

New cook shack to bolster popular Breakfast on the Mountain

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The Cottage Grove Prospectors and Goldiggers' annual Breakfast on the Mountain should have a new look and feel next summer with the recent addition of a new cook shack in which to whip up flapjacks and eggs.

Bruce McDonald, who has supervised the annual breakfast for 18 of the over 50 years it has taken place near the top of Bohemia Saddle southeast of Cottage Grove, said that the old cook shack had been in use for at least two decades and possibly longer, and it had started to show its age.

"Taking it up that mountain isn't the best road you could haul something like that," McDonald said. "The frame was buckling; we had made some adjustments to get by for the past three years or so, but it was going to be a flip of the coin."

Knowing the importance of the breakfast to Bohemia Mining Days and the club itself, the Prospectors had been seeking a replacement for about the last year and a half. A chance encounter on Craigslist provided a



photo by Lloyd Williams

The Prospectors and Goldiggers recently celebrated the acquisition of a cook shack for their annual Breakfast on the Mountain.

lead on a trailer that a local man had wanted to make into a concession trailer before he was diagnosed with cancer.

"It was so close to our old wooden shack, and there was quality craftsmanship in the way it was built," McDonald said. "We've got some work to do; it needs four new grills and new tires, but it should be ready by the third weekend in July."

Donations have garnered the Prospectors the \$6500 needed to buy the trailer. The Breakfast on the Mountain has served up to 1102 paid customers in its busiest year; last year it served over 900, who made the hour's drive (at least) from Cottage Grove to enjoy a classic breakfast at the top of this area. The event celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014.

Actors, sets return to Armory during film festival

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On Friday night, the Cottage Grove Armory hosted set pieces from the filming of the 1978 movie classic, "Animal House" — again.

Beginning Thursday, the Armory played host to the Eugene International Film Festival, a showcase of 11 films from regional and international filmmakers. Featured on Friday was the premiere of "Animal House of Blues 33 1/3," a documentary that chronicled the making of "Animal House," much of which was shot in Cottage Grove, and how the atmosphere surrounding the film led to the creation

of the "Blues Brothers."

The documentary spent a lot of time detailing how the persona and talent of local blues legend Curtis Salgado was mimicked by John Belushi, who went on to create the characters of Jake and Elwood Blues following the filming of "Animal House." In the documentary, Salgado could be seen as none too thrilled at being caricatured for Saturday Night Live skits and a subsequent film.

"I didn't see it," Salgado said of the similarity between himself and the characters.

On Friday, Katherine Wilson, casting director of "Animal House" and director of "Animal House 33 1/3," was on hand



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From left, Danny Solesbee, Scott Cooper, Danette Cooper, Jennifer Holloman and Candace Solesbee visit part of the "Animal House" set.

for the screening, as were others including Izzy Whetstone, who played the janitor in the film. The new documentary points out the scenes that were

shot in Cottage Grove, including the scenes in each bedroom, which were shot downstairs in the Armory. Guests at Friday's showing were able to take photographs with the bedroom set pieces.

Police urging safe holiday travels

Thanksgiving weekend, Civil War to create issues

With at least 10 people losing their lives on state highways over the past week, Oregon State Police is urging motorists to travel safely this Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend. Other traffic advisories to motorists are winter travel conditions, Black Friday shopping and the Civil War Game in Corvallis.

Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend — This holiday period (Wednesday through Sunday) will see one of the highest volumes of traffic in over a decade according to AAA Oregon/Idaho. As with other holiday weekends, OSP is urging motorists to plan ahead, expect heavy traffic, expect poor driving conditions with rain expected at lower elevations and snow in the mountain passes, and take your time (more traveling tips at the bottom of this release). Know the road conditions before traveling by going to www.tripcheck.com.

Winter travel - Those traveling in lower elevations, expect rain and wet roadways. Increase your following distances due to decreased traction on those wet roadways.

For those traveling Oregon's mountain passes, expect snowfall and winter driving conditions. Know when traction

tires are required by visiting tripcheck.com. Too often these mountain pass crashes are caused by those not using traction tires. These crashes cause delays that last hours at times. If chains are the traction device, know how to install or use them. Too often we find motorists struggling in deep snow and below-freezing conditions attempting to put them on for the first time.

Nov. 24-25 - Black Friday Shopping at the Woodburn Outlet Mall. There has been historically major traffic issues on Interstate 5 in Woodburn on Thanksgiving evening and the following Friday due to the high volume of shoppers frequenting the Woodburn Outlet Mall. There has traditionally been backed up traffic prior to the Woodburn exit. Motorists are asked to consider taking alternate routes to Woodburn.

Nov. 26 - Oregon State University versus University of Oregon Football Game in Corvallis at 1PM. OSP is advising motorists traveling on Interstate 5 to expect high volumes of traffic in the mid-Willamette Valley before and after the game. OSP is urging those attending the game to take your time, plan ahead and have a designated driver.


PEACEHEALTH CG RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center recently announced it has been recognized by iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in the areas of performance excellence in outcomes, patient satisfaction and financial stability, reflecting top quartile performance among all rural acute care hospitals across the nation.

"These top quartile perform-

ers should take great pride in this recognition. It showcases their commitment to continuous performance analysis and improvement," said Michael Topchik, National Leader of the Chartis Center for Rural Health.

"We're honored to receive this recognition," said Tim Herrmann, Chief Administrative Officer, Cottage Grove Community Medical Center. "Rural healthcare facilities face complex and challenging issues, but we've always worked hard to provide quality care for our patients. These awards could not have been achieved without the dedicated work of our caregivers, as well as the outstanding support of our community, which has rallied their support around our hospital."



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