



Earth Day

April 22

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It's a tradition that was started by former Cottage Grove Mayor Tom Munroe. He called it, "Tidy the Town with Tom." These days, it doesn't quite have the

same zing of alliteration but the intent is the same: give back to the community and support local businesses.

The storm drains need to be cleaned, weeds pulled from the cracks in the sidewalks, the sidewalks themselves need a power-washing and cedar bark has to be added to the trees on Main St. Everything needs a good cleaning and Cottage Grove Councilman Ken Roberts is asking community members to come out and help this Saturday.

"If you can only donate an hour or two, that's fine. Come help, give something back to the community and then go enjoy the festivities at Coiner Park," he said.

Roberts' clean-up is scheduled for three hours beginning at 9 a.m. and he says part of the reasoning is to avoid asking people to choose between donating their time to the effort and enjoying the Earth Day activities planned throughout the day Saturday.

Volunteers are asked to report to All-America City Square Park located across the street from Backstage Bakery on 7th St. Coffee and snacks will be provided before groups head out to Main St. to tackle a long list of projects.

The Cottage Grove High School Key Club will be out in force to plant new flowers in the planters that dot Main St. That effort is separate from the traditional flower baskets that hang through-

out the summer. New cedar bark will be added to the trees on Main St. and eventually, the curbs and crosswalks will be painted.

"I'm hoping to have everything ready to go by Memorial Day," Roberts said.

The clean-up effort will kick-off Cottage Grove's Earth Day celebrations. Coiner Park will be holding events throughout the day beginning at 10 a.m. with a Native American blessing and feature entertainment, food and vendors. The event is scheduled to run until 4 p.m.

There will also be a city-wide tour that will touch on several landmarks, specifically. The tour of the Cottage Grove Water Treatment Plant begins at 10:30 and includes a walk through of

the facility's water quality laboratory and computer control system. At 12 p.m. Aprovecho is offering a tour to interested residents that will introduce them to the non-profit education center's community buildings, naturally built houses, close-loop water system and watershed restoration projects. Closing out the day will be Kizer Creek Farm at 2:30. Local farmers are responsible for the facility which has been growing season salad greens for local restaurants since last year. Visitors will learn more about the farms efforts to graft and convert 450 orchard apple trees to cider varieties to produce hard cider.

Interested residents can sign-up for tours at the Cottage Grove Library at 700 E. Gibbs St. The tours and transportation are both free of charge.

Residents who fancy birding can do so at the Cottage Grove Reservoir at 8 a.m. on Saturday. For more environmentally-minded activities for the remainder of the spring and summer, visit coastfork.org to see how to take part in clean-up floats and the monthly Science Pubs.

KSOW-FM Radio plans benefit concert

By Cindy Weeldreyer
For The Sentinel

Cottage Grove's FM radio station is not as well-known as its AM station, yet for the past eight years KSOW Real Rural Radio volunteers have provided a non-commercial low power station at 106.7. The unique, locally-produced programs reflect the diverse talents and interests of its broadcasters and listeners.

Run on a shoestring budget financed by community donations, the station is a resource for environmental information and news reports on current national and international events. It offers health and wellness programs, solutions for sustainable living and a wide selection of music genres.

Donnie Sevilla, one of KSOW's founders, operates the station from his rural property off London Road. He said in January an ice storm compromised their radio frequency amplifier when ice covered the antenna and caused the output transistors to overheat.

"We're still on the air but operating on reduced power," Sevilla said. "Rather than view this as a catastrophe, our board sees this as an opportunity for community outreach as we seek support to upgrade the station's capacity and resilience."

On Saturday, April 22, the Brewstation hosts the Earth Day KSOW Benefit featuring the Diane Patterson Trio from 6:30-10:30 pm. Patterson, a singer/songwriter, is known for her "Mystic Acoustic Rock for the Peaceful Revolution", which uses guitar, ukulele and voice to weave spirit and unifying social commentary. The trio includes vocalist Sommer Moselle and Finn Juhl playing percussion, accordion and kanoun (Turkish autoharp).

The \$4,554 fundraising goal is for a modern, more versatile transmitter and antenna that has an internal safety system to protect it from weather-induced damage. The new antenna will improve the station's broadcast range and energy efficiency.

"We have a unique community asset and invite local businesses and organizations to help us reach our fundraising goal. Saturday's benefit includes a silent auction and we need additional donated auction items," Sevilla said. "We are also looking for station underwriters to provide financial support in exchange for on-air acknowledgement. This is a time of new growth and community interest in KSOW-FM."

For more information call 541-942-1067 or send email to info@ksow.or

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 22nd 10am—4pm

Coiner Park, 1319 E. Main St., Cottage Grove

Event Program

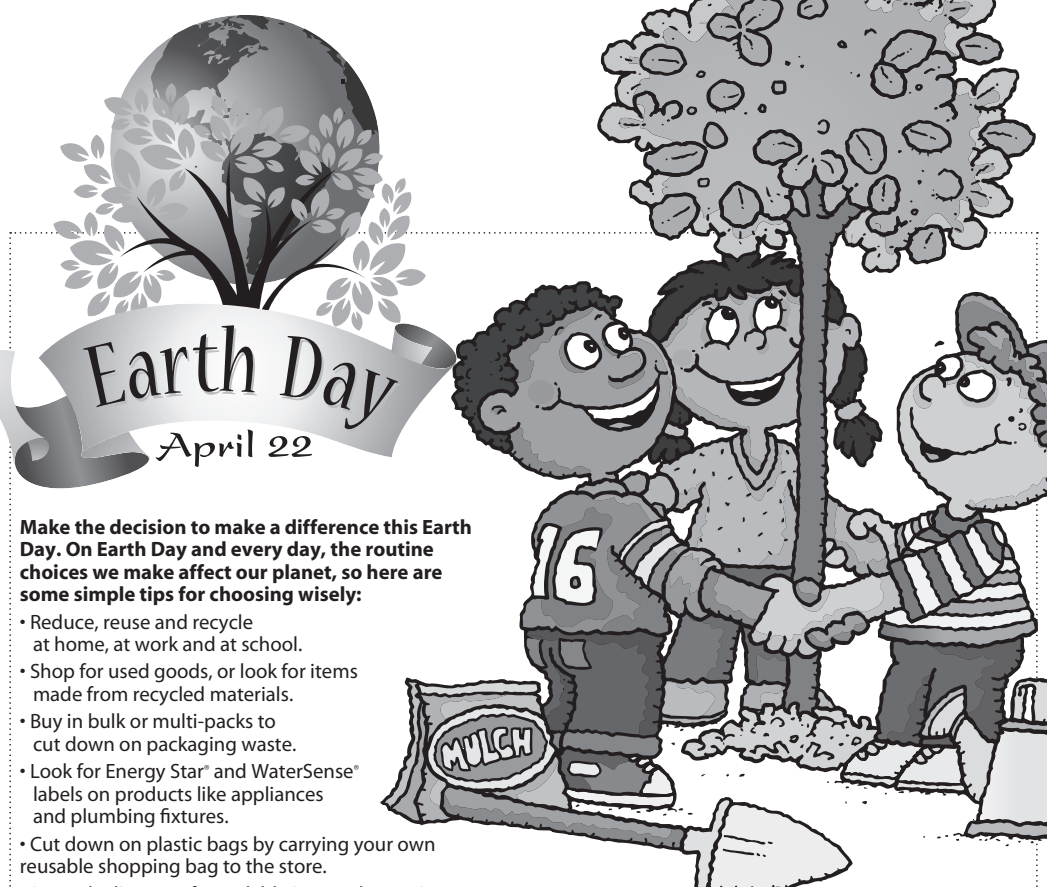
Time	Event	Description
10:00am	Native American Blessing	
10:15am	Carol Palmer & Company	Traditional & Acoustic Folk musical performance
10:30am	Cottage Grove Water Treatment Plant*	Follow the flow of water from the Row River to your tap
11:00am	Gause Family Singers	Folk, Americana musical performance
11:45am	Almost Home	Environmental Folk Americana musical performance
12:00pm	Aprovecho Sustainability Education Center*	Learn about sustainable forestry, gardening, building & technology
12:45pm	Vantage	Energetic rock cover band musical performance
1:45pm	Diane Patterson	Environmental Americana musical performance
2:30pm	Kizer Creek Farm*	See the application of organic, biodynamic farming methods
2:45pm	Cowboy Cadillac	Country Rockabilly musical performance

*All tours are located off site. Transportation is provided from Coiner Park to tour sites free of charge by South Lane Wheels. Difficulty level of all tours is moderate.



Check out the full event schedule at www.coastfork.org.

Cause an Effect



Make the decision to make a difference this Earth Day. On Earth Day and every day, the routine choices we make affect our planet, so here are some simple tips for choosing wisely:

- Reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work and at school.
- Shop for used goods, or look for items made from recycled materials.
- Buy in bulk or multi-packs to cut down on packaging waste.
- Look for Energy Star® and WaterSense® labels on products like appliances and plumbing fixtures.
- Cut down on plastic bags by carrying your own reusable shopping bag to the store.
- Properly dispose of recyclable items, electronics and potentially hazardous materials.
- Always turn off lights and appliances when you leave a room.
- Unplug your mobile phone charger when it's not in use.
- Walk, ride your bike or use public transportation whenever possible.
- Choose locally and organically produced foods.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Don't top off your gas tank, as this lets harmful chemicals enter the air.
- Go to www.epa.gov/earthday to find local volunteer opportunities and to learn more about steps you can take to protect our planet.

Green your routine with eco-friendly choices from these local businesses:

Rosebud Mary Jo 814 E. Main St., Cottage Grove 541-942-7174	Cottage Grove Garbage Service 2055 Getty Circle, Cottage Grove 541-942-8321	Sunshine General Store 824 W. Main St., Cottage Grove 541-942-8836
Pam's Sunnyside Greenhouses 1704 W. Main St., Cottage Grove 541-942-7041	Boyce & Sons Landscape & Building Materials 79149 N. River Rd, Cottage Grove 541-942-4664	Cottage Grove Sentinel 116 N 6th Street Cottage Grove 541-942-3325