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Bay Area Connection

SERVING YOU SINCE 1980

JULY 2008



Ken Croes

President's Message

As I write this, we are only days away from one of the most exciting expansions in our history. The new terminal at Southwestern Oregon Regional Airport will open. At the same time, Sky West Airlines will begin two direct flights per day to San Francisco. Now you won't have to fly north before you fly south.

I'm pleased to report that many local businesses and municipalities have pledged financial support to improve the chances the new airline will succeed in our area. I encourage all cities destined to be well-served by our regional airport to help out, too. Even your Bay Area Chamber of Commerce has committed \$5,000 of our event income to the cause.

Next time you're heading to San Francisco as a destination or connection to the rest of the world, choose our local airport rather than Eugene. And continue to patronize Horizon Airlines as well. They have provided us with such great service for so many years. Our support is vital to future development and prosperity.

Come fly with me!

**FOOD, FUN & FIRE-
WORKS! COME CELE-
BRATE AT THE MILL
CASINO JULY 3RD.....**



Come join the fun at the Mill Casino Hotel's 3rd of July Fireworks Spectacular!

This family friendly event is packed with something for everyone. From an outdoor grill to clowns, caricature artists, magicians, face painters, jugglers, a bounce house and more. Entertainment will also be on hand from Belly Dancers *Fatinah May-saa*, Caribbean Steel Drums from *Pan Gypsies*, a helicopter demonstration from the US Coast Guard, *Captain Byrde and his Wonderful Macaws* and the spectacular fireworks display over the bay at dusk. The fun starts at 4PM and a complimentary Shuttle runs from Pony Village Mall from 3PM to midnight. Call 756-8800 .

Southwestern Announces First Farr Award Recipient

Southwestern OR Community College named its first-annual Leonard C. Farr Community Service Award recipient at its annual Student Awards Convocation on May 21.

John Thomas, a Southwestern business student, received the first-annual award, created in honor of Farr, a prominent and active member of the community who passed away unexpectedly this year. Leonard's wife, Joyce

Farr, and their son Jay Farr were both in attendance for the presentation of the award.

Thomas was nominated by instructor Robin Bunnell for his service in the community. He performs as a member of the Young Bucs, a musical group that performs at various venues around Coos County for donations that benefit Little Theater on the Bay. The group performs at local senior centers for no fee. Thomas was one of many

students honored for academic, service and athletic excellence displayed at Southwestern.



Jay Farr, John Thomas, &
Joyce Farr



Tugboat chugging along Coos River.

**DIRECTOR'S
QUOTE FOR THE
MONTH**

“Enjoy the little things for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.”



Clark Walworth,
Publisher/Editor of
The World newspaper

Maritime Art Exhibition

Starting Saturday, July 19th, the Coos Art Museum will feature its *15th Annual Maritime Art Exhibition* and fundraiser. This event is one of the museums most popular and everyone is invited to participate and enjoy. The exhibition opens at 3:30PM and presents some of the finest maritime art from across the US. Starting this year the museum is partnering with the prestigious *American Society of Marine Artists*. Their exhibit is the Society's regional competition for the entire western US and also the only continuous maritime art com-

petition on the West Coast.

Following the opening they will host their annual Barbecue and Art Auction Fundraiser starting at 5PM. The event, held on the museum grounds, features live and silent art auctions, music, draft beer, and wine offered by Abacella Winery of Roseburg and delicious food catered by Fat Tuesdays Mardi Gras Grill of Coquille. Auction artworks include pieces by participating *15th Annual Maritime Art Exhibition* artists and local artists. A very special facet of the auction event is the sale of recently completed plein air

Paintings.

Tickets for the Barbecue Dinner and auction are now available and are priced at \$30 for museum members and \$35 for non-members. The tickets can be purchased at the Coos Art Museum at 235 Anderson Avenue in Coos Bay, or by calling 541-267-3901. Credit cards are accepted. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Sand Fest 2008

Sand Fest 2008 is back and it's bigger and better than ever, returning to its original home adjacent to the OR Dunes National Recreation Area July 8-13th. Activities and events include the Bomb Squad, Four Stroke Wars, Grand Prix and Moto-Cross, Beer Garden, Side X Side Sand-Cross, Side X Side Drive in Movie, Northwest Sand Car Challenge, Men's and Women's Barrel Races,

Scavenger Hunt, Naumes/Vission X Group Night Ride, Insanity Poker Run, and much, much



more. Kids are also included with activities such as a treasure hunt, adult-kid relay race and kids' moto track.

Jeff Urbach, president of Fullbore Innovations, source of the best ATV/UTV bodies in the industry and Terry Wilmeth, who is the four-time and current Guinness World Record holder of the fastest ATV speed record, are both pleased to bring this event back to the area. For more info visit www.originalsandfest.com

CONGRESSIONAL REUSE-A-SHOE DRIVE

The National Recycling Coalition & Nike kick off the 4th annual Capitol Hill Reuse-A-Shoe Challenge from June 30-July 30th. Bring your old sneakers to any of the collection boxes at the Port office, Marina office, RV Park, & the Business Center. The Congressional office that collects the most pairs will receive a donation in the members' name to a non-profit organization of their choice to help get kids more active. Old shoes will be recycled into sports/play surfaces.

The World Welcomes Clark Walworth

The World newspaper staff recently welcomed Clark Walworth as the new publisher/editor. Walworth, a native Oregonian and U of O journalism graduate, has spent the past 4 years as the top editor of Wyoming's Casper Star-Tribune and has high hopes for the South Coast publication.

A self-proclaimed jack-of-all-trades, Walworth has worked

as a reporter, copy editor, page designer, editorial writer and an editor which he has done since 1991—first in Twin Falls, ID and then with the Casper Star-Tribune. Walworth, who in addition to his work in journalism, enjoys playing the guitar and woodworking, is married with two step-daughters and four grandchildren.

In The Spotlight

This month's "In The Spotlight" member is Blackberry Bob's Yard Maintenance, LLC.

Owned by Bob Scheidemantel, the business was originally started locally as a one person landscape maintenance service in the Spring of 2004. Since that time their customer base has grown, most often by word of mouth, as well as seeing the end product.

In the latter part of 2007, it was decided to expand the business and offer prospective clients service in the Coos, Northern Curry, and Southwestern Douglas Counties. In addition to continuing to expand their customer base, they're hoping to one day add landscape contractor to their services.

Blackberry Bob's provides clients with the freedom to enjoy additional time with family and friends and not have to worry about the effort it takes to have their property well-maintained. Their mission is to provide customers with an "ole' fashion" day's worth of work while enhancing the landscape around them and striving for job perfection while achieving the customers' expectations on all the services provided, which include lawn mowing, weed eating, edging, leaf raking/blowing, pruning/trimming, mulching, watering, yard debris cleanup, gutter cleaning, pressure washing, brush cutting/cleaning and more.

Blackberry Bob's goal is to have every customer "Looking Good in the Neighborhood!"

You can visit Blackberry Bob's online at www.blackberrybobs.googlepages.com or call 290-7161 for a free evaluation and price quote.



Thank You Renewing Members!

American Red Cross (16 yrs)

Bandon Land Office (1 yr)

Bay Area District Hospital Auxilliary (17 yrs)

Bay Area Optimist of Coos Bay (9 yrs)

Bayshore Auto Repair (1 yr)

Castle Construction & Maintenance, LLC (4 yrs)

Coos Bay Vision Center, Inc (7 yrs)

Coos Country Club (6 yrs)

Coos County Literacy Council (5 yrs)

Home Office Life Management (1 yr)

Lori's Goodies to Go (1 yr)

Midway RV Park (8 yrs)

Norma Frost (9 yrs)

North Bend Towing, LLC (6 yrs)

Ocean Crest Retirement & Assisted Living (12 yrs)

Serenity Lane (4 yrs)

South Coast Shopper (7 yrs)

Spring Hill Press (1 yr)

Sterling Savings Bank (13 yrs)

Sunset Golf Course (1 yr)

The Dunes Coastal Gift Shop (1 yr)

Wells Fargo Bank (5 yrs)

**Please join us
for Business**

After Hours

Wednesday

July 30th

from 5-7PM

at The Mill

Casino Hotel



North Bend July Jubilee

July marks the 105th anniversary of North Bend's establishment as a city and everyone is welcome to attend their annual July Jubilee which kicks off July 18-20th. The celebration includes events ranging from a Barbeque & Jubilee Street Dance, Chili Cook-Off (with a \$500 grand prize!) and Farmer's Mega Market which all take place at the Pony Village

Mall. A Luncheon Concert and an Honored Citizens Program & Reception will take place at the North Bend Library. An All Car Show 'N Shine, Barbeque & Beer Garden, and Back Alley Bash will take place at Back Alley/North Bend Lanes. The Jubilee Annual Car Cruise will also kick off at North Bend Lanes with an After Cruise event taking place there afterwards. There will also be a Disc Golf Tournament at Winsor Disc

Park, a Corvette Show N' Shine at Ken Ware Super Store, the Coos Historical & Maritime Museum will have free children's activities and free admission to the museum, and a North Bend Community Birthday Party which will take place at the North Bend Community Center features cake and root beer floats. Bring your family out and celebrate!





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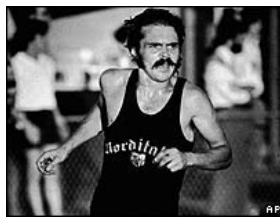
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Did You Know?

- **Coos Bay Public Library** has two new programs this month. July 3rd Victor Johnson of the Dalles, an award-winning writer, musician, performer and producer will present a music and storytelling program at 11AM and on July 10th Hart's Reptiles World of Mollala, presents *Bugs and Their Buddies* at 11AM & 1PM with many weird and wonderful critters. Call 269-1101.
- **The Coos Art Museum** is featuring **Photography by Steve Prefontaine** from **July 1 - August 2nd**. This unique exhibition features over 15 black and white photographs taken by legendary runner and hometown hero, Steve Prefontaine. Few people knew that Pre was an avid photographer with nature and landscapes as the subject of most photos. These photographs have been rarely seen and are courtesy of Linda Prefontaine. Contact the museum at 267-3901. Also the upcoming **29th Annual Prefontaine**

Memorial Run takes place **Sept. 20th** and for more information or to register for the race you can go to www.prefontaine.com.



Steve Prefontaine

- **McKay's Markets** are now employee owned.
- **Little Theatre on the Bay** presents *Little Old Opry's Country Western Classics* from July 5-Dec 7. Call 877-756-4336.
- Join the **Wine Walk July 10th** in downtown Coos Bay from 5-7PM. Contact Cindy Rawlings at 269-1222 x 289.

- Charleston's long standing **Charlie the Tuna**, who once stood on the east side of the Charleston bridge, was stolen and dismembered in early June. Plans to create a new statue are underway.
- **Oregon Pacific Bank** now participates in the MoneyPass surcharge free ATM network, which provides OPB customers with access to over 12,000 surcharge free ATMs in the US.
- **Oregon Coast Music Festival** begins **July 12-26th**. Call 267-0938 or visit www.oregoncoastmusic.com.
- **Dunefest** begins **July 30-Aug 3rd**. Visit www.winchesterbay.org for info.
- **Mingus Park Family Fun Day** takes place on the **4th** with free swimming, face painting, entertainment, crafts, goodies and more. Visit www.coosbay.org for info.