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Living the dream!



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A fisherman on the Rogue near Trail fly fishes Monday, May 28. Memorial Day 2018 had many people on the river looking to beat the heat or catch some meat.

Meet the Rogue in Shady Cove

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Looking for some summer fun? Then be sure to attend the Festival on the Rogue June 9 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Upper Rogue Regional County Park, 7660 Rogue River Drive in Shady Cove. Really fun fact- Parking and admission will be free that day.

This fun fest has it all; truly something for everyone to enjoy and/or learn from.

The following activities are scheduled:

- Raffles- held for free same-day guided raft trips on the upper Rogue River and prizes donated by local businesses.

- Vendors and activities - dozens of exhibitors and vendors, food, music, and free participatory activities for children such as a casting challenge with conventional fishing gear.

- Exhibits - like close-up looks at river boats, a large Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

aquarium containing salmon and steelhead, a 25-foot salmon storytelling tent, fly tying and casting demonstrations.

- Outreach and educational booths from the Rogue River Watershed Council (RRWC), Jackson County Soil and Water Council District, the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service, the Corps of Engineers, the Medford Water Commission, and others.

With so much to do and see, plan on being there for the duration.

Where did this festival come from, though? Anyone who's been around the Shady Cove area for more than a few years has seen most of the city's events fade away. Folks on the RRWC along with three Shady Cove residents - Paula Trudeau, Sue Krupa, and Chuck Huntington - noticed the fun fest gap and decided to fill it with an event showcasing Shady Cove's best asset, the Rogue River. For folks to truly "Meet the Rogue in Shady Cove," the event needed to be educational as well as fun.

An event of this size takes a lot

of planning. Lisa Thompson, Dennis Gerke, Jerry Ziemann, and several others were on board. Then partners poured in, including the Moose Lodge (which will hold a pancake breakfast before the event), Jackson County, the city of Shady Cove and 25 local independent businesses. It takes a village to make a festival.

While Festival on the Rogue is about community, fun, outreach and education, some funds may be raised via the raffles. The profit (if any) after all the costs to put on the event are paid will go toward a riparian restoration project that the RRWC is working on with the city of Shady Cove in Aunt Caroline's Park.

If you'd like even more information on the fest, go to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FestivalOnTheRogue/> and view/download the event schedule from RRWC's website: <http://www.rogueriverwc.org/event/festival-on-the-rogue/>

Be sure to come to the June 9 event and bring plenty of sunscreen and your curiosity.

2 EPHS graduates accepted into local industry internship

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Since 2015, Eagle Point High School has offered two engineering courses to students who are interested in the field. From the inception of the courses, instructor Daniel Langston has aspired to make a way for students to further their education and prepare for an engineering career upon graduation. Beginning this summer, his goal will become a reality, as two graduates have been accepted into a three-year internship program with an area industry partner. Justin Pugh and Joseph Geizer will embark on an exciting journey that involves immediate employment while attending T58/CT58 Turbine Jet Engine School, which will prepare them to test for Federal Aviation Administration certification. In an interview with Upper Rogue Independent, Langston discussed the opportunity.

"The young men will walk in the door with a very lucrative paying job to support them as they go through school. Because they'll be working, the curriculum will take one year longer than it otherwise would. Once Justin and Joseph receive their certification, they can work anywhere in the world, but I've been told the company will do everything in their power to make them want to stay.

"This industry partner originally had only two positions open, but five students applied. They said that if all five wanted to work, they would find a place for them. That is how impressed they were with the applicants. The students were shining stars in my eyes.

"We have several different pipelines developing with the company. This one is with their propulsion shop; however, in the future, we are hoping to get welders and computer technicians in place, too. We'll be communicating with them and trying to fill jobs as they are needed with the right people. It's great to see how the internship program is developing.

"In addition to the company that hired Justin and Joseph, we're placing kids with several other industry leaders. I've placed nine seniors so far this year and hope to add a couple more before 2019. We're trying to develop many certifications that will meet the diverse needs of our industrial community.

"My goal is to eventually place 100 percent of our seniors in either college or career paths. Some of our students will go to a university engineering program, while others will go directly into the industry. We need to prepare them for both.

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Hummingbirds, don't kill what you love

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hummers develop normal feeding behaviors.)

Oregon grape, flowering currant, Western bleeding heart, columbines, honeysuckles, fireweed, Indian paintbrush, goldenrod, monkeyflower, spirea, checkermallow and penstemons are all great choices; and other nonnative plants that hummers like include butterfly bush, crocosmia, monardia, roses, trumpet vines, bee balms and gladiolas.

Impossibly small, yet incredibly bold, and beautiful to boot - hummingbirds fascinate millions of people who hang sugar-water feeders designed to draw them closer. But what if this desire to get a better look ends up killing them?

Sadly, this happens a lot, although most folks have no clue how they're harming that which they adore. The hummers don't die on people's porches; instead, as with many unintended wildlife deaths, they just disappear.

Hummingbirds are quite sensitive; therefore it's key to follow a strict regimen to prevent these deaths. It's not a hobby to be taken lightly. The Audubon Society recommends that enthusiasts instead plant native flowers and shrubs that benefit hummers. (And those who do hang feeders should also plant gardens to help baby

But back to sugar-water feeders: first, neglecting crucial feeder maintenance leads to disease. Candidiasis is a common fungus (similar to thrush in humans) that causes hummer tongues to swell, preventing them from feeding and leading to horrific deaths from suffocation or starvation. This infection can readily spread throughout hummingbird populations and is easily transmitted to offspring.

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The scoop on service animals

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Anyone who has worked in a grocery store, retail establishment, restaurant or other public place has no doubt encountered conflicting and confusing information on what constitutes the law and what doesn't when it comes to service animals.

According to the rules outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), only dogs are recognized as service animals under

Titles II (state and local government) and III (public accommodations) of the ADA. No other types of animal, whether wild or domestic, are considered service animals. The animal must be individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability such as guide

a person who is blind; pick up or fetch things for a person with a physical impairment; act as "medic alert" animals for people with seizure disorders, heart problems, or hearing impairments; or perform a variety of functions for people with psychiatric disabilities.

Emotional support animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA. It does not matter if a person has a note from a doctor that states that the person has a disability and needs to have the animal for emotional support. A doctor's letter does not turn an animal into a service animal. Support animals provide companionship, relieve loneliness, and sometimes help with depression, anxiety, and certain phobias, but do not have special training to perform tasks that assist people with disabilities.

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