

THE CHRONICLE

SPRINGFIELD

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2019

Mark your calendars

Thursday, Oct. 17:

Todd Hamilton, Springfield School District Superintendent, speaks at a Springfield City Club from 12-1 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Program is free for members, \$5 for nonmembers. Lunch available for \$13.

Saturday, Oct. 19:

Springstitch: Create an Altoid tin niche, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Springfield Public Library Conference Room

Sunday, Oct. 20:

Womenspace 5K Wonder Run 2019: Domestic Violence Awareness Walk. 11 a.m. at Alton Baker Park, 100 Day Island Road, Eugene. Come dressed as your favorite hero. Run, walk or stroll. Prizes will be awarded for best costume and best team costumes.

Monday, Oct. 21:

City Council Regular Session, 7 p.m., Springfield City Hall



Monday, Oct. 21:

Women in Tech Week Kickoff Party, Oregon Wine LAB, 5:30-7 p.m., 488 Lincoln St., Eugene. A free, informal social for women of all ages who are in or are interested in developing a technology career.



Thursday, Oct. 24:

Cornucopia Restaurant's grand opening in Springfield, 521 Main St.

SPOOKY SPRINGFIELD



Pioneer Memorial Cemetery Park, a public park containing the remains of early residents of Springfield. Elias Briggs founded and named Springfield in 1848. He delivered the cemetery deed to trustees on Oct. 31, 1866. Briggs died in an insane asylum, Oregon State Hospital, on Jan. 17, 1896, though he is likely not buried at the park, but instead on the hospital grounds. VICTORIA STEPHENS/ THE CHRONICLE

Pioneer is oldest, creepiest park in county

BY VICTORIA STEPHENS
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SPRINGFIELD – For being the oldest cemetery in Lane County, the file on Pioneer Memorial Cemetery Park is notably thin.

Aside from a few old newspaper articles, a page in a booklet and a plaque at the park’s

entrance, information on this park at 398 S. C St. is scarce, said Jennifer Marsh, Willamalane’s adult programming and living history coordinator.

Is Pioneer Memorial Cemetery Park a cemetery or a park? Uniquely, it is both, and through a piecemeal of information, the story goes something like this:

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The cemetery land was in use as early as 1852 and was used for burial purposes until 1900.

Elias Briggs – who founded and named Springfield in 1848 – and his wife, Mary, delivered the cemetery deed to trustees Harvey Small, Edwin Powers and T. J. Brattain on Oct. 31, 1866.

The first Christian church in

town was originally built on a portion of the cemetery lot, but was later moved to 4th and North A streets – the current location of the PublicHouse. After the church was relocated, the trustees sold the cemetery land to Mattie A. Chezem in 1907.

On April 1, 1913 the land was

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Helping other businesses succeed is his business

BY VICTORIA STEPHENS
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SPRINGFIELD – And just like that, Springfield has its own award-winning industry leader.

Seth Gruschow, owner of Togather Restaurant Consulting at 116 S. 4th St. said he was surprised to learn they were selected as the 2019 Allied Partner of the Year by the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association.

His business: Helping other businesses in the restaurant industry succeed. Togather offers services to help new companies with start-up, turning around struggling businesses, training staff, marketing, menu creation and evaluations.

Although Togather works throughout the Northwest, locally the company has assisted several restaurants, including Jasper’s Tavern and Cornbread Cafe in Springfield, as well as Veg in Eugene.

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Seth Gruschow, owner of Togather Restaurant Consulting and Springfield Coworking. PHOTOS PROVIDED/TOGATHER

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