

# EAGLE POINT



## & the Upper Rogue

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## Dessert Auction to benefit Skills USA & EPCA

The Eagle Point Community Association and High School Skills USA are set to stage one of the most enjoyable annual events in town, Saturday night, March 9th. The 20th annual Community Association Exotic Dessert Auction will be held in the High School Cafeteria, and is the EPCA's largest fund-raiser of the year.

This year's auction will again feature an array of specialty desserts, bidder incentives and door prizes. The Community Association and Skills USA members continue to actively solicit desserts and other goods and services to be offered as incentives and door prizes throughout the evening. Last year's auction featured thousands of dollars of diverse items, and the same variety is anticipated on March 9th.

The auction is a family event, and children are welcomed enthusiastically. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for dessert and incentive viewing, with the auction following at 7:00 p.m. There is no cost to attend. A dessert buffet will be available, with individual servings offered for a donation of the patrons' choice. Complimentary beverages are provided. Desserts, donations and \$50 table sponsorships will be accepted through, Tuesday, March 6th. For more information, call Bunny Lincoln, 541-944-2446 or Matt Boren, 541-840-5266.

The EPCA is a non-profit organization which holds scheduled events throughout the year for the enjoyment of the residents of Eagle Point, and the entire Rogue Valley. The 4th of July celebration and Fireworks Show, Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas Around Town are among the annual events sponsored the Association.

The Skills USA program encourages students to pursue technical knowledge for future educational/employment opportunities.

The EPHS program has received

national status, with two members currently holding State officer positions, and other members consistently garnering top awards at both State and national competitive levels.



**Wonderful desserts are paired with even more wonderful prizes at the auction benefiting the Eagle Point Community Association and Skills USA.**

## Vintage Faire - an opportunity you don't want to miss

The Vintage Faire is May 11th. The Vintage Faire is a day when Eagle Point steps back in time. 400-500 people come from all over to see the skills and crafts of days gone by. Music by Banjo Bill and the Old Time Fiddlers entertain while folks stroll through time. Cowboy re-enactments take you back to the days of your great-great grandparents with a flair.

If you would like to be a vendor,

sponsor or volunteer, contact Ann Grossman at [aeg46@charter.net](mailto:aeg46@charter.net).

Available sponsorships \$500, \$250 and \$100. Available spaces for volunteers: working with the vendors, coordination of layout, Friday set up and Day of Information. Just a few hours is needed from individuals in each of these categories. Make a difference today and contact Ann.

# Board meeting minutes

The Chamber Board met on Feb. 21. The meeting was brought to order by President Mike Frey. The minutes from the last meeting were approved, and the financial report was given and approved.

Membership has been billed through February. 102 member are in good standing.

We have one new member, Dennis Aflakson owner of Kona Coffee, which will be opening soon in Eagle Point.

Our next general meeting will host a member of SOREDI as our next speaker.

The next item on the agenda was the Vintage Faire. Quite a few vendors are lined up to be there, spots are still available. Vendors will be charged \$20.00. Chamber members and non-profit are not going to be charged.

Bob Russell reported that the Saturday Market will be open that day. Sponsors are still needed for some of the events.

The circus will be held on May 21st. It will be near the middle school. Our goal will be to sell tickets before the circus people make their calls. This will help make more of a profit from the circus. Bob Pinnell is in charge of this event.

We do have an open spot on the Board of Directors as Jonathan Bilden has resigned.

There will be a social event on March 7 at Arthur's. 5:30 - 7pm.

This year we will select a Busi-

ness of the Year at the annual dinner. Criteria for selecting that business is still being worked out. Nominations for the volunteer of the year are being accepted by the Board, if you would like to nominate someone please contact one of your board members.

Harnish Wayside was discussed and Richard will attend the city council meeting on Feb. 25 to see about changing some of the hours so that the paid staff may take on one more days. (The council and city staff agreed that this would probably work out). A scan code will be designed and placed on the window at Harnish so that visitors who come when it is closed can scan it with their smart phone and it will take them to the Chamber Website and the City Website.

Bob Russell is again taking on the task of the flower baskets downtown. Any support you can give is greatly appreciated. The baskets cost \$300 per basket and they are on display from May to October. The cost includes daily watering and fertilizing as needed.

A workday was set for the week-end of April 6-7 in order to clean up along the new path near the creek behind the museum. All are welcome and needed. This is a wonderful addition to our community. We hope to have this looking great by time of the Vintage Faire.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 am.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Sell  
Secretary**

## *Harnish Wayside scheduling*

Richard Gyuro met with the Eagle Point City Council to discuss Harnish Wayside hours. He suggested to the council that perhaps the wayside could close 2 hours earlier on Fri- Sun and those hours could then be shifted to Thursday, giving the paid staff another day at the wayside and leaving one less day for the chamber to fill. The city staff was agreeable with this idea as was the council.

The City will take a final look at this suggestion and make their decision soon. Richard also stated that his wife Reneta will once again work with the volunteers to schedule the days they will be open.

## Support our EP Chamber online

A great way to not only support the chamber but also talk to potential customers who will visit the Upper Rogue this spring and summer is to invest in an online ad on the Chamber Website. Advertising revenue is what helps sustain the chamber website, a very important asset to all the businesses in our community.

## Rack Cards & Brochures:

Are you ready for the season? It's going to be another busy season at Harnish this spring and summer. Do you have your rack cards or brochures ready? Are they updated? Do they represent who you are and what you do? If not it's time to get on that. It's important to put your businesses best foot forward to help capture some of the tourists market. As a chamber member your business has access to utilize Harnish to display rack cards and brochures, take advantage of it and get your rack cards and brochures dressed for success.

## Chamber After Hours Social

The first Chamber After Hours Social Event for 2013 will be held March 7th at Arthur's Restaurant at the Eagle Point Club, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

This will be a night of fun. This will be an opportunity to meet new friends and create new business connections. All groups and organizations in the Upper Rogue are invited to attend. Come and discover all that is great in the Eagle Point Upper Rogue business community.

Hors devours will be provided Arthur's menu will be available as well as the bar, both are no-host.

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# Business card winner

## Bev McKechnie

The Upper Rogue Independent Newspaper has been in operation since. Ralph and Bev McKechnie became the new owners June of 2012. They were pleased to take ownership of a business that was already established in the community and well staffed with competent employees.

Ralph was a former employee of the paper ten or so years ago, as a reporter, freelance writer and photographer. Later, Ralph created an online agricultural magazine, Southern Oregon Ag Online. Bev had experience as a merchandiser for a grocery store for many years and a postal window clerk for the last fifteen years in Talent and then Phoenix Oregon. Her love of people and working with the public is a perfect fit for advertising manager. She is also a health coach in her spare time, helping people get to a healthy weight and build habits of health to stay that way.

The newspaper industry has experienced many changes lately. Though many publications have suffered because of technology, the McKechnie's intend to use technology to boost readership while keeping that small community feel to the paper. They now have the Independent on line and available to all readers the last Tuesday of the month at no cost. Of course, subscriptions are recommended to get the paper right to your mailbox each week and are a reasonable \$24.00 per year for all Jackson County residents. And seniors get a discount.

The owners and staff at the Upper Rogue Independent are firm believers in shopping local and supporting the communities in which they live. They also believe that all news does not have to be bad news to interest readers. Many of the articles in the Independent feature stories of human interest and people making a positive difference in the Upper Rogue area. The McKechnie's hope to make a positive difference as well with The Independent and welcome feedback from its readership.

Write, call or stop by.

# Presidents Corner:

I'm proud to announce the first Eagle Point Upper Rogue Chamber after hour's mixer to take place Thursday March 7th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at Arthur's Restaurant. This will give business owners, community leaders, groups and organizations that don't have the opportunity to participate during the day in the monthly meeting a chance to attend an after hour's event.

With no official Chamber business scheduled, it's an opportunity to talk and get to know each other better. There will be some hors d'oeuvres provided, and the Arthur's menu and bar will be available (no host)

Going forward, this will not only be a very fun event, but be one of the assets to belonging to the Upper Rogue Chamber. So make plans on Thursday the 7th to attend, bring a friend, a husband or wife and let's start a great tradition of Chamber mixers.

On another note, the tourist season is approaching and times, well they have changed. Today many travelers will be relying on online platforms that offer reviews like Google, Yelp, and Yahoo Local among just a few to make their decisions on where to stay, eat, and visit. This is a great opportunity as lovers and ambassadors of the Upper Rogue to write reviews for our favorite places to stay, eat, drink, visit and tour.

We have the power with reviews to direct people to Upper Rogue businesses. Think of it as if you were a tour guide, where would you send people so when they left the Eagle Point Upper Rogue area they would go back home and talk to all their friends about the great places they visited. It takes just a few minutes of your time but reviews can make a big impact to the Eagle Point Upper Rogue businesses this tourist season, so get busy.

*EP/UR Chamber President*

*Mike Frey*

## 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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