

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## SLMH presents 'Creating Healthy Relationships'

Helen Reilly, a therapist specializing in early childhood behavioral health, will present "Creating Healthy Relationships From the Very Beginning" on Thursday, May 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 216 S. Third St., in Cottage Grove.

Refreshments will be provided and admission is free.

Reilly's talk, which will cover how to establish a sturdy foundation for young children, is the second in a series of Thursday evening get-togethers taking place through May in Cottage Grove to mark Mental Health Awareness Month. All events in May are being offered

as creative ways to encourage and support mental health.

The 2016 events are organized by South Lane Mental Health, and sponsored by Northwest Health Foundation and the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

For more information or to request a sign language interpreter or other accommodations, call South Lane Mental Health at (541) 942-3939 or visit [www.slmh.org](http://www.slmh.org).

South Lane Mental Health is a nonprofit comprehensive mental health services provider based in Cottage Grove.

## 912 Project

Ellen Mooney, a Triangle Lake resident who sits on the Lane County Weed Board, and Ted Reiss, a Forester with Seneca Sawmill, will

speak at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E Main. Mooney and Reiss will argue against a proposed Lane County charter amendment to ban the aerial spraying of herbicides. This meeting is open to the public.

## Theatre camp registration

Registration for Cottage Theatre's 2016 summer camps began May 4, and the Theatre will offer two theatre camps for young actors this summer:

SKIT Camp, for beginning performers ages 5-8, will be held June 20-24 from 9-11:30 a.m. each morning. SKIT Camp ends with an informal showcase for family mem-

bers. Please note that 5-year-olds must have completed kindergarten to enroll in this camp

Melodrama Camp, for ages 9-14, will take place June 30-July 15. This camp culminates in three public performances of an original melodrama. This year's production is "As the Butter Churns . . . OR All That Glitters is Not Gold," written especially for us by Cottage Grove playwright Keith Kessler.

## Sacred choir

The Inter-denominational Greater Eugene Sacred Choir, accompanied by a live professional orchestra, will present a free concert at Creswell Church of Christ located at 380 Kings Row in Creswell on Saturday, May 14 at 7 p.m. A free-will offering will help defray expenses.

# OFFBEAT

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drugs or blasting their most sensitive parts with electrical current read Lee's advertisement with considerable interest. And better yet, the price was right; so many of them took the time to write a letter to Lee requesting more information.

In response, he would send them a form letter. In this letter, Lee described the benefits of his remedy in much blunter language:

"Safe and sane and scientific, it is what every young, middle-aged or old man should know, as our system will enlarge, lengthen and strengthen the organs, making the weak strong and the strong stronger, and bring back the firmness of youth unlike any other method."

The letter then announced that the price of the treatment was \$2, but the patient need only send half the money up front. Upon receipt of the first dollar, Lee would mail the "copyrighted new method" to the patient with a bill for the remaining dollar, to be paid only if the patient was 100 percent satisfied.

In point of fact, Lee never expected to see that second dollar from his patients. When they took his bait, here's what they received in the mail from him:

"To build up, to strengthen and increase the blood and nerve supply to the testicles, they should be stretched by placing one hand on each side of the scrotum above the testicles, and stretch them (the testicles) away from the body, moving the hands from side to side in a swaying motion while pulling. The above treatment frees the circulation in the many feet of arteries, veins, etc., and causes a strong flow of blood and nerve force to the parts. Stretch the penis the same way. Also stretch the skin of the scrotum strongly with the tips of the fingers. Above treatment should also be used for varicocele, but should be given quite gently at first."

It gets worse:

"Should the impotency have been caused by prostate gland enlargement," Lee's letter continues, "anoint the first (index) finger in Vaseline or mild oil and, inserting the finger in the rectum, manipulate well the prostate gland, which lies right in front of the rectum and behind the lower portion of the bladder."

Lee might as well have saved himself some ink and simply written, "Thanks for the dough, sucker. Better luck next time." And, in fact, he probably could have done exactly that, in perfect safety. No man who sent away for a patent cure for impotence would ever dare to say a word about it.

But Lee's downfall seems to have come from a different product: a compound he called "Vivian," which he was selling as a birth-control product. Birth control of any kind was, in 1919, against the law; but it was widely practiced, and there wasn't nearly as much social stigma associated with it as there was with impotence. Women who were swindled with a sugar-pill birth control formula could not be depended upon to keep their mouths shut about it.

And so it was that Edward F. Lee found himself, on Aug. 4, 1919, facing a federal judge after having been found guilty of misuse of the mails.

Lee's attorney, of course, tried his best to get his client a decent deal - but the prosecution had an ace up its sleeve: The prosecutor had found out about Lee's conviction for mail fraud up in Spokane County.

Now knowing he was dealing with a repeat offender, Judge Wolverton threw the book at him, sending Lee to serve an 18-month sentence in federal prison.

What became of him after his release I have been unable to learn.

(Sources: Cramp, Arthur J. Nostrums and Quackery. Chicago: Press of American Medical Assoc., 1921; Portland Morning Oregonian, 5/09/1915, 7/15/1917, 3/02/1919, 7/29/1919 and 8/05/1919)

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# BEYOND THE GROVE

News from CG's neighbors

## Drain/Yoncalla events

**Thursday, May 12**  
6 p.m. Community 101 Banquet, Drain Civic Center

**Monday, May 16**  
6 p.m. City of Yoncalla Public meeting on Shared Rev. Funds, 2640 Eagle Valley Rd., Yoncalla

7 p.m. City of Yoncalla Public Budget Committee Meeting, 2640 Eagle Valley Rd., Yoncalla

7 p.m. North Douglas Co. Fire and EMS Meeting, 531 S. Cedar St., Drain

Please call 541-942-3325 for any events in Drain, Yoncalla or Elkton that you would like listed here. Deadline preferred is at least two weeks prior to event.

## CAL School District hosts tour

As it nears completion of its 10-year master planning, the Crow-Applegate-Lorane (CAL) School Board is inviting the community to attend an open house to visit and learn about the recommendations for improvements to Applegate Elementary and Crow Middle/High School. The open houses will be held twice - on Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. at Crow Middle/High School and Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. at Applegate Elementary. Pizza will be served at both.

Superintendent Aaron Brown and gLAs Architects will review the Master Planning process and its findings and then tour the building to see the need and the recommendations in the context of the space. The Tuesday meeting will tour the middle/high school and the Saturday meeting will tour the

elementary school.

The district began the planning process approximately one year ago. The goal of the master planning effort is to identify the condition and needs for facilities over the next decade.

Facility needs have been prioritized, with student security, safety and building systems efficiency and stability receiving the greatest emphasis. With guidance from the School Board and Superintendent Aaron Brown, gLAs Architects has merged the findings of the reviews, user needs and district priorities.

Public input is invited at any time, including during the Open House. The School Board will hold a public input session at the beginning of its May 19 Board Meeting, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held

at Applegate Elementary in the board room. Written comments are also welcome, and can be submitted via email to Superintendent Brown at [abrown@cal.k12.or.us](mailto:abrown@cal.k12.or.us).

The estimated cost for the highest priority efforts totals approximately \$3.2-\$4 million which would be funded using bonds, the issuance of which would need to be approved by voters. If the district receives matching funds from the state of Oregon, an additional 3.2 to 4 million would be available for our second priority projects. The School Board will consider the referral of a bond measure to voters later in the year.

For more information about the Master Plan and the recommendations, attend the open house or visit [www.cal.k12.or.us](http://www.cal.k12.or.us).

## LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON  
For the Sentinel

Many students at Crow High School have been exploring vocation and professional options with tours to RiverBend and the many medical fields and visiting with local firemen and paramedics. Congratulations to all CHS students for working so hard to seek your future.

All children turning five years old by Sept. 1 are eligible for the 2016-17 kindergarten school year. Kindergarten Round-up takes place this Thursday, May 12 at 3:15 p.m. in Applegate Elementary. They of-

fer a full-day program, five days a week. Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate and immunization records. For further information, call 541-935-2100.

The spring performances of the Crow Drama Club are beginning. The first showing is "Nightmare High School" this Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. Then on Wednesday, May 18, come enjoy "I Wish...A Fairy's Fairy Tale" at 7 p.m.

Both performances are \$5 for adults or \$3 for anyone under 18, but a \$2 discount applies to those who bring a non-perishable food item when purchasing a ticket. Adding to these events is

a delightful evening at the Crow Music Benefit Concert and Dinner on May 17 at 6 p.m., which will feature Eugene's Premier Tuba Ensemble; elementary, middle and high-school performances and the ukulele group. A delicious spaghetti dinner is available for \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 10 or \$15 for a family of four.

Wow, it's time to see what's in the time capsule! On Dec. 26, 1967, a time capsule was placed in the ground of the then new Crow High School by the flagpole. It has remained untouched for 50 years and will be unveiled on Friday, June 3 at 6 p.m. in the front

yard of the high school. All those witnessing the opening of the time capsule will enjoy hot dogs off the grill. Then a new time capsule will go into the cylinder and placed in the ground for another 50 years.

Lorane grangers plan on a workday, mowing and cleaning the Lorane Cemetery on Monday, May 16 at noon. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves, weed-eaters and other hand tools.

Lorane Rebekahs will have a workday at their Odd Fellows Cemetery on Saturday, May 21 at 9 p.m. Similar tools will be needed.



# Playground Safety

Playgrounds are great places to have fun.  
But you need to have fun without getting hurt.  
Here are some rules to remember:

**Be careful when you walk in front of moving swings. You don't want to get hit accidentally!**

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