

Station from 1A

As evidence, he points to the way in which community members contribute to the local feel of the station, with the shows local DJs share with the community.

"We have about 20 locally produced shows now, and some run more regularly than others," Ulrich said. "We have a bluegrass show hosted by Montana Maggie that is really popular ... and Friday is an excellent night to listen to locally produced music shows. A.J. does 'Out of the Fog' and we have a new show, 'Looking at Motown,' which is focused on the Motown sound and the bands that made the great music that came out of Detroit in the sixties and seventies."

The program guide for KXCR shows there is more

than just music to listen to.

KXCR broadcasts a wide variety of shows that are produced by other non-commercial stations across the country and then shared with public and volunteer-based stations. Some of these shows are political in nature, and others are focused on the environment or health, news and the arts.

"It's not just music shows that we broadcast," Ulrich said. "We have a show called 'Community Connections' that's been on the air since the start. We've had the mayor and other community movers and shakers on the show, sharing their views with the public."

A highlight of the first couple of years of local programming for Ulrich was a story that was produced here and found a much larger audience that anticipated.

"One of our most popular

shows is the 'City Club of Florence.' After we recorded one episode about community rights in Lane County, we were able to distribute that show through our network of other community radio stations to a worldwide audience, so news from Florence is going out around the world," Ulrich stated.

One major area that differentiates KXCR from commercial stations is the revenue stream that pays the bills. For-profit stations count on advertiser dollars to run their business. That is not the way KXCR operates.

"We depend primarily on donations and volunteers. We recently received a grant from the Western Lane Community Foundation which has to be used for equipment. So we are going to get a new studio console in case of a breakdown. And we have fundraisers that feature music and speakers that come in, and we ask for donations on a sliding scale for that sort of thing."

Ulrich is also working on adding some new programming once they acquire one particular piece of gear.

"We are going to try to get a delay so that we can start having a live call-in show without having to worry about getting



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Rich Ulrich, new president of the radio station KXCR Board of Directors, is looking forward to offering listeners a live call-in show in the future.

a fine from the FCC because somebody said one of those 'bad' words," he said.

Ulrich spent much of his life in education, on the front lines of the battle against ignorance, and it is no surprise that he feels strongly about that element of the station's mission statement.

"Education is the way to solve problems. The more people know about the problems and challenges in the world, the better they can understand what's going on. I guess it's a 'knowledge is

power' thing," he said.

To find out how you can join the volunteers at KXCR, call 541-997-5252 or stop by the station on Saturday, April 22.

Since the station's anniversary coincides with Earth Day, it gives KXCR the opportunity to reinforce its deep concern regarding climate change and ecological degradation.

Join the community at the station, across from the Siuslaw Public Library, at noon to share in a potluck and music to mark the occasion.

Insurance from 1A

company that lists Michael S. Buckwald as the agent of record, the board took a second vote during the Dec. 21 meeting.

At that meeting, Buckwald declared a conflict of interest and did not vote. Commissioners Caputo, Duman and Huntington voted to approve Coast Insurance Services again as insurance agent of record for the port. Rickard voted no.

In a letter dated Jan. 19, the attorney for Abel Insurance list-

ed four reasons for the protest. In part, the letter said, "In the latter part of 2016, the Port engaged in a process to determine the appointment of the new Insurance Agent of Record for the Port of Siuslaw. During that process, the Port violated my client's legal rights in the following manner:

1. By selecting a less qualified Agent than Abel;
2. Changing the requirements for the Request for Proposal after sending the Request;
3. Made an unsupported conclusion that 'all aspects of a given purchase are essentially equal,' when the experience of my client was far superior to the other potential agents; and
4. Misinterpreted the 'Buy Local' program to inappropriately exclude local based companies."

Later in the April 19 meeting, former moorage tenant Gordon Owen again shared his feelings

with the commissioners about how he felt he was unfairly treated by port staff and management.

According to port records, Owen was habitually late in making moorage lease payments. Because of this and his inability to provide proof of insurance or to document that his 40-foot sailing vessel Tenacious was seaworthy, both requirements for lease discount rates, he was charged the daily transient rate.

Caputo said, "If you have a complaint, and I think you do have a valid complaint, if you want to write something up and put down a dollar figure that you think you were cheated out of, send it to the port and I will be happy to look that over."

Port of Siuslaw commissioners held the meeting at the Mapleton High School library as part of the port's ongoing effort to hold meetings throughout the port district.

Volunteers from 1A

attending the buffet provided by Pavilion Catering.

The Siuslaw High School Cheerleaders led off the luncheon with a volunteer inspired cheer and keynote speaker Ron Green spoke about the importance of volunteering with a spirit of service.

The FACC then presented Siuslaw High School's Destinie Tatum with a scholarship acknowledging her academic and volunteer activities, which include organizing a successful blood drive at the school.

The FACC is always interested in accepting new volunteers and organizations to the group said Earshaw.

"We invite the community to attend our general meetings held the first Friday of each month at the Bromley Room of the Siuslaw Library. The first step in supporting FACC is to listen to some of the information shared at our meetings and forums. Membership is minimal and the networking possibilities alone are worth it," she said.

Picket from 1A

PeaceHealth Director Marcy Marshall said, "We continue to bargain in good faith to reach a fair and equitable agreement that supports our skilled and dedicated nurses. We are looking forward to our next meeting on April 26."

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