

Swinging Bridge fails to earn \$150,000 grant, continues forward

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Construction on the Swinging Bridge is set to begin next summer but according to the Cottage Grove city manager's office it will be without a \$150,000 grant.

In an update released weekly by City Manager Richard Meyers, it was reported that the

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department informed the city it had not been recommended for the Recreational Trail Program grant request of \$150,000.

"This was a \$150,000 grant request to help fund the reconstruction of the bridge," the update stated. "City staff will research whether or not to apply again next year."

While the city's grant request was not granted, the Swinging

Bridge has earned the funds necessary to begin construction after the project was awarded a \$200,000 grant earlier this year.

In addition, residents have contributed to the repair fund by rounding up utility bills to the nearest dollar amount and multiple fundraisers have been held by the Friends of the Swinging Bridge support group. The combined effort has raised more than \$10,000.

The bridge has been closed since 2016 after the city's engineers determined the structure to be unsafe.

In March of last year, the city council was given three options for repair including a prefabricated model that would not swing. The council opted to retain as much of the traditional movement of the bridge as possible and in March of this year, an initial bid showed a price

tag of approximately \$750,000 before it was corrected during a March 12 city council meeting to reflect a repair cost of \$950,805.50.

However, that figure includes approximately \$500,000 in engineering fees which could be handled in-house, effectively bringing the actual cost of repair of the bridge closer to \$500,000.

According to the city manag-

er's office, the project will continue to move forward.

The weekly report from Meyer's office noted, "Engineering staff met with Earth Engineers, Inc. at the Swinging Bridge to review geotechnical conditions. The intent of this due diligence research is to confirm that there are no engineering deficiencies with the existing footings and subgrade conditions."

DCSO to participate in 'No Shave' November

Douglas County deputies adhere to strict grooming standards, which include limitations on facial hair. This November, Sheriff Hanlin has temporarily relaxed the facial hair standard in the name of community service.

Deputies and staff from all divisions of the Sheriff's Office will be participating in a fundraiser to raise money to battle cancer, with an emphasis on men's health.

Deputies will be allowed to grow a goatee or beard during the month. In lieu of spending money on facial hair grooming supplies, those funds will be placed into an account managed by the Douglas

County Law Enforcement Association. At the end of the month, 100 percent of the money raised will be donated locally to Roseburg's Community Cancer Center.

Personnel will return to the previous policy terms effective Dec. 1.

If members of the public would like to support the efforts, donations can be mailed to:

Douglas County Law Enforcement Association
Att: No Shave November
P.O. BOX 1591
Roseburg, Ore. 97470
Please indicate "No-Shave" in the memo line of the check.

Community to host Veterans Day recognition events

Veterans Day event set for Sunday

The local VFW Post 3473 is hosting a Veterans Day event this Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Cottage Grove Armory.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. and feature guest speaker and local Vietnam Veteran Marc Waszkiewicz.

Evening prayer

There will be a service of Evening Prayer at St. Andrew's on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 3 p.m., followed by a program of piano music.

The event is sponsored jointly by First Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Episcopal,

and United Methodist churches.

The brief service will be followed by piano selections played by our organist, Emily Wallace, a graduate student in musicology at the University of Oregon.

Father Crumb will also participate. Reception following in the church hall.

Video contest opened to Oregon high school students

High school students across Oregon are invited to let their video skills shine for a good cause: increasing awareness about workplace safety for young workers.

The annual "Speak up. Work safe." video contest is now open for submissions. The top three entries will take home cash prizes ranging from \$300 to \$500, and students will earn a matching amount for their school.

Students must create a

90-second or less video that inspires young workers to do at least one thing differently to stay safe on the job. The video must include the theme: "Speak up. Work safe."

The video must educate young workers about the importance of speaking up in the workplace.

Participants are encouraged to develop a key message or slogan, use humor, and get creative while emphasizing ways to protect themselves — and

their co-workers — from getting hurt on the job.

Submissions will be judged on certain criteria, including:

- An original health and safety message that appeals to teen workers and safety educators
- Overall production value (video/audio quality, acting, and editing)
- "Speak up. Work safe." theme is used effectively

The deadline for submissions is Friday, Feb. 1, 2019. Videos can be submitted on-

line or mailed.

Contest winners will be unveiled at a screening event in spring 2019, and winning entries will be posted on YouTube.

For contest information, including rules, tips, entry forms, workplace safety and young worker resources, and a playlist of past finalist videos, go to www.youngemployeesafety.org/contest.

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Program allows neighbor to help neighbor with electricity costs

Helping neighbors and their families stay warm just got easier. Pacific Power will match every dollar donated to the Oregon Energy Fund with \$2 more.

Last year, donations from Pacific Power's customers, employees and the company

helped 633 households in need throughout Oregon including 607 children, 221 seniors and 213 people with disabilities. This year, Pacific Power's 2-for-1 match will continue up to \$144,000.

"One-in-five households are forced to choose between paying the utility bill or paying for necessities like food, medicine, and rent. Seniors on fixed in-

comes are especially vulnerable to the increased cost of living," said Brian Allbritton, executive director of Oregon Energy Fund.

Pacific Power customers who receive their bills by mail will find it includes an Oregon Energy Fund contribution envelope. Customers who pay their bills electronically can send a check or enroll in the fixed do-

nation program. This program allows customers to donate any dollar amount, starting at \$1 per month, which is then incorporated into their monthly bill. Fixed donations will also be matched 2-for-1 by Pacific Power. To enroll in the fixed donation program call Pacific Power toll-free at 1-888-221-7070.

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Fill out the form below to have your organization's holiday bazaar included in the bazaar listing in the Cottage Grove Sentinel each Wednesday during the holidays. Cost for this service is \$45.00 for a 1x3 advertisement, 50 words or less. Please enclose check or money order if mailing in this listing.

Call us at 541-942-3325 for more information.

Deadline is NOON, Thursday for the following week's publication.

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