

Sailor with CG ties serves aboard Navy super-carrier

BREMERTON, Wash. (Aug. 23, 2016): Fire Controlman First Class Michael Kirby, from Cottage Grove, performs maintenance on a quick-acting airtight door aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). The ship John C. Stennis is conducting a routine maintenance availability following a deployment to U.S. Seventh and Third fleet areas of operation. The ship is the seventh nuclear-powered super-carrier in the U.S. Navy; its mission is to engage and conduct combat operations while deployed, often from hundreds of miles away.



courtesy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Alexander P. Akre

BRIEFS FROM BEYOND CG

Lane County to manage park

Lane County's Parks Department will begin operating and maintaining Konnie Memorial Park as part of a 25-year lease with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

Konnie Memorial Park is a 145-acre property with a popular boat ramp and day-use area near Swisshome along Lake Creek at the confluence of the Siuslaw River.

In recent months, park neighbors have shared concerns about security issues and illegal use of the park. Lane County Parks said it will work to establish a volunteer park host who will live on-site to improve security and provide minor maintenance.

The lease agreement does not include a financial agreement between Lane County and ODFW. It does allow Lane County to charge a parking fee consistent with other County-operated parks and to make improvements to the property.

Campground temporarily closed

Upper Skillet Campground will be staging site for restoration project

After Labor Day, campers to the South Umpqua River may want to stay in one of six campgrounds while employees of the Tiller Ranger District use Upper Skillet Campground as a staging area for a fish habitat restoration project.

The Upper Skillet Camp-

ground will be temporarily closed from Sept. 6-30 because of heavy equipment operations. While Lower Skillet Campground will remain open, visitors may experience a lot of noise during their stay.

Other campgrounds along the South Umpqua include Three C Rock, Dumont Creek, Boulder Creek Ash Flat, South Umpqua, and Camp Comfort.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Tiller Ranger District at 541-825-3100.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON
For the Sentinel

September is here, and with it, school has begun in the Crow-Applegate-Lorane School District. Classes resumed yesterday, Sept. 6, for all students. A warm welcome to the new high school principal,

Marci Haro, and a welcome to all the district staff. Please drive carefully in the early morning, watching for students waiting beside the road for their buses. Lately, we have had some fog, too. Lorane Grange resumes its dinner and bingo evenings with a taco night on Friday, Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m. They look forward to seeing everyone return to eat and play.

Rural Arts Center is very pleased to offer FREE group ukulele lessons at Crow High School each Thursday starting on Oct. 6 from 3:30-5 p.m. The lessons are for grades

four through adult; beginners through advanced, taught by our district music teacher, Pat Dixon. We are grateful for the after school grant by the Crow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation.

The first concert at the Lorane Grange is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The RAC movie night season returns to Lorane on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Lorane Grange. The usual fare of soup

and dessert will be enjoyed prior to the movie. I believe the product of the RAC summer film camp may also be viewed by everyone that evening.

The ladies of Lorane Christian Church are collecting cans to help fund several of their projects, and they can be dropped off at the church by tomorrow, Sept. 8. Call any of the church women for more information.

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