

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed to host movie night, seeks volunteers

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council will show the documentary film “The Lost Fish: The Struggle to Save Pacific Lamprey,” by Freshwaters Illustrated.

The film documents the determined efforts of several Columbia Basin Tribes to restore this sacred fish to their ancestral waters, and captures the passion and spirit of those working on behalf of lamprey,

including Nez Perce elder and Lamprey Champion, Elmer Crow Jr.

The group is also in need of volunteers for National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 22. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., volunteers can help plant trees and shrubs at the Pine Meadows Campground and receive a free night of camping.

Volunteers can RSVP by calling 541-942-5631.

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Grove set to groove by ‘Light of the Harvest Moon’

First-annual Harvest Moon Benefit Concert will draw genres, community together at the historic Cottage Grove Armory this Saturday.

A lover of music of many kinds, BJ Jones, founder of Cottage Grove-based non-profit Music Money, has worked to bring an eclectic array of sounds to town for the past few years.

Recently, Jones set her sights on reggae, and she’s reached out for a little help from her friends to craft an unforgettable evening.

This Saturday, Sept. 22, the Harvest Moon Benefit Concert at the Cottage Grove Armory will aim to support musical and cultural diversity in this town of just under 10,000 residents, in addition to offering the community a reason to gather and celebrate the season — and of course listen and move to some fantastic tunes.

The show runs from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. and will feature performances by Lady Omega, Acoustic Folly, One Dollar Check and DJ King Toby.

For help in organizing the benefit, Jones reached out to Dana Merryday, a passionate supporter of efforts to restore the swinging bridge that spans the Coast Fork of the Willamette River just a few blocks from the Armory.

“BJ said that she needed some more people power, and I’m doing anything I can to get the bridge out there,” Merryday said. “Plus, I really like local music in Cottage Grove, so it was a win-win as far as I was concerned.”

For his knowledge and connections to local reggae, Jones recruited Noah Wemple, whose Tayberry Jam drew some of the genre’s best acts in recent years.

Thus, Music Money will host the benefit with cooperation from the Friends of the Swinging Bridge, KSOW Real Rural Radio 106.7 p.m. and Wemple’s Cougar Mountain Farms.

Originally part of the duo of reggae band Afro Omega, Lady Omega is known throughout the northwest reggae scene and as a teacher and supporter of Afro-Caribbean dance.

She’ll perform at the Armory with an international band.

Acoustic Folly features the energy and dynamism of Fortune Folly frontwoman Calysta Cheyenne-Vox and guitarist Ira Mazie. Cresswell’s One Dollar Check brings high and occasionally heavy energy behind their own brand of “dirty roots” tunes.

As the host of “Roots N’ Kulcha Radio on KWVA 88.1 FM, King Toby spins a “crucial selection of foundation roots classics” that promise to “keep the roots Rastafari vibes flowing throughout the night.”

And keeping the good vibes flowing is, according to Jones, what Music Money and the Harvest Moon Benefit are all about.

“We deserve great music in this town,” she said. “Community and cooperation is what it’s all about, and I hope to foster a community feeling and help everybody have a good time.”

The Harvest Moon Benefit Concert is sponsored by local organizations the Brewstation, Brad’s Cottage Grove Chevrolet, Banner Bank, the Opal Center for Arts and Education, Green Day Garden Supply, B&A Automotive and Boyce and Sons landscaping and building supply.

Tickets cost \$10 each and can be purchased in advance at the Bookmine at 702 East Main Street in Cottage Grove, the Crafty Mercantile at 517 East Main and online at opalcenter.mytix.net.

More information about the event can be obtained by calling Merryday at 541-942-7037 or email-ing dana_merryday@yahoo.com or bj.jonesoregon@gmail.com.

Public Lands Day this Saturday; Army Corps seeks volunteers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites volunteers who aren’t afraid of the “Knights who say Ni” or shrubberies (Monty Python reference) to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of National Public Lands Day by planting trees and shrubs at Cottage Grove Lake on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The event supports the nation’s largest single-day volunteer restoration effort for America’s public lands. Scouts, youth groups, civic clubs, families and individuals are encouraged to participate in the event.

For their efforts, volunteers can stay in Pine Meadows Campground for free, either the night before or the night of the event.

Volunteers will also receive a pass, which is good for free entry any day during the next year at public land sites managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

“The new plants and trees will provide habitat for wildlife and improve the environment for campers,” said Corps Park Manager Tami Schroeder. “We like to involve volunteers in these planting projects because it helps build a sense of stewardship for Corps-managed lands.”

The event is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pine Meadows Campground and volunteers will also receive a free lunch.

All volunteers should wear sturdy closed-toe shoes and long pants. Gloves, tools and drinking water will be available.

The campground is located south of Eugene: 75166 Cottage Grove Reservoir Road in Cottage Grove.

Volunteers should pre-register by contacting U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park ranger at 541-942-5631.

For more information about National Public Lands Day, visit www.publiclandsday.org.

Cottage Grove Dam and Reservoir is one of 13 dam and reservoir projects operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Willamette River drainage system.

Each dam contributes to a water resource plan designed to provide flood risk management, power generation, irrigation, water quality improvement, fish and wildlife habitat and recreation on the Willamette River and many of its tributaries.

Read more at www.nwp.usace.army.mil/news/article/Article/1624458/we-want-a-shrubbery-or-some-volunteers-to-plant-shrubberies.

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