

Friday June 24, 2016

Good Friday afternoon everyone. This has been a very busy week as staff is finishing up our bi-annual June/July newsletter which will be published and available online early next week. The newsletter has grown over the years to what this time will be 26 pages of articles, flyers, and information about what has been happening in the community and our organization for the last six months and a look at what's coming up. The newsletter was started in 1999 as a newspaper insert and has been published twice a year since. In 2009, staff started publishing the newsletter in house. We are now able to publish fewer physical copies of the newsletter, but reach a much wider audience through the availability of electronic media. I would like to thank the department heads and their staff for their diligence in getting the materials prepared for this volume, and I would like to particularly thank Koree Tate for efforts in putting the final version into a more up to date and readable format. Great job Koree!



We started the week off with a Partnership meeting on Monday. We welcomed a new “member” to the Partnership this week. Brent Hutchings, owner and CEO of North River Boats recently joined the Partnership and will be able to provide significant additional private sector insight into manufacturing and growing a business in the greater Roseburg area. Mr. Hutchings took over the business as owner in April 2014 and has grown the revenues and employment base dramatically in just over two years. According to the website they now employ almost 130 folks, up from around 60 or so during the recession, so they are clearly a great local success story and Brent would now like to give back to the community and the Partnership for all the support he has received over the past few years. You can find current information on the company at <https://www.northriverboats.com/why-north-river/>.



The first entertainer for the kickoff of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Music on the Half Shell performed Tuesday night. The City of Roseburg continues to be a major sponsor of the event as it has for the entire 25 years and I had the privilege of saying thank you to the MOTHS committee and the community for their support prior to the event along with other major sponsors. The weather was great to start off this year's series and the crowd was good for early in the year. MOTHS truly is one of the community's signature events and the

committee, many of whom have volunteered for years, is to be commended for their tireless dedication to bringing diverse entertainment and culture to our Burg!

I know I reminded you last week, but the annual Umpqua Valley Arts Festival kicks off today. This event continues to grow and provides our community with an opportunity to see a wide variety of artistic expression, music, performers and culinary options that we don't necessarily have available year round. The Art Center staff and volunteers have done an excellent job of recruiting artists and entertainment to provide two and half days of culture, creativity and a general good time for everyone in the family. They are particularly kid friendly and have a number of youth performances throughout the event. I plan on attending this evening and look forward to a little "shopping" and dinner and I hope you all have an opportunity to attend as well. <http://uvarts.com/summer-arts-festival/> .

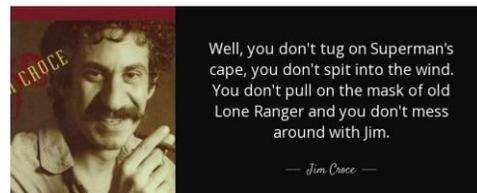


The Roseburg Coastal Farm and Ranch store has moved up Garden Valley Boulevard. directly behind their old location. The new building is about 40,000 sq. ft. in size, about 15,000 sq. ft. larger than their former building. Coastal is open at their new location as of their "Soft Opening" on June 10. Their "Grand Opening" is slated for July 13-16. Coastal had occupied their previous location for 21 years and was Coastal's smallest of its 15 stores throughout the northwest, yet it was one of their busiest. Before Coastal was established in Roseburg, the location previously served as a Fred Meyer warehouse.



As you all know, I always try to end my Friday message on a high note. I usually do a reach out to all the department heads for "random thoughts or words of wisdom" to make sure I don't miss important happenings. This week I did, so here are the words of wisdom I received this week that I need to share with all of you. Thanks Nikki.

Don't tug on superman's cape.  
Don't spit in to the wind.  
Don't pull the mask off the old lone ranger.  
Don't mess around with Jim.



I hope everyone has a great weekend.