

Community News

Buch to serve as chair of LCBC, Berney Vice Chair

The Lane County Board of Commissioners appointed a new chair and vice chair during the opening minutes of its first regular meeting of 2020.

Commissioner Buch will serve as chair in 2020 and Commissioner Berney will serve as vice chair.

"It is an honor to serve as chair of the Board of Coun-

ty Commissioners," said Chair Heather Buch. "We have so many important tasks ahead of us in 2020: a Climate Action Plan, increasing housing and creating opportunities for rural residents to thrive. I am thrilled to be able to help lead that work."

"My hope is, with the entire board, to be trans-



Heather Buch



Joe Berney

parent and inclusive as we pragmatically incent more money moving into local businesses and the local economy; develop public private partnerships to build more housing making housing more affordable; reimagine empowering our most vulnerable; and quantitatively decrease Lane County's carbon foot-

print while creating net new jobs," said Vice Chair Joe Berney.

Commissioner Pete Sorenson was also recognized for his leadership as chair during 2019 and presented with a ceremonial gavel as a gesture of thanks from his fellow commissioners.

Cottage Theatre opens 2020 season with 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

Cottage Theatre kicks off its 38th season with a tale of merry mayhem and murderous aunts. Joseph Kesselring's classic play "Arsenic and Old Lace" opens the theatre's 2020 season with a three weekend run beginning Jan. 31.

Abby and Martha Brewster are charming spinster sisters who lovingly care for their eccentric nephew Teddy, who believes himself to be President Theodore Roo-

sevelt.

The sisters give generously to local causes, and serve homemade biscuits and jam whenever Reverend Harper comes to tea. So their nephew Mortimer is flabbergasted to discover that the cellar is filled with a dozen deceased gentlemen who "benefitted" from his aunts' peculiar brand of end-of-life charity.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" premiered in 1939 and still ranks among the

best-selling Broadway plays of all time.

Cottage Theatre's production of Arsenic and Old Lace is directed by Keith Kessler, with set design by Tony Rust, costume design by Rhonda Turnquist and lighting design by Amanda Ferguson.

Nikki Pagniano and Marcee Shriver Long lead the cast as Abby and Martha Brewster, along with Kory Weimer, Dale Flynn and Earl Ruttencutter

as their three Brewster nephews.

Rounding out the ensemble are Josh Coon, Dylan Skye Kennedy, John Vaughan Lemhouse, Blake Nelson, Garrhett Nelson, James Scoggins and Ashlee Winkler.

Arsenic and Old Lace runs for three weekends at Cottage Theatre from Jan. 31 through Feb. 16.

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and Sunday afternoons at

2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.cottage-theatre.org, by phone at 541-942-8001, or in person at the Cottage Theatre Box Office, 700 Village Drive, Cottage Grove.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth (age 18 & under). Box Office hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and one hour before performances.

All seating is reserved and advance purchase is recommended.

Founded in 1982 in Cottage Grove, Cottage Theatre presents a year-round season of plays and musicals featuring the finest Lane County talent. Its 38th season also includes "Mamma Mia," "Seeking Red" (West Coast Premiere), "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and "Elf: the Musical."

Deadline extended for budget and audit committee recruitments

Currently there are three positions vacant on the City of Cottage Grove's budget committee.

The City Council invites registered voters who reside within the city limits to apply for participation on the city's budget committee.

The budget committee generally meets twice in the spring of each year to consider the budget proposed by the city manager for the following fiscal year. The committee makes any changes they feel are needed and then approves the budget and forwards it to the City

Council.

The audit committee meets on a very limited basis to review the city's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, or in other words, the annual audit statements prepared by an outside auditing firm.

The committee, after

reviewing the annual audit document with the auditors, recommends action to the City Council regarding the audit.

The audit committee is comprised of two city councilors and three citizens. Presently, there are two vacant citizen member positions.

Applications for both of the committees are online at www.cottage-grove.org or can be picked up in the city manager's office at 400 Main Street.

Applications will be received through Friday, Jan. 17, at 5:00 p.m.

A subcommittee of the

city council has been appointed to review the applications and make recommendations for appointments to the committees.

For more information, contact the Finance Director, Roberta Likens.

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