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WHO WE ARE

Grovers launch holiday season with festive kickoff

CINDY WEELDREYER
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Organizers invested extraordinary time and effort to infuse the spirit of Christmas into the community last Saturday, staging a full day of events that blended tradition, spectacle, and hometown warmth.

The day began with the Jingle Rush '25 at Cottage Grove High School, a RunCGRun event that drew a record-breaking number of participants and raised money for the Key Club, the Tree of Joy Project, and other local programs that promote youth health. Later in the day, the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce, city staff, and volunteers orchestrated a memorable holiday experience.

The Community Tree Lighting Ceremony in All America City Square/Opal Park drew families downtown. Choirs from Lincoln Middle School and Cottage Grove High School provided a soundtrack of familiar carols as Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived by fire truck to join the countdown. But this year brought a playful twist: an ugly green creature in a Santa suit — the Grinch — stalked the crowd and pulled the plug, plunging the newly-lit tree into darkness.

Mayor Candace Solesbee quickly sprang into action with her granddaughter who was dressed as “Cindy Lou Who.” Joined by other Whoville children and the school choirs, they sang the familiar “Welcome Christmas,” song that softened the Grinch’s heart and compelled him to restore the lights.

After the ceremony, Santa and Mrs. Claus crossed the street to meet with little ones in Santa’s



The community members and visitors listen as the Cottage Grove High School and Lincoln Middle School choirs sing holiday songs following Santa magically lighting the tree. See more photos with this story at cgsentinel.com

Workshop, listening to their wishes and posing for photographs. Outside, members of local churches served soup, rolls, and hot beverages to warm the crowd. Local businesses donated theme decorated trees that were raffled to raise money for Chamber programs.

Holiday shopping opportunities abounded. The South Valley

Farmers Winter Market and Holiday Market vendors filled the Armory, the Cottage Grove Public Market also hosted vendors and Santa Claus. The Prospectors and Gold Diggers Club hosted its annual bazaar at the historic Dr. Snapp House.

At the Cottage Grove Museum, the lights dimmed and the original

Catholic Church’s colorful stained glass windows were illuminated from the outside. Inside, local historian Dana Merryday, in his signature Victorian-inspired black suit and top hat, conducted a tour that included the history of the

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School District faces \$2.35 million deficit

CINDY WEELDREYER
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Facing a \$2.35 million deficit and rising special education costs, South Lane School District (SLSD) leaders are scrambling to reconcile mid year budget shortfalls while assuring families that student needs will remain at the forefront of difficult decisions.

District Superintendent Todd Miller told board members at the regular SLSD Dec. 1 meeting that district administrators and staff are closely monitoring how the three largest state grants are being spent. The grants are for Student Investment, High School Success and Early Literacy.

“Internally, we are working on some numbers for those three grants that can get them zeroed out by then end of the year and think we can actually get there,” Miller said. “Our work now becomes how do we do all we can in the current budget to reduce expenses before we consider staff layoffs.”

Miller said reductions must be made to ensure reserves are not depleted, though mid year cuts are difficult because they can disrupt the school environment. He said staff is moving quickly to identify where reductions can be made to achieve the greatest savings possible with minimal impact.

“Our work now becomes how can we get these numbers down to where we feel comfortable and confident enough to get through this school year with as minimal impacts as possible.”



Todd Miller SLSD Superintendent

SHORTFALL CAUSES

Miller explained there are multiple reasons for the shortfall. A significant one is expenditures to the Lane Education Service District for out of district placements of high need special education students are much higher than budget assumptions made last spring.

The district receives state funding for all enrolled students, including those at its two charter schools — the Academy of Character Education (ACE) and Child’s Way — but funding rates for them are higher than budgeted in past years.

Enrollment revenue, based on 2,600 to 2,700 students, remains stable and within projections. The largest fiscal challenge is a \$1.3 million deficit in State School Fund revenue from 2024-25. Last spring, the district estimated \$3,096,115; the actual amount that rolled over was \$1,791,236.

With a total budget of nearly \$70 million, the district has authority to spend at that level, but the current deficit shows how actual revenues

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It’s a Wrap: Main Street Revitalization Project completed

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

Cottage Grove’s Main Street Revitalization Project is very close to completion.

Main Street and the side street crossings were scheduled to open to two-way traffic Friday, Dec. 12, according to Cottage Grove Project Coordinator Shauna Neigh.

A small ribbon-cutting ceremony was scheduled Friday afternoon, Dec. 12, to celebrate the reopening of two-way traffic downtown. A larger community celebration is planned for next spring.

According to Neigh, the remainder of the project will focus on beautification and landscaping.

“The trees have been planted (Red Maple, Green Zelkova, and ‘Green Gable’ Tupelo) and the furniture has been placed,” she said. “The project will be finalized once the rest of the landscaping is complete.”

COMMUNITY BENEFITS



Main Street looking east just before two-way traffic was reinstated last week.

The Main Street Revitalization Project in Cottage Grove’s Historic District includes street repaving, frontage improvements, and new water and storm sewer utilities. These improvements include new sidewalk; new curb/gutter, previous

pavers in revised parking areas; water main; water services; storm sewer; storm sewer manholes; double lamp poles; vehicular poles with signals; pedestrian poles at crosswalks; street trees; water fountains; new pavement striping, and

other improvements such as fiber network cable.

Neigh said there are several key benefits following the Main Street Revitalization.

“A safer downtown with more lighting and less tripping hazards. The beautiful area will attract the community to congregate, tourists to visit and entrepreneurs to invest,” she said.

UNEXPECTED DISCOVERY

Neigh said the city, and its contractor, Wildish, have been fortunate with the execution of the project last February experiencing minimal challenges that could have significantly impacted our schedule.

“A key focus throughout has been supporting local businesses during the construction phase,” she said. “We partnered with the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce on the Pardon our Dust weekly gift card drawing, purchasing gift cards from affected downtown businesses.

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CLOSER LOOK

Smoke under the bridge, pulling door shut leads to arrest

The following information is from the Cottage Grove Police Department’s weekly activity report.

- A reporting party called in, stating they noticed grey smoke coming from under the bridge near Silk Creek Park.

A male subject was contacted at the location and had admitted to camping there for several days. The cover officer recognized the male subject and asked where his significant other was. Initially he stated he didn’t know, but his actions indicated that she could be in the tent.

Police dispatch was requested to run a search on the male and female and it was determined the female had a statewide felony warrant out of Lane County Parole and Probation for a traffic offense for eluding. She was located and taken into custody without incident. She was lodged at the Lane County Jail for her warrant.

- Police dispatch was actively monitoring the CCTV cameras system that covers Coiner Park and observed a female subject enter into the women’s bathroom at almost 1 a.m.

The park was closed during that time and because of the posted park hours; the female was actively violating the park rules. Officers arrived and made contact with the female. The female was hesitant to provide identifying information and attempted to avoid identifying



herself, refusing to provide her ID or Driver’s License.

The female then provided the officers with a name, but Police Dispatch was unable to locate anybody. After multiple attempts at obtaining her Driver’s License, she complied and it was determined she had a warrant for her arrest out of Jackson County Circuit Court for Failing to Appear Charges of Concealed Weapons and Theft in the Third Degree. Per Jackson County Circuit Court, she was cited in lieu of custody for her warrant.

- Officers located a suspicious vehicle parked at Coiner Park after posted park hours. The occupant was a female who was uncooperative and attempted to roll up her vehicle window, refused to provide identification, and attempted to drive away after being advised she was detained.

Officers attempted to open the vehicle door, but the subject physically resisted by pulling the door shut. Due to her continued resistance, officers had to physically remove the female from the vehicle and place her into custody.

She was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges of Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree (ORS 164.245) and Resisting Arrest (ORS 162.315). She was additionally issued a 90-day park exclusion from Coiner Park.

POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies. All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change. For specific details about cases listed, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Cottage Grove Police

MONDAY, DEC. 1

03:40: Agency assist, Exit 174 SB on ramp
05:00: Illegal camping, 1100 block E. Main St.
07:42: Suspicious condition, 1300 block S. 8th St.
08:21: Hit and run, Main/Gateway
08:26: Illegal camping, 1100 block E. Main St.
10:31: Abandoned vehicle, 1600 block Grover Ave.
12:36: Suspicious condition, Exit 174 SB Off-ramp
12:43: Hit and run, Birch/N

16:37: Motor vehicle crash, Hwy 99/Latham
20:00: Death investigation, 1200 block Dublin Ln.
20:21: Found property, 600 block E. Jefferson Ave.

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

06:50: Abandoned vehicle, 500 block Grant Ave.
09:07: Found drugs, 1100 block S. 4th St.
12:54: Theft, 100 block S. 6th St.
13:45: Welfare check, 500 block Kathleen Dr.
14:21: Illegal parking, 8th/Benjamin
15:56: Abandoned vehicle, Birch/N
16:20: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
16:42: Found dog, N. Douglas/Chamberlain Ave.
17:12: Suspicious condition, 100 block Gateway Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

01:28: Alarm, 100 block Hwy 99
09:19: Alarm, 78000 block Pitcher Ln.
09:45: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.
10:53: Child abuse, Benjamin Ave.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

02:34: Harassment, 400 block E. Main St.
03:04: Theft, 2200 block Hillside Dr.
03:15: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
03:30: Welfare check, 1300 block S. 8th St.
05:14: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
08:39: Illegal camping, 1600 block E. Madison Ave.
09:22: Welfare check, 1800 block Harvey Rd.
11:20: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.
11:24: Fire, Row River/Cerro Gordo
11:45: Trespass, 800 block Gateway Blvd.
11:50: Agency assist, 1500 block S. 2nd St.
13:28: Dog at large, 400 block N. 10th St
14:39: Criminal mischief, 1600 block Daugherty Ave.
14:39: Abandoned vehicle, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
14:51: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
15:52: Suspicious subject, 100 block S. 10th St.
19:23: Suspicious vehicle, 1700 block E. Main St.
20:10: Motor vehicle crash, Hwy 99/River Rd.
20:31: Disturbance, 77000 block S. 6th St.
21:50: Wanted subject, 400 block E. Main St.
22:05: Disturbance, 1100 block S. 8th St.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

01:12: Business check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
01:30: Alarm, 100 block Village Dr.



02:48: Trespass, 1500 block Village Dr.
08:36: Agency assist, 78000 block Cedar Park Rd.
08:52: Suspicious condition, 500 block Grant Ave.
09:26: Order violation, 100 block N. 6th St.
10:00: Warrant service, 300 block S. River Rd.
10:29: Found dog, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
11:17: Fire, 6th/Whiteaker
11:59: Welfare check, 500 block S. River Rd.
15:07: Order violation, 100 block N. 6th St.
16:29: Warrant service, 100 block N. 6th St.
17:28: Motor vehicle crash, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
22:05: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

00:02: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
00:59: Warrant service, 1300 block E. Main St.

07:54: Warrant service, Hwy 99/River Rd.
08:25: Order violation, 100 block N. 6th St.
09:06: Hit and run, 900 block Row River Rd.
10:21: Disturbance, 900 block S. 6th St.
11:00: Found property, 100 block S. 10th St.
11:59: Suspicious condition, 400 block E. Main St.
12:06: Found property, 200 block E. Harrison Ave.
13:21: Suspicious subject, Tyler/Gateway
13:35: Illegal camping, Main/River Rd.
16:30: Harassment, 800 block Row River Rd.
16:47: Agency assist, 30000 block Gowdyville Rd.
18:09: Juvenile problem, 1300 block E. Main St.
21:13: Warrant service, 700 block E. Main St.
21:28: Motor vehicle crash, London/Nichols
22:06: Alarm, 100 block Village Dr.
22:16: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block E. Main St.

23:47: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

00:16: Suspicious condition, Meyer/Sears
00:56: Disturbance, 2400 block E. Main St.
07:20: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.
07:44: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
08:47: Shots fired, 78000 block S. 6th St.
09:44: Warrant service, Hillside/Taylor
13:17: Order violation, 400 block E. Main St.
15:10: Welfare check, 1500 block Hwy 99
16:40: Disorderly subject, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
16:59: Illegal camping, E. Main/River Rd.
18:09: Suspicious condition, 1500 block Hwy 99
19:04: Suspicious vehicle, 9th/Gibbs
21:25: Disturbance, 200 block N. 12th St.
22:51: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.
22:57: Suspicious subject, 900 block Row River Rd.

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‘Record high’ pertussis cases in Oregon

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY

Pertussis cases in Oregon have reached an all-time high, prompting state officials to urge people to make sure they and their families are up to date on vaccinations—especially those who are pregnant or spend time with babies—and take steps to reduce spread.

In 2025, as of Dec. 10, Oregon Health Authority has received a record-high 1,475 reported cases of pertussis, also known as whooping cough, breaking the state’s all-time annual record of 1,420, set in 1950. The current outbreak began in spring 2024, when Oregon recorded 1,252 pertussis cases by year’s end.

Other U.S. states have reported similar caseload spikes.

Pertussis can cause severe disease in people of all ages, but babies are most at risk of serious illness, hospitalization and death from infection. To reduce that risk, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends every pregnant person receive a single dose of Tdap vaccine during their third trimester (weeks 27-36) to protect their newborn from pertussis. That’s because babies’ immune systems are too weak to protect against infection until they get vaccinated at 2 months old.

Spouses, partners, grandparents and any adult routinely in the baby’s life should also consider receiving a Tdap dose at least two weeks before the baby is born.

However, vaccination is important for people of all ages, and it’s the best way to prevent severe disease and

hospitalization. In addition to pregnant people, pertussis vaccination is recommended for infants and children starting at 2 months through 4 to 6 years old, adolescents at age 11 or 12, and any adult who has not previously been vaccinated.

“I worry people may not fully appreciate the risk pertussis poses as case counts are rising, especially for babies and older adults,” OHA’s Public Health Division Medical Director for Communicable Diseases and Immunizations Howard Chiou said. “One of the most important things someone can do to protect their newborn is to get the Tdap vaccine during pregnancy. Unfortunately, we’ve seen a statewide decline in maternal Tdap vaccination rates in Oregon, which is a dangerous trend.”

The numbers

In 2025, 87 cases of infant pertussis (children younger than 12 months) --22 of whom were hospitalized—have been reported in Oregon so far. One infant died in Oregon earlier this year. It is the only death from pertussis reported in Oregon during 2025.

OHA’s new Pregnancy Immunization Data dashboard shows only 69% of pregnant people received Tdap vaccination in 2024, down from 72% in 2020.

Maternal Tdap vaccination rates also vary widely from county to county, with rates as low as 17% and as high as 82%. The lowest rates are largely in rural counties, where it’s often harder to find vaccinations, and where vaccine hesitancy rates are also higher.

Pertussis outbreaks occur regionally about every three to five years and do not

necessarily follow seasonal patterns. Because of widespread masking and social distancing during the pandemic, Oregon saw only three reported cases of pertussis in 2021, followed by 17 in 2022 and 40 in 2023. Health officials attribute the skyrocketing cases since then to a return to pre-pandemic norms that coincides with waning immunity and decreased vaccination rates.

Why the vaccine matters

Studies show Tdap vaccination during pregnancy is highly effective in preventing pertussis infection and hospitalization. Long-term protection from the pertussis vaccine wanes over time, however, which can create confusion about the vaccine.

“I hear the confusion in my community about pertussis vaccination,” Benton County

Health Officer Carolina Amador said. “When we use the word ‘booster,’ people may think the vaccine isn’t very effective because protection fades, so they may not want to bother. At the same time, we strongly recommend it for certain people, such as children and pregnant people, because in the short term it does a great job protecting the most vulnerable among us.”

The disease

The only way a baby will become infected with pertussis is if they are exposed to someone with pertussis, a bacterial infection that spreads easily through droplets when someone coughs or sneezes.

But pertussis often goes undiagnosed. The illness is tricky to diagnose because not everyone with pertussis will

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DEC 17
Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.
Coast Fork Kiwanis Club. Noon. Sol Azteca Mexican Restaurant. 3015 Row River Rd.
Senior Center Pinochle Games. 1 p.m. Senior Center. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6-7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
Axe and Fiddle Board Game Night. 6:30-10 p.m. 657 E. Main St. Hosted by Ayla. Offers a wide variety of games for all skill levels—and we’re happy to teach you something new! Unplug and unwind with Board Game Night hosted by Ayla!

DEC 18
Cottage Grove Public Library Book Club Meeting. 4:30 p.m. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
Rotary Club of Cottage Grove. Socializing begins at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. El Tapatio Restaurant banquet room. 725 E. Gibbs Ave.
Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland Opens. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.
Grown Ups Only Craft Night. 6-8 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Market. 926 E. Main St. Poppy & Paintbrush Creative Studio invites you to enjoy a fun and memorable evening creating a lighted snowman and snowflake mosaic holiday keepsake. Tickets are \$44/each (buy three and get one free). All supplies are included. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Pre-registration is required to purchase supplies. To sign up go to: www.poppyandpaintbrush.com.

Cottage Theatre Play: Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland. Curtain Times: Fri-Sat 7:30 p.m. and Sun 2:30 p.m. 700 Village Dr. Tickets: Adults, \$29 & Youth (18 & younger) \$15. Info: Visit www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541.942.8001.

Geoffrey Koch (indie folk singer/songwriter). 7:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. 657 E. Main St.

DEC 19
Oregon Aviation Museum. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.
Cottage Grove Public Library Storytime. 11:30 a.m. 700 E. Gibbs Ave. All ages welcome.
Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.

American Legion Post 32 Bingo. 5-7 p.m. 826 W. Main St.
Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.
Richie G and MA Beat (Contemporary). 6-8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
Friday Night Live. 6-9 p.m. Saginaw Vineyard. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd. 541.942.1364. Call for performer info.
Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m. Bohemian Tavern. 48 N. 9th St. Entry Fee: \$5 & BCA Rules
Cottage Theatre Play: Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland. Curtain Times: Fri-Sat 7:30 p.m. and Sun 2:30 p.m. 700 Village Dr. Tickets: Adults, \$29 & Youth (18 & younger) \$15. Info: Visit www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541.942.8001.
Henry Ivie-Gardner (jazz) 7:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. 657 E. Main St.

DEC 20
Share Fair USA 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St. (covered parking area next to Urban Kitchen) Reserve a space and share from your abundance with neighbors who are in need. Load up your unwanted items to give away for free (no bartering). Details about the weekly event is on Share Fair USA Facebook page or send email to eventsby-ananda@gmail.com
South Valley Winter Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E. Washington Ave. More than 30 vendors offer a wide variety of locally grown and produced foods, handcrafted goods, art, and gifts. The event includes activities for children and



Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Sentinel

Cottage Grove Public Works Department’s Mike Cummings and Chad Reel placed the wreaths and garland along Main Street’s new light poles last week. There are 14 wreaths and 30 poles wrapped with garland, which were purchased off Amazon with a total cost of \$2046.97, according to city officials.

live music. The Market’s food equity programs continue for SNAP shoppers.

Christmas Market at the Cottage Grove Public Market. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. 926 E. Main St. Enjoy food, beverages, gifts and sweets offered among guest vendors. Market operating hours: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.

Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H Street

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

Coast Fork Holiday Celebration with Perfect Flavor and Friends. 6-9

p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

Cottage Theatre Play: Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland. Curtain Times: 7:30 p.m. 700 Village Dr. Tickets: Adults, \$29 & Youth (18 & younger) \$15. Info: Visit www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541.942.8001

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Kegs of Comedy with Lynette Manning and THOR. 8-10 a.m. Axe and Fiddle. 657 E. Main St.

DEC 21
Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H Street
Austin (Americana). 1-3 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H Street
Cottage Theatre Play: Alice’s Adventures in

Wonderland. Curtain Time: 2:30 p.m. 700 Village Dr. Tickets: Adults, \$29 & Youth (18 & younger) \$15. Info: Visit www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541.942.8001.
VFW Post 3473 Bingo. 2-4 p.m. 3160 Hillside Dr.
South Valley Athletics Bingo Fundraiser. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St. Cards \$1/ea. 10 rounds.
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OBITUARIES & NEWS

Jim Childers

November 9th, 1937 - November 14th, 2025

Jim Childers, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away surrounded by family on November 14th, 2025, after suffering a fall on October 30th. Born on November 9th, 1937, in Ontario, California, Jim lived a remarkably adventurous and hardworking life.



& Keg Tavern in Cottage Grove, a local gathering place that benefited from his generous and friendly nature.

Jim's adventurous spirit took him all over the world; he was proud to have visited all 50 states and several countries overseas. His sense of adventure was matched by his love for the outdoors, with hunting and camping being favorite pastimes. Moreover, his athletic abilities were evident in all he did, and he was always the first to lend a helping hand to friends and strangers alike. Jim was also an active member of the Prospectors & GoldDiggers of Cottage Grove. Jim's community involvement was often underscored by a warm smile and an open heart.

Jim is survived by his devoted spouse, Darla Childers; daughters Pamala Childers of Creswell and Pennie Evans (Tom) of Cottage Grove; his brother, Ronald Irvine of Cottage Grove; his five cherished grandchildren; and eight adored great-grandchildren. Jim is reunited in passing with his brother, Willis Childers.

Per his wishes, no services are planned.

Death Notice

Jason Ray O'Bannon, 43 of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away December 3, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

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have the trademark “whooping” sound when coughing. For some, pertussis can be severe and result in a trip to the hospital, while others may experience mild symptoms and may not necessarily seek medical care while they still spread disease

Jennifer Gibbons, N.D., is a naturopathic pediatrician in Portland whose practice attracts many parents who are vaccine hesitant.

“When parents of my little patients also happen to be pregnant, they often tell me their own OBGYN has recommended the Tdap vaccine, and they will ask me, ‘But do you think it’s right for me?’ The answer is always yes,” she said.

“I can say, ‘I’ve seen whooping cough, and its truly awful for infants,’” Gibbons added. “Then I’ll explain how the vaccine merely adds to the suite of protective antibodies that the mother is already providing the baby through the placenta. I’m always exploring ways to change my language with patients to see if I can get them to look at it differently.”

CALENDAR

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Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

DEC 22
CG Senior Center Bingo. 12:30 p.m. Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Senior center members only.
Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

DEC 23
Ukulele Club (free for adults of all skill levels) 9 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Free Winter Break Movie: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever. Cottage Grove Public Library. 3 p.m. 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Presented by Cottage Grove Public Library & South Valley Athletics

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

Trinity Lutheran Church Free Community Dinner. 5:15-6:15 p.m. Seventh & Quincy Avenue. (Take-Out Only)

Trivia Night. 6-8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St. (Up to 7 players on a team)

Trivia, Chess and Games with Gerald. 6-8 p.m. (Up to 7 trivia players on a team) Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

Dementia Support Group. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Magnolia Gardens Senior Living. 1425 Daugherty Ave.

Provides assistance to navigate through the dementia process with your loved one and connect you with other caregivers and spouses supporting their loved ones.

DEC. 24
Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way
Coast Fork Kiwanis Club. Noon. My Boys Pizza. 96 N. Mill St. Creswell
Senior Center Pinochle Games. 1 p.m. Senior Center. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
Legos for Kids. 2:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

The Rotary Club of Cottage Grove. Networking time 5 p.m. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. El Tapatio Restaurant Banquet Room, 725 E. Gibbs Ave.

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6-7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

DEC. 25
Merry Christmas!
Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

DEC. 26
Free Winter Break Movie: The Bad Guys 2. Cottage Grove Public Library. 3 p.m. 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Presented by Cottage Grove Public Library & South Valley Athletics

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

Friday Night Live. 6-9 p.m. Saginaw Vineyard. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd. 541.942.1364 Call for performer info.

SNAP benefit work rules now apply statewide

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) ended Oregon’s SNAP work-rule waivers in November 2025. Because of this, Oregon began applying the work rules statewide starting Dec. 1, 2025, expanding from six counties to all counties.

This change affects approximately 37,000 people in Oregon today, and the number of people impacted is expected to increase over time.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is here to help, if you have questions about these new work rules or think they may apply to you, contact ODHS right away.

The change is required by a new federal law passed on July 4, 2025, along with new guidance from the USDA. This means that work rules for some adults who get Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food benefits are now in effect across Oregon. These rules apply to people who have Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) status. ODHS has notified everyone who is affected by this change.

WHAT CHANGED

Oregon had previously waived ABAWD work requirements in 30 of 36 counties and all Tribal lands because of limited job opportunities. These waivers were scheduled to last until Dec. 31, 2025. USDA ended them earlier.

A recent federal law also changed who must follow ABAWD work rules. These rules now apply to:

- Adults ages 18–64
- Adults who do not have children under age 14 in their SNAP household

This is a change from the previous rules, which applied only to adults up to age 54 and households without children under age 18.

Some groups who were previously exempt now



Courtesy photo

SNAP helps low-income households buy food. If you qualify, you get benefits that can be used to buy groceries at authorized stores. For more information or to request SNAP replacement benefits, contact your local office or visit the Oregon SNAP benefit website or call 800-699-9075.

must meet work rules. This includes:

- Veterans
- People who were in foster care

People experiencing homelessness

New exemption added: People who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Tribe, or who have a parent or grandparent who is, are exempt from ABAWD work rules.

People who live on the following waived Tribal Lands are also exempt from work rules, even if they are not an enrolled tribal member or descendant:

- Burns Paiute Tribe Reservation and off-Reservation Trust Land
- Coquille Indian Tribe Reservation and off-Reservation Trust Land
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians Reservation
- Klamath Tribes Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Reservation and off-Reservation Trust Land

A full list of exemptions is on the ODHS SNAP Work Rules website.

What people with ABAWD status must do

People with ABAWD status who do not qualify for an exemption must:

- Work or take part in approved work or training activities for at least 80 hours each month. The work can be paid or unpaid, including trading work for shelter.

If they do not meet the 80-hour requirement:

They may only get SNAP benefits for three months in a three-year period (36 months).

For example: If someone does not meet SNAP work requirements in January, February and March, they will lose food benefits beginning in April. In Oregon, the current three-year period ends December 31, 2027. If their situation changes before then, like moving to a waived area or qualifying for an exemption, they may be able to get SNAP again.

What people should do now

People who think they may be affected should contact the ODHS ABAWD Unit as soon as possible:

- Phone: 1-833-947-1694
- Email: SNAP.ABAWDTeam@odhsoba.oregon.gov

The ABAWD unit can help people learn:

- If they qualify for an exemption
- If they are already meeting the work rules
- If they should connect with the Oregon Employment Department (OED) to create a work or training plan to meet the work rules

ODHS and OED are working together to help SNAP recipients meet ABAWD work rules through job search, training and education services. A referral from ODHS is required to participate in OED ABAWD services.

New Oregon veteran license plates to be available

Starting Jan. 1, 2026, veterans in Oregon will be able to purchase veteran recognition plates for their motorcycles and mopeds. The new plates are a result of Senate Bill 159.

Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) has offered veteran recognition plates for passenger vehicles since 2008 as a joint effort between Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon



The new smaller plate features an American flag on a white background, a four-letter configuration and “VETERAN” on the bottom center. The same plate design will be used for both motorcycles and mopeds.

Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

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receive one plate for the back of the vehicle and cannot add their own decal to the plate.

Fees for the new plate will be the standard plate fees or replacement plate fees for motorcycles or mopeds with an additional surcharge of \$2.50 per plate per year. Net

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OREGON EMPLOYMENT

Oregon adds 3,300 jobs, unemployment at 5.2%

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Oregon Employment Department has released monthly employment and unemployment data for September 2025, after a significant delay due to the federal government shutdown.

The data is important because it is a key indicator of the state's economy.

Oregon's unemployment rate was 5.2% in September and 5.0% in August, after increasing for much of the past two years from the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.3% in August and 4.4% in September.

In September, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 3,300 jobs, following a revised gain of 3,500 jobs in August. September's gains were largest in health care and social assistance (+1,300 jobs); construction (+700); and professional and business services (+700). Losses were largest in financial activities (-700 jobs).

Health care and social assistance continued its rapid expansion of the past several years, adding 11,400 jobs, or 3.7%, between September 2024 and September 2025.

Construction employment was down slightly this summer compared with the two prior summers. September employment totaled 116,100 jobs, which was 1,600 jobs, or 1.4%, below its level in September 2024.

Professional and business services added 700 in September but lost jobs since early 2023. Since its peak of 268,900 jobs in March 2023, it has declined to 253,700 jobs in September (-15,200 jobs, or 5.7%). Each of the three component industries trended downward since early 2023. Over the last 12 months, cutbacks included: administrative and waste services (-4,900 jobs or -4.8%); professional and technical services (-2,300 jobs, or -2.1%); and management of companies and enterprises (-1,000 jobs, or -2.0%).

Manufacturing slipped by 200 jobs in September and is down 9,600 jobs, or 5.1%, since September 2024, with both durable goods manufacturing and nondurable goods manufacturing each down close to 5%.



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COMMENTARY

Oregon lawmakers to grapple with economic confusion

RANDY STAPILUS
Oregon Capital Chronicle

In coming weeks, Oregon legislators will begin to consider what adjustments should be made to the state's two-year budget and revenue picture.

Much of the attention has gone to transportation funding, and the likely ballot issue which may alter it. But the economic and funding issues lurking in the coming year are broader.

Legislators will not find coping with the full range of what comes next an easy task.

The condition of Oregon's economy right now isn't easy even to describe, much less predict. Some of the usual sources of information aren't as reliably available as usual. Much federal economic data was halted earlier this year due to some agency cutbacks and the recent government shutdown. (Some resumptions of data flow are expected soon.)

The Oregon Economic Forecast released Nov. 19 offers a heavily nuanced but partially optimistic take, suggesting the state of the economy isn't as bad as it might have been.

"Despite a stall in net job creation in the first half of the year, aggregate income generation has proven resilient, which is reflected in both personal and corporate income tax collections," the report reads. "This is an important real-time signal suggesting the economy is not in recession at present. It is also a reflection of persistent and elevated inflation, which lifts nominal activity and in turn tax revenues."

The report specifically says that the general fund has registered an increase in projected revenue of \$309.5 million, the bulk of which (\$266.9 million) is projected to come from corporate income taxes.

Despite that, the report also said, "The projected ending balance as of June 30, 2027 is a negative \$63.1 million." Many areas are stable or "softening," including the cannabis sales which had expanded rapidly for several years after legalization but more recently has weakened.

That lopsided corporate contribution also means income for almost everyone else has been stagnant or down.

The most recent unemployment statistics, from August (another example of the data gap at work), put the Oregon jobless rate at 5%, eighth-highest among the states and District of Columbia.

The D.C. jobless rate was the highest in the nation, accounted for in large part by federal government job cuts. In Oregon too, federal job cuts were among the largest areas of job reductions, even while state government job additions roughly offset that.

But the Oregon Employment Department also said that construction and manufacturing saw job losses in the last year even larger than those for the federal government — this at a time of relatively large construction in tech industry and residential projects.

The American economy has been described often this year as split between the artificial intelligence (AI) sector, and

businesses servicing it, and everything else. Nearly all of the increase this year in the national stock market, and most of the national economic growth, has resulted from the massive trillion-dollar-level investment and spending related to AI. The "magnificent seven" megacorporations — Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, Tesla, Meta Platforms, Microsoft, and NVIDIA — which account for the bulk of stock market advances are heavily involved in AI.

Oregon, through its strong position in housing the data centers on which AI development relies, logically would be a beneficiary of some of this economic growth. To a limited degree it seems to be.

A data center industry report from May noted that "eastern Oregon has emerged as a strategic haven for hyperscale development. From its abundant green power and favorable climate to political support and low costs, this under-the-radar region is shaping up to be the next great hyperscale frontier."

But the story is mixed. Massive data center growth in places such as Boardman and Hillsboro so far mainly has resulted in one-and-out construction work, with eventual employment likely to be small-scale. (Construction, remember, has been shedding jobs in Oregon despite all the data center construction.) Tax dollars (in line with the new state economics report) are likely to see some gains, but the centers are unlikely to transform local economies.

And the data centers also have generated some problems — boosts in electric power costs and water quality issues among them — which have negative economic effects. Some of those negative effects could create state issues which may lead to calls for state program work and state spending.

And, of course, all this doesn't even factor in the already-hot issue of transportation funding, which seems likely to be upended by a new proposed ballot issue.

Unpredictability isn't something often measured by economists. But economics watcher John Tapogna recently had this to say about the coming environment: "Many of Oregon's systems—our schools, regulations, land use rules and permitting processes — were built for a different time, to solve yesterday's problems," he said. "But the future has never looked less like the past than it does right now."

Managing these many new and conflicting economic pieces will represent a huge challenge for the short legislative session upcoming.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/12/04/oregon-lawmakers-to-grapple-with-economic-confusion/>

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Weekly Online Poll

Where do you stand on your holiday shopping?

- ☐ Finished already
- ☐ Working on it
- ☐ Haven't started

Previous Poll Results

Will you be decorating a real Christmas tree or a fake tree this holiday season?

- ☐ Real tree 100%
- ☐ Fake tree 0%

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Since the project started in February, we have held weekly drawings for one \$500 gift card and two \$25 gift cards. Both the City and the Wildish crew have maintained diligent communication with businesses, taking their needs into account when planning construction activities.”

Neigh added that following initial controversy regarding a tree species selected by the landscape architect that sparked hearing community concerns, the city decided to select an alternative species.

There was also an unexpected underground discovery. “During excavation on the north side of 6th Street, a

16-foot heating oil tank was discovered approximately four feet below the surface,” Neigh said. “The City immediately contacted the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and hired BB & A Environmental to manage the removal and testing process. Once tests confirmed the area was free of contaminants, the tank was safely removed and transported by BB & A Environmental to a recycling facility for disposal.”

The Main Street project remains ahead of schedule and on budget, according to Neigh.

See previous coverage and follow new developments online at cgsentinel.com and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.



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This photo shows Main Street just before the revitalization project began in February.

DEFICIT
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and expenditures are falling short of projections. Miller emphasized the challenge of reconciling forward looking estimates with real time shortfalls.

He assured the board: “We’re going to have some hard choices to make coming up but the kids will remain

in the front of it as we do the work we have to do.”

IN OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

CGHS Cross Country Teams Honored: The board honored members of Cottage Grove High School’s boys and girls cross country teams and their coach Ricky Knudsen for their history making season. The boys finished third and the girls finished fourth – a first in school history for the Lions Cross

Country Teams to both be on the podium at the state championship games. Coach Ricky Knudsen credited the teams’ hard work and support for each other that brought home two trophies this season.

Formal recognition of retired CGHS Swim Coach Bud Taylor’s outstanding career. Alumni of the high school’s swimming program presented a proposal to celebrate the outstanding career of Bud Taylor, the legendary

Cottage Grove High School Swim Coach by dedicating a mural or the swimming pool inside the Warren H. Daughtery Aquatic Center to honor Taylor. Preliminary costs are under \$10,000 and will be funded by alumni and private donors. It was noted Coach Taylor’s health is declining and they are eager to honor him at the aquatic center with the completed project by next summer.

Annual State Report Cards Released: Scores for the district and individual schools is now available on the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) website. The scores are based on 2024-25 information. Superintendent Todd Miller provided highlights of improvement reflected in the newly published scores.

District Visioning Process: Miller said it is critical to engage students, parents,

teachers, staff, administrators, board and the community and gather their input on the district’s identity and values. The process begins this month and concludes in March.

Miller told the board, “My hope is that it goes on for a while because we want to hear from everyone. We will hold some events, and I will visit with community groups to gather this important information. I’m very excited to get this going.”



PLATES
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proceeds of the surcharge go to the Oregon Veterans’ Homes Trust.

Veteran recognition plates are only issued to qualifying veterans with proof of honorable military service. Historically, to qualify for a Veterans Recognition license

plate, applicants must present a DD214/215 or WD AGO Form 53 as proof of veteran status.

House Bill 2559, passed in 2025, authorizes a Summary of Benefits Letter issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as an additional acceptable proof of veteran status.

DMV will now accept the summary of benefits letter as

stand-alone proof of veteran status to add the veteran designation to a driver’s license, permit or ID card, and for the following plates: service branch, blank, motorcycle/moped and Vietnam Veterans of America. DMV will also accept a DD214/DD215 and WD AGO Form 53.

Learn more at Oregon DMV license plates.

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HOLIDAY
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unique 128-year-old octagonal church and shared details of the specific design of each window and some background on the early Catholic families who paid for them.

Across town, families flocked to the Cottage Grove Speedway’s Walking in a

Winter Wonderland attraction, featuring light tunnels, animated inflatables, pictures with Santa Claus, warming fire pits for S’mores, specialty desserts, holiday beverages, and a hot chocolate bar with more than 20 toppings.

Together, the day’s many events marked a spirited kick-off to the season, blending community tradition with new

twists that delighted young and old, put some much needed cash in the pockets of many entrepreneurial vendors, and sent little ones home satisfied that Santa now knew what to bring them for Christmas.

Who We Are is a Sentinel feature highlighting people in our community.

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CGS25-193 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE [Probate Department] In the Matter of the Estate of: RONALD I. PUPKE, Deceased. Case No. 25PB09582 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed as the Personal Representative of the above testate estate. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative at: Camee E. Southey c/o George L. Derr, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 2159, Eugene, Oregon 97402, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these probate proceedings are advised that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Lane County Probate Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED and first published this 17th day of December 2025. /s/ Camee E. Southey Michael T. Kingsley Personal Representative

CGS25-194 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALES NO.: 25-75768 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by SAMANTHA MORRIS as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF OREGON, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for CMG MORTGAGE, INC DBA CMG FINANCIAL, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 1/31/2020, recorded 2/3/2020, as Instrument No. 2020-005520, modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded as Instrument number 2023-008943 on 4/5/2023, in mortgage records of Lane County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 5 AND THE WEST ONE-HALF OF LOT 6, BLOCK 2, MEADE ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 13, PAGE 12, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. The street address or other

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common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1160 GEER AVE COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON 97424 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 889962 / 20-03-28-13-03400 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 4/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 4/1/2025 Total of past due payments: \$10,146.15 Late Charges: \$158.08 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,299.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$637.00 Total necessary to cure:

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\$13,240.23 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$228,158.84 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 10:00 AM on 2/27/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the main lobby of the Lane County Courthouse, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe

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Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 10/14/2025 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 45529 Pub Dates 12/17, 12/24, 12/31, 01/07/2026

CGS25-195 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brian Dubray has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of TIMOTHY DUBRAY, deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 25PB10153. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months from the date of the first publication of this Notice to the Personal Representative at Willamette NW Law Firm, LLC, 735 W. 7th Ave, Eugene, OR 97402, or they may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or from the Personal Representative's attorney. DATED and published: 12/17/2025. /s/ Brian Dubray, Personal Representative

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Cottage Grove High School wrestling season underway

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After getting the season started with home duals against North Eugene and Pleasant Hill on Dec. 3, both the boys and girls wrestling teams headed on the road for their first big competitions of the season.

For the boys, the first tournament signaled a trip to Bend for the Adrian Irwin Invitational Dec. 5-6. For the girls, the Lions traveled to Salem for the Battle for the Capital. Both meets featured teams from around Oregon and served as the perfect testing grounds for the Lions' claws in the early stage of the season.

Adrian Irwin Invitational Bend Senior High School was the venue, and there were 15 teams in attendance, including. The Lions finished ninth at the

tournament with 95 team points.

Some of the top performances came from Jayden Davis, Braxton Nowak, Ramon Munoz-Gonzales, and last but certainly not least, Jeffrey Conklin. Conklin turned in Cottage Grove's performance of the tournament, winning the title at 138 pounds, beating five opponents, and pinning his foe in the final for first place. That finish also earned his team 16 points.

Jayden Davis finished second in the 165-pound division, winning three matches before losing to Lucian Miller despite holding a 14-2 lead. Davis' performance was worth 12 points for the Lions. Nowak wrestled at 215 pounds, and though he lost in his first match. Despite the early defeat, Nowak



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picked himself up and won back-to-back matches before ultimately losing and finishing fourth for seven points. Munoz-Gonzales was the final placer for

Cottage Grove at the tournament. The big fella was wrestling in the 285-pound division, and he finished in sixth place with one

win and three losses at the tournament.

In addition to some great varsity wrestling, the Lions had some solid JV showings from the up-and-coming athletes. Finnegan Kent and Ben Miller won their brackets, and several others finished in the top three.

Battle for the Capital

In the state capital, Cottage Grove had plenty of competition to contend with, as there were more than 25 teams in attendance. In a packed field, the Lions competed their hearts out and finished 14th with 51 points.

On the varsity side, Boston Kent wrestled a fantastic meet, ending as the runner-up in the 140-pound weight class. Kent beat three opponents en route to the finals before losing to Padience Harris in the title round. Emma Adair

also managed to place for the team and placed fourth, going 5-2 and getting seven points. Taylor Blank put together an impressive showing as well, and she finished fifth with a 3-2 record to earn five points.

On the JV side, Bailey Jones and Jaylee Tripp both took second, Bella Valencia fourth, Summer Bell fifth, and Olivia Basting sixth.

For a program just getting the season rolling in a real way, it was a perfect appetizer for what will be a long and grueling season on the mats before the District Championships on Feb. 20-21.

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Holiday Run

Courtesy photo from runCGrun

One of the inaugural events to usher in the holiday season in Cottage Grove is the 5K Jingle Rush walk/run organized by runCGrun. The Cottage Grove High School Key Club organized a kids' dash prior to the main event that began and ended at the high school track and had a 3.1 - mile route that wound through neighborhoods. Organizers said the Dec. 6 attendance records were broken with 225 registrants and 209 finishers.

PUBLIC NOTICE/LEGAL

CGS25-192 \emdash AMENDED \emdash NOTICE OF NONJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE SALE Reference is made to that certain trust deed dated August 5, 2021, and recorded on August 6, 2021 at reception number 2021-051547 of the Official Records of Lane County, Oregon, (the "Trust Deed"). 1. George L. Derr, the successor trustee, hereby gives notice of default and election to sell, and notice of sale pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. The mailing address of the Successor Trustee is George L. Derr, P.C., P.O. Box 2159, Eugene, OR 97402, Tel: (541)-683-7473, Email: george@gderlaw.com. 2. The original Grantor of said Trust Deed is Jo Bond Principal, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company. The original and current Beneficiary is Corinne Bell. 3. The subject property is commonly known as 4040 Barger Drive, Eugene, OR 97402 and is more particularly described, as follows: Lot 2, Block 1, ALEX-A PLAT, as platted and recorded in Book 70, Page 25, Lane County Oregon plat records, in the City of Eugene, County of Lane and State of Oregon. (hereinafter the "property"). 4. The Grantor has defaulted under said Trust Deed in one or more of the following

particulars: (a) by failing to make one or more payments of the indebtedness of a Promissory Note dated and secured by said Trust Deed, which payments are past due, (b) by failing to maintain insurance on the property as required by the Trust Deed, and (c) by failing to pay real property taxes when due. 5. As a result of Grantor's default(s), Beneficiary declares all sums secured under said Trust Deed immediately due and payable. 6. The sum now owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed is a principal balance of \$283,471.66, plus accrued interest in the sum of \$9,350.68 as of December 2, 2025, plus interest continuing to accrue at the rate of 4% per annum, plus accumulated late fees of \$717.60 (as of November 1, 2025), plus \$200 escrow collection dose fee, plus \$60.00 escrow payoff quote fees, plus \$61.00 in postage, plus \$494.50 for insurance required under the Trust Deed and paid for by the Beneficiary through December 1, 2025, plus property taxes for 2024 in the principal amount of \$2,514.54, plus accrued interest thereon in the amount of \$324.10 as of December 1, 2025, plus accruing interest at the rate of 16% per

annum on the \$2,514.54 tax, until paid in full; plus property taxes for 2025 in the amount of \$2,579.57 (as of December 1, 2025) plus accruing interest thereon at the rate of 16% on the \$2,579.57 tax, until paid in full, plus the cost of the foreclosure guarantee title report \$1,200, attorney's fees in the amount of \$1,000, plus any and all sums advanced and other fees and costs incurred by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed and Promissory Note; together with any other sums due or that may become due under the Promissory Note or Trust Deed or by reason of this foreclosure and any further advances made by Beneficiary as allowed by the Promissory Note or Trust Deed. 7. The Beneficiary has declared a default, accelerated the debt and elected to sell the property secured by the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligation and defaults noted above. 8. The sale will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., at the main entrance to the Lane County Courthouse, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, near the security station. 9. Pursuant to ORS 86.778, the Grantor, the Grantor's successor in interest to all or any part of the trust deed prop-

erty, any Beneficiary under a subordinate Trust Deed, or any person having a subordinate lien or encumbrance of record on the trust deed property has the right to have this non-judicial sale proceeding dismissed and the debt obligation and Trust Deed reinstated by payment of the entire amount due at the time of payment, in an amount to be determined at that time, other than such portion as would not then be due had no default occurred, together with costs, Trustee's and attorney fees, and by curing all other defaults specified herein at any time that is not later than five (5) days before the date last set for the sale: January 28, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. 10. The undersigned hereby certifies that no assignments of the Trust Deed by the Trustee or by the Beneficiary and no appointments of a Successor Trustee have been made, except as recorded in the records of the county in which the above-described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the Trust Deed, or if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed or rescinded except as permitted by ORS

86.735(4) 11. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by George L. Derr. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. 12. In construing this notice the singular includes the plural. The word "Grantor" includes any and all assigns or successors in interest to the named Grantor as well as any and all other person(s) owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed. The words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest and all those person(s) claiming by or through them, if any, and all judgment creditors. Upon completion of the sale, the Beneficiary will treat the Trust Deed as foreclosed and terminate all recorded or unrecorded interests in the property subject to the Trust Deed, for all persons to whom notice is given

pursuant ORS 86.740 and 86.750, and of any other person claiming by, through, or under such person(s), and their respective assigns and successors in interest. 13. Notice Regarding Potential Hazards. (This following notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015): Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer or representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamine, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. 14. IMPORTANT NOTICE TO TENANTS: Tenants of the subject real property have certain protections afforded to them under ORS 86.774 and ORS 86.782 and possibly under federal law. SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE: George L. Derr P.O. Box 2159 Eugene, OR 97402 Tel: (541) 915-8494 Email: george@gderlaw.com



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