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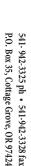
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Volunteer Robert Wright works to restore the "Wimpy" Low-Wing Longster for its display during next year's centennial event.

# Restored planes to highlight ODA's centennial

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The Oregon Aviation Historical Society & Museum in Cottage Grove marked the Oregon Department of Aviation's (ODA) 99th anniversary on Feb. 11 and announced local

centennial celebration in 2021.

In gearing up for the centennial event, Cottage Grove's Aviation Historical Society is currently restoring three vintage aircraft. In all, six antique aircraft with roots in Oregon aviation history will embark on a traveling exhibit around the state,

Oshkosh, Wisc. in July 2021.

Vice president of the museum Tim Talen has been in the restoration business for more than 40 years and has spearheaded efforts to find and restore the aircraft for the centennial.

"Tim has a knack for finding preparations for the department's culminating in a demonstration in things and knowing what he's look-

ing for," said Annette Buswell-Whittington, director for the aviation his-

torical society. One notable project among the restoration efforts is John Gilbert

"Tex" Rankin's Great Lakes Bi-plane.

"Tex was probably our most See PLANES 3A



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Children help dig a hole for the Hiroshima Peace Tree sapling planted in Coiner Park on Feb. 17.

### Hirosnima Peace Tree added to Coiner Park

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Coiner Park received a new tree on Feb. 17 as Mayor Jeff Gowing and the Urban Forestry Committee held a planting ceremony for a Hiroshima Peace Tree.

The gingko biloba sapling was germinated from seeds of a gingko tree that survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima 75 years ago this August.

The sapling is one of 30 saplings that will be planted on public lands around the State of Oregon between now and May 2020.

The peace trees are part of a remem-

brance and reconciliation project organized by the One Sunny Day Initiative with the support of A-bombed Trees, Oregon Community Trees and the Oregon

Department of Forestry. Gowing proclaimed Feb. 17, 2020 "One Sunny Day of Peace" and held a moment

of silence during the ceremony. The One Sunny Day Initiative, founded by atomic bomb survivor Hideko Tamura Snider, aims to educate the public about the consequences of the use of nuclear weapons and "plant seeds of peace, hope and reconciliation among people of the world."

## After last year's 'Snowmageddon,' emergency readiness sees progress

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On the evening of Feb. 24, 2019, area residents were caught off guard by the sudden arrival of a once-in-acentury snowstorm which crippled power infrastructures and rendered streets impassable.

Now nearly one year later, some local steps have been taken to ensure the community is prepared for future disasters. For South Lane Coun- offering rural residents a fire sup-

ty Fire & Rescue (SLCFR), efforts to pression agreement in 2018, which government agencies across the naincrease preparedness in the area have been in the works for years.

'We've seen a need for assistance to help improve preparedness and community readiness," said SLCFR Division Chief Aaron Smith.

One need SLCFR has seen is with unserved rural homes as areas like Dorena fall outside the fire district's jurisdiction.

To address this, SLCFR began

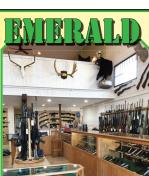
would guarantee an emergency response if they pay a tax of \$1.85 per \$1,000 of property value, as reported by residents.

More than 30 contracts have been made throughout the area so far.

Also impactful has been SLCFR's expansion of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, a Federal Emergency Management Agency-based program sponsored and administered by many local

tion. The program provides community members with standardized testing, training and an operational framework for emergencies within a designated jurisdiction. Though the program was once a feature of the Cottage Grove community, it gradually lost traction and dissolved years ago. The past few years, however,

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