

PARKS

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that area," she said. "I think it's worth trying to put those signs up."

New Councilor Amy Slay asked how the ordinance would be enforced. Meyers stated that if a violation was witnessed by law enforcement, the offender would be asked to leave and smoke elsewhere.

"If there are people hanging out under a pavilion, we'll be checking on them," he said.

Slay asked if Meyers was

suggesting establishing a designated smoking area at parks. He responded that there are areas around City Hall and the Community Center that are designated as parks and that there are designated areas there where City employees are allowed to smoke.

Councilor Mike Fleck said he was "torn" by a desire to protect personal freedoms while limiting secondhand smoke exposure in the parks. He said the establishment of designated smoking areas could help gar-

ner his support for the ordinance. Councilor Jake Boone agreed, adding that the City should install receptacles so smokers "don't have to throw it on the ground."

"I don't think it's our place as a Council to try to make our citizens make better decisions," Boone said. "But it is our place to make sure citizens aren't dosed with anything against their will."

The Council, minus an absent Councilor Heather Murphy, voted unanimously to

pass the ordinance. Under new rules that govern the Council's actions, a unanimous vote in favor can cause an ordinance to pass in one meeting if the ordinance has been available for review by the public for at least a week. However, City Recorder Trudy Borrevik said that, because the ordinance was not available to the public until last Wednesday, another majority 'yes' vote would be needed to pass this ordinance.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Veterans lunch at CGHS

In honor of the military service of local veterans, the student council at Cottage Grove High School would like to cordially invite them to lunch on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 11:15 a.m. Students will greet veterans at the door of the cafeteria and escort them to their seats. They would like to know how many are planning to attend by Thursday, Nov. 5,

so those who plan to attend are asked to call Lisa Thoms at (541) 942-3391 to make a reservation.

912 Project

Serenity Lane's Jerry Gjesvold will address the effects of the newly legalized marijuana law at the next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project on Monday, Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E. Main St.

4-H

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"4-H has a lot to offer," Kuebler said. "It's difficult for some parents because it's often a matter of timing. A lot of families have conflicts with sports, and I think there's a basic misconception about what 4-H is. People think it's all about animals, but if you think of it as having a hobby, there's probably a way to use it to participate in 4-H."

Kuebler pointed out that 4-H

offers a way to develop skills in archery, crafts, Lego robotics and a host of other disciplines in addition to raising animals, though there are categories for rabbits, swine, poultry, sheep, guinea pigs, cows and more.

"People can have small animals," she said. "You don't have to live on a farm. We just tell people to bring what they have. The goal is to get people involved, so it doesn't necessarily have to be a pedigreed animal."

Young people who do choose to raise animals for showing in 4-H, however, can learn a lot, according to parent Launa Brink.

"It teaches them how to handle their animals, and that takes training over time in things the animals aren't necessarily used to," Brink said. "They learn how to care for animals when they get sick and learn so many other lessons about the animals themselves."

But perhaps the biggest lesson 4-H can provide, Brink said, is a deeper one.

"The biggest thing it teaches is responsibility," she said. "My daughter had to care for her animal and feed it, because she knew I wasn't going to do it. It became a daily thing, and that's what I appreciate the most."

Last month, a group supportive of the Extension Service and 4-H approached the Lane County Board of Commissioners to

propose a tax levy of 1.5 cents per \$1000 of property value to fund offerings from the Extension including 4-H. The Commissioners held a worksession last week and directed County Administrator Steve Mokrinsky to work with the Extension Service to begin drafting language for the levy to be included on the May of 2016 ballot.

"We're hoping we can bring those activities back," East Lane Commissioner Faye Stewart

said Monday. "They're pretty critical to our rural residents."

In the meantime, organizers say that those interested in 4-H in the area can visit the Extension Service website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/4h> for more information or call 541-344-5043. The group will also hold regular meetings at the Fairgrounds the third Sunday of each month at 4 p.m.

CITY

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Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway proponent meeting

The Covered Bridges Scenic Bikeway management group met on Thursday morning to review the successes associated

with the Scenic Bikeway and to look at areas to improve in the coming year. The City Manager and City Planner Amanda Ferguson attended as the City's representatives on a group tasked to prepare an annual report to the State to report the work to improve the scenic bikeway that has occurred in the last year.

Painting projects

This week, two painting projects were completed; the first was the bell tower that adorns All-America City Square on South 7th and Main Streets.

Public Works contracted to have the bell tower power washed, scraped, primed and painted. The bell tower was repainted with colors that were as close to the original colors as possible. This week, City crews

also painted the high service pump station building at the Row River Water Treatment Plant. This is a cinder block building that houses the 100 horsepower pumps that move finished water from the treatment plant to the Knox Hill Reservoirs.

Streetlight Survey

In anticipation of the change back to standard time on Nov.

1, Public Works just completed a survey of all streetlights throughout the City to identify any street lights that are not working. Streetlights throughout the City are owned and maintained by Pacific Power, EPUD, the City, or private homeowner associations. Streetlights that were not functioning correctly were noted and reported to the proper authority for repair. There were a total of 31 streetlights throughout the City that

were not functioning properly. There were 22 belonging to Pacific Power, seven that belonged to Emerald People's Utility District and two that were the responsibility of the City, which asks that when members of the public see a street light that is not functioning correctly, they note the pole number and utility company name and report it to Public Works at 541-942-3349 so the City can contact the responsible party to begin repairs.

OFFBEAT

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"A mammoth goose with a

broken wing sat in the middle of the floor," Gibbs recounted. "Evidently blinded by the bea-

con, it had flown through the open porthole and broken its wing en route."

Gibbs picked the goose up and hustled it out of the lighthouse, stowing it in a sheltered spot there. (The goose's wing was most likely just bruised, not broken, since it was gone the next day.) Then he climbed back into his bunk and tried to go back to sleep.

When he reported for his watch an hour or two later, the keeper he was relieving stared at him. "What's the matter with ya?" he asked. "Ya look like you seen a ghost."

It was to be a long and dreadful night for Gibbs. His nerves, already keyed up by the goose incident, were not helped when an unearthly moaning started coming from a nearby empty room. Seeking some reading material to take his mind off his fears, he soon found himself reading a maritime magazine — with an article about a haunting at the Navassa Lighthouse in the Caribbean. The story ended with the lightkeeper going mad and being carried from the light-

house in a straightjacket.

And all the while, that weird, never-to-be-explained moaning was going on in the other room.

"It was one of the longest nights of my life," he wrote.

(Sources: Gibbs, James A. Tillamook Light. Portland: Binford, 1979; Smitten, Susan. Ghost Stories of Oregon. Edmondton: Ghost House, 2001; www.atlasobscura.com)

ART WALK

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN COTTAGE GROVE



LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 6:00 TO 8:00 PM

BPOE 16th ANNUAL Veteran's Appreciation Dinner & Show
 So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.
 PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR VETERANS ON NOVEMBER 7TH, 2015 FOR OUR USO SHOW & DINNER
 DINNER FREE TO VETERANS
 Donations of \$5 are gratefully appreciated.
 Turkey Dinner at 5-6pm, Entertainment starts at 6pm
 Call 541-942-3554 for details

Trick or Teat In Historic Downtown Cottage Grove
Friday, October 30th 3pm -5pm

Join us for **PET COSTUME CONTEST**
 Sponsored by the Cottage Grove Aqua Lions

KNND PUMPKIN CARVING CONTESTS

KIDS COSTUME CONTEST
 Sponsored by Friends of the Cottage Grove Library

SELFIE STATION
 Sponsored by Lane Community College

WINDOW DECORATING CONTEST
 sponsored by EBID and the Main Street Program

CITY HALL HALLOWEEN DISPLAY WITH SELFIE STATION

COOKIES AND CIDER AT ALL AMERICA SQUARE
 Sponsored by the Cottage Grove Lions Club and Don Williams

Scavenger Hunt, Death mobile on display, Street Performers, Music, and Trick or Treating

Roads will close prior to the start of the event and reopen by 6pm for Artwalk.

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