

# Kids teaching kids

Lincoln Middle School students pass on lessons learned to elementary-school kids

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Reading and writing is nothing new to Lincoln Middle School students, but with Lisa Sherman's creative idea, students were engaged in a unique way.

"Students in my writing class completed an informational essay on 'How to Make Friends.' Then they were asked to translate this essay into a picture book format. They created a storyboard and planned out which illustrations went with which details," Sherman explained.

Students also printed, illustrated and bound the pages of their books. Eighth-grader Chance Ralston felt that "The best part was writing it because we got

to do it on our own." Sherman's student Summer Hall relayed "I learned how to write in a way to get your reader's interest." Sherman explained that "the project allowed seventh and eighth-grade students to improve their expository writing skills in an engaging way and gave them opportunities to practice their public speaking skills."

When the students were done with their books and felt comfortable presenting them to peers, Sherman walked her students to Harrison Elementary, where they read to Val Rankin's third grade class. Lincoln student Samantha Nunn felt that "I taught the elementary students how to make new friends and new ways to make them. It taught me how to work with the little kids." Sherman agreed



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Alvaro Miranda and Chris Temple read their books to Harrison students.

with Nunn, stating, "Elementary students learned some new skills from older peers, which is often more engaging to them than listening to adults."

This was a valuable lesson for Sherman's class as well as Rankin's. Hall explained, "For me, the funnest part of this project was getting the kids perspec-

tive on what they got out of the story and how they answered our questions about their experience with friends." She also stated "I think it is a great project. It mixes writing skills with drawing skills. Being able to read to the kids, got our class very excited."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 912 Project

Dave Haasl of the National Liberty Alliance will talk at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, located at 401 E. Main St. Haasl will discuss the organization's mission, which is to restore the people to sovereignty through knowledge. The meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

### Hearing loss meeting

The Hearing Loss Association of Lane County is holding a meeting on the topic, "If You have Trouble Hearing" for those with hearing loss, their family members and friends.

The meeting will be held Thursday, June 11 from 7-9 p.m. at the Hilyard Center, 2580 Hilyard Street in Eugene. The meeting is open to the public.

### ODFW photo contest

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wants to showcase your fishing, hunting, crabbing, clamming and wildlife viewing photos on its website, in promotional materials and on social media sites.

"It's a great chance for people to share their best shots," said Rick Hargrave, Information and Education Administrator. "Last year's photo contest winner in the fishing category was featured on the 2014 Sport Fishing Regulations, and we have highlighted the photos of dozens of contest entrants in other places."

Guidelines:  
The contest opens June 3 and closes June 24, 2015.

There are five categories: fishing, hunting, crabbing, clamming and wildlife viewing.

All photos must have been taken by you personally in Oregon.

By submitting a photo, you agree that it can be used by

ODFW on its website and in other promotional products.

Wildlife viewing photos must be of native species in a natural environment.

If there are people in the photo, get permission from them before you submit photo.

Only HIGH RESOLUTION photos, at least 1 megabyte, will be accepted.

ODFW employees are not eligible to participate in the contest.

Submit:  
Enter your photos via the ODFW website in the About Us section, in Photo/Video gallery, <http://odfw.wufoo.com/forms/odfw-photo-submission-form/>

Winners:  
One winner will be chosen in each of five categories by a panel of ODFW judges: fishing, hunting, crabbing, clamming and wildlife viewing. Each winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Cabela's. See past winners online, [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/images/photo\\_submissions/july\\_contest/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/images/photo_submissions/july_contest/)

### Christian Fellowship

A Christian fellowship meeting will take place Sunday, June 14 at 11 a.m. in the Reception Room of the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Street. The group believes in living by every word of God including baptism in the name of Jesus Christ as taught in the bible and Wm. Branham. (Pastor: Jarius Sathianathan) Call 541-946-1445 for more information.

### Crafty happenings

The Crafty Mercantile at 517 E. Main St. announces a Crafty Book Tour with S. Largent and a Storytime and Bug Lids Craft, a free event that will take place Wednesday, June 10 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

# CITY BEAT

Excerpts from the City of Cottage Grove's Friday Update

### Representative Hayden visit

The Cottage Grove Blackberry Pie Society will be hosting an opportunity for the community to visit with Representative Cedric Hayden through the group's speaker series on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brewstation, located at 106 South 6th Street.

### Oregon National Guard 2 - 162 Infantry "Call to Duty"

City Manager Richard Meyers recently coordinated a meeting with local organizations and the Oregon National Guard 2-162 Infantry to discuss and introduce the Summer "Call to Duty" program. The 2-162 Infantry will be performing a summer of service projects in their local communities as their annual training. Members of the Battalion will be participating in projects and activities throughout the community this summer. The playground installation at Bohemia Park is the first of the opportunities to use their help.

### Pickleball is coming

City Manager Richard Meyers reports that he has met with individuals interested creating Pickleball courts in Cottage Grove. Pickleball is currently the fastest growing sport in the world. In the coming week two trial Pickleball courts will be installed in the tennis courts at Coiner Park. The Pickleball lines will be placed in yellow on the court to not interfere with tennis lines. The Pickleball players will use portable nets that will be placed to play and removed after playing. Anyone wanting more information or wishing to join in the group playing Pickleball can contact the City Manager's office for more information.

### Tall grass/hazardous vegetation removal

All property owners or persons in control of property are required in the City of Cottage Grove to cut or remove tall

grass, hazardous vegetation and combustible materials during the fire season from June 15 to Nov. 1 (CGMC 8.12 Nuisances).

Tall grass and hazardous vegetation includes wild blackberry bushes, weeds and grass more than 12 inches tall anywhere on a property including public lands out to the street.

Vegetation that is likely to endanger buildings or other property should it catch on fire must also be cut or removed.

During the fire season inspections will be made and property owners notified that they must cut or remove the hazardous vegetation. Failure to cut or remove the grass or vegetation will result in the City having to abate the problem. The cost of abatement will be charged to the property and if unpaid will become a lien against the property.

Property owners are reminded that they must keep hazardous vegetation and tall grass cut less than 12 inches until Nov. 1. Questions can be answered by the Community

Development Department at City Hall, by calling (541) 942-3340 or by email: [planning@cottagegrove.org](mailto:planning@cottagegrove.org)

### Tree branch pick-up

Last week, the City Utilities Crew completed a very successful tree branch pick-up. A total of 34 dump truck loads (340 yards) of limbs and branches were collected from City streets and transported to the City Shop property. The collection occurred between May 26 and June 2.

The City says the limb and branch pick-up went much quicker this year because the crew did not perform on-site chipping. All limbs and branches were stockpiled at the City Shop property, and all of this woody material is scheduled to be chipped sometime during June. Public Works allocated funds in the FY14-15 budget to rent a large commercial tub grinder to chip all of the woody debris that has accumulated at the shop. Funds have also been allocated, for this same purpose, in the FY 15-16 budget.

The wood chips are used around plants in the City parks and to cover unpaved walking paths. Chips are also made available to the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council for various riparian area improvement projects.

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