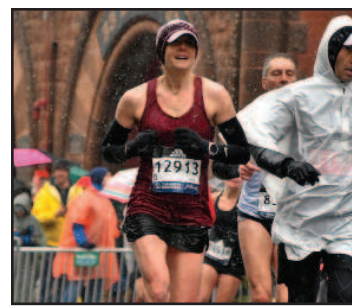


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Library evacuated for 'suspicious' package

Old newspapers identified as culprit

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Local officials outside the library on April 30

Monday, April 30, bingo was abruptly interrupted after a suspicious package was reported at the Cottage Grove Library.

The incident, which occurred just after 12 p.m., saw approximately a dozen individuals evacuated from the building.

Cottage Grove Police Chief Scott Shepherd joined three other officers in securing the building.

"It (the package) wasn't left by someone who looked suspicious but we're not going to take any chances," he said.

The Eugene bomb squad reported to the scene and cleared the building at approximately 1:15

p.m. The package, according to Shepherd, was left near the magazine rack and contained dozens of old newspapers dating back to the 1940s.

It's the second incident at the building in 24 hours. During a weekly community meal held on Sunday in the community center portion of the building, a front window of the building was broken after an individual accidentally fell through it.

Stolen Goods: Planting seeds of change



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The state of Oregon has a theft problem that has spread from federal lands to private property and on Thursday, April 26, students from Dorena School joined the Army Corps of Engineers' attempt to replace the stolen goods.

"The story is about the fact that we've had Oregon Grape getting illegally harvested from our lands from city to state to county and other federal lands," said Christie Johnson, a park ranger and outreach specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The plant, which can grow anywhere from a three to six-foot mound, can be harvested legally with a permit but according to Johnson, the plant has been routinely stolen from private and state lands across the state.

On Thursday, Johnson led a group of 15 Dorena middle-schoolers in re-planting 40 plants.

"It's hard to say (if they replaced the same number of plants that were stolen)," Johnson said, noting that an area hit by illegal harvesters will typically be stomped down. "These aren't mature plants we're replacing them with, either," she said.

Oregon Grape roots can be used as an herbal remedy so leaves from the plant are often left behind indicating the plants were taken.



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Army Corps of Engineers Botanist Leanna Vanslambrook helps Dorena students Emily Jones, Jesse Quigley and Meaghan Husted re-plant stolen Oregon Grape plants.

Election Day: A look at the May 15 ballot

What will CG residents will be voting on?

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The May 15 primary election features a historically crowded field for the governor's race. It also serves as a precursor for the general election where the ballot will feature a proposal to create a tax district to reopen Drain's library and, closer to home, a contest to fill the East Lane Commission seat currently occupied by former Cottage Grove Mayor Gary Williams who was appointed to the board last year.

Here is a list of candidates Cottage Grove residents will find on their ballots this week and a peek at the commission race:

Governor's Race:

The race for governor started earlier this year with a record 17 candidates tossing their hat into the ring to unseat current governor, Kate Brown.

Knute Buehler (R): currently serves as a state representative for Bend and is running on a platform of fiscal responsibility, redirecting pensions to classrooms and education reform. According to the bio provided by the candidate in the voter's pamphlet for the primary, Buehler states, "I'm running for Governor to lead and fix the big problems that have been avoided, ignored or made worse by Governor Brown. Brown is fixated on national politics—I'll fix local problems."

Patrick Starnes (D): A cabinetmaker for 30 years, Starnes graduated from Umpqua Community College and the University of Oregon. He is running on the promise of creating more manufacturing jobs and taking "big money: out of politics. He has served for more than 10 years as an elected school board member.

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First Art Walk of the season

By Lucas Davey
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It is a well known concept that one of the best ways to bring people together is with a party. And that is just what the Cottage Grove Art Walk is. The art walk has food, music, friends, and beautiful art on display. Each art walk has something new to look forward to and new people to meet. It also persuades passersby to check out local businesses.

The event takes place on Main Street in historic downtown Cottage Grove and any who wish to attend are very welcome to do so. The Art Walk visits the town from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the last Friday of every month starting in April and ending in October. During this time, artists from around the county gather inside the businesses lining the street to meet locals and show off their work. This, naturally, draws extra traffic for such entrepreneurs and is a welcome relationship. Many of those participating, artist and viewer alike, are glad to see the weather cooperating with the event so they can make new friends or just find a reason to get out of the house.

"You're always learning something new about somebody maybe you didn't know," attending artist Erin Royse said. "You get to see all different walks of life from people walking in and have

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Teen art show

The library is hosting a teen art show this month.
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The school board gets closer to choosing an interim superintendent.
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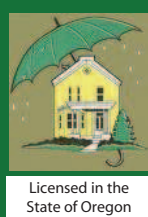
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