

BEYOND THE GROVE

News from Lane County and CG's neighbors

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

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For the Sentinel

Last week, I attended two amazing musical performances in our C.A.L. School District. The first was the Crow benefit concert and dinner.

The dinner was served by the Booster Club. While we ate, Eugene's Premier Tuba Ensemble played a variety of songs from America, from lively marches to "It's a Small World." Then the entire district choirs filled the room with wonderful voices, followed by the bands from grades 5-12. Everyone was very impressed. It was a delightful evening. Compliments to Pat Dixon, our district music director, for a fantastic job.

On Friday, along with many other visitors and the entire Crow Middle/High School, we enjoyed the Minidoka, a Japanese Swing Band's fantastic music. It was accompanied by slide show presentations and several personal experiences of families who lived in Internment camps. It was an incredible ending to the schools Japanese-American internment camps studies.

School is winding down with many activities and events to attend. This Wednesday, May 25, is half-day art day with Lorane artist Beth Robinson, who will help students create a visual story to be printed on a portable press



photo by Lil Thompson

Japanese swing band Minikoda entertained an appreciative crowd Friday.

so students will make their own artist books.

There will be no school on May 30 for Memorial Day. Then on June 1, there will be two important events for parents and family to attend at Crow Middle/High School. At 8:30 a.m., there is an all-school award assembly where scholarships are also announced.

That evening at 7 p.m., everyone is invited to attend Senior Recognition in the Crow Middle/High School gym.

On June 3, in the front yard of Crow M/HS, will be the unveiling of the time capsule planted 50 years ago on Dec. 26, 1967. Guests

can enjoy hot dogs off the grill while witnessing the capsule's contents that have remained untouched all this time. Then another capsule will be planted for another 50 years.

Sunday, June 5 will be the high school Baccalaureate at the Crow Nazarene Church at 6 p.m.

Crow High School graduation is Friday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is welcome to give our students a rousing send-off.

Lorane Grange meets Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m. The women will serve the men.

BRIEFS FROM BEYOND

National Trails Day event at Marsters trailhead

In celebration of National Trails Day®, the Umpqua National Forest is hosting an event on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants can celebrate NTD with a family-friendly trail maintenance project to improve the Marsters Segment of the North Umpqua Trail. Tools and safety equipment are provided, as are snacks and beverages.

Marsters Trailhead is reached by driving to milepost 50 on Oregon Highway 138. Turn right onto Forest Road 4770 towards Twin Lakes. Continue ¼-mile to the trailhead. People wanting to

shuttle from the North Umpqua Ranger Station in Glide should call 541-496-3532 before June 4.

"The Forest Service looks forward to hosting this trail maintenance event with our partner groups. We hope that by hosting public-service events like this, we can encourage people to not only get out and enjoy their public lands, but to take pride in them as well," says Bill Mulholland, North Umpqua District Ranger.

National Trails Day® is the country's largest celebration of trails. This event is just one of hundreds occurring across the nation to encourage participants to enjoy and give back to their trails. For more information, contact the North Umpqua Ranger District at 541-496-3532.

Students donate handmade blankets to the Sheriff's Office

Students from a local home school group called "For His Glory" recently donated 67 handmade blankets to the Sheriff's Office. The blankets are kid-sized with different patterns and colors, and each blanket is wrapped with a bow.

The project came about when the students at "For His Glory" approached the Sheriff's Office and asked what they could do to help the patrol division. They collected over \$800 through fundraisers for the materials and each

blanket is crafted by the students.

Sergeant Carrie Carver says, "The blankets are a way for us to help a child during a difficult time, and to provide a little comfort."

Several deputies have the blankets in their patrol cars ready to pass on the warmth to children in need who may have been lost or abused.

Moveable Feet

Moveable Feet, a family- and community-dance for ages eight to adult, meets on Friday, June 3, at Creslane Elementary School Cafeteria from 7-9 p.m. The cafeteria is at the west end of the school and has its own door from outside. Street address: 996 West A St., Creswell. Traditional and folk dances from many world traditions will be taught and prompted by experienced dance teachers. The dance is free. More information <http://moveablefeet.weebly.com> or 541-895-2254.

C.G. COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Community Baby Shower

Parents, families and soon-to-be parents are invited to a Community Baby Shower on Saturday, June 4 at the Bohemia Park pavilion from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Parent Partnership is hosting the event to bring awareness of its programs and to raise funds and donations for South Lane County families and students in need.

The Community Baby Shower will feature raffles, donation drive, car seat checks by South Lane Fire and Rescue, crafts for kids, and a little pampering for busy parents. Those who bring a donated item or cash can get a free raffle ticket. Parent Partnership is looking specifically for donations of baby and hygiene supplies, diapers, baby wipes, bibs, and other items struggling families, parenting teens and students of all ages might need.

'Explore the Secrets Behind Being Happy'

South Lane Mental Health will be showing the movie "Happy" on Thursday, May 26, starting at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 216 S. Third St., in Cottage Grove.

"Happy," an Academy Award-nominated documentary that explores human happiness through interviews with people from 14 different countries, is the last in a series of Thursday evening events taking place through May in Cottage Grove to mark Mental Health Awareness Month.

Popcorn will be provided and admission is free.

The 2016 events are hosted 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.

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

Nutrition on the go

Some of us may have heard a lot about how smoothies are a great way to start the day or provide nutrition on the go. At the Cottage Grove Garden Club's Tuesday, June 7 presentation, guests can also learn how to dramatically increase the nutrient density of their diet from their garden, every day.

Yaakov Levine, NTP and Nutritional Health Coach, will demonstrate how to supercharge a garden smoothie for personalized health benefits.

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. The business meeting begins at 6 p.m. and is followed by the presentation at 7.



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As we look forward to an extended holiday weekend, our area merchants encourage you to celebrate responsibly - for your own safety and the safety of our entire community. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) statistics, Memorial Day weekend ranks second only to New Years in percentage of alcohol-related traffic deaths. Whether you're driving a car or a boat, it's important to remember that alcohol impairs your judgement and slows reaction time. You can help prevent drunk driving tragedies this holiday weekend and year-round by staying sober behind the wheel and keeping friends from drinking and driving.

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