

A habit for Habitat

Open mic benefit marks 100 months with presidential letter

BY JON STINNETT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

On the second Tuesday evening of each month, Cottage Grove's Roger Kahane is an easy man to find.

When not fingerpicking his guitar onstage and singing a few choice tunes in his plaintive voice, Kahane can be seen shepherding other local musicians through an evening of performances at the Axe & Fiddle Pub, where a milestone for the monthly open microphone event that has helped raise funds for Habitat for Humanity last week called for a celebration.

On Tuesday, March 10, Kahane and others marked the 100th consecutive month of the open mic benefit, a milestone even-



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Roger Kahane (bottom row, third from right) poses with a letter from former President Jimmy Carter alongside Axe & Fiddle owner Bart Caridio (to Kahane's left, Habitat's Linda Oxley and several of the event's regular performers.

tually coined the event's "100 month-iversary," which entails over eight years of monthly jams. As ever, the evening featured performances by local acts including Jimmy Schapper, Terry Gatchell and others, though ceremony also played a part. Linda

Oxley of Habitat for Humanity of Cottage Grove, which has raised funds to build a dozen homes in the community for those who might not otherwise be able to afford

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Wreck on Row River Road causes a mess

The rollover crash of a Buck's Sanitation Service truck caused quite a mess and closed a portion of Row River Road for a good portion of last Tuesday, according to personnel with South Lane County Fire and Rescue.

Chief John Wooten said the agency received a call at about 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10 in response to the wreck, which occurred a couple miles southeast of the BMX track on a sharp curve. Wooten said the driver of the truck was transported from the scene but was expected to be okay; the Lane County Sheriff's Office has not released the man's name or issued any citations in response to the crash, its public information officer, Sgt. Carrie Carver, said Monday morning.

Wooten said that early on, first responders became concerned about the potential that the chemicals the truck was carrying may make their way into the nearby Row River. A hazard-

ous materials team from Eugene was brought to the crash site to supervise the cleanup. The Department of Environmental Quality was also notified.

"There was some spillage, but it was stopped and contained," Wooten said at the scene. "It was not a threat to the waterway nearby. We're confident that it didn't spill based on the runoff marks we observed, but another concern was how far the chemicals could potentially seep, as the wreck was only about 2-3 feet from the side of the road. We're also worried about rain, and that's why we're busting our butt to get it cleaned up fast."

The list of chemicals the truck was reportedly carrying included 3-400 gallons of fresh water, between 200 and 400 gallons of deodorizer, 10-15 gallons of bleach, about 100 pounds of sewage waste and a half-empty fuel tank. The driver was reportedly en route to a job upriver just before the crash. Early that afternoon, a crash reconstruc-



photo by Jon Stinnett

Response crews at a sewage truck wreck on Row River Road last week were initially concerned about chemical spills into the nearby river.

tion team with the Sheriff's Office was on scene gathering information on the incident; they measured a skid mark over 200 feet long around the curve where the wreck happened.

Carver said speed was being considered as a factor in

the accident, adding that it may have delayed the release of the driver's name or the issuance of possible citations. Traffic was closed on Row River Road for a good portion of the rest of the day during the cleanup.

Transfer sites at London, Sharps Creek to maintain winter hours

County said decision not to expand hours is a way to cut costs

Lane County government cited cost-cutting measures as the reason behind a Monday announcement that seven Lane County Waste Transfer

Sites will continue with their current winter schedules year-round, including two Cottage Grove-area sites.

The seven sites that will not switch to the expanded summer schedule are: London, Low Pass, Mapleton, Sharps Creek, Swisshome, McKenzie Bridge and Walton. These sites will remain open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout the year. In the past, these sites have expanded their hours of operation to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the summer to accommodate the increased demand from customers.

The County says this mea-

sure will save approximately \$12,000 annually in personnel costs and reduce the need to hire additional help to staff these sites throughout the year. Lane County operates 17 waste transfer and recycling sites throughout the County. The sites not mentioned here will switch to summer hours starting April 1.

Those seeking a complete list of Lane County Waste Transfer Sites with hours and days of operation may visit <http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/WMD/Pages/WasteDisposalSitesIndex.aspx>

Local logging company named Operator of the Year

Robert Howell Logging recognized by Dept. of Forestry for concern for environment, site's neighbors

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A Cottage Grove-based logging operation recently received recognition from the Oregon Department of Forestry for work it conducted under difficult conditions while keeping the well being of those around the jobsite in mind.

On Tuesday, March 3, Bob and Tracy Howell of Cottage Grove received one of the Department of Forestry's Operator of the Year Awards for 2014 from Oregon State Forester Doug Decker, an award first announced in late-January. The Oregonian reported that Robert Howell Logging would be recognized for "responsible, innovative, proactive forest work that protects natural resources" for a challenging bit of logging in the Triangle Lake area, where steep terrain and nearby neighbors made the job unattractive to other operators.

"We were nominated because

we took care of the environmental side of things, protecting the houses around the site and got along well with the neighbors, who were pleasant even though we were logging in their backyard," Howell said.

Howell said his company got its start in 2006 and its local 14-15 person crew typically works much closer to its Cottage Grove home, though he described the Triangle Lake job, which was conducted on behalf of Weyerhaeuser, as one that "nobody else would take."

"We had to rig lots of trees and pull them out with the yarder," he said. "It was a really slow, difficult piece of property. When you're using a yarder, you need to be production-minded, but we also had to consider the houses down below; both had water sources that we had to make sure we didn't disrupt."

Howell said the award was a nice way to recognize his crew, which worked hard on the September, 2014 job.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON
For the Sentinel

Those who missed the TSP sign-up, you may still get forms in the office and turn in with your payment by March 19. They also need a third/fourth grade boys' coach. Call Sandie at 541-232-6395 if you know of anyone or have questions.

This Saturday, March 21, the community is invited to enjoy a delightful evening of spaghetti dinner and bingo at Lorane Grange. Dinner is from 5:30-6:30 pm and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, March 22, be sure to come enjoy the Living Last Supper at Lorane Christian Church during its 11 a.m. service. This is an amazing performance that will enhance your Easter season! There is a fundraiser for Ashley Clark, who is the older sister of two Crow boys. She is out of work for quite a while after being injured in a terrible wreck. A Pizza Day

will be held at Papa's Pizza on March 25 and 50 percent of all purchases go to help with medical and living expenses.

Remember, Spring Break begins March 23. School resumes March 30. Lorane Celebration 2015 has been set for Sept. 12. Those who would like to help or who have ideas are asked to call Jeri at 541-942-2448.

The Rural Arts Council/Lorane Grange Talent Show is April 12 at 3 p.m. Those who would like to join the performances can call Lil Thompson or Lisa Livelybrooks to let them know.

Crow Middle/High School is looking for a parent or two to write a weekly article of events and activities happening at the school for the Fern Ridge Review. This, of course, is a volunteer position. It is hoped that the article will highlight the school, the students, and everything CMHS has to offer. Those interested are asked to call the office.

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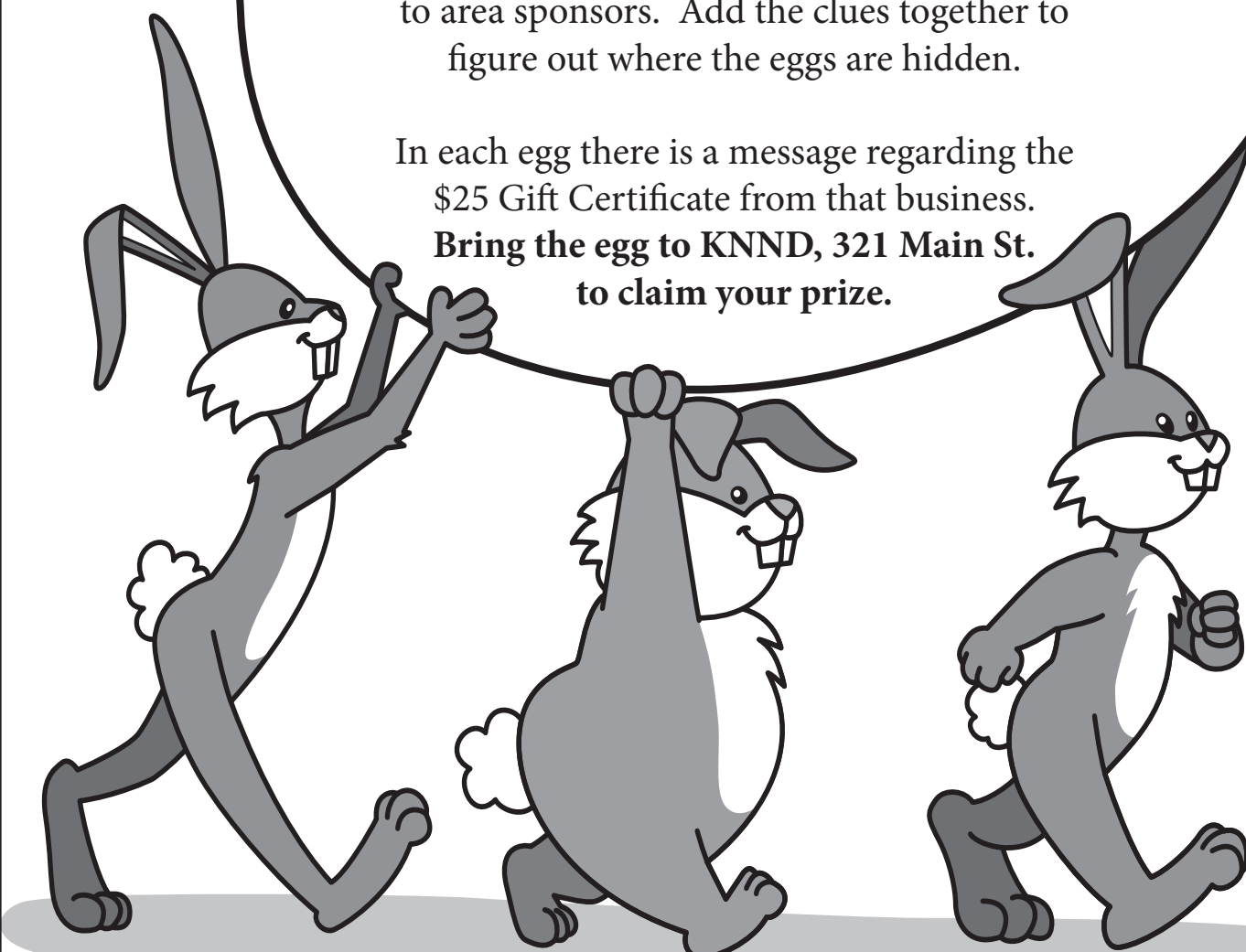
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Listen to AM 1400 March 24-April 3 for daily clues as to where the giant eggs are hidden close to area sponsors. Add the clues together to figure out where the eggs are hidden.

In each egg there is a message regarding the \$25 Gift Certificate from that business. Bring the egg to KNND, 321 Main St. to claim your prize.



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