

Grandparents Rock - A Special Training

Anyone who is raising the child of a relative is encouraged to join us for this exceptional training on Friday, May 30, 2008 at 5:00 PM. Kris Villanueva, LCSW from Portland State University will present the training at the monthly Grandparents ROCK meeting at Faith Lutheran Church, 2741 Sherman Avenue, North Bend. Pizza will be ordered; participants share in cost.

Relatives As Caregivers: Adjustments &

Challenges. Relative caregivers have challenges in their role that are unique. Setting boundaries with your daughters or sons and providing full time care for your grandchildren is not what most grandparents envisioned. Aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters of children in care also experience these same challenges in role shift. This session will highlight the challenges, provide guidance for boundary setting and encourage caregivers in their efforts to raise healthy relative children via nurture and discipline.

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Friday, May 16, 2008

LABOR SUPPORTS JOHN GRIFFITH FOR COMMISSIONER

John Griffith worked his whole life in the private sector prior to his first election to Coos County commissioner in 2000. John Griffith knows that a healthy private employment sector is mandatory for government to survive. He understands that the private sector creates wealth and government spends it.

John Griffith has always been there for the private sector union employment, be it IBEW, Plumbers and pipefitters or Longshore. He has made tough decisions in pressure situations, that protect

private property rights and lead to more jobs. He always stands up for continued employment in the public sector by knowing the law, working hard, lobbying Congress for renewal of county timber payments and making heart-wrenching decisions when necessary to keep county services afloat in the toughest financial times.

John Griffith was a member of IWA Local 3-261, North Bend, when he worked at Weyerhaeuser Co. in the 1970s and 80s, including eight years as a job steward

at Allegany shop.

John Griffith stood up for Local jobs by holding together a financing deal by the local commercial fishing fleet to put a Charleston fish processing plant back in operation. The deal worked as planned from the start, with the fishing industry completing the purchase at a profit to the county.

John Griffith and the other commissioners stood strong for labor by showing that they understand local, state, and federal land use laws by approving the Port of Coos Bay ship berth application. To bring shipping back to the Port of Coos Bay which would assure federal dredging funding for our port into the future, and longshore jobs. It's also paramount to the Port of Coos Bay's plan to acquire land on the North Spit of Coos Bay for the economic survival of private sector job growth in our region.

John Griffith also led the creation with federal dollars of educational programs that have enabled about 40 Coos County high school students to obtain Wildland Firefighters certifications for summer jobs now and in their future, and started a forest native plant species educational program at Powers High School to teach students about forestry and real-world employment.

Through his work after hours on weekends he brought a successful lawsuit, at absolutely no cost to Coos County, that removed Bastendorf Beach from the snowy plover beach closure list, retaining our use of that beach and tourism. His knowledge of state and federal law also enabled the county to achieve other outcomes that preserve our jobs and way of living.

John Griffith, working with the Coquille Indian Tribe, has the only proposal that could restore lost federal timber dollars to restore county jobs and add to private-sector wood products employment. If counties could get federal land given to them by the federal government, they would have decades ago, avoiding the spotted owl meltdown of our economy.

The county has to partner with a federal agency, in this case Indian Affairs, to be able to carry out management of federal land.

A fifty-fifty split of forest revenue with the Coquilles is not only fair but necessary for any proposal to move forward.

John Griffith has prevented loss of our fishing spots and loss of that segment of our economy by holding back two Oregon governor's and outside special interest's continuing attempts to close them as no-fishing Marine reserves. He also is resisting the placement of hundreds of wave power buoys in our best fishing grounds for commercial and recreational fishermen.

If we lose John Griffith as our county commissioner, we lose him from the state Ocean Policy Advisory Council, leaving the seat open to another county commissioner. None have his experience or tenacity in asking the tough questions that have kept no-fishing Marine Reserves off

our coast.

Because he was in the private sector most of his life, John Griffith knows how government can benefit jobs and how it can harm jobs. He has always tried to enhance jobs by making tough decisions and trusting that taxpayers are smart enough to understand why.

A VOTE for John Griffith is a vote for our community!

Signed by the following active and retired members of ILWU, local 12: Marvin Caldera; Kip Gumm; Jennifer Gumm; Jim Oxford; Jeff Claiborne; Frank and Doyle Williams; Guy Meyers; Albert Hanson; Darman Robbins; Bill Sandberg; Doug Johnson; Vernon Beebe; Don Perkins; Wayne Henderson; Lloyd Peck; Phillip Gravelle; Cecil Anderson; Wally Robbins.

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