

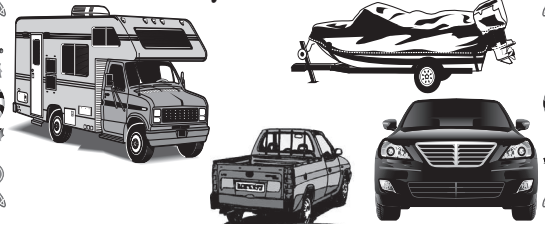
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Fundraiser for Singing Creek Education Center underway

Singing Creek Educational Center (SCEC) provides unique and immersive experiences for children of all ages, and their families.

This year, due to COVID, the nonprofit has taken a huge financial hit and is making an appeal to the community to help keep the doors open with a fundraising campaign.

Details are online at www.charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/keep-the-doors-open-for-singing-creek-ctr

SCEC is located inside the historic Dr. Snapp House in Cottage Grove, and enjoys a special relationship with the Goldiggers and Prospectors Club that owns the house.

"We are so fortunate to be located in Cottage Grove, where there is a big community focus on history," says Karen Rainsong, the Executive Director.

With a mission to

inspire appreciation of local history through hands-on education, SCEC provides year long programs including homeschool, summer camps, school field trips, in-classroom presentations, outdoor school, and evening "Homestead Arts" classes.

Many of its students return year after year for the engaging programs and events that focus on local history. This year they launched a new summer camp about Opal Whiteley, which featured nature studies and journaling.

Donations are tax deductible as allowed by law and each donor (over \$50) will receive a special thank you gift in the mail. Gifts include handmade quilts and can be seen at www.singingcreekcenter.org/thank-you-gifts.

To learn more visit www.singingcreekcenter.org and click the link to the fundraiser.

Territorial Highway work on halt for winter

Construction on Territorial Highway project has wrapped up for the winter and traffic through the construction area is back to two-way travel.

Traffic signals have also been removed.

County staff and the contractor will continue to monitor the project site throughout the winter to ensure the road stays safe to travel.

Construction will resume once the weather improves next spring 2021.

The county will continue to share project updates through its project e-newsletter.

The highway project is a result of many years of input and coordination with a community of

residents, bicycle riding groups, freight companies and other stakeholders to discuss ways to address safety concerns on the 5.7-mile stretch of rural road.

The four-phase project will widen the road to include six-foot shoulders and 11-foot vehicle lanes while softening curves in certain areas.

Between the widening and realignment of curves, it is hoped road access and sight distance for all traffic will be greatly improved.

For more information, contact Senior Transportation Planner Becky Taylor at Lane County Public Works by email at becky.taylor@lane-countyor.gov.

Vision Keepers Committee applications due Friday

The Vision Keepers Committee is seeking applicants for three "at-large" positions.

Two two-year terms and a one-year term are currently open.

Applicants will be interviewed and then confirmed by the Cottage Grove City Council.

The role of the Vision Keepers is to monitor progress of the Cottage Grove 2037 Vision Action Plan, encourage implementation of actions, provide technical assistance or support where appropriate, produce annual progress reports and recommend minor modifications to the plan as necessary.

The Vision Keepers

hold quarterly team progress meetings and develop annual awards to recognize individuals and organizations for exceptional service toward promoting achievement of the Cottage Grove 2037 Action Plan.

The deadline to apply for the Vision Keepers Committee is Friday, Dec. 11, by 5 p.m.

Applications can be obtained by visiting the city website at www.cottagegrove.org or by emailing community-coordinator@cottagegrove.org.

For more information, call the Community Service Department at 541-942-1185.

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