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## Health advisory issued for Dorena Lake

Algae identified in the lake can be harmful to humans, animals

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported on Wednesday, June 13, that a recreational health advisory had been instituted at Dorena Lake, six miles east of Cottage Grove, after the presence of harmful algae had been detected. Drinking water in Cottage Grove, which originates in Dorena Reservoir, is currently unaffected.

According to a press release issued by OHA, "Harmful algae at this level are likely to be associated with cyanotoxin concentrations that can be harmful to humans and animals."

Currently, OHA has advised that residents who

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## Tiered rates to continue at EPUD

Recent vote by board solidifies policy instituted last year

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Emerald People's Utility District board of directors has voted to continue a system of tiered rates based on kilowatt usage.

The vote, which took place Tuesday, June 12, solidified a policy instituted last year. EPUD came under fire in January when customers began seeing higher monthly bills. At the time, EPUD apologized, explaining it had failed to properly prepare customers for the change in billing that requires customers who use more power to be charged a higher price per kilowatt than customers who use less electricity.

"This is a delicate balancing act. On one hand, we want to hold harmless the

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# Harrison Elementary says goodbye

After more than 60 years, Harrison Elementary sees its last school year

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The process of moving from the old Harrison Elementary School building to the new school just cleared its latest hurdle: the school year.

"It's been an exciting 18 months of planning. There have been all these stages. Designing the building, breaking the ground, ordering furniture. You know, deciding who goes in what room, lots of fun stuff," said principal

Heidi Brown. "And then clearing the last day with students in the old building was a big milestone."

The typical last day of school feelings from teachers, students and staff were paired with the fact that the building at 1000 South 10th that was built in 1949 has now seen its last days as a school. The South Lane School District has not officially decided on what will be done with this space.

"Always before summer there's a little you know, there's a paradox of

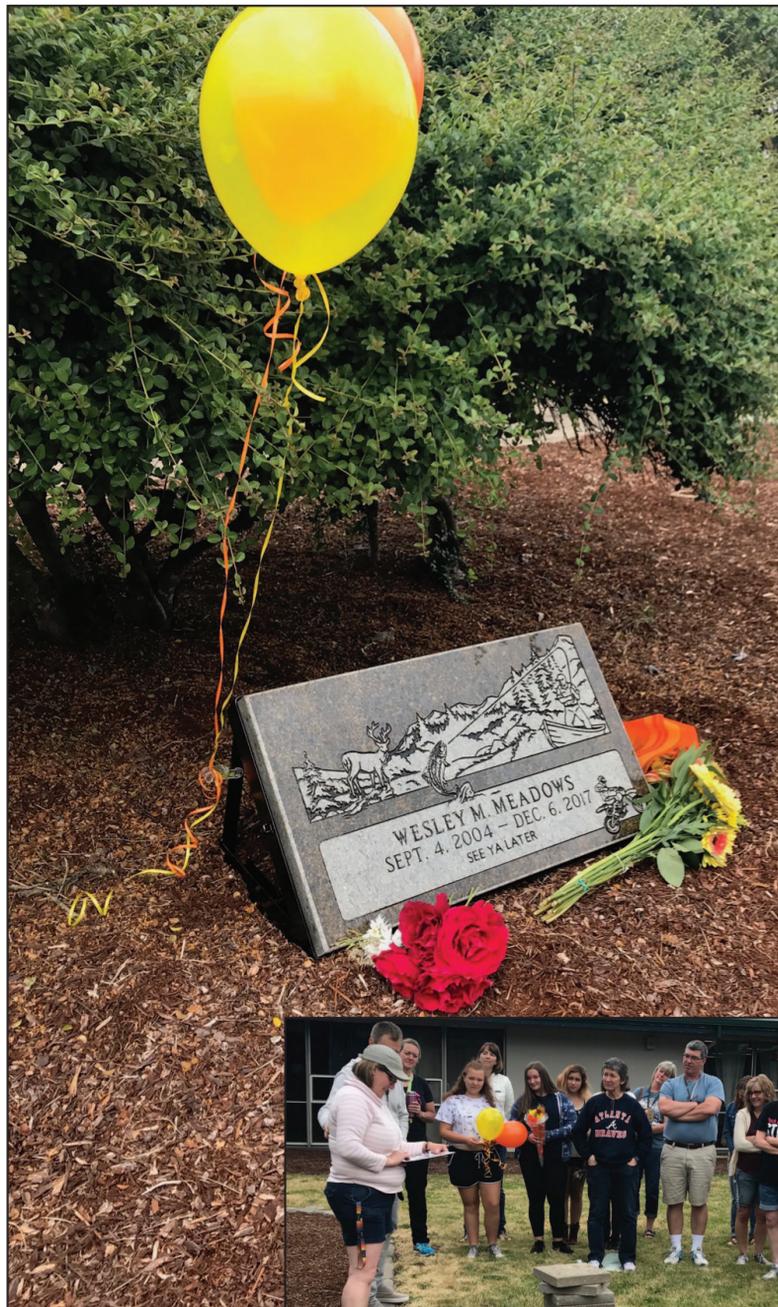
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The reader board outside of Harrison Elementary School bids farewell as the final preparations are made for the school's closure.



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## Honoring Wesley



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On Friday, June 15, the community at Lincoln Middle School honored the memory of former student Wesley Meadows who passed away in December. Earlier this year, Lincoln began a campaign to beautify the school grounds, including a courtyard that vice-principal Emily Wren said would be dedicated to Meadows. Prior to his death, the 13-year-old had been working towards a plan that would allow him to build a fence with staff at Lincoln.

According to Wren, Meadows' friends approached the school's administration and requested the opportunity to build a fence in Meadow's honor. Both the fence and a memorial stone were unveiled last Friday.

Meadows was killed while riding his bike on Highway 99 north of Cottage Grove. Last week, free bike helmet lights were distributed to children in Cottage Grove with organizers of the program citing Meadows' passing as a driving force behind the desire to provide the free lights.



## Woman who vandalized business arraigned

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The woman arrested for breaking windows on the storefront of Main Street business Wolfclan Armory has been released from police custody and arraigned.

Laura Rose, 31, will return to court in late July to face charges related to first-degree criminal mischief.

Rose recently arrived in Cottage Grove and, on Monday, June 11, reportedly used a flag pole located on Main Street to break the front windows of the Wolfclan Armory, which sells survival gear, knives, tents and other survivalist-themed items.

According to Cottage Grove Police Chief Scott Shepherd, after vandalizing the shop, Rose then walked across the street and sat on a bench until local law enforcement arrived.

At the time of her arrest, local authorities confirmed she had the phone number of the Civil Liberties Union written on her arm.

Rose was arraigned on one count of first-degree criminal mischief. However, she was booked in Cottage Grove on the above charge as well as disorderly conduct in the second degree.

According to Shepherd, Rose indicated her motive for breaking the windows was her understanding of the reported connection between the owners of the store, Jeanette and Al Laskey and their

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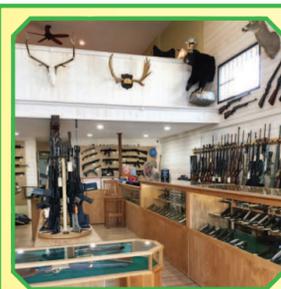
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