

History and art entwine in ACE class

When the students of Academy for Character Education (ACE) began their 2021-22 school year, there was a new teacher waiting for them. Carmen Dowell — founder of Creative Chaos in Cottage Grove and known for her dedication to the Special Olympics athletes of Cottage Grove and Creswell area — can now add “art teacher” to her many hats. “I really didn’t know much about ACE,” said Dowell. “The more I learn about the core values of the school and how they operate, I am very happy to be here.”

The school employs a unique style of teaching described as very “hands-on” and provides a lot of responsibilities to the students.

“For example, Nov. 7 began our three weeks of learning about Japan and Korea,” said Dowell. “In art class the first week, we

discussed what we will be creating and the history behind it, then draw out our plan. The next week we begin to execute the creation, and the final week we do final finishings.”

The past few weeks, Dowell’s class has focused on Japanese stick puppets. The stick puppets, also known as head dolls, consist of cats, jesters and kings.

“Ichiron is the name of a shop owned by Horio Ichirozaemon, who came up with these clay head puppets,” said Dowell. “They would perform puppet shows for royalty. Today the shop is in its fifth generation. There are stories that these dolls were believed to help protect small children from crying at night and were a popular gift to new parents.”

Dowell said her students are loving process



Students at ACE work on Japanese clay head puppets and learn a bit of art history from another corner of the world.

of creating art and learning the story of the project. “I love it too, as I am

learning so much about a past history of art that I never knew existed,” she

said. The class’ next journey will take them to England.

For more information regarding ACE, visit www.AceClassicalEd.org.

Boy Scout Christmas trees on sale

From Dec. 4 – 5, Boy Scout Troop 140 is holding its Annual Christmas Tree Sale in the Safeway parking lot.

Tree shoppers can support scouting by buying one of the group’s fresh trees they cut from local u-cut tree farms.

PRICES:

Douglas firs from \$25 to \$35.

Noble firs \$45 to \$55 while a few larger nobles are \$75 to \$80.

This is the troop’s biggest fundraiser of the year to support activities in 2022. Additional sales planned for Dec. 11 – 12 or until trees are all sold.

City leaf pick-up

Cottage Grove’s final leaf pickup will be the week of Dec 13 - 17.

For more information or questions call the Public Works office at 541-942-3349.

Flu/booster shot clinics held at Community Center

McCoy’s Pharmacy and the City of Cottage Grove are hosting a walk-in flu and COVID booster shot clinic on Thursdays.

The first clinic will be offered today (Dec. 2) from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Community Center in the Shepherd Room.

100 PIE GIVEAWAY



Haffly Home Group distributed 100 pies in the community on Nov. 23 just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Cottage Grove's Christmas Kick Off

DECEMBER 4, 2021
5 PM TO 8 PM
 BOHEMIA PARK
 10TH STREET
 COTTAGE GROVE

Kick-Off Activities include:

- 5 pm -** Santa parade and Tree Lighting
- Carols around the Christmas Tree
- Cottage Grove High School Choir
- Festival of Trees Give Away
- Friends of the Library Holiday Storytime
- Surprise Guests
- Santa's Village with:**
- Soup, Coffee, Cider, Hot Chocolate, Cookies,
- Caroling, a coloring station with letters to Santa and yes... **PHOTOS WITH SANTA in his workshop from 5:30pm - 7:30pm!!!**
- From 5 - 7pm -** Get your FREE Raffle tickets from the Chamber of Commerce booth for a chance to win your favorite decorated Christmas tree.
- 7:15 -** We will start to announce winners (Must be present to win & one winner per family)

Fill out the form below to have your organization's holiday bazaar included in the bazaar listing in the Cottage Grove Sentinel each Wednesday during the holidays. Cost for this service is \$50.00 for a 1x3 advertisement, 50 words or less. Please enclose check or money order if mailing in this listing.

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 Deadline is **NOON, Thursday** for the following week's publication.
 Must be pre-paid to be accepted.

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