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The city's Pallet Shelters, currently awaiting deployment on City Shop property, will provide a warm and safe sanctuary for the unhoused on freezing nights this winter.

New shelters to provide respite for unhoused

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As night temperatures continue their gradual seasonal decline, a new model of warming shelters is set to debut in Cottage Grove this December.

The Cottage Grove City Council voted for the purchase of 18 Pallet Shelters on Oct. 26, addressing an anticipated need to secure shelter this winter for the unhoused.

Currently erected and standing by in the Cottage Grove City Shops property, the shelters are awaiting site preparation, which is estimated to be completed mid-December.

The shelters are manufactured by the Washington-based company Pallet, which defines itself as a "social purpose company" aiming to end unsheltered homelessness and develop a nontraditional workforce.

The structures are built to be an efficient, safe and affordable option

for temporary cottage-style housing.

Taking only about 30 minutes to set up, the insulated shelters can be snapped together on site and include amenities such as electrical connections, heat, windows, beds,

See **SHELTER 6A**

Campus Life assists student access to distance learning

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

A spike in Lane County's positive coronavirus cases in late September stopped South Lane School District (SLSD) students from heading back into their classrooms in the fall.

All students are currently participating in Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL), which remains a logistical challenge for all involved —

students, teachers and parents.

It is especially challenging for parents who work outside the home, have limited internet connectivity, students who need extra help with their schoolwork, or who have kids who are not very good at self-managing their time.

Campus Life is a non-denominational youth organization serving middle

See **CAMPUS 8A**



CINDY WEELDREYER PHOTO
Campus Life Director Richard New helps Abby Stere with her online lesson at the new Student Learning Center.

Wastewater testing detects virus in CG

BY CINDY WEELDREYER
SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported this month that traces of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, has been detected in the wastewater of the City of Cottage Grove as part of a wastewater monitoring project.

Traces of the virus have also been detected in 23 other cities in the collaborative effort between OHA and a team from Oregon State University (OSU).

The City of Cottage Grove volunteered to participate in the program, which collects and tests weekly samples of wastewater for traces of the novel coronavirus.

See **TESTING 7A**

City council ratifies curbside pick-up program

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The Cottage Grove City Council ratified a temporary curbside pickup program on Monday in response to the current "two-week freeze" ordered by Governor Kate Brown.

The program is intended to aid downtown businesses during the COVID-re-

lated restrictions by creating pickup locations along storefronts, a strategy which saw success when implemented earlier this year.

The curbside pickup program was created with the following parameters:

- Program is available to businesses that have no private off-street parking
- Occupying the space is

restricted to no more than 15 minutes

- City will provide signs and barricades which the business can place on the curb before business pick-up hours and must be removed when closed
- Curbside pickup is for parking spaces immediately in front of the business and should use a minimal number of spaces to be

functional

- Upon arriving at the curbside pickup space, the customer should call to have their order brought to them

The curbside pickup program will be in place as long as there are emergency COVID-19 restrictions issued by executive orders

See **CITY 6A**

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