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Mayor Jeff Gowing to a crowd of community members and project volunteers who turned out for the April 25 event.

After more than three years of planning and volunteering, the first of 13 tiny homes has begun to take shape as a new phase has begun in the collaborative affordable housing project run by the Cottage Village Coalition (CVC) and SquareOne Villages.

SquareOne Village's executive director Dan Bryant emphasized the need for projects like this.

"There are a million Americans who lose their housing every year, evicted simply because they cannot afford their rent," he said. "And so this is a way to address this problem."

Providing low-income housing while maintaining quality is a challenge to any affordable housing project, but those involved in building Cottage Village are confident they have struck that balance.

"This is going to be high quality. It's going to be attractive. It's going to be something the whole community can be proud of," said Bryant.

The need for affordable housing is no secret in cities like Cottage Grove. In the Cottage Grove Housing Needs Analysis released in August last year, the 20-year plan indicated the need for an average of 69 new units to be built per year in order to meet projected demand.

Units like those planned

for Cottage Village not only fall under the housing analysis's stated low-income need, but also provide security for those who are economically vulnerable to a single expense-laden event that may render them without housing.

"It started really because people were saying, 'We've got homeless people in our community; we know these people. What are we going to do about that?'" said Bruce Kelsh, chair of CVC. "And then it evolved into learning more about the state of homelessness in Lane County."

**Community bids farewell to Latham**

(Originally printed June 5, 2019)

Community members gathered Friday to bid a final farewell to Latham Elementary School, a staple institution of Cottage Grove's history and point of reference for many of the community's memories.

Following a South Lane School District board decision earlier this year to close the school, Latham will be finishing out its last year of operation this month, ending 166 years of presence in the community.

Friday's event was attended by current and former students, staff and residents who wandered the school in an open house before packing the school gymnasium for a series of presentations and speeches to commemorate the closing.

The sheer age of the school has ensured an enduring imprint on a com-



DAMIEN SHERWOOD/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

**The evening ended with Tom Davis, son of influential past Latham principal Cal Davis, ringing the school's iconic bell.**

munity in which one's great-grandparents may well have been students at Latham.

The school even predates the founding of Cottage Grove itself, which became incorporated in 1887.

For the hour-long open house, the halls and rooms of the school were filled with people running their fingers along childhood memories, flipping through class pictures and greeting old friends.

Brothers Dennis and Leslie Chapman, former Latham students, returned

to the school for the event.

"When I started here there were just four classrooms," said Dennis, who attended Latham from 1944 to 1952. "You went two years in the same room with the same teacher — no kindergarten, no Head Start — just boom, straight in."

While memories of bygone eras abounded, it was often the unchanging charm of the school that struck many attendees Friday night.

"I hate to see it go," Dennis said.

Following the open house, the gymnasium filled with attendees to listen to reflections and celebrations of the legacy of a school with a century and



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**Past Bohemia Mining Days queens were part of the festival's 60th anniversary celebration during the Grand Miners Parade down Main Street.**

a half of influence on the lives of families in the area.

Tom Davis, son of influential past Latham principal Cal Davis, reflected on the deep connection his family had with the school.

"My parents, Cal and Doris Davis, loved the Latham and London communities," he said. "They treasured the people and treasured the schools."

After students sang a final song, Davis rang the iconic Latham school bell one last time.

**'Diamond Jubilee' shines bright for BMD**

(Originally printed July 24, 2019)

Cottage Grove celebrated 60 years of Bohemia Mining Days with its "Diamond Jubilee" last week as fortuitous sunny skies made for high turnout in both participants and festival-goers.

"I think it went extremely well," said festival coordinator Cindy Weeldreyer, crediting much of the success to the all-volunteer team. "This is the 26th Bohemia Mining Days celebration I have helped

produce. As festival coordinator, I had the largest volunteer production team I've ever worked with."

The three-day event featured a wide variety of family-friendly attractions, often drawing on the city's heritage, and included 13 Main Stage performances, a carnival, competitions, daily parades and historical presentations.

Festival-goers were also invited to participate in Cottage Grove's historical feud between Slabtown and Lemati, two historic rival settlements which quarreled over ownership issues such as the new railroad, the post office and water rights.

By all accounts, participation and turnout exceeded previous years.

Compared to around 50 vendors last year, registration this year reached 87 and sales were gainful.

"The vendors are so happy," said Weeldreyer. "Most of them made money hand over fist."

By Sunday evening, festival volunteers had finished cleaning up the parks, a feat

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195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822  
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Worship: 11:00am  
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm  
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

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

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1200 East Quincy Avenue  
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Pastor: Bob Singer  
Worship 11am  
Sunday School: 9:45am  
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Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm  
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9am - Classic in the Chapel  
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Pastor: David Chhangte  
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Worship Service 10:30am  
Youth Wednesday 6:30pm  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
3rd and Adams St  
541-942-4479  
Rev.: Karen Hill  
Worship: 10:00am  
Sunday School: 10:00am  
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**Hope Fellowship**  
United Pentecostal Church  
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541-942-2061  
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1041 Pennoyer Ave  
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Preacher: Tony Martin  
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am  
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Pastor: Kevin Miller  
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am  
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40  
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Sunday School & Adult Education  
9:15am  
Sunday Worship 10:30 am  
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5:00pm TLC Groups  
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334 Washington 541-942-3033  
New Pastor Craig Pesti- Strobel  
Worship 10:30am  
umcgrove.org

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Pastor: Barbara Dockery  
Worship Service: 10:00am  
Message: "WE BELIEVE IN MIRACLES"

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Creswell Presbyterian Church  
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