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For law enforcement:

Cottage Grove Police Chief Mike Grover said local police are "not going to lose a lot of sleep" over legalization, calling recreational marijuana "no big deal." He said his department will concentrate on keeping the drug out of the hands of minors and will ticket minors in possession where necessary. Drivers who attempt to drive impaired will still be subject to the same penalties as before, Grover said.

Grover said CGPD will not be concentrating heavily on policing the buying or selling of marijuana or use in public places, though he acknowledged that much of what will play out in the near future with regard to marijuana has yet to be seen.

"Nobody knows what's going to happen, what exactly the legislature is going to do," he said. "They passed this law and everyone was ill-prepared to deal with it, including us. It's a generational thing; times have changed, and you've got to be able to bob and weave with them. Some of us don't do that very well."

For dispensaries:

Last week, representatives of two of Cottage Grove's medical

marijuana dispensaries said they expected to turn people away who wish to purchase weed from them this week.

"People have been asking us, 'Can we buy from you on July 1?' We can't give people good information on that," said Jake Boone, manager of Apothecaria.

The Oregon House has put forth a bill that would allow dispensaries to sell recreational marijuana flowers only on Oct. 1, but it remains to be seen whether that will happen. If it does, Boone said, much will change.

"All we would have to do is look at ID," he said. "What will likely happen is that people with medical cards wouldn't have to pay tax, and people without one will. We expect a lot of people to show up that day (July 1), but there will be roadblocks. We expect a shortage because there will be more customers but not enough time to ramp up production."

Boone said he expects medical marijuana cardholders to stock up on the drug so they can "supply the party," though he said his dispensary has policies in place to make sure an individual doesn't purchase too much, too often.

Likewise, Randy Llamas of the Holistic Co-op said he expected that people were "going to be banging on the door" to buy rec-

reational pot from him this week. Both Boone and Llamas said they worry that the black market for weed will flourish until there are legal avenues for its purchase.

"I'm worried that it's going to go to the streets," Llamas said. "The dealers will take over, and by the time it's legal to sell, the dealers will already have put down roots."

For first responders:

South Lane Fire and Rescue Division Chief Joe Raade said he's concerned that people who have never used marijuana will try it this week because it's now legal and be unprepared for its effects.

"People who have never used it will try it and have some type of 'holy-cow' moment and call an ambulance," he said. "We've been expecting it and training our crews to deal with that situation."

Raade said he would be "fooling himself" to think that none of his employees have ever tried marijuana, but for those who have not, South Lane Fire has been busy educating them as to its side effects.

"We have a few naive medics," he said. "We're seeing more and more edibles already; we recently went into a home and I had a medic ask me, 'Why would they want a tub of butter for the bed?'"

For pets:

Legalization will almost certainly have unforeseen impacts on humans, but the Cottage Grove Humane Society issued a warning in its most recent newsletter that "now that it is becoming legal, there is more opportunity for our pets to get into the drug."

"Veterinary clinics are seeing more pets with symptoms including loss of coordination, lethargy, panting, dribbling of urine, etc." related to marijuana ingestion, the warning stated. Dr. Ryan Frome of Forest Valley Veterinary Clinic said that his clinic does occasionally see pets that have ingested marijuana, but he's unsure if legalization will impact the number of such cases.

"Everyone in the vet world will be watching to see if there's an impact," he said. "We've heard anecdotal reports of poisonings, but we don't know if we're going to see that here. We're concerned, especially about edibles."

Frome said that administering fluids is the common treatment for marijuana ingestion, as there's "no antidote" for the drug.

"In a severe case, it's been talked about that there could be seizures or a coma, but we've never seen that," he said.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON
For the Sentinel

The Lorane Rebekahs put on a fabulous feast Saturday for the community as a thank-you for help and support of their foundation. Everyone enjoyed the delicious assortment of food served.

Lorane Grangers began the re-roofing of the Grange Hall last Saturday. Thanks to all those who came, worked or supplied food. They will be working again the last weekend in July.

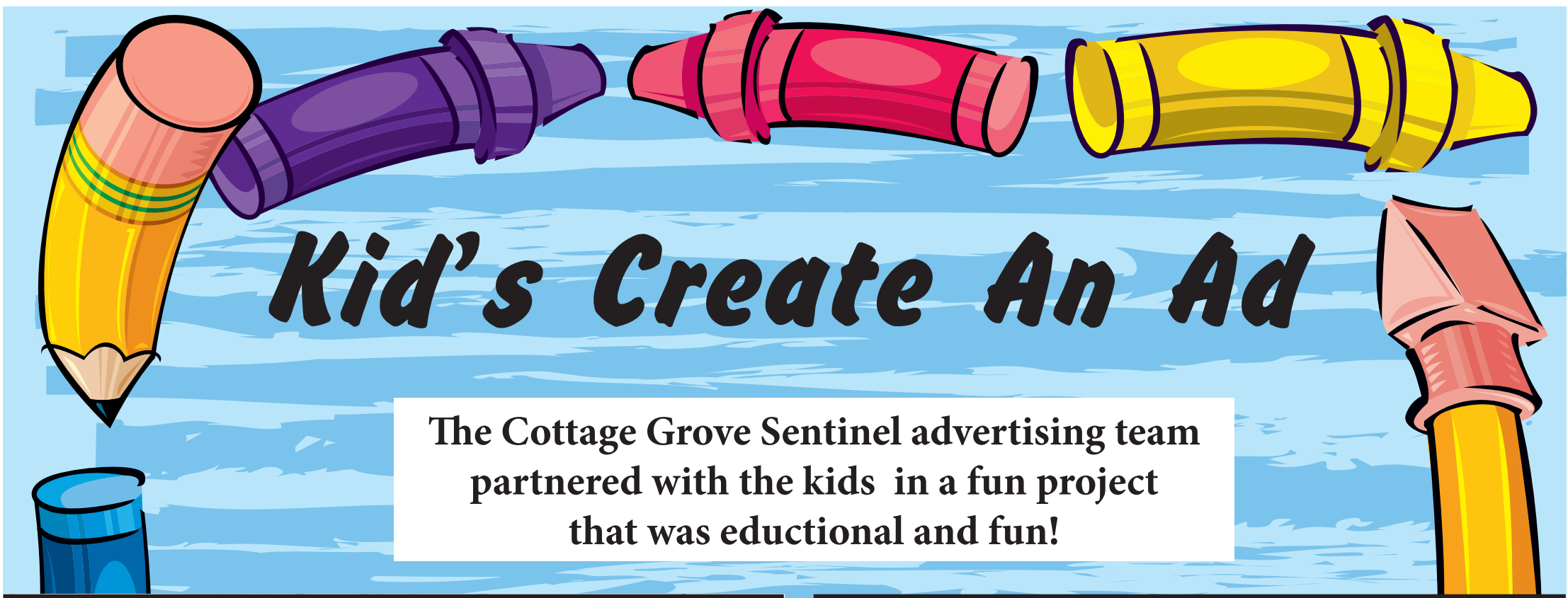
"Little Coffee Hours" began this morning Wednesday, July 1 at the Rebekah Lodge. Come out each Wednesday from 7-9 a.m. for coffee, muffins and visiting.

Be sure to mark July 9 on your calendar for the next meeting of the Lorane Celebration Committee at 6:30 p.m. in the Grange. There is still plenty of time to rent a table at the Grange or have a home placed on the map. Those interested can call 541-942-5701.

Just a reminder, Lorane Grange meets the third Thursday this month on July 16. I was asked to repeat a comment from last week: There is a 35 m.p.h. speed limit posted through the section of Lorane from just before the Lorane Family Store to after the Lorane General Store on Territorial Road. Many, many cars fly through there, and parents and children are walking. Please do SLOW DOWN! Also, please slow down on Old Lorane Road.

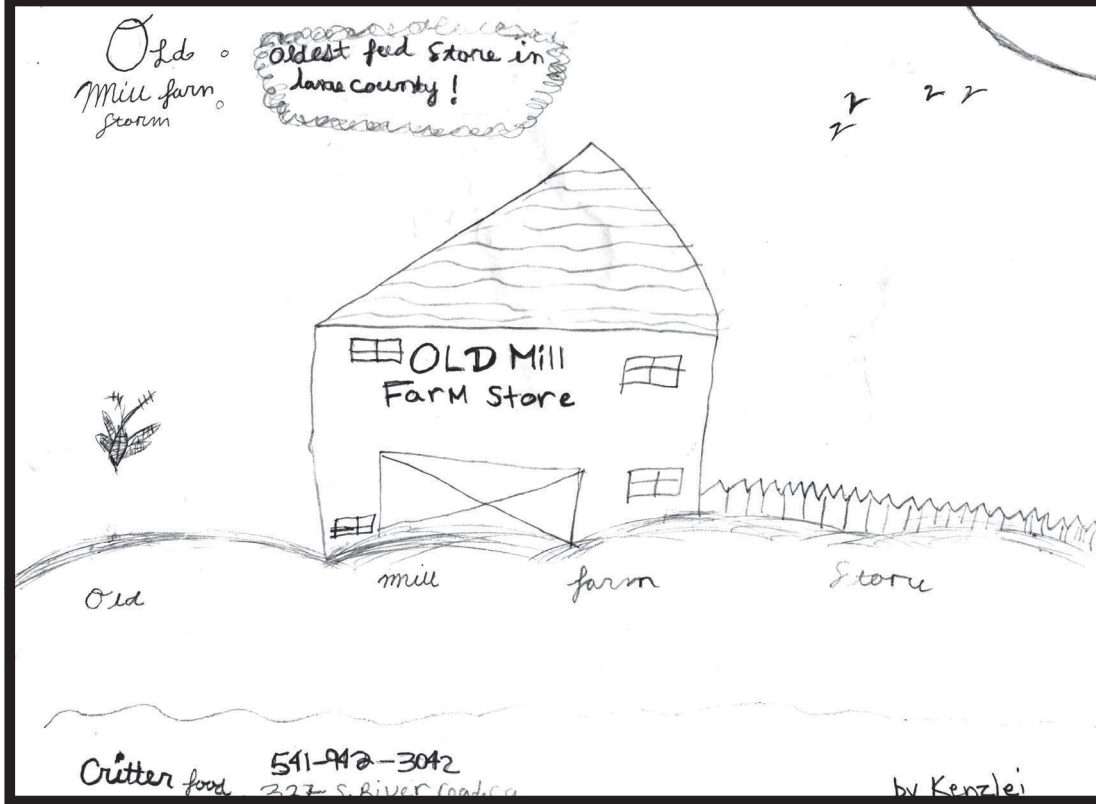
While working on the Grange roof this weekend, we noticed that many cars went above a speed acceptable for this small residential area of Lorane. Be mindful that this is summer and more people are out. Be sure to check out the Growers Market temporarily housed at the Lorane Family Store.

Everyone have a safe and happy Fourth of July! Due to high fire danger, be very careful with fireworks, but have fun. Have water nearby.

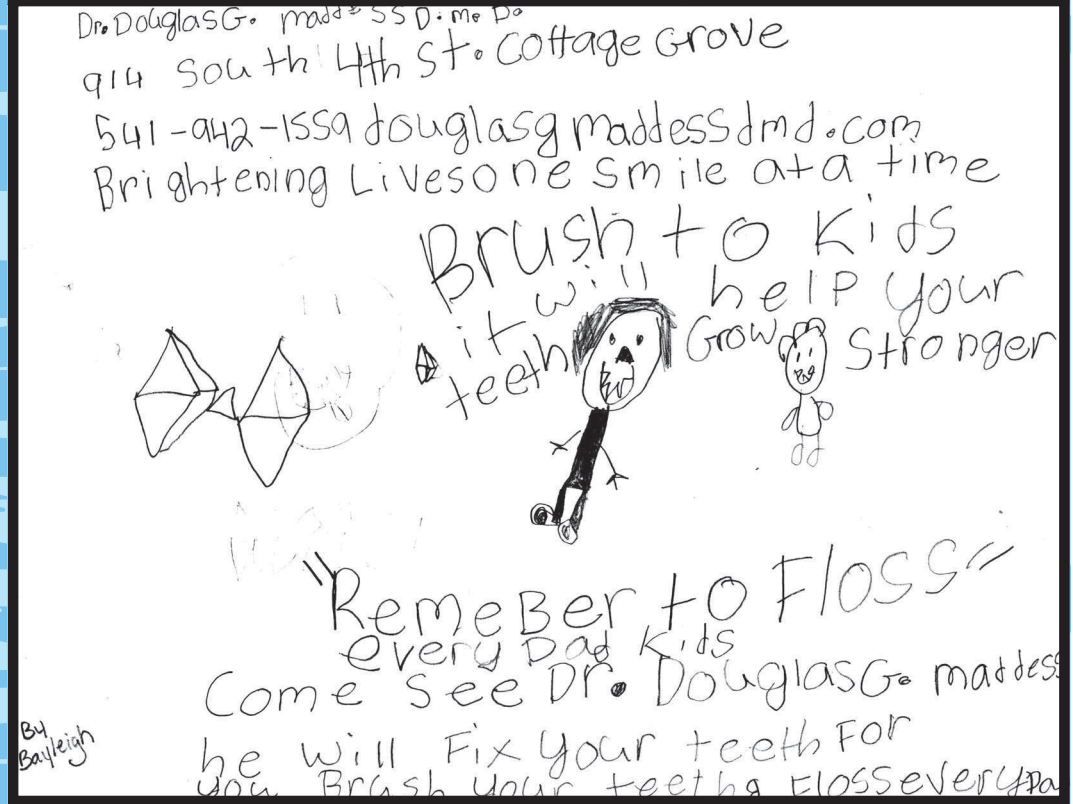


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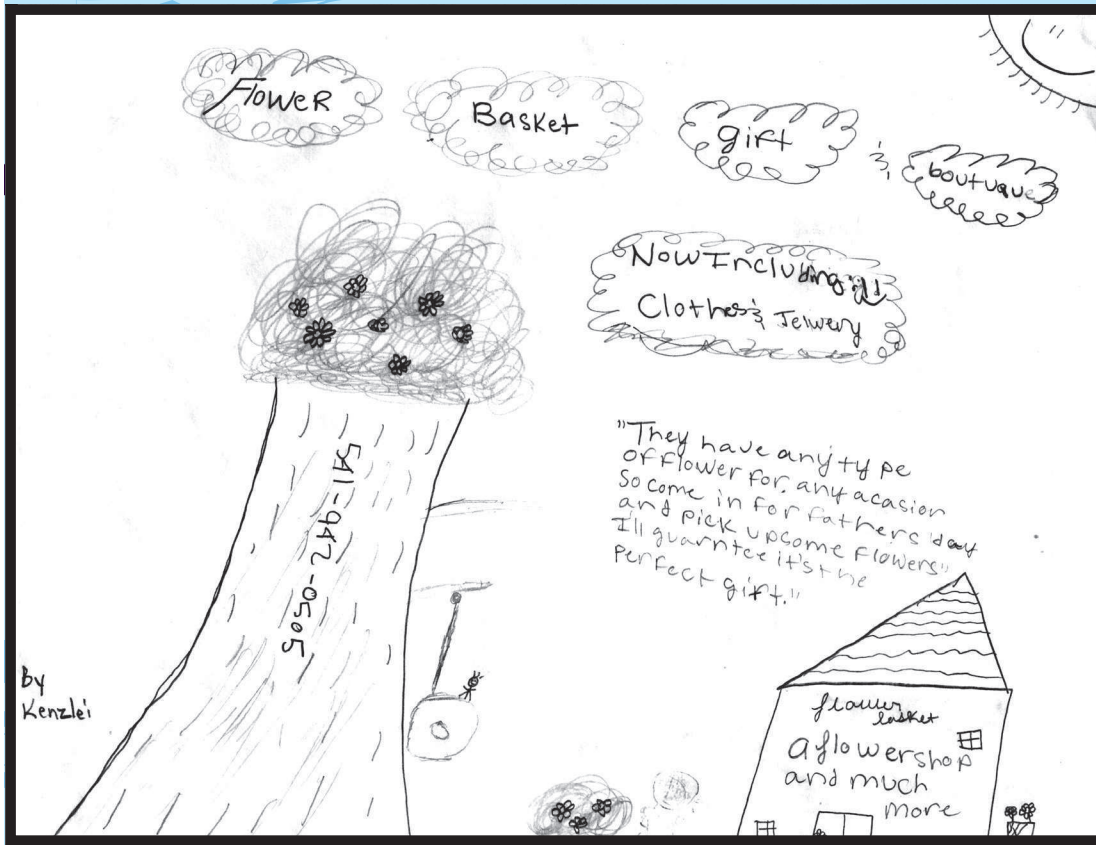
The Cottage Grove Sentinel advertising team partnered with the kids in a fun project that was educational and fun!



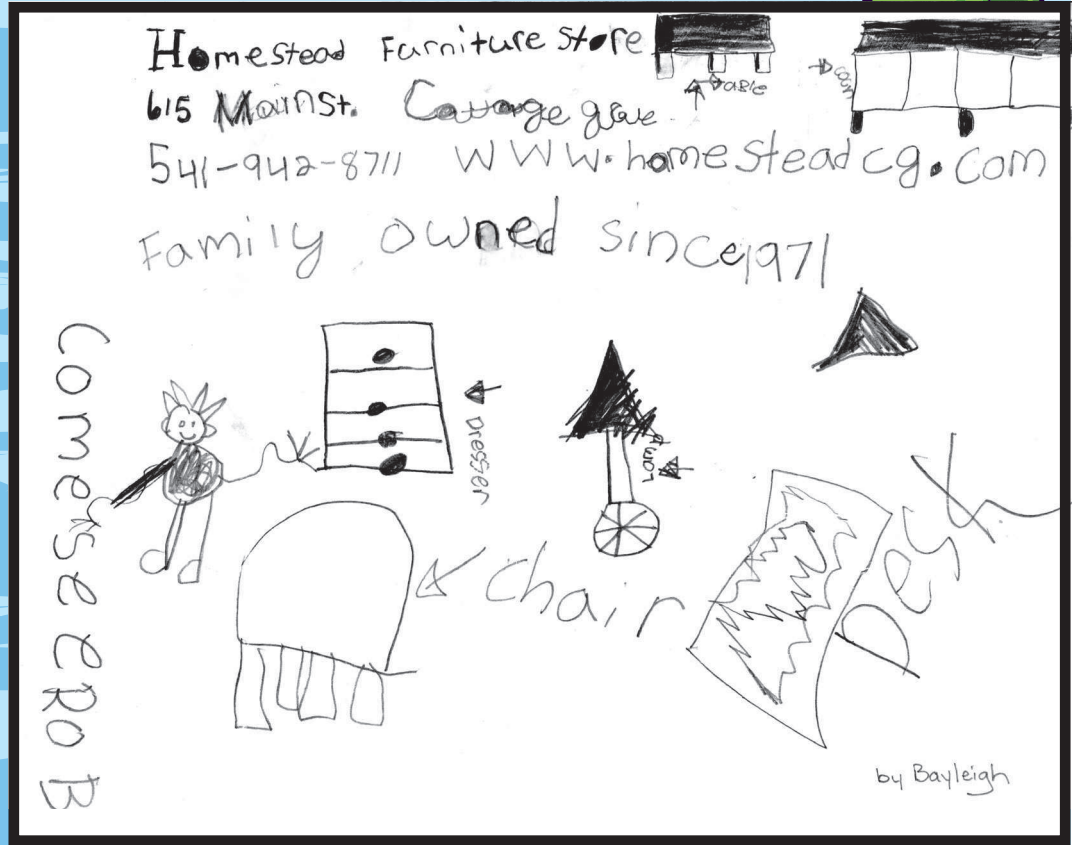
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