

Coming up in Cottage Grove

Some of what's on tap for a happening summer

WOE Fair on the way

Over the weekend, a load of large logs were delivered to the WOE Fairgrounds for the Gene Campbell Memorial Lumberjack Show, scheduled Friday, Aug. 14 and Saturday, Aug. 15 at the WOE Fairgrounds. Contestants and volunteers are needed. Those seeking more information can contact Kevin Dunnavin at 541-520-0103.



photo by Carolin Pettit

Melodrama this weekend at CT

A villainous Mayor takes the stage this weekend during Cottage Theatre's ninth-annual Bohemia Mining Days melodrama. "By Wing, By Wheel, By Engine of Steel . . . OR The Mayor Has Loco-Motives" was written especially for Cottage Theatre by local playwright Keith Kessler. The family-friendly melodrama will run for three performances on July 17, 18 and 19 at Cottage Theatre.

This year's melodrama is set in 1871 in Bohemia City, Oregon. The long-awaited California, Oregon and Washington Railroad Line (the C.O.W. Line) is nearing completion. It is being built from the north and the south and will connect in good ol' Bohemia City. Mayor Major Payne is scheduled to drive in one of the 26 coveted Golden Spikes at a huge celebration to declare the C.O.W. Line open. Unbeknownst to the good citizens of Bohemia City, though, Mayor Major Payne and his family plan to steal the Golden Spikes, hijack the Galloping Goose locomotive and race away to the Mexican border to become filthy rich.

The melodrama features 29 youth actors (ages 9-14) from Cottage Theatre's summer melodrama camp. This show is appropriate for all ages and includes plenty of audience participation (in the form of booing and hissing and cheering) as well as an old-fashioned sing-along. In keeping with classic melodrama tradition, "Olios" (silly jokes which have nothing to do with the story) will also be performed. There will also be a pre-show performance showcasing some of the music and dance techniques taught during the two-week summer camp.

This year's Bohemia Mining Days melodrama is directed by Janet Rust, with music direction by Patricia Mayhue. The cast includes Maia Andrews, Lufe Bennett, Kira Carver, Alexis Christie, Campbell Conforth, Kenady Conforth, Hailey Cook, Aiden Dickinson, Abigail Earlywine, AJ Earlywine, Cedar Earlywine, Ireland Ellis, Kate Fairbairn, Rhea Florez, Connor Gill, Jenna Hovet, Owen Hovet, Claire Jenkins, Calvin Johnson, Hannah Mathis, Aislyn Morrill, Samuel Pearson, Eliana Piltz, Darcy Rust, Elise Smith, Catelyn St. Clair, Isabel Thompson,

Maia Wilhour and Piper Youngmayr.

Performances are Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 beginning at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 19 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.cottagetheatre.org, by phone at 541-942-8001 or in person at the Cottage Theatre Box Office, 700 Village Drive, Cottage Grove. Tickets (reserved seating) are \$7 for all ages. Advance purchase is recommended.

McFeron to perform at the Park

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce will feature the Ian McFeron Band live at Concerts in the Park this Wednesday, July 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Bohemia Park, 101 S. 10th Street in Cottage Grove for a free show.

McFeron will be joined on stage by long time friends and musical accompanists Alisa Milner on fiddle, cello, and harmony vocals, Norman Baker on bass and harmony vocals, and Mark Bateman on drums and will play from his eighth studio album, "Radio," produced by Grammy-nominated producer Doug Lancio (John Hiatt, Patty Griffin), and recorded at Studio G! in East Nashville, Tenn.

The songs for Radio drew inspiration from McFeron's travels and from his favorite singer-songwriters of the 60s and 70s, but the musicians and Lancio brought a more modern



courtesy photo

The Ian McFeron Band performs at Bohemia Park this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Local act Flies with Honey plays the park on July 29.

approach to the songs, creating a sound similar to the works of Buddy Miller or T Bone Burnett.

cgFEAST to meet

The morning of Saturday, July 25 will bring the quarterly meeting of cgFEAST, an effort to support a burgeoning local food movement. FEAST, which stands for "Food Education Agriculture Solutions Together" aims to meet to continue plans addressing hunger, nutrition, youth opportunities and other food-related issues from 10-12 a.m. at Cottage Grove High School. Topics include community gardens, food preservation classes, advocacy and more. A tour of the new community garden and improved greenhouse will follow the meeting. More information is available by phone at 541-942-2360 or by email at cgfeast@gmail.com.

Covered Bridge Festival

This Labor Day weekend will find the Oregon Covered Bridge Festival headquartered at All-America City Square in downtown Cottage Grove on Saturday, Sept. 5 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Festival will move this year from Bohemia Park to the downtown area, and guided bus tours of the covered bridges — one of Cottage Grove's most

recognizable features and tourist attractions — will be offered throughout the day.

Festival organizer Judd Van Gorder said the event sorely needs more members to fill in its four-member board of directors, which he said is exploring grant funding to expand the festival to a two or three-day event.

"Our primary focus is to help people understand the historic importance of the bridges and build interest in them so that we can be sure to keep them around," Van Gorder said.

Those interested in volunteering to serve on the festival board or receiving more information about the Covered Bridge Festival can contact Van Gorder at 541-942-0046.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

912 Project

The next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project will be Monday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E Main.

School board member Alan Bass will discuss the South Lane School District bond measure that will be on an upcoming ballot. The meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

Monarchs at Science Pub

On July 28, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council welcomes Tom Landis, retired nursery specialist for the US Forest Service, to Cottage Grove for its July 2015 Science Pub presentation. Tom Landis is a proponent of creating 'monarch waystations' and his talk, entitled "Milkweeds and Monarchs: Creating Habitat with Native Plants," will begin with a discussion of the basic biology of monarch butterflies, the extent and causes for their recent decline, and an in-depth look at what people can do to create pollinator habitat.

The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council hosts a free monthly public meeting series called the Coast Fork Science Pub on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 5-7 p.m. at the Axe & Fiddle, 657 Main Street in Cottage Grove.

Berkeley company at Opal Center

Ouroboros Shadow Pictures Presents "The History of Waking Up" at the Opal Center for Arts and Education, 513 E Main

Street in Cottage Grove on July 24 at 8 p.m.

Ouroboros Shadow Pictures, based in Berkeley, CA, is one of the premiere shadow theater companies in the United States, and this summer, they present a performance that "explores perceptions of time and the struggle with loneliness." The show runs 50 minutes without intermission. Tickets are \$12.

Emel completes Basic Training

Air Force Airman David W. Emel graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Tex.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Emel is the son of Keethia Emel of Drain, Ore. He is a 2014 graduate of North Douglas High School, Drain, Ore.

Calling all quilters

Quilts for display at the third-annual Oakland Quilt Show scheduled for Aug. 15 will be accepted at Oakland City Park on Friday, Aug. 7, from noon to 6 p.m.

The charge to enter one quilt is \$10. Fee for a second quilt is \$5 and additional quilts are \$3 each. Quilts made by kids 15 and under are free. Proceeds from the event will be used to produce next year's show.

For information or how to enter a quilt in the show, email quiltentry@gmail.com or visit historicoaklandoregon.com.

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