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CG teen arrested for killing puppy

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A 15-year-old teenager was arrested on July 6 for reportedly killing a puppy.

According to Cottage Grove Police, the unnamed teenager had "gotten upset" with the seven-week-old puppy and threw it

to the floor multiple times.

"The suspect then sent text messages to family members advising them the puppy was deceased," a press release stated. "In one text message the female mentioned killing the puppy and ended the text message by stating, 'ha ha ha.'"

When officers arrived on

scene, detectives discovered the puppy still alive and brought the animal to the emergency vet clinic in Springfield.

The puppy had died upon arrival.

The suspect was taken into custody and transported to Serbu Juvenile Facility in Eugene and is being charged with ag-

gravated animal abuse in the first degree.

The suspect's identity was not made available due to her age.

The Sentinel will not release information that could identify the suspect until that information is shared by local law enforcement, due to her age as a juvenile.



A night at the rodeo

It was a night at the rodeo for Grovers who took in the sights and action last weekend during the 69th Annual Cottage Grove Rodeo. The event drew over 3,000 people with good weather for the event unlike last year's rain-soaked rodeo. Highlights included the participation of the Cottage Grove Police Department, "funny man" Kyle Bode and competition from both then men and women's teams. For a complete rundown of the rodeo please see page B1.

BMD THIS WEEKEND



Cottage Grove's biggest event of the year, Bohemia Mining Days, is back in town this weekend. The festival kicks off Thursday, July 13 and runs through Sunday, July 16. For information, please see this week's insert The Bohemia Nugget. For a summary of times and FAQ, please see page A3.

Local senior and disability office closing

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The senior and disability office in downtown Cottage Grove will be closing its doors.

The move comes after the office cut its hours of operation in May of this year. According to Jody Cline, director of Senior and Disability Services, the closure is the result of a budget decision.

"We have a mix of funding but primarily it comes from the state," she said. "It was essentially the same problem that the state of Oregon was having with its budget. Expenses were rising faster than money was coming in."

Residents who use the office will have to travel to Creswell, though the exact date of the transition is still unknown according to Cline. The group has yet to sign the lease on the new facility in Creswell, but Cline noted that despite the uncertainty, the facility does not expect a disruption of service.

The office reportedly attempted to relocate within Cottage Grove but could not find a suitable office space. Cline did note that transportation was taken into account and the facility will be looking into transportation options for Cottage Grove residents.

"But people do not always have to come in," she said. "Some of our case workers go to the person and that is something we will continue doing."

Cline also noted that the new location in Creswell is smaller than the current space because the facility is downsizing.

"No one is being laid off but some people will be located in Eugene," she said. "The Creswell office will have fewer staff than we did in Cottage Grove," she said.

Senior and Disability Services is a division of Lane Council of Governments. For more information, please call (541) 682-7800.

2017 SESSION ENDS

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After months of bills, bartering and partisan back-and-forth the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session has come to a close. The session ended a full three days prior to the July 10 deadline. The Senate opted to close its session a day ahead of the House, breaking the traditional dual ending that's occurred unbroken since 2003.

While the action occurred in Salem, the laws and topics debated in the chambers had long-reaching effect throughout the state of Oregon, including Cottage Grove.

The most notable Cottage Grove appearance at the legislature was House Bill 3030. The legislation, signed into law by Governor Kate Brown last month, prohibited the sale of nitrous oxide canisters to individuals under the age of 18. The effort to impose the law began with local resident Karen Munsell and the city's Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Both Munsell and YAC made the trip to Salem to speak before the legislature on the harmful effects of the canisters on youths who inhale the nitrous.

Other changes accomplishments of the 2017 Legislative Session included:

- A balanced budget. The chambers came together at the start of the session with a gap in the budget that threatened education, health and safety funding. By the end of the session, the state's lawmakers were able to balance the books and turn in a nearly \$21 billion budget.
- Concerns over the state's readiness in the face of the coming Cascadia Quake as well as an aging and failing infrastructure

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