

Yoncalla man arrested for sexual abuse, child porn

Thomas E. Morin, 52, was arrested June 6 on charges relating to sexual abuse and child pornography.

The Yoncalla resident was subject of an investigation that was initiated after the Douglas County Sheriff's Office received a complaint in May.

The victim was not identified but according to a press release detailing the arrest, was "known to Morin."

During the course of the investigation, authorities learned that Morin was in possession of sexually explicit images of children.

On Wednesday, June 6, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Detective and



Thomas Morin

Patrol Divisions served a search warrant at Morin's residence. Morin was located at his home and ultimately arrested.

He was transported to and lodged at the Douglas County Jail on charges relating to child sexual abuse and child pornography.

LIFT housing program receives \$53 million grant for construction of affordable homes

SALEM — Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) has announced the award of \$53,906,900 to fund the development of 837 new affordable homes for Oregon families through the Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) housing program.

These awards will bring much-needed housing stability to Oregonians in rural and urban communities across the state.

In response to Oregon's housing crisis, the 2017 Oregon Legislature committed an additional \$80 million in Article XIQ general obli-

gation bonds to the LIFT housing program.

This commitment follows the 2015 legislature's investment of \$40 million to the LIFT program. To date, LIFT has funded the development of more than 1,700 new and affordable homes across the state.

"All Oregonians deserve a decent, stable, affordable place to call home. By investing in housing opportunities like LIFT, we can create an Oregon with a better future for all of us," said Governor Kate Brown. "I was pleased that the legislature answered

my call for these critical resources, and that the state is working hand in hand with local communities to improve housing accessibility for our families."

This round of LIFT funding will fund a total of nine affordable housing communities across the state including developments in Lincoln, Umatilla, Multnomah, Marion, Polk and Washington counties.

Each of these developments is highlighted by robust service partnerships and targeted outreach to ensure that historic disparities

are overcome and that the future residents have opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency.

OHCS Director Margaret Salazar said, "We are absolutely thrilled to provide these much-needed housing opportunities for communities of color and rural Oregonians who have been disproportionately impacted by the housing crisis. But we still have more work to do. With another round of LIFT funding coming this fall, we are confident that we can bring housing stability back into reach for many."

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These are the last few days of school.

Tonight, June 13, is 8th-grade recognition at 7 p.m. Come share in the celebration at the gym.

Tomorrow, June 14, is the eighth-grade field trip. In addition, kindergarten graduation is 2:15 p.m.

Friday, June 15, is the last day of school, which will only be a half day of classes.

There will be an awards assembly at Applegate Elementary at 9:15 a.m. in the gym.

During these last few days, some construction

has begun, so drive carefully.

CAL School Board meets Thursday, June 21, at 7 p.m., in Applegate Elementary.

The annual Crow Car Show is set for Saturday, July 14. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.crowboosterclub.com/crowcarshow.

Email crowcarshow@yahoo.com for more information.

Many cars will be at this year's event, along with an antique and craft fair. The event is the biggest fundraiser for the entire district.

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While the events leading up to the retirement of South Lane Superintendent Krista Parent dominated school board conversations, the actual approval of it did not garner a word.

The South Lane School Board voted to approve Parent's retirement during its June 4 meeting as part of the consent agenda. The item was not discussed and the board voted unanimously. Parent's retirement is effective June 30.

Parent has since accepted a position with the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) as the director of leading and licensure.

"I am excited to take my 33 years of experience in South Lane to the state level," Parent said. "COSA is an amazing organization that prepares and supports administrators from assistant principals to superintendents throughout Oregon ... developing the educator pipeline in Oregon and across the country is very important work. I am ready for this next chapter in my career."

Parent's retirement was initiated earlier this year after a complaint was filed with the school district concerning a personal relationship between Parent and a South Lane School District employee. A third-party investigation concluded that Parent did not violate state or school

policy citing the absence of an anti-fraternization policy in South Lane. In May, the Teachers' Standards and Practices Commission — responsible for establishing and enforcing professional standards of educators throughout the state — cleared Parent of misconduct allegations.

Larry Sullivan was approved as the interim superintendent through June 30 of next year by the school board in May after a three-month search. Sullivan has served as an assistant superintendent in Canton, Ohio., a lobbyist in Washington, D.C., and a school psychologist. He most recently retired from his position as the Lane Education Service Director last June, working as an interim principal at Spring Creek Elementary School.

At the time of his hiring, Sullivan said, "My goal, when I go down there is really to spend a lot of time doing the type of work that can allow the administration to get back to their work because all the administration has been doing double duty for a while. So, my job is really not getting in the way but helping."

Assistant superintendent Kyle Tucker who has been serving as the acting superintendent since Parent's retirement announcement earlier this year, declined to apply for the interim superintendent position.

The South Lane School Board has launched a search for a long-term superintendent to be in place by July 1, 2019.

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D-Day to be topic of next 912 Project meeting

The Cottage Grove 912 Project will be meeting Monday, June 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E Main St.

During the meeting, Michael Pungercar will discuss the history of the original D-Day, June 6, 1944, and its recognition each year around the world. Pungercar is

the founder of South Willamette Honor Flight. His father was a WWII pilot over Europe, which fostered his interest in helping veterans.

He will tell the story of the preparations on the beaches of Normandy with an eye witness account from a Navy veteran.

The meeting is open to the public.

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