier to read and prevent wrong information being posted on the website. If we can't read it, we can't post it. Applications of new members will be

voted on once a month at the board meeting. They will then be forwarded to the website committee to be posted onto the member list. We will do our best to have the new members posted by the general meeting. It is the member's obligation to log on to the website and check that their personal data is correct and to contact the website committee via the chamber email of any corrections.

Brochures and flyers about upcoming events can be posted on the website. In order to do so, the committee must have them a month prior to your event. We cannot and will not post them on short notice. Brochures and flyers need to be sent to the chamber email in the form of a pdf or jpeg file.

We are currently working on changing the domain name and updated headers and perhaps a new look on our homepage that reflects tabs for each city in the upper Rogue area. Please be patient as we are all volunteers and we have many responsibilities.

Questions and concerns may be email to the chamber email address

As the domain name changes happen we will be sure to get the new address published in the newsletter.

Thank you for your patience.

**The Chamber Board Members
Eagle Point & Upper Rogue Chamber
of Commerce**

Advertising opportunities with the Chamber

The most important time to advertise is when business is slow. The Chamber has two opportunities that can help keep your business name in front of many. And that opportunity comes by advertising on the Chamber's Website. A vertical ad that is about 2 in. wide by 4 in. deep is \$200 for six months or \$350 for a year. One that is just under 7 inches long and almost an inch in width is \$150 for six months or \$250 for a year. And, for \$75 for six months put your name out there for thousands to see for \$75 for six months and get an ad that is two inches wide x one-half inch in height of \$125 a year. Horizontal ad, 2 x 2 approximately \$200 a year. Talk to Sandi at 826-0580 or see her at the Chamber meeting.

As the Chamber expands, advertising in the Newsletter comes more important and valuable. Ads that

approximate a business card are \$15 while those twice that size are \$30, one time. It is hoped that as we expand, we will also be able to increase the number of pages in the Newsletter. It publishes just before the monthly meeting. For information on this, contact Nancy at 826-7700 or at editor@urindependent.com.

Kathy Sell is the one to talk to about the quarterly Greeters project.

When a minimum of 10 businesses have information they wish to put out to either 500 or 1,000 homes, Kathy arranges for Boy Scouts and/or Skills USA to distributor packets of information. Currently distribution has been just in Eagle Point. Coupons and flyers are the most common items to be included. Talk to her at a Chamber meeting or call her at 826-7700.



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Chamber office services



Rogue Federal Credit Union in Eagle Point has new window dressings. These were made by The Sign Dude and are great sunblocks but do not block the view from the inside. The screens are transparent enough that the police can see inside as they do their rounds. This is one of several different screens on the building.

Being safe from fraud

Better to be safe than sorry. Those are some words of advice from Sandi Erskine, Eagle Point PremierWest. With fraud and theft on the increase, she reminds Chamber members that there are some fairly quick and simple steps to take that will be of benefit in an emergency.

She recommends you photo copy your social security number, drivers license, each credit card, insurance cards, and any other information that you would need to report a theft.

If you have collectibles, fine art, personal history on your computer, make sure that information is stored elsewhere. Take pictures of your art, make a list of your collectibles and antiques, take photographs of them if possible. Take this information and put it where only you know where it is. The best place is a safety deposit box.

Attorney General warns of tax preparer scams

Paying taxes can be painful, but falling victim to a fraudulent tax preparer is worse. As tax season approaches, Oregon Attorney General John Kroger is urging taxpayers to watch out for fraudulent tax preparers. Every year, scammers prey on unsuspecting Oregon taxpayers, stealing their refunds and leaving them with significant tax liabilities. The scammers also inflate expenses and claim false deductions and unallowable credits. Oregon is the only state that regulates tax professionals through competency and ethics standards. Anyone who prepares personal income tax returns for compensation in Oregon must be licensed by the Board of Tax Practitioners.

Last year, the Oregon Department of Justice and the Board of Tax Practitioners teamed up to stop an unlicensed tax preparer that violated the law 534 times. Attorney General Kroger and the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners offer the following tips when choosing an income-tax preparer:

- Check to ensure the preparer is licensed at: <http://www.oregon.gov/cgi-bin/tax.cgi>.
- Never give out personal information such as your Social Security number, bank account or mortgage receipt to a tax preparer unless you have determined they are licensed.
- Be wary of tax preparers who claim they can obtain larger than normal refunds than others.
- Avoid preparers who base their fee on a percentage of your refund.

Tax evasion is a federal felony, punishable by five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. If you or someone you know has fallen victim to a tax preparer scam, contact the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Hotline at 1-877-877-9392 or the Oregon Board of Tax Practitioners at 503-378-4034.

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