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# New format for Board meeting

New Bi-laws were voted on by and adopted for the Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce at the membership meeting held on April 6, 2009. In accordance with the by-laws, the Board of Directors will meet on the first Monday of each month preceding the Chamber membership meeting.

In keeping with the by-laws, the following are to be present at the Board of Directors table: President, President Elect, Vice President, Immediate Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Mayor of the City of Eagle Point (or designee), in a non voting role.

All other business will be conducted at the membership or general meeting. This includes all committee chairs reports. If there is a member that would like to be present at the board meeting they are welcomed, however, that member is there only to observe. If there are any suggestions, questions or input those will be addressed in the membership meeting.

### May agenda

One of the items up for discussion during the May 4 general meeting is a request by member Dave Pritchett to change the name of the Eagle Point Chamber of Commerce to be more inclusive. He says businesses from nearby towns have expressed an interest if the name was changed.

The matter will be up for discussion during the regular membership meeting. Give it some serious thought and be prepared to discuss the matter May 4.



Photo by Kathy Sell

Bob Russell holds the ladder while helping to get an old sign down so that the new Chamber of Commerce sign can be made and put into place. The new sign should be up in the very near future. The sign is being made by Signs Now.

#### Beware of toner pirates

Beware of toner phoners. The Upper Rogue Independent received a phone call on Apr. 27 asking them to re-order toner before the price went up. Then the caller asked for some information on the copier. Since the Independent is under a service contract and does not pay for toner, they were instantly alerted to the scam and the party hung up. But before hanging up they said they were with the service center.

Scams are not limited to toner, calls can try to push orders for just about any office supply.

To avoid becoming a victim, here are some rules that should be helpful:

!. Know and insist on your rights. If you receive merchandise you did not order, the FTC says you may keep

it as a gift. It is illegal for the seller to send a bill for unordered merchandise. Additionally, the call should tell you it is a sales call, who's doing the selling and tell the price

- 2. Document orders. Designate a specific person(s) to be responsible for ordering all supplies.
- 3. Don't pay any bill unless it matches your documentation.
- 4. Train employees or volunteers how to answer certain calls, such as "I am not authorized to order anything. If you want to sell us something, you must speak to and get a purchase order."
- 5. Do not pay for or return unordered merchandise.

For a complaint, contact the Attorney General's office.

#### Beware of stolen ID, bad checks

On Apr. 11, someone using the name of Matthew Allan Chappell (which is the actual name of someone who had his identification stolen) obtained a Costco membership in Medford. Then on that same date and on Apr. 13 he wrote three checks totaling \$6,693.90. The checks are counterfeit West Coast Bank checks.

On Apr. 12, the suspect and an accomplice uttered a check to Fred Meyer in Medford for \$655 and then attempted to do a second check for \$1,900. That check was declined.

As of Apr. 27, the investigation has revealed three possible suspects using the alia(es) Matthew David Chappell, John Joseph Miragila, or David Arthur Breadon, NE Crest Dr., Prineville, OR. attempting to pass checks and/or open accounts using counterfeit checks They have also been active in Eagle Point at the Wal-Mart, with an unknown loss) and in Keizer, OR where a suspect attempted to open a bank account with West Coast Bank using one of the checks.

They may be associated with a blue, 2009 Dodge Avalon, 4-door, OR License 034ECL.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Medford PD at 774-2219.

#### Vintage Faire coming to Butte Cr. Mill

Vintage Faire and the annual FFA plant sale and Buckaroo Breakfast are events scheduled on May 9.

Actually the FFA plant sale will be Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 7-9 in the greenhouses behind Eagle Point High School. The Buckaroo Breakfast is 6:30-11 a.m. in front of Ray's Market.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Vintage Faire offers a wide variety of interesting activities for young and old. It will be Saturday, May 9, from 9-5 p.m. at the Butte Creek Mill, the Eagle Point Museum and all points in between and around.

The much-enjoyed New Horizon Band will be at the museum between 11:30 and 1:30; Old Time Fiddlers will be at the Mill between 11 and 2 p.m. and Banjo Bill will be on hand from 2-4 p.m.

But that is not all. Saturday Market will be in its second week. There will be ponies, mini donkeys, quilts, crafts, Dutch oven cooking, napkin art and all the history offered at both the Mill and the Museum.

#### Circus is coming

How many circus tickets do you need? It is very important that everyone pitch in and get the tickets sold. This is the Chamber's big money-raising event and so far sales are moving at a snail's pace.

Pre-sale tickets are \$6 for children and \$8 for adults. Gate tickets will be \$7 and \$11.

Tickets are available at Butte Creek Mill, Upper Rogue Independent and Rogue Federal Savings.

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be at the granite area by Eagle Point High School. Showtime is at 5 and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12.

## Get your message out

It is time to either renew advertising on the Website or to place an ad. Prices and sizes vary. A vertical ad that is approximately 2 in. wide by 4 in. high is \$200 for six months. An ad that is just under 7 inches long and almost an inch in height is \$150 for six months. And the ad that is approximately 2 in. Wide x ½ in. high is \$75 for six months. Contact Sandi for details.

Newsletter advertising is \$15 for an ad that measure 4 in. x 2 in. (business card size) or \$30 for a 3 ½ " by 4 in. size. The newsletter is mailed monthly to all Chamber members and will be on the Chamber website starting with this issue. This means those who advertise in the Newsletter truly get their monies worth as their ads are part of the Newsletter. Call Nancy for more information or talk to her at the Chamber meeting.

The third opportunity is with the Greeters package. It takes a minimum of 10 businesses to insert 500 items for \$50. See Kathy Sell for this.

These are three opportunities to not only support your Chamber of Commerce but to get the word out to untold thousands via the website. And, without the advertising support, neither the newsletter or the website can continue.

#### Member news and updates

The Upper Rogue Independent has been an authorized representative of Clearwire. For more information, visit the Independent office in Ray's Shopping Center Monday-Friday 9-4:30 p.m.

It looks as though Chase is being very serious about officially changing

WaMu to Chase later this month. Those with accounts at WaMu have been receiving individualized letters concerning the changeover.

One of the school district's more interesting fund raisers is the annual Thomas Ussary Memorial Car Show,

Saturday, May 2 at Eagle Point High School. They expect some 200 cars to be entered. It is a student-run event. In addition to the cars, there is an engine blow up contest, and a poker run. Funds support the scholarship and also will help send six people to the nationals this summer.

### Upcoming events around Eagle Point

The Eagle Point Avenue of Flags Committee will be putting up the flags for several occasions in the next couple of months. On May 22nd at 7pm and coming down on the 26th for Memorial Day.

The flags will also fly on June 14th for flag day and on July 4th. Contact Helen Wolgamott 830-4049 if you can help with any of theses events.

Many thanks to ODF&W for the

donation of safety vests for our volunteers to wear while putting up and taking down the flags.

Bob Pinnell of State Farm Insurance will have a Safe Kids Rogue Valley safety seat inspection in White City, May 16th from 10am-2pm. Check with Pinnell for the location.

There will be a second inspection in Eagle Point on June 27th.

The Eagle Point Library will be hosting Kyrgzstan: Its Culture & People - Local residents Guma McPheeters & Mahabbat Snell, will take us on a tour of Kyrgyzstan on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 4 pm.

The second annual "Picnic in the Park" will be held at Harnish Wayside on May 25. The proceeds will benefit Eagle Point youth activities.

#### New members

Tim Elbert, 4 Seasons Nursery, best known for supplying the colorful Petunia baskets that will once again adorn many locations in Eagle Point this spring and summer. Thanks to Tim, Bob Russell and many contributors there will be at least

46 baskets in place this season.

Tamara McMahan has rejoined the Chamber for another year. Tamara helps people with Mortgage loans. Welcome back Tamara.



#### Eagle Point Medical Center

Why travel to Medford for a 5 minute appointment?
When you can get the best here in Eagle Point.
We take the time to treat you right!

## Walk-in service now available

275 Loto St.-Across from the Post Office Call **830-0333** for appointments

Kathy Finley, C-FNP, MSN Family Practice Pamela Demian. MD - Internal Medicine

#### Recycle More & More

• Junk metal

•Shredded (strips only) paper in paper bag

•Paper •Boxes (no plastic)

And commingle

•Aluminum •Phone books •Tin cans •Plastic bottles #1-7 (no lids)



•No photos •No pet food bags •No tissue paper • No yard debris •No plastic •No waxed items

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