Community News

Apply now for SPARK! Creative learning grants

SELCO Community Credit Union began taking applications Aug. 15 for its annual SPARK! Creative Learning Grants, and the process will remain open through Monday, Sept.

The grants are a valuable tool for educators, awarding as much as \$1,000 each to K-12 educators across the 27 Oregon counties that SEL-CO serves.

Now in its 26th year, the SPARK! program was created to help provide funding for educational projects that excite curiosity, deepen understanding and encourage new ways of learning.

Whether leading students through a solar robotics project or teaching students how to use fingerprint kits to solve crimes as part of a forensic science class, educators have used SPARK! grants in unique and exciting ways.

In the 2018-19 school year alone, SELCO awarded \$45,587 to 54 teachers across Oregon, a record for the program.

SPARK! grants are awarded to educators with innovative classroom ideas and a need for materials or other resources to get those ideas off the ground.

For more information or to apply, visit www. selco.org/spark, email spark@selco.org, or call 541-686-5382.

SURF's up in The Grove









The Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel recently hosted the Men of SURF, the fourth and final musical program of the four-concert series benefitting the carousel project. All of the musical acts, which has also included the Cascade Chorus, Windy Ridge, Calvary Creek and Jackie Jae and Jason Cowsill, donated their time and talent to bring awareness and promotion to the carousel project and its building fund needs. The Calvary Chapel donated the use of its chapel to present all four community concerts. (Photos submitted by Carla Summers)

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