

Year in Review Continued from A1



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Bohemia Mining Days garnered the same flood of visitors it has for decades when it set up shop in Cottage Grove this summer.

school's poor condition and inevitable repairs that would have to be made to continue its operation. Armed with the knowledge that some parents may pull their students and enroll them in the new Harrison, the board scheduled a more in-depth conversation for its January meeting.

Douglas County Libraries

In January, the Douglas County Commission heard from residents who had braved a snowstorm to beg the body not to close the county's library system. The decision, however, was clear: there was no money to continue operating the facilities after voters turned down a measure in November that would have levied a 44 cent per \$1,000 of homes assessed values. Libraries began closing in May including facilities in Yoncalla and Drain closed, as well as the main branch in Roseburg. An effort to raise funds through taxes has cropped up in Drain by Friends of the Margaret Whipple Library while Yoncalla's library is currently operating with the help of volunteers.

Tiny Houses

It started with a contentious community meeting to explain the mission: to create homes for the homeless. Neighbors turned out in droves to hear what the Cottage Village Coalition had to say about the then 14-home project slated for E. Madison Ave. The coalition had teamed with SquareOne, a Eugene-based nonprofit and used a grant awarded to the company to purchase the lot on Madison—a move kept private until the sale was final. Residents of the neighborhood chastised the group for not notifying homeowners in the area sooner while the coalition contended it was under no legal obligation to do so. The project has since moved to a 13-tiny home plan and has shifted from catering to homeless individuals to those in danger of becoming homeless or those on a fixed income. The property, according to neighbors, still has obstacles to overcome including a flooding problem every winter and spring

as well as the system that is the Cottage Grove Planning Department. The project, since named Cottage Village, has yet to apply for any permits to begin construction within the city. Under the terms of the grant received to purchase the land, Cottage Village must be complete by the summer of 2018. An estimated \$800,000 is needed to complete construction and while the project has since received additional grants totaling \$100,000, it is still short of its fundraising goal.

Faye Stewart



On March 21, former Lane County Commissioner Faye Stewart tearfully resigned his county seat to take a position with the city of Cottage Grove. Stewart would head the newly formed planning and community development department that was created after the

heads of both planning and community development retired. Stewart's resignation sparked a rush for his seat which, under statute, was to be filled by the commission. Cindy Weeldryer, Mike Fleck and Gary Williams of Cottage Grove threw their hats into the ring with half a dozen other applicants. After extensive talk of diversifying the Lane County Commission, the body opted instead, to appoint Williams, creating an all-male board.

During his nine months with the city, Stewart has worked on multiple projects including a fencing project for a new Bohemia Mining Days concert, a sewer water main break that caused residents to lose belongings and suffer damage to their homes, and working towards streamlining the planning process for potential investors and builders.

Bohemia Mining Days

Every summer, Cottage Grove fills with tourists seeking the same four-day event that has run for more than four decades. Bohemia Mining Days competes with the Oregon State Fair and the W.O.E. Fair, costing organizers approximately \$50,000 to put on. This year, the BMD welcomed a private concert by the band Home Free as a way to help give the festival a financial boost. Organizer and former BMD board member Joel Reiten paid for the concert out of pocket, promising to return all but what it cost and 10 percent to the festival.



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