

TREND *from A1*

after former city councilor Amy Slay stepped down after a moved across town and out of city limits barred her from keeping her seat. It resulted in the city of Cottage Grove losing its only elected female other than the three female members of the South Lane School Board and drew attention to the fact that no elected, appointed or hired female was in a position of leadership within the city.

The issue was examined in a February article in *The Sentinel*.

“I think a lot of people saw the article and realized there was a lack of women running and there are several movements nationwide of women standing up and running for these things,” said Ashley Rigel, who is running for the seat currently held by councilor Mike Fleck. “I feel like a bunch of women are just busting through that glass ceiling and women are seeing that there’s a lot of encouragement from other women now.”

Nationwide, women are running for office in record numbers; and winning. In August, 219 women won their primary elections for a chance at a seat in the House or Senate.

Dozens of women have

tossed their hat into the ring for local county races and, while the U.S. has never seen more than nine female governors in office at one time, this year there is an opportunity for 13 women to occupy their state’s top executive office.

refinement plan. But, I do think women can have a different view, a different way of approaching things and I think having a woman on the council is an asset.”

Hermansen was less involved in local politics and more involved in the school

think of running yourself so it perpetuates itself,” Spencer said. “It’s hard to develop the idea of ‘I want to be a mayor’ on your own ... There is a confidence gap with women in running the rigors of campaigning,” she added. “Asking for money, it’s

the three candidates can be elected to the board.

“As I was attending the meetings and listening Greg Ervin’s comments about bringing his young family out into the community I just think that’s what we need,” said Hermansen. “My daughter is 12 and as a woman, I was her to know these options are there. I work full time and volunteer my time but I want her to know she has all kinds of options in the world. If

women don’t step up, how will our daughters know they can?”

Rigel, Lamb-Solsbee and Hermansen are joined by Christy Inskip who is running for the House District 7 seat against Cedric Hayden.

*All eight candidates for city council took part in a candidate forum that occurred after The Sentinel’s print deadline on Tuesday night. That story can be read online at [www.cgsentinel.com](http://www.cgsentinel.com).*

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— Jill Hermansen, City Council candidate

When the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce was working toward bringing a celebration to honor the film “Animal House” to Cottage Grove, Candace Lamb-Solsbee had a lot of opportunity to come before the city council and said she did notice a voice missing.

“For me, running wasn’t necessarily that there weren’t any women but being a business owner, I thought we could use a small business advocate on the board especially with the changes coming with the downtown

district, her local church and Habitat for Humanity, before deciding to run.

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According to Dr. Barbara Spencer, chair for the Oregon Commission for Women, it’s not unusual for women to be the last people in their lives to initiate the idea of running for office.

“If you don’t see women up there, you often don’t

something women often do not like to do. Until they’re pushed and asked that they should run, they don’t do it.”

Rigel is running against Fleck while Hermansen and Lamb-Solsbee are running for Garland Burback’s seat meaning that at most, two of

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**DRAIN:**  
**HOPE U.M.C.**  
131 W “A” St. Drain, OR  
541-315-1617  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am  
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm  
Worship: 12:30pm

**COTTAGE GROVE:**  
**6th & Gibbs Church of Christ**  
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822  
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine  
9:00am & 10:30am  
Christian Education:  
Pre-K through 5th  
[www.6thandgibbs.com](http://www.6thandgibbs.com)

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290  
Pastor: Riley Hendricks  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
Worship: 11:00am  
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm  
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

**Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove**  
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)  
541-942-6842  
Pastor: Jeff Smith  
Two Services on Sun:  
9am & 10:45am  
Youth Group Bible Study  
Child Care 10:45am Service Only  
[www.cgcalvary.org](http://www.cgcalvary.org)

**Center for Spiritual Living**  
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)  
Rev. Bobby Lee  
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.  
[csccottagegrove@gmail.com](mailto:csccottagegrove@gmail.com)

**Church of Christ**  
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565  
Sunday Service: 10:30am

**Cottage Grove Bible Church**  
1200 East Quincy Avenue  
541-942-4771  
Pastor: Bob Singer  
Worship 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,  
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
[www.cgbible.org](http://www.cgbible.org)

**Cottage Grove Faith Center**  
33761 Row River Rd.  
541-942-4851  
Lead Pastor: Kevin Pruett  
[www.cg4.tv](http://www.cg4.tv)  
Full Children’s Ministry available  
Service: 10:00am

**Delight Valley**  
Church of Christ  
33087 Saginaw Rd. East  
541-942-7711  
Pastor: Bob Friend  
Two Services:  
9am - Classic in the Chapel  
10:30am - Contemporary in the  
Auditorium

**First Baptist Church**  
301 S. 6th st • 541-942-8242  
Interim Pastor: Reed Webster  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 11:00am  
Youth Wednesday 6:30pm  
[cgfirstbaptist.com](http://cgfirstbaptist.com)

**First Presbyterian Church**  
3rd and Adams St  
541-942-4479  
Rev.: Karen Hill  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
[fpcgrove.com](http://fpcgrove.com)

**Hope In The Grove**  
700 E. Gibbs • 401-855-5668  
Pastor: Wayne Husk  
Sunday services:  
Worship: 9am  
Coffee Fellowship: 10:15am  
Bible Study: 10:30am

**Hope Fellowship**  
United Pentecostal Church  
100 S. Gateway Blvd.  
541-942-2061  
Pastor: Dave Bragg  
Worship: 11:00am Sunday  
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday  
[www.hopefellowshipupcc.com](http://www.hopefellowshipupcc.com)  
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**Non-Denominational  
Church of Christ**  
1041 Pennoyer Ave  
541-942-8928  
Preacher: Tony Martin  
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am  
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm  
[www.pennoyerveccoc.com](http://www.pennoyerveccoc.com)

**Old Time Gospel Fellowship**  
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999  
Pastor: Jim Edwards  
Sunday Service: 10:00am  
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1025 N. 19th St.  
541-942-3420  
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen  
Holy Mass:  
Tue-Thu: 8:30am; Sat: 5:30pm  
Sun: 10:30am  
Confession: After daily mass,  
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment  
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell  
552 Holbrook Lane  
541-895-8686, Sunday: 8:30am

**St. Andrews Episcopal Church**  
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050  
Rev. Lawrence Crumb  
“Church with the flags.”  
Worship: Sunday 10:30am  
All Welcome

**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
820 South 10th Street  
541-942-5213  
Pastor: Kevin Miller  
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am  
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40  
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373  
Pastor: James L. Markus  
Sunday School & Adult Education  
9:15am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thur  
5:00pm TLC Groups  
[tlccg.com](http://tlccg.com)

**United Methodist Church**  
334 Washington • 541-942-3033  
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen  
Worship: 10:30am  
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5,  
Kids Free)  
1st & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm  
[umcgrove.org](http://umcgrove.org)

**“VICTORY” Country Church**  
913 S. 6th Street • 541-942-5913  
Pastor: Barbara Dockery  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
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**CRESWELL:**  
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75 S 4th S • 541-895-3419  
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Adult Sunday School 9:15am  
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am  
website [www.creswellpres.org](http://www.creswellpres.org)

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