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Referendum discussion heats up as deadline for petition looms

Petitioners believe they've gathered enough signatures to place Refinement Plan on ballot

BY JON STINNETT
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Cottage Grove's Main Street Refinement Plan has been the talk of the town since city officials convened public meetings to begin the planning process a year and a half ago, and in advance of a deadline to put the plan before voters this fall, it doesn't seem like

the talk will be dying down any time soon.

On Monday, petitioners hoping for a referendum to place the plan on the ballot this September were confident that they had enough signatures to get the job done. "We're going to make our quota for certain," chief petitioner Mary McNamara said while gathering signatures outside the Bookmine

downtown. As per state law, petitioners are required to gather signatures equal to 10 percent of the registered voters in Cottage Grove. Only those living in the city limits are eligible to sign, and the signatures have to be turned in within 30 days of the passage of the ordinance, giving petitioners until Wednesday, May 13 at 5 p.m. to gather 478 signatures. McNamara said she's targeting a total of 600 signatures in case some

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Chief petitioner Mary McNamara, left, and Bedo Crafts peruse signatures gathered for a referendum of the Main Street Refinement Plan.

Vision2037 presents awards

The Cottage Grove Vision-Keepers committee presented its annual awards at the May 11 Cottage Grove City Council meeting. The individuals and organizations who were honored on Monday night were chosen based on qualities that represent the goals of Vision 2037.

Chuck and Dian Missar were recognized for decades of devoted service to the community, in particular for their work with Partners in History, Aprovecho Research Center, Parent Partnership and the Library.

Friends of the Pool, which was formed in 2011, was honored for its invaluable role in preserving the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatics Center.

In the category of Expanding and Integrating Community Networks, South Lane Fire and Rescue was recognized for its efforts to unite the community through fun, educational and philanthropic events, including summer movies at the firehouse and the guns vs. hoses softball game to support the CGHS senior party.

The Bohemia Park Foundation, which donated Bohemia Park to the community, was awarded for Enhancing Urban Places and Spaces.

In the category of Investing in Diverse and Sustainable Economy, Coast Fork Farm Stand was recognized for Scott Burgwin's passion and vision for a farmer's market in Cottage Grove.

The recipient for Preserving and Promoting Environmental Assets was Aprovecho Research Center for its ongoing efforts to develop appropriate technology solutions for health and environment problems.

Sustainable Cottage Grove and the Community Center Therapy Pool were respectively honored for Pioneering Future and enhancing Community Health.

Hwy. 99 repaving may begin this week

A project to repave more than 12 miles of OR 99 between Creswell and Cottage Grove will begin as early as this week with the grinding of asphalt on the Hill Creek Bridge, approximately one mile south of Creswell, according to officials with the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The project aims to repave two segments of OR 99 (Goshen-Divide Highway) from Creswell south to near the junction with Interstate 5 — excluding Cottage Grove — with a two-inch pavement overlay. It will also repave much of the Cottage Grove Connector and Row River Road on each side of Interstate 5 with a two-inch grind and inlay.

During construction, ODOT says travelers can expect daytime, single-lane closures with traffic controlled by flaggers and pilot cars, with delays that ODOT says should last no more than 20 minutes. They add that accesses to all businesses will remain open during construction with blue cones or "Business Access" signs.

The agency says that the Cottage Grove Connector/Row River Road segments of construction are planned to be done at night because of the need for traffic control at the I-5 ramps, which will be easier to manage with the lower nighttime traffic volumes.

Wildish Construction of Eugene was awarded the low-bid contract of \$1.16 million for the project, which is scheduled for completion by June 26.

Two men involved in shooting identified

The Lane County Sheriff's Office last week identified the two men involved in a shooting incident that occurred in a Curry Avenue neighborhood on Saturday, May 2.

Cottage Grove Police initially responded to a shots-fired call just before 6 p.m., and upon arrival they located a male with a gunshot wound that was transported for medical care. The Sheriff's Office was subsequently called on to help locate a suspect, and its Special Response Team (SRT) reportedly used armored rescue vehicles to approach the location and located a deceased subject nearby.

On Wednesday, May 6, the Sheriff's Office released the names of the two men involved in the incident, though many of the details that surround it are still being kept quiet in light of an ongoing investigation. The injured male with the gunshot wound has been identified as 60-year old Dale Allen Lloyd of Cottage Grove, while the deceased subject that was located nearby has been identified as 64-year old John William Sidman of Cottage Grove.

A fundraising effort dedicated to Lloyd's recovery has been started at the website youcaring.com, where its details state that Lloyd "was shot in the eye to the brain and arm by a fellow neighbor." The effort had garnered \$145 of its \$2000 goal by Sentinel press time Monday.



photo by Mindy Bench

Mother's first ride

As a special event to commemorate Mothers Day, a local Harley Davidson enthusiast group from Cottage Grove visited Magnolia Gardens assisted retirement living facility. There, they presented flowers to the moms who call Magnolia Gardens home, in addition to offering rides on their hogs. Pictured at left is 87-year old Bea Schriber, who rode a Harley for the first time at the event. The motorcycle's driver is Rosemary Singhose.

Gravel-pit goats have kids

Quarry workers say they're concerned about traffic

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Several minutes into my goat-observation expedition, I had yet to encounter goat one.

Given advance notice by Louie Knutson — the loader operator with Portable Rock Productions who manages goings-on at the company's Sears Road rock pit — that the famed "gravel-pit goats" that call the quarry home are typically found high up on its rocky hillside this time of year, I scanned the upper reaches of the quarry for several minutes to no avail. Glancing back down at the ground around me, however, I noticed an excited handful of goats scurrying my



photo by Jon Stinnett

The quarry on Sears Road is now home to five goats after the birth of two kids.

direction, a mere few feet away and as eager to observe me as I was to finally meet them. Was it strange that I was a little star-struck?

"Nobody knows the name of this place," Knutson said. "But when you mention the goats, they say, 'Oh, yeah, I know where that is.'"

There have been goats to observe at the gravel

pit that's visible from Interstate 5 for as long as I've been around to observe them — even longer, according to Tina Fornoff of Tina Fornoff Rocks, LLC, who makes frequent trips to the quarry and works part-time at its rock crusher.

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