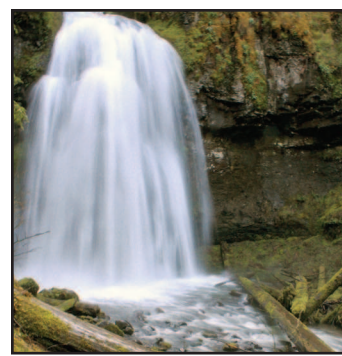




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Sunshine and symphony at the park



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Monday night Bohemia Park welcomed in a host of live music. The evening featured a Cottage Grove community band that was followed by the Eugene Symphony under the new direction of conductor Francesco Lecce-Chong. This was the third year the the symphony has come to the park and performed outdoors. See more photos on page 11.

Inmate briefly escapes jail

Man quickly gets caught after successful flee

By Zach Silva
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Last Wednesday morning an inmate from the Cottage Grove Municipal Jail escaped as he was being moved from the building. The inmate, 28-year-old Zackery Scott Yocham, ran away from officers but was located and taken into custody about ten minutes later according to a Cottage Grove Police Department (CGPD) news release.

Yocham, who was being held for a probation violation and a theft case, has been taken to Lane County Jail. In the ten minutes that he was out, he reportedly attempted to steal a car but after hearing the woman who was getting into the car scream, he ran away.

CGPD is familiar with Yocham, who was born and raised in Cottage Grove, and they report that they have had multiple contacts with him over the years and have arrested him on multiple occasions.



Inmate Zackery Yocham
photo courtesy of the Cottage Grove Police Department

Caven brings 'Sanity' to CG

By Eric Schucht
For The Sentinel

Mike Caven has been a resident of Cottage Grove and a firefighter for the last 15 years. But when Caven isn't on call at the station, he owns and operates a small batch chocolate shop, Sanity Chocolate. From bean-to-bar, every step of the process is done by hand.

While Caven plans on opening a chocolate manufacturing facility with a storefront in Cottage Grove this summer, his love for chocolate wasn't always a business.

"It was a hobby that got out of proportion very quickly," Caven said.

Caven was introduced to small batch chocolate making five years ago, after touring a cocoa bean farm while on vacation in Kauai, Hawaii. Desiring an artistic outlet, Caven researched chocolate making on the internet. He took it up as a hobby a year ago which turned into a growing business.

"I needed something that I could create. That's the reward, seeing that raw bean transition from a bean into a bar that people want," Caven said.

The entire process to produce a single batch of chocolate takes three days. Caven gets his beans through brokers from around the world in sacks that weigh up to 150 pounds. He then sorts the beans, roasts and cracks the shells and then refines them. After the chocolate is produced, it's aged and tempered in order to make it shine and give it its snap when breaking.

Caven produces a variety of chocolate he sells in one to two ounce bars for \$2 an ounce. Caven loves to add his own touch to each recipe, from making white chocolate to a Peruvian chocolate that tastes like apple pie.

"The one thing about chocolate, especially bean-to-bar chocolate, is that you impart your skills, your touch into the chocolate in every step of the process. So, the final product will taste different. You roast longer, refine longer, age longer, all of those things are going to make the chocolate taste different," Caven said.

Caven decided to move into a retail space in order to grow his business after originally selling his chocolate through a private buying club. He said that he believes that chocolate making is the next big trend.

"Chocolate is 15 years behind microbrews, 30 years behind coffee, and it's 2,000 years behind wine," Caven said.

Caven said he wants Sanity Chocolates to be a place where people can hang out and see chocolate

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City of Drain gets new top administrator after long search

By Caitlyn May
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Steve Dahl is on the job in Drain. The new city administrator began on June 5, taking the place of former city administrator Carl Patenode.

"I didn't take over for Carl in any way, shape or form," Dahl said. "But

I am now sitting in the big chair."

That big chair was occupied several times by Patenode who once retired from the position before

coming back on in 2016 until the city council could find a suitable replacement. Under Patenode's reign as city administrator, the city of Drain put in place a 15-year plan that included infrastructure improvements that will continue through his departure. The biggest of which includes a new wastewater treatment center.

"I interviewed for the job and they hired me because of my background," Dahl said. "My experience with Drain was not extensive before that."

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New coach

Cottage Grove High School has hired a new boys basketball coach
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