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# Countdown to 100

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Restoring the Buster Keaton mural was a success in itself. Timing its ribbon cutting with the arrival of the International Bust-

er Keaton Society was the cherry on top.

Also known as “Damfinos” (a contraction a Keaton quote, “Damned If I Know”), the Buster Keaton group has returned as a special guest to Cottage Grove every five years since 2001.

Lloyd Williams throws the conventions together each time it comes by.

“On a one-to-10 scale, it was a nine and a half,” said Williams happily about this year’s convention, which marked the 95th anniversary of the filming of Keaton’s film “The General.”

Williams is the chair of the Buster Keaton Mural Committee and a past president of the Cottage Grove Historical Society.

Even getting the convention on the calendar was a feat in itself considering the tumult COVID-19 restrictions have caused on events.

As well as showing old Buster Keaton movies at the Village Green, a special production of “The General” was set up inside the Chambers Covered Bridge, where a select audience could sit and enjoy the movie with refreshments.



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**Lloyd Williams kicks back with some special beers which were brewed by The Brewstation this year as a fundraiser for the Buster Keaton mural restoration.**

Though the turnout this year saw fewer faces than others, mainly due to COVID-19 complications, giving the Damfinos a 95th to remember sets the stage for their next appearance at the 100th anniversary.

In 2026, Williams hopes to work with Hollywood Theater the Oregon Film Commission to bring a showing of “The General” to Bohemia Park with a live orchestra.

“The goal is to present something that’s useful to people and fun,” said Williams.

The 100th will be Williams’ final year organizing the convention and new volunteers are always welcomed.

“If you’ve worked on a committee, you’re halfway there,” said Williams. “It’s for people that are interested in Buster and that’s probably a reason enough, though it’s not just about Buster, but the historical significance, just as the Historical Society’s main mission is to preserve and tell the story of Cottage Grove history. And so this is just a piece of it.”



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tractor, which pulls honey out with centrifugal force, strain it and put it all in jars.

Though it is a long effort, Rothauge equates it to the culmination of a years’

work. He has future plans for his hives, hoping that he might someday be able to pass them on to a friend when he stops being able work so often outdoors in the heat.

For now, though, he enjoys hanging out with his “lady friends” as he calls

them, since the vast majority of bees in the hive are female.

The second installment of this series will detail Rothauge’s other motives behind beekeeping and explore the topic through his apprentice.

# Worship Directory

<p><b>COTTAGE GROVE:</b> <b>6th &amp; Gibbs Church of Christ</b> 195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822 10:00am Christian Education: Pre-K through 5th Tim Baker, Senior Minister www.6thandgibbs.com</p>	<p><b>First Presbyterian Church</b> 3rd and Adams St 541-942-4479 Rev.: Karen Hill Worship: 10:00am Sunday School: 10:00am fpcgrove.com</p>	<p><b>St. Andrews Episcopal Church</b> 1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050 Rev. Lawrence Crumb “Scripture, Tradition, Reason” Worship: Sunday 10:30am All Welcome</p>
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290 Pastor: Riley Hendricks Sunday School: 9:45am Worship: 11:00am The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>Hope Fellowship</b> United Pentecostal Church 100 S. Gateway Blvd. 541-942-2061 Pastor: Dave Bragg Worship: 11:00am Sunday Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday www.hopefellowshipupcc.com “FINDING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE”</p>	<p><b>Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> 820 South 10th Street 541-942-5213 Pastor: James D. Boram Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00</p>
<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565 Sunday Service: 10:30am</p>	<p><b>Living Faith Assembly</b> 467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612 Worship Services Sundays: 9a &amp; 11a Youth Worship Sundays: 11a (all ages welcome) Mondays: 5:30p (6th-12th grades)</p>	<p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> 6th &amp; Quincy • 541-942-2373 Pastor: James L. Markus Sunday School &amp; Adult Education 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue &amp; Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups tlccg.com</p>
<p><b>Cottage Grove Bible Church</b> 1200 East Quincy Avenue 541-942-4771 Pastor: Bob Singer Worship 11am Sunday School: 9:45am AWANA age 3-8th Grade, Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm www.cgbible.org</p>	<p><b>Non-Denominational Church of Christ</b> 1041 Pennoyer Ave 541-942-8928 Preacher: Tony Martin Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am Sunday Worship: 10:50am &amp; 5:30pm www.pennoyeravecoc.com</p>	<p><b>United Methodist Church</b> 334 Washington 541-942-3033 Worship 10am umcgrove.org</p>
<p><b>Cottage Grove Faith Center</b> 33761 Row River Rd. 541-942-4851 Lead Pastor: Kevin Prueff www.cg4.tv Full Children’s Ministry available Services: 9:00am &amp; 10:45am</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Philip Benizi Catholic Churches</b> 1025 N. 19th St. 541-942-3420 Father John J. Boyle Holy Mass: Saturday Vigil – 5:30 pm Sunday – 10:30 am For weekday and Holy Day of Obligation schedule see website OLPHCCG.net Confession: 4 PM to 5 PM Saturdays or by appointment St. Philip Benizi, Creswell 552 Holbrook Lane Sunday 8 am</p>	<p><b>“VICTORY” Country Church</b> 913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913 Pastor: Barbara Dockery Worship Service: 10:00am Message: “WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES”</p>
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