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Partly cloudy with a high of 60 and a low tonight of 41.
Full forecast on A5

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YAC holds town hall to discuss mental health

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The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) held its second town hall Monday night to discuss youth mental health issues with a panel of nine local professionals.

“We want the youth in the room to be aware of the resources that Cottage Grove has to offer and identify some of the missing pieces that the Youth Advisory Council can use as our targeted goals for the rest of the year,” said YAC Chair MJ Raade, a junior at Cottage Grove High School.

YAC, a youth group conducted in partnership with the city which serves as a local communication link between the city council and young people in the commu-

nity, attracted an audience of about a dozen youths and other interested parties to City Hall.

Professionals in select fields took nearly two hours to answer questions from youths on a variety of mental health topics such as barriers to receiving help, social stigmas and local resources.

The panel of nine included: Cottage Grove Peer Court Coordinator Kathy Kelty; Chief Administrative Officer at PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center Tim Herrmann; Suicide Prevention Coordinator for Lane County Public Health Roger Brubaker; community health worker for PeaceHealth and

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Local professionals filled the panel and answered youth’s questions at the YAC town hall on mental health Monday night at City Hall.

Having a royal ball



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“Rise of the Queens,” an original musical written by Hal Holbrook, premiered Feb. 28, putting the acting, dancing and vocal talents of local performers on display. The story is the third in Holbrook’s fantastical series of tales in a medieval animal kingdom. The musical will continue playing through March 6-7 at 7 p.m. and March 8 at 2 p.m.



The Grove backdrop for new mini-series

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From Buster Keaton’s “The General” to the 1973 movie “Emperor of the North” to the hit classic “Animal House,” Cottage Grove prides itself as having a special footnote in the annals of film history. This year, the city will add another title to its resume with the upcoming mini-series “The Fairfield Boys.”

“It’s something to get excited about because there’s

already such a rich history of film here,” said director Peter Wickliffe.

Set in the backwoods of the 1850s old west, the mini-series begins with two outlaw brothers hunted by a bounty hunter. Following a shootout, two runaways stumble upon one of the survivors of the skirmish. In nursing the stranger back to health, the lives of the brothers and runaways intertwine.

Filmed entirely against the Oregon landscape, the mini-series will tell the tale in

five episodes total.

“It’s spurred from the ideas of films like ‘Lonesome Dove’ and ‘Comanche Moon,’” said Wickliffe, adding that the visual style is inspired by “The Revenant.”

As writer, producer, director and actor, Wickliffe has made the project his singular focus and is optimistic his passion for the craft will magnetize others to the project.

“Once you get it going, you just have to maintain the

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Superintendent search narrows to two candidates

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The South Lane School District (SLSD) board of directors has announced its two finalists, Andy Dey and Yvonne Curtis, for consideration in the search for the district’s next superintendent.

The extensive multi-state search included a field of 20 original applicants which were reviewed by the South Lane school board and a screening committee of 15 citizens that included teachers,

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