

Community News

Local musical groups croon to benefit carousel project

Two popular local musical groups donated their talent, harmonies and passion during a benefit concert at Cottage Grove's Calvary Chapel on Sunday, July 21, to raise money for the Cottage Grove Carousel Project.

In the third performance of the Carousel's monthly concert series, the musicians led concert-goers to the church sanctuary with a mix of rock, pop and folk cover songs from the 1960s, 1970s and offering a few more contemporary songs.

It was the first time the two groups shared the same stage and their informal style created an intimate atmosphere that felt like a large house concert.

Jackie Jae and Jason Cowsill opened the concert, singing their harmony-driven hits from the past and a few from the present. Jae sang lead on most of the songs with Cowsill's between-song comments creating giggles among the crowd.

The Eugene couple plays in venues throughout the Pacific Northwest, includ-

ing Saginaw Vineyard. Cowsill's father, Bob, was part of the famous singing family that inspired the 1970s television show, "The Partridge Family."

The finale of their set was Jae's powerful rendition of Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby McGee."

After intermission, Calvary Creek took the stage to sing a mix of songs that were at the top of the Billboard charts when first released. The band performs the songs close to the same familiar arrangements that made them famous.

The band performs regularly in the community at venues such as the summer concert series in Bohemia Park, Bohemia Mining Days, Saginaw Vineyard, as well as recent appearances in the Creswell Fourth of July and BMD parades.

Calvary Creek ended their set paying homage to The Cowsills' biggest 1967 hit, "The Rain, The Park and Other Things" (with the familiar chorus "I love the flower girl.")

The concert ended with a joint performance of "Bus Stop" and "I'm a Believer." Not wanting the magic to end as the au-



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the band Calvary Creek, along with musical performers Jackie Jae and Jason Cowsill gather following the July 21 concert at Calvary Chapel, which raised money for the Cottage Grove Carousel Project.

dience dispersed, Calvary Creek's lead singer Jeff Smith and Cowsill spontaneously sang The Cowsills' biggest hit, "Hair" from the 1968 Broadway musical of

the same name. Don Williams, president of the Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel, said he was pleased and thrilled with the harmonies of both

groups. "These monthly concerts bring people together and showcase local musicians for a good cause," Williams said. "I encourage those

who love the Beach Boys' music to attend the next concert on Aug. 25 and enjoy a 'surf party' with the Cottage Grove band, 'Men from S.U.R.F.'"

Community input sought regarding health care needs at upcoming forum

Live Healthy Lane, in partnership with Be Your Best—Cottage Grove, is inviting community members for an opportunity to

review information collected through Lane County's 2018-19 regional Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA).

A public forum will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs St.

This work is implemented in collaboration with Lane County, United Way, PeaceHealth, Trillium, Live Healthy Lane partners and

community members to help improve the lives of all who live, learn, work and play in Lane County.

For those unable to attend the feedback session, comments can be submitted online at www.livehealthylane.org.

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