

FLORENCE TO HOST ATV GRANT SUBCOMMITTEE NEXT WEEK

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Grant subcommittee will hold a business meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. in Florence on Wednesday, June 13.

The meeting will be on the second floor of the Siuslaw Valley Fire

& Rescue building, 2625 Highway 101, in Florence.

The public is invited to attend.

The agenda will include an introduction of three new ATV committee members, as well as discussions on the ATV Grant processes, budgeting for the next biennium,

and provide updates on recently passed ATV legislation (SB344).

No grant applications will be reviewed at the meeting.

New member orientation will be from 8 to 9 a.m.

The ATV Grant Program provides funding statewide for

off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation. Grant funds come from ATV user permit sales and a percentage of gasoline tax money.

More information about the grant program is available online at www.oregon.gov/oprd/ATV/Pages/Grants.aspx.

Individuals that require special accommodations to attend the meeting should contact Mike Law, Grant and Community Programs Representative, at 541-991-1989 or mike.law@oregon.gov at least three days in advance.

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yelled, “Hey Warrenton Flash! I thought you were a quarterback!” My senior, year I threw more than 20 interceptions and was not so sure quarterback would be my college position.

Yet he was confident in my abilities and I became the No. 2 quarterback. I also started several games that fall.

He left no doubt as to his

confidence in his decisions about players and their positions.

During my second season at Pacific, a transfer quarterback from Arizona State University convinced me my quarterback days were numbered.

Coach called me into his office after three games and informed me I was moving to the other side of the ball to the safer position. Our next opponent,

the Linfield Wildcats, was the league favorite each year — and Coach made changes to try for an upset win.

Eventually, a missed field goal as time expired preserved that upset victory; it was his belief in us that carried the day.

When we played College of Idaho my junior season, Coach called me into his office; there wasn't enough room to take all special team players, so I was assigned the kicking duties. I was not sure why he asked me because I hadn't kicked in more than two years, while at War-

renton.

In the end, I made 7-of-8 and, later that season, I was 5-for-5 against Southern Oregon University.

Coach had ways to challenge my competitive nature.

With my first six football coaches, we ran six different offenses. Because of this, I thought I knew football. As it turned out, I knew very little. Coach taught me the game of football. I not only learned offense and defense, I learned the “why” in calling plays from offense and defense perspectives.

When I graduated from Pacific, Coach helped me secure a head football position at Spray High School. For those of you thinking it was “just” an eight-man football school, Coach would say: “Nothing is ‘just’ unless you let it be.”

Because of him, I understood I was not “just” an eight-man football coach; I was Spray's eight-man football coach.

Coach allowed me to have my Spray players be inside the locker room to hear his pregame talk before the Whitman game in 1975. He also traveled to Spray to speak at the Spray athletic awards night. He knew there were no recruits for Pacific University, yet he made every athlete in attendance feel like they were important.

of players and opponents he influenced.

Not a day goes by that I don't thank him for the extra layers of competitiveness and determination to win he showed me.

My toughest opponent today is Multiple Sclerosis. When I was diagnosed in 1986, MS became my challenge.

I use the same determination Coach used as, week after week in 1970, he prepared us for victory that never came. He did not quit on us.

Two years later, we were ranked sixth in the nation. My strength to fight MS was formulated from my days at Pacific University, and the time I spent around the most intense and competitive person there.

Today, my team is my wife, family and friends. They support me without sympathy; they allow me to struggle in some everyday activities that were once easy — and yet know when it is time to help me. So far, this attitude assists me in retaining my own independence.

MS is my lifetime opponent. I may not win but I am giving MS one tough game.

If there is a coach in your past that greatly influenced you, write them a letter and let them know how you are doing — and what their example meant to you.



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NEREA TREJO-CANOS

17 year old • Junior at Siuslaw High School • From Picanya Spain
Her sister in Spain is Yaiza and her host sister in Florence is Brooklyn
She loves to Travel and to learn all new languages.
She is a wonderful student and is enjoying her time here in Florence





Meeting Location: Tuesday - 12:00 PM
Florence Events Center, 715 Quince Street, Florence, OR 97439
(541) 997-1994, President Craig Sanders