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Who spent what?

A look at campaign contributions for local candidates

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The last ballots made their way to drop boxes yesterday and election results started flooding in last night. Due to *The Sentinel's* production schedule, stories concerning the outcome of local elections have been posted online at cg sentinel.com, on our social media pages and will be included in the Nov. 14 edition print edition of *The Sentinel*.

Several races directly affected Cottage Grove including the head-to-head between Cedric Hayden and Christy Inskip for the Oregon 7th district house seat, the battle between Gary Williams and Heather Buch for the East Lane Commissioner seat and three races on the city council for at-large seats and the Ward 3 representative.

Also on the ballot, Floyd Prozanski defended his Oregon State Senate seat against Scott Rohter and Frank Lengele Jr. and several ballot measures ranging from abortion funding to affordable housing.

The Sentinel has compiled an at-a-glance look at how the candidates raised funds in their race toward Election Day.

All totals are up-to-date as of Nov. 4 and can be viewed online at sos.state.or.us.

Oregon House District 7

Dentist and rancher Cedric Hayden, first elected in 2015, was defending his seat against Cottage Grove resident and Lane County health analyst, Christy Inskip. Both Inskip and Hayden focused on health care and the economy during the campaign as well as education.

• Hayden:

- Cash contributions: \$66,535
- Loans: \$10,000
- In-Kind Contributions: \$9,354
- Total contributions: \$85,889
- Total expenditures: \$54,549.90

Hayden had 19 out-of-state contributors including

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From Cottage Grove to Vietnam

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Four local boys trained together before serving overseas in 1965

Roger Rue, Hayward Clark, Walt Bouche and Robert Kephart weren't that close. The only things they had in common in 1965 were that all four were Cottage Grove residents and they were all old enough to be drafted.

"I would see them on the street and wave 'hi' and 'bye' but the four of us were not, we knew each other but not to where we were running the streets together," Rue said.

More than 50 years later, the men are not that much closer but the list of things they have in common is a bit longer.

Three of them stayed and worked at Weyerhaeuser. Two of them still pass



COURTESY PHOTO

Platoon A-3-3 stands for a photo in 1965. The platoon was comprised of 44 men, all from Oregon. Four men were Cottage Grove residents and three, returned to town after the war.

each other on the street. Three of them served in Vietnam. And all four of them trained for the war as part of a platoon made up of men entirely from Oregon.

Rue moved to Cottage Grove in 1963

at the age of 18 — an age that lends itself to running in the same crowds in small towns. It meant that he knew Kephart and Bouche but didn't count them among his friends.

Clark, however, he could. And while friendship hadn't bound the four men together as young men, they found themselves in a group that would be bound together by a governor's recognition. Between 1964 and 1975, more than three million men were deployed to Southeast Asia. In 1965, 44 of those men were sent to California from Oregon to train together.

The men were part of the A-3-3 training unit, one that would earn the recognition of the state.

"The unique thing about that was that it was 44 men, all 44 men were from Oregon," Rue said. It was a distinction that would earn the group an Oregon State flag from then Governor Mark Hatfield.

For eight weeks, Rue says, the group trained together before being sent to train for an additional eight weeks at various locations.

"After 16 weeks, three of us went to

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Incredibly fun Halloween



PHOTO BY GREG LEE/FOR THE COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

The annual trick-or-treat on Main Street hit Cottage Grove on Oct. 31 sending superheroes, princesses, unicorns, dinosaurs and an avocado to the 40 businesses that set up booths and distributed candy. More than 1,000 children flooded Main Street for the chance to collect candy and play on the inflatable slide and bounce house erected for the event. For more photos, see A6.

School board talks pool, Latham

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As the Warren H. Daughtery Aquatic Center undergoes a renovation with funds from the 2016 bond, the South Lane School District is currently fundraising to make sure the upgrade includes a warming pool.

At Monday night's South Lane School District school board meeting, Communications Coordinator Garrett Bridgens detailed the effort from the district to raise \$520,000 so that the warming pool is added now instead of being pushed down the road. As of now, the district has over \$400,000 from donations and commitments, including a commitment from the city of Cottage Grove, to fund the pool that is used especially for therapy.

"That pool could have a tremendous impact and I think, more importantly for right now, (the community) see that they don't want to wait on it," said

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City partners with UO on Row River Nature Walk project

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On Oct. 27, students from the University of Oregon's School of Planning, Public Policy and Management met at the Row River Nature Park to see how they could help.

The event, billed as a design charrette, was part of a partnership

between the UO's class and the city of Cottage Grove to generate ideas concerning the 56-acre park and the boat ramp and potential BMX track located in the park.

Earlier this year, Cottage Grove resident Brandon Britz had a BMX track on his mind. He grew up near a track in Eugene and when his oldest son recently took an interest in

the sport again, he approached the city.

"It had been on my radar for a couple of years, ever since they flattened it," he said. "I heard that the city might be ok with building it again, so I called the city, met with Richard Meyers and they're totally down with it."

Britz, a five-year resident of Cot-

tage Grove, works full-time and has taken on the BMX project with a few other "solid" dads. But according to city manager Meyers at the time, there was no city funding to replace the track.

The partnership with the university's planning class and the

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COMMUNITY

Family receives award

The Hull family is recognized for its tree farming.

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Weekly update

Crow High School Band, movie night and more.

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