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The Pacific Northwest's fire lookouts have declined in use in recent years but are gaining popularity as vacation destinations. Pictured at left is the Fairview Peak Lookout Tower in the Umpqua National Forest, which is expected to be unavailable for rentals in 2016 due to damaged legs.

## On the lookouts: New book chronicles area's iconic structures

BY JON STINNETT  
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Enjoying the view from the top of the world, where it's quiet and peaceful and sunsets and starcapes dazzle the mind — it's an experience that's gaining in popularity in the Pacific Northwest, according to an author who's just finished chronicling the iconic structures that help make such adventures possible.

Cheryl Hill, author of "Images of America: Fire Lookouts of Oregon," said that she spent time studying many of the area's fire lookouts, which were built to serve, as their name would suggest, as vantage points from which to spot fire activity. There have been about 900 fire lookouts in the area since they came into widespread use, which declined over time.

According to promotional materials for the book, "The first lookouts were rustic camps on mountaintops, where men and women were stationed to keep an eye out for wildfires. As the importance of fire prevention grew, a lookout construction boom resulted in hundreds

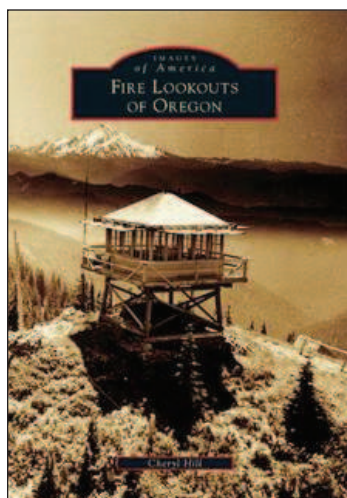
of cabins and towers being built on Oregon's high points. When aircraft and cameras became more cost-effective and efficient methods of fire detection, many old lookouts were abandoned or removed."

Only an estimated 175 of the lookouts used throughout their history remain, and about half of those still serve their intended purpose. The U.S. Forest Service manages many of them. Many of the lookouts that do survive have come into fashion as vacation rentals, and groups such as the Sand Mountain Society have undertaken to save others.

"From one season to the next, a lot can happen to a lookout," said Hill, who visited the area's forest offices and the National Archives in Seattle as part of her research. "Vandalism, weather issues, old age — they can be fine one year and not the next."

Hill added, though, that the legacy of fire lookouts can often go beyond the continued existence (or not) of the structures themselves.

"The nice thing about their legacy is that the trails that led to many of them are still there,"



she said. "They are often hikes to amazing summits with a 360-degree view."

Hill said that the idea of spending a summer of solitude at a fire lookout in the mountains holds a romantic appeal for many that may be helping drive their popularity as a tourist destination.

"The idea of spending the summer alone with the whole wide world below you is very inviting," she said.

"Fire Lookouts of Oregon" will be available March 28 through Arcadia Press.

## Fairview Peak tower likely unavailable in 2016: U.S.F.S.

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Each new year brings fresh competition for those seeking to rent the Fairview Peak Lookout Tower for overnight stays. This year, however, it appears that it will be impossible for anyone to rent the structure.

The Cottage Grove Ranger District announced in July of 2015 that it had closed the tower after "discovering structural deficiencies during a routine inspection." Late last week, Amelia Rhodewalt, Visitor Services Information Assistant with the Ranger District, said that the tower is still closed.

"Its legs need to be replaced," Rhodewalt said. "It's a pretty big fix, obviously, so the tower will probably not be open this summer."

The Forest Service needs to conduct an additional evaluation of the lookout tower to determine the cost of needed repairs, Rhodewalt said, an evaluation slated for sometime this season.

"We're hoping it will be ready for next season," she said. "It's a big priority for us, because people like it, and we like having it available."

Online rental of the lookout tower and other structures begins on Christmas Eve, and rentals can typically be made six months in advance. When it is available, competition for renting the Fairview Peak Lookout Tower, which offers a stunning 360-degree view of much of the state of Oregon, is quite fierce.

Rhodewalt said she's been referring interested renters to the Musick Guard Station near the lookout tower.



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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Non-profit seeks host families

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), in cooperation with Cottage Grove High School, is looking for local families to host boys and girls between the ages of 15-18 from a variety of countries: Norway, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Japan, to name a few.

ASSE students are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture while they practice their English. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families. Host families welcome these students into their family, not as a guest, but as a family member.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. ASSE

students are selected based on academics and personality, and host families can choose their student from a wide variety of backgrounds, countries and personal interests.

Those interested in becoming an ASSE Host Family or finding out how to become involved with ASSE in their community can call the ASSE Western Regional Office at 1-800-733-2773 or go to [www.host.asse.com](http://www.host.asse.com) to begin their host family application.

### Cemetery Assn. meeting

The Taylor-Lane Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting Monday night, March 21 at 7 p.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove. All lot owners and

interested persons are invited to attend.

### Public hearing regarding Lane County Parks Capital Improvement Program

The Lane County Parks Advisory Committee has scheduled a public hearing to gather testimony regarding the draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for County Parks projects from 2017 to 2021. The meeting takes place Monday, March 14 at 6 p.m. at the Lane County Lane County Public Works Customer Service Center, located at the Goodpasture Conference Room, 3050 N. Delta Highway

in Eugene.

The Parks CIP is a five-year program used to plan expenditures for capital improvements to the Lane County Parks System. Projects included in the CIP are designed to improve safety, utility and efficiency of existing facilities and further develop and add amenities that aim to improve visitors' experiences.

Community members who have a park project that they would like to see included in the plan are encouraged to attend the hearing and provide testimony.

Additional information regarding the draft plan can be found at <http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/PW/Parks/Pages/ParksCIP.aspx>.

# Worship Directory

WORSHIP WITH US

**6th & Gibbs Church of Christ**  
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822  
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine  
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey  
Services: 9am and 10:30am  
Christian Education  
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade  
[www.6thandgibbs.com](http://www.6thandgibbs.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290  
Pastor: Riley Hendricks  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Worship: 11:00am  
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm  
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

**Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove**  
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)  
541-942-6842  
Pastor: Jeff Smith  
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am  
Youth Group Bible Study  
Child Care 10:45am Service Only  
[www.cgcalvary.org](http://www.cgcalvary.org)

**Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove**  
700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)  
Rev. Bobby Lee  
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
(907) 230-5070  
[www.facebook.com/CSLCottageGrove](http://www.facebook.com/CSLCottageGrove)

**Church of Christ**  
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565  
Sunday Service: 10:30am

**Cottage Grove Bible Church**  
1200 East Quincy Avenue  
541-942-4771  
Pastor: Bob Singer  
Worship 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,  
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
[www.cgbible.org](http://www.cgbible.org)

**Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet  
[www.cg4.tv](http://www.cg4.tv)  
2 Sunday Services: 9am & 11am  
Full Children's Ministry available

**Covered Bridge Nazarene Church**  
152 S. M St.  
541-942-4422  
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am

**Delight Valley**  
Church of Christ  
33087 Saginaw Rd. East  
541-942-7711  
Pastor: Bob Friend  
Two Services:  
9am - Classic in the Chapel  
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

**First Baptist Church**  
301 S 6th St 541-942-8242  
Pastor: Steve Johnson  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship: 11:00am  
Come Worship with us

**First Presbyterian Church**  
3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479  
Pastor: Karen Hill  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
[www.cgpresbynews.com](http://www.cgpresbynews.com)

**Grove Community Church**  
77820 Mosby Creek Rd.  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
541-942-0123  
Pastor: Bryan Parsons  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery: Infant - Pre-K  
Kid's Church: K to 5th grade

**Hope Fellowship**  
United Pentecostal Church  
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061  
Pastor: Dave Bragg  
Worship: 11:00am Sunday  
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday  
[www.hopefellowshippupc.com](http://www.hopefellowshippupc.com)  
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**Living Faith Assembly**  
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612  
Pastor Rulon Combs  
Sunday School All Ages 9am  
Worship & Children's  
Church 10:30 am  
"The Bridge" Sat Evening Service 6:00pm  
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm  
Children's Breakout Class: Wed. 6:30pm

**Non-Denominational Church of Christ**  
1041 Pennoyer Ave \* 541-767-0447  
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans  
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am  
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm  
[www.pennoyeravvecoc.com](http://www.pennoyeravvecoc.com)

**Old Time Gospel Fellowship**  
103 S. 5th Street • 541-942-4999  
Pastor: Herb Carson  
Sunday Service: 10:00am  
Sunday Bible Study: 6:00pm  
We sing the old time hymns.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi**  
Catholic Churches  
1025 N. 19th St.  
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712  
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.  
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm  
Sun. 10:30am  
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:  
552 Holbrock Lane • 541-895-8686  
Sunday: 8:30am

**St. Andrews Episcopal Church**  
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050  
Rev. Lawrence Crumb  
"Church with the flags."  
Worship: Sunday 10:30am  
All Welcome

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
820 South 10th Street  
541-942-5213  
Pastor: Kevin Miller  
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am  
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am  
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00 pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373  
Pastor: James L. Markus  
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur  
5:00pm TLC Groups  
[tlccg.com](http://tlccg.com)

**United Methodist Church**  
334 Washington • 541-942-3033  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Worship: 10:30am  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30am  
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)  
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm  
[cottagegroveumc.org](http://cottagegroveumc.org)

**"VICTORY" Country Church**  
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913  
Pastor: Barbara Dockery  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
Message: 11:00am  
"WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

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