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Homes for Good staff and local officials lift a wall frame of the first of four tiny houses to be built at Legion Cottages. The units will provide low-income housing for veterans in the area.

Walls raised at Legion Cottages site

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Legion Cottages held a wall-raising ceremony Feb. 24 to commemorate the construction of the first of four tiny homes behind Cottage Grove's American Legion post. The Homes for Good project will provide housing for low-income veterans in the area.

Homes for Good Executive Director Jacob Fox and Lane County Commissioner Chair Heather Buch spoke at the ceremony.

"[Homes for Good] has been dramatically increasing the amount of units that we're developing across Lane County," said Fox. "We're super passionate about this project, but it really did come organically from the mayor and the city manager and we're just delighted to be a part of it."

Homes for Good is Lane County's housing agency and works primarily to help low-income residents find affordable housing.

Legion Cottages will feature shared parking, a common open space, supportive services and case management through local partnerships, building a framework that is intended to reshape the lives of

See **WALLS 6A**

Planting community roots

The first of three tree giveaways took place last Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in Coiner Park. Residents of Cottage Grove have been invited to stop by and pick up a free tree to help replace trees lost to the snow storm last year. With more than 300 trees collected for the giveaway, a variety of trees are available to members of the public who can provide proof of residency in the city limits. Around 60 trees were distributed Feb. 22 and two more giveaways are scheduled for Feb. 29 and March 7 or as long as trees last.



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The Creswell station is less than 6,000 square feet, with bay doors that are too small for many modern emergency vehicles.

SLCFR presents plans for new Creswell station

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South Lane County Fire & Rescue (SLCFR) Fire Chief John Wooten presented schematic plans and details for the construction of a new Creswell Fire and Rescue station during a Creswell City Council work session on Feb. 24.

The new station would replace the current station at 55 S First St., which dates back to the 1950s.

"The lifespan of a fire station is about 50 years," said Wooten. "So, we're almost 20 years beyond the lifespan of the station."

Under the current project plan, the adjacent Creswell Community Center would be demolished to become the site of the new station, after which the old station would be demolished and turned into parking space for the city. Land ownership of the two parcels would also switch between the city and district.

There is currently no plan to replace the community center.

Plans to replace the station have been top priority for the SLCFR board since 2016, said Wooten, and were included in the fire district's

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