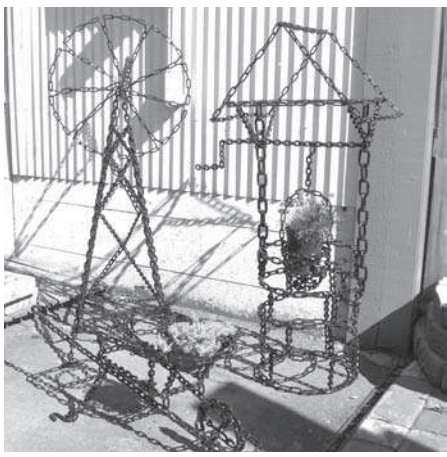


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## And they're off!

On Sunday, May 1, the Cottage Grove Elks Lodge hosted a Pinewood Derby for Cub Scout Pack 140. Winners included Bryce Johnson (third place), Matthew Ferguson (second place), and Nicholas Brambila (first place).



photo by Christie Johnson

## BOND

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secured access system in each school (estimated \$1,485,813 cost for safety and security upgrades), deferred maintenance projects such as roof replacements, exterior upgrades and heating and electrical work in some schools (estimated cost \$2,300,443), replacement of 15-year old computer systems (estimated cost of \$1,250,000 for network and technology upgrades), renovation of the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center at a cost of \$2,920,129, renovation of Peggy's Primary Connection learning Center (cost estimate \$1,073,775), relocation of Kennedy High School to the old Delight Valley School location outside Saginaw at a cost of \$412,000, reuse of the current Harrison property (at a cost

estimate of \$513,455) and development costs of \$6,173,285 that include furniture, fixtures and equipment, architecture and engineering services, consultant services, site and soil surveys, project management, permits and approvals, the costs of phasing out an old building and phasing in the use of a new one, a \$1,135,266 construction contingency, project contingency and administrative costs at a total of \$5,676,330.

### Cost to the taxpayer

South Lane School District plans to combine the bond that funded the construction of Cottage Grove High School (which expires in 2025) with the new

Harrison bond, and Superintendent Krista Parent has stated that the District believes a \$2 cost per \$1000 of assessed property value is the upper limit of what voters will support. The bond is expected to start at \$1.90 per \$1000 in assessed value in its first year and will likely decline as property values rise and more homes are built. Using the average rate of the current CGHS bond over its lifetime, the new bond would cost the owner of a \$170,000 home (which the District uses to represent the median value of a home in Cottage Grove) an extra \$2.13 per month, or \$25.56 per year. It should be noted, though, that rates will not be set until the day the District issues the bond.

### Possible matching grants

The passage of Senate Bill 447 has allocated \$125 million in funds for districts that secure bond levies this year and next year, with school districts eligible to receive between \$4-8 million. South Lane appears high on a waiting list for priority to receive \$4 million to put toward the bond, which would be over and above the \$35-plus million bond total.

"It's not guaranteed that we'll receive that money, but we are very confident," Superintendent Parent said. If the grant is received, the District plans to use about \$2.5 million of the \$4 million to further renovate the aquatic center.

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## OFFBEAT

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dollar that will do you more good than a thousand dollars spent on a doctor. You may not be diseased now, but you may be within a week after we have gone back to California, and when we come back next year you may be down in your graves, or on your beds past cure. You know that millions of souls have

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"At this point, the rattle of dollars dropping into the collection box sounds like a gambler's table. It is now 10:00 and the intelligent fellow-citizens are tired. The doctors bid them an affectionate good-night, promising to be back tomorrow night, and in the meantime they can be found at their room at the hotel where they will be pleased to relieve as many sufferers as

choose to call.

"On reaching their rooms, their piety evaporates. They don't even say their prayers and go to bed, but proceed to open their bag and count out 57 web-foot dollars, as the result of their night's work. At four other doctors' stands the receipts range from \$20 to \$80. The doctors crawl into their beds happy, and ... the ventriloquist says, 'Jim, they told us the truth in California, didn't they?'"

"How's that?"

"That there are more dog-gone fools in Portland than anywhere else."

"Jim replies, 'You bet! It's

a good place to gather goose feathers up here in Webfoot."

(Sources: Larsell, O. The Doctor in Oregon. Portland: Binfords, 1947; Bromberg, Erik. "Frontier Humor: Plain and Fancy," Oregon Historical Quarterly, Sept. 1960)

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