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# The Friday Update

February 17, 2017

## Coos Bay Will Soon Have a New Grocery Store!

Natural Grocers is coming to downtown Coos Bay. The next location of the newest store will be at the 500 block between North Broadway and Bayshore Drive where the current Kozy Kitchen is located.



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The City's Planning Commission approved the development on Valentine's Day, and the site development is expected to begin this spring. The existing buildings on the block will be demolished, and the one-story grocery store measuring approximately 13,500 square feet will be built. The development will improve the pedestrian access and sidewalks in the area, provide 45 parking spaces, and develop the site with over 12% landscaping. Natural Grocers is based in Colorado, and it offers high-end grocery products at affordable prices. Overall, this development should provide a great new business in the downtown area for Coos Bay.



Natural Grocers is a business that has been in operation for more than sixty years. Philip and Margaret Isely founded the Vitamin Cottage that eventually became Natural Grocers in 1955. It began as a door-to-door business where different healthy products were sold to customers in the small town of Golden, Colorado. Additionally, Margaret and Phillip shared nutritional information with the people they encountered. They believed that people who possessed nutrition knowledge were more likely to purchase healthier foods. Within a short time, the door-to-door business became successful, and the first retail location was opened. Fast forward to today, there are nearly 140 stores spread across 19 states.

## New Automated Car Wash Opening Soon

Scott and Sean Randal, the owners of Randal Brothers Construction, are putting the final touches on their new building which will house their business offices as well as an automated car wash. Their new building located at 1084 S 2<sup>nd</sup> (between the Grange Co-op and the Fred Meyers gas station). While the building is not completely finished, the car wash facility is in, and it will be opening this weekend!!!



## Coos Bay Fire Department Participates in Emergency Response Training.

The Oregon National Guard's 102<sup>nd</sup> Civil Support Team (CST) participated in an interagency training exercise with first responders in Coos Bay on Feb. 7-9, 2017.

Additional emergency response vehicles including resources from the Oregon National Guard were in the Coos Bay area over the three-day training period. The training exercises took place at SOMAR, which is located at 40 Ross Inlet Road and Coos Bay Fire Station No. 3, which is located at 365 D Street in Eastside.



The CST provides identification, analysis, and advisement on response measures to local incident commanders in the event of a natural or manmade hazardous incident. The CST is based in Salem, Oregon, and it is comprised of Soldiers and Airmen with highly-specialized training.



The three-day training event focused on the interoperability of CST, local first responders, and private facilities. The event is part of the United States Army North (USARNORTH) evaluation of the 102<sup>nd</sup> CST who will be supporting the Coos Bay Fire Department incident command. In addition to evaluating the CST's manning, equipment, training, and competency, the training exercise tests first responders' ability to react to a local emergency.

## RJ Benner Takes Over the Helm of the VCB

The Coos Bay-North Bend Visitor and Convention Bureau (VCB) is pleased to announce that R.J. Benner has accepted the position of Director of Promotions and Conventions effective January 24, 2017.

RJ is a longtime Coos County resident who has served the Bay Area for over ten years in the sales and marketing field including most recently as Advertising Director of the World Newspaper. RJ is a member of the City of Coquille Budget Committee, a Coos Bay Lion, a graduate of Leadership Coos, and a member Legislative Action Team for the Bay Area Chamber. He brings with him a breadth of experience in print, digital, social media marketing, and a local knowledge of what our area has to offer.



For questions, comments or to schedule a meeting, please contact RJ Benner at 541-297-2432 or email [director@oregonsadventurecoast.com](mailto:director@oregonsadventurecoast.com)

## At the Library...World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) is a worldwide movement linking volunteers with organic farmers and growers to promote cultural and educational experiences based on trust and non-monetary exchange, thereby helping to build a sustainable, global community. On **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm**, Jen Shafer shares her experiences helping a dozen families in Canada, Czech Republic, Australia and Hawaii with their organic farms, orchards, vineyards, ranches, homesteads, and various other eco-tourist projects.



This free program, sponsored by the Friends of Coos Bay Public Library, is open to the public. For more information, call 541-269-1101 or visit [www.coosbaylibrary.org](http://www.coosbaylibrary.org). The library is located at 525 Anderson Avenue.

## CBFD Firefighter Assists with Tornado Relief in Georgia



Recently, a large, wedge-shaped tornado struck Albany and Dougherty County Georgia. Hundreds of homes were severely damaged, and many roads were rendered unpassable due to trees and debris. Coos Bay Fire Department's Lieutenant John Guenther traveled to Albany, Georgia with Reach Out WorldWide (ROWW) to assist with clean up, chainsaw work, debris removal, and tarping of homes hardest hit by the tornado. Lt. Guenther is part of a dedicated team of first responders who volunteer with the ROWW that provides disaster relief domestically and internationally. Lt. Guenther has deployed with ROWW previously to South Carolina to help with flood mitigation. With each deployment, he brings back skills and expertise that benefit the community and department.

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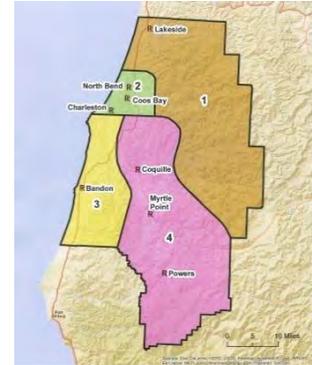
## Are you interested in serving on the Coos County Tourism Workgroup?

The Coos County Tourism Workgroup, a newly formed non-profit organization formed under a joint agreement between Coos County and Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, is seeking interested citizens wishing to serve on the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Board is to govern the Coos County Tourism non-profit and oversee activities aimed at achieving the organizational goal to invest in strengthening tourism in the South Coast's evolving economy.

The initial nine-member Board will be appointed by the Coos County Commissioners. The Board will consist of: one (1) County representative; two (2) Bandon Dunes representatives; four (4) Geographic representatives; and two (2) At Large representatives.

Required qualifications included: experience in the tourism industry; be connected with tourism partners and or projects in Coos County; be collaborative and regional-minded; be willing and able to put the need of the Coos County first; have enthusiasm and time to fully participate; and abide by a code of conduct approved by the Board. In addition, all Geographic Representative Directors are required to live or work in Coos County.

Persons interested in serving on the Board of the Coos County Tourism Workgroup are encouraged to submit a letter of interest to Connie Stopher, SCDC Executive Director by email ([connie@scdcinc.org](mailto:connie@scdcinc.org)) prior to **February 22, 2017**. Letters of interest should include the position being sought (at-large or geographic areas) and your qualifications. It is anticipated that applicants will be interviewed on February 27, 2017.



COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS

## Holiday Closure

City Hall and the Library will be CLOSED on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.



Friends of the Coos Bay Public Library  
Fourth ANNUAL

### ART & CRAFT MATERIALS SALE!

Including tons of art and craft books!



**WHEN:** Friday, February 17, 4-6 p.m.

Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Save these dates!

**WHERE:** Coos Bay Public Library  
6th & Anderson, Coos Bay

**WHAT:** Art supplies and craft materials

**\*WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!!~**

Beads, mosaics, weaving, yarn, canvas, brushes, paints, collage, floral, carving ephemera, copper foil, stained glass, sewing, quilts, UFO's (UnFinished Objects), watercolor, pastels, fabric, calligraphy, books, quilt frames, looms, thread, ribbons, wreaths, embroidery, cross-stitch, scrapbooking, easels...

ALL DONATIONS can be dropped off at the Coos Bay Public Library or the Bookstore in the Library, open Wednesday-Saturday, Noon-5:30 pm or telephone 541-808-2014 with any questions.

All donations are tax deductible.