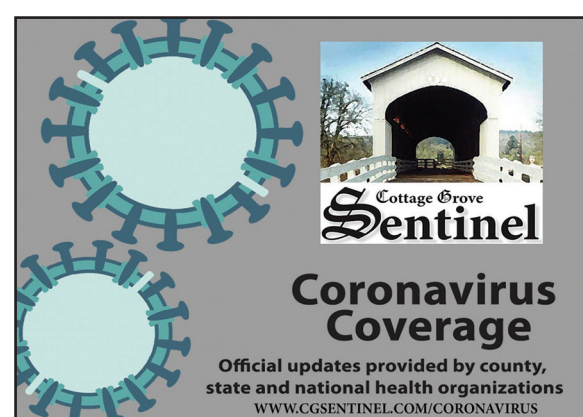


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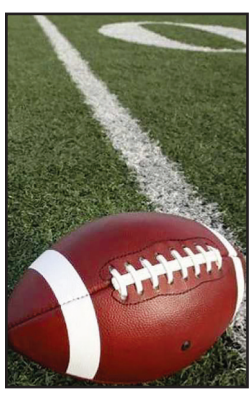
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## Free COVID-19 testing available in Cottage Grove July 16

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Lane County Public Health (LCPH) has begun hosting free testing options around the county for people who want to be tested for the novel coronavirus.

The first opportunity for test-

ing in southern Lane County is reserved for the Latinx community today, July 9, at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E Gibbs Ave. from 4 to 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to take the test no matter their immigration status and bi-lingual staff will be available.

For Spanish speakers, the

LCPH website states, “La prueba es para personas latinas con o sin síntomas de COVID-19. Es totalmente gratis pero si tiene seguro médico, lleve su tarjeta. Todos son bienvenidos a tomar la prueba, sin importar su estatus migratorio. Las primeras 50 personas recibirán un pequeño obsequio. Tendremos

un intérprete de lengua Mam.”

The second testing opportunity will be Thursday, July 16, at the Health Hub parking lot at 1133 E Main St. from 4 to 7 p.m. and is open to all community members.

As of press time, no logistical

See **TESTING 8A**

## In the rockets' red glare



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With many public fireworks displays canceled due to restrictions put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19, families in Cottage Grove held their own fireworks displays in driveways, streets and yards. Meanwhile, in Yoncalla (below right), a larger public display was held for the small community, which was able to enjoy the display while maintaining social distancing requirements. (See more photos on page B1)



## OAHS on a 'wing and a prayer'

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Though an economic downturn and public health restrictions have upset plans to celebrate Oregon's aviation history next year, the Oregon Aviation Historical Society (OAHS) in Cottage Grove is finding ways to navigate a turbulent financial and logistical storm.

“Part of our approach during

the COVID-19 thing has been: We're not stopping,” said OAHS Vice President Tim Talen. “We can still do this with appropriate social distancing and so forth, but the restorations need to keep going. We can't just take a two- or three-month break.”

Vintage aircraft under OAHS stewardship have been undergoing restoration in preparation for a planned centennial celebration of the inception of the

Oregon Department of Aviation (ODA) next year. In all, six antique planes with roots in Oregon aviation history were due to embark on OAHS's traveling exhibit around the state, culminating in a demonstration in Oshkosh, Wisc. in July 2021.

With the outbreak of the novel coronavirus this year, however, the aviation world has pumped

See **OAHS 10A**

## AKHS garden fertile ground for learning

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Al Kennedy High School's garden program has grown. With the addition of 2,700 square feet of growing space this spring, the garden has essentially doubled its dedicated vegetable production space despite restricted ac-

cess during a public health crisis.

As well as an aesthetic selection of flowers, the alternative high school's garden already produces a healthy list of

See **GARDEN 7A**

**Cabbage is among a plethora of vegetables and fruits being grown in the school's garden.**



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See **ACT 9A**

## DeFazio seeks to 'Move Forward' with \$1.5 trillion infrastructure act

H.R. 2 passed in Congress July 1, now in Senate for approval

By MARK BRENNAN  
FOR THE SENTINEL

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a massive infrastructure package, H.R. 2, “The Moving Forward Act,” on July 1.

The legislation was drafted by Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Peter DeFazio, U.S. Representative for Oregon's 4th congressional district, who managed the many hours of debate surrounding the bill, which ultimately passed by a vote of 233-188.

The Moving Forward Act is a \$1.5 trillion plan to rebuild many facets of America's physical infrastructure with the added goal of providing new opportunities for workers and small businesses dealing with a wildly shifting business environment.

The act allocates monies for repair and upgrades to roads, bridges and transit systems but also to school districts housing and additionally provides significant assistance to state and local governments with specific projects that improve broadband availability and efficiency.

The Moving Forward Act was actively managed on the house floor by DeFazio, who has been working on crafting the bill with an eye towards not only repairing disintegrating bridges and mass transit systems but also to focus on hiring workers displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Passage of this bold, forward-thinking infrastructure bill is proof that,

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