

Gold Museum, Hist. Society closing before move to barn

Square Dance Barn slated to be ready by March

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photo by Jon Stinnett

Work continues on the Boots and Sandals Square Dance Barn as its iconic dancers await their reinstallation on the building's facade.

Vealey House, the former home of the Genealogical Society. The two historical entities will occupy the downstairs portion of the Square Dance Barn, which was purchased by the Faye and Lucille Stewart Foundation last year and continues to undergo extensive restoration.

The Museum and Historical Society will be open until Dec. 24, and gifts can be purchased there until 4 p.m. that day. They plan to reopen this spring in the barn when it's ready for its new

occupants. On Monday, Greg Yoss of Big Picture Construction said that workers are continuing electrical, insulation and drywall work on the barn. Yoss said the hope is to have the barn restoration completed by March of 2016.

Stewart had originally planned to spend four to six months and about \$100,000 restoring the barn, but structural shortcomings and a desire for more in-depth construction plans from the City of Cottage Grove

pushed the timeline back and cost figures much higher. The barn has hosted events since the 1950s but had seen little use since the Square Dance Club stopped using the building due to the deterioration of its floor.

"If somebody else had purchased it and gone through what we went through, if they'd realized they were going to have to produce an extra \$75,000 or so, it could have been quite a hardship," Stewart said.

Hill attends historic Pearl Harbor game

The opportunity was just too good to pass up.

Cottage Grove's Richard Hill, who has attended Oregon Duck football games as a season-ticket holder for 30 years, said that Monday's basketball game between the Ducks and Navy, held in Hawaii on the deck of the U.S.S. Missouri on the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, was one he couldn't pass up.

"As such a longtime Ducks fan, and with three graduates of the Naval Academy in my family, how could I not go?" Hill said.

Hill explained that grandsons Eli and Alexander Owre, 1998 and 2002 graduates of Cottage Grove High School, respectively, also graduated from the Naval Academy in 2002 and 2006, as did Alexander Owre's wife, Amelia. The couple met at the Academy in Annapolis, Md. Eli and Alexander's parents, Fred and Brooks Owre, are also Cottage Grove residents.

Hill said that he and his wife have attended football games in



Richard Hill had shirts specially made for Monday's game in Honolulu.

21 different cities but added that he's never had to pass a background check to see a game, as he did for permission to board the famed battleship. Hill had shirts made to commemorate the occasion, and one shirt, emblazoned with the words "Mr. President," was delivered by Oregon Senator Ron Wyden to U.S. President Barack Obama.

Fire damages Creswell home

A structure fire caused heavy smoke and other damage at a home in Creswell on Tuesday, Dec. 1. A press release from South Lane County Fire and Rescue indicated that the agency responded to a structure fire at 785 Barber Drive in Creswell just before 7:30 p.m. Initial reports had indicated that the home was occupied and that the fire was contained to a bedroom. First arriving crews found the home filled with smoke and fire coming from a rear bedroom. Seven fire/EMS apparatus responded to the fire, which caused heavy smoke damage throughout the home and extensive damage to the bedroom where the fire started. South Lane was assisted by the Goshen Fire District and the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

CG man involved in Highway 26 wreck

Oregon State Police have identified a 20-year old Cottage Grove man as one driver involved in a three-vehicle crash on Highway 26 east of Seaside last week.

Police announced that on Sunday, Nov. 29 at about 5 p.m., OSP Troopers and emergency crews responded to the report of a multiple vehicle crash on Highway 26 at the junction of Highway 103 (25 miles east of Seaside).

Upon arrival on the scene, emergency personnel discovered a three-vehicle crash with at least one adult female deceased. At least two others were taken to Portland area hospitals.

Preliminary information indicates a 2006 Pontiac sedan was traveling westbound on Highway 26 when it slowed to make a turn onto Highway 103. While the Pontiac was momentarily stopped waiting for passing traffic, it was rear-ended by a 1992 Ford F350. This impact pushed the



The driver of this Pontiac was killed in a three-vehicle accident on Nov. 29.

Pontiac into the eastbound lanes of travel, where it collided head-on with a 2004 Jeep Cherokee.

The driver of the Pontiac, Tracy E. Rambo, age 53, of Seaside was pronounced deceased at the scene. Both occupants of the Jeep, Chase and Lilleana Pietz, of Battle Ground, Wash., were transported by ground ambulance to a Portland area hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the Ford F350, Dustin G. Harrold, 20, of Cottage Grove was not injured.

City Recorder named OAMR secretary

The Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders (OAMR) recently installed Cottage Grove City Recorder Trudy Borrevik, CMC, as 2015-2017 O A M R Secretary. Borrevik received the oath of office at the association's annual conference banquet held at the Seaside Convention Center in Seaside, Oregon, on Sept. 17.

Borrevik has been an active member of OAMR since 2009. She has served on numerous committees: Nominating Committee 2010-2011; Historical Preservation Com-

mittee 2011-2015; Newsletter Committee 2011-2015; Special Projects/Fundraising Committee 2012-2013; Co-Chair of the Kathy Ishiara Scholarship Fund Subcommittee 2012-2013; and Conference Committee 2013-2015. She received Certified Municipal Clerk designation in 2013 from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She was the Region IV Director from 2012-2015. She has participated in and chaired various work and community related program as well.

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