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Clouds and rain with
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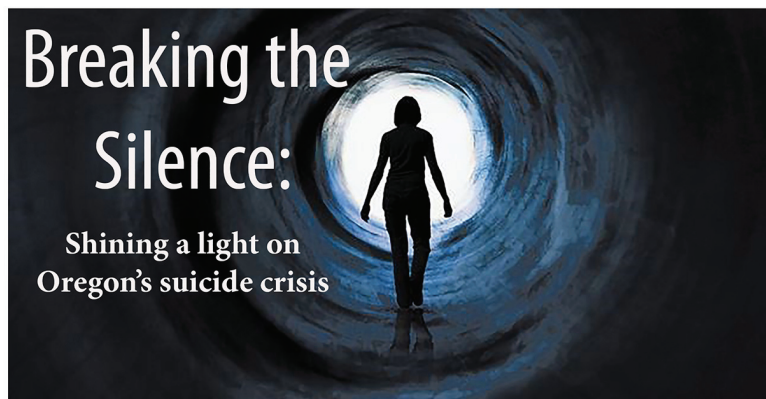
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Supporting those without shelter

Conditions associated with homelessness dramatically increase the likelihood of suicide.

Editor's note: This is the second in a four-part special collaboration between the Cottage Grove Sentinel, The Creswell Chronicle, Siuslaw News and Newport News-Times focusing on the rising suicide rate in Oregon. Each Wednesday through April, the four newspapers in this collaboration will each be contributing a part to the series and will be publishing them together. The hope is that, by sharing our resources and readerships, we can begin establishing a dialogue within each of our communities about this important subject.

Special 4-part series



A collaborative series between the Cottage Grove Sentinel, The Creswell Chronicle, Siuslaw News and Newport News-Times

BY STEPHANIE BLAIR
NEWPORT NEWS-TIMES

Homeless individuals are 10 times more likely to commit suicide than their general population counterparts, according to the findings of a 2012 study conducted by A. A. Patterson and R. R. Holden.

"We know that people with severe mental illness, or especially psychotic disorders, are more vulnerable," said Sena Benson-Arb, a clinical counselor in the Lincoln

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Business as usual while Latham prepares for closure

A schoolwide celebration will be held May 31

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With just a few months left in the school year, Latham School is preparing for its final days.

With the school closing at the end of the year, the coming weeks will be full of finalizing information about where staff and students will be placed next year in addition to updated school district lines.

But for now, Latham is about business as usual.

"We're trying to stay the course so the kids don't see this as being much of a different year," said Latham principal Anne Fisk at this month's school board meeting.

As old traditions such as a penny war, lap-a-thon and field day are still in play, the school and the district are also getting ready for a celebration.

Fisk added, "We're just staying the course and just having as many as little celebrations and big celebrations as we can until the end of the year."

While there will be various classroom and school-wide celebrations, there is also a community celebration of Latham that will be at 5 p.m. on May 31. The celebration will give members of the community a chance to take in the Latham building in addition to hearing from speakers and seeing a video about the history of the school.

The district and Latham are also looking for those who were connected to the school in some way to share their favorite memories of the school. There is a link on the school's website (latham.slane.k12.or.us/) for individuals to make sure their memory is included.



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Floodwaters encroach on a section of Row River Road (above) and in Riverstone Mobile Home Park (below) following sustained heavy rains over the weekend. Rain is predicted to continue for the next several days.

Flooding prompts area evacuations

More than 8,000 cubic feet per second was released from Dorena Reservoir.

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Level 3 evacuation notices were issued Sunday evening to residents within the 100-year floodplains of the Row River and Coast Fork of the Willamette as intense rainfall over the weekend increased fears of area flooding.

The Level 3 notices warn that danger is current or imminent and citizens should evacuate immediately.

"If you choose to ignore this ad-



visement, you must understand that emergency services may not be avail-

able to assist you further," the Lane County Sheriff's Office wrote in a Facebook post. "DO NOT delay leaving to prevent overflow of the reservoir. By midnight, the reservoir was reportedly releasing 8,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), matching the amount released in Cottage Grove's

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Kennedy High School recognized for going green

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Joshua Frankel speaks to AKHS last Thursday as the school was honored as Oregon's latest green school.

Al Kennedy High School (AKHS) has gone green. And now they have been rewarded for their work.

On Thursday, AKHS was honored as the newest Oregon Green School in Lane County by the group Partners for Sustainable Schools. The distinction places the school as the

148th school in the state – and the first in the South Lane School District – to have taken steps to engrain sustainability in the school.

"It means a lot because we are known to be the smaller school. We're known to not be the best kids out there, but for us to

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