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Three Together | February 15, 2020

Comprised of Grammy-winning guitarist Doug Smith, flutist and teacher Judy Koch-Smith, and guitarist-vocalist extraordinaire Don Mitchell, this trio was awarded the People's Choice Award by the Florence Folk Festival (Oregon), and has played for Vancouver's Noontime Esther Short Concerts in the Park, both the Portland Folk Music Society and Portland's Winterfolk Concerts, and

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Friends of NCRD

Friends of NCRD (North County Recreation District) has a mission to raise and distribute funds that support NCRD's programs and projects. In the past fiscal year, this non-profit fundraising arm of NCRD has distributed nearly \$16,000 to Youth, Fitness and Aquatic Departments for scholarships and programs. Specific projects have also received funding; \$3,000 for the new pool, \$3,500 for the Performing Arts Center Lobby & Restrooms project, and \$1,400 to a pickleball court grant application.

Friends and volunteers have worked diligently over the past years to raise these funds. Flower sales, dahlias in the summer and a variety of bulbs in the off-season months, have been a major source of fundraising. The Flower Committee reports that at least twenty Friends and volunteers have helped with Friday Market and Saturday morning flower sales. Other fund-raising activities in the past year include the sale of engraved seat plaques for the Performing Arts Center, an "Astoria Get-Away" raffle, a Konmari Memorial Weekend rummage sale, and sales of drinks and snacks at the 4th of July parade.

Without volunteers, none of this could happen. Friends of NCRD welcomes new members and volunteers. Join us in supporting NCRD, one of the community's most valuable resources. Open to all, meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 1 pm. Come to hear about fundraising activities and share your ideas.

Friends of NCRD Board Members: President Constance Shimek; Vice-President Patty Rinehart; Treasurer Corrie Persing; Secretary Gail Young; Directors Ed Gallagher, Carol Mills and Linda Makohon. More information is available at friendsofnocrd.org or contact Constance Shimek: constance@nehalem.tel.net. ♦

30th Pool-A-Thon February 22



The 30th Annual Pool-A-Thon is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2020. Raising funds for the NCRD/Nehalem Elementary School Swim Instruction/Water Safety Awareness Program, this kid-powered event provides a substantial amount of funds necessary to keep the program afloat!

The program's 88-year-old mission is to provide a safe environment for students to learn to swim, and be educated in water safety, while instilling the value of swimming as a life-time skill and healthy recreational activity. Lessons are provided weekly throughout the school year, benefiting the lives of over 200 kindergarten through 5th grade children, including Basic Skills students of School District #56.

By pledging money, or making a donation to a student swimmer, you can help guarantee children will benefit from this vital program that has been in existence for over 88 years!! Your monetary investment in the Learn to Swim Program will make a real impact to this valuable community treasure.

Participating kids will be canvassing throughout the community January 23 through February 29, requesting sponsors to pledge dollars for their swimming efforts.

All proceeds from the Pool-A-Thon go directly toward the 2020/2021 NCRD/Nehalem Elementary School Swim Program. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, contact the pool at 855.444.6273 or Sue Dindia-Gray at 503.368.6238.

Donations can be mailed to:
POOL-A-THON 2020
PO BOX 207
NEHALEM OR 97131

Thanks for your support! ♦

\$73,800 OPRD Grant Received

North County Recreation District has been awarded \$73,800 from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The grant will fund 80% of the costs to construct four pickleball courts on the 7th Street lot below the NCRD campus. The project was started almost two years ago with some initial inquiries from the Nehalem Bay Pickleball Club. They noted they have 60 members and that pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. There are not enough courts in the area to handle the demand and they offered to help with the grant process and fundraising. To date, they have contributed \$10,100 toward the required 20% local match, with another \$1,400 donated by the Friends of NCRD.

The construction plans for the courts were developed by architect Jim Fanjoy with input from club representatives. Invitations to bid are being advertised and a contractor will be selected. Construction is estimated to occur in spring or summer of 2020. Use of the courts by the public will be free, but there will be a charge to reserve the courts. The cities of Nehalem, Manzanita, and Wheeler are supporting this project.

“Pickleball in the three villages area started about four



A new NCRD tradition is to ring the recently restored bell at the main entrance of the facility when large grants or donations are received. Four Nehalem Bay Pickleball Club members were the first to ring the bell in celebration of the grant (left to right: Jane Knapp, NCRD, Barbara Scott-Brier, Corinne Beuchet, Steve Brier, and David Gostnell from the Nehalem Bay Pickleball Club.)

years ago with a converted concrete court in Manzanita that we share with basketball players. We are excited to be partnering with NCRD to build four state-of-the-art courts in Nehalem that will make this popular sport available to more people in our community, and will attract players from all over”, said David Gostnell, Nehalem Bay Pickleball board member. “We have had a great deal of interest in bringing pickleball here, and we are very pleased we are now able to make it happen”, said NCRD Executive Director David Wiegand. ♦

Three Together

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at the FARWEST Folk Music Festival. Doug Smith was featured in the movie “August Rush”, and his music was in the movies “Moll Flanders” and “Twister”. One of his CD’s, “Alone At Last” was co-produced by Lawrence Juber, former guitarist with Paul McCartney. His music has also been featured on CNN, NPR, TNN, ESPN, and the Discovery Channel.

Performing throughout the Pacific Northwest for the past dozen years, Three Together is loved by audiences for their intricate 3-part harmonies on many songs from 60’s and 70’s era folk, pop, and rock artists such as Crosby, Stills & Nash, Peter, Paul & Mary, the Beatles, and the Everly Brothers.

Tickets are available at tickettomato.com, at the door or North County Recreation District’s Welcome Center (open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm) ♦

NCRD Receives \$20,000 Grant

North County Recreation District received a \$20,000 grant from the CHS fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. The grant is for the replacement of NCRD’s 1930 community center swimming pool. Also to date, NCRD has received well over 500 donations, grants from the Phillip R. Johnson Foundation and the Autzen Foundation, and several donor-advised grants from the Oregon Community Foundation. Over 1750 individuals have signed in support of our project, along with letters of support from the cities of Manzanita, Nehalem, and Wheeler. The pool will receive an estimated 35,000 visits this year. Since 1930, an estimated 10,000 elementary school children have learned to swim in the pool. NCRD partners with Neah-Kah-Nie School District to provide swim lessons for all Nehalem Elementary students. The current total in the dedicated pool fund is \$1,949,178. We continue to work on a number of other sources for additional funding of this project. ♦



Performing Arts Center
ADA Restrooms & Lobby Report



The Performing Arts Center major remodel was completed in 2015/16. The budget at that time did not provide for restrooms or a lobby, and this has been problematic for a number of reasons. The only restrooms available are through the tunnel into the main building. The tunnel is very steep for persons with mobility challenges, and also a long distance. Without a lobby, patrons sometimes have to wait outdoors when it is raining and do not have a place to gather and socialize before events or during intermissions.

With the support of a 2018 grant from Tillamook County TLT funds, we contracted with Brittell Architecture to design an addition, which would include ADA restrooms and a lobby. The City of Nehalem Planning Commission approved our plans,

which required a variance on the setback requirements. Our Capital Asset Reserve Fund has budgeted some of the funds needed, and we were recently advised that the Ford Family Foundation awarded a \$25,000 grant for this project. To qualify for the grant, we had to reach out to the community to demonstrate its support, and in less than one month \$15,300 was donated for this project. We have just applied for an additional \$75,000 in TLT Facility funds and expect to hear the result in April. In the meantime, we are moving forward with construction plans so that we will have a chance at beginning construction this year. Thanks to all who contributed to this project! We hope it will soon become a reality. ♦



New Board Member Elected

North County Recreation District Board of Directors is pleased to announce Frankie Knight III has been elected to fill a vacant place on the board. Mr. Knight is a fifth generation resident of north county and has lived in Nehalem for 37 years. In his board member application, he noted that he has “used many NCRD services and has a young growing family with deep roots in the community.” His family has been involved with the pool, Fitness Center, and Performing Arts Center shows, and he has volunteered in the Fitness Center as an attendant. His wife Kathy was also previously employed as the assistant director of the Fitness Center. This past year, he participated in the construction of the new front entryway.

He has been an active member of NCRD since it was founded in 1997 and “understands the value of services it offers to our community”. He has served on the NCRD Budget Committee, coached T-Ball for NCRD Youth Sports and played softball at NCRD’s Rex Champ Field. He also notes he’s been swimming in our pool since he was young. Among his interests, he hopes to help promote athletics. He also serves as a firefighter with Nehalem Bay Fire & Rescue.

Everyone at NCRD is delighted to welcome him to the board. The vacancy was created by the resignation of longtime board member John Coopersmith, who left due to a change in his employment. Mr. Coopersmith was honored for his ten years of board service at a dinner September 24. ♦

Tourism Development Award

NCRD received the Tourism Development Award at the October 19 Annual Tourism Banquet held by the Tillamook Coast Visitors Association. The award was presented for “community contributions and the work done over the last three years to establish north Tillamook County as a destination for high quality musical performances. NCRD’s Performing Arts Center has presented world-renowned artists, Grammy award-winning performers, and musical genres ranging from rock and blues to opera and folk. The three-day Winterfest draws visitors from the Seattle and Portland areas, which brings additional off-season business to restaurants, lodging, and stores.” ♦



Youth TV



Our Youth Center recently received a \$1,000 donation from a patron. Youth staff decided to purchase a new 72-inch smart television, which is now available for a variety of carefully selected uses. The entire Youth Center has had a long list of upgrades recently and this was a wonderful gift from one of our favorite supporters. ♦

Futbol



North County Recreation District has partnered with Oregon Coast Futbol Club to form a high school soccer club team. Coaches are Jake Miller, Mark McCorkle, and Lee Blamon. We are very excited to have the opportunity to expand the program and look forward to watching it grow. ♦

Rex Champ Field Upgrades



Several major improvements have been made to Rex Champ Field in recent months. First, the old deteriorating wood outfield fence was replaced with a new one, which matches the right and left field fences. Next, a new netting system has been installed in left field, which was needed to prevent homeruns from hitting cars in the adjacent parking lot. These projects were supported by a generous donation from one of our baseball loving patrons.

Our newly improved field hosts adult summer co-ed softball leagues. During last season, the adult league expanded to six teams and added a late second-season. In addition, our Youth Sports events are held there. ♦

Culinary Camp 2019

North County Recreation District Cooking Camp was a great success. The children learned hands-on how to use their creativity to make easy, delicious, healthy snacks. They also visited a local organic farm, Nehalem River Ranch, where they had an amazing opportunity to bottle feed some calves, and visit with the very popular pigs. In addition, campers made grocery bags out of old t-shirts and helped take care of and grow our backyard garden. The week ended with our very own "Jr. Chef Competition", a favorite day for all involved. The Cheetahs and The Elephants tied for the Golden Spoon Award. "I am very proud of all my Jr. Chefs, and look forward to see them grow in the culinary world", said Cooking Camp director Crystal Dietrich. ♦



Photos left: Culinary Camp children pictured with their Golden Spoon Awards as follows:

- Top – "Littles" Culinary Camp
- Middle – "Littles" Culinary Camp
- Bottom – "Bigs" Culinary Camp

Photo above: Culinary competition tasting by judges Mary Moran, Barb McCann and David Wiegan.

Photo below: Culinary Camp field trip to local farm, Nehalem River Ranch.



Our BELL

One of our patrons recently donated an older bell to NCRD. Although we do not know its history, it reminded us of a school bell. We have heard there was a bell on our building back when it was a school, with a tradition of ringing the bell on the last day of school.

We have completed restoration of the donated bell and mounted it at our main entrance. We have also started a new tradition of ringing the bell when we receive a grant or donation of \$5,000 or more. We've already rung the bell a number of times!!! ♦



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