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Harrison

walls go

up

Construction on the new elementary school continues

By Caitlyn May

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Matt Allen is a busy guy. He serves as the South Lane School District's maintenance and facilities supervisor and while school may be out for the summer, there's still work to be done.

Recently, the district received five grants for seismic updates for Lincoln Middle School which he is overseeing and in November, voters passed a bond measure—to the tune of \$35.9 million—aimed at improving school infrastructure and technology. The largest portion of the bond, \$23 million, was earmarked for the construction of the new Harrison Elementary School and after months of financing, planning and detailing the construction, crews are on the ground and walls are going up. That's where Allen comes in.

"The contractors have said they have never worked with someone that is so hands on in his position," said South Lane's

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Drain

camp

asks for

horses

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July 15 marked the 26th anniversary of the day Brenda Ford's husband first asked her to be his girlfriend. More than two decades, a marriage and family later, Ford remembers the day like it was yesterday. It's not hard—she returns to the spot every summer when she comes back to Camp Corley in Drain to give back to the camp that helped shape her life.

The camp, located approximately three and a half miles off the interstate off Sand Creek Rd., runs four sessions consecutively. Kids head up to Corley on Monday, spend five days there getting three meals a day and head home Friday night.

"We bring in kids from all over," Ford said. "We get kids from Nevada, Idaho, Arizona. We get kids from everywhere."

Approximately 150 campers

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58th Annual Bohemia Mining Days



PHOTO BY GREG LEE

The 58th Annual Bohemia Mining Days rolled into town on Thursday, July 13. The event marks Cottage Grove's biggest event of the year drawing residents and tourists alike. Above, the Bloomer Parade kicked-off the four-day festival with ladies taking to Main St. in traditional bloomers. For more photos, highlights and stories from this year's festival, please see the special Bohemia Days insert in this edition of The Sentinel.

TINY

HOME

INTRO

SET

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After a contentious start that saw the community accusing Cottage Village Coalition (CVC) of hiding its "tiny home" project, Cottage Village, the group is ready for its coming out party.

CVC will be hosting a BBQ on its property on E. Madison Ave. on July 29 to welcome the community and show off the latest plans for the proposed tiny house village designed to help those in danger of falling into homelessness find stable housing.

The village, part of Eugene-based SquareOne's growing community of alternative housing, will eventually hold 13 tiny homes and is being funded in part by the Meyer Memorial Trust. The money from the trust bought the land but now, CVC has to raise \$800,000 to complete construction of the village.

"The fundraising effort is substantial," said CVC member Allan Katz. While the group has collectively taken grant writing

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"Lasting Legacy"

Old Mill Farm Store is up for sale with a 164 year old legacy at stake

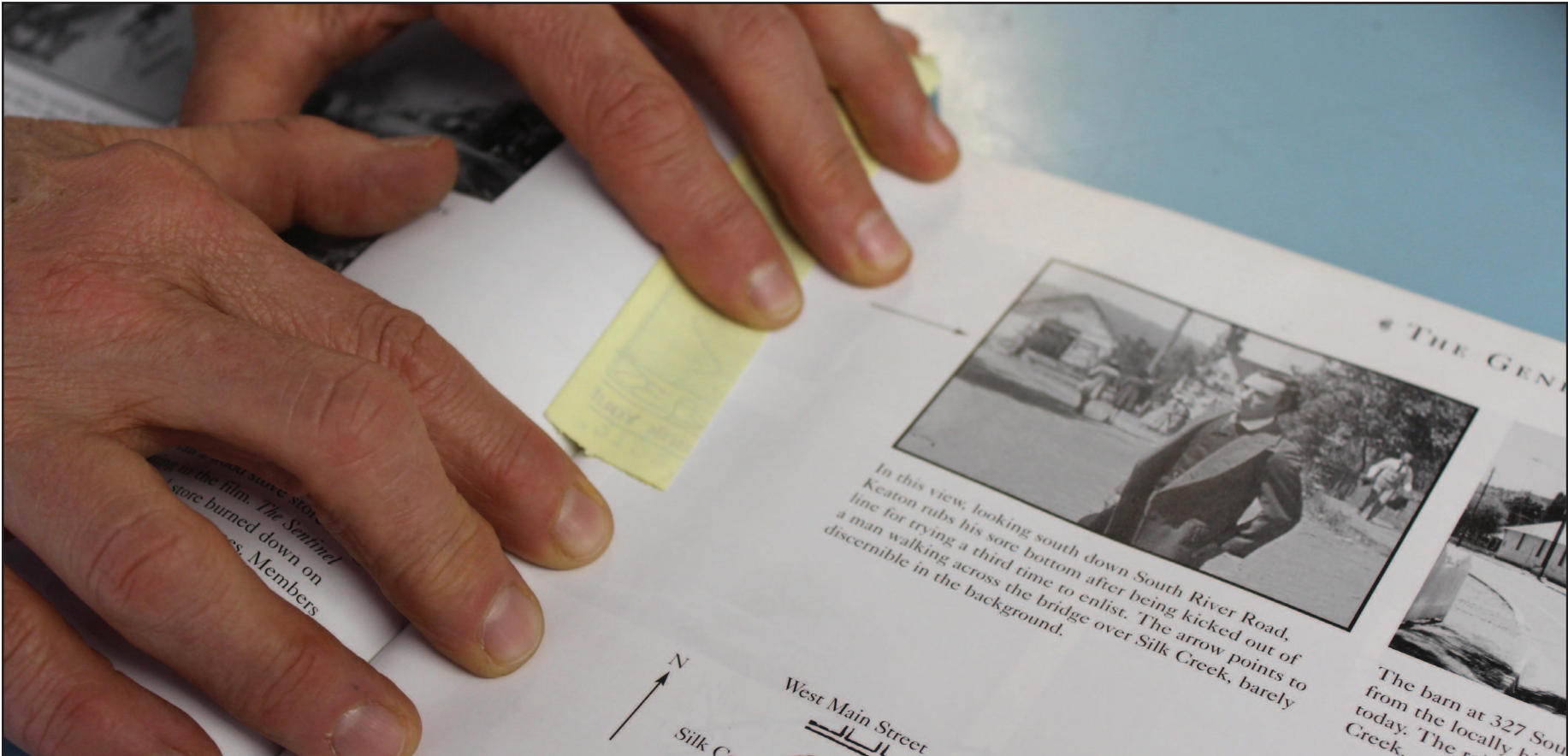


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The Old Mill Farm Store has been seated on S. River Road for more than 100 years. Above, it's pictured in history books as a backdrop in "The General," a silent film.

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The counter at Old Mill Farm Store in Cottage Grove is not extraordinarily tall. It's not made of

a precious material and the paint job is peeling. A jar of organic pet treats sits to the left of the cash register that looks like it would be more at home in the 1980s than in the pay-as-you-go-on-your-cell-phone era of today. It's nothing special, the counter at Old Mill, except

residents once stood at it chatting about whether or not Oregon should join the union and become a state. They debated politics and asked each other if they'd heard the news—Lincoln proclaimed emancipation, the 13th amendment passed, Bell invented something called a

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COMMUNITY

BMD days

All the fun and festival wrap-up from this year's BMD. **PAGE B1**

GOVERNMENT

New Main St. leader

Meet the new Main St. coordinator for Cottage Grove. **PAGE A11**

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