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WATCH

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is a vehicle-patrolled organization where members will patrol the area in their cars. Another is a foot-patrolled organization where people will walk about and observe on patrol, and the last one is a "kitchen sink" organization where members don't necessarily patrol but keep an eye out and communicate with each other.

"This is an observe and report project," Carver added, recom-

mending that members of the Neighborhood Watch do not engage any criminals, but get to a safe place and observe in detail what is going on in the neighborhood.

Carver says that a large reason Neighborhood Watches have occurred are because an increase in general privacy since the 1960s and 70s.

"People like privacy. More and more we like to have higher fences and we spend time in

the backyard and now tend to have smaller front porches," she said. This increase in a need for privacy leads to less witnesses around the neighborhoods, leaving houses more susceptible to burglaries.

The local residents will apply for a Neighborhood Watch program that LCSO will help set up. The people will vote and decide on which type of program they would like and will begin implementing the watch over

the coming weeks. Signs have already been set up in the area indicating that the Neighborhood Watch program is active in the London area.

"Even if you don't decide to have a Neighborhood Watch program, those signs still help as deterrents," Carver said.

Nowicki will know when the Neighborhood Watch program will be approved once all the applications are in and background checks are complete.

GENERAL

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weekend. It was an event a year in the making, according to Tim Williams of Oregon Film and Doug White, Executive Director of Portland's Hollywood Theatre. Williams and White traveled to

Cottage Grove for Saturday's screening, one evening after "The General," with its new score, premiered to a sold-out crowd at the Hollywood. (The theatre has since added three more shows due to high demand.)

Williams explained that the Hollywood Theatre has been celebrating its own 90th anniversary all summer, and that Oregon Film first envisioned Saturday's screening of "The General" in Cottage Grove as the only event to mark the anniversary of the movie's filming until City Manager Richard Meyers, Keaton fanatic Lloyd Williams and others here got involved.

"We wanted to link the Hollywood, this movie and its new score by an Oregon composer," Tim Williams said, pointing out that Orton's love of all things Keaton helped create a beautiful piece of music. "We thought it was going to be the only one, but when we discovered how cool it was going to be, we decided to go after some grants so we could do it again."

"The General" will thus play at the Egyptian Theatre in Coos Bay backed by Orton's score, though Williams acknowledged that Saturday's event was the "centerpiece" of the celebration. Grants from the Oregon Community Foundation and Oregon Cultural Trust will allow the theaters to charge admission as a fundraiser.

Before the screening, Orton, who has scored numerous films including the 2013 Oscar-nomi-



photo by Jon Stinnett

Organist Richard Hale performed the music of silent films on organ prior to the showing of "The General."

nated "Nebraska," explained that his work was designed to complement the time period depicted in "The General," the Civil War era, in addition to the 1920s, when Keaton made the film.

"Buster is long dead, but I'm hoping he might like what I would do with his movie," Orton said.

The movie started just after dark on a large inflatable screen, and Orton's score carried through each scene, a continuous piece of music that would've been at home onstage without serving as the backdrop for a major film. Bits of ragtime and early jazz spiced up several scenes, as did the ac-

cents provided by a musician acting as Foley and reproducing sound effects that earned howls from the crowd. Onscreen, Keaton retained his role as the lovable protagonist, escaping scrape after scrape in his pursuit of his beloved engine and his sweetheart, Annabelle Lee. The crowd exploded in laughter on more than a few occasions, cheered when Buster escaped his pursuers and let out a mighty roar during the climactic scene of the locomotive crashing into the Row River. After the movie, Orton stuck around for quite a while to chitchat with the audience.

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"The races could bring a new group of folks out to the Fairgrounds and help generate support for the Fair," she said. "There's been a lot going on in Cottage Grove lately, and many people believe that combining events can be beneficial in drawing the greater Lane County community. We're hoping this is one example of that."

The Wiener Dog Races take place from 4-8 p.m. Saturday. Opening ceremonies happen at 10 a.m. Friday, and the Lumberjack Show, featuring saw and axe competitions from world-class competitors and amateur entrants, starts Friday at 6 p.m., then continues Saturday at 1:30. Local talent will fill the performance stage on Friday, which also features a demonstration by Cottage Grove's Brewers Guild at 12:30 p.m.



photo by Greg Lee

Volunteers with Log House Plants help young people build their own planter boxes at the WOE Heritage Fair.

W.O.E. Board President Veronica Geiger said that there's "all kinds of stuff" happening this weekend. Her favorite involves volunteers from Log House Plants helping area youngsters create planter boxes

to take home. Last year, Log House gave away 185 planters at the Fair. Geiger said she's also excited to see the entries in the Board of Realtors' first bird-house building contest.

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