

LONG-DISTANCE GIVING



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Members of the Cottage Grove Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3473 Auxiliary recently mailed care packages to 97 local men and women serving their country overseas in the Armed Forces.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Schelin completes basic training

U.S. Air Force Airman Eric R. Schelin Jr. graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Schelin is the son of Jocelynn and Eric R. Schelin of Cottage Grove. He is a 2016 graduate of Cottage Grove High School.

Stained glass and candlelight exhibit

The Cottage Grove Museum invites the public to view its annual

holiday tradition: Stained Glass and Candlelight, which includes a tour of the museum's historic imported stained glass windows with historian Joanne Skelton and a holiday music sing-along with the Museum's Victrola.

The stained glass windows will remain illuminated Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from dusk until 10 p.m. from Saturday, Dec. 3 through New Year's Eve.

Guests are invited to stop by for friendship and refreshments on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 6-8 p.m. Skelton's window tours will take place at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., and guests can view the Museum's holiday exhibit, Christmas Toys for Girls and Boys, featuring toys from the past from its collection, on exhibit now through the end of 2016.

Admission is free but donations are encouraged. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact: Cottage Grove Museum Coordinator Tara Sue Hugart at 541-968-2245 or tarasuehugart99@gmail.com, or Becky Venice, Cottage Grove Mu-

seum Board President Coordinator at (541) 942-4269 or b_venice@msn.com.

Holiday Memorial Service

Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to its 29th Holiday Memorial Service, a special program is designed to give comfort and strength during the holiday season, on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. The service takes place at the funeral chapel, located at 123 S. Seventh St.

Everyone is welcome to this community-wide gathering: The program includes live music, readings, a memorial slideshow presentation and a candle lighting ceremony.

There will be a hosted reception with holiday treats and refreshments following the service.

The first Holiday Memorial service was held in Cottage Grove in 1987 and was organized by Doug Lund, former owner of Smith-Lund-Mills. It has since become an annual tradition.



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