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Rogue River Lodge reopens

The Rogue River Lodge got off to a rousing start on August 18 with the Eagle Point and Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce, Shady Cove City Officials, Mad Hatters Red Hat Ladies and many others on hand to celebrate the grand opening of the restaurant with owners, Lee and Ann Kimball.

During a dedication on the lawn behind the building, Father Theodore Lange of Our Lady of Fatima and Shepherd of the Valley Catholic Churches, asked God's Blessing for the lodge and the Kimballs. He asked that the lodge be a blessing for community members celebrating weddings, anniversaries and other important milestones. The young Priest, a native Oregonian, also sprinkled Holy Water on the grounds during the reverent ceremony.

After Lange said the last prayer, the Kimballs showed those present a plaque under a beautiful tree that dedicated the restaurant to Ann's mother and father, Jeanne and Robert Sprigg. While flanking Ann's father, the Kimballs explained that Ann's mother had passed away before the restaurant could be completed. The poignant moment brought tears to the eyes of many in the audience.

After the dedication, the 60 or so people including bankers, realtors, business owners and Upper Rogue residents trooped upstairs to the entrance for an enthusiastic ribbon cutting, presided over by Chamber President Bob Pinnell. It was a triumphant and joyous moment for the Kimballs who had faced a few setbacks during construction. The completion of the Rogue River Lodge took a little longer than expected but judging by the response of those present, the wait was well worth it.



Photo by Margaret Bradburn

Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce members joined Rogue River Lodge owners, Lee and Anne Kimball in a ribbon cutting ceremony.

“Music in the Mountains” at the Prospect Hotel, Sept. 25-26

“Music in the Mountains” promises to be music to our ears on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 25-26. It takes place at the Historic Prospect Hotel. Fred Wickman and his wife and staff are putting together a weekend of music to suit all interests

Tickets for both days are \$25, \$28 if you want to enjoy the Saturday night barn dance. One day tickets are \$15 and \$18 or half day will be just \$10.

There will be food, local beer and wine, craft booths and what promises to be a grand time. And there will be a live band

at the Trophy Room Saturday night.

Bands at the festival include Bathtub Gin Serenaders!, Sequoia!, Jefferson!, Smokey & Friends! and Jesse Woodside!. Perhaps more are going to be added.

This might be a good weekend to spend the night at the hotel or at the Prospect RV Park.

For the latest, call 541-560-3664.

Draft copy August board of directors meeting

Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors August 2010 Minutes

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The August 2010 board meeting was held at Arthurs. Kathy Sell was excused due to a prior work commitment. Minutes of the July meeting of the board of directors was approved.

Most of the meeting was devoted to discussing upcoming events.

The Jackson County Cattle Women are donating the hamburger for the Appreciation Night BBQ, Sept. 8.

There will be a bike rodeo Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. on the asphalt area by Butte Creek Antiques, near the Mill. Bob Pinnell said he was given 20 helmets by RVTD. Fire District 3 will help. He said he had a couple of volunteers, still needs volunteers. He planned on putting a flyer out at the schools. (Note: the bike rodeo has been cancelled.)

Nancy Leonard asked the Chamber to match the city's donation of \$100 to pay for overtime for a police officer for the Drug disposal program Sept. 25. The board approved.

A fundraiser for the Library

Foundation, sponsored by PremierWest to be held at the Butte Creek Mill on Sept 18 was also mentioned..

Bob Russell brought up having an electronic sign on the highway for Eagle Point and events.

A Halloween event was discussed. There seemed to be general agreement on a pumpkin carving contest on Oct. 23 with PremierWest obtaining the pumpkins and having them carved at displayed at Butte Creek Mill. Details were not finalized. It was noted that Shady Cove has had their scarecrow event for several years.

Nov. 2 is a homeless youth event. Ila Reimer will provide more information at the general meeting.

Paradux Media Group is interested in doing a social network and will make a presentation to the board of directors at their September meeting.

Creekside Christian Center, represented by Pastor Travis Hardey was approved as a new member. The church is located at 686 Nick Young Road. Pastor Hardey expressed an interested in working with youth on his application form. The church phone is 541-826-5523 or creeksidecc@gmail.com.

Patty Surowski will head up the membership drive. It should get underway in October. She will be asking for a committee to represent the entire membership area. Members signing up between the October drive and the first of 2011 will have a membership through 2011.

Bob Pinnell said Helen Wolgamott wants to order T-shirts for Avenue of Flags. There was some discussion regarding size and the thought that small sizes are not nearly as popular as the very large sizes.

The board agreed to give a one year membership in the Chamber as a silent auction item for the D9 Foundation auction, but decided not to sponsor a hole for the golf tournament (\$150.00). However, the board felt the Chamber could consider a dinner or something special for the 2011 auction.

The board vetoed the idea of fliers for the website, noting there is advertising opportunity and the ability to link to your business and to be put on the calendar.

A motion was made to link to the Klamath Falls Chamber and to seek permission from URRTA to do the same.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 8 a.m.

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Chamber sponsors Candidates Fair

This year's election in our Upper Rogue communities finds only Eagle Point with any competition for seats. Shady Cove and Butte Falls finds incumbents asking to be re-elected.

That leaves Eagle Point where two are running for mayor and four seek the three available council seats. The Chamber will hold an Candidate's Fair on Monday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Ashpole Center.

The format is expected to be a set number of questions, with each candidate allowed a certain number of minutes to answer. This will be in addition to time for each to introduce him or herself. It is expected that there will be time for questions from the audience as well.

Candidates for mayor are Bob Russell and Rick Tree. Bob owns Butte Creek Mill and is vice president of the Chamber. He also serves on the Eagle Point Economic Development Committee. Rick is currently on the city council. He has been the council representative on Regional Problem Solving, having stepped into that position following the death of councilor Gary Walruff. Rick has helped the Eagle Point Community Association solicit donations for the 4th of July fireworks. He is employed by Qwest and has lived in Eagle Point for about 20 years.

Seeking the three council seats are Jonathan Bilden, Ruth Jenks, Leon Sherman and Kathy Sell.

Jonathan is president-elect of the Chamber, president of Rotary, and sits on the Eagle Point Economic Development Committee. He served a term as a board member of District 9. He manages High Point Management, is managing John Rachor's

campaign and was in on the organizing of the Taxpayers Union USA.

Ruth is past president of the Eagle Point Golf Community Homeowner's Association, has been involved in the smart program and in Master Gardeners. She is retired from a corporate position in California.

Leon can no longer serve as mayor due to term limits but has a long history with the community and wants to see some things to completion, so he is running for council. Leon spent a number of years as Eagle Point Police Chief, before becoming a councilor and now finishing four years as mayor.

Kathy is on the board of directors of the Chamber and is a member of the Economic Development Committee. She and her husband own Valley Feed & Pet Supply in Eagle Point. She spends early morning hours (generally from 4:30 or 5 a.m. until 9 or 10 a.m.) in the spring and fall with Forest Capitol Partners, LLC as part of the contract administration. Summer finds her part of the management team at the Cub Scout Camp at Lake of the Woods, full-time from noon Thursday through Monday; then working at the Independent Tues, Wed & part of Thursday. This routine lasts about three weeks. Other than that, she is the production manager for the Upper Rogue Independent.

It originally was hoped to have the county commissioner candidates in Eagle Point on Oct. 18 but that has not been confirmed at this time.

Please mark Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. on your calendar and plan to attend the Eagle Point Candidates Fair.

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Drug disposal day in Eagle Point, Sept. 25

The Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor a drug "Take Back" event on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 10-2 p.m. at the Ashpole Center, adjacent to the Eagle Point City Hall.

This is the second such program held this year. However, this time those bringing in medicine may remove the medication from its container and place it directly into a disposal box or dispose of it in its original container. There will be a special box for depositing the drugs. Liquids must remain in their original containers.

Last spring, the police officer on duty had to count, inventory or log each pill. That is not the case this year although an officer will be required to be on duty during the four-hour event.

The Sept. 25 "Take-Back" is part of a national campaign sponsored nationally by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Prescription drug abuse is the nation's fastest-growing drug problem. Getting the unused, old drugs out of the house keeps them out of the hands of youth or others tempted to take them.

Kathy Sell and Nancy Leonard have volunteered to assist with this event. If there is another team of two wanting to do two hours, please contact Nancy, 541-826-7700.

D9 financial meetings to involve community

School District 9 began a program Wednesday, Sept. 8 that will continue for several months which will offer the public an opportunity to sit in on discussions regarding the budget and financial decisions that will be made for the 2011 school budget.

District officials have indicated they will let the public know the topic in advance for each month as well as the location of the sessions. Sessions will be workshops and will begin at 5 p.m. No decision can be made in a workshop.

For more information, contact Supt. Cynda Rickert at 541-830-6554 or Business Manager Scot Whitman at 541-830-6559.

Upcoming events

- Sept. 8- 6 p.m. Campus Life- Dinner CofC sponsored Appreciation Night
- Sept. 8- 5 p.m. Distr 9 workshop/ 6:30 p.m. Board mtg-both D9 board room
- Sept. 11-12 D9 Foundation dinner/auction/golf at Arthur's
- Sept. 11- 5:30 p.m. Fundraisers at UR Community Center for Steve Hauck, their CEO
- Sept 13- 12n Eagle Point/Upper Rogue Chamber of Commerce @ LaQuinta, White City
- Sept. 13-5 p.m. Eagle Point Economic Development Comm. @ EP City Hall
- Sept.16- 7 p.m. Eagle Point Community Association, Ashpole Center
- Sept 18- 5 p.m. Dinner at Butte Creek Mill with Hamfist
- Sept. 22- 6-7 p.m. Free -Utility bills & Conservation tricks-RHT Energy Solutions, @ Edgewater Inn, SC
- Sept. 25-26 Music in the Mountains,, Historic Prospect Hotel
- *Every Saturday- Saturday Market, 8:30-2:30, EP and in Shady Cove at Shady Kate's
- Sept. 25 -10-2 p.m. Dispose of your prescription drugs free, Ashpole Center, EP
- Sept. 29- 6-7 p.m. HVAC & Water Words of Wisdom, RHT @ Edgewater

Library Foundation benefit at Butte Creek Mill, Sept. 18

Saturday events during the month of September fill the calendar. On Saturday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m. there will be a fund raising event for the Library Foundation and the five libraries in the Upper Rogue. It will be held at Butte Creek Mill. Entertainment will be by Hamfist with Eagle Point resident Jackson County Commissioner C.W. Smith the official host.

The event is sponsored by

PremierWest Bank. Tickets for the BBQ are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children.

Dining, dancing and enjoying Bluegrass/Americana music by Hamfist on edge of Little Butte Creek while supporting a good cause is the promise of the Foundation and the sponsor.

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Election time for Chamber

It is time to begin to think about Chamber officers for the coming year. Officers will be nominated at the November meeting. But before that there needs to be a nominating committee that will seek candidates and recommend them to the membership.

According to the by-laws, elected officers will serve for two years with the exception of president and president-elect who will serve for one year. Elected officers are eligible for reelection to their office.

Election will be as follows:

- President-elect shall be elected every year
- Vice President and treasurer shall be elected in odd number years
- Secretary shall be elected in even number years

The Chamber will have a tellers committee, comprised of two officers, or standing committee chairs, not on the current ballot. The president will nominate the committee members which will be voted on and approved by the board of directors.

Fundraiser dinner for URCC Director Steve Hauck, Sept. 11

Steve Hauck, executive director of the Upper Rogue Community Center, was diagnosed with cancer several years ago and more recently he has had dialysis three times a week in addition to expensive medication.

Hauck has worked diligently for the community for about eight years and has made a huge impact. He implemented many programs at URCC and furthered existing ones. Hauck was also instrumental in getting the Boys & Girls Club open in Shady Cove. He did it all with a generous spirit towards the people of the Upper Rogue. Anyone who knows Hauck, knows what a hard worker and caring person he is. And everyone admires him for his positive, can-do attitude.

Hauck has done a lot for the Upper

Rogue and now it is time to give back by attending a fundraiser for him. A lasagna dinner is scheduled for September 11 at the community center at 6 p.m. The dinner including salad, bread and dessert is \$5. Vegetarian lasagna will also be available. Wine may be purchased for an additional price. All proceeds go to the Steve Hauck Medical Fund.

Trail artist, Debby Elder, has donated two historic-themed watercolor prints to be raffled off at \$5 per ticket with a maximum of 100 to be sold.

Those unable to attend may make a donation to the Steve Hauck Medical Fund at any PremierWest Bank. For more information call URCC at 541-878-2702. The community center is located behind city hall at 22451 Highway 62.

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