

SLSD kicks off banner program to honor grads

To recognize the many Cottage Grove area graduates, banners with each graduating student's name will be hung in Bohemia Park beginning this week.

Due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, in-person graduation ceremonies have been canceled this year. However, the South Lane School District wants graduating students to feel recognized. The district is encouraging students and parents to come and see their student's banner in the park, while keeping a 6-foot distance from others.

Each school in Cottage Grove will be represented, including Academy for Charter Education (ACE), Al Kennedy, Child's Way and Cottage Grove High School.

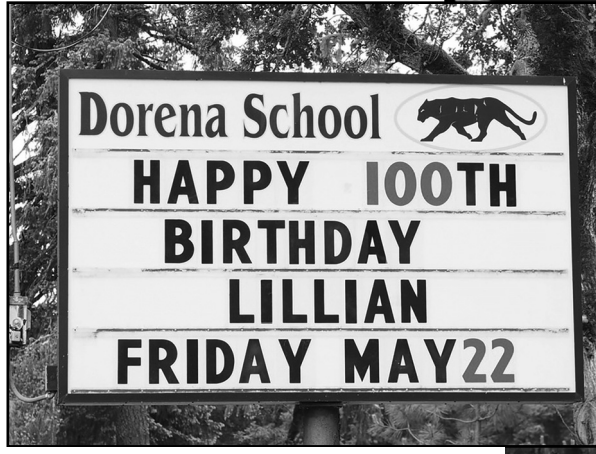
Thanks to the Senior All Night Party Committee, all graduating students will have the chance to win a raffle prize as a part of the graduation event.

For Cottage Grove High School students only: Students will have the opportunity to take pictures in the graduation cruise on June 6. Pictures can be picked up along with the student banners.

Banners will be brought down and students may collect their banners from the curbside of City Hall at 400 E. Main Street on Monday, June 22, from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 6 p.m.

Each student will receive a senior envelope with the banner.

Dorena celebrates its centenarian



Dorena resident Lillian Arnold celebrated her 100th birthday on May 22, with a car parade full of friends, family and neighbors joining in the occasion. Born in Philadelphia in 1920, Lillian lived all over the United States, following her husband's Navy career with their five children. They settled in Santa Clara, Calif., for many years before retiring to Sunriver, Ore., then moving to Dorena a couple of years ago to live with her daughter and son-in-law. Lillian is a Master Quilter and has given seminars and appeared in quilting magazines. She is particularly known for her intricate Baltimore Album quilts.



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Annual CGHS 'Old Schoolmates' reunion canceled; moved to 2021

According to the book *Cottage Grove—Golden Was the Past*, class reunions of the CGHS Lions began in 1932. Then, in 1952, The Old Schoolmates Group was organized and began hosting annual reunions. For many years, reunions were held at the Cottage Grove Elks Lodge. But eventually, attendance became so big that it had to move. Annually,

more than 350 Lions alumni attend — with several scholarships awarded to that year's graduating Lions.

For the past 16 years, the event has been held on the first Friday each August at the current Cottage Grove High School. To belong to the group, individuals must have attended or graduated from Cottage Grove High School 50 years ago

or more. On the 50th anniversary of a class' graduation, that class is considered the Honored Class and is welcomed to the CG Old Schoolmates.

Unfortunately, this year's reunion has been canceled due to the restrictions necessitated in response to reducing the spread of COVID-19. Cancellation notices have been sent out to those with email addresses. In

addition, coordinators for each class are trying to notify all known former attendees.

Because of this year's cancellation, the cases of 1970 and 1971 will be welcomed into The Old Schoolmates Group when it meets next year, Aug. 6, 2021.

For more information contact co-chair Jerry Settelmeyer at 541-942-7654.

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