

## Draft of March board of directors minutes

The Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber Board of Directors met at Hank Rademacher's office on Mar. 24. All board members, except Kathy Sell who was excused, were present.

Bob Russell handed out flyers for Vintage Faire. He said by next year either the City or the Chamber needs to step up or it will become the Butte Creek Mill Vintage Faire period. He would love to have the community embrace it. There is no charge for groups to participate.

Russell scheduled a meeting on Mar. 31 at 10 a.m. at the mill for volunteers willing to solicit donations for the annual flower basket project in Eagle Point. Baskets cost \$300 each. Donors can make payments or just make a contribution to the project. He said he needed commitments by May 2. For every 10 baskets sold, the nursery will donate one.

Richard Gyuro suggested seeing if there was a business that would allow payment to be processed via its credit card machine. Sandi Erskine said she would see if her vendor could support that process.

A motion was made and approved unanimously to exchange membership with the Shady Cove Chamber. Fees are the same.

There was no update on the May 24 circus.

Jonathan Bilden talked about the redistricting meeting Apr. 1 from 12-3 p.m. at the RCC Higher Ed Community Room, downtown Medford. He said he would attend as the Chamber rep and Bob Russell said he would be there as Mayor of Eagle Point. Bilden said keeping the Upper Rogue together when the legislature looks at changing boundaries and equalizing

population is the key concern.

Nancy Leonard said she had talked to Eagle Point City Administrator Dave Hussell about meeting with the board of directors to discuss promotional events separate from city functions. She suggested 3 time slots- 8 a.m., noon or 4 p.m. The board felt 8 a.m. was the best time. She said she would be in touch with Mr. Hussell regarding a date.

The Chamber wants to do a school board candidate forum. (And Bilden has

secured the Ashpole Center for Monday, Apr. 25 at 7 p.m.)

The Apr. 4 Chamber meeting will be hosted by the Eagle Point Library. It will be at the Ashpole Center with Shelly Austin, executive director, of the Jackson County Library Foundation, (who has applied for membership) as the guest speaker.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, Apr. 21.



**Old Time Fiddlers are always popular in the Upper Rogue. They are one of the groups that will be at the Vintage Faire. The event this year will be May 14. In keeping with an old-fashioned theme, there will be a blacksmith, antique tractors, wineries, dutch oven cooking, a boot maker and much more, along with events at the library and senior center.**

# Featured business of month: State Farm Insurance

How long has State Farm been open in Eagle Point?

I have been in Eagle Point since September 1, 2005. I took over the office after David West decided to move back to Grants Pass. I believe he had the office open for a couple of years before me. When I moved back to the area I was living in Central Point, and was not sure where in Southern Oregon I would locate my office. Luck had a part to play in my decision in locating here in Eagle Point, however both my family and myself are very happy we are here in this community.

What sets your business apart?

I live in Eagle Point, so the money my insured spends goes back into this community. Picture this, it is 2 am and your house is on fire, and all you and your family has, is what they have on. Do you really want to call 1-800- who cares, or would you like to knock on the door of your local agent? When you have had an auto accident, do you what to call a lizard for help, or come into my local office? If a loved one dies, I want to be there for you and cry with you. Most importantly I would like to deliver a check, although it will not bring back your loved one, but hopefully will bring a little peace of mind at a great time of need.

I see the commercials all the time save 15% on your car insurance, or call Flo and get a quote from us, and we will show you our competitor rates and compare. The companies that sell insurance as a commodity are truly missing the point. How many people truly understand what the coverage's do when you need them? Do you know that an insurance policy is really a contract you are agreeing too? I am always happy to go over your policy with you even if the policy is with another company. How many people read the policy when they receive it from their insurance company? If you ever have trouble falling asleep, grab your insurance policy and start to read it, I guarantee you will fall asleep shortly.

It is not about how much money I will make, it is about what happens to the money you have made over a life time of working, when you are being sued. I have never heard a policyholder complain when

we have rebuilt their home after a fire, or paid out a large sum of money because they injured someone. I had to take State testing on all line of insurance in order to sell the products in Oregon. Every 2 years I am required to take 24 hours of additional educational credits to continue my license in this state. I currently hold an Associate's Degree in Claims and an Associate's Degree in General Insurance. I recently took the national training in order to sell Flood Insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program and I have a Flood Specialist on hand to help with your purchase of flood insurance. I believe the worst time to learn about what your policy does or does not do is at the time of a claim.

How did you get into this business?

Tina and I wanted to have a family, but she was unwilling to raise the children by herself. Before I was in the insurance business, I had a company that a friend and I started called Coldwater Packs Company in Seattle. We designed and produced packs for fly fishermen/women and duck hunters. At that time I would travel all over the United States selling our products. I would be gone sometime up to a week or more depending where I was going. That funny girl really just wanted me around.

I contacted a friend who worked for State Farm and applied for an underwriting position, and I started January 1999. I told Tina that there was no way I could set in a cubical for the next 20 years, so I took the test to see if I could qualify to become an agent, and here I am.

What are your business goals for 2011?

Like all of us I would like to grow my business. Currently, I am training in the sales and service of Mutual Products, so

that I can enhance the financial services portion of my business. Later this year, I will be taking my Mortgage Brokers licensing exam to also expand the Banking products that I can offer through my business.

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

I have been a member of the Eagle Point & Upper Rogue Chamber for the past 5 years. At that time, the Chamber was faced with some serious challenges, such as, the need to grow. I checked out some other organizations and decided that the Chamber would be the best place for me to help grow our business community. I get a big kick out of our monthly meetings, because when I started with the Chamber we had only 5 or 6 members that came to the meetings. Now look at us!!! I love the fact that we have 25 to 30 members who come to our meeting on a regular basis, and others that come time to time to keep up on what is happening with the Chamber.

Tell us something about yourself nobody else knows.

I studied for 3 years to become an elementary teacher with a specialty in reading. What makes that funny, is that I am very dyslexic and had a particularly hard time in school.



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# Hillside School update

Hillside Elementary should be in the beginning stages of construction shortly after the first week of April.

The bid went to Kirby Naglehout Construction Co. of Bend. They have built six schools with the same design, according to David McKay, project manager from Willamette ESD. The base bid was \$7,729,000. This was lower than anticipated which will allow all four of the alternatives to be included for a total bid of \$8,136,000. And that still leaves some funds from the insurance settlement as a result of the junior high school fire a number of years ago. The remaining funds are expected to be put toward a badly needed roof for the high school and also leave a 5% construction contingency.

It is not known if there will be a formal groundbreaking ceremony as there was for the other schools.

## Member news

Southern Oregon Sanitation (SOS) has a new front loader disposal truck. And with the new equipment, customers with big dumpsters will be receiving new containers.

The new truck is 15 ½ ft. in height and so large it should mean SOS only has to go to the land fill once a day.

And, for customers with the City of Eagle Point, yard debris service will be starting. Those wishing service must agree to a one year contract at \$6.20 a month. Pickup service will be on alternate weeks. There will be new containers for this service. For more information, call 541-826-5691.

The Upper Rogue Independent is preparing its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Destination Magazine. Advertising rates will remain the same for the third consecutive year. All ads are in color, on slick magazine paper. The ad reservation deadline is Apr. 15. The magazine comes out in late May. Call Nancy or Kathy at 541-826-7700.

# Calendar of events

**Friday, Apr. 1-12-3p.m.** Redistricting hearing- RCC Higher Ed Community room, Medford

**Friday, Apr. 1- 7-9 p.m.** Family movie, EP Library

**Monday, Apr. 4- 12n** Ashpole Center- EP/UR CofC luncheon meeting

**Wednesday, Apr. 6- 5 p.m.** Distr. 9 budget meeting

**Thursday, Apr. 7-10 a.m.** Arbor Day- Eagle Point Centennial Plaza

**2nd Saturday, Apr. 9- 9-2 p.m.** White City Library Book Sale

**Sunday, Apr. 10- (Always 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)** Potluck breakfast, Lake Creek Historical Society

**Sat.-Sun. Apr. 15-16** Cascade Civil War, Wood House

**Friday, Apr. 22- 11:30** EPHS Day of Excellence

**Saturday, Apr. 23- Easter Egg Hunts (11 a.m.** EP Old Jr Hi field) Others in WC and

**Sunday, Apr. 24- Easter**

**Monday, Apr. 25- 7 p.m.** Candidate's Forum- Ashpole Center

**Monday, Apr. 25- 7 p.m.** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee, & annual EPCA membership meeting & election of officer. Call Bunny 944-2446 for location

**Wednesday, Apr 27- 5 p.m.** D9 budget meeting

**Apr. 30 & May 1- SC/Trail Wildflower Show**

**Monday, May 2- 12n** EP/UR Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting-Ashpole Center

**Saturday, May 7-Oct. 8, 8:30-1:30 p.m.** Saturday Market, Eagle Point and EP Grange Spring Bazaar 9-3 p.m.

**Sunday, May 8- Mother's Day & potluck breakfast,** Lake Creek Historical Society

**2nd Saturday, May 14- 10-4 p.m.** Vintage Faire-Eagle Point

**Monday, May 23- 7 p.m.** 4<sup>th</sup> July committee meeting- Ashpole Center

**Tuesday, May 24- Culpepper & Merriweather Circus,** Eagle Point

**Tuesday, May 31- Memorial Day**

**Monday, June 6- 12n- EP/UR Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting-Ashpole Center**

**2nd Saturday, June 11-Peddler's Faire and Upper Rogue Yard Sale (WC to Prospect)**

**Sat. & Sun. June 11-12- Cascade Civil War- Stewart State Park**

**Monday, June 13- 7 p.m.** Ashpole Center, 4<sup>th</sup> July Committee meeting

**Sunday, June 26- 12n** Potluck and Lake Creek reunion.

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# Ideas are good, but it's people who make them work

Volunteers are the people who make all our ideas and goals a reality.

Perhaps more than ever we have lots of ideas and goals, some small, some lofty—but without volunteers, they will not happen or they will fall flat on their face. And when that happens, it isn't the volunteers who have egg on their face, it is those of us who had the idea. An example of that is the Chamber's Yard Sale last year. We had many groups and individuals participating from White City to Prospect, but the Chamber's yard sale was anything but successful. Why? Because we didn't volunteer to participate with items and help.

Some of the bigger upcoming events are in desperate need of volunteers. Include that yard sale. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June. We have a storage unit that was donated by LaVar Hansen. Bob Pinnell has the key. Call him at 541-826-6333 if you wish to store items now. Call him to volunteer a couple of hours on the day of the event. Call him if you have a pick up or vehicle that can pick up items. This should be our major money raiser of the year.

Bob Russell spends a lot of time and money to put on the annual Vintage Faire. While it has been focused by the museum and the mill, it should be a community-wide event. There are many old-fashioned demonstrations. No one pays to participate with a demonstration. He would like to see more old type crafts set up downtown.

Peddler's Faire is where he is desperately in need of volunteers. He needs help promoting it and on the day of the event. It is another activity that should extend far beyond the museum and mill and with the new Centennial Park, it should attract even

more visitors. There is a charge for these booths. Call Bob for information on Vintage Faire and Peddler's Faire, 503-880-2147 or at the Mill 541-826-3531.

The other very major event for Eagle Point is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Member Eagle Point Community Association puts this on every year. This year, more than ever, they need help. This promises to be bigger than ever because of our Centennial year. They need help with the 8 a.m. Fun Run, and with donations for the fireworks. This year they will be spending an extra \$2,000 on the fireworks in honor of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. While they have some savings for it, they lack all of the \$8,000 needed. Rick Tree is in charge of this event and he can be reached at 541-826-8889. Bunny Lincoln is in charge of the fun run. Contact her at 541-944-2446.

And don't forget our petunia baskets. It isn't something that needs volunteers, it just needs money. Bob Russell is in charge of this project. Donations can be sent to the EP/UR Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1539, Eagle Point, OR 97524. Ideally there will be 40 baskets, 36 paid for and 4 donated by Four Seasons Nursery. Each basket costs \$300. Again, ideally, each basket would have a sponsor, but in these times when one can't handle the entire \$300 there are options: \$100 a month in a three month period, or a significant donation. For more information, call Russell at one of the numbers listed above. This is a project that requires no volunteers, the nursery takes care of the hanging baskets from May to October. For all of those who say they just don't have the time, but could support something financially, the 4th fireworks and the Chamber flower baskets are the answer.

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# Eagle Point Centennial resolution passed by Oregon legislature

Chamber President Jonathan Bilden took District 9 Superintendent Cynda Rickert and Director of Special Programs Doug McKenzie to Salem to observe Bilden making a presentation before the House of Representatives in support of a resolution honoring Eagle Point's Centennial.

While in Salem, they visited with southern Oregon legislative members to provide some information regarding School District 9, its funding issues, as well as a letter from all southern Oregon

superintendents regarding Education Service District bills they have been going through hearings.

The trio was surprised about how seriously the Centennial resolution is taken. Bilden said he was asked questions when he stood before the group. There were two or three other cities with similar Centennial requests.

Bilden said he believed the resolution would be signed and then be given to the city.

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## Town Hall meeting with D9 & ESD candidates

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Your Chamber board of directors voted to hold a public forum with a format similar to the one done prior to the general election. It will allow each candidate to answer questions prepared by a Chamber

committee and then there will be time for questions from the audience.

The forum is set for Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Ashpole Center.

Candidates are: Position 1- Incumbent Ted Dole and Ralph Meeker; Position 4- Mary Ann Olson, Curtis Sather and Raygina Sizemore.

For SOESD, incumbent Lynn Corwin and Doug McKinley are the candidates to represent the northern part of

our county.

The north county representative on the Rogue Community College is incumbent Pat Ashley and no one else is seeking that seat.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and bring friends. These elections are very important, especially as school districts face difficult economic challenges.



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