

Governor Brown

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Lillian Shirley's mother did not live to see her grandchildren. She never saw any of her daughters get married. Lung cancer robbed her of the opportunities and her family of their matriarch.

Now, as Oregon Health Authority Public Health Director, Shirley works to end tobacco dependence.

During a visit to Cottage Grove on Friday, May 19, Shirley introduced Governor Kate Brown to honor the city for its tobacco prevention efforts.

The city has banned smoking in local parts and adheres to the new county ordinance that prohibits smoking by individuals under the age of 21.

Cottage Grove has also formed the Youth Advisory Committee; a group of students committed to the health and wellbeing of its community. The group meets regularly and attends city council meetings, hearing agenda items and voting with the council. This year, the committee has taken its fight against harmful products to the state legislature with House Bill 3030. The legislation would alter the use of nitrous oxide, currently being used by youth around the country as a recreational drug.

The legislation, sponsored by representative Cedric Hayden reached the senate and is scheduled for the governor's desk should it clear the last hurdle.

Approximately 7,000 Oregonians die each year due to tobacco-related illnesses and products such as flavored tobacco and e-vapor cigarettes are rising in popularity among youths.

"We all have a family story like mine," Shirley said.

"This is a journey we're on, this is not a one-off thing. We can be proud of our efforts but not take our eyes off the ball."



Yoncalla votes down school bond

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Residents of Yoncalla said no to a \$3.95 million school bond. But just barely.

The measure received 46 percent of the vote, just short of passing the bond that would go towards repairing the high school, plagued with structural issues.

"It can be some unforeseen thing a few years from now or that school could last 15 more years but the truth is, it's still deteriorating and its days are kind

of numbered unless we do a number of repairs," school board chair Carl Van Loon said. Architects have estimated the cost of repairing the school completely at \$9 to \$10 million.

The bond would have mandated 83 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. For a home assessed at \$100,000, residents would pay \$83 per year.

Should the school fail, the county does not have the funds to repair it and other arrangements for students must be made.

Cottage Grove election results

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Oregon's May 16 special election ballot was full of school board and fire district candidates as well as a much-talked about jail levy. As of 8:30 Tuesday night, the results began trickling in.

South Lane School Board President Sherry Duerst-Higgins had collected 1,237 of the 1,453 votes as of 10 p.m. Resident Mary McNamara waged a write-in campaign in the days leading up to the election for Duerst-Higgins' seat but as of Tuesday night, write-in candidates had received 8.67 percent, or 126 votes.

Current school board member Taylor Wilhour will most likely join Duerst-Higgins on the board again with 1,305 votes (97.9 percent) as of 10 p.m. Alan Baas is also the projected winner of his current seat with 1,295 votes (97.96 percent).

Joel Higdon (98.2 percent), Dan Duffy (98.0 percent) and Tom Munroe (98.6 percent) were also leading for spots on the South Lane County Fire and Rescue Board

as the final votes were tallied. Monroe has been serving in the position after replacing a former member of the board and finishing out their term before statute required he run for the seat to maintain it.

The most attention-grabbing question on Tuesday's ballot was the issue of the Lane County Jail and Youth Levy renewal. The levy is set to expire in the middle of next year but in the weeks leading up to the election, Lane County Sheriff Byron Trapp went on a media tour explaining the office's dire need to maintain service levels by renewing the levy. Trapp noted over-crowding and early release for inmates in his plea for voters to extend the 55 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

As of 10 p.m., the jail levy renewal was expected to pass with just over 60,000 votes in from 80 precincts and 70 percent of those votes counted in favor of approving the renewal.

The renewal of the public safety levy allowed Lane County to maintain a minimum of 225 local jail beds for adult offenders,

eight beds for detention of youth offenders and eight beds for treatment of youth offenders beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2023.

Prior to the original passage of the levy in 2013, there were only 125 local jail beds available. Currently, with the use of the 2013 levy funds, there are 317 local jail beds available. The additional local jail beds funded by the levy have reduced capacity-based releases (CBRs) by 63 percent and eliminated the pre-trial release of violent, Measure 11 offenders. Levy funds have also successfully provided 16 youth treatment and detention beds.

Lane County Sheriff Byron Trapp said in a statement just before 11 p.m. Tuesday night, "We are thankful for the support of our community. The levy has increased the safety of our county immensely, and will continue to provide us with the resources we need to detain and treat both adult and youth offenders."

Farmers market accepting SNAPs

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The farmers market at the corner of Main St. and 7th St. is making a change. Beginning June 1, the market will begin a new program that not only accepts SNAPs, but will offer a matching amount in the form of coupons to be used at any participating market.

"Through Sustainable Cottage Grove, we received some funding from Oregon Food Bank and Regence Healthcare, to promote a SNAP match program, and kick off our local fundraising efforts," said Karen Martens, an organizer for the South Valley Farmer's Market.

How it works: Individuals can use SNAP benefits and the market will match up to \$10 spent by issuing food bucks; \$2 coupons that can be combined and used to purchase fresh fruit, vegetables, nuts and other sus-

tainable, natural food products.

The market, which began last year, has made several other changes. There are more vendors and currently the market boasts a handful of vegetable vendors as well as bread makers and plant start booths.

To become a vendor, individuals can visit the market and pick up an application. Farmers, crafters or any other food vendor can apply if the product they sell is natural, sustainable and sensible.

"We might have some new things coming this summer," Martens said. "We had a musician last week so I'm hoping we have more this summer."

Some vendors are also expected to bring out grilling stations and offer tasting booths for residents and visitors who stop by the market which is open every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"We've been getting a lot of people," Martens said. "A lot of our usual shoppers but also new people."

Last year, the market made its home at Bohemia Park but according to Martens, it wasn't a good fit.

"Some people tried to stay at Bohemia but the concert-goers aren't necessarily our shoppers and there's no shade there so it just didn't work."

Main St., however, seems to work well according to Martens.

"We're on the main street and near restaurants which is nice because we're trying to get our food into the restaurants."

For more information on SNAPs at the market or how to become a vendor during the farmer's market season, visit Main and 7th Thursday between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Sunday School: 9am and 10:30am
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
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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.cgcalvary.org

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