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PHOTOS BY DAMIEN SHERWOOD  
Nguyen's art is currently on display in the Axe and Fiddle (top); the artist shows off her 2017 portrait of Opal Whiteley, which will be included in the project.

## CG artist awarded grant for local project

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The Lane Arts Council has awarded local artist Uyen-Thi Nguyen with a \$2,000 grant to complete a project centering around the Cottage Grove community.

Nguyen was among only five artists in Eugene and the surrounding area to receive the award through the Artist Grant program.

"It was awesome. I wasn't expecting it," she said. "There are no

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## Schools consider latest reopening metrics

Most grades will remain with online learning to start the year this September

By JARED ANDERSON  
FOR THE SENTINEL

New state opening metrics released Tuesday by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown will mean the majority of students in Oregon schools will be attending online only until at least October. The only exception to this could be K-3 students, which may possibly be allowed to

attend onsite class in a limited hybrid model as early as September.

Last week, Brown changed plans by releasing three additional metrics:

- Statewide, the positivity rate for all tests must be at or below 5 percent to allow opening.
- County-wide, the positivity rate must also be below 5 percent.
- Also, county-wide, there must be 10 or fewer cases per 100,000 people over a seven-day period.

For Lane County schools, the biggest issue is the state metric.

Though the current county case rate is trending down (Under 15 and going to 10) with the positivity rate between 1 and 2. But the state positivity rate remains too high for any school to open for general onsite operations.

While the state positivity rate has been trending downward, it is still brushing against the 5 percent threshold.

Last Thursday, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported

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## City Council application deadline nears

Applicants have until Aug. 25 to apply for positions

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As the Aug. 25 filing deadline for the City of Cottage Grove mayoral and councilor positions approaches, applicants around The Grove have begun to throw their hat in the ring.

Three seats on the Cottage Grove City Council and the office of mayor will be filled by voters in the General Election this Nov. 3.

Along with the mayoral position, Ward 2 Councilor, Ward 4 Councilor and a Councilor at Large position will be on the ballot.

The mayor's seat is currently held by Jeff Gowing, the Councilor at Large position by Kenneth Roberts,

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## Drain approves business licences, restrictions for 'adult entertainment'

Drain City Council held a special session to adopt a new ordinance

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In a special session on Aug. 1, the Drain City Council approved Ordinance 436 in a 3-2 vote, adding new definitions of prohibited conduct within city limits in regards to adult entertainment as well as introducing business licenses to the city's Code of Ordinances.

The new restrictions were drafted in response to the recent opening of Top of the Bowl, a local nightclub which includes nude entertainment.

The business, which saw its soft opening early in June, caused a stir in the community when locals became aware of its inclusion of nude dancers, particularly as the business is situated about 25 feet from a neighboring church, Gateway Family Fellowship.

"If I'm reading the community accurately, they are greatly relieved to see that the city drew a line in the concrete with this ordinance," said Councilor Jo Barker in an interview with *The Sentinel*. "They know it has teeth."

The business has billed itself as a bar and restaurant with "special events," which

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