

Community Foundation announces grant awards

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation (CGCF) announced Monday that 13 non-profit organizations were selected as community grant recipients for an awards total of \$16,121.

Funding of the grants is made possible through donations from the Community Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund, the Drs. Harrison and Fuller Advised Fund, the Cottage Grove Green Earth Advised Expendable Fund, the Carlton Woodard Advised Fund and the Cottage Grove Women and Children Assistance

Fund. The grant recipients and projects are as follows:

Educational Grants:

Ophelia's Place – Cottage Grove Schools Partnership, \$1,000
 South Lane School District – Family Connections Project, \$1,000
 Lincoln Middle School – Chromebook Cart, \$1,000
 First Presbyterian Church – Grove Music Camp, \$800
 South Lane Dental Clinic/ South Lane School District

Social Service Grants:

Community Sharing Program – Latino Food Box, \$1,000
 Bohemia Mining Days, Inc. – Temporary Crowd Mist-ers for Coiner Park during Festival, \$200
 Humane Society of Cottage Grove – Canine Spay Neuter Assistance Program, \$1,000
 South Lane Family Nursery – Purchase of Therapeutic

Early Childhood Learning Materials, \$2,500
 CASA of Lane County – A Voice For Every Child, \$2,310.50
 Womenspace – Direct Client Aid Fund, \$2,310.50

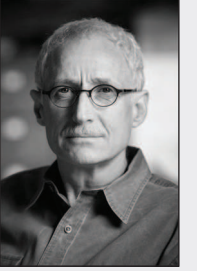
Safety/Medical Services Grant:

Warren H Daugherty Aquatic Center – Life Jack-ets and Training Equipment, \$1,000

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation will celebrate with these outstanding non-profit organizations at a Community Grant Awards ceremony on Tuesday, March 8 from 12-1 p.m. in the Shepherd Room of the Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation is a public non-profit organization to help improve the quality of life for residents of the City of Cottage Grove and surrounding communities.

Community Conversation March 17



The trials involved with coming home from war are the focus of "Life after War: Photography and Oral Histories of Coming Home," a free conversation with photographer Jim Lommasson on Thursday, March 17 at 6 p.m. at Hard Knocks Brewing. This program is co-hosted by the Opal Center for Arts and Education and Hard Knocks and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Lommasson is a freelance photographer who received the Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize for his first book, "Shadow Boxers: Sweat, Sacrifice & the Will to Survive in American Boxing Gyms."

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In the middle of the night, though, the four-year-old boy started having a nightmare, and with a shriek kicked out, catching poor Wells in the solar plexus. This happened two more times, and the last time, the exasperated and exhausted Wells secured a length of cord from his valise and set about tying the lad's feet to the bedpost.

Now the boy really did start to scream, bringing his parents running. Upon arriving at his bedside, they found their son lashed to the bed and Wells guiltily fumbling at the knots.

We can imagine how the subsequent conversation went. In fact, we have to, since Wells doesn't give the details; nor does he mention where he spent the rest of the night. But, "They

never came to church again," he writes. "And I never received another invitation to their home."

The next time Wells came to Weston, he was on his own for a place to stay — word having apparently gotten around. So he bedded down for the night in a haystack, piled up against a fence to which he tied his horse.

The horse, who knew a good thing when he saw it, spent the evening taking bites of the hay and yanking them over the fence so that he could enjoy them at leisure. Sometime in the wee small hours, having developed a desire for a midnight snack, the horse stretched his neck over and got a big mouthful of hay — with Wells' trouser cuff in it. The horse gave a lusty yank, and the snoozing Wells came flying over the fence and down into a heap at his horse's feet.

Quite possibly Wells' most picturesque misadventure — and, I'd argue, the one that it's hardest to believe consists purely of plain, unadorned Gospel truth — was one that he had in a small town in northern Idaho. In the hotel there, he requested a bath and was told a tub would be ready for him in the morning at the head of the stairs. Upon coming out the next day, he found the tub — one of those old-style giant washbasins that one sometimes sees miner-'49er types using in old Western movies, half full of water. It was the dead of winter, and the foyer of the hotel was about 20 degrees; so, shivering in the chilly air, the Reverend leaped into the tub to get his morning ablutions over with as fast as possible, so that he might put clothes on and get warmed back up.

He immediately made two

unpleasant observations.

The first was that the water in the tub was just above freezing; he broke through a skim of ice on his way into it. It seemed the hotel owner had prepared the bath the night before, so as not to have to bother with it in the morning; so it had had all night to get very cold in the pre-dawn winter's chill of the unheated hotel lobby.

But the second discovery made Wells forget all about the coldness of the water. It seemed the tub leaked a little. It had been leaking out onto the floor throughout the night, forming a small puddle that had then frozen like black ice on a highway. When Wells had hopped into the icy water, the momentum of his leap had set the tub in motion on that sheet of ice. Majestically and inexorably it sailed straight toward the top of the staircase

... and decanted its contents over its rim.

And so the Reverend Lemuel H. Wells, shivering cold and stark naked and helpless in the hands of a cruel fate, rode a half-full washtub down the stairs of the hotel, tumbling with it to the bottom and ending up with the tub perched triumphantly atop his battered and shivering body in a great puddle of freezing water on the landing below.

This was, of course, hardly a silent procedure. The crashings and clangings of the tub, and the terrified shrieks of its helpless passenger, roused every person in the building and probably several neighbors to boot. Luckily, he wasn't badly hurt. He was escorted back to his room as discreetly as was possible under the circumstances, where he tried to warm himself as best he could and get ready for a day's

preaching of sermons to people who had, a few hours earlier, seen him naked under the most undignified of circumstances.

Just another day on the job, right?

We'll talk about some other adventures of early-day circuit preachers in next week's column.

(Sources: Bromberg, Erik. "Frontier Humor: Plain and Fancy," Oregon Historical Quarterly, Sept. 1960; Wells, Lemuel H. A Pioneer Missionary. Seattle: Progressive Publishing, 1930)

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