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## KNND's Rock, Roll 'n' Rumble returns

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Classic cars, revving engines, and kick up your heels dance songs await car enthusiasts at the 14th Annual Rock Roll 'n' Rumble this Saturday, July 26.

Presented by KNND Radio and the Coast Fork Kiwanis Club, the outdoor event brings together car enthusiasts, oldies music lovers, and those seeking a full day of nostalgia-fueled celebration.

This year's event venues are relocated due to the Main Street Revitalization Project. The Show-N-Shine moves to Coiner Park; a modified route has cruisers staying on River Road between the high school and the Elks Club and culminates with a high-energy after cruise dance at Whiteaker Avenue and Highway 99.

"Rock, Roll & Rumble is more than a car show—it's an annual gift we give to our community," KNND Station Manager Cameron Reiten said. "We've got Grovers of all ages coming out to celebrate the chrome, the music and enjoy a juicy slice of American Pie that is small town America on a mid-summer Saturday night."

The celebration begins with the Car Show from 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at Coiner Park that is open to all years, makes, and models of cars and trucks. Drivers can register in advance at [www.knnd.com](http://www.knnd.com), print out a registration form and return it to KNND Radio (717 E. Main Street), or register on-site the morning of the show.

A Preregistration Party will take place from 5-7 p.m. Friday, July 25, in the Holloman lot at Highway 99 and Main Street. Registered car owners are invited to enjoy pizza and pop, courtesy of KNND. Awards will be presented at the park at 2 p.m.

As the sun begins to set, KNND's signature cruise rumbles into gear from 6-8 p.m. Cruise-only participation is \$10 with no preregistration required. Interested drivers may line up at Cottage Grove High School, 1375 S. River Road, starting at 5:30 p.m. The modified



Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Sentinel  
**(Top) Vintage cars lined Main Street during the 2024 Rock, Roll 'n' Rumble. The 2025 car show will be staged at Coiner Park. (Bottom) An eye-catcher at the 2024 Rock, Roll 'n' Rumble.**



cruise route spans River Road between the high school and the Elks Lodge at 755 N. River Road. Event T-shirts will be available for purchase while supplies last.

The After Cruise Dance from 8:30–10 p.m. features the Eugene-based band, Riffle, offering a genre-hopping mix of crowd favorites spanning six decades. The high-energy party band brings rock, funk, soul, and good-time grooves to cap off a full day of celebration under the stars.

Coast Fork Kiwanis Club President Don Erich said the club members enjoy the opportunity to serve the community by organizing an event that everyone enjoys. The proceeds they receive for facilitating the event's logistics is used to support the club's operations fund.

KNND, known as "Radio with a Difference," has long championed local programming and civic engagement. Specialty shows like Swap-N-Shop, The Beeper talk show, Monday Gold, Wednesday's Oldies Request Party, Thursday's Roundup, Classic Country and Western Hoedown, and Sunday Morning Light reflect the station's commitment to serving Cottage Grove with authenticity and heart.

"We're proud to be the soundtrack of Cottage Grove," said Reiten. "Rock, Roll & Rumble is

our way of turning up the volume on everything that makes this town special."

Whether you're cruising in a '57 Chevy or dancing in your flip-flops, Reiten says this Saturday promises a rumble of hometown pride that only KNND can deliver.

See more photos from the 2024 Rock, Roll 'n' Rumble with this story online at [cgsentinel.com](http://cgsentinel.com) and for more details about the 2025 Rumble, visit [www.knnd.com](http://www.knnd.com).

## Council looks for new funding for police, library services

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Cottage Grove City Council is reviewing additional revenue sources that might be used to help pay for police and library services.

The latest effort occurred following a vote concerning the city budget during the council's July 14 public session.

### CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

In a unanimous vote, the city council formally endorsed and approved the Cottage Grove Budget Committee's request made in May to reduce the 16-percent gap in the budget between revenue and expenditures over the next three years with the first year seeing a gap reduction of at least one-third.

Cottage Grove City Manager Mike Sauerwein pointed out that Oregon has a structural property tax issue that impacts the city's general fund budget. The real market value of property is much higher than its assessed value that determines the amount of taxes paid.

"We have reached a crossover point where our revenues have met our expenditures, so it becomes a binary decision to increase revenue or reduce levels of service. This is what we need to talk about to meet the budget committee's directive," Sauerwein said.

Police services and library services consume much of the city's property tax revenues in its General Fund. Staff made two recommendations to reduce expenditures: Contracting out public safety dispatching services to the Lane County Sheriff's Office and forming a Library District.

### CONTRACTING OUT

Cottage Grove Police Chief Cory Chase said he is discussing the pros and cons of the opportunity of contracting dispatch services with the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Chase noted that in other parts of the state, county-wide 9-1-1 centers are becoming more common and cost effective for small cities.

"My primary concern with contracting out dispatch services is not to make a knee jerk reaction to save costs in Year 1 with a great up-front contract," Councilor Greg Ervin said. "What are the incentives to keep the costs low over time? Once you've abandoned the unit and equipment the cost to re-acquire it will be really high. That's a sticky situation to be in."

### CREATING LIBRARY SERVICE DISTRICT

Sauerwein noted the strong support the library received from the community during the budget process last spring and wants to channel the energy to create a library service district to reduce the current pressure on the general fund.

## State of emergency declared over wildfire threat

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

The threat of wildfires across the Northwest will escalate through the summer, extended forecasts show, due to "extreme high temperatures." In response, Gov. Tina Kotek is declaring a state of emergency across Oregon meant to mobilize state and federal agencies and resources to prevent and respond to fires.

Kotek made the declaration on Wednesday in an executive order, following six emergency declarations for individual fires just in the last two weeks. Most of the nearly 60 active fires in the state are in southern Oregon.

The statewide emergency will remain in effect until the governor either determines that the threat has significantly receded, the fire season officially ends or until the end of the year.



Courtesy photo from InciWeb / U.S. Forest Service

**A helicopter drops flame retardant on the Cram Fire burning in Jefferson and Wasco counties on July 15, 2025.**

"Oregon is already experiencing a devastating wildfire season that will have lasting consequences," Kotek said in a news release. "The summer is only getting hotter, drier and more dangerous — we have to be prepared for worsening conditions."

The declaration directs state agencies and the National Guard to collaborate on wildfire response and prevention by sharing personnel, equipment and resources. It also directs those agencies and Guard troops to meet requests coming from

the state's primary fire agencies — the Oregon Department of Forestry and the State Fire Marshal — and local and tribal governments.

It follows six Emergency Conflagration Act declarations for wildfires that have burned thousands of acres. Invoking the act similarly directs state agencies to help local fire departments with staff and with state financial resources.

Kotek in her news release also advised Oregonians to sign up for the statewide emergency alert system OR-Alert, to have an evacuation plan and to have an emergency "go kit" ready. Sign up for alerts at <https://oralert.gov/>

The state's fire dashboard lists 58 active wildfires that have so far burned more than 54,500 acres. Many of the fires are mostly contained. Nearly half of the fires ignited due to natural causes, while

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# Oregon to receive \$10 million in new nationwide opioid settlement

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*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Oregon will receive \$10.1 million for drug prevention and treatment services as part of a nationwide settlement with eight opioid manufacturers.

Opioid manufacturing companies including Mylan, Hikma, Amneal, Apotex, Indivior, Sun, Alvogen and Zydus agreed to pay a total of \$720 million to Oregon and eight other states.

The settlement adds to the \$700 million Oregon secured since July 2021, including a \$66 million settlement from the Sackler family and Purdue Pharma in June.

Of the funds, 45% will go toward the state's opioid settlement fund and 55% will go toward prevention and recovery programs in counties and cities. Oregon's Settlement Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Board has plans to distribute the funds through 2038.

Attorney General Dan Rayfield said in a news release that opioid makers must be accountable for the harm they've caused to families.

"No amount of money can rewind the clock, but this money will allow us to continue building a future free from this crisis by investing in drug treatment, prevention and recovery support across

our state," he said in the release.

The other states involved in the settlement are California, Colorado, Illinois, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Utah and Virginia.

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# Oregon employment drops by 4,300 jobs

**STAFF REPORT**  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 4,300 jobs in June, according to the latest Oregon Employment Department report.

The job reductions follow a revised loss of 2,100 jobs in May.

**JOB LOSSES**

June's losses were largest in other services (-1,400 jobs); manufacturing (-1,200); leisure and hospitality (-1,000 jobs); professional and business services (-700); and retail trade (-700).

Manufacturing cut 1,200 jobs in June, continuing its decline of the past three years. Since June 2024, manufacturing has lost 7,700 jobs, or -4.1%. Durable goods manufacturing (-5,500 jobs, or -4.2%) and nondurable goods (-2,200 jobs, or -3.9%) have cut substantially.

Construction dropped 400 jobs in June, following a revised loss of 2,000 in May. After averaging close to 117,000 jobs in 2022 through 2024, construction employed 111,600 as of June 2025. Losses during the past 12 months were concentrated in specialty trade contractors (-2,600 jobs, or -3.5%) and construction of buildings (-1,800 jobs, or -5.5%).

Retail trade continued its slow jobs decline. After averaging 210,600 jobs in 2022, the industry steadily declined to 201,600 jobs as of June 2025, a drop of 9,000 jobs, or -4.5%. Nearly every retail subsector dropped jobs during that time. The primary exception was food and beverage retailers, which, at 47,400 jobs in June 2025, added 200 jobs since June 2022.

**JOB GAINS**

Health care and social assistance added 900 jobs in June and 1,600 jobs, as revised, in May. In the past 12 months it gained by far the most jobs of the major industries (+15,800 jobs, or 5.3%). During that time, its two fastest growing components were social assistance (+6,500 jobs, or 8.4%) and nursing and residential care facilities (+3,300 jobs, or 5.8%).

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.9% in June and 4.8% in May, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in June 2024. Oregon's 4.9% unemployment rate was 1.3 percentage points higher than the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in May and 4.1% in June.

## 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, JULY 7**

- 00:14: Welfare check, 1100 block Chamberlain Ave.
- 00:43: Fire, Row River/Gateway
- 02:30: Barking dog, 200 block South M St.
- 04:26: Suspicious vehicle, 1400 block N. Douglas St.
- 04:57: Stolen vehicle recover 2700 block Row River Rd.

- 06:49: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 07:40: Fire, Row River Rd/I-5
- 07:55: Found dog, 300 block Gateway Blvd.
- 09:24: Order violation, 500 block N. River Rd.
- 09:26: Harassment, 900 block Lincoln Ave.
- 11:07: Found drugs, 1400 block Parks Rd.
- 11:50: Criminal mischief, 900 block S. River Rd.
- 11:57: Animal info, 1100 block Pennoyer Ave.
- 12:39: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 13:08: Disorderly subject, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 13:16: Disorderly subject, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 14:13: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.
- 14:19: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.

- 15:15: Alarm, 1300 block S. River Rd.
- 15:26: Wanted subject, 100 block N. 9th St.
- 17:51: Disturbance, 99/Withycombe
- 18:11: Theft, 400 block S. 10th St.
- 21:39: Criminal mischief, 100 block South R St.
- 22:50: Trespass, 700 block Row River Rd.
- 23:07: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.

**TUESDAY, JULY 8**

- 01:19: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 02:39: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 06:53: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 08:06: Dog at large, 2700 block Mosby Creek Rd.
- 10:49: Suspicious condition, 400 block E. Main St.

- 12:00: Disorderly subject, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 12:47: Disturbance, 300 block S. River Rd.
- 13:28: Fire, Main/6th
- 14:50: Trespass, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 17:12: Animal info, 500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 17:26: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 19:03: Wanted subject, 1000 block N. 9th St.
- 19:24: Illegal parking, 600 block Washington Ave.
- 19:41: Juvenile trouble, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 19:50: Alarm, 1700 block E. Taylor Ave.
- 22:55: Agency assist, 500 block E. Madison Ave.
- 23:42: Theft, 100 block S. 6th St.

- 06:36: Fire, 100 block S. 17th St.
- 09:26: Abandoned vehicle, 8th/Pierce
- 11:45: Repo, 200 block Grant Ave.
- 12:16: Harassment, 200 block South N St.
- 13:52: Disorderly subject, 100 block N. 6th St.
- 13:56: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 14:56: Theft, 500 block N. Douglas St.
- 15:07: Theft, Main/Gateway
- 15:59: Found dog, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 17:09: Agency assist, 1300 block Gateway Blvd.
- 17:11: Trespass, Birch/M
- 19:05: Agency assist, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 19:34: Disturbance, 31000 block Gowdyville Rd.
- 19:39: Animal info, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 20:53: Welfare check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 21:04: Suspicious vehicle, 6th/Main
- 21:25: Found property, 100 block S. 10th St.

- 21:19: Welfare check, 1600 block Samuel Dr.
- 22:42: Illegal parking, 500 block Gateway Blvd.

**SATURDAY, JULY 12**

- 00:31: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 01:42: Nuisance, 100 block N. 6th St.
- 02:13: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 03:15: Suicidal subject, 1300 block Monroe Ave.
- 06:14: Vehicle impound, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 11:19: Found dog, 900 block W. Main St.
- 13:32: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 200 block E. Madison Ave.
- 14:08: Abandoned vehicle, 5th/Monroe
- 15:15: Fire, 800 block S. 10th St.
- 18:09: Animal info, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 18:33: DUII, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 18:51: Welfare check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 20:12: Suspicious subject, Village Dr./Jim Wright Way
- 21:26: Dog at large, 800 block S. 2nd St.
- 21:44: Suspicious condition, 200 block E. Harrison Ave.
- 23:23: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

**SUNDAY, JULY 13**

- 00:07: Suicidal subject, 500 block Boardwalk Pl.
- 00:14: Suicidal subject, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 01:01: Shots fired, 1200 block E Main St.
- 01:15: Alarm, 100 block Village Dr.
- 02:29: Criminal mischief, 400 block South 1st St.
- 06:45: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 08:10: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 09:37: Criminal mischief, 1500 block Chamberlain Ave.
- 09:54: Dog at large, 2100 block E. Main St.
- 10:06: Trespass, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 11:54: Suspicious condition, 700 block Hwy 99
- 12:06: Dog at large, 1300 block S. 6th St.
- 13:13: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 13:43: Mental subject, 1600 block Ash Ave.
- 14:45: Disturbance, 700 block Row River Rd.
- 15:07: Disturbance, 1600 block S. 8th St.
- 15:08: Alarm, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 16:14: Fire, 1700 block Belmont Ave.
- 20:41: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 23:09: Agency assist, 100 block Crestview Terrace
- 23:26: Suspicious condition, 900 block Row River Rd.

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# Park Splash Pad, Plaza Entrance ribbon cutting

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

A citywide event has highlighted completion of Cottage Grove's Bohemia Park Phase 3.

The new entrance to Bohemia Park in Cottage Grove just off 10th Street was surrounded by community members and local dignitaries for the official ribbon cutting celebration of the Splash Pad and entrance plaza at noon July 14.

"It activates the corner of Bohemia Park at 10th and Main Street, catching people's attention and drawing people into the park," Cottage Grove Public Works Director Faye Stewart said.

The Entry Plaza project also will be the home of the Blue Goose mural painted on the side of the restroom facility at the site.

Stewart said the new entrance, enhanced by the Splash Pad, preserves the history of the city and embraces the future.

"A water tower still under construction is a replica of the original one, an added water feature that will include a large electronic sign alerting folks of activities in town and who be used for

emergency alerts," he said. "The five large basalt pillars will have historical interpretive panels added capturing the history of Cottage Grove and south Willamette Valley."

Landscape Architect Carol Mayer Reed created the original design of Bohemia Park 20 years ago.

"The Bohemia Foundation and its partners have been working diligently to see this park come to life," a release from the city states.

The dream and vision of Bohemia Park began with Loran "Stub" Stewart, who served over 50 years for Oregon State Parks.

"He knew how important parks were for communities and the health of communities. His vision was to turn a 14 acre parcel in the center of town that was once a vital economic hub that had turned into a vacant brownfield into a beautiful gathering space where people from all around the southern Willamette Valley could come play, exercise, fellowship, build relationships, and in general create a place that supported the activities for the community," the release states.

## BACKGROUND

The overall purpose for the front entry was to capture people's attention and draw them into Bohemia Park. An area that was inviting and supported a higher level of use, such as vendor booths, kids play, restrooms, etc, according to the release.

The release states, a very important member of our community and former Bohemia Foundation Board Member that has spent the majority of his life improving the lives of Cottage Grove residents, Casey Woodard, was aware of the Park Entry Plaza project.

It was through his support and encouragement that we are standing here today. He approached the Bohemia Foundation with a challenge grant proposal. One that seemed daunting at the time, a \$100,000 matching grant, \$25,000 for immediate park improvements and creation of a conceptual plan for the Entry Plaza. \$75,000 would be available once the match requirement of 3 to 1 was met.

The challenge grant was accepted and the Bohemia Foundation along with its long-standing partner, Lund Development went to work.



Courtesy from the city of Cottage Grove

## Community members are others gather for the ribbon cutting at the new Splash Pad and Bohemia Park Entrance Plaza.

David Daugherty with DLA was hired to create the plaza design and Christina Lund went to work applying for grants and asking for donations.

## RECOGNITION

- Woodard Family Foundation
- Challenge Grant
- EDA Grant
- Wes Cochran, Economic Development Representative

- Idaho, Oregon, and Washington
- Richard Moore, Civil Engineer
- Luis Aguilar, State Grant
- Mark Cowan, Oregon State Parks Grant Program Coordinator
- City
- Lund Development
- Christina Lund
- Amanda Ferguson
- Branch Engineering

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- Maintenance Crew
- Bohemia Foundation Board
- Former City Manager Richard Meyers

## WHO WE ARE

# Dolly at 100: Still sharp, still generous, still winning at Bingo

**CINDY WEELDREYER**  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Family and friends from near and far gathered for a joyful patio party to celebrate Dolly Kirkham's 100th birthday.

The milestone celebrated Saturday afternoon, July 5, marked not just a century of life, but a legacy of resilience, generosity, and community spirit.

Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa on April 20, 1925, Dolly was the youngest of six children—until a surprise sister arrived 12 years later. Her early years were shaped by the Great Depression, where she remembers her mother handing out sugar sacks after the lima bean harvest so the children could glean what they could. Her father worked in the wholesale drug industry to keep the family afloat.

In 1927, the family moved to Los Angeles, where Dolly grew up and graduated from Washington High School in 1944. That same year, she met John "Hank" Kirkham while waitressing at a local restaurant. A co-worker encouraged her to be nice because he was a big tipper. "He left me fifty cents," Dolly laughed.

Both Dolly and Hank had been previously married, and when he received his draft notice, the couple married while he was in Marine training. He served in Hawaii and occupied Japan, while Dolly moved back in with her parents and joined the war effort as a Rosie the Riveter at a Los Angeles defense plant.

After the war, Dolly and Hank started their family, raising son Jim and daughter Janetta in Bell, California. Dolly's parents lived in Crow, Oregon until 1950, and the family would spend several weeks with them every summer—falling in love with the area. In 1991, the Kirkhams purchased a rural property on Delight Valley School Road, where Dolly still lives independently today.

At age 98, Dolly decided it was time to hang up her



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

## Cottage Grove resident Dolly Kirkham, wearing red, thanks her 100th birthday party guests for coming from near and far to celebrate the rare milestone with her.

car keys. Now, she relies on a network of devoted friends and family to get her to medical appointments, grocery stores, the beauty shop—and her beloved bingo games at the Elks Lodge, VFW post, and Senior Center.

"I do not know why I've lived this long," Dolly said with a chuckle. "I guess I've got good Swedish genes."

Despite the challenges of aging, Dolly remains grateful. "I've enjoyed living in Cottage Grove. I like being in the country with great neighbors and close to the clinic and markets. I'm very comfortable here."

Her longtime friend Connie Green recalled Dolly and Hank's legendary dinner parties and her generosity with garden vegetables. "She built a great network with her generosity," Green said.

"Now there are many of us who help get her to doctors, dentists, hairdressers, and shopping."

"Dolly is always sharp and organized," Green added. "We go to the VFW to play Bingo every Sunday, and she also likes to play at the Elks Club on Wednesdays."

As Dolly herself put it: "It feels awful to be this old. When you're 100, your hearing and eyesight start going and your teeth crumble. It's no fun," she said. Still, her century of life has been marked by enduring friendships, family devotion, and a deep connection to the Cottage Grove community she's called home for more than three decades.

As the party wrapped up, guests raised their glasses

not just to Dolly's milestone, but to the generous spirit and quiet strength that have defined her journey—and continue to inspire those around her. Dolly Kirkham's story isn't just

about reaching 100—it's about the way she's lived every year along the way.

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OBITUARIES & NEWS

**Ruth Else Veltin**

November 27, 1928 - July 2, 2025

Ruth Else Veltin, formerly Ruth Else Chapman, was born November 27, 1928 in Braunschweig, Germany to Marie Margaret Albrecht. Ruth died peacefully surrounded by loved ones July 2, 2025 at her home in Dorena, Oregon. She was 96.

Known as "Mop" or "Mami" to her five children, and "Omama" to her three granddaughters, Ruth knew that good things came to those who worked hard and was a skilled business person. This mind set carried her through the successful running of two businesses, the raising of a family, and the delightful spoiling of her granddaughters.

Ruth grew up in Landstuhl, Germany where her mother had a textile store. She always treasured an enduring close bond with two of her childhood friends Elizabeth Sommer and Anna Buck.

Ruth was 11 in 1939, when the Second World War began and 17 in 1945 when it ended. Throughout the difficult war years and after, Ruth and Maria ran the textile store and provided a haven for their faith community.

After the war, Ruth graduated from the Hohenstein Textile Academy in southern Germany, then went back to work with her mother in the textile store in Landstuhl, Germany. Also, after the war, American soldiers of their faith came and were welcomed in Marie and Ruth's home with great hospitality.

This is where Ruth met Ronald Chapman, an army medic stationed in Landstuhl, Germany and they were married.

In the early 1950s Ruth and Ronald moved to Corvallis, Oregon, then in 1958 the family moved to Dorena, Oregon by the lake. Ruth spent the next 30 years raising her family and running the family construction company with her husband. They built many beautiful houses around the Cottage Grove, Oregon area. Ruth was a gifted gardener, finding a little time here and there while raising her family, always with a splendid result. She found great joy in being active. She snow skied, water skied, wind surfed, swam, biked and hiked. The hiking with five children up the hills and mountains of Oregon brought the family many joyful moments and memories. Ruth imparted to her children the importance of



education and travel.

Once her children were grown, in 1988, Ruth returned to Germany, and married Ludwig Veltin a friend from college and settled in Rheine, Germany. Together, they ran a clothing store called Alex Franksman. True to her textile training, Ruth loved clothes and curated an enviable wardrobe throughout her life. In retirement, Ruth renovated a practical vegetable and fruit garden into a beautiful "flowers only" garden. It was while living in Germany that Ruth welcomed her three granddaughters. Rheine became a place where the family could gather. Ruth fed her family well, buying fresh breads, cheeses, and meats from the farmer's market in the town square. She taught her granddaughters to play Canasta and consistently let them win, fueling them with her legendary apple cake.

In 2023, Ruth returned to America, after Ludwig passed away, to stay with her children in Dorena, Oregon. She loved sitting at the window enjoying wildlife, birds, people, boats and flowers.

Ruth was preceded in death by, her loved son-in-law, Jim Fallon in 2023 and her husband, Ludwig Veltin in 2023.

Ruth is survived by her children, grandchildren, and former husband. Daughter Sigrune (Sigie) Chapman of Novato, California, daughter Karin Fallon of Dorena, Oregon and Manhattan Beach, California, son Udo Chapman and his wife Damaris of Manhattan, Montana, daughter Ellen Jaeger and her husband Herbert of Dorena, Oregon, and daughter Vera Chapman of Eugene, Oregon. Granddaughters, Erika Chapman of Manhattan, Montana, Rebecca Jaeger of Long Beach, California, and Maggie Jaeger of Portland, Oregon. Former husband Ronald Chapman of Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Ruth wished to be buried in Stuttgart-Feuerbach with her mother Maria Albrecht and wanted her funeral service there to be conducted by minister Andreas Knoop in Germany.

Ruth was an amazing, avid mother and person. She was loving and supportive to her children, grandchildren and friends through all her years. She will be dearly missed.

**Barbara May Wood**

May 12, 1943 - June 29, 2025

Barbara May Wood, 82, passed away while on her favorite camping trip at Ana Reservoir near Summer Lake. She was born on May 12, 1943, to George and Lucille Reitberg in The Bronx, New York, an only child.

She lived in The Bronx, New York, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Portland, Oregon, and various Southern California locations before relocating to Cottage Grove, Oregon in 1975 with her husband Larry Wood of 52 years.

She is survived by husband Larry Wood



Sr, son, Morgan Brock, daughter, Tara Hamilton (David), son Larry Wood Jr (Alyssa), all from Cottage Grove, Oregon, son Brian Wood from Wyoming, eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

She studied at the Institute of Fine Arts in New York, was a big fan of Yankees baseball, camping, outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**Earline Dickerson**

1944- 2025

Earline was born to Elsie and Earl Wiese on December 20, 1944 at McFarland Maternity Home in Cottage Grove. Earline is survived by her husband, Steve; daughter Lisa (Peter) Sirois; son Larry (Stephanie) Bratton; grandsons Matthew Sirois, Evan Sirois, Taylor Bratton and Hunter Bratton, and great-granddaughter Hazel Rose. A brother, Alvin, preceded her in death.

Earline grew up in Cottage Grove and graduated from Cottage Grove High.

In 1970 Earline married Steve Dickerson, and together they moved to Germany during Steve's service in the Army.

After they returned to Cottage Grove, Earline's entrepreneurial spirit shone through. For 20 years she proudly owned and operated Elsie's Fashions. Through her



shop Earline connected with her community and gained many friends.

Earline was known for hosting lively parties and organizing garage sales. She was always on the hunt for treasures that others might consider junk. To Earline, these were pieces of history, memories, and stories waiting to be discovered. She also had a passion for country décor and flower gardens.

Earline was a generous soul and had a gift for making everyone feel seen and appreciated, and in doing so, she made her corner of the world a brighter, more welcoming place.

An informal Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 2nd from 1 - 3 PM at Shady Oaks, 77380 Hwy 99, Cottage Grove, OR 97424

**Jack Blankenship, Sr.**

May 16, 1943 - June 30, 2025

Jackie "Jack" Blankenship passed away June 30 in Eugene. Jack was born May 16, 1943, in Fayetteville, Arkansas to Cleo H. Blankenship and Agnes Blankenship Burris (Hays). He called Oregon home for 65 years.

Jack grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas after living briefly in his early childhood years in Garibaldi, Oregon and Mokelumne Hill, California where his father sought work. He moved to Oregon and attended Springfield High School for his senior year where he met his wife of 63 years, Janice "Jan" Blankenship (Seibold).

Jack and Jan married in 1962 and raised a family in Cottage Grove. He is survived by Jan and three children, Jack Blankenship, Jr. of Buckeye, Arizona; Jeanne Blankenship of Falls Church, Virginia; and Jeff Blankenship of Middletown, Connecticut.



In addition to his children, he is also survived by eight grandchildren: Kaitlyn Blankenship, Joshua Blankenship, Ella Blankenship all of Goodyear, Arizona; Alexander Stockero (Arlington, Virginia), Eric Stockero (Falls Church, Virginia) and Shannon Stockero (Framingham, Massachusetts); Emelia Blankenship (Salt Lake City, Utah) and Diana Fontaine (Hartford, Connecticut). He is also survived by his nephew, Michael Lampert of Cornelius, Oregon.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant brother, James Blankenship.

Funeral services were held July 14 at Major Family Funeral Home in Springfield, burial at Springfield Memorial Gardens Cemetery will immediately follow. Please visit www.majorfamilyfuneral.com to share a memory and see full life story.

**Death Notices**

**Gilbert Marshall Hulin**, 79, of Eugene Oregon, passed away on July 14, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

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**Robert Douglas Sanders**, 47, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away July 9, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

**Robert D. Mann**, 56, of Eugene, Oregon, passed away on July 13, 2025.

**Thomas Zorn**, 75, of Eugene Oregon, passed away on July 7th, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

**COUNCIL**

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He pointed out, "Oregon has 27 library districts, so it is not a new idea." City staff is working to explore the option that would include hiring a

consultant (attorney) with experience forming a library district and create a citizen's committee to assess the need and complete a feasibility study. The staff is exploring grant opportunities to fund that process and is also developing partnerships with other agencies.

**REVENUE OPTIONS**  
Potential revenue sources presented for police services included creating a Law Enforcement Fee added to city customers' utility bills. Hypothetically, there are 4,033 utility accounts and a \$10 fee would generate \$40,330 per month and \$483,960 per year. It would fund two police officers: a school resource officer and one additional detective and two community service officers. Other options to reduce the gap in the general fund include increasing franchise fees, room tax and permit fees.

"This is the beginning of a conversation, and we are

definitely working toward trying to meet the goal you established this evening," Sauerwein said.

**LABOR CONTRACT**  
The council approved a three-year labor contract with both the General Unit (City Hall employees) and the Cottage Grove Local No. 737 Public Works Laborers Union that represents Public Works employees. The city has approximately 100 employees that will be covered under the contracts that expired on June 30.

The terms will be retroactive to July 1. Wage increases for both contracts provide a 3-percent cost-of-living raise in the first year. Increases in the second and third year will increase based on the Portland Consumer Price Index (CPI) within the range of 1.5-percent minimum with a maximum of 5-percent.

City Manager Mike Sauerwein told the Council he was pleased with the negotiation process. He

thanked the bargainers on both sides of the table for being very open and intentionally honest.

"Everyone was mindful of the City's financial challenges," Sauerwein said.

**REQUEST TO REPEAL EBID ORDINANCE**  
During public comment, Downtown Cottage Grove (DCG) President Ruth Linoz and Vice President Ryan Thomas requested the council repeal Ordinance 2863 that created the Economic and Business Improvement Districts (EBID). It was initiated by downtown business owners in the mid-2000s to enable the city to collect taxes to support improvements, promotional events and business support through annual assessments on businesses and property owners. It is now very unpopular, according to Linoz and Thomas, so DCG leaders are exploring other ways to pay for those improvements. This will require the city to repeal the ordinance.

**CHRONIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

The council took no action to adopt a new proposed chronic nuisance during the July 14 meeting. City Attorney Carrie Connelly presented the latest revisions to the ordinance. During the council's public comment, Johanna Zee presented recommended changes to the draft ordinance. The council requested Conley review and update the proposed ordinance for adoption at a future meeting.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The council appointed City of Eugene Public Works Engineer Jim Colton to fill a single open seat on the Cottage Grove Planning Commission. The council also appointed the Spirit of BMD Executive Director Matthew Hewlett to its only open seat on the Cottage Grove Historic Preservation Commission.

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## 125 Years of Weyerhaeuser: Honoring forest products innovation in Cottage Grove

Still guided by the values of its founder, Weyerhaeuser reflects on more than a century of leadership in the forest products industry

On Jan. 18, 1900, Frederick Weyerhaeuser and 15 associates purchased 900,000 acres of Washington state timberlands from the Northern Pacific Railway. In establishing their company, Frederick took a long-term view. “This is not for us,” he said, “nor for our children, but for our grandchildren.”

Today, Weyerhaeuser stands as the largest private owner of timberlands in the U.S. and one of the largest wood products manufacturers in North America, but those words still serve as a reminder of the values upon which the company was built.

This year marks Weyerhaeuser’s 125th anniversary. The company is celebrating the milestone with community events and gatherings across the country, including at the Concerts in the Park in Cottage Grove on July 16.

“A large part of our history belongs to the people and communities where we operate,” says Betsy Earls, Oregon public affairs manager for Weyerhaeuser. “These events are great opportunities for us to show our appreciation to our employees and operating communities, and also to celebrate our shared legacy and the broader importance of the forest products industry.”

Weyerhaeuser began operating in Oregon in 1905 and today owns or manages more than 300,000 acres of forestlands in Lane County. The company’s local facilities include a dimensional lumber mill in Cottage Grove, an engineered wood products mill in Eugene, a tree farm in Springfield and forestlands near Cottage Grove and along Highway 126. The company also recently awarded 10 Cottage Grove nonprofits grants totaling nearly \$50,000, including \$15,000 for South Lane Family Nursery and \$12,000 to a childhood literacy program run by Friends of the Children Lane County.

“Working at the Cottage Grove mill, you really see how Weyerhaeuser’s long-term values show up in day-to-day operations,” said Jonas Menguita, manager at the Cottage Grove mill. “Whether it’s investing in safety, supporting local jobs or supporting our local community partners, there’s a real sense of pride in being part of something that’s built to last.”

**More than a century of impact**

Few companies have had as deep or as lasting an impact on the forest products industry as Weyerhaeuser.

The company’s early interest in forest fire protection and sustainable forestry laid a foundation for many modern forest management practices and proved that growing, harvesting and replanting trees on a continuous cycle could be done broadly and permanently with the right stewardship. Later investments in research and development, combined with the company’s growing focus on safety — especially over the past 50 years — improved operational efficiencies across the supply chain and made working in the forest products sector safer for generations of loggers, machine operators and mill workers.

Today, the company manages 100 percent of its forests to internationally recognized sustainable forest management standards and produces wood products that support residential homes and other construction applications, as well as countless other products that are essential to everyday life.

Looking back, here are just some of the ways Weyerhaeuser has shaped the industry:

### Forest Fire Protection

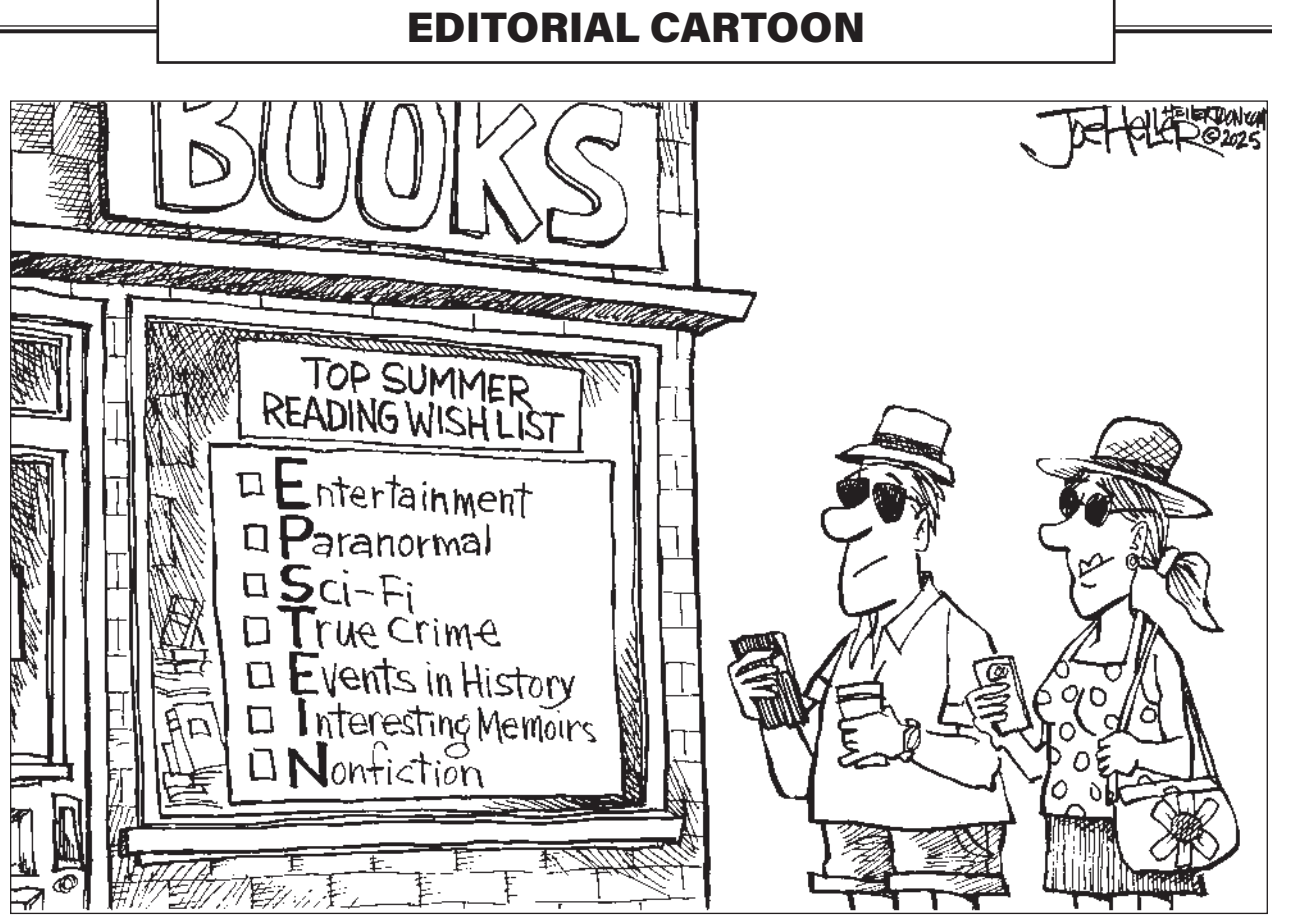
The Yacolt Burn in 1902 destroyed nearly 15,000 acres of Weyerhaeuser’s land in southwest Washington state and launched the company’s leadership in protecting forests from wildfire. Today, the company uses advanced technology, including satellite imaging, drones and airplanes to detect and monitor fires — and works with partners to support the mental health of wildland firefighters.

### Embracing Innovation

Weyerhaeuser’s pursuit of innovation led the company to open the nation’s first all-electric sawmill (1915), introduce one of the first portable power saws and an early version of the forklift (1920s), use helicopters to reforest backcountry areas (late 1940s) and assemble one of the most advanced computer centers in the industry (1960s). Today, Weyerhaeuser continues to implement new technologies across its operations, including robotics and artificial intelligence, to improve efficiency and safety.

### Making Quality Products

Weyerhaeuser’s launch of its 4-Square® brand lumber in 1928 set a standard for product quality that continues to this day. Playing off the company’s reputation for “square dealing”, the 4-Square brand featured select grades of product cut to exact dimensions,



precisely squared and neatly wrapped.

### Establishing Tree Farms

In 1941, Weyerhaeuser established the nation’s first certified tree farm. The Clemons Tree Farm in Washington state helped launch the American Tree Farm movement and served as a vast laboratory for the company’s foresters to test emerging regeneration theories. In 1986, Weyerhaeuser planted its two billionth seedling and continues to plant more than 100 million trees each year to ensure the long-term health and continuity of its forests.

### High Yield Forestry

Weyerhaeuser’s introduction of High Yield Forestry in 1967 advocated the planting of seedlings within a year of harvest, soil fertilization, thinning, brushland rehabilitation and tree improvement through selective breeding. The practice doubled the annual growth per acre on Weyerhaeuser-managed forestlands in the West and quadrupled yields in the South, while supporting healthier ecosystems.

Weyerhaeuser still owns and manages more than 400,000 acres of the original timberlands it acquired in 1900. Some of those timberlands are now on their third rotation — proof that the sustainable forestry practices the company pioneered work and can continue supporting the many benefits these forests provide for generations to come.

*Submitted by the Weyerhaeuser Company. Weyerhaeuser has an operation at 77629 S. Pacific Highway in Cottage Grove.*

## GUEST COLUMN

# The real housing crisis

**RANDY STAPILUS**  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Oregon has a housing crisis. And with it, good reason for establishing the state Housing Accountability and Production Office, which Gov. Tina Kotek launched on July 1 after it was first authorized in 2024 legislation.

In announcing the new housing accountability office, Kotek remarked, “My North Star is for every Oregonian to be able to afford a home. Our economic prosperity depends on it. I believe that we can get this done.”

If that is to happen, the target should be clear: There is no large crisis in the raw amount or supply of housing. The crisis lies in its price.

In this current decade, Oregon’s population increased only slightly, from about 4.2 million at the decade’s start, to about 4.3 million now, and there’s been no mass destruction of housing. Not a lot of houses are needed to service the population growth, since before the price explosion a half-decade ago, at a time when housing wasn’t widely seen as in notably short supply.

Legislative Republicans this April complained that in the last three years only about 43,000 building permits for residences had been issued in the state, well below the governor’s plan for 108,000. But the state’s number of households rose by about the same amount during that time. The new construction that happened should, in theory, have been enough to keep up with it.

In 2023 (the most recent year available), Oregon had

about 1.75 million “households” with the average household comprising 2.4 people, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

That same year, the Census counted in the state 1.88 million “housing units” — over 100,000 more housing units than the number of households — including “a house, an apartment, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters.” It doesn’t include some other residential places, such as trailer and mobile home parks.

The upshot is that Oregon, like most states, has more residential units than households.

And there is no crisis for people of sufficient means. Anyone who can afford to plunk down a half-million or so (which includes many existing homeowners, in or out of state) will not have much trouble finding a house. People below that level, a large part of the population, may find that a house (or in some places apartment rentals, too) are simply out of reach.

The problem with Oregon’s housing crisis is affordability. The median house value in Oregon (which reflects purchase prices) as of May was \$540,300, according to online real estate market platform Zillow. One home-buying calculator estimates that if a purchaser puts down 18% for the home — the median downpayment of home buyers in the U.S., according to the National Association of Realtors — they would need to have more than \$97,000 saved, and earn more than

\$120,000 per year to afford their mortgage payments. That means fewer than a fifth of Oregon households could afford a median-priced house based on income. (Sales by owners of currently owned houses could expand that number.)

Despite the limited pool of buyers, prices have climbed and stayed high.

Why? Oregon’s notably strict laws on land use are often mentioned as a cause of the problem. They may contribute to it, but many other states — such as next-door Idaho — have far fewer building restrictions but still have house pricing problems as bad, or worse, as Oregon’s.

High priced homes can be more profitable for builders and developers, so they build more of them.

But the key explanation for why so many more houses are purchased, compared to the number of local residents who can buy, seems to be that relatively wealthy investors — individuals and especially businesses — are buying large numbers of houses and apartments in Oregon, and around the country.

Many national studies have found as much.

Redfin News, which tracks home sales nationally, said last August that investor home buying has been rising steadily in recent years — about 3% annually — and bought one of every six U.S. homes that sold — purchasing \$43 billion worth of properties — and one of every four low-priced homes that sold.

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## Weekly Online Poll

Would you like to see more concerts and other year-round events at Bohemia Park?

- Yes  
 No

## Previous Poll Results

How would you rate the overall community livability in Cottage Grove?

- 13.3% Excellent  
 26.7% Good  
 40% Needs work  
 20% Poor



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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
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**CGS25-153**

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73457** Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by TESS FLECK, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor to EVERGREEN LAND TITLE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for EVERETT FINANCIAL, INC. DBA SUPREME LENDING, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 11/20/2023, recorded 11/22/2023, as Instrument No. 2023-033613, in mortgage records of Lane County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 6, SPRUCE SUBDIVISION, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 68, PAGE 14, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 2135 24TH ST FLORENCE, OREGON 97439 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 18-12-23-34-01200 1 115821 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 1 1/1/2024, 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: 11/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$10,786.61 Late Charges: \$295.80 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,157.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,064.50 Total necessary to cure: \$14,293.34 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: \$168,548.70 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 9/24/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.1 10, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Front Entrance to the Lane County Courthouse, 125 East 8th Avenue, 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 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: 5/15/2025 ZBS Law, LLP By: Dirk Schouten, OSB #115153 Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4843972 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025, 08/06/2025

**CGS25-156**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Rebecca Cassada, the appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of CURT EVERETT HOOVER aka EVERETT HOOVER, deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 23PB05852, has filed a Motion for an Order to Remove Lienholder from Car Title. The judge signed an Order on Motion for Alternative Service on June 16, 2025. Ann Hoover is the current lienholder on a 1968 Ford Mustang, VIN: 8R01C150288. Ann Hoover passed away on February 17, 2014 in Dexter, Oregon. Ann Hoover was the spouse of Curtis Hoover at the time of her death. All persons having interest in this matter, including the heirs of Ann Hoover, are required to file a responsive document or enter an appearance in the Lane County Circuit within 20 days of the first date of this publication in order to be heard in this matter. 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: July 16, 2025. /s/ Rebecca Cassada, Personal Representative

**CGS25-151**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON LANE COUNTY No. 25CV32529** SUMMONS(Publication) SHAUN FERGUSON, Plaintiff, vs LOUISE HARBICK; CECILE LYNCH; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CARL M. KEBELBECK and DENISE A. KEBELBECK; ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 75426 WILLIAMS CREEK LOOP, COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON 97424 AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, Defendants. TO: Defendants You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" (or "reply") must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. The relief sought in the Complaint is to for adverse possession and quiet title to the following real property: 75426 WILLIAMS CREEK LOOP, COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON 97424 AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT. Date of First Publication:07/09/2025 Dated: June 25, 2025 /s/ Matthew Cleverley Matthew R. Cleverley, OSB #932359 Fidelity National Law Group 601 Union Street, Suite 3225 Seattle, Washington 98101 206-224-6003 Matthew.Cleverley@fnf.com Attorney for Plaintiff A-4846758 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025

**CGS25-149**

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73216** Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by

DAKOTA GRIESEL AND ANNA BLACK as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 6/18/2024, recorded 6/21/2024, as Instrument No. 2024-017120, in mortgage records of Lane County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 53, RIVENDELL SECOND ADDITION, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED OCTOBER 5, 2007, RECEPTION NO. 2007-069140, LANE COUNTY DEEDS AND RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 3470 CABERNET LN EUGENE, OREGON 97404 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 1800471 / 1704102111000 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 9/1/2024, 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: 9/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$44,800.22 Late Charges: \$1,042.86 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,462.85 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,197.00 Total necessary to cure: \$49,502.93 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: \$684,954.46 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 9/12/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.1 10, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 125 East 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 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: 5/2/2025 ZBS Law, LLP Dirk Schouten, OSB#1 15153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4842841 07/02/2025, 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: X equals M

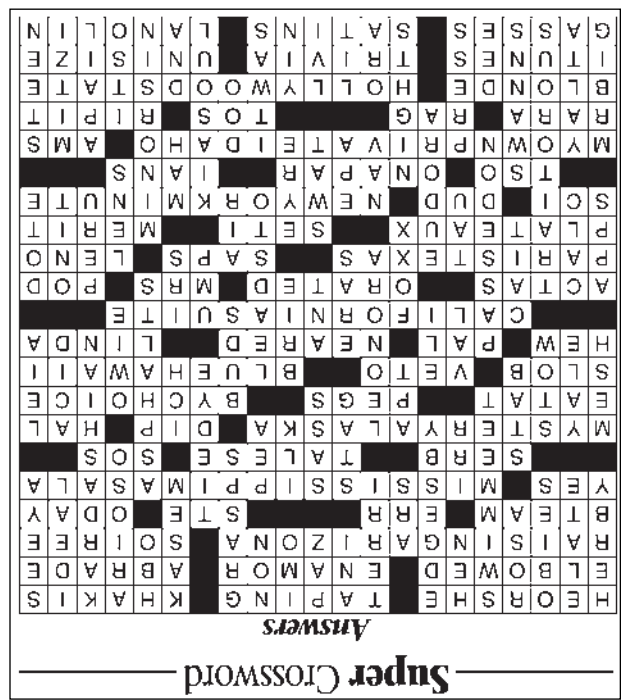
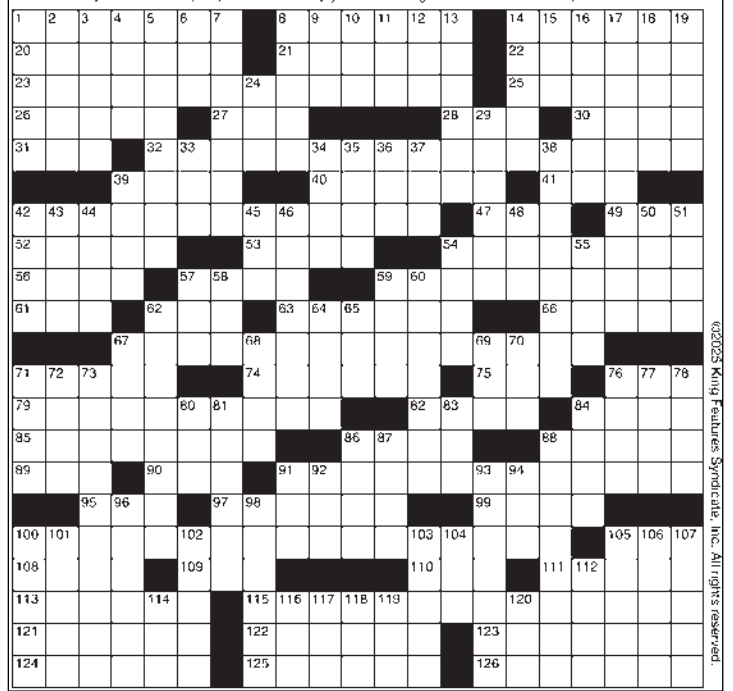
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### Super Crossword AMERICAN CINEMA

- ACROSS**
- 1 Gender-motivative phrase
  - 8 Recording on a cassette
  - 14 Drib military wear
  - 20 Justified, in a way
  - 21 Fill with love
  - 22 West away
  - 23 1987 Nicolas Cage crime comedy
  - 25 Evening party
  - 26 Second-string sports squad
  - 27 Screw up
  - 28 Reversed Fr. woman
  - 30 Singer Antia
  - 31 'Absolutely!'
  - 32 1991 Denzel Washington drama
  - 39 Certain Slav
  - 40 Novelist Gay
  - 41 'Help,' Jesse Crowe comedy-drama
  - 47 Tango movie
  - 49 Actor Linden
  - 52 Wear away
  - 53 Cribbage pins
  - 54 Voluntarily
  - 56 Messy sort
  - 57 Executive mix
  - 58 1961 Elvis Presley romantic comedy
  - 61 Take an ax to
  - 62 Amigo
  - 63 Got close to
  - 66 Ronsledi
  - 67 1978 Maggie Smith comedy
  - 71 Preferr'd to be
  - 74 Pontificated
  - 75 'M never'
  - 76 37-Down container
  - 78 1984 Henry Dean Stanton road movie
  - 82 Maple fluids
  - 84 Jesting Jay
  - 85 Tablelands, French-style
  - 86 Org. looking for aliens
  - 88 Deserve
  - 89 Eco!, or biol.
  - 90 Film bomb
  - 91 2004 Olsen twins teen comedy
  - 95 'General' on a Chinese menu
  - 97 Even (with)
  - 99 Fleming and McKellen
  - 100 1991 River Phoenix drama
  - 105 Morning times, in brief
  - 106 - avis
  - 108 Daring cloth
  - 110 Talking- (lectures)
  - 111 Smack the baseball hard
  - 113 Flaxen-ha red woman
  - 115 Flotuous college whose name would be fitting for this puzzle
  - 121 Apple media player
  - 122 Quiz show fodder
  - 123 Designed to fit most people
  - 124 Argon and region
  - 125 Slimy fabrics
  - 126 Ingredient in emollients
  - 3 Some theater awards
  - 4 Parks who played pit
  - 5 Pool contest
  - 6 Pulit, e.g.
  - 7 Slips past carefully
  - 8 Naturalist
  - 9 DiFranco of song
  - 10 La - 'Bo'via
  - 11 'I believe,' to a letter
  - 12 Prefix with profit
  - 13 Holds firmly
  - 14 DJ Casey
  - 15 'Watchmen' network
  - 16 Melodious
  - 17 Reality TV family name
  - 18 Paragon
  - 19 'Adios!'
  - 24 Skill, lo Cato
  - 29 Many a '60s T-shirt
  - 33 Sale bn actor
  - 34 Antlered deer
  - 35 Gettippy with
  - 38 Sort
  - 37 Soup voggio
  - 38 Road paving materials
  - 39 Wild guess
  - 42 Net fabric
  - 43 Harvard rival
  - 44 Pack away
  - 45 Germans
  - 46 'I Trovatore'
  - 48 German 'I'
  - 49 Caustic liquid
  - 51 Sister of Luke
  - 54 Amigos
  - 55 Tor's injury
  - 57 Kimer of film
  - 58 Director Roth
  - 59 Soft cheese
  - 60 Brings about
  - 62 Heaved
  - 64 Epochs
  - 65 Wee colonist
  - 67 Reality star
  - 68 Actor Jamie
  - 69 Sports arbiter
  - 70 TeleTax org.
  - 71 Downloads for iDevs
  - 72 Class taken after trg
  - 73 Like turncoats
  - 76 Land of Lima
  - 77 Tending to the matter
  - 78 Lavish love (on)
  - 80 Fraternity 'T'
  - 81 Writer Wety
  - 83 Inhaled stuff
  - 84 Eye part
  - 85 Smack hard
  - 87 Literary Jane
  - 88 Studies as a secondary focus
  - 91 Like sailors' mil. branch
  - 92 Ecol. monitor
  - 93 South Korean compact car
  - 94 - song
  - 95 'Way' (Proust novel volume)
  - 98 Dark periods
  - 100 Head boncho
  - 101 Chimean port
  - 102 Part of UPI
  - 103 - my pleasure'
  - 104 'Cock-a-doodle-'
  - 105 ... to fetch
  - 106 Actress
  - 107 Artist Jan
  - 112 'You never had - good'
  - 114 Bad grade
  - 116 - pro nobis
  - 117 Ignited
  - 118 Vtl occupied
  - 119 Yang's partner
  - 120 Genetic ID



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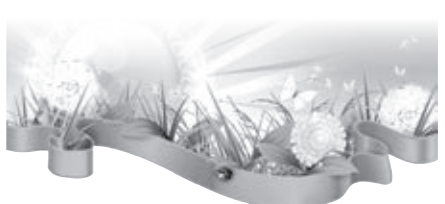
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# 'Fix-It-Booths' coming soon to Cottage Grove, Florence, Oakridge

Waste Wise Lane County, a part of Lane County Waste Management has announced a new initiative to bring free repair services to rural communities through "Fix-It Booths."

Residents near Cottage Grove, Florence, and Oakridge can now bring their broken household items to scheduled events and work with volunteer fixers to get them repaired—free of charge.

The booths will run from now through early fall.

Unlike larger Fix-It Fairs, which feature multiple repair experts at a single event, the Fix-It Booth model will offer a single fixer at a time, allowing for more frequent repair opportunities. This approach ensures rural communities have ongoing access to repair services, reducing waste and saving residents money.



Courtesy from Lane County

**Fix-it Fairs are free public events where attendees work w/ volunteer fixers to repair everyday household items for free, according to organizers.**

**Event Details**

Where: Cottage Grove, Florence and Oakridge Farmers Markets. See schedules and locations at [fixitlanecounty.org/calendar](http://fixitlanecounty.org/calendar).

**Cost: Free**

What to bring: Small household items in need of repair (e.g., clothing, small appliances, electronics, etc.) Please visit [fixitlanecounty.org/calendar](http://fixitlanecounty.org/calendar) for specifics before attending.

Since 2023, Lane County has hosted five Fix-It Fairs, serving hundreds of residents and diverting countless items from landfills. However, rural communities have expressed a need for more frequent repair opportunities. The new Rural Fix-It Booth Project addresses this gap by providing consistent, accessible repair services where they're needed most.

"We're thrilled to expand our repair services

## New in Town

Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Sentinel

**Four new businesses have located at the Safeway shopping center complex in Cottage Grove, Washers and dryers were being installed at the new laundry facility at the northwest corner of the complex on Monday, July 14. The facility is next door to Royal Luxe Nails & Spa. Cottage Grove Physical Therapy and a State Farm Insurance office most recently opened at the complex.**

through this innovative model," Waste Management Division Manager d Jeff Orlandini said. "By setting up at local markets and events, we can help more people fix instead of replace, keeping usable items out of the waste stream and supporting sustainable habits."

In addition to the Fix-It Booths, Lane County will also host a traditional Fix-It Fair in Springfield later this year on September 21.

For more information, visit [FixItLaneCounty.org/calendar](http://FixItLaneCounty.org/calendar) or follow Waste Wise Lane County on social media.

**About Waste Wise Lane County**

Waste Wise Lane County—a part of the Lane County Waste Management Division—empowers residents, schools, and businesses with education, tools, and resources that can be used to reduce waste, conserve resources, and live more sustainably. For more information, visit [lanecounty.gov/wastewise](http://lanecounty.gov/wastewise).

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## CRISIS

From Page 5

Redfin found that during the 2nd quarter of 2024 in Portland, 13% of homes sold (valued at \$511,419,529) were bought by investors, an amount rising in recent years. Many homes are then flipped and resold for still higher prices. All of that activity places upward pressure on sales prices of other homes as well.

A variety of buyers have been among the mass purchasers. Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley has for several years focused on the role of hedge

funds in home buys, and with U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, a Democrat from Washington, introduced in 2023 the End Hedge Fund Control of American Homes Act.

Merkley called hedgefunds, "a contributing factor that has made it more difficult for middle-class Americans to become homeowners and is contributing to America's twin crises of housing unaffordability and wealth inequality."

Others have disagreed about how large a role the finance organizations have played. But someone can afford to buy all those houses — in many cases well beyond the asking price — and

less-wealthy wage earners cannot compete.

That would be a real and pertinent, albeit sensitive, topic for the new state agency to address. Until someone does, the housing shortage for most Oregonians will go on.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/07/10/the-real-housing-crisis/>  
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## THREAT

From Page 1

the cause is still undetermined for most of the others. Ten fires so far have been determined to be human caused.

Most of the fires are in southern Oregon, and all but one of the fires was first discovered within the last two weeks. Nearly half occurred or are burning in Jackson County, six in Josephine County, five in Jefferson County and four in Klamath County.

The Department of Environmental Quality on Wednesday advised residents in Klamath and Jefferson counties to stay indoors and avoid being outside doing

vigorous physical activity due to smoke from the Hagelstein and Elk fires.

No fatalities have been recorded this fire season, but six people have been injured. At least five structures have been recorded damaged or destroyed and only in the Elk Fire.

More than 2,200 Oregonians at nearly 900 addresses are currently in an evacuation zone, according to the state fire dashboard. More than half are at the Level 1 "Be Ready" stage. More than 800 are in the Level 2 "Be Set" stage, meaning they should be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. More than 200 are at the Level 3 "Go Now" stage, meaning they are in extreme danger and should be evacuating or already evacuated.

Kotek in her news release also encouraged Oregonians who believe they've been charged excessive prices or fees for essential goods and services during a wildfire emergency to report those claims to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Services.

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