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A night at the theatre: Jekyll and Hyde debuts



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Above Sir Danvers Carew (Spike Gildea), Emma Carew (Phoebe Gildea) put on a show during the opening weekend of Jekyll and Hyde at Cottage Theatre. The show runs through October 29. Below, Kory Weimer and Josh Carlton share the title role. See page A11 for additional photos.

By Eric Schucht
For The Sentinel

Cottage Theatre's Jekyll & Hyde brings to life the classic story of good versus evil as a rock opera. Adapted from the 1886 novel, the musical follows the kind-hearted Dr. Henry Jekyll who uses the power of science to separate the good and evil in his soul. Soon that evil possesses Jekyll and takes on a life of its own as the demonic persona, Edward Hyde, goes on a murderous rampage in Victorian era London.

The wonderful set design and large cast help set the mood of the piece and helps put you in the Halloween spirit. It's a cross between the aesthetics and dark themes of Sweeney Todd with the large cast and energy of Jesus Christ Superstar.

Directed by Mark VanBeever, the director of last year's 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, this adaptation has an interesting twist on the classic story. Unlike the traditional version, this rendition has Hyde shadowing Jekyll throughout the entire show. It's not uncommon for two actors to play the roles of Jekyll and Hyde. Having Hyde shadow Jekyll as a silent, ever present reminder to the audience of the evil inside

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Student numbers down for SLSD

By Zach Silva
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Last week at the school board meeting, South Lane Superintendent Krista Parent reported that the district currently has 23 less students than it had this time last year.

"You don't want that to go down very much because you are funded by how many kids you have," said Parent. "So we're going to get 23 times, roughly, \$7,500 a kid less in money from the state."

While losing over \$170,000 would be difficult, Parent is not yet concerned because of the nature of attendance.

"We're always looking for is for this number to be fairly steady. And the thing is, this fluctuates a lot. I get these reports weekly and you'll watch, you'll see that we could come back in November and November is even. Kids come and go all the time, it's crazy what you see happen. So, this doesn't

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CITY DISCUSSES URBAN RENEWAL

By Caitlyn May
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It was Urban Renewal 101 on Monday night and the city council went to school.

Elaine Howard of Elaine Howard Consulting and Scott Vanden Bos presented an hour-long informational presentation to the Cottage Grove City Council on the ins and outs of creating an urban renewal area.

The meeting was a work session with no action items.

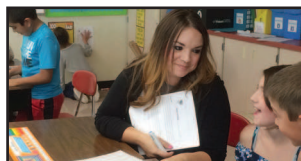
The idea of an urban renewal area is not new for Cottage Grove. The city has had two within the last 25 years and the prospect of creating a new one will be up to the city council.

Established federally in 1949 and in Oregon in 1951, an urban renewal area provides a financing mechanism for a city to complete projects aimed at expanding the tax base. Projects can include streetscaping, lighting, signage, storefront improvements or sewer and water

infrastructure improvements.

To complete these projects, the urban renewal area allows for the tax value within the area to be frozen. "The money does not come from no where to do these projects," Vanden Bos told the council, "They do forgo taxes on any growth in the area."

Taxes in the urban renewal area are still paid. However, tax growth within the area goes toward the urban renewal district.



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