

Silk Creek Community Cemetery to host annual meeting May 9

The Silk Creek Community Cemetery annual meeting will be tomorrow, May 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Silk Creek Chapel by the cemetery, located 4.5 miles west on CG-Lorane Road. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 541-942-2789.

Cottage Grove Physical Therapy welcomes new therapist, manager

Kevin Holmes, DPT, OCS, has chosen to join the team of health professionals at the Cottage Grove Physical Therapy Clinic located in the Safeway shopping center on East Main Street. Holmes received his Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree from the University of Montana in 2011 and is certified as an Orthopedic Specialist through the American Physical Therapy Association.

Before undertaking a career in physical therapy, Holmes earned a bachelor's degree in commercial recreational administration from California State University at Chico, Calif. Holmes has also worked as a wildland firefighter, river guide and outdoor outfitter. Cottage Grove Physical Therapy has been providing physical therapy services to the Cottage Grove community for 19 years. As a physical therapist and clinic manager, Holmes will be specializing in the development of individualized plan of care directed toward achieving specific outcomes desired by patients and physicians. Holmes said his decision to come to Cottage Grove was based upon his "com-

mitment to meet the physical therapy needs of the community and to become the leader of an established team of highly respected therapy professionals." Holmes enjoys spending time with his wife, Heather, and their two sons, Bridger and Bryce. In his free time, Holmes skis, rafts, mountain bikes, fishes and backpacks.

with the trapper. This year's camps will be: Pioneer Settlers Camp, July 8-12 and repeats Aug. 5-9. A Lewis and Clark Adventure Camp is planned for Aug. 19-23. They are held on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children ages 6-10 years old. Boys and girls are asked to bring their own lunches and a water bottle. The cost is \$215 per week with the sibling discount available. SCEC is a small organization with a \$25,000 budget to pay staff and cover basic operating expenses. Rainsong said they are looking for volunteers to serve on the center's board and committees. They welcome donations to help with operating expenses and to provide scholarships so all students can enjoy an opportunity to travel back in time. More information is available at www.singingcreek-center.org. To inquire about an internship, if someone has a particular skill to share or wants to financially contribute to the Center, they can call 541-968-1986 or send an email to director@singingcreekcenter.org.

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several special events throughout the year. Cottage Grove resident Alice Christensen joined the SCED board last year. When she learned the program had outgrown its present site, she suggested the Dr. Snapp House as a potential new location and arranged a meeting to explore the idea. The historic house, built in 1886, was built by an early local doctor. Today it is owned and maintained by the Prospectors and Gold Diggers Club. Club President Tom Munroe said the group has an agreement with the City of Cottage Grove and Lane County to use the house for educational programs. He said the mission of the Prospectors and Gold Diggers Club is "to prospect better things for Cottage Grove" so having SCEC offering its programs using the house is

a good fit with the mission of both organizations. "It is important to teach students about our history," Munroe said. "To be successful in the future they need to learn what happened in the past. We want to introduce young people to the traditional values that, sadly, are not as commonplace as they once were." Rainsong agrees. "When kids attend our programs it's more than just having fun," she said. "They learn great values such as perseverance, teamwork, honoring elders and respecting each other and the environment." She says her committed volunteers and a few paid staff passionately share their love of nature and history with approximately 1,000 children and adults each year in meaningful and inspiring ways. To introduce the Center to its new community and to promote its upcoming summer camps, the SCEC will create a living history village in the "Bohemia City" Kids Zone in Coiner Park during the Bohemia Mining Days festival, July 18-20. "We will offer hands-on pioneering activities at a multitude of booths featuring

weaving, games, crafts and petting a horse that paints pictures," Rainsong said. "Some of the booths will have a small fee for the activity to help our organization raise money to fund the center's ongoing expenses." BMD Kids Zone Coordinator Misty Burris is delighted with the partnership and says it is a good fit for the festival, which celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. "Karen and Leslie (Graymer) have so many great ideas to provide a fun, interactive experience for children and families with lots of hands-on activities," Burris said. "It's a great fit with the BMD Board's commitment to increase the cultural heritage aspects of the festival." The summer camps include visits from costumed interpreters like the medicine woman, the spinners, the trapper, "grandma" and more. SCEC offers monthly home school classes for groups from September through May. Some of its favorite activities include butter churning, grain grinding, sewing, making puppets, learning pioneer games and songs, washing clothes, gardening, herbal walks and trading



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