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because we give them ownership over how it's managed," Heben said.

"I know that in every community there are decent people that have just had hard luck in their

life," Bryant said. "If we can provide them that opportunity, to have a decent community and pride in their own home, they can be productive citizens."

The Coalition's Lise Colgan asserted to the Council that, while the village would be mod-

eled on a Eugene initiative, it would be a "Cottage Grove project."

The Coalition plans to present its plan again to the Council on Nov. 28, where it will ask for an official show of support.



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COUNCIL

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after 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, showed that Gowing had likely made the right choice. He held a slim lead over challengers Mike Fleck and Jake Boone, a lead that held as subsequent returns came in hours later. Results compiled the next morning show that Gowing triumphed over Boone by 118 votes and bested Fleck by 130 votes, meaning that he will succeed two-term Mayor Tom Munroe in the New Year.

TAXES

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Eugene, Florence and Co-burg, which also passed three percent taxes, and Lane County, which passed a three-percent tax for the County's unincorporated areas. Creswell voters, meanwhile, made their latest statement against pot-related business in their town, supporting a ban on the prohibition of marijuana-related commerce there by a healthy margin.

Many Cottage Grove Councilors supported placing the gas tax

Boone, who monitored the results with family at the Axe and Fiddle Pub, congratulated Gowing and wife, Celia, at Stacy's Covered Bridge restaurant on his way to a live appearance on KNND radio.

The Council will welcome one new face next year, as Planning Commissioner Bob Ehler triumphed in a landslide over competitors Merlyn Adams, Rodney Cimburke and Henry Lancaster for Gowing's vacated Ward II seat. Ehler's lead was

apparent early, a lead he would never relinquish, and he would go on to win by over 850 votes over Adams, his nearest competitor.

Local radio personality Kenneth Michael Roberts, who was appointed to the Council last year to replace Heather Murphy, scored a victory in a close contest over Ivan DelSol for one of the Council's At-large seats. Roberts won by over 200 votes.

VETERANS

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"Like anyone who has gone overseas in service of this country, I saw the opportunity that other people had to enjoy freedom and the opportunity to determine their own direction as my soldiers served up and down the roads of Iraq," he said. Timmons further expanded on not only what people can do for the military, but what the military

hike on the ballot, though many acknowledged that the potential revenue would likely not keep up with escalating construction costs or the estimated \$9 million backlog of needed street repairs in town. There was no strong, organized advocacy for the gas tax hike, which could certainly have hurt its chances of passage, as three-quarters of local voters said No.

The Council has also put forth the notion of pursuing a bond to fund street repair projects, but it remains to be seen whether that

pursuit will continue after such a resounding No vote for the fuels tax.

"We'll probably have no major road repair projects in the future," Meyers said last week, adding that "streets will continue to fall apart even more. The roads may have to speak for themselves."

Meyers said the City could work to curb the costs it incurs in hauling street sweepings to the landfill, though such savings would be a drop in the bucket compared to the overall need.

GRANT

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Lane as well as across Lane County, including goals of the Lane Early Learning Alliance, Lane Community Health Improvement Plan, Cottage Grove Be Your Best, and the 90X30 South Lane Community Prevention Plan." The P-20 Community Outreach coordinator is the state's first preschool to 20 outreach coordinator and made possible, in part, due to another OCF grant program.

can do for enlistees.

"I'm amazed how the U.S. military can take an 18 or 19 year old kid, who would probably be working at the mill or going to school, and instead joined the military, which trains that person and equips them and prepares them for any number of things," Timmons said. The National Guard Captain was referring to one of his soldiers, a

19-year old who drove a 32-ton combat vehicle into hostile territory without injuring anyone or encountering a single fatality.

"Amazing," he said. Timmons continued to say that Veteran's Day is a great way to reflect on how unique and strong our nation is.

A few closing statements were made and the ceremony was adjourned.

This is the first grant from the Community Wellness Fund, which focuses on improving the health and wellness of Oregon Health Plan members. It was funded by \$1 million when the Centene Corporation purchased Trillium Community Health Plan.

The project will serve some 30 to 50 percent of the area's pregnant or recently delivered mothers. It's an extension of Cottage Grove's family resource center, and staff will reach out

to pregnant and new moms. The center's hours will also be increased, and it will work to offer more respite services, create a support group for pregnant and parenting moms who are depressed and keep moms and newborns connected to primary health care. Such outreach is expected to aid the estimated 47 percent of families with children under five that live below the poverty level in South Lane County.



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