

CG Business Challenge kick-off rescheduled

In 2017, a local resident and business owner walked into the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce office with an idea about how to encourage entrepreneurship, create new jobs and give back to the community that contributed to his own success.

Harold Frazier of New Breed Seed Company donated \$10,000 and said he simply wanted it to go to someone with a great business plan that would create new jobs in the Cottage Grove area.

The Chamber of Commerce, Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation and RAIN Eugene joined for several months of meeting, and in those meetings the Cottage Grove Business Challenge was born.

Twenty-four hopeful entrepreneurs took the challenge and three were chosen to receive funds to help start their businesses: Mike Caven of Sanity Chocolate won the first-place prize of \$6,000; Joey Jaraczewski of Sohr Performance + Nutrition won \$3,000; and Kim Johnson with Real Live Food Oregon won \$1,000.

Entrepreneurs are invited invited once again to take the challenge and submit their business plan ideas for a chance to win up to \$10,000 in start-up funding.

Submissions must come in the form of a (no more

than four-page) executive summary of their business plan and the business must create new jobs in the Cottage Grove area.

Originally, a kickoff networking event to generate interest was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 8 p.m., at The Brewstation, 106 Sixth St. in Cottage Grove.

However, the powerful winter storm that shut down Cottage Grove made it necessary to cancel the original kick-off date. So, it is being rescheduled for sometime next week.

More details and the new kick-off date will be available in the March 6 edition of The Sentinel.

In the meantime, all interested parties including entrepreneurs, investors, sponsors and business leaders are encouraged to attend the kickoff event when it is rescheduled.

Additional challenge information can be found at www.cgbizplan.com.

Those who accept the challenge will have access to a series of classes through Lane Community College and the Small Business Development Center, Liveplan business plan writing software will be provided by Palo Alto, as well as mentor support from seasoned business leaders.

Submissions for the Cottage Grove Business Challenge are due May 1.

Carousel Board welcomes newest, youngest member



COURTESY PHOTO

The Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel Board recently welcomed its newest and youngest voting member of the governing board, Destiny Duerst (center), who is a 2017 Cottage Grove High School graduate. In 2017, Duerst and her best friend, Ryani, organized a spaghetti feed that raised more than \$2,000 to purchase clothing for the homeless. Duerst said she is enthused about bringing a carousel to South Lane County and will work in fundraising and communications to further the efforts of the restoration and final home for the carousel.

LORANE NEWS

• The Crow Middle school is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Go online to www.RedCrossBlood.org and set up an appointment time. Any donations made at the CMHS blood drive will help a selected CHS Anatomy student earn scholarship dollars.

Thirty to 70 pints equals a \$250 scholarship, 71-100 pints earns a \$500

scholarship, and up from there.

• Spring break will be Monday, March 25 through Friday, 29. Mark your calendars.

• Want or need a prom dress? Come to Once Upon A Prom and get a free prom dress at Along Came Trudy's (1488 18th St. in Springfield) on March 31, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. All students are welcome.

• Lorane Grange meets next on Thursday, March 7, beginning at 7 p.m. for its regular meeting.

• Another reminder to all Loranians: The Lorane Deli is serving meals every evening, Tuesday through Saturday, until 7 p.m. Check the Lorane and/or Crow websites for menus that are usually posted on Tuesdays. We need to support our deli.

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Many items in KNND's front window. To get a bidder number call KNND between 2-5pm at 541-942-2468. KNND Alligator Radio trade auction is Saturday March 17th from 11am until 4pm.



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