

Community News

Kickin' It With — and dunkin' — the Cops



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For its third year running, the Kickin' It with the Cops event was held behind City Hall on Friday where attendees were treated to BBQ, games and family fun. "Last year I think we served over 300 hot dogs," said Cottage Grove Police Chief Scott Shepherd. "This year we're shooting for 400." The event featured balloon twisters, a bicycle and equipment raffle, an armored Humvee for kids to climb on and a dunk tank reserved for city officials. "I'd like [people] to know that we're approachable and that we're just people in our community," Shepherd said. "I hope that this continues to grow and more and more people come."



CG Historical Society hosts new exhibit

The Cottage Grove Historical Society is presenting its exhibit, "The Row That Named a Valley." This exhibit outlines the events that gave the Row River and Valley its name. While many outside the area assume the name is pronounced "ro" like row your boat, newcomers quickly learn from locals that the name is pronounced "rou" as in a fight or ruckus.

Common local lore only tells part of the real story behind the name and perpetuates some common fallacies. Using transcripts of grand jury and trial testimony, as well as other historical resources, this exhibit provides a comprehensive outline of the events that led to the death of George Clark. After seeing the evidence and testimony, you be the judge.

What was really behind the animosity? Was the shooting justified? Did the right person go to jail?

Each year, the Partners in History — made up of several local historical non-profits and supporting groups — organizes a series of historical displays and exhibits for the community. One partner, the Cottage Grove Public Library, generously provides an accessible and visible display space. This exhibit is designed, researched and created by volunteers with the Cottage Grove Historical Society. The cost of material is paid for by member dues and donations.

The community is encouraged to visit the exhibit and to consider joining the Cottage Grove Historical Society or volunteer with the organization.

This exhibit will be up through July at the Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 Gibbs Street.

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