

PERFECT PRINCESS PARTY



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Lovejoy's Tea Room hosted seven visiting princesses and one fairy godmother May 27. The group wore gowns and gloves handmade by one of the grown-up princesses that lives in Eugene. The other princesses are visiting from Alaska. Lovejoy's, 195 Nopal St., served chamomile tea and sandwiches to the royal party.

Coos Bay restaurant owner joins OPB board

Oregon Pacific Bank has announced the addition of Joe Benetti to the bank's board of directors.

According to the board, Benetti is a welcome addition, bringing with him strong operational, planning and financial capabilities, as well as community minded business expertise.

He officially assumed the position of director May 19.

Benetti has been a longtime friend and client of Oregon Pacific Bank.

Born and raised in Reno, Nev., Benetti grew up heavily influenced by his family's Italian traditions. He fell in love with Oregon's Bay Area during a trip up the Oregon Coast and channeled his fondness of cooking into opening Benetti's Italian Restaurant in 1979.

The restaurant is still a favorite of the Bay Area today and has built its reputation on Benetti's hands-on style and visibility in the community.

He served on the Oregon Restaurant Association Board and was the outgoing chairman in 2008.

In 2011, he was awarded the Restaurateur of the Year award by the Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association.

Aside from running a business, Benetti has also put in 18 years of public service, serving on the Coos Bay City Council

from 1998 to 2006 and as Mayor of Coos Bay from 2000 through 2006.

His focus has always been on economic development

to continue the long term viability of Coos Bay and North Bend.

He currently serves on the Coos County Airport District board and is the former chairman.

He also joined the Coos County Urban Renewal Agency in 2012.

"We are very fortunate to add Joe Benetti to our team,"

says Ron Green, President and CEO of Oregon Pacific Bank.

"Joe is widely regarded throughout the community as someone who operates in the best interest of Coos County.

"This parallels the mission of Oregon Pacific Bank and our commitment to serve our clients, shareholders, staff and the community. We expect Joe will jump right in and make an immediate impact."

Learn more about Oregon Pacific Bank at www.opbc.com.



COURTESY PHOTO
Joe Benetti

Graamans to perform benefit piano concert

YACHATS — The Friends of the Yachats Commons presents the next Milo Graamans piano concert from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 7, at the Yachats Commons.

This will be a benefit concert for the Yachats Ladies Club Kitchen Appliance Upgrade Fund. The suggested donation is \$10.

Refreshments, provided by the Yachats Ladies Club, will

be available at intermission.

Graamans grew up in Yachats and has studied piano with Jessica Treon of Waldport since the age of 4.

Graamans will be joined by guest performers.

If you are new to the area, here is your chance to hear a very gifted young man and his friends perform.

For more information, call Jessica Waddell at 541-270-5328.

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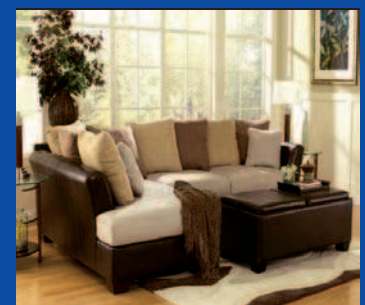
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