

Velomobiles zip through Cottage Grove

BY JON STINNETT
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During a rest stop at Buster's Café on Thursday, riders with Left Coast Velomobiles spent some time talking about what has to be one of their favorite subjects: their unique vehicles.

The Left Coast Velomobile Gathering brought about eight riders to Cottage Grove for the final day of a ride that began in Portland and worked its way south last week. While in the area, riders rode their velomobiles — basically bikes that are enclosed for aerodynamic purposes — around Dorena and Cot-

tage Grove reservoirs, then across the local covered bridges and back to Creswell, in the process racking up between 50-60 miles per day for the trip.

Cottage Grove's Taylor Wilhour, who can often be seen pedaling around town in his own "velo," said the Row River Trail was a popular aspect of the South Lane County portion of the ride. Wilhour, who pedaled across the United States in his vehicle in 2011, joined others who had completed similar feats, each eager to extol the virtues of

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Velomobile riders took in the sights including the Chambers Railroad Bridge.

Eastside Market changes hands

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Mandy and Garry Dhanju know how positively nearby recreation opportunities have affected their business at Fern Ridge Market, and they say it's a big reason they wanted to operate a similar market in Cottage Grove.

The Dhanjus found their chance with the recent purchase of the Eastside Market, one of the last stops for provisions on the way to Dorena Reservoir. They also own the Get N Go Deli in Springfield.

"We wanted to buy something down here," Garry Dhanju said. "We already have Fern Ridge, and we thought we could do

even better in Cottage Grove."

The couple took over ownership following a 15-year run by previous owners Jin Hwan and his wife, who recently sought retirement. The Dhanjus have been operating the market since April 1 and are excited about the changes they have made and will be making, including the addition of hot food such as breakfast sandwiches, more grocery items and a walk-in beer "cave."

"Come in and see the difference," Mandy Dhanju said.

Eastside Market is located at 3075 Row River Road. It is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.



photo by Jon Stinnett

Mandy and Garry Dhanju assumed ownership of Eastside on April 1.



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From left: Grace Cross, Lily Cross, Owen Beatty, Rian Hanson, Rendon Hanson and Bryce Johnson with Bobber the Water Safety Dog and park ranger Christie Johnson after Cottage Grove's Water Safety Day on Saturday.

Water Safety Day promotes life-saving skills

BY MATT HOLLANDER
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At least 60 kids and their parents participated in the fourth annual Cottage Grove Water Safety Day, held Saturday at the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center.

During the 2 1/2-hour event, which was free to the public, families rotated through several interactive stations to learn about life jackets, boating safety, water rescue and hypothermia. Participants also practiced getting in and out of a boat in the pool.

"In this community, we have access to so many lakes, rivers and streams, and it is crucial that kids and parents know how to be safe around bodies of water," said Christie Johnson, Park Ranger and Outreach Specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Johnson said that many participants come to the event with some base knowledge of water safety but that it's important to reinforce good practices right before the summer.

Lane County Search and Rescue also hosted a life jacket exchange during the event. Thirty-five kids exchanged old life jackets for better-fitting ones. Additionally, the Cottage Grove Community Foundation provided 25 brand new life jackets to be given away.

The Cottage Grove Water Safety Day was organized by "Friends of the Pool" in partnership with the South Lane School District, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Lane County Sheriff's Office, South Lane County Fire and Rescue, Make a Splash Foundation and the City of Cottage Grove.

Community Foundation awards scholarships

Fifty-three awards totaled \$53,000

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation provided 57 scholarships to students from Cottage Grove High School, Kennedy Alternative High School and Creswell High School for a total \$53,500.

Additionally, 22 previous recipients received renewable scholarships for a total award of \$1,000. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 each, and since its inception in 2002, the Foundation has given out almost \$490,000 to deserving students to help them pay for their education.

"Each year we receive funds to disburse for scholarships from 16 endowment funds. This year we also had funds from numerous donors including many members of the faculty of the South Lane School District who have opted for monthly payroll deductions for scholarships for the South Lane School District students," said Kathryn Porter,

Coordinator for the Foundation's Scholarship Committee. The recipients of this year's scholarships are:

Jared Alis, Samantha Aring, Sara Bass, Justin Bennett, Luke Bennett, Kayla Bethke, Claisey Buron, Awbree Cardwell, Reid Center, Sabra Chambers, McKenzie Edmunds, Emily Elligott, Janae Fain, Mariah Fountain, Melissa Frei, Sara Gardner, Ronan Hall, Courtney Hammel, Samantha Harvey, Skylee Holland, Mackenzie Husko, Mikayla Kerns, Sarah Kumlin, Libby Ladd, Kendall Lefler, Aubry Martini, Mary Meier, Amber Miller, Emily Morelock, Georgia Morrill, Eva Murtaugh, Adam Najera, Gavin Nash, Ashlee Neely, Liam Onaitis, Kolby Owens, Cindy Pleitez, Jarrett Raade, Mackenzie Roberts, Glen Rust, Cameron Sandoval, Taylor Sayles, Kaylee Schickling, Shania Schueller, Aimee Sena, Abigail Shelton, Roxanne Shelton, Deidre Simons, Lindy Lou Smith, Whitley Tucker, Brendon Vichi and Alexa Young.

CITY BEAT

Excerpts from the City's Friday Update

Lead and copper testing

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires the City of Cottage Grove to test for the presence of lead and copper in targeted homes that were constructed between 1983 and 1985.

Currently, the City is required to test for lead and copper once every three years so, the next triennial testing will occur during 2015. EPA's current requirements are that the City test 20 homes, but City Manager Richard Meyers said the City samples 40 homes to get a better citywide representative sample.

Water Production staff will deliver sample bottles and instructions to selected customers. The customers take the water sample, return those samples to Public Works, and they are tested by an independent lab for the presence of lead and copper.

Meyers said the City occasionally detects minute levels of lead and copper in some of these samples, but he said the 90th percentile sample has never exceeded established EPA maximum contaminate levels of 15 milligrams per liter for lead and 1.3 milligrams per liter for copper. Homes that were constructed between 1983 and 1985 may have used lead solder to connect household plumbing.

If treated water is too corrosive, it can react with the lead solder, copper pipes or fixtures over time to bring these metals into solution. These metals in solution would only affect the household plumbing system that they are coming from. The City, through its water treatment process, works to control the corrosive nature of the treated water to eliminate lead or copper from dissolving into the system. The triennial lead and copper testing will occur during June of this year. Once Cottage Grove reaches a population of 10,000, the EPA will require that the City increase its routine sample testing for lead and copper to 60 homes.

Pat Patterson Youth Advisory Council Scholarship

On Wednesday, the City Manager attended the Senior Scholarship night at Cottage Grove High School to present the 2015 Pat Patterson Youth Advisory Council Scholarship. The \$500 scholarship was awarded to Jarrett Raade in recognition of his service on the YAC for the last four years. Raade has also been a regular representative to the City Council.

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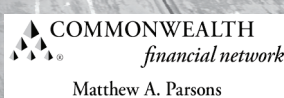
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