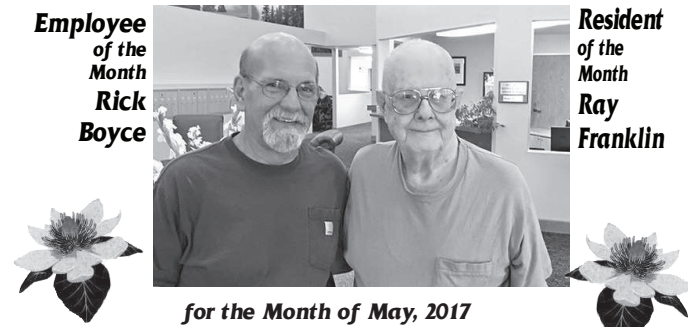


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Public Service Announcement
ISO Rating & Insurance Premiums
May 30, 2017

As your Fire Chief, I have been made aware some insurance providers that did not change to the new ISO PPC rating for the District and continue to rate properties based on the old ISO PPC Rating of 5/9, which expired March 31, 2016. Effective April 1, 2016 the District's new ISO PPC Rating of 2/4/10W became effective and is what each of your home and business policies should be rated on, if you are covered by a company using ISO. There are insurance companies that do not use the ISO Rating.

The District invested considerable time, effort, and tax dollars, with your support, to achieve the new ISO PPC Rating of 2/4/10W on April 1, 2016. This was made possible partially by the 2012 Operations and Staffing Levy and the 2015 General Obligation Bond. The 2012 Operations and Staffing Levy provides the needed 24/7 Career Firefighter/Paramedics, while the 2015 General Obligation Bond provided the new fleet. We at SLCFR want to see all of our patrons get full value for what we have achieved together.

We encourage everyone to go to the following link on our webpage and download the ISO letters and present them to your insurance carrier. If you find your carrier does not utilize or recognize ISO, we encourage you to exercise the freedom to shop the market. I have heard many accounts where folks have called their carrier, presented the information, and received a lower rate or refund. While I cannot provide advice or endorse a particular product or company, I can encourage you to take advantage of the free markets and your right to choose.

On behalf of our entire organization, I thank you for the great support we receive. It is our sincerest hope this PSA provides you with helpful and useful information regarding your home or business policy for fire protection. The link for our webpage where the ISO information and rating letters may be found is;

<http://www.southlanefire.org/iso-information>

Thank you for your continued support,
John Wooten
Fire Chief

SLSD investigation complete

Report yields no wrongdoing on part of superintendent



By Caitlyn May
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An independent investigator has concluded that South Lane Superintendent Krista Parent did not violate school district policy or break state law after a complaint was lodged with the school district concerning aspects of Parent's personal life.

"The report said there was no policy broken. She did nothing wrong," South Lane Board President Sherry Duerst-Higgins told The Sentinel.

The board went into executive session Monday night. The matter was not dis-

cussed during the public meeting.

The investigation was launched after chatter on social media began circulating and a Eugene media outlet ran a story concerning the issue. At a subsequent school board meeting, two residents attempted to approach the board with a complaint about Parent's personal life, sparking more discussion about the topic and several additional news articles which garnered further questions concerning the issue and if Parent and the board had broken public meetings law. According to the Oregon School Board Association, no violation of public meetings law occurred and no further determination can be made without an official complaint to the Oregon Attorney General's Office which would offer a decision on the matter

after investigating the complaint.

At a separate meeting, Duerst-Higgins noted that the investigation was essentially for "public relation reasons." The South Lane School District has no policy on record forbidding fraternizing.

The independent investigator visited Cottage Grove and according to the school district spoke with several staff members who were involved or would have knowledge of the issues contained within the complaint.

"The investigator was hired through our attorney," Duerst-Higgins stated. No further information was available as of press time.

A statement from the school district concerning the findings is expected this week and will be available online at cgsentinel.com.

CGHS Graduation moved indoors

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For the graduating class of 2017, the sky is the limit but they won't be treated to a view of the open sky during Saturday's graduation ceremony.

While South Lane School Board President Sherry Duerst-Higgins noted during the

June 5 meeting that it has never rained in the 30 years she has been attending graduation ceremonies in the city, Saturday's forecast is gloomy.

Forecasts call for a 90 percent chance of rain as well as thunder and lightning in the area.

As a precaution, South Lane Superintendent Krista Parent said the ceremony has been

moved inside.

She informed the board Monday that parents of seniors will be asked by their student how many tickets they need, the maximum for a family is seven. After the district has an approximate headcount, plans on how to carry out the ceremony inside will be finalized.

The high school gym can seat

1,500 with seats on the floor as well as the bleachers, according to Parent. The ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 10 at Cottage Grove High School. All tickets returned will be up for grabs for those families who need more than seven tickets for the ceremony. For more information, contact CGHS at 942-3391.

News outside the Grove

LORANE (provided by Lil Thompson): Our 2017 Crow High School seniors will graduate this Friday, June 9 at 7 p.m. in the gym. Everyone is invited to come share in their joy and wish them well as they walk one last time as Crow students. CAL School Board meets in Applegate on June 15 at 7 p.m. after budget meeting and executive meeting. June 16 is eighth grade recognition at Crow Middle/High School at 7 p.m.. Again, the families and community are invited. Last day of school for the CAL students is June 19 with a district trip to Wildlife Safari.

CRESWELL: If you would like to have a float, band, or group walk in Creswell's parade the Creswell Chamber of Commerce wants to hear from you! Please contact them at 541-895-4398 or drop in at their offices located in the same parking lot as Cascade Hardware.

The Cobalt afterschool program operates Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and is supervised by Linda Warner, a retired educator with 27 years' experience. Children ages 5 and up with parent approval can use the facility to participate in numerous activities. For more information check out the Facebook page: Cobalt Building – City of Creswell.

Planned Parenthood returns

On Tuesday June 6, the Cottage Grove Planned Parenthood Health Center will reopen. The clinic hours will be every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Oregon (PPSO) currently provides care to about 450 patients at the Cottage Grove Health Center. "We are committed to ensuring access in more rural communities, and Cottage Grove is an example of that commitment. Hours of operations are driven by demand for services. We are open one day a week to ensure consistent weekly access. And we know from our patient demographics, we also serve a significant number of patients from South Lane

County in our Regional Health Center in Eugene/Springfield," said PPSO's Shelley Wyllie.

PPSO provides health care and education for nearly 40,000 people each year across the region which extends as far south as Ashland.

The Cottage Grove clinic offers the following services:

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