

# Library hosts Native American day

By Cassidy Haffner  
For The Sentinel

On Saturday March 4, people of all different backgrounds came together in the Cottage Grove Public Library to celebrate Native American culture.

The eighth annual Native American Cultural Event was held in memory of Roy Hayes Jr., who originally started the event. From noon to 4 p.m., people from all around the community, and from all around the state, gathered to listen to Native American stories and music, eat food and make crafts.

"The library is always generous enough to help us put on this event," event coordinator Linda Gould said. "Every year we get to celebrate Native American culture and bring people together because of it."

Although the event takes place every year, this year's was specifically dedicated to Hayes Jr., the great-great grandson of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce tribe, who passed away last fall.

"Today is in memory of him," Meenakshi Key, who drove up from Ashland for the event, said. "He always carried the original ceremonies and connected traditions and people. We want to continue that for him."

For the first hour, people sat in a circle and shared their stories about Hayes, as well as telling stories regarding their own culture

and how it has affected their lives.

A Pow Wow drum group played drums and sang. The song "Whirlwind," which is known for bringing people together, was also played in memory of Hayes as it was one of his favorites.

"Before he passed, I remember him telling me, 'This has to continue,'" Key said. "We want to be able to keep on passing down the tradition to younger generations and to anybody who wants to know about the culture."

The library had Native items on display, laid out books on Native American culture, and set up a teepee for event goers. Crafts people also gave tips on beading and leatherworking as people made key-chains and other art.

"We've always worked close with tribal nations, and today we especially wanted to honor Roy Hayes," community services director Pete Barrell said. "It's a day for the gathering of good people, singing and food."

The library looks forward to holding more cultural events in the future to help educate and celebrate all different traditions.

"One of the goals for the library is to add cultural diversity to the community, and this event does that," Barrell said. "We bring together friends and family to celebrate a great culture."



## Pet Tips 'n' Tales

by Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"



"I grew up watching western cowboy actors," said Sonja, "filming at Movie Flats in Lone Pine, California.

I rode my mustang to the locations and enjoyed watching them galloping and chasing, or being chased by 'the bad guys' mounted on plain bay horses."

Years later, as Sonja was driving her newly adopted Bull Terrier puppy home they stopped in the middle of "nowhere" for a stretch. Sonja looked up and saw "a sign", "NO TARGET SHOOTING". Just like that, the pup had a name!

It is a good thing that Sonja became a vet technician, because life with Target was never dull! That dog plunged her and her vet

tech friend, Gayle (and her two Labradors) into some "real fixes" on their Las Vegas hikes.

Fortunately the lady's motto was "Be Prepared" and their fanny packs held emergency items; hemostats, bandages, antihistamines, dog booties, water canteens etc.!

Bull Terriers walk with their noses to the ground, never looking UP! So Sonja's sons simply "hid" from Target by climbing a tree! When the dog zeros in on something, she snatches it up. The "first time" she crunched on a beer bottle Sonja "about had a heart attack!"

On one hike, Target encountered the wrath of a cactus. This "breed" of cactus is called the "jumping cholla" because its stinging "pokies" jump from the plant with the merest touch, so the ground around it is "littered" with its spiny thorns.

Neither of the hikers saw the dead cactus, and apparently, neither did Target who ran right through it!

Sonja held Target as Gayle pulled the thorns out with the hemostat! Thank goodness they were paw-fessionals!

"While rinsing Target off with a wet bandana," said Sonja, "I noticed one Lab tilting her head 'funny'. I checked her ears and discovered that a cactus had attacked her too! Luckily, nothing happened to the third dog who was smarter than the first two! After that hike, we leashed our dogs and put them in booties!"

One day, after SCUBA diving, as I placed my wet gear in the bathtub, Target jumped in after them. She loved being dressed up, the praise, and paw-forming for the camera, so I set her up by the tub, slipped the mask on her, handed her the snorkel and snapped her picture!

Another time, I put a French beret on her as she sat in a toddler's car with her front paws on the steering wheel.

One year, Target won a football game's costume contest wearing a red clown wig, with red lipstick circling her 'plain eye', a red four inch ribbon encircled her rib cage holding a dozen bright helium balloons flying above her! The audience had a fit laughing as Target bounced and bit those balloons to death!

Bull Terriers are a 200 lb dog compressed into a 40 lb bowling ball of solid muscle! Target loves to take off running, in circles, like a mad thing. Everyone gets out of her way, even my Rottweiler, Thor! Thor sat on the couch watching her zoom under the coffee table, end tables, and fly back down the hall. If anyone walked into the room, Target made a couple of barrel racing circles around them, and then off she'd go, charging down the hallway again.

Five-years-old twins, who lived on a sheep ranch, were no help! The girls would get on the floor with Target and both 'SIT UP', so, Target would SIT UP. Then both girls 'Rolled Over', so Target would too! We had to put the lid on 'SPEAK' because as the girls barked, Target joined in, then their four Border Collies joined in, too. Before we knew it, they would start a riot as coyotes joined them! This upset the sheep, so it was banned. I will never forget that dog!"

### TIPS

"On hikes, my dog and I wear bandanas," said Sonja, "for their cost, they are invaluable in an emergency! Mine is a 36" X 36" square of fabric which can be soaked in water protecting the head from sun, worn around the neck to control sweat, used as a leash or belt, support a twisted/broken ankle, hold splints in place, wipe off blood, a tourniquet, wrapped around a dog's head to stem bleeding, protect an eye poked by a branch, wrap an injured paw if the dog steps on glass, gets a rock bruise, or breaks a toe nail."

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The City of Cottage Grove obtained two new trucks for its fleet at the start of the new year. The trucks were replacement equipment and one is the only type of truck on the fleet with four-wheel drive. The city was able to piggy-back on Lane County's purchasing price to score the trucks for a deal. The trucks were in the process of being repainted before heading out for duty on the streets of Cottage Grove.

## South Lane County Fire & Rescue: Creswell Fire Station Advisory Committee.

South Lane County Fire & Rescue services a 132 square mile area for Fire/Rescue/EMS services based on voter approved taxing rates, levies, and bonds equaling \$1.80/\$1000, beginning with fiscal year 2016-2017.

The current voter approved permanent and levied rate is \$1.50/\$1000 of assessed property value, including a house and five acres within the District's boundaries. The District further provides advanced life support ambulance service to an area totaling 850 square miles. The area outside the District's 132 square mile area does not provide tax revenue. The District operates from four fire stations and staffs the Cottage Grove and Creswell stations 24/7, with a combination of career/resident and community volunteer personnel. The Saginaw station is staffed 24/7 with off duty residents and the Camas Swale station with community volunteers.

The District is managed by the Fire Chief who reports directly to the five member Board of Directors. All other District personnel report to the Fire Chief utilizing a chain of command.

The district is seeking individuals who have the desire to contribute to ongoing efforts aimed at enhancing and improving fire and EMS services in the South Lane County community by serving as an advisory committee member for replacing the District's Creswell fire station. Interested applicants must be at least 18 years of age, be an elector, or a property owner within the district. While any person meeting the requirements may submit a letter of interest to the Board of Directors, preference for appointment to the advisory committee may be given to those within the Creswell area.

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest to the SLCFR Board of Directors by close of business

Thursday March 9, 2017.

Letters of interest may be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed to:

South Lane County Fire & Rescue  
Attn: Advisory Committee

233 E. Harrison Ave, Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Fax: 541-942-3367

Office: 541-942-4493

Deadline for submitting a letter of interest is Thursday March 9, 2017 by 5PM

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