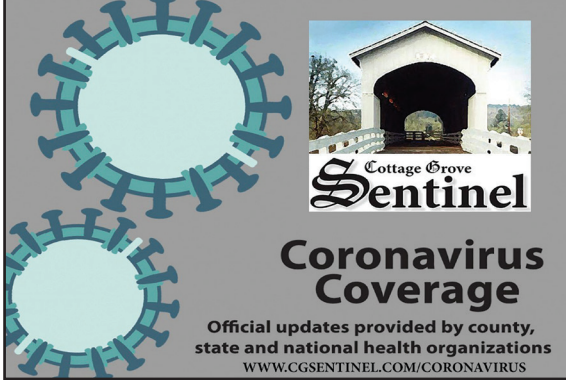


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First doses of COVID-19 vaccine to arrive in Lane County

PeaceHealth at RiverBend is expected to receive initial doses for healthcare workers on Dec. 22

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The first COVID-19 vaccine doses have arrived in Oregon. Legacy Health is the first registered COVID-19 vaccine provider in the state to receive the vaccine, made by Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE. The health system's Holladay Park site in Portland and Meridian Park site in Tualatin each took delivery of one package of 975 doses

“The vaccine is the light at the end of the tunnel, but we will be in this tunnel for several months...”

OHA Director Patrick Allen

at around 7 a.m. this past Monday (Dec. 14). Additional doses were expected at three other locations in Oregon on Tuesday, including Oregon Health & Science University Phar-

macy, Kaiser Permanente's Airport Way Center in Portland, and St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Ontario, with each receiving 975-dose packages of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. The remaining 30,225 Pfizer vaccine doses from this week's allocation of 35,100 dose for Oregon will arrive at hospitals throughout the rest of the week, with 10,725 doses going to skilled

See **VACCINE 11A**

Merry Marines



Bags of toys flowed out of the South Lane Fire and Rescue (SLCFR) Harrison station on Sunday (Dec. 13) to a stream of appreciative families driving through. The U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), SLCFR and local Community Emergency Response Team members took part in the Toys for Tots program, a nonprofit charity through the USMC which donates gifts for youths 14 and under. SLCFR reported a total of 121 families including 299 children were recipients of this year's donations in Cottage Grove. Support for the program included donations from Cottage Grove and Creswell Bi-Marts, Jim's Point S Tire and Auto and the Creswell Dollar Store.



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Legion Cottages welcomes first occupants

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Cottage Grove passed another milestone in affordable housing this week as Legion Cottages, a Homes for Good project to provide housing for low-income veterans, began welcoming in tenants. “It's really getting people into a solid and safe, clean place to live that they can stay in for the rest of their lives if they want to,” said Homes for Good Real Estate Development Director Steve Ochs. “There's no end to when they can stay here.”

Legion Cottages consists of four tiny home developments located

between Ash Avenue and Main Street behind the American Legion. All four approved tenants are veterans coming out of homelessness, determined as the most in need for housing in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs out of Eugene. The 384-square-foot, loft-style homes will be managed and maintained by Homes for Good staff from Riverview Terrace, another Homes for Good apartment community located directly across Main Street from the cottages. The partnership with Riverview Terrace will give veterans access to the complex's community room,

laundry facilities and maintenance staff. Homes for Good is Lane County's housing agency and works primarily to help low-income residents find affordable housing. The Legion Cottages project was developed in a partnership with Homes for Good, Post 32 of the American Legion in Cottage Grove, Lane County and the University of Oregon. The concept for Legion Cottages began when Cottage Grove Mayor Jeff Gowing brought the idea up with the American Legion board a couple years ago, the mayor said in

See **COTTAGES 8A**

SLSD board fills vacant position

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The South Lane School District (SLSD) Board voted unanimously Monday evening to fill its vacant seat with candidate Colleen Valley. Three other candidates — Andrea Hummel, Amber Mongan and Martha Gaines — appeared before the school board in a virtual conference to answer interview questions during the board's session this week. Valley will be filling Position 5 on the board, which was vacated by member Alan Baas last month. Baas stepped down from his position after serving eight years on the seven-member body, citing health concerns as the

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City votes to remove used business licenses

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On Monday (Dec. 14), the Cottage Grove City Council voted to amend the city's municipal code on used business licenses, removing the license requirement and replacing it with a registry. Chapter 5.28 of the Cottage Grove Municipal Code establishes licensing, operating and recordkeeping requirements for used merchandise businesses within the city limits. License renewals are required on an annual basis. The code came under scrutiny last month in regards to its efficacy. The used merchandise business license was inducted into the city code in 1981 with the intent of aiding the police department in tracking stolen items. The code defines used

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