

# Seniors earn \$90k in scholarships

School's finally out and after the dust of graduation has settled, the Cottage Grove Community Foundation announces it gave the city's seniors a parting gift: \$98,580.

The Cottage Grove Community Foundation Scholarship Program was established in 2002 and over the last 16 years it has provided 780 scholarships valued at a total of \$770,000. It's ultimate goal is to provide at least one scholarship for each student at Cottage Grove High School who plans to continue their education and increase our renewable scholarships.

This year, 80 students split the nearly \$100,000 pot. Most of the scholarships this year were funded through endowment funds created through the foundation. As little as \$10,000 is required to establish an endowment fund which will provide scholarships forever.

Recipients and donors are listed on our website at <http://www.cgcfoundation.org/>

The recipients of this year's scholarships are:

Hannah Albrecht, Scott Anderson, Kiley Banks, Sara Bass, Justin Bennett, Luke Bennett, Elizabeth Brown, Carrie Calkins, Seth Chambers, Ashlee Cook, Carol Crum, Savannah Crump, Faith Dunn, Sophia Edelblute Caps, Kaitlyn Erner, Adrienne Farris, Erin Foreman, Kale'a Galbreath, Christopher Glesmann, Matthew Goes, Molly Goossens, Ronan Hall, Allie Harris, Alberto Hernandez, Claudia Hernandez, Madison Howland, MacKenzie Husko, Quint Iverson, Malena Kester, Abril Leal-Coronel, Chloe Leczel, Hailey Lilly, Emma Meyers, Samantha Munoz, Sokhoum Nhep, Victor Nicolas Gaspar, Brett Ollivant, Kobly Owens, Savannah Palis, Meilani Pang, Celeste Pelham, Raymi Piltz, Elizabeth Poe, Ryan Quick, Victoria Raade, Jessica Ray, McKenzie Roberts, Clover Rudicel, Anthony Sabin, Kelsey Sands, Upasna Sharma, Garren Taylor, Grace Taylor, Kadie Todd-Durfee, Rose Trozelle, Areanna Walters and Sara Witty.

# Sigh of Relief raises \$15,000

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"You don't leave there without crying," Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyerstold the city council during its June 12 meeting.

He was talking about the Sigh of Relief Luncheon hosted by the Family Relief Nursery and the group's tactics to fundraising.

While Meyers cited emotional testimonials, Family Relief Center's Executive Director Diane Hazen said the goal of the event is to raise funds to continue helping the community.

The Family Relief Nursery provides services to children under the age of six with families who have multiple risk factors and stresses linked to neglect and abuse. According to Hazen, the organization has helped 400 local families over the last year with services such as home visits, parental classes, respite care, crisis response, early childhood development classes and more.

However, providing these services and outreach comes at a cost.

Family Relief is currently receives 40 percent of its funding from the state, leaving 60 percent to grants and donations.

During the Sigh of Relief Luncheon, Family Relief raised \$15,000. Half of the funds will be used for an infant class beginning this fall.

"I am inspired by how this community is coming together in so many ways to support children and parents because I believe the future of any society depends on its ability to foster the health and well-being of the next generation," Hazen said. "Today's children will become tomorrow's citizens, workers, and parents. When we invest wisely in children and families, the next generation will pay that back through a lifetime of productivity and responsible citizenship."

While \$15,000 falls into the impressive category for an afternoon's earning, Hazen said the number is likely to fall below last year's \$23,000 raised at the same event even

after this year's tally becomes official.

Hazen detailed the organization's upcoming projects which include partnering with South Lane Family Support Collaborative, comprised of South Lane School District, Family Resource Center, South Lane Mental Health and Parent Partnership. The cohort received a grant through Oregon Community Foundation to support the health and well-being of pregnant women and new mothers. The nursery will also be working with the 90 by 30 Prevention Leadership Team to provide baby boxes filled with newborn needs beginning August 1.

In addition, the nursery hosts Darkness To Light which Hazen said, "is a vital training to inform and empower community members to help prevent and respond to child sexual abuse. Family Relief Nursery offers this free training the second Tuesday of every month."

For more information on the Family Relief Nursery or how to donate, call (541) 942-4835.

# News from outside the Grove

**Lorane:** (submitted by Lil Thompson) Well, it's hard to believe but only six more days until July 4. That's right, next Tuesday. Things are drying out, so please be careful with your fireworks. Make sure you have a bucket of water and/or a hose with you and be on gravel or cement. Discard your extinguished fireworks in a bucket of water or sand.

Grangers, we are meeting at the grange on July 10 for some of the final planning for our Lane County fair booth. The Grange meeting is the third Thursday in July.

Wishing you all a very Happy July 4 as we celebrate our freedom. Enjoy and be safe.

**Drain:** The Douglas County Fair is scheduled for August 9-12. This year's draws include Melissa Ethridge Old Dominion, Papa Roach, carnival and livestock. Presale tickets are on sale now until July 31. Adults 13 and older are \$10, children 6 through 12 are \$4, seniors are \$8 and children five and under are free.

**Creswell:** The Restore Oregon website features a story titled, "Creswell's Old Schoolhouse - Linking the Past to the Future". Go to <https://restoreoregon.org> and watch the changing image on the right.

Do you have an interest in

civics and a desire to serve your community? If you are over 18 and currently live within the city limits of Creswell (and have lived here for a year or more) you could apply to become a City Councilor. There is one vacancy needing to be filled for a term that will end December 31, 2018. If you are interested in this volunteer position please click on the following link for an application: <http://www.ci.creswell.or.us/sites/default/files/Council%20Vacancy%20Application.pdf> and then submit your completed form to City Hall.

Creswell After School Program is now seeking volunteers to begin October 2, 2017. The After School Program is free for children 5 and older. The Program meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm and follows the Creswell School District calendar. A background check is required.

If interested in volunteering please contact Linda Warner at [cobalt@creswell-or.us](mailto:cobalt@creswell-or.us).

Free lunch will be provided at Holt Park for children 18 and under. The program runs from June 19 through August 25 and is sponsored by Food for Lane County's Sumer Food Program.

For more information contact: Stefani Roybal, Summer Food Program Assistant Man-

ager at 541-343-2822x351.

The Creswell Food Pantry is currently accepting applications for a wide variety of volunteer positions. The most critical need is for volunteers who will deliver food boxes to shut-ins as well as transport customers for food pantry shopping. These situations will

be prior-arranged by the Pantry Manager. We ask that food delivery and customer transport applicants pay a \$15 fee, for a simple background check. Applications are available at Creswell City Hall and the Creswell Food Pantry.

The 4th of July Parade will begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

# Kickin' with Cops

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idea came to her randomly one night after she sat through a budget meeting.

"All of it is so heavy and I just needed something positive," she said. "That was about a month and a half ago and I asked Scott and he said yes."

Cottage Grove Police Chief Scott Shepherd may have said yes to hosting the event but within an hour of its kick-off at 5 p.m., he was shouting "no." The chief took the second shift in the dunk tank after city councilor Mike Fleck and within the span of five minutes, he hit the water six times sunglasses and all. With each splash, Shepherd shouted, wiped his eyes and climbed back to the platform allowing children and adults alike to take a shot at sending him back into the water.

"It actually feels refreshing," Fleck joked, standing in the shade beside the dunk tank after his shift, a puddle forming at his feet and vanishing quickly in the heat of the afternoon. He

points out that, while he fell victim to the dunk approximately a dozen times, the line had grown considerably for Shepherd. Twenty-one people stood in line waiting for their three baseballs and the chance to send the chief into the water.

Those who had already dunked the chief or were waiting for the opportunity to do it again wandered between a cotton candy machine, police cars, lights flashing for the kids, and mayor Jeff Gowing's grill station.

"We really couldn't do it without the sponsors," Slay said, her eyes constantly wandering from station to station. One is out of hot dog buns, another needs her attention as well. "The sponsors, they really made this happen." Several local businesses chipped in including Safeway, Urban Kitchen, Brad's Chevy, Weyerhaeuser, Big Stuff BBQ and Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant.

# \$8,000

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hibiting fraternization but according to newly elected board chair Alan Baas, the board could consider the issue in the future.

"As new board chair I have not thought about it yet and

have not talked to anybody about it," he said. "Many large industries do employee fraternization policies so if that comes up, I assume the board will consider it but nothing is on the table."

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