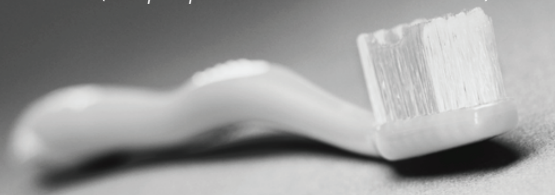


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South Lane first heard of these adjustments in February, Parent said, and has worked to make cuts since. In addition, new laws regulating sick leave for workers and a hike in the minimum wage are also expected to take their toll.

Other needs have also led to added costs in the 2016-17 budget. The addition of full-day kindergarten throughout the District last year led to a need for more support by educational assistants in kindergarten classrooms, and the estimated cost of adding three hours of support for each classroom is expected to be about \$120,000.

"When we planned for full-day kindergarten, we didn't do anything to the E.A. time they previously had," Parent said. "That was a huge oversight."

A grant called Pre-school Promise will also lead to the founding of preschool programs at Bohemia and Dorena elementary schools.

The District has already made cuts to help cover the budget shortfall, including the elimination of one administrator

position, the dean of students at Cottage Grove High School, a teacher at Bohemia Elementary, a special education teacher and teacher at CGHS. In addition, it has lowered the amounts contributed to funds dedicated to maintenance, athletics, textbooks, building replacements, the reserve for the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) and professional development.

South Lane has the funding to cover the shortfall, Parent explained, but would do so at the expense of the carryover to start the next school year, which she likened to a household using its savings to pay ongoing bills. She said the District has already made about \$615,000 in cuts but will still be \$314,000 short in its carryover.

"What are we going to do about that difference?" she asked the Budget Committee before answering her own question. The District could cut school days at a savings of about \$95,000 per year, and she said negotiators representing the teachers' unions have indi-

cated their willingness to cut up to four school days. The District could also hope that a spending freeze enacted some weeks ago can lead to added savings, and changes to the medical plans offered to district employees could mean a smaller deficit.

"If nothing is worked out in negotiations, we're going to have a \$300,000 increase, and we will cut four days for sure," she said. "But we would like to kind of meet in the middle."

The District has met with the teachers' unions four times already, Parent said, and the budget will remain at "status quo" if a new agreement is not reached by the June 30 deadline for adopting the budget. She said she expects the number of meetings to increase as needed.

"Considering how we felt in February when we first got these projections, we've been plugging along," Parent said. "It's not been pleasant, but it's not the end of the world. Are we still able to provide a quality education? Absolutely. But I am concerned with how hard we're working everybody."

London Springs 4-H Club News

BY ISABELA HERMANSEN
 For the Sentinel

The London Springs 4-H Club held its monthly community meeting at the London Grange Hall on May 4 at 6 p.m. Isabela Hermansen and Phoenix Noah lead the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H pledge. Archery, Fiber Arts, Dog and Small Animal Projects gave committee reports. There was a discussion of the importance of the ballot measure passing that will support the Cooperative Extension and Lane County 4-H Clubs. A report was given on London Grange activities for May that included a potluck with a Japanese theme for Children's Day, a Mother's Day breakfast and Flea Market at the Grange Hall on May 7 and 8.

The club had a table at the Earth Day Celebration in Cottage Grove. The final day to register for 4-H is June 1. The club is preparing for the Lane County Fair. Fair entries are due June 1. The club's next meeting will be June 1 at 6 p.m. at the London Grange. London Springs 4-H club community leader, Jennifer Bryant, can be reached at noahs-arc@earthlink.net.

EXCHANGE

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very least where a drop box for used needles might be installed.

Councilor Mike Fleck spoke up first, saying he supported a drop box but not an exchange program.

Mayor Tom Monroe had an issue with this, though, asking

if the drop box won't discourage people who might want to use them thinking that someone is watching. This brought about a debate. Councilor Fleck stood his ground but opposed the idea.

When the time to make the decision came, the youth representative said that the Youth Advisory Council had earlier

discussed the same proposal and disapproved of it saying that the HIV Alliance should come up with a healthier way of handling the situation rather than supporting and promoting the use of drugs indirectly.

This made the No vote sail through easily as the Mayor Munroe jokingly said, "the youths have spoken."

CRASH

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When the students flooded out back to the parking lot, they saw what appeared to be two cars totaled after a head-on collision and several student-actors lying injured in each vehicle.

The program spares no expense. The cars were completely smashed with windows shattered, glass littering the floor

and blood sprayed over windshields and windows. The scene seemed like a very well done movie set, which it technically was as these mock accidents are filmed and made into videos.

After starting off with a blood-curdling scream by the conscious driver, emergency vehicle came speeding in from a distance. State and local po-

lice responded along with South Lane Fire and Rescue, and a helicopter was even flown in to airlift an injured passenger.

The driver, who was left with only a few cuts and bruises, failed a sobriety test and was subsequently arrested for a DUII. One student lay motionless as if dead and coroners arrived to carry the "dead body"

away.

This mock car crash is meant to instill a sense of fear in the student body and was described by South Lane Fire and Rescue as "an emotionally charged event designed to dramatically instill in teenagers the realization of the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and texting while driving."

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