

COMING UP IN COTTAGE GROVE:

Celtic Tradition at Concerts in the Park

An Irish "hooley" (party) is planned at Cottage Grove's Concerts in the Park on Wednesday, Aug. 12. Lively jigs, reels, hornpipes, pub songs and ballads will be on the menu for the band. Based in Eugene and Roseburg, The Celtic Tradition is Linda Danielson (fiddle, vocals), Janet Naylor (harp, vocals) and Joe Ross (mandolin, guitar, concertina, hammered dulcimer, vocals). Attendees might also hear some Scandinavian tunes, as well as other traditional world dance music, in their repertoire.

The 6:30-8 p.m. shows continue in Bohemia Park every Wednesday until Sept. 9. Supported by the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce member businesses.

Food preservation workshops

Upcoming food preservation classes taught by OSU Extension Master Food Preservers include:

Saturday, Aug. 22 — Pressure Canning, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Bohemia Park Pavilion

Attendees can learn to pressure can and store their very own fresh foods for year-round enjoyment and shrink your monthly food bill. The group will work with summer vegetables and beef; making a summer stew for lunch.

Saturday, Sept. 12 — Talkin' Tomatoes (and salsas), 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Healing Matrix

Various styles of putting up tomatoes such as: canning, freezing, dehydrating will be taught.

Saturday, Oct. 17 — Going hunting? Got beef? Salmon?, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Bohemia Pavilion

Demonstrations of various techniques of preserving meats: smoking, jerking, freezing, pressure canning. This class may also include a knife skills review: sharpening vs. honing; simple butchering. As always, guests will take home delicacies. [Basic preserving skills necessary]

Saturday, Nov. 7 — All about apples, 11 a.m.-dusk

It's a great time for apples...sauce, butter, leather, cider, juice and pie. Although primarily a demonstration class, attendees will sample lots of apple goodies and take home fresh cider that they pressed. Demonstrations and participation opportunities include: cooking down apples for sauce and butter, dehydrating, canning, steam juicing, pie fillings and cider pressing.

Those seeking more details or interested in registration are asked to call 541-942-2360.

912 Project

Mike Pengercar of South Willamette Valley Honor Flight will speak at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E Main St. Pengercar will provide an update on Honor Flight activities to include a recent trip to Japan at the request of the Japanese government. This was a part of Project OBON 2015, and more information is available at www.obon2015.com. A World War II veteran who accompanied Mr. Pengercar, will also speak. The meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

O'Keefe pens tune to try and bring rain

'End this Drought' has been gifted to several local groups

Cottage Grove musician/songwriter Ron O'Keefe knows how dry it is out there, and he's raising his voice in hopes of a nice steady shower.

Recently, O'Keefe penned a tune entitled "End this Drought: A song to lift our voices and spirits," and he's begun distributing the song to various groups around town in the hope that they can make it their own.

The idea for the song, O'Keefe said, came from an experience in California during an extended drought in the late 1970s.

"I have written other songs over the years from school shootings, domestic violence, folk, country, blues, rock and love songs," O'Keefe wrote. "Feeling compelled to address this disaster, I wrote some verses and a chorus about ending the drought. It was recorded over three nights in Chico, Ca. Singers clapped and sang to the heavens with some music backup. We were all exhausted. We grabbed our gear and started heading

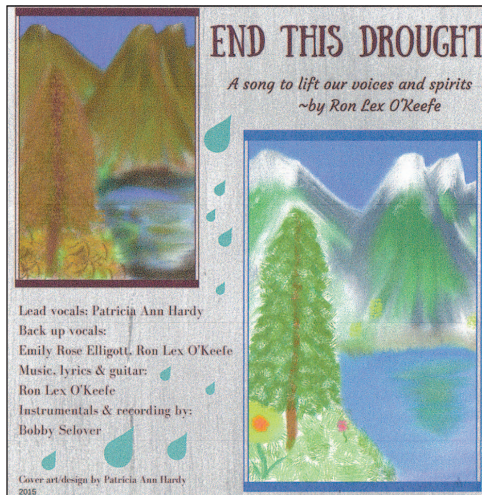
outside. We stopped, stunned and filled with joy...a few drops of rain turned into days of wet weather, and for the rest of that year the area received enough rain and snow to fill the lakes and rivers and the drought was over."

O'Keefe recorded his latest effort with his wife, Patricia Hardy, and stepdaughter Emily Eligott, and reviews from the likes of several of Oregon's mayors (in town for last weekend's conference) have been positive.

The song has also been gifted to 14 local churches.

"We've asked singing groups to arrange the song to fit their style of music from gospel to rock or a cappella," O'Keefe said. "We pass it on with the hope that a simple song, sung by a lot of people of all ages and all faiths, can raise awareness, and who knows...bring us some rain and snow."

Copies are available at no charge by calling 541-520-6164 or by email at r.nokeefe@gmail.com



Ron O'Keefe's latest recording features his wife, Patricia Hardy, on lead vocals with stepdaughter Emily Eligott backing them up. The song is available free of charge for those who wish to arrange their own version.

Yoncalla's historic Applegate House to host tours

Tours of the Applegate House in Yoncalla on Sunday, Aug. 23, will afford the public a rare opportunity to view this historic house and learn some of the history and lore associated with it. The tours will be hosted by Shannon and Susan Applegate, descendants of Charles and Melinda Applegate, who built the house between 1852 and 1856.

The oldest house in Oregon that has been continuously occupied

by the same family, the Applegate House is little changed from its early days. Books, furnishings, tools, guns and photos tell the story of one of Oregon's most distinguished pioneer families. Even the herb garden and the majestic locust and black walnut trees have tales to tell.

The grounds will be open at noon, and tours will be offered at 1 and 2 p.m.. Tickets for the tours will go on sale when the gates open

and will be limited to 40 people per tour. The cost is \$5, with children under 12 admitted free. Visitors are welcome to picnic in the shade of the trees while they await their tour. Cold drinks will be on sale, and a number of interpretive panels will be displayed, recounting various aspects of pioneer life and the life of native people of the area.

Joe Ross will be on hand to provide some old-time music.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON
For the Sentinel

The Rural Art Center film summer camp has begun, but those interested may still drop in and join. It is through Thursday this week and continues next week, Aug. 17-20, from 9 a.m.-noon. This is for all ages and is free. The fun will include learning the process of making a movie with puppets, masks and claymation. Contact Alyssa Shepherd at malys-sakshepherd@gmail.com or call 541-556-8151 for more information.

Summer is passing quickly, and August brings daily doubles at Crow High School. Be sure to check with the schools for sports registrations and school registration.

Lorane had a lot of activity this past weekend. An interesting "Cruz into Granges" made a destination stop at Lorane Grange, where cruisers got their poker cards, bought raffle tickets, enjoyed a bite and viewed a quilt show. All proceeds went to the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans. They split the raffle with each individual Grange.

Then, on Sunday, Lorane was very busy attending the annual Lorane Community Potluck and the annual Fire Department Ice Cream Social. Everyone enjoyed the fire hose water fights, fire truck rides, going up in the truck lift, the bounce house and the ever popular dunk tank. Of course, the pies and ice cream were delicious. Among the activities, people were encour-

aged to tour the Lorane School, now under new ownership. The school has a new roof and the gym is being repaired. It looks alive again! They aim to serve the Lorane Community. Follow them at "loraneschool.com" and look for further announcements this fall. Feel free to share constructive comments and suggestions on their website. The first informational meeting will be in September. Watch for announcements. The next meeting of the Lorane Celebration 2015 planning committee is this Thursday, Aug. 13 at Lorane Grange around 6:30 p.m. Lorane Grange plans another roof work day this weekend, Aug. 14 and 15 starting at 6 p.m.



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