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"I never think of the future — it comes soon enough."
— Albert Einstein

Eco-preacher to testify here Friday at Axe & Fiddle

Cottage Grove will welcome a different sort of preacher to town for a different sort of sermon this weekend.

On Friday, Reverend Billy of Reverend Billy and the Stop Shopping Choir, a New York City-based group of performance artists and eco-activists, will read from his new book, "The Earth Wants You," a chronicle of the group's efforts to spread its message at locales like Occupy Wall Street, the St. Louis offices of agricultural giant Monsanto, at concerts opening for Neil Young and elsewhere.

"The Earth Wants YOU" aims to "inspire readers and listeners to challenge the poisons, consumerism, hate that are killing our planet," according to promotional materials.

The Sentinel recently caught up with Reverend Billy just before he entered a New York City subway. He referenced actions by Greenpeace and other activists who managed to keep a Royal Dutch Shell oil ship from leaving Portland last summer by dangling from a bridge as something he and his team "greatly admired."

"They weren't just standing up to an enormous company," he said. "They were doing it with a kind of aesthetic grace, and the streamers dangling from that bridge were just beautiful."

The Reverend stated that, while Cottage Grove does not approach the bank offices on Wall Street or a Portland bridge in terms of scale, the community and its residents no doubt still have their own battles to fight.

"Each of us in our own local setting has our own bridge dangling to do," he said.

Some activist organizations, however, don't go far enough to combat what Reverend Billy and others feel is the wanton destruction of the planet.

"The Earth Wants You" was released on April 22, and Friday at the Axe and Fiddle will be the only event in this area to commemorate its release. The reading is free and begins at 7 p.m.



DRAIN/YONCALLA/ELKTON EVENTS CALENDAR*

THURSDAY, APRIL 28
5:30 p.m. Yoncalla Beautification Committee. Meets at Yoncalla City Hall 7 p.m.: City of Drain Budget Comm. Meeting and Revenue Sharing Proposed Use Hearing. At Drain Civic Center, 205 W. A St.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29
7-9 p.m.: The Slow Ponies. At Drain Civic Center, 205 W. A St., Drain. Sponsored by N. Douglas Performing Arts Council. \$5 pp. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available. Info: 541-520-9808

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
2-4 p.m. Flowers and Butterflies. At ECCC Library in Elkton.

TUESDAY, MAY 3
6:30 p.m. Yoncalla Parks & Rec. Budget Comm. Meeting. At Yoncalla Community Center, 400 Main St.

*The Sentinel is compiling this calendar for the Drain, Yoncalla and Elkton areas. Those who wish to do so can submit any events to billing@cgsentinel.com. The Sentinel cannot print garage sale or fundraiser type events in this calendar. These must be submitted to classifieds (can send to same email), but there is a charge for classifieds starting at \$7.65 for up to 10 words. Items listed in the Calendar of Events are free.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Butterfly presentation

The Cottage Grove's Garden Club presentation on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. will offer the opportunity to learn from NABA (North American Butterfly Association) members Alison Center and John Hogan as they share their vast knowledge of butterflies that call this area "home" and explain the local efforts to expand habitat for monarchs, for which complimentary milkweed seeds will be available.

As always, this presentation

is free and open to the public. The Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at The First Presbyterian Church on the corners of Adams and Third streets.

912 Project

Farmers Marie Bowers and Rodney Hightower will speak at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project, Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E. Main. They will argue against a proposed Lane County Charter Amendment to prohibit the use of GMOs by corpora-

tions and create strict liability when a non-GMO farmer's crop is contaminated. The meeting is open to the public.

Maypole dance

Creswell's annual Maypole Dance will be Monday, May 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the library's backyard at First and Oregon Ave. Traditional dances and winding the ribbons around the Maypole highlight the event. Live music by Ruth Anne Fralley. Pretty dresses, flowers, ribbons and garlands welcome, as are spectators. The event is sponsored by Creswell Library.

Information is available at 541-895-2254, <http://moveablefeet.weebly.com>.

CCS registration

Creswell Christian School (CCS) is now registering for grades K-12 for school year 2016-2017. Those interested are asked to call Becky Lake at (541)895-4622.

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