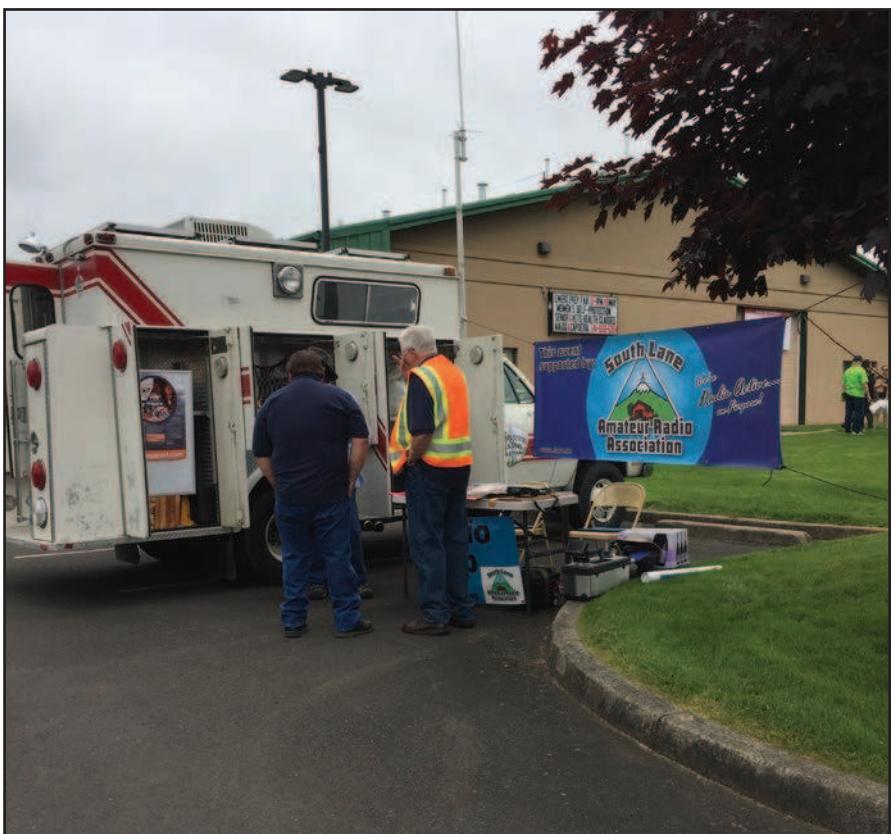


# Creswell hosts community emergency preparedness fair

**SAFETY FIRST —**  
Creswell's Public Safety Committee sponsored the city's first preparedness fair on Saturday, May 19 at the Cobalt Activity Center.

The event began at 10 a.m. and ran until 1 p.m. with local agencies assisting in the presentation. South Lane County Fire and Rescue attended in addition to the Lane County Sheriff, South Lane County Life Flight, the Eugene Army National Guard and the Creswell Teen CERT. Attendees learned the importance of being prepared in an area set to experience a major earthquake in the coming years as well as everyday safety tips surrounding communication after a disaster, fire prevention and other dangerous scenarios.



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## ELECTION from A1

owner, running a property management company that works primarily with affordable housing. She received endorsements from current Congressman Peter DeFazio and local labor groups.

Kevin Matthews who ran for

the seat two years ago, losing by a handful of votes, came in with just under 20 percent of the vote while Tim Laue (9.84 percent) and James Barber (6.85 percent) rounded out the top five. Frank King pulled 1.42 percent of the 13,126 votes counted as of Monday night.

Williams had earned the endorsement of Lane Coun-

ty Sheriff Byron Trapp and the Oregon Small Business Association. He campaigned as "Gary from 3rd St." and on a platform focused on helping to ensure elderly residents received the resources they need.

Both Williams and Buch will be on the November ballot. The winner will be seated as East Lane Commissioner.

## LIBRARY from A1

"Now is where the real work begins," Johns said, noting that the group still has to hire the full-time librarian and two part-time employees it budgeted for. "We need to plan and provide what we said we would which is a full service library for the community," she added.

The Friends of the Mildred Whipple Library don't plan to open the doors again until January of 2019 but this summer, they'll begin making good on

their promise.

Two volunteers, with the help of grant funding, will provide a summer reading program; something the community didn't have last year as the library sat locked. The library board, made up mostly of people who had campaigned for the tax district and served as volunteers for the Friends of the Library group, will begin planning meetings, open to the public.

According to Johns, there's also talk of eventually incorporating a visitor information center in the library for the string

of tourists who come through town asking about covered bridges and good lunch spots.

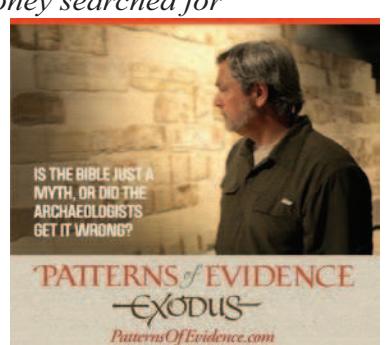
The city of Drain will be providing maintenance for the building as well as handling the utilities and internet but there's still a long list for the library board to contend with. So long, in fact, Johns said they'll be meeting with their attorney and the city in the coming weeks to see, what exactly, the next step is.

"We passed it," she said. "It was so exciting and it was like, 'OK what's next?'"

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