HARLEM CLOWNS COMING TO PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL APRIL 7th

The world famous travelers known as the Harlem Crowns are coming to Pacific High School! The Harlem Crowns began their existence in the mid-50’s when former Harlem Globetrotter, Chico Burrell, formulated a team composed of highly talented basketball players. Members of the Harlem Crowns are chosen for their showmanship as well as their ability to play above average basketball. The Harlem Crowns will play a regulated four quarter game There will not be a dull moment during the game because of the zany acts and laugh-a-minute routines that will go on throughout the game.

The last time the Harlem Crown entertained at PHS was in 2011. Don't miss the opportunity to watch them in action playing against Pacific High students and staff on Thursday, April 7th at 7p.m in the Pacific High School Gymnasium.

Tickets are available in advance for $9 at Driftwood or PHS, $10 at the door. Children 6 and under are free. Snacks will be available for purchase. Proceeds go towards PHS Track and Field.

BREAKING NEWS
Sheriff’s Report

On 03-22-16 at about 7:25am, Pete Bussman, owner of Sixes River Trucking and Excavating Company reported to the Curry County Sheriff’s Office that sometime during the late evening hours of 03-21-16, someone had stolen his Kobelco Excavator from their job site about six miles east of U.S. Highway 101 on the Euchre Creek Road north of Gold Beach. Bussman reported that someone had broken open the door and drove the excavator about six miles on gravel and pavement roads causing approximately $45,000 in damages to the Excavator.

Sheriff Sergeant Ted Heath responded and met with Bussman at the excavator that was now parked in the yard of a vacant property located about a half mile east of Highway 101 on Euchre Creek Road. It was determined there was extensive damage to the Final Drives of the Excavator. It was also determined that there was extensive damage to the roadway on Euchre Creek Road from the excavator being operated on the roadway. At this time there was no suspect information and the case was turned over to Sheriff’s Forest Deputy Jared Gray who continued the investigation.

On 03-31-16 at about 4:00pm, Deputy Gray arrested forty-seven year old Thomas Aaron Remy in
connection to the stolen excavator. Investigative leads and interviews provided evidence that Remy had stolen the excavator and drove it about five miles causing the damage to the machine. Remy admitted during an interview with Deputy Gray that he did in fact take the excavator without permission.

Thomas Remy, who is on a current Conditional Release from the Curry County Jail for unrelated charges and on Post-Prison Supervision, was lodged in the Curry County Jail on UUMV, Aggravated Theft in the First Degree and Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree.

All information was provided to the Curry County District Attorney’s Office and further charges may be pending.

SWOP

Southwestern Oregon Preppers (SWOP), along with the Cascadia EarthScope Earthquake and Tsunami Education Program (CEETEP), will be holding a meeting at Noon on Saturday, April 9, 2016 at South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Interpretive Center, which is located four miles south of Charleston at 61907 Seven Devils Road.

SUNSET GARDEN CLUB
By Kirk Johnson

The Sunset Garden Club will be holding its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 14th at 1PM in Port Orford's Senior Center. The District Director and the Assistant Director of the Rogue District will be attending. They will present ideas about how to attract new members. Visitors are always welcome.

MILDRED HILL CONCERT SEASON LAUNCHES WITH GROUP FROM PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL
By Ronn Kerr

Last year's Mildred Hill Concert featuring student musicians from Pacific High School was such a success that they have been invited back to launch the 2016 Mildred Hill Concert season at Zion Church. The concert will be on Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 pm.

The student musicians call themselves the “Purple Gang” and they are the school’s premiere performing group made up of members from the Pacific Pirate Band and the Pacific Vocal Ensemble led by Bruce Morganti and accompanied by Mary Morganti. Most of these young people have been studying music for a number of years and have performed at a variety of local events, festivals, and other venues on the Oregon coast.

The youngest member of the Purple Gang -- a name inspired by the school's colors and Elvis Presley's lyrics -- is 15, while the oldest are seniors getting ready to graduate. One member of the group has applied to the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston.

This year's program includes many solo favorites, including rhythm and blues, jazz, show and pop tunes, as well as traditional choral offerings, instrumentals, small ensembles and even a couple of original songs.

DUSTY HARRINGTON ART SHOW
By Elaine Roemen

Dusty Harrington's beautiful pastel paintings are on view at Triangle Square Art Gallery beginning Saturday April 16 from 2 to 4 pm. The public is invited to honor Dusty whose paintings reflect his soulful interpretation of imaginary and remembered landscapes.

Dusty, an army veteran, has lived with Parkinson's disease for 10 years. His art work has helped him find a meaningful way of coping with debilitating Parkinson's symptoms.

SEA PRESENTS BLACK OYSTERCATCHERS
By Harv Schubothe

Are you interested in finding out more about the Black Oystercatchers that frequent and breed in our area? Join Shoreline Education Awareness on Saturday, April 16th, for another of its 2016 seminar series beginning at 9 AM at the Bandon Library. Diane and Dave Bilderback have been leading Black Oystercatcher reproductive surveys in Bandon for many years and will be presenting at the seminar.

The Bilderbacks will be focusing on Black Oystercatcher behavior and will be sharing results from the 2015 and earlier reproductive surveys. Following their presentation, Diane and Dave will be taking seminar participants out into the field to share and help
locate previous breeding sites on the rocks off Bandon’s beaches.

Doors will open at 8:30 AM for registration. Pre-registration is not necessary. The seminar is free for Shoreline Education for Awareness members! A $5 donation for non-members is recommended. Snacks and coffee/tea will be available. More information is available by calling SEA at 541-260-7770.

Shoreline Education for Awareness is always looking for more volunteer wildlife interpreters. Should you be interested, please join us at this seminar to learn more about opportunities and about this bird species in particular.

**BANDON SWIMMING POOL BOARD MEETS**

The Bandon Swimming Pool Board will meet on April 19th at the Port Orford Library. The public is welcome.

**COAST COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER**

By Cynthia Shields

On April 20th, from 3pm to 6pm Coast Community Health Center (CHC) presents: Community Outreach with Ginger Pearson. Ginger Pearson will be at the Langlois Library the third Wednesday every month. During this time, Ginger will be introducing individuals in Curry County to self-sufficiency programs.

**AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE**

Gold Beach, OR – An AARP Smart Driver Safety class is being offered by Southwestern Oregon Community College and is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Gold Beach Center.

This course offers you an important opportunity to learn how to drive more efficiently and safely. The course contains up-to-date information about changes over time in ourselves, our vehicles, and our roads. The course is open to all ages.

The content of this course can help boost safety awareness, refresh and improve driving skills, minimize crash risk, increase confidence, prolong mobility, and maintain independence. Completion of this six-hour driving refresher course can yield discounted auto insurance premiums for individuals 55 and older.

Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling Southwestern’s Gold Beach Center at 541-247-2741. The course fee for AARP members is $15, or $20 for non-members, and includes a workbook and other materials, and is payable to AARP at the class. Class starts promptly at 9:00 a.m.

Attendees will have a selection of four enjoyable as well as educational classes to attend: “Make Your Own Seed Tape:” learn the benefits of planting with seed tape while making a seed tape to take home; “Create a Multi-season Wreath:” this wreath-making demonstration will show you how to make a basic wreath that can be changed to reflect the changing seasons; “Who Was Claude Monet?” explore the beautiful world of Claude Monet with our instructor who has recently returned from a trip to Paris; and “What the Heck Are Worm Castings & Why Should You Care?” learn about the amazing benefits of using worm castings in your garden and how to construct your own worm bed. Homemaker’s Holiday guests will have the opportunity to shop the plant sale and/or purchase drawing tickets for a variety of lovely gift baskets. A continental breakfast and sandwich and salad luncheon are included in the ticket price.

The event will be held on Friday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1290 Thompson Road in Coos Bay. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any FCE member for $8, or at the door for $10. For more information call the Coos County Extension Service at 541-572-5263, ext. 25292 or 25299.

**OSU 2016 HOMEMAKERS HOLIDAY**

By Samantha Clayburn

“What April Showers Bring May Flowers” is the theme of the 2016 Homemaker’s Holiday, an annual event hosted by the Coos County Family & Community Educators and the OSU Coos County Extension Service.

Carl Bender, longtime owner of 3B’s Nursery, will be the keynote speaker. Carl will share gardening tips gained from years in the profession and take questions as well. Entertainment will be provided by Sea Breeze Harmony Chorus, a performing women’s chorus singing a cappella, four-part harmony in the barbershop style.

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Curry Democrats on Voter Registration

By Linda Bozack

Do you have a preference for President in the May Primary election? If so, be aware that if your preference is for a Democratic or Republican candidate, Oregon rules require you to be registered to vote in that party.

If you’re currently a non-affiliated voter, your Primary ballot will list...
only the candidates for non-partisan positions. The office of President is a partisan office, so won’t be listed on the ballot for non-affiliated voters. If you’re registered with the Independent Party (an official Party in Oregon), only the Independent Party candidates will be listed on your ballot.

Both the Democrats and the Republicans in Oregon have opted for closed primaries, so if you want to have a real choice in one of these parties, you must be registered with that party by April 26, and vote for the candidate of your choice by May 17.

Another caveat: check your voter registration by going to oregonvotes.gov. Click on “My Ballot/My Vote” and then “My Vote” in the left column. From there, it’s easy to check your registration. Don’t just assume your registration records are correct. Check them, and contact the Elections Department immediately if anything isn’t right. If your registration isn’t correct, you won’t receive the correct ballot!

Call the Elections Division at 541-247-3207 if you don’t have internet access.

The voter registration deadline is April 26 for the Primary Election. That’s your last chance to change party registration. Don’t miss out!

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By Ronn Kerr

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REPAIRS

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