

Honor Flight continues to impact local veteran

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Flight to the nation’s capitol has led to a long-distance connection of sorts for one Cottage Grove veteran.

Chuck Booher, who served in the U.S. Army from 1944-46 and will soon turn 97, was flown to Washington, D.C. as part of the Honor Flight program, which takes veterans on an expenses-paid trip to visit the war memorials there and has thus far prioritized World War II veterans, about a year and a half ago.

While seeing the sights in D.C., Booher and the other veterans were being entertained by a group that included Rebecca Michaels, who played music from the World War II era on an old radio.

“Here I am in a wheelchair,” Booher said, “but that rhythm just sounded so

good, and they were playing all the music we used to dance to back then.”

Then and there, the music took hold of the veteran, who rose and asked Michaels for a dance. She happily obliged, and the moment was captured via photograph by one of her friends.

Later, that friend contacted Booher to see if he might sign the photograph of the two of them dancing for a Valentine for Michaels. Booher signed the picture and sent it back, only to receive one copy in the mail a short time later with Michaels’ signature also inscribed on the photo.

Booher said the exchange is proof of the lasting effect the Honor Flight program has on those it serves.

“If they could see the results of what they’re doing way out here in Oregon,” he said, “they’d know that their efforts are being appreciated all over the U.S.”



photo by Jon Stinnett

Chuck Booher displays a photo of a dance he shared with an Honor Flight volunteer during his trip to Washington, D.C. Booher and Rebecca Michaels of Falls Church, Virginia have exchanged signatures on the photograph since he returned to Cottage Grove.

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BY LIL THOMPSON
For the Sentinel

Happy Spring Break everyone!

This Saturday, March 26, Crow-Applegate Church of the Nazarene on 15735 Crow Road will host a fun, exciting Easter Egg Hunt. It starts with soup at 12:30 p.m., and the egg hunt begins at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Lorane Christian Church has sev-

eral services upcoming. First, there is a Sonrise Service at 7:30 a.m. at King Estate Winery. I have heard from several people that it is a very moving service. Then, join everyone for breakfast at the Lorane Church at 8:30 am. There is still the regular Easter service at 11 a.m. Some people attend all! No matter where you go have a

wonderful and blessed Easter Day.

March is winding down, and there is only a short time left for open enrollment. Those who know of anyone wanting to come to the district can call Lee Ann in the district office at 541-935-2100.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Earth Day celebration April 23

On Saturday, April 23, the Cottage Grove Urban Forestry Committee, Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, City of Cottage Grove and the First Presbyterian Church Earth & Social Justice Committee will welcome the community to join in the celebration of Earth Day.

The annual Earth Day Celebration is designed to educate all ages on environmental awareness and community forestry. The event aims to provide fun for the whole family and will feature live music, local food vendors, a kid’s arts and crafts area, face painting, prize giveaways and demonstrations. Booths on site will feature agencies, organizations or individuals who have a positive message to share with the community. The public is invited to

discover the work many in the community are doing in order to increase awareness and to promote and protect treasured natural resources.

The celebration will take place at Coiner Park located across from Safeway on E. Main Street in Cottage Grove. The event begins at 10 a.m. and wraps up at 4 p.m. It is free and open to the public, and all ages are welcome.

Meet my Farmer

An expanded farmers’ market will be held for the entire family on Saturday, April 2 from 1-5 p.m. Organizers say this annual spring community event “burst its seams” from its original facility — the First Presbyterian Church — and has moved to Pioneer Square on 10th and Washington Streets across from Bohemia Park.

In addition to free samples, Meet

My Farmer features items for purchase from local growers and food processors — vegetables, fruits, and animal products. There will be plant starts, baby farm animals, lunch items, fresh homemade tortillas, and presentations. Talks about community gardening in CG, Community Supported Agriculture opportunities, bees and beekeeping, and Cottage Grove’s local food movement will be featured between interludes by local musicians. 4-H members from Dorena Grange will be hosting a “petting pen” of baby farm animals.

Those seeking more information can email cgFEAST@gmail.com.

Moveable Feet anniversary

Guests can celebrate the third anniversary of Moveable Feet Family and

Community Dance on Friday, April 1 at the Creswell Community Center, 99 South First St, from 7-9 p.m. The event features live music by the band Moveable Fingers. The party theme is ‘April Showers’ so guests can bring an umbrella to help decorate. The event is sponsored by the Creswell Library and is meant for ages eight to adult. Information is available from Sally at [541-895-2254](tel:541-895-2254) or <http://moveable-feet.weebly.com>.

Parkinsons’ support

The Parkinson’s Disease Support Group will meet Thursday, March 24 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 675 S. 7th St. Partners and caregivers meet monthly for open sharing information and mutual support. Those seeking additional information may call 541-345-2988.

New Christian elementary school planned for this fall

Since the closure of South Lane Christian School in 2011, the only faith-based private schools remaining in Cottage Grove are Oak Park Preschool at the Covered Bridge Church of the Nazarene and at Trinity Lutheran Church. To meet this community need for parents seeking an alternative to the secular public school district, local Seventh-day Adventists hope to begin an elementary school this fall to serve students in grades 1-8.

According to Pastor Kevin Miller, Seventh-day Adventists (SDA) operate the largest Protestant educational system worldwide. In Oregon and Southern Washington there are 30 schools, 175 teachers and 2,350 students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. The closest Adventist school to Cottage Grove is Emerald Christian Academy in Pleasant Hill serving grades K-12.

“We believe it would be beneficial to offer elementary education to those families who would like to continue educating their children where learning and expression of faith are not only allowed but encouraged,” Miller said. “Our mission is to connect young people to Jesus and to prepare them for a life of service to God and humanity.”

The Adventist worldview accepts the Bible as the standard by which everything else is measured. The school’s educational philosophy on God and the Bible is not just a class during the school day, but is integrated into every subject. All teachers are fully certified and schools are accredited by the church and by the Northwest Accreditation Commission. For more information on SDA elementary curriculum and standards visit www.adventisteducation.org.

Miller said studies indicate the longer students are in an Adventist school the better they score academically.

The church is at a critical point in the planning process and needs to recruit at least 10 students by April 7 to make the venture viable. Those interested in talking to a representative for more information can call 541-206-0385.

Poison Prevention RX



National Poison Prevention Week March 20-26, 2016

Gov. Kate Brown has proclaimed March 20-26 Poison Prevention Week in Oregon. In recognition of this important observance, the [Oregon Poison Center](#) at Oregon Health & Science University is sharing the following tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe:

- **Properly store and dispose of medicines and household cleaners**
 - Keep medicines and cleaners out of reach in high cabinets, or in cabinets with properly installed child-resistant latches.
 - Thoroughly clean up after working around the house, car or garden, and carefully dispose of leftover cleaners, sprays and kerosene right away.
 - Contact your local pharmacist to appropriately dispose of expired medications.
- **Opt for child-resistant packaging**
 - When purchasing medicines and household cleaning products, choose options with child-resistant caps.
 - It is important to remember that child-resistant does not mean childproof. Therefore, proper storage of medicine and household cleaners is imperative.
- **Keep marijuana products out of sight**
 - All marijuana products, medicinal or recreational, should be locked up and kept away from children. This is especially important with marijuana edibles because they are easily mistaken for regular baked goods or candy.

- Educate your family about various marijuana products, even if you do not use them. A friend or neighbor may inadvertently leave their belongings within a child’s reach.
- **Contact the Oregon Poison Center**
 - If you believe you, or a loved one, may have come in contact with a poisonous substance, immediately contact the Oregon Poison Center at **1-800-222-1222**.

“Accidental poisonings and medicine mishaps can happen to anyone, anywhere, and at any time. The good news is that many of these instances are preventable by simply taking a few extra precautions to protect your friends and family members from unnecessary exposure,” said **Fiorella Carhuaz**, public educator, Oregon Poison Center at OHSU.

In addition to these tips, the Oregon Poison Center will release a series of free online resources throughout Poison Prevention Week to help further educate community members about medicine safety for children, teens and adults; household safety; and the benefits of utilizing national poison center services. The [Tom Sargent Safety Center at OHSU Doernbecher Children’s Hospital](#) also will display poison prevention information during the week. For additional information about Poison Prevention Week events and resources, please visit www.oregonpoison.org.

[National Poison Prevention Week](#), established in 1961 by the United States Congress, is dedicated to raising awareness about poisoning in the U.S, and highlighting specific ways to prevent it.

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