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SLSD budget grapples with economic challenges

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The school year ended prematurely for students in the South Lane School District (SLSD), but board members and administrators remain hard at work preparing for the 2020-21 school year.

On Monday, June 15, the SLSD board and budget committee met for their final scheduled meeting of the 2019-20 school year, going over changes and issues regarding next year's school budget as well as discussing upcoming challenges the district will face as the landscape of

"The timeline is set by the virus, not by the rest of us. We have to respond to individual needs and requests of families."

— Yvonne Curtis,
SLSD Superintendent

COVID-19 closures continues to evolve on an almost daily basis. Earlier this month in the budget committee's previous session, mem-

bers ratified a tentative budget for the upcoming school year but were aware that changes could come soon and fast.

Former Roseburg city manager Lance Colley — who along with his wife Janice serve as advisors to the SLSD budget committee — presented the most recent updates to the budget which include:

- An increase from \$350,000 to

See **SLSD 7A**

Governor presses 'pause' on reopening

Multi-county spike in COVID cases raises concern.

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As of Wednesday (June 16), Lane County reported 88 positive test results for individuals infected with the novel coronavirus COVID-19, with 3 of those individuals dying from the disease.

Of those, 79 individuals have recovered and 8 of those with confirmed cases are resting at home.

The relatively small number of cases reported in Lane County came through the 2,370 COVID-19 tests conducted last week, which brings the total number of tests given to 12,051 since the beginning of February.

Meanwhile, neighboring Douglas County reported a total of 29 cases as of Tuesday, with no new reported cases in the last 11 days (as of June 16).

Both Lane and Douglas counties are currently in Phase II of the state's reopening plan, with any future changes now delayed by at least one week — possibly longer.

While both counties have seen a comparatively small increase in confirmed cases of COVID

See **PAUSE 7A**



DAMIEN SHERWOOD/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

EcoGeneration returned to service on June 13 with a safety plan, making it the only community collector in the county to accept recycling amid COVID-19 concerns.

'Take-backs' making a comeback

EcoGeneration returns to accept recyclables from the community

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Cars stuffed with plastic, cardboard and other recyclables lined up at the Cottage Grove Community Center on June 13 with the return of EcoGeneration's recycling take-back

program. "Today is really important because it's our first official take-back since COVID-19 started," said Eco-Generation's founder and executive director David Gardiepy.

EcoGeneration, a local recycling nonprofit,

works with Lane County as a community collector and also recycles within several other streams of waste unique to the organization.

Gardiepy said the return to service came as a result of mounting demand from Cottage Grove and sur-

rounding communities. "So after a lot of work we came up with a safety plan that made it safe for us to do this," he said. "It's a big thing because we are the only community collectors for Lane County

See **RECYCLE 10A**

Drain nightclub draws concerns, controversy

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A newly established nightclub in Drain has irked several members of the small community due to its inclusion of nude dancing as entertainment.

The issue was given public spotlight as a discussion item at a June 8 Drain City Council meeting, where a stream of concerns and allegations were presented against the establishment from community members — sometimes to cheers and

clapping from the audience.

"Pornography, nudity and illicitness is wrong," community member Barbara Evans said to the council. "It's a sin and, I'm sorry, but it is not good for our community in any way shape or form."

The establishment, Top of the Bowl, is owned and managed by Drain local Jamie Hennricks with help from boyfriend Rik Marin. While

See **CLUB 11A**



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Top of the Bowl, a nightclub located above Family Fun Bowling in Drain, has unsettled some community members in the small town.

Construction season ramps up in CG

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With warmer and longer days approaching, construction is underway on several projects in Cottage Grove.

By the start of next year, the city will see significant expansion of its water treatment plant, construction of storage for recycled water and safer routes to schools.

Water Treatment Expansion Project

Following the delivery of a new membrane filter rack this week, the city will soon begin expansion of its water treatment plant. Assembly and installation by the subcontractor PALL

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