

# Community News

## Community gives final salute to a local fallen soldier



Sgt. Bryan Merl Parker, of Cottage Grove, was honored in a funeral procession April 16 which ended in a military graveside service at Roseburg National Cemetery in Roseburg, Ore. After graduating from Cottage Grove High School in 2011, Parker joined the United States Army and became a satellite communications specialist. Parker passed away unexpectedly March 31, 2019, at the age of 26. (Photos by Gary Manly/Cottage Grove Sentinel)

## Annual Cottage Grove Art Walk season set to kick off Friday

It's the perfect time to experience art inside and out, so come enjoy the first Cottage Grove Art Walk of the 2019 season. The stroll will take participants through buildings and along streets in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove, with works created by local artists on display. The art walk will take

place Friday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Some of the locations and featured artists will include: Kalapuya Books' Terrisa West OG CG Trashionista; Charles Mattoon, poetry; Karin Thompson, beads by the bag; The Crafty Mercantile, Richard McConochie;

Five Flying Monkeys, Carl Rust photography; Ambrose Collectibles; Main Street Galleria; Bookmine; The Brewstation; Delight; Imagine It Framed; Axe & Fiddle; and Apple Pie Antiques.

Featured Buskers of the night will include: Banjo Youngblood, a popular

musician, comedian and Americana songbop writer; Nico Cornelius, jaw-harpist; and the popular duo "Resonance," playing Celtic-rock fusion (Carol Palmer Williams on guitar and vocals, Matt Hall on fiddle).

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## Fir Grove Cemetery Spring Clean-up May 4

Community groups or individuals looking for a project are encouraged to join the Fair Grove Cemetery Association in preserving its historic heritage established by pioneers in 1899. The Spring Clean-up is Saturday, May 4, beginning at 10 a.m. Bring your own tools, drinking water, bug repellent

and sunscreen.

Winter storms always leave limbs and small debris to be picked up. Also, bushes need trimming and gravestones need cleaning.

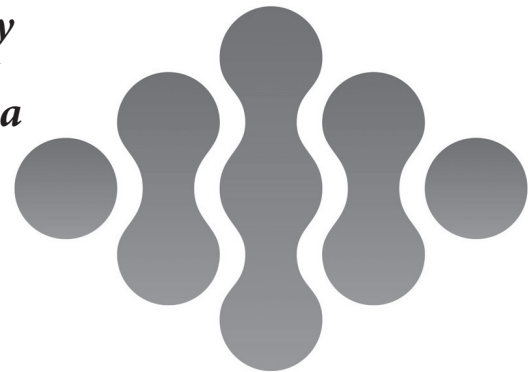
A potluck dinner will be at noon at Ada Grange Hall. The hall will be open early for restroom facilities and refrigerator/ovens for

potluck needs. After the meal, the annual meeting will be held where participants can hear about the \$3,000 grant the Grange received from Western Lane Community Foundation to help with the Rails & Trails project

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