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## Cottage Grove music students take home top honors



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Cottage Grove High School's Music Department celebrates success after taking top honors at the Pleasant Hill Jazz Festival. Awards won included 1st Place Jazz Choir, 2nd Place Jazz Band, and Alex Istador, Cora Branstetter and Josef Pifer taking top soloist awards.

## Housing analysis in the works

### Public comment expected to open in August

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One-by-one the housing units on Hwy. 99 are going up, making the Riverwalk development, built by Hayden Homes, more and more of a reality. While the neighborhood is currently renting, finding affordable housing in Cottage Grove continues to be difficult and draw the attention of city officials. Cottage Grove City Councilor Mike Fleck teamed up with planning and community development manager Faye Stewart last year to troubleshoot issues facing buildings and examine the issue of housing around the city. In June, their task might get a little bit easier.

"State law requires cities maintain an inventory to meet a 20-year land supply with an Urban Growth Boundary and we're required to inventory that supply to verify that we do have that inventory," said Cottage Grove City Planner Amanda Ferguson.

To inventory the supply of land, the city conducts a study every 10 years. The last housing and land feasibility study was started in 2003 and completed in 2005 and concluded the city had a surplus of land that qualified as residential high density but needed an increase in industrial land.

The current study, being performed by Echo Northwest, will serve as an update to the 2005 study and help form any changes or alterations to the city's building codes and the comprehensive plan.

"What are our current housing policies? Are they helping us get where we want to be? What type of housing do we want but aren't seeing and why?" Ferguson asked in explaining the relationship between the study and housing around the city.

Once the study is complete, city officials can further examine housing needs and how the current land supports those housing

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## A 'magical' night for Sigh of Relief



PHOTO BY ZACH SILVA

Eugene-based magician Hart Keene works the crowd at Family Relief Nursery's annual Sigh of Relief event aimed at raising awareness of the group's mission and accomplishments as well as raising funds for future projects. This year's theme was "Let's make magic happen."

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It was a magical night for Family Relief Nursery.

The organization that works to provide early childhood supports in the form of home visits, classes for parents and

classroom spaces for infants to preschoolers across the Cottage Grove, Creswell and North Douglas area presented their annual "Sigh of Relief" fundraiser event last Friday night at the Cottage Grove Armory.

With over 100 guests in attendance for this fundraiser that

was free to attend, the theme of the night was magic.

Headlining the evening was Eugene-based magician Hart Keene. Keene, who appeared on "America's Got Talent" and will be in an upcoming show with Penn & Teller captivated a perplexed audience all eve-

ning. He figured out what the numbers and words individuals were thinking of and made an audience member's 20-dollar bill disappear, had it reappear in a lime on stage while also having already showed he knew the serial number on the bill. While Keene wowed the audience,

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