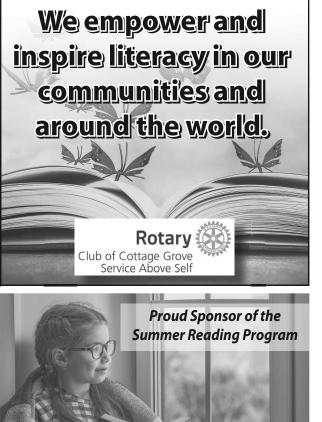
Summer Reading Program for All Ages

This summer, the Cottage Grove Public Library is challenging all ages to read 200,000 minutes together starting June 18th, 2021 and ending August 20th, 2021. Cottage Grove Public Library invites and encourages readers of all

ages from Cottage Grove and surrounding areas to join in on the challenge. Why 200,000 minutes? If everyone in the



Cottage Grove area reads 20 minutes for just one day, that would be over 200,000 minutes! The library encourages all readers to try and read at least 20 minutes a day, every day. For the first time, the community will be logging their time reading using the mobile app, "Beanstack Tracker" or through the library's personalized website: cottagegrove. beanstack.org.

Beanstack will allow community members to join the summer reading challenge, join future reading challenges throughout the year, and compete with friends on reading leaderboards.

There are account options for individuals, family, classes, and groups to make logging reading easy! Paper tracking is available if needed.

Readers will log the time they read to earn badges, and badges give readers tickets to enter the grand prize drawings. Every week, readers who log time reading will be entered to win a \$10 Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce gift card (good for use at many local businesses); two readers will be selected to win each week. The grand prize drawing options include \$50 and \$25 gift cards for The Bookmine and Kalapuya Books, as well as a \$50 gift

card from Cottage Grove.

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paper.

"I've adopted two titles — I want to be a good sense-making apparatus for our community and a good problem-solving tool," he said. "The sense-making is really important and is a bit philosophical. To me, it has to do with our epistemology, has to do with how we come to knowledge and why we believe what we believe. That all starts with being able to make sense of things, which is to say putting them into a context that is meaningful, where things connect in a logical fashion. And then hopefully, that informs the development good problem-solving skills, where you can apply what you've learned to the next problem or puzzle."

A big part of that is in service to the community, and his new community of Cottage Grove. It's an important role for The Sentinel.

"A community newspaper is like a diary of a small town," Sherwood said. "We're describing both the good and the bad, and being able to see it printed in its rawness, ideally free of political slant, bias, cynicism or snark. A community newspaper is a very unique opportunity to have intimate conversations in public."

As Hickson nears his last day, he knows the Cottage Grove Sentinel made the right decision in selecting Sherwood as its next editor.

"Damien is dedicated and intuitive. He's a deep thinker, but he's also very observant. Those are all really key qualities in a reporter. In the editorial part, being able to work with people with clear communication, setting specific standards that people understand and being able to communicate those standards and really caring about the community. I mean, you have to care about the community you're writing about and you're covering, and he really does. And those are all key factors in my decision to offer him that position," he said.

It is a rite of passage Sherwood feels ready for.

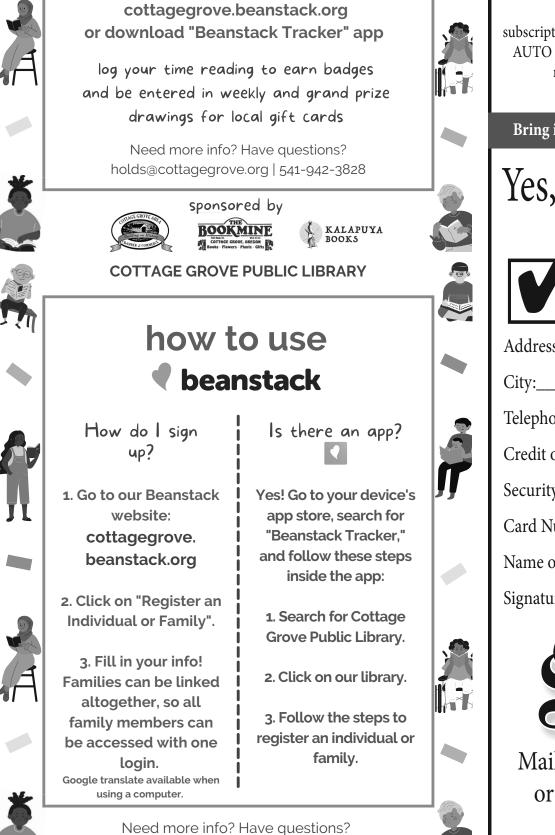
"All the different versions of me that have existed through the years, the one that I like the most is the one that I'm becoming now, which is the person who's committed to making sense of things and being a good problem solver," he said.

It is something Sherwood will bring into the coming years as editor of the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

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