

Mediation program may be headed to Cottage Grove



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Judge Rick Brissenden had an idea.

"The idea was mine that I came up with because we're the justice court for all of Lane County but we're situated out on the coast so I faced the issue of how to serve the whole county given the fact that we're on the western edge," he said.

His solution? A mediation program in each community around the county that would be run by trained interns in spaces donated by cities like Cottage Grove.

Lane County residents would

be able to file cases remotely by utilizing an online form or email address and mediation staff would visit the communities on a monthly schedule. If the parties failed to come to an agreement and a hearing had to be held, Brissenden would travel to the community to oversee the proceedings.

"We want to determine the level of interest in those areas first," Brissenden said.

Interns Enekele Atabo and Sarah Osborn visited the Cottage Grove City Council last month to inform the council of the possible program and submitted a letter detailing the

plans to move forward.

"Mediation is the process of bringing two disputing parties in front of a neutral third party who helps them facilitate a resolution," the letter read. "The process is transformative for the parties, as there is no winner or loser but only an aim to achieve a mutual agreement."

Possible cases for mediation would include landlord-tenant disputes or neighbor-to-neighbor disputes.

"At this stage, we're doing a needs assessment," Brissenden said. "We're in the early stages."

Break-in at Banner Bank



Cottage Grove Police say there is no threat to the community after two juveniles broke into Banner Bank on Gateway Blvd. last Tuesday night.

The boys, who authorities did not identify due to their age, reportedly broke a window to enter the building around 8 p.m.

Officers, already in the area, responded to the scene and witnessed the two teens inside the bank.

"The juveniles complied with the officers' orders to exit the bank and were taken into custody without further incident," a statement on the incident read.

Cottage Grove Police Chief Scott Shepherd reported that the teens caused approximately \$1,500 in damage but did not steal anything.

They have been charged with burglary and criminal mischief.

Superintendent

media reports indicated she may have written an anonymous letter given to the board in August. The letter came after accusations surfaced concerning Parent's personal life and a subsequent investigation found she had not violated district policy or state law. The school board announced Parent's retirement on Jan. 16.

Since the announcement, the board has focused on what it describes as "healing" and put on Thursday's meeting—which board chair Alan Baas described as 'historic' and requested that it be videotaped—as part of the process.

"They were adamant about this (community involvement)," said Steve Kelley of the Oregon School Board Association who ran the meeting and will be spearheading the interim superintendent search. The school board must go out to bid for a company to head the long-term superintendent search.

The qualifications and qualities are part of the process in searching for an interim superintendent and are currently available on the school district's website for public review.

After receiving public comment on the qualifications and qualities, the board adopted a calendar that will see it screen applicants' paperwork on April 2 in executive session, interview candidates in executive session on April 23 and approve the interim superintendent selection in an open meeting on April 30.

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Fools Rush 5K set for 4/1

Picture the countryside of the far-southern Willamette Valley spread out below beautiful Mt. David, located adjacent Cottage Grove's historic Northwest Neighborhood. Participants in the third-annual Fools Rush 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, April 1 beginning at 5 p.m. will enjoy that very view, but only after a 400-foot hill climb that ensures they'll earn it.

Run CG, an organization dedicated to staging quality, unique running experiences in Cottage Grove, offers runners and walkers an exciting challenge, but one that offers a stellar reward even before the frothy beverage they'll earn at the Brewstation after the race. The event, which will begin and end at Sixth and Washington Streets in downtown Cottage Grove, also raises funds for youth runners in Cottage Grove High School's

cross-country program. Run CG's annual slate of events aims to promote fitness in the area while showcasing the community for visitors as well as those who enjoy exploring their hometown on foot.

As one of two evening runs on the Run CG calendar, the Fools Rush draws on the growing popularity of races and running groups that take place after-hours; the popular Gold Rush 5K also draws a crowd of participants on the third Friday each July and begins at 9 p.m. Run CG contributes all of its proceeds after expenses to local youth runners, which has funded athletic scholarships, the purchase of running shoes and other essentials.

More information and registration for the Fools Rush 5K can be found at runcg.com.

•CORRECTION•

In the March 7 edition of *The Sentinel*, the article titled, "Guns and our schools" referred to AL-ICE Training as standing for Alert, Locate, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. The acronym should have read, Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. Part II of the series will hit stands later this month.



<p>DRAIN: HOPE U.M.C. 131 W "A" St. Drain, OR 541-315-1617 Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen Fellowship & Song: 11:30am Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm Worship: 12:30pm</p>	<p>Cottage Grove Faith Center 33761 Row River Rd. 541-942-4851 Lead Pastor: Kevin Prueff www.cg4.tv Full Children's Ministry available Service: 10:00am</p>	<p>Old Time Gospel Fellowship 103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999 Pastor: Jim Edwards Sunday Service: 10:00am Join in Traditional Christian Worship</p>
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<p>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</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church 3rd and Adams St 541-942-4479 Pastor: Karen Hill Worship: 10:00am Sunday School: 10:00am www.cgpresbynews.com</p>	<p>St. Andrews Episcopal Church 1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050 Rev. Lawrence Crumb "Church with the flags." Worship: Sunday 10:30am All Welcome</p>
<p>Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove 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</p>	<p>Hope In The Grove 700 E. Gibbs • 401-855-5668 Pastor: Wayne Husk Sunday services: Worship: 9am Coffee Fellowship: 10:15am Bible Study: 10:30am</p>	<p>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 Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00</p>
<p>Center for Spiritual Living Cottage Grove 700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center) Rev. Bobby Lee Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m. cslcottagegrove@gmail.com</p>	<p>Living Faith Assembly 467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612 Pastor Rulon Combs Worship & Children's Church 10:00 am Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm</p>	<p>Trinity Lutheran Church 6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373 Pastor: James L. Markus Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thu 5:00pm TLC Groups tlccg.com</p>
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