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By Amy Moss Strong, Bandon Western World

Job nearly finished

A sign outside the Bandon School District track asks patrons to stay off the newly sprayed surface. The lines likely will be sprayed on the surface sometime next week, completing the refurbishment. This is the first resurfacing of the track since it was built 11 years ago.

Anxious feet must wait

Track resurfacing ends, but facility remains closed for one week

By Amy Moss Strong
Bandon Western World

BANDON — Though people are eager to try out the newly surfaced Bandon School District track, Superintendent Diane Buche wants them to remain patient until the track is striped next week.

"They are done with spraying and now it has to sit, then they will stripe it," Buche said at the School Board meeting Monday night. "If the sun shines, it will be done quicker, but it's critical that people stay off of it."

The track is one of the larger projects

being undertaken with the \$1.5 million bond voters approved for the district in May 2011. It was bid at \$74,246, but came in approximately \$14,000 below the estimate. The district hired Beynon/Atlas, based in Tualatin. The other bidder was Hellas, which offered a bid that was \$12,000 lower, but chose Beynon/Atlas because their bid included a five-year warranty and the company had a huge body of work experience completed in Oregon, compared with the lower bidder, who offered a one-year warranty and had no completed work or experience in Oregon. The board felt it needed a proven contractor with experience in Northwest

climates as well as the extended warranty.

The track was originally built 11 years ago and has been patched, but not resurfaced since then.

In addition to the track, the district last spring completed removal of the boiler from Ocean Crest Elementary School and replaced it with a new heating and cooling system at the school.

At Monday's meeting, the board rejected the one bid it received to replace the roof on the Harbor Lights Middle School gym because the bid did not guarantee the roof for winds greater than 50

■ See Track, A6

Streets to stay closed for festival

BANDON — Following a presentation by the Chamber of Commerce and after hearing testimony from several Old Town merchants, the City Council unanimously approved at its Aug. 6 meeting a request to close Second Street and portions of other streets in Old Town for the 2012 Cranberry Festival.

The closures will be in effect from Friday, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. until Sunday, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m. Unlike the last several years, vendor booths will again be located in the closed streets like they had been in past Cranberry Festivals.

For additional information on the 2012 Cranberry Festival, visit the Chamber of Commerce website at www.bandon.com.

Council eliminates term limits

Change allows city to reappoint servants

BANDON — After previously amending the Municipal Code to eliminate term limits for the Planning Commissioner, the City Council unanimously approved a second amendment at their Aug. 6 meeting which eliminates term limits for all standing committees including the Parks and Recreation Commission, Budget Committee, Committee for Citizen Involvement, Water Resource Committee, Library Board and Community Center Advisory Committee.

Prior to these actions, service on all these committees and commissions was limited to no more than two consecutive terms, according to City Manager Matt

■ See Limits, A6

Wind swept



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This dragon windsock, created by Bandon artists Vicki Affatati and Tina Pederson, along with students from Harbor Lights Middle School, flies above the Port of Bandon's boardwalk along First Street. Dozens of dragon art paintings by residents and students remain on display through Cranberry Festival weekend, Sept. 7-9, and the public is invited to vote for its favorite piece in the show. Votes can be cast at Tony's Crab Shack and the winners will be announced during the Cranberry Festival.

Councilor challenges mayor in election

By Amy Moss Strong
Bandon Western World

BANDON — Interested in vying for a seat on the City Council or running for mayor?

Here's your chance: Mayor and city council candidate application packets for the Nov. 6 Bandon City Council election are now available at the front desk at City Hall.

Mayor Mary Schamehorn is up for re-election, as well as councilors Geri Procetto, Brian Vick and Claudine Hundhausen. The mayor is a two-year term, while councilors serve four-year terms. The terms begin in January 2013.

When a packet is picked up, the city will request the potential candidate's name and contact information so they can keep them updated regarding any regulatory or procedural changes that may occur prior to submitting the completed application.

So far, all the incumbents have filed to run for re-election. In addition, Mike Sterling has filed to run for City Council and Mike Claassen has filed to run for mayor. Claassen is a current city councilor. Sterling serves as president of the nonprofit Bandon Swimming Pool Committee.

■ See Seats, A6

Baldwin: First to visit Coquille River

By Jim Proehl
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BANDON — An article in the December 19, 1907 edition of the Bandon Recorder headlined "From Over the Ocean" leads with this paragraph.

"The Coos Bay News is in receipt of a letter from Henry H. Baldwin, dated at Bandon, Ireland, Nov. 30th. The old pioneer and frontier soldier says that he has arrived, seen and is satisfied, and were it not for ill health he would now be on his way back to life, enterprise and a land of non-antideluvian habits and customs."

The article caught the eye of

"To those thinking of or intending to return here, I will say as a friend, stay where you are."

— Henry Baldwin, on his return to Ireland, 1905

a volunteer at the Bandon Historical Society museum because a cypress tree planted by Baldwin is in the process of being nominated as an Oregon Heritage Tree.

While George Bennett is credited with naming Bandon after his hometown in Ireland, Baldwin was the first native of

Bandon, Ireland to visit the Coquille River.

Baldwin was 82 years old when he made this return visit to his hometown in Ireland. He offered these words of advice, "To those thinking of or intending to return here, I will say as a friend, stay where you are."

■ See Baldwin, A6



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The gravestone of Henry Hewitt Baldwin, the first native of Bandon, Ireland to visit the Coquille River. His grave is located in the Averill Pioneer Cemetery.

Oregon Marine
Debris Team looking
to recruit volunteers

OREGON COAST — Four non-profit organizations with histories of stewardship over the Oregon coast have joined forces to address the threat of tsunami debris washing up on our shoreline.

CoastWatch, Surfrider Foundation, SOLVE and Washed Ashore, along with academic partner Oregon Sea Grant, have formed the Oregon Marine Debris Team.

It will collaborate on citizen-based efforts to track and clean up debris generated by the tsunami that struck Japan in March 2011. An estimated 1.5 million tons of debris pulled out to sea by the tsunami is circulating the Pacific, and an unknown portion likely will wash up in Oregon.

The team's goal is to organize hundreds of volunteers to monitor the coast systematically, report areas where tsunami debris accumulates, and help in cleanup efforts.

Volunteers will be assigned to pools of people to answer cleanup alerts in a given area.

"Public agencies are setting up hotlines, providing debris receptacles and handling material that is dangerous or too bulky for volunteers to handle. We commend these efforts," said Charlie Plybon of Surfrider Foundation.

"However, the key to responding to this challenge lies with educating and activating volunteers," Plybon continued.

"Hundreds of people are needed to monitor every beach, cove and headland for marine debris. Hundreds are needed to turn out for cleanups. Our role as non-profits is to provide the support to make that happen."

The groups forming the Oregon Marine Debris Team began building a database of potential volunteers for their collective project.

The long-term goal of the new partnership is not only to deal with the immediate threat of tsunami debris, but to develop an approach to address the broader issue of marine debris.

Writer conquers
Pacific Crest trail

COOS BAY — Friends of Coos Bay Public Library will host Pacific Crest Trail hiker and author Aaron J. Nicholson at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, at the library, 525 Anderson Ave.

Nicholson will discuss his adventures and the writing of his recently published book "The State of Determination."

In the summer of 2008, Nicholson set out to complete a 460-mile solo backpacking trip across the state of Oregon without resupplying food or gear.

Carrying an immensely heavy pack containing an unappetizing variety of calorie-rich foods, he started his quest at the California border and trekked north on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, determined to reach the Columbia River. His book chronicles his careful planning, execution of the journey, and adventures on the trail.

For details call 541-269-1101 or visit <http://bay.cooslibraries.org>.

Secretary of State announces
measure numbers for election

SALEM — Measure numbers have been assigned to the two legislative referrals from the 76th Legislative Assembly and the initiative petitions that have qualified for the November 6, 2012, General Election ballot. They are:

Measure No. 77: Amends Constitution. Governor may declare "catastrophic disaster" (defined); requires legislative session; authorizes suspending specified constitutional spending restrictions.

Measure No. 78: Amends Constitution. Changes constitutional language describing governmental system of separation of powers; makes grammatical and spelling changes.

Measure No. 79: Amends Constitution. Prohibits real estate transfer taxes, fees, other assessments, except those operative on Dec. 31, 2009.

Measure No. 80: Allows personal marijuana, hemp cultivation/use without license; commission to regulate commercial marijuana cultivation/sale.

Measure No. 81: Prohibits commercial non-tribal fishing with gillnets in Oregon "inland waters;" allows use of seine nets.

Measure No. 82: Amends Constitution. Authorizes establishment of privately-owned casinos; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund.

Measure No. 83: Authorizes privately-owned Wood Village casino; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund.

Measure No. 84: Phases out existing inheritance taxes on large estates, and all taxes on intra-family property transfers.

Measure No. 85: Amends Constitution. Allocates corporate income/excise tax "kick-back" refund to additionally fund K through 12 public education.

For additional information, visit <http://www.oregonvotes.gov/> or follow Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown on Twitter <<https://twitter.com/oregonsonos>> or Facebook <<http://www.facebook.com/Oregon.Secretary.of.State>>.

Labor Day festivities in Port Orford

PORT ORFORD — An Arts, Wine & Seafood Festival Labor Day weekend starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 1.

Artists, crafters, and food and wine vendors will gather on East 11th Street in Port Orford. At 11 a.m. Saturday a parade begins near The Crazy Norwegian's at U.S. Highway 101 and South Jackson.

Other events:

Saturday: Noon, motorcycle show and shine, mutt strut, Masons Fresh Fish Fry; 2 p.m., music and other entertainment; 5 p.m., booths close; 5-7 p.m., Art Walk.

Sunday: Vendors return; also, classic car show; noon, Port Orford Chamber of Commerce albacore barbecue; 2 p.m., open talent show with cash prizes.

Monday: 11 a.m., finals of talent show and music.

Anyone interested in participating as a vendor should call 541-366-1149.



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