

Axe & Fiddle kicks off 2020 dinner theater season Friday

A newly revamped Axe & Fiddle Pub and Music Club in Cottage Grove will welcome a full slate of dinner theater in 2020, and it will start things off this Friday with a heartwarming tale that's based on the true story of one of the incomparable icons of country music.

Patsy Cline passed away tragically in a plane crash in 1963, though many of her signature tunes live on in popular culture to this day.

"Always...Patsy Cline" is based on her story, though it's more than just a tribute to the legendary singer. The play tells of the correspondence between Cline and Louise Seger, a fan of hers based in Houston, and its title references the way Cline signed her letters to Seger.

"Always...Patsy Cline" has enjoyed great success all over the United States, including a successful run off-Broadway. It has been one of the most produced musicals in America according to American Theatre Magazine and has been enjoyed by audiences in Canada, the UK and Australia.

Renowned local talent will help bring this story to life in Cottage Grove. Rebekah Hope will play the part of Patsy and bring vitality and verve to her songs, while Kim Fairbairn will offer a heartfelt portrayal of Louise Seger.



Rebekah Hope (left) and Kim Fairbairn star as Patsy Cline and Louise Seger, one of Cline's biggest fans, who kept up a correspondence with the singer over the years.

Peg Major, who has been involved in theater in the area for over 40 years, performing at LCC, Actors Cabaret, Lord Leebrick, VLT and Cottage Theatre, will direct.

Major says she believes the heart and beautiful voice behind Cline's enduring success is truly timeless. She adds that,

with its newly renovated stage, curtains and lighting system, the Axe & Fiddle will be the ideal stage on which to present the show.

"With just two women in the cast and a small combo, it fits perfectly," Major said. "The ambience of the room will add to the entire feel of the production."

Shows will take place Jan. 10-11 and Jan. 17-18 beginning at 8 p.m., and Jan. 12 and 19 at 3 p.m.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. for evening shows and 1:30 p.m. for matinees.

More information and a ticket link can also be found at www.axeandfiddle.com or the Pub's Facebook page.



Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"

Riding with Ryder



Courtney shows off Ryder, and Ryder shows off his favorite Christmas toy.

After Courtney's dog Duke passed, she realized that a dog-less life was dull and lonely. So she seriously began seeking another to love. She spotted some Springer Spaniel puppies on line and the trip to "just take a look" was the start of an adventure.

"Puppies are a lot of work," said Courtney, "and I was looking for a dog with the stamina and energy to keep up while trail riding my horse. Springers are active, intelligent and have a high prey drive — but bored they can be destructive. The information indicated that a Springer wasn't the right dog for me, but I still kept my appointment to 'meet' the puppies. Who knows, maybe there was the one chance that one of the puppies was like me - one who doesn't follow all the rules."

Courtney saw 13 sleeping puppies nestled in a small plastic child's pool. She was hooked looking at the captivating ocean of furry cuteness. She watched the stirring puppies and the one with an "adorable Mohawk-like hair style" chose her.

"On our 'ride' home," said Courtney, "I was thinking that the puppy would be my trail 'riding' partner, so I named him Ryder. He is smart, loves walks, and being in the barn with me. He fast learned the horse's boundaries."

"He is a wonderful addition to our family, elevates our spirits, loves road trips, trail rides and running on the coastal beaches. He's seen more waterfalls than most people, which includes the ten at Silver Falls. His face lights up as he runs beside the horses and, like the energizer bunny, he just wants to keep going and exploring."

As active as he is, Courtney said Ryder loves — and she mean *loves* — watching TV. He climbs onto the couch, cuddles with her and stares at the TV.

One of Ryder's favorite games is chasing Courtney's overweight cat, Zeus's, laser pointer. She bought the laser for Zeus's exercise, but when Ryder sees the light he gets excited, wagging his tail so fast and hard that she's afraid he is going to sprain it.

"He would chase the laser for hours if he could, and I had the time," Courtney said. "When I turn off the laser, I have to hide it. He, in turn, searches the house for hours to retrieve it for 'us' to play again."

Ryder also enjoys playing fetch but is more excited when Zeus joins in. Courtney said the inseparable friends are a joy to watch.

One of Ryder's adorable 'odd dog' behaviors is that he insists on carrying a toy on his walks. The entire time he won't let go of it. The toy appears to give him confidence and the times he forgets it at home he seems lost.

"I love Ryder, but must confess about his annoying behavior of constantly blocking the doorway. I'm not talking about blocking the doorway when you are inside the house. He blocks the doorway when you're outside trying to get in," she said. "He isn't dumb, he has this all figured out. When you attempt to open the door, he lays where it opens and places his foot like a 'doggy door stop' preventing it from opening!"

Neither the door or Ryder will budge, said Courtney. He won't move, not even for food.

"I think it's his way of punishing me for not taking him out to the trash can when it's pouring rain," she laughed. "The longest he's locked me out of my own house is 15 minutes — so far. I bet he tells the dogs on our walks about his trick. They must think he has the funniest sense of K-9 humor."

TIPS:

"Adopting a puppy is a huge responsibility," said Courtney. "The training and love that you invest in them is outrageous, but absolutely worth it."

Courtney said she made the decision to crate train Ryder for two reasons: it gives dogs a "safe" spot and is also a safe way for the dog to travel on road trips.

"I wouldn't trade Ryder for anything in the world."

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LORANE NEWS

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I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the new year.

School is back in session, complete with basketball games and regular bus schedules.

Remember it is winter and while the weather is still mild, be sure to check the radios or district website for inclement weather.

- Rural Arts Movie night is this Saturday, Jan. 11. The featured film shines a light on parts of history that are hidden, even from those closest to it. The tale unfolds slowly with a quirky storytelling style.

Bring any white elephants left over from the holidays for the door prize raffle.

Come on out to Lorane Grange to enjoy the de-

licious soup dinner and visiting at 6 p.m., antics and door prizes at 6:45 p.m., with film at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a delightful evening out in Lorane.

- The High School Art Class has a new project and need your help. They need pre-existing materials. Examples include: old books you don't want, postcards, games with missing pieces, jig saw puzzles, cloth, buttons, costume jewelry, etc.

Contact Pat Dixon at pdixon@cal.k12.or.us to arrange for a drop off or pick up time.

It will be called "Altered Art."

Great time to go through things at home and help out.

Lorane Grange meets on Thursday, Jan. 16, this month.

Lots of ideas to discuss, so remember Grangers, meeting starts at 7 p.m.

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