

Ace Charter School welcomes Play Well

Students explore STEM with Legos in interactive learning day



Joe Roberts of Play Well helps students at Ace Charter school construct motorized cars.

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Students at Ace Charter School got the opportunity to play around on a school day when the administration funded a day of learning with Play Well.

The organization, which is focused on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning creates interactive learning experiences through play.

"We use Legos as a medium and disguise learning as playing," said Play Well's, Joe Roberts.

Students from kindergarten through 10th grade took part in Monday's learning day which asked students to build motorized cars from Legos.

Play Well has been visiting schools for over 20 years and is located in 23 states, as well as Paris, France. It instructs over 10,000 students per year and routinely has more than 20,000

pieces of Lego in a classroom.

"Children learn better when they're playing," Roberts said. "They not only learn more but they retain information longer when they play through learning."

Ace is a charter school sponsored by the South Lane School District but funding for the visit from Play Well was generated in-house without the aid of grants.

The school, which is humanities and language based said it had received more requests for STEM learning and reached out to Play Well.

Students normally attend the school on Tuesdays and spend the remainder of the school week at home under the instruction of a parent or guardian.

Linda Borntrager of Ace said the Play Well effort was in response to student needs.

"It's exciting," she said. "It allows the students to have a hands-on learning opportunity and we're really excited."

Habitat for Humanity

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The sun broke through the clouds just in time for Habitat for Humanity to break ground on "lucky house number 13" on Monday, April 10.

"It's so much more than breaking ground and shoveling soil. It's breaking a financial barrier," said Lindsey Parsons.

Parsons, along with her husband Bryan and three children Titus, Corbin and Aviel will put in 400 hours of sweat equity over the next few months before moving into the habitat home on Harvey Ln. in Cottage Grove.

Parsons, whose parents never owned their own home, was the only one of five children to graduate college. She and Bryan will celebrate their 10th anniversary this year and have managed to escape debt; but owning their own home has always been just out of reach.

"Our children won't have to worry about the leak roofing into their bedroom or a draft coming from the window. They won't have to worry about neighbors shooting off their guns when they're drunk or being safe in their yard," Parsons said. "Habitat for Humanity is giving my children their childhood."

The Parson home will sit in the shadow of Habitat's 12th house and just a stone's throw from the lot that can house a third Habitat home; a two-bedroom dwelling for a single mother.

Parsons also invited community members who were able to come out and help the family build the home, a notion Cottage Grove Area Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Linda Oxley supported.

"Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer driven effort," she said. "Tell your friends we're building and it's time to pound some

News from outside the Grove

The latest from Drain, Yoncalla, Elkton, Creswell and Lorane

LORANE

Submitted by Lil Thompson

Parents of upcoming kindergarten children: Please come this Thursday, April 13 to Applegate Elementary for kindergarten Roundup at 3 pm. Children must be five by September 1, 2017. The school offers a full-day program, five days a week. Come meet the teacher and let your child see their classroom and enjoy an interactive environment. Bring their immunization records and birth certificate. For more information, call 541-935-2100. It makes the transition to school much easier.

This Saturday, April 15 come out for a fun day of Easter Egg hunting at Crow- Applegate Church of the Nazarene. It is on Crow Road just off Territorial. Start with a soup lunch at 12:30 pm, then the exciting hunt begins at 1 pm. All are welcome.

Looking for a special Easter Service this Sunday, April 16? Everyone is invited to come to either or both services in Lorane. Sunrise Service at 7:30 am is once again at King Estate. Then go to the Lorane Christian Church at 8:30 am for a delicious Easter breakfast. Worship is at 10 am.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Grandparents Tea at Applegate Elementary on April 20. Happy Easter!

DRAIN

Dollar General will be up and running after construction began last month. The store, according to the city, will bring a grand total of three stores to Drain.

CRESWELL

The After School Program at the Cobalt Activity Center is looking for art supplies. Specifically they have made a request for paper towel and toilet paper tubes. Tubes can be dropped off at the Cobalt Activity Center between 2:30 and 4:00 pm on Tuesday or Thursday.

Scammers are at it again. The Sheriff's Office received a report of a male identifying himself as "Lt. Steven Harris" from the Lane County Sheriff's Office asking for money to clear a warrant for missing jury duty. The Caller ID shows the number 541-632-6338, which goes to a voicemail identifying themselves as the Sheriff's Office. This is a scam! The Sheriff's Office will not contact you over the phone to inform you of a warrant for your arrest. If you have received a similar call but did not suffer a loss of money or property, you do not need to report it to the Sheriff's Office. If you are concerned about the legitimacy of a call, conclude the call and contact the agency at their publicly listed phone number.

The purpose of the Hope Restored Project is to help families with school-age children whose homes are in need of refurbishment in order to create an environment that is more conducive to learning. The focus is on

families who own their own homes, but due to life circumstances or hardships have been unable to carry out repairs or improvements that are needed for a better quality of life. Community volunteers will be working around the clock May 19th, 20th, and 21st. Hundreds of volunteers will be needed!!!

Project houses are on Kings Row, Evelyn and Meadow Lane.

Oregon Administrative Rules 33-061-0070 and City Ordinance #346 require the City to assure that the public water supply is protected from contamination. In order to meet this requirement the City requires annual testing of all backflow devices - including all residential backflow devices. Please contact a certified tester and have them test every backflow assembly you have. They will forward a copy of the completed test report to the City. Not sure if you have a backflow device that requires testing or have questions about this requirement? Contact Mike Howard at 541-895-4044 or mhoward@creswell-or.us.

We have been getting large donations of eggs from local farmers, and we've gone through our carton supply. We need YOUR help! The Pantry is in immediate need of clean, empty egg cartons, any size will do. You can leave them at the food pantry near our door, in boxes or bags if possible. We are located at 364 Cobalt Lane. Thank you.

The Creswell Food Pantry served 452 people in March - 308 adults and 144 children. That's over 9,000 pounds of food for people who might have otherwise gone hungry for part of the month. Thank you to those who help to support us in our mission: With dignity and fairness, Community Food for Creswell helps to facilitate the distribution of food to those in need in our community.

Also, just in time for Easter, the Food Pantry has some frozen turkeys available to qualifying families. Contact the Pantry for more details.

Arbor Day celebration: April 28th at Garden Lake Park 12p.m. Cook Out tree planting ceremony, free trees and planting instructions. Sponsored by the City of Creswell and Coast Fork Watershed Council.

The time for spring cleaning is here! Take advantage of the Creswell Community Wide Yard Sale - free up some space and make some cash. Sign up today to participate!! Registration deadline is April 30, 2017. Register online at: <http://business.creswellchamber.com/events/details/2017-community-wide-yard-sale-4719>

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Our new Creswell Satellite Office is now open and running in full force. To bring convenience to our patients traveling from outside of Eugene, once a month our team will be serving the Creswell community in their town to help broaden our reach and expand our services to surrounding neighborhoods. Give us a call to see if this may be the better option for you!

We are in Creswell on the first Thursday of each month 8 am to 5 pm



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Cottage Grove Community Hospital Auxiliary is hosting an
Italian Meal Extravaganza
Friday, April 21st 6-8pm • Doors open at 5pm
Choose pasta with chicken or meatballs, with alfredo or marinara sauce, Caesar salad, French bread and dessert, coffee and a glass of wine included.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
1029 N 19th St - Cottage Grove

Ticket Prices: \$20 Tables of 6-\$100 Tables of 8-\$140

Tickets available at the front desk of CG Community Hospital or The Bookmine - 319 E Main St Cottage Grove

Come enjoy a great dinner and a silent auction!

All proceeds will help the Auxiliary purchase medical equipment for the Cottage Grove Community Hospital & Clinics.