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MEMORIAL DAY 2020



As part of Monday's Memorial Day ceremonies, fighter jets from the Oregon Air National Guard completed flyovers of area hospitals, including PeaceHealth's Cottage Grove Medical Center; "Taps" was played at the Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park.

A day of remembrance in The Grove

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The City of Cottage Grove conducted its annual Memorial Day ceremony on May 25, part of which was broadcast virtually without audience to stay in compliance with coronavirus-related restrictions on gatherings.

"It's our first ever doing a virtual ceremony and hopefully our last doing a virtual ceremony,"

said Mayor Jeff Gowing as he welcomed viewers.

The event, hosted in partnership with American Legion Post 32 and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3473, was broadcast live on South Lane Community Broadcasting channel 14.4. and streamed on the city's Youtube channel.

Following an opening prayer on the topic of sacrifice by Pastor Rulon Combs and a performance of the national anthem by Cora

Branstetter, Gowing spoke to the spirit of the national holiday.

"So many have given so much for our freedom. So many have paid the price with their own life," he said.

Gowing paid respects not only to service members who died in combat, but those who returned home only to lose their lives to psychological pain, depression or complications from the chemical warfare herbicide Agent Orange.

Gowing also referenced the list

of names read each year of local service members who have passed.

"The older I get, those names turn from just names to someone I've known for years. This year is no different and has become even more impacting to me," said Gowing, whose father, great-uncle and friends were included in the reading this year.

Keynote speaker Colonel Francis Scott Main, who was

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'Back on the menu'

Area restaurants reopen amid uncertainty

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With the United States enduring plummeting economic activity and a historic rise in unemployment due to responses to the novel coronavirus outbreak, forecasts of the nation's economic health remain a consistent point of uncertainty.

Despite turmoil at the national level, however, the food and beverage sector in Cottage Grove seems determined to

bounce back.

"Actually, I'm pretty optimistic," said Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Shauna Neigh. "It seems everybody is coming back to business."

Since Gov. Kate Brown issued an executive order March 23 shutting down all non-essential services and severely restricting food and beverage sellers, restaurants and bars in Cottage Grove have either

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Community loses artist, pilot

Shirley B. Froyd was both an artistic icon and pioneer



Froyd co-piloted Ron Englund's 1929 Fleet biplane at Jim Wright Field for her 88th birthday, June 2014.

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On May 12, Cottage Grove community member Shirley B. Froyd passed away due to natural causes, leaving behind a local legacy of art, aviation and nature conservation.

Froyd was born Shirley Ann Blocki in Chicago on June 6, 1926. A child of the Great Depression, she learned to surmount challenges early in life as she lost her mother to leukemia at only age five.

Despite this less-than-ideal start,

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