HEAT WAVE Continued from A1



the week prior had a higher call-in rate than the days that saw 100-plus degrees in the city.

Cottage Grove broke heat records on Wednesday, August 2. The prior record high for the day was set in 1939 at 99 degrees. Wednesday's high reached 106.

Fire Chief John Wooten issued fire restrictions over the valley, citing the high temperatures and extreme fire dangers while several wild fires burned throughout the state, prompting Governor Kate Brown to issue a state of emergency.

"As Oregon faces a near record-breaking heatwave, the threat of wildfires increases," Governor Brown said. "I am thankful to the firefighters and crews working tirelessly throughout the state, and remind all Oregonians to be safe and follow posted fire bans. Our state agencies have a long-standing tradition of collaboration, and this declaration of emergency will ensure they have the resources needed to minimize the impact of wildfires."

As of press time, 17 active wildfires burned in the state of Oregon and Washington, affecting the air quality in the state, prompting LRAPA to issue dangerous air quality warnings for the most vulnerable populations.

The fires affecting air quality as of Monday, August 2 included fires at Indian Creek, Spruce Lake, Cinder Butte, Indian Lake and Bear Butte.

The air quality hovered in the dangerous during last week's heat wave which sent residents to newly opened cooling stations around the city.

Cottage Grove opened city hall and the commu-

nity center to those seeking refuge from the poor air quality and heat between the hours of noon and 5 p.m. According to Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers, approximately 30 to 40 people made use of the facilities.

"We had a five gallon jug of ice water and we filled it every few hours," he said.



Water plant receives violation

By Caitlyn May cmay@cgsentinel.com

On May 24, the Cottage Grove Waste Treatment Plant had a violation of the coliform allowable limits in our

DEQ NPDES operating permit for treated effluent that is used in our reuse program. This, according to Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers.

"The permit allows for 23 micro-organisms per 100 mls and our test showed that we had 30 micro-organisms violating the allowable limit by 7 organisms. Wastewater staff has worked with the DEQ to improve our testing procedures to insure our treated effluent meets the permit requirements. The test for coliform requires a 24 hour incubation period to determine the results. Consequently the results of the test aren't know until after the effluent has left the plant," Meyers wrote to residents.

The violation marks the second violation in three years which warrants formal action on the part of the DEQ which may include a financial penalty.

"The current effluent reuse expansion project will help the plant meet the permit requirements. The expansion will create a large on site storage pond that will aid in ensuring the effluent meets the permit requirement before being pumped off site for irrigation use," Meyers said.

He told The Sentinel that the water is sampled but before results are in, the water is gone. A solution to that may be adding additional storage space--an issue that may come before the city council in the coming months.

Meyers noted that the water treatment plant tests Row River water once a month and its levels ranged from 276 micro-organisms per 100 milliliters 2,420 per 100 milliliters over the course of three months.

Armory Continued from A1



Above: Dry ice pellets used to blast away lead-based paint on the armory stairs. Below, a worker is seen through an oberservation window at the armory, using the dry ice technique to clean the concrete steps.



for lead.

Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers argued that the tests from the city's armory showed lead in the 100s compared to armories around the state that tests in the thousands. He also contested that strips being used to test the armory were safe and accurate, a claim supported by both OSHA and the EPA.

Additional testing of the armory showed elevated levels of lead in the front of the drill hall, most often used as the main gathering space during the events held in the facility over the last

It was Meyer's contention that the higher reading was a result of visitors dragging in lead from the concrete stairs leading to the front door which are treated with lead-based paint.

"It's conceivable that, with concrete stairs with lead paint can be responsible for tracking," said Perry Cabot, a senior

program specialist with the Multonmah County Health Department who is responsible for providing resources and education on lead poisoning prevention within the county. It would be a sensible explanation, he said, but without knowledge of the remediation process he said it's impossible to know if it's the sole culprit behind the elevated test. "There's no way to say it's only from tracking.

The original estimate for remediation of the stairs came in at \$30,000. The procedure conducted on Monday had a cost of approximately \$28,000 according to Meyers.

While the monetary cost of the remediation was lower than expected, scheduling costs soared. As of Monday, the company predicted the procedure would be completed by Friday; a day after the armory was set to host a jaw harp festival.

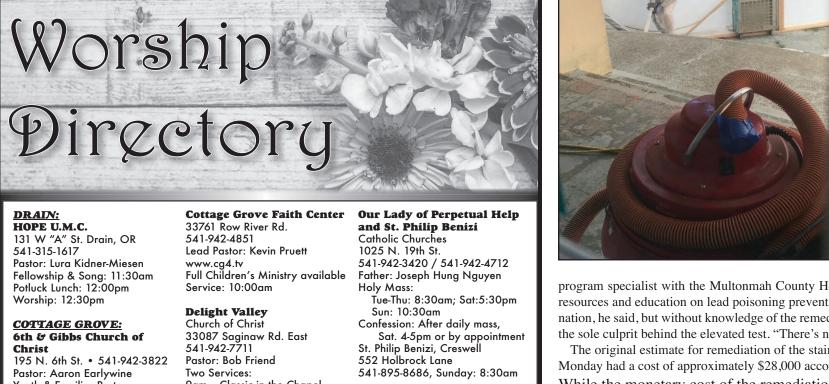


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"We're scrambling around trying to find out why it's going to be longer than we originally thought," Meyers said.

The city is expected to test the armory again after the stairs are complete and then move on to construction on the exterior of the building outlined in its remodeling schedule.



Youth & Families Pastor: Seth Bailey Service: 10am, Sunday School: 9am for all ages Christian Education Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church 77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290 Pastor: Riley Hendricks Sunday School: 9:45am

Worship: 11:00am The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage

1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza) 541-942-6842 Pastor: Jeff Smith Two Services on Sun: 9am & 10:45am Youth Group Bible Study Child Care 10:45am Service Only www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove

700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center) Rev. Bobby Lee Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m. cslcottagegrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ 420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565 Sunday Service: 10:30am

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First Presbyterian Church

3rd and Adams St 541-942-4479 Pastor: Karen Hill Worship: 10:00am Sunday School: 10:00am www.cgpresbynews.com

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Pastor Rulon Combs Worship & Children's Church 10:00 am Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

Non-Denominational

Church of Christ 1041 Pennover Ave 541-942-8928 Preacher: Tony Martin Sunday Bible Study:10:00am Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm

www.pennoyeravecoc.com

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Seventh-day Adventist Church

820 South 10th Street 541-942-5213 Pastor: Kevin Miller Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40 am Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church 6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373

Pastor: James L. Markus Sunday School & Adult Education Sunday Worship 10:30 am Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur 5:00pm TLC Groups

tlccg.com **United Methodist Church**

334 Washington • 541-942-3033 Pastor:Lura Kidner-Miesen Worship: 10:30am Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free) 2nd & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm cottagegroveumc.org

"VICTORY" Country Church

913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913 Pastor: Barbara Dockery Worship Service: 10:00am Message: "WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

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