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"It's always difficult to be transparent when you're purchasing," said Dan Bryant, executive director of SquareOne Villages, the nonprofit pairing with the coalition to complete the project. However, coalition members Sharon Jean and Clarke insisted that the group had been as transparent as possible with the neighbors of Madison Ave., noting the community meeting held at the start of the year after an offer had been put in on the property.

"We thought we were being transparent," Jean said. "We reached out as soon as we thought we could."

When asked if the group was looking at other properties, coalition members noted that they were and after a discussion about how many properties, ranging between one and three, the group opted not to disclose their locations.

"It's not a fair question to ask us," one coalition member noted.

When asked if the coalition would have community meetings with neighbors surrounding the other properties it was researching, Jean said, "I don't know how wise it is to have community meetings on a piece of property you're just looking at."

The project is reportedly in the early stages of planning with several details still undecided or in fluctuation. While an earlier community meeting informed residents that rent would be approximately \$250 a month, Bryant said the group hoped to keep it under \$400. "If we get funding from HUD, they'd pay one-third of their income," he said.

Initially, the plan called for 13 to 14 tiny homes for individuals in danger of becoming homeless or individuals who were unable to afford first and last month's rent. Coalition members noted that nearly 50 percent of individuals in Cottage Grove were at risk of "falling through the cracks" and Clarke added that the lowest rent she knew of in town was \$500 a month.

Bryant noted that it would be possible for individuals with alternative lifestyles to apply for the community as well, such as individuals with part-time or freelance positions who did not desire a larger house and property.

According to the coalition, the village would be subject to Oregon's renting laws, including the process for eviction. Bryant noted that residents would meet regularly and self-govern the community and give warnings to residents who violated their community agreement which could eventually lead to eviction.

Once the coalition purchases a property, it must go through city planning to be approved for the project. The process then becomes open to the public with public hearings and meetings at the city-level. According to city planner Amanda Ferguson, the coalition would have to meet the same requirements of any other development and answer questions and address issues regarding water, electricity, zoning and city codes.

According to the press release, under the terms of the grant, the coalition has until August to secure a site and complete construction by the end of 2018.

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Job application workshop

Lane County Recruitment Coordinator Laura Vinson will lead four free job application workshops in communities across Lane County in March.

The workshops are designed to help job seekers better understand and complete the application requirements for Lane County jobs. Workshop attendees will:

- Learn how to identify current job openings
- Create a profile in the application system
- Submit an application and address supplemental questions
- Learn more about the selection and interview panel process

"We are committed to demystifying the process for job seekers," said Vinson. "We are also committed to increasing the diversity of our workforce so that we better represent the community we serve. These work-

shops will help potential applicants better understand what skills and backgrounds we need in our workforce, as well as the nuts and bolts of the application process."

The next workshop will be held March 9 at the Fern Ridge Library in Veneta.

Libraries closing

By order of Douglas County Commissioners, ten library branches will close on April 1, 2017. Roseburg's main branch library will close on May 31. The next public hearing to discuss the closures will be held on April 5 at the Douglas County Commissioners' Chambers.

Lane Sheriff's seatbelt round-up

From February 6th to February 19th, Lane County Sheriff's Office deputies have conducted overtime saturation patrols focused on seat belt use, child restraints, speed and

distracted driving. These patrols are funded solely through grant monies provided through the Oregon State Sheriff's Association and Oregon Department of Transportation. This was in conjunction with the nation-wide effort sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

During this two week saturation period, deputies contacted over 70 drivers in a combined 24 hours of overtime. Deputies had the following enforcement contacts:

- 22 seatbelt contacts
- 5 child restraints
- 3 driving while suspended
- 21 speeding
- 3 distracted drivers.

Harmed Brothers

Cottage Grove's own Harmed Brothers will be playing Axe and Fiddle, Wednesday, March 8 at 8:30 p.m. Free event.

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the general fund and a course of action somewhere between plan one and two.

Funding sources have dried up but previous efforts looked to grants and obtaining a moderator so that groups throughout the county could work with officials to come up with options for saving the libraries.

Yoncolla Library Board Chairperson Doris Bartlett said she's hopeful the counties libraries will find a funding source. Until then, she said the libraries may become reading rooms, allowing residents to come inside and read but not check any ma-

terial out of the building after April 1 in some cases.

She echoed the public comments of the Jan. 9 meeting where residents lined up to note the importance of the communities libraries to children who homeschool and those without the funds to connect to the internet.

Several residents also questioned the future of the libraries collections and if the books and materials would remain in the buildings.

"I'm very hopeful," Bartlett said. "We need libraries and I feel like we'll find a way to fund them."

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HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:
6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey
Services: 9am and 10:30am
Christian Education
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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
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcvalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagegrove@gmail.com

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

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1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
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