

Elks donate to Knox Box program

South Lane County Fire has a loaner Knox Box program that allows community members that are experiencing frequent falls or other medical conditions to have a Knox Box placed temporarily on their residence. The Knox Box allows the resident to place a set of keys to their residence inside a secure box that Fire/EMS can access in an emergency.

Cottage Grove ELKs lodge No. 1904 recently donated \$700 to the project as part of an ELKS National Foundation project.

Community members who believe that they could benefit from this program may call the Fire District to get on a list for a Knox Box.



Pictured with Chief John Wooten are Marie Ammon, Rick Bock and Elks Exalted Ruler Bill Jones.

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Creswell Blueberries

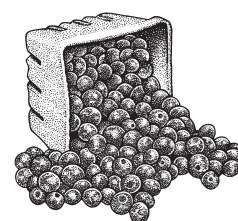
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Bowling in Drain

The Senior Citizens Bowling League starts on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at the Family Fun Bowling Center, 279 3rd St., in Drain. All seniors 55 and older who are interested in joining an active group of senior bowlers are encouraged to register now. For more information or to register, contact Ginny at 541-510-0160 or Darlene at 541-836-7643.

912 Project

Robben Lyons of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will speak at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E. Main St. The meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

Pickleball makes its debut in Cottage Grove

Pickleball, one of the fastest growing sports in America, has made its debut in Cottage Grove. The sport is low impact and provides fun and competition for all ages, including the senior set. The game is played on a court that is one-third the size of a tennis court and includes the skills of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. The pickleball club is currently painting the pickleball courts on the tennis courts by Coiner Park so that pickleball or tennis can be played on any of the courts.

The pickleball group has scheduled play at the following times: Monday and Friday at 9 a.m., Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at noon. Organizers say they will adjust the times as daylight changes and will be moving into the Armory for the "wet season". Those interested in trying out the game can come by or just watch, and extra paddles are always available.

Those interested in learning more can go to www.usapa.org and watch the "Featured Video" near the bottom. For more information, contact Ken Welker at 541-729-2077.

ODOT adds six new road cameras in southern Oregon

The Oregon Department of

Transportation announces that it recently completed the installation of road cameras and weather stations at six new locations, including three along Interstate 5.

The locations are: I-5 at East Pine in Central Point (milepost 33); I-5 at Canyon Mountain (milepost 90); I-5 at Rice Hill (milepost 147); U.S. 101 (Oregon Coast Highway) at Bullards Bridge in Bandon (milepost 259); Oregon 38 (Umpqua Highway) at Wells Creek (milepost 18) and Oregon 62 (Crater Lake Highway) at Union Creek (milepost 52).

The cameras are now online and can be viewed at ODOT's travel website, www.TripCheck.com.

The TripCheck system was introduced in 2000, and ODOT currently has cameras at about 280 locations on the state highway system, including 35 in Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties.

Most locations feature two cameras, one pointed in each direction of traffic, as well as weather and pavement sensors. The cameras and weather stations allow motorists to gather real-time information before traveling through areas that are prone to poor weather or traffic congestion.

The system also helps ODOT maintenance crews monitor road conditions and quickly respond to hazards.

Backpack giveaway

Students in Cottage Grove can benefit from a national backpack giveaway on Saturday, Aug. 1. TCC, the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the U.S., will be donating 100,000 backpacks full of school supplies to children through its annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway.

Since 2013, TCC has donated 260,000 backpacks stuffed with

supplies.

Between noon and 2 p.m. on Aug. 1, more than 400 nationwide participating TCC stores are inviting local families to bring their children to the store to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, glue and more. The participating store in Cottage Grove is located at 1498 E. Main St., Suite 101 and 102. Each participating store is donating 200 backpacks.

Old Schoolmates reunion

The Old Schoolmates, a group of those who have reached their 50th anniversary year of high school graduations from Cottage Grove High School, will be gathering to socialize starting with a dinner on Friday, Aug. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at Cottage Grove High School, 1375 S. River Rd. The meal will be prepared by the kitchen staff of Monica Yoss and served by the students of Cottage Grove High School. This year the class of 1965 becomes eligible and will be inducted into the Old Schoolmates. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase where half of the money collected will go for scholarships and the other half will be divided up to give away three prizes in a drawing to those who bought tickets.

On Saturday, the Prospectors and Goldiggers will be serving up breakfast at the Dr. Snapp House, 360 S. River Rd., from 8 to 11 a.m. for the Old Schoolmates and anyone else who would like a delicious breakfast. Cost is \$7 for adults. Transportation will be available to and from the Dr. Snapp House from the high school.

Deputy open house

The Lane County Sheriff's Office is hosting a deputy sheriff and reserve deputy sheriff open house on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shasta Middle School, located at 4656 Barger Drive in Eugene. Attendees will learn more about the positions of deputy sheriff and reserve deputy sheriff, including what to expect from the testing process, and be able to try out the Oregon Physical Abilities Test (ORPAT) course. Attendees who run the ORPAT at the open house and pass will not have to run the ORPAT again during this application cycle.

Stearman Fly-in

The Oregon Aviation Historical Society brings vintage aircraft to Cottage Grove for the annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-In on Friday, July 31 from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 1 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Jim Wright Memorial Field in Cottage Grove.

Guests can hear the roar of the engines, watch the aircraft soar, and maybe even take a ride in a biplane! The 37th Annual Jim Wright Memorial Stearman Fly-in will bring vintage aircraft from all directions to Cottage Grove, and the public is invited free of charge to view the aircraft, talk to the pilots and tour the History Center. Organizers say Saturday is the best day to come out and see these vintage beauties.

Weather permitting, between 25 and 30 open-cockpit biplanes and other vintage aircraft are expected. Biplane rides by Nostalgic Warbird & Biplane Rides will be available for purchase. Food and drink will also be available on site.

Restorations in progress at the Oregon Aviation Historical Society include the 1931 Great Lakes 2T-1A by barnstormer Tex Rankin, an open cockpit biplane that will be fully restored and flying by summer 2016.

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