

Harpies seek local writers

The Harpies, a writing group based in Cottage Grove, plan to put together an anthology of local authors, scheduled for publication in early 2022. Short stories and essays should be a maximum of 2,000 words. Poems should be a maximum of 50 lines. Up to three poems may be submitted.

The deadline for submission is Aug. 15, 2021. Submissions are open to South Lane County residents age 16 and up. Digital submissions are preferred. Hard copies will be accepted at the Harpies Anthology, c/o The Bookmine, 702 Main St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. All submissions are eval-

uated by the Harpies and all writers will be contacted by Nov. 15, 2021, whether a submission is accepted for publication or not. For more information, check the website www.cgharpies.com. Please send additional questions, concerns and submission to cgharpies@gmail.com

City continues 'hazardous vegetation' notifications

On June 15, city planning staff began inspecting properties within the city limits for compliance with Cottage Grove Municipal Code 8.12.045 Hazardous Vegetation. Code requires city property owners to cut and or remove wild blackberry bushes, weeds and grass over 12 inches in height, and vegetation near combustibles or likely to endanger buildings

or other property. Staff has inspected approximately two thirds of the city to date with plans to have the remaining properties inspected by the end of next week. Property owners with vegetation in violation of the code have been sent letters requesting the violation to be corrected within 10 days from the date of the letter.

Staff will re-inspect the properties for compliance. If the property is still in violation, the city will send a second letter to comply and post the letter on the property. The owner will be subject to fines and a possible lien on the property provided the violation for vegetation removal has not been addressed following the second letter.

Free rides offered between Eugene and Roseburg

Umpqua Public Transportation District (UPTD) has started a new bus route called the Lane-Douglas Connector (LDC). This new service offers safe, reliable, accessible transportation to veterans and the general public in rural communities for better access to healthcare services and shopping opportunities.

The stop in Drain serves as a connection point for

passengers of the North Douglas Betterment shuttle. The route is operated by South Lane Wheels as a pilot project funded by the Rural Veterans Healthcare Transportation grant. For service information and timetable go to: www.southlanetransit.com, or to schedule a ride, call UPTD dispatch toll-free at 888-232-8121.

Interchange gets landscape improvements

The contractor for the I-5 Interchange landscape improvements, Milroy Golf Systems, Inc., has been working at the Middlefield Golf Course the past couple of weeks connecting new pipes in order to irrigate both sides of ODOT's Exit 174 I-5 Interchange. The new irrigation system will be completed this coming September and will be owned and maintained by the city.

Treatment Plant currently treats and pumps Class A recycled water to the Middlefield ponds, and then the golf course's irrigation system distributes the recycled water throughout the course. However, at many times during the year, the discharge volume far exceeds the available area at Middlefield. And, according to the city's DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) NPDES wastewater permit, the city must

avoid discharging treated wastewater to the Row River during the warmer months of the year. Therefore, completion of this irrigation project, along with the recently completed storage pond, increases the city's ability to meet DEQ requirements that ultimately improve the environmental conditions in the river. We also look forward to seeing a much greener interchange through the dry months.

Eugene Symphony returns this month

The Eugene Symphony will be returning to perform at the Bohemia Park Amphitheater on Monday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. Pandemic restrictions prevented the symphony from performing last year and the musical ensemble is excited to be able to return. Now in its 55th season, the Eugene Symphony is

recognized as a cornerstone of the performing arts in Oregon's southern Willamette Valley. Under the leadership of Music Director and Conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong, the Eugene Symphony pursues its mission of enriching lives through the power of music by presenting annual classical, pops and com-

munity engagement performances, regularly commissioning and premiering new American works, and disseminating its performances via radio broadcasts and recordings.

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