

# Community

## First in climate change film series to screen Jan. 24

As a follow up to the Climate Strike Event held in Cottage Grove on Sept. 20, participating groups organized an educational series of films and lectures on the environmental issues facing our planet at this critical time.

For the fourth installment in this series of climate-related events, the community is invited to a free screening of the "The 11th Hour" on Friday, Jan. 24, beginning at 7 p.m.

The screening will be followed by a discussion of the film.

Along with these presentations, Climate Action Cottage Grove, Forrest Web, and Sustainable Cottage Grove will be hosting a Climate Town Hall Meeting on March 14 at the Cottage Grove Armory for community members and local officials to participate in a forum on ways residents can reach the goal of being carbon neutral by the year 2030.

The event will include speakers, information tables and breakout sessions to work on possible solutions.

The film "The 11th Hour" includes contributions from more than 50 politicians, scientists and environmental activists, including former Soviet leader Mikhail



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The film "The 11th Hour" is part of a four-film series being presented by Climate Action Cottage Grove, Forrest Web and Sustainable Cottage Grove as part of community education leading up to a town hall meeting in March.

Gorbachev, physicist Stephen Hawking, Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai, journalist Armand Betscher and Paul Hawken.

The film documents the grave problems facing the planet's life systems. Global warming, deforestation, mass species extinction and depletion of the ocean's habitats are all addressed.

The film proposes potential solutions to these problems by calling for restorative action by the

reshaping and rethinking of global human activity through technology, social responsibility and conservation.

Kevin Crust, a critic from the Los Angeles Times, said the film "Asks why these things are happening and apportioning blame in varying degrees to governmental indifference tied to its allegiance to a corporate economy that is addicted to growth at any cost and perhaps, most insinuating of all, to the culture of con-

sumerism.

Disposable has trumped sustainable in our society, and we're now paying the price. Thankfully for audiences, the filmmakers save the most exhilarating portion for last when they ask what's being done about the problems."

The film, which will be screened at The Rural Organizing Project Building, 632 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove, will be free to the public.



## Pet Tips 'n' Tales

By Mary Ellen "Angel Scribe"

### 'Bear' facts about Mia



Genevieve and her dog, Mia, spent two months camping and eluding bears.

Mia is a seven-year-old, Rottweiler/Border Collie. When her human mother, Genevieve, broke up with her boyfriend, they shared weekly custody of Mia. After a year, the humans decided that it was in the dog's best interest for her to reside full time with Genevieve.

Genevieve is an adventuresome traveler, so Mia does everything with her: canoeing, camping, kayaking, snowshoe trekking, hiking, swimming, running, cross-country skiing, playing Frisbee and going on road trips.

Like all dogs, Mia loves car rides, so during their six-month, 3,200-mile adventure across country, Mia had a snooze fest. On the trips, Genevieve, who is a college physical education teacher, is teaching Mia American Sign Language so the dog can understand any one from any language!

Mia is a champion! She protected them from a 500-pound black bear, by charging at the bear when they were mountain hiking.

"I was scared for her," said Genevieve, "because she wasn't on-leash. But, as soon as I called her, she came straight to me, where she remained barking until the bear left. One time, we became lost on the King's Peak Trek for 20 hours. We spent the night at 5,577-foot altitude in freezing temperatures without food and the appropriate equipment. Mia helped me stay positive and, the next morning, helped us find our way back until we encountered a woman hiker who showed us the way to our car."

Genevieve went on to explain how, when they are out canoeing, she taps the side of the canoe and Mia gracefully jumps in. "Which is amazing because it is a tiny unsteady craft," Genevieve said. "Never has she tipped us over. I love seeing Mia's facial expressions. They reflect her happy soul when she is playing, swimming or walking in a forest."

The dog's one crazy habit has everyone laughing. She loves retrieving rocks from water. She plunges her head down (and all her body) into a river or lake for 15 seconds before she reemerges for air. Proof of her feat is on video.

Genevieve's friends laugh while watching her dog duck underwater and "catch" massive rocks, carrying them around on shore like dog toys. Mia cries with excitement as she lifts the rocks out of the water and then she digs holes before dropping the rocks into them. She carries on like this until Genevieve tosses the rock back into the river. Sometimes, Mia insists on carrying rocks — as heavy as 5 pounds — back to their car. Once time, Mia carried such a rock a mile to the car, kept it in her mouth on the drive home, and then proudly deposited her treasure on the living room couch! Her other habit is carrying branches or logs bigger than she is.

Mia is not all about bark and bear, said Genevieve. "She has an amazing gentle heart and intelligence."

Once, when Genevieve found a newborn kitten, Mia immediately adopted it, paw-forming as its "mama" saving the feline's life. Mia attended the kitten's "health needs," by helping keep it warm. Today, the odd couple are inseparable.

"Having a dog like Mia opens your heart to love, to explore the wilderness and she makes you laugh at her crazy antics," said Genevieve. "When I come home from work, Mia is enthusiastically waiting for me to smother her with kisses — which I gladly bestow on her."

#### TIPS:

"Mia never gets dog cookies or store-bought treats," said Genevieve. "I give her way more 'treats' by giving her a life of amazing experiences and exercise. This is healthier for her than buying unhealthy salty or sugary treats, especially with questionable ingredients."

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## LORANE NEWS

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• Today, Jan. 16, Lorane Grange will hold this month's meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Grangers, there will be many items on the agenda, so hope to see you there.

• Friday, Jan. 17, is a half-day at school for professional development, followed by no school on Monday in observance of for Martin Luther King Day. Basketball and wrestling are in full swing, doing very well. The young-

er, elementary students are also off to a good start.

• Come out to Lorane Grange for Rural Art Movie night starting at 6 p.m. with a delicious soup dinner. Antics and door prizes at 6:45 p.m. with film starting 7:30 p.m. Another interesting movie in its around the world series, it is about an eccentric, young Jewish vegetarian traveling to Ukraine in search of information about his grandfather. For a clue, look at the reader board in Lorane. Also, bring any interesting white elephant gift you have left over from the hol-

idays for a door prize.

• Ukulele group meets every Thursday in the Crow Middle/High school music room from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Come join them if interested,

• The Crow High School art class is still searching for numerous items for its new art project. Just email [pdixon@cal.k12.or.us](mailto:pdixon@cal.k12.or.us) if you have any of the following: hard back books you don't want, games, beaten up and mouse-chewed old school books, cloth scraps, buttons, cheap costume jewelry, old scrabble or monopoly games missing pieces, keys, stamps, etc. Email Pat Dixon to arrange drop off or pick up.

• The high school welding classes are selling cut hearts made from horse-

shoes for \$10 each. They have a hanger on which to place a necklace, backpack or other items. They come in a variety of colors. Either call the office or stop by to place an order. Money goes to help fund the welding class.

• Today is "Wrestlers Appreciation Day" at Applegate Elementary School at 2:15 p.m. All current and past wrestlers, grades pre-K through 12, are encouraged to attend. This includes parents, coaches and interested parties. For more information, call Colleen at 541-520-9275.

• Reminder: Lorane Grange has its next spaghetti and bingo evening on the fourth Saturday this month, Jan. 25, starting at 5:30 p.m. with dinner.

## 6-day weather forecast

FRIDAY

44° | 39°

Cloudy

SATURDAY

48° | 38°

Rain

SUNDAY

54° | 38°

Cloudy

MONDAY

52° | 42°

Cloudy

TUESDAY

48° | 42°

Rain

WEDNESDAY

49° | 42°

Rain

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