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## In need of a facelift



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**T**he Buster Keaton Mural Restoration Project, an effort sponsored by the Cottage Grove Historical Society, has launched a raffle this month to help fund the restoration of the iconic mural at the gateway to Cottage Grove's downtown. A complete repainting of the wall will address peeling issues (right) and alter Keaton's face and hands to more closely replicate a photo from the film "The General," upon which the mural is based. A list of businesses selling raffle tickets will be distributed in posters coming out this week.



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## Vaccines a priority as COVID reaches one year in Oregon

**By CHANTELE MEYER**  
FOR THE SENTINEL  
On Sunday, Oregon reached one full calendar year since the first recorded case of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 was reported. Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported

a total of 155,787 cases of COVID-19 in the state, along with 2,212 deaths. This joins the more than half million Americans and 2.55 million people worldwide who have died from COVID since the start of the pandemic.

According to OHA Director Patrick Allen, "Oregon was one of the first states in the nation to report a case of COVID-19, but a year later our state has the fourth lowest coronavirus case rate in the nation, the fourth

lowest death rate and the fourth lowest COVID-19 death rate among seniors. If Oregon's death rate matched the nation's, three times as many Oregonians would have lost

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## City's proposed assistance plans find funding

**By DAMIEN SHERWOOD**  
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A portfolio of COVID-19 assistance proposals approved by the Cottage Grove City Council on Feb. 25 has begun to see real dollars

attached to the concepts. The assistance package was designed to mitigate the ongoing financial hardships faced by local businesses and residents and includes both sizeable and modest aid proposals.

Last week, the city announced securing funding for two of those proposals. Most recently, it was announced \$15,000 of funds are being removed from the Small Business Emergency Loan Pro-

gram, managed by the third party Community LendingWorks, and placed into Community Sharing's H2O Program. The emergency loan program was created last

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## Applicants set to interview for city council seat

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With the passing of the Ward 1 council seat application deadline on Feb. 26, six Cottage Grove residents are officially in the running to fill the posi-

tion left vacant by the resignation of former Councilor Jake Boone early last month. Applicants Chalice Savage, Scott Borgioli, Duane Taddei, Jennifer Crosby, Donn Rust and Billy Reed are set to be interviewed

by the remaining six members of the Cottage Grove City Council on Monday, March 8, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Councilors will then appoint an applicant during the regular council meeting, which starts

at 7 p.m. In applications submitted to the city, the candidates spoke to their professional and volunteer backgrounds, skill sets and major concerns

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## Two wounded in shooting near CG Lake

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Two people were in the hospital the morning of Feb. 25 after a shooting incident resulted in two adults suffering gunshot wounds at a residence by Cottage Grove Lake.

The incident took place on Shortridge Hill Road in what Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Sergeant Tim Ware described as a dispute between a landlord and a tenant.

Around 7:50 a.m., a 911 call was placed to LCSO by another tenant of the residence, said Ware.

"We got a call saying there was a female with a gunshot wound at the address," he said. "And before we got there, a male walked out the driveway

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