

Library hosts new exhibit this month

Architecture of Internment, an exhibit about the build-up to the incarceration of Japanese Americans on the West Coast during World War II, will be presented from March 10 to 31 at Cottage Grove Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave in Cottage Grove.

The traveling exhibit highlights the role of Oregonians in the decision to incarcerate 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry, of whom more than two-thirds were U.S. citizens. The display includes documents from 1941 and 1942 advocating for the exclusion

and incarceration of Oregonian Japanese Americans, blueprints of potential assembly centers and internment camp locations such as racetracks and fairgrounds, and letters from Japanese Americans expressing their outrage about the injustice of internment.

A series of events will accompany the exhibit, starting on Tuesday, March 13, with a presentation by Lawson Inada, a jazz musician, professor and poet laureate of Oregon who was an interned at the age of four. On Monday, March 19, a Lane

County Dreamer, Jesus Narvaez, will speak and Mansoor Shams, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran will answer questions by live Skype chat. At the final event on Thursday, March 29, the documentary "Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice" will be shown, followed by a talk with the film's director, Holly Yasui. All events will run from 6-8 p.m.

The public is invited to join the conversation on March 13, March 19 and March 29.

For more information about this event, contact Pete Barrell, 541-941-3828.

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But, looking over the records, luck doesn't seem to have had much to do with it. As historian Diane Goeres-Gardner points out, it's rather unusual for multiple witnesses to have stories that match up perfectly point by point ... almost as if they were working from the same script, furnished to them in advance.

And, in fact, after the inevitable conviction by a jury of 12 white Portlanders of northern European ancestry, a number of Chinese residents prepared affidavits swearing that they had been forced to testify against Chee Gong.

But by this time, the conviction was on the books, and Gong's only hope was that the governor would pardon him. The governor, at that time, was Sylvester Pennoyer ... who won the governorship in part by taking over an anti-Chinese protest and whipping it into a slogan-chanting, brick-throwing street riot. He certainly wasn't going to help any Chinese guy out.

And so, at 12:25 p.m. on Aug. 9, 1889, Chee Gong stood on the scaffold, prepared to take a rap that was pretty obviously pinned on him. Invited to speak, he told the crowd that although

he was innocent, the member of his "family" — the tong — who had committed the crime had disappeared, and blood had to answer the blood, and his blood had been selected for the sacrifice.

Whether he committed the crime or not, by taking the rap as he did, Chee Gong probably ended the tit-for-tat exchange that could have escalated into an actual tong war. Of course, that wasn't the end of highbinder-society violence in Portland; but the leaders of the tongs knew well that if they kept too high a profile, bad things would happen. They were careful to keep a lid on things,

to prevent other Portlanders from cracking down on them and interfering with their opium-smuggling and other quasi-legal operations.

So Chee Gong was hanged, and his body goggled at and tittered over by street urchins as the hearse carried it to Lone Pine Cemetery for burial. Seid Back, the most prominent Chinese merchant at the time (who, by the way, would be a key player in the opium-smuggling scandal of 1893, in partnership with Oregon Republican Party chairman James Lotan), paid for his burial expenses.

CGHS celebrates Unity Week



Sammy Elsdon and Amanda Hampton of Looking Glass hold MLK award.

By Kathleen Noll
For The Sentinel

Cottage Grove High School (CGHS) recently celebrated Unity Week, a week dedicated to bringing staff and students together. Activities took place that promoted togetherness in the high school community and encouraged a sense that each student is not alone in their daily battles. It was led by the leadership class and student council. One of the major highlights of the week was the awarding of The Martin Luther King (MLK) Awards. This year, two teachers, two students and two members of a community organization were honored. Mr. Nick Garman and Mrs. Carmen Adler won the teacher awards, Chelsea Armstrong and Nate Farrell were the two seniors that won the student awards, and Looking Glass Community Services, a social services organization, was awarded for their work in aiding the community and student body.

The MLK awards go to recipients whose contributions to the school and community show integrity, leadership and creativity. The student body votes for students and teachers, anonymously in advisory class, that they believe encapsulate these qualities.

Mr. Garman, now in his 27th year of teaching at CGHS was honored to receive the award that the student's nominated him for.

"If this award shows that CGHS students like and respect me then I want them to know the feeling is mutual!" said Garman. "I enjoy coming to school and working with the students here and I believe in treating people the way I would want my own child to be treated. I just like be around them all, keeps me young I guess."

Mrs. Adler happened to be granted this award last year as well.

"I am flattered and honored to be the recipient of the MLK Award for the second time," stated Adler, "The fact that this award is voted on by students is humbling and it is my pleasure to serve and teach the students of CGHS, they have my heart!"

CGHS Students, Chelsea Armstrong and Nate Farrell, were selected by their peers for being valuable members of CGHS. Both were granted this honor because of their academic achievements, extracurricular involvement and service in their community.

Armstrong is a member of many clubs and community service organizations, such as Key Club, Interact Club, Rotary and Kiwanis, where she gives her time to help others in need. She is also the student council ASB PR manager which means she presents what's going on in the school to the school board at monthly meetings and assists on any duties that members need help with. Armstrong was completely surprised with the honor.

"I felt ecstatic and speechless, I wanted to cry out of gratitude," admitted Armstrong, "I can really only thank my peers for the award because without the opportunities brought by them I wouldn't ever be in this position."

Farrell is an outstanding member of the student body who always seems to have a smile on his face and is doing something nice for others.

"It felt amazing to get this award, it was a really happy moment," said Farrell, "I work hard to make people happy and go out of my way to have simple conversations with people because I know it could make someone's day."

Farrell believes the award represents not only Martin Luther King Jr.'s fight for civil justice, but also the kindness he showed towards people,

"That's partially what MLK Jr. was about, not just equal rights, but who was someone who cared about everyone," said Farrell.

Looking Glass Community Services is a social services organization, that was granted the community MLK awards for representing the work and principles of MLK Jr. Looking Glass offers a wide range of services aimed toward solving issues related to educational deficits, mental health issues, drug addiction, and homelessness.

Unity Week created initiatives at CGHS that have worked to create a togetherness in the school and has brought topics to light that may have been neglected in the past, like depression and rough family lives in high school students. The MLK Awards as well have shown recognition to important members of the school and the community and brought light to people who give their all for CGHS.

Worship Directory

DRAIN:
HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor:
Seth Bailey
Service times: 9am & 10:30am
Sunday School: 9am for all ages
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun:
9am & 10:45am
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave.
(Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagegrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd.
541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Kevin Prueff
www.cg4.tv
Full Children's Ministry available
Service: 10:00am

Delight Valley
Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St
541-942-4479

Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope In The Grove
700 E. Gibbs • 401-855-5668
Pastor: Wayne Husk
Sunday services:
Worship: 9am
Coffee Fellowship: 10:15am
Bible Study: 10:30am

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd.
541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
www.hopefellowshipupc.com
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Living Faith Assembly
467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Pastor Rulon Combs
Worship & Children's
Church 10:00 am
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Pennoyer Ave
541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.pennoyervevecoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
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Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen
Holy Mass:
Tue-Thu: 8:30am; Sat: 5:30pm
Sun: 10:30am
Confession: After daily mass,
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell
552 Holbrook Lane
541-895-8686, Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
"Church with the flags."
Worship: Sunday 10:30am
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Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education
9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur
5:00pm TLC Groups
tlccg.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5,
Kids Free)
1st & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
umcgrove.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913
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Councilor Amy Slay served on the city council for the last time on Monday, Feb. 28. Slay, who recently bought property outside of the city limits, is no longer eligible to serve on the board. During Monday night's meeting, board members expressed their gratitude for Slay's service and police chief Scott Shepherd presented her with gifts and a hug. Councilor Jake Boone said of people considering applying for Slay's seat, "If you can be like Amy, be like Amy."

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