

# Book prompts District to lower athletic fees

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A book that's making the rounds among educators and board members at South Lane School District has already fostered changes within the District.

Superintendent Krista Parent said that all of the District's administrators and its school-board members have read Robert D. Putnam's "Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis," and that an initiative contained in the book has already convinced the District to halve its fees for participation in athletics and other extracurricular activities, with a future goal to eliminate the fees altogether.

"It came directly from reading the book," Parent said. "There's a chapter dealing with suggestions to offer equal opportunities for students of different economic backgrounds, and one of the suggestions is to go visit your school superintendent, ask them why they're charging a fee and if they're willing to consider lowering it. If you're trying to level the playing field, it says, this is one

thing that school districts are doing to hold up that progress."

In the book, Putnam addresses a growing economic inequality among today's generation as opposed to the 1950s Ohio small town he grew up in. He talks about how people of differing economic backgrounds used to live in the same neighborhoods and expect the same opportunities, and how economic inequality has separated classes of people and led to very different lifestyles among different groups.

"Putnam tells the tale of lessening opportunity through poignant life stories of rich and poor kids from cities and suburbs across the country, drawing on a formidable body of research done especially for this book," according to one reviewer. He details the family lives of kids born into more affluent households, whose parents have more time and resources to devote to them (and, often, less stress to deal with, stress that can lead to poor parenting.)

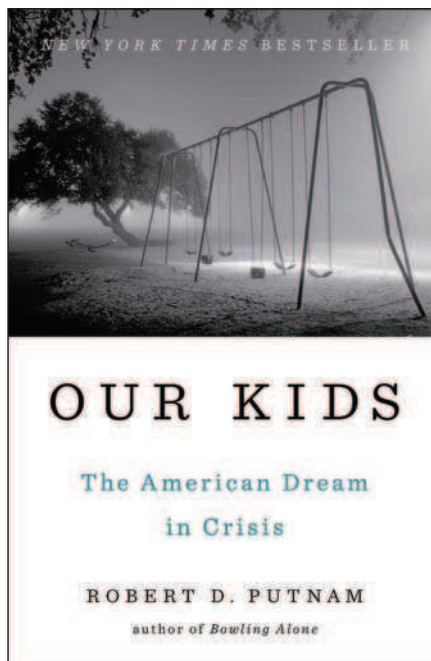
"The school system doesn't cause the opportunity gap, but there are things we can do to help close it," Parent said.

"There are kids that get further and further ahead. Our kids are smart and athletic but the same opportunities as those kids, and it infuriates me. So many of our kids have to endure so much just to get by every day."

Parent said that the new children's dental clinic and A Primary Connection, which offers services to parents of young children, are examples of the District attempting to augment the opportunities of less fortunate kids. But, she added, more can still be done.

"How do you take the kids that aren't really getting these opportunities and help provide them?" she said. "There are haves and have-nots, and the people in the 'have' group don't seem particularly bothered by that. How do you change it? If we don't care because of a deep feeling in our core, we should at least care because of the societal cost, because it's cheaper for us to invest in these kids now."

The South Lane School Board is planning an in-depth discussion of "Our Kids" at its Oct. 5 meeting.



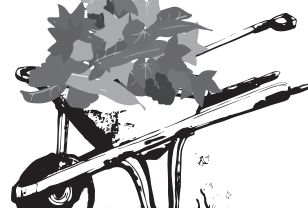
'Our Kids' examines the different opportunities available to American children of differing economic backgrounds.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### City, fire reps at BPS speaker series

The Cottage Grove Blackberry Pie Society will open its 2015-16 Speakers Series with a double-header featuring Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers and South Lane Fire Chief John Wooten on Tuesday, Oct. 6 in the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E. Washington Street in Cottage Grove, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Chief Wooten will discuss the Fire Equipment Bond that will be on the Nov. 3 ballot, and Meyers will address city issues, with time for both guests to answer questions from the audience.

The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be available.

For more information about this event, contact: Blackberry Pie Chairperson Leslie Rubinstein at 541-521-2887 or blackberrypie@gmail.com.

### Have a Civil War ancestor?

"How to Find Your Civil War Ancestor" is designed to offer a broad understanding of Civil War statistics and documentation to enable those interested to focus their genealogy research to find an ancestor who fought in the Civil War. The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will present a conversation on the subject at the Cottage Grove Library on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Janice B. Heckethorne, Oregon Department President of the DUVCW.

Those seeking more information can call 541-767-3947 or voelker5@epud.net.

### Keller completes basic training

Air Force Airman Joseph M. Keller graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Tex.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Keller is the son of Riley J. Keller of Creswell, Ore., and Mary Jane Keller of Yoncalla, Ore.

He is a 2015 graduate of Yoncalla High School, Yoncalla, Ore.

### Cottage Quilts Exhibit held over

In response to the success of Cottage Quilts, the Cottage Grove Museum's historic quilt exhibit, the Cottage Grove Museum board has extended the exhibit through the end of October.

Organizers say over 200 people have seen Cottage Quilts since the exhibit opened in mid-August and ran during the Cottage Theatre's production of "Quilters."

Cottage Quilts is the result of a yearlong project that included documenting the Museum's quilt collection for inclusion in the National Quilt Index. Historic quilt experts from the Pioneer Quilters Guild examined each quilt to verify its pattern, mate-

rial, method of construction and age. The museum's quilt collection represents over 100 years of quilting history and provides examples of numerous quilting techniques and patterns.

The exhibit was made possible by support from the Lane County Cultural Coalition, the Pioneer Quilters Guild, the Lane County Historical Museum and the City of Cottage Grove.

Cottage Quilts exhibit hours are Friday-Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, contact: Cottage Grove Museum Board President Becky Venice at 541-942-4269 or b.venice@msn.com, or Tara Sue Hughart, Cottage Grove Museum Coordinator at 541-968-2254 or tarasuehughart99@gmail.com.

### Garden Club to talk invasive species

Tao Orion, author of the book "Beyond the War on Invasive Species: A Permaculture Approach to Ecosystem Restoration," will be the Cottage Grove Garden Club's guest speaker at its Tuesday, Oct. 6 meeting. Orion teaches permaculture design at Oregon State University and at Aprovecho, consults on holistic farm, forest and restoration planning and is focused on rethinking invasive species from a permaculture-based perspective.

As always, this presentation is free and open to the public. The Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month at The First Presbyterian Church on the corners of Adams and 3rd. The presentation begins at 7 p.m.

### 912 Project

Brian Whiteside of VDOS Global will discuss drones at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's

Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E. Main St. The meeting is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

### World Smile Day Friday, October 2



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Pastor: Aaron Earlywine  
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey  
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Christian Education  
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade  
www.6thandgibbs.com

#### Calvary Baptist Church

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

#### Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove

1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)  
541-942-6842  
Pastor: Jeff Smith  
Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am  
Wednesday Service 6:45 pm  
Child Care 10:45am Service Only  
Youth Group Bible Study:  
Wed. 6:45 pm & Sat. 6 pm  
www.cgcalvary.org

#### Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove

700 Gibbs Ave (Community Center)  
Rev. Bobby Lee  
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
Info: 541-767-0182 (Mrs. "T")

#### Church of Christ

420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565  
Sunday Service: 10:30am

#### Cottage Grove Bible Church

1200 East Quincy Avenue  
541-942-4771  
Pastor: Bob Singer  
Worship 8:30am, 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Youth Group Mondays 6:30pm  
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,  
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
www.cgbible.org

#### Cottage Grove Faith Center

33761 Row River Rd. • 541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Isaac Hovet  
www.cg4.tv  
2 Sunday Services: 9am & 11am  
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#### Covered Bridge Nazarene Church

152 S. M St.  
541-942-4422  
Pastor: Cindy Slaymaker  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am

#### Delight Valley

Church of Christ  
33087 Saginaw Rd. East  
541-942-7711  
Pastor: Bob Friend  
Two Services:  
9am - Classic in the Chapel  
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

#### First Baptist Church

301 S 6th St 541-942-8242  
Pastor: Steve Johnson  
Sunday School: 9:30am  
Worship: 11:00am  
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#### First Presbyterian Church

3rd and Adams St • 541-942-4479  
Pastor: Rev. Bruce Cameron  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
www.cgpresbynews.com

#### Grove Community Church

77820 Mosby Creek Rd.  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
541-942-0123  
Pastor: Bryan Parsons  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Nursery: Infant - Pre-K  
Kid's Church: K to 5th grade

#### Hope Fellowship

United Pentecostal Church  
100 S. Gateway Blvd. • 541-942-2061  
Pastor: Dave Bragg  
Worship: 11:00am Sunday  
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday  
www.hopefellowshippupc.com  
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#### Living Faith Assembly

467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612  
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Sunday School All Ages 9am  
Worship & Children's  
Church 10:30 am  
"The Bridge" Sat Evening Service 6:00pm  
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm  
Children's Breakout Class: Wed. 6:30pm

#### Non-Denominational Church of Christ

1041 Pennoyer Ave \* 541-767-0447  
Preachers: Tony Martin & Robert Evans  
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am  
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm  
www.pennoyeravvecoc.com

#### Old Time Gospel Fellowship

103 S. 5th Street • 541-942-4999  
Pastor: Herb Carson  
Sunday Service: 10:00am  
Sunday Bible Study: 6:00pm  
We sing the old time hymns.

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Catholic Churches  
1025 N. 19th St.  
541-942-3420 / 541-942-4712  
Pastor: Roy L. Antunez, S.J.  
Euch. Liturgies; Sat. 5:30pm  
Sun. 10:30am  
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell:  
552 Holbrook Lane • 541-895-8686  
Sunday: 8:30am

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541-942-5213  
Pastor: Kevin Miller  
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am  
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am  
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00 pm

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373  
Pastor: James L. Markus  
Sunday Worship 9:30am  
Adult Education 10:45am  
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur  
5:00pm TLC Groups  
trinitylutherancottagegrove.com

#### United Methodist Church

334 Washington • 541-942-3033  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Worship: 10:30am  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30am  
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)  
2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm  
cottagegroveumc.org

#### "VICTORY" Country Church

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Pastor: Barbara Dockery  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
Message: 11:00am  
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