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WEATHER



Mostly cloudy with a high of 63 and a low tonight of 47.

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Elkton raises its glass at Oktoberfest. **A3**

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Climate awareness advocates appeal to City Council

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Advocates for climate change has the potential to be a awareness petitioned the Cottage Grove City Council at a Sept. 23 council meeting, testifying to the urgency of climate issues during

"We are living in a climate emer- important step of declargency," said Cottage Grove resident ing a climate emergency is Rosemary Foraker.

public comments.

declare a climate emergency, host a become a resilient role model for town hall on the subject and look

for solutions to make the city carbon neutral by 2030.

"How we reach that goal beautiful example of how communities can rise to this challenge, collaboratively and justly for all people," Foraker said. "This the diagnosis we need as a Participants asked the council to community to get into action and communities around the world

"How we reach that goal has the potential to be a beautiful example of how communities can rise to this challenge."

-Rosemary Foraker, Cottage Grove resident.

who all face the same crisis."

ers at the City Council meeting followed the wake of the Sept. 20

Climate Strike in which more than 250 students and community members gathered in Cottage Grove as part of a worldwide climate action

At times, testimony at the City Council meeting was emotional and young speakers expressed fear that they would not have a future.

"I'm filling out college ap-The appearance of the speak- plications right now and I don't

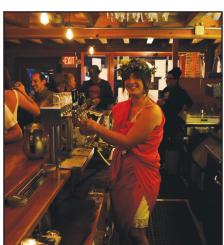
See CLIMATE 9A

Oktoga! Oktoga! Oktoga!



Grovers turned out draped in togas for Friday's OkTOGAfest in honor of the annual celebration of the filming of Animal House. From 8 to 10 p.m., participants made their way around town in a pub crawl hosted by The Brewstation, Axe and Fiddle, Stacy's Covered Bridge and The Grove Cafe and Lounge. Food and beverage deals were given to the night's toga-clad pub





Police, fire personnel receive recognition by City Council

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Cottage Grove Police Chief Scott Shepherd recognized both police and fire personnel for acts of bravery at the City Council meeting on Sept. 23.

Officer Fred Dilworth received a certificate of appreciation for his heroism in the rescue of a female driver trapped in an

See POLICE 8A

A Last Resort: A look at suicide and mental health — Part II

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Editor's Note: This is the second part of a two-part series on suicide and mental health. Part II of the series will look at the availability of mental health services in the community and what needs are being met.

For rural communities, networks can be life savers. This quality is all too salient for

See SUICIDE 7A

City plans to refund **SDC** overcharges

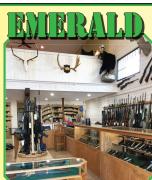
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The City of Cottage Grove is refunding overcharges in transportation system development charges (SDCs) to area businesses after a calculation error was discovered.

The error occurred on account of the exclusion of an element called "pass-by trip factor," a component of SDC calculations which may ultimately lower fees.

"Once we realized there was an error in the

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