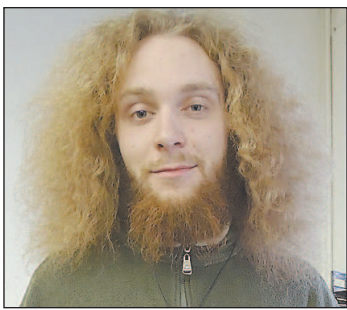
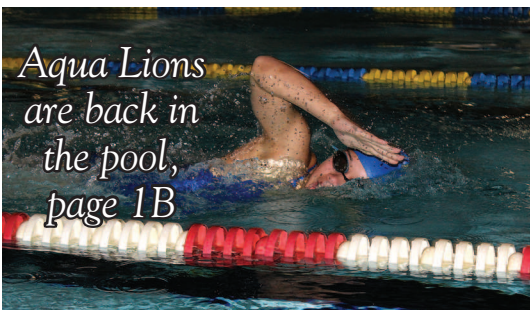


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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



From left, South Lane Wheels Advisor Suzanne Huebner-Sannes, Director Ruth Linoz, Board President Gary Manly and last year's Business of the Year recipient, Aaron Shumway of Edward Jones Investments. South Lane Wheels was recognized as Business of the Year at Saturday's Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

'Wheels' named top business of 2015

BY SAM WRIGHT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

Saturday marked the 67th annual Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet held at the Emerald Valley Events Center in Creswell. The dinner included the presentation of several awards along with the installation of new Chamber staff.

Joe Raade of South Lane Fire and Rescue was installed as the 2016 Chamber president alongside Vice President Candace Solesbee, Secretary Rhonda Worley and Treasurer Amanda Akers.

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Gabe Dumm to serve as Interim District Ranger

Leadership will change for the CG Ranger District with Joe Linn retiring

The U.S. Forest Service has announced that Gabe Dumm will serve as the temporary District Ranger for the Cottage Grove District, Umpqua National Forest, beginning Jan. 11. Dumm's three-month assignment is to fill in behind Joe Linn, who retired on Dec. 31, while forest officials select a permanent replacement.

Dumm already serves as the fuels specialist and fire ecologist in the Roseburg office of the Forest Service. Prior to his position on the Umpqua National Forest, Dumm, 40, served as a district fuels specialist on the Boise National Forest in Idaho.

He began his career in the USDA Forest Service in 1998, serving in various roles including prescribed burn module crew member, assistant engine boss, sawyer for an Interagency Hot Shot crew, and crew leader for research technicians performing field work in support of fire effects research. He has also served as a volunteer structural firefighter and emergency medical technician.

"Gabe has demonstrated his leadership qualities in the areas of vegetation management and fuels and fire as well as his ability for working with partners," said Alice Carlton, Umpqua Forest Supervisor. "I believe he has a lot to contribute to southern Lane County as the acting district ranger."

Dumm earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Conservation Social Sciences/Wilderness Management and Forest Resources/Fire Ecology.

In his spare time, Dumm enjoys outdoor activities of all kinds. He and his wife Amy are actively involved in their two daughters' education and activities.



Gabe Dumm



Sam Bentson of Aprovecho Research Center displays a pump-and-filter system he helped perfect that measures the amount of black carbon, or soot, that is emitted by cookstoves.

Practical science

Innovations realized at Aprovecho Research Center help the world breathe easier

BY JON STINNETT
the Cottage Grove Sentinel

These days, a former schoolhouse on the banks of Mosby Creek serves as headquarters for an organization that's working to make the world a healthier place, one clean-burning cookstove at a time.

It's been three years since Aprovecho Research Center relocated to the former Blue Mountain School building, and Director Dean Still said the center is grateful to have a permanent home. Its impact, meanwhile, stretches far beyond the Cottage Grove area, as laboratories in 30 countries that measure the cleanliness of the cookstoves used in much of the developing world now rely on technology developed at Aprovecho to take those measurements.

It can be difficult for those of us who utilize modern America's amenities to envision that much of the world still relies on an open fire inside the home to do its cooking.

"The air in these homes is chokingly dirty, and it's unbelievable how many people throughout the world are exposed to this problem," said Sam Bentson, an engineer at Aprovecho who's one of many specialists working on developing cleaner stoves. "Imagine an open fire in your house," Still added. "There's a blanket of smoke that's about this high (extends his hand at about chest level). The walls are black, your clothes are black, your children's lungs are black."

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Veterans group the Forty & Eight to host state gathering here this weekend

BY JON STINNETT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

Glenn Knox and Cab Clark can't wait to spend the weekend in Cottage Grove. And, judging by the welcome their group has received so far, it appears many in Cottage Grove are also excited about their visit.

From Friday through Sunday, Jan. 22-24, Knox, Clark and members throughout Oregon of an organization called the "Forty & Eight," an independent fraternal veterans organization, will hold a quarterly "cheminot" or gathering at the Village Green Resort and Gardens. The group, founded in 1920 and based on its leaders' experiences in World War I France, takes its name from the 40 troops or eight horses carried by French boxcars and many of its titles from the French language. Despite the many charitable endeavors the group's 35,000 member "Voyageurs" engage in, Knox and Clark said the Forty & Eight is also about having fun. And they've got a ton of it scheduled this weekend.

"We were looking for a location in Junction City, Eugene and Creswell," said Knox, a leader in Voiture 80, which takes in members from throughout Lane County. "We contacted the Village Green, and it's just been wonderful. They



Forty & Eight members Cab Clark (left) and Glenn Knox can't wait to bring their group to Cottage Grove.

really rolled out the red carpet for us."

The group will begin Friday morning with golf at Middlefield Golf Course, will register afterward and start Saturday morning with an initiation of new members. A tour of the area's famed covered bridges led by Sharon Van Gorder (in period costume) will follow, after which they'll bowl a few frames at the Cottage Bowl. The Forty & Eight has members in Portland, Albany, Eugene, Sa-

lem, Coos Bay and elsewhere, but Knox and Clark say this is the first time that a state meeting has been held in Cottage Grove.

"People said, 'Why not do this in Eugene,'" Clark said. "But nobody's treated us like Cottage Grove. We're hoping it's well-received so it can become a regular thing."

Clark, who is scheduled to become the organization's state commander or "Grand Chef de Gare" next year, said he would love to

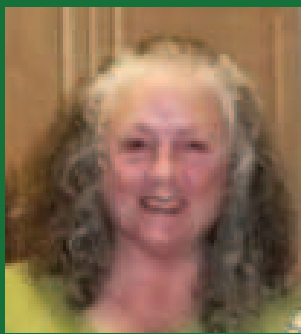
bring the group back in 2017.

"It's a group of veterans that enjoy continuing on after their service is finished," he said. "It helps us keep in touch and helps veterans keep serving in a manner that helps represent vets positively in the public eye."

"It started out as a play organization," Knox said. "And we're working hard to be sure people come to Cottage Grove and have a good time."

Aside from making connections, the Forty & Eight has several flagship charity functions such as its nurses' training program, a scholarship trust, youth sports programs, Americanism programs that bring American flags and presentations to first-grade classrooms and the National Box Car Association, which raises funds for all its programs. Many members started out as Legionnaires, and the group states its purpose as assisting and promoting "the welfare and well-being of those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during all wars and conflicts."

At the suggestion of Cottage Grove Mayor Tom Munroe, proceeds raised at this weekend's "cheminot" will support the Cottage Grove Family Relief Nursery.



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