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The nine Cottage Grove City Council Candidates taking questions during the Oct. 9 community forum.

CINDY WEELDREYER / COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

# Council Candidates' Forum draws large crowd

**CINDY WEELDREYER**  
*For The Cottage Grove Sentinel*

It was a full house in the Community Center Shepherd Room for the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce's candidate's forum conducted Wednesday night, Oct. 9. Nearly 100 people participated in the forum – among them were 10 candidates on the Nov. 5 ballot who answered six questions presented by the Chamber's Legislative Committee.

In the interest of fairness, the five audience questions were vetted by members of two local political advocacy groups: The Blackberry Pie Society and the Cottage Grove 912 Project.

Cottage Grove Sentinel Editor Jeremy Ruark and KNND Radio's General Manager Cameron Reiten facilitated the three-hour meeting. They posed questions to the unusually large field of candidates resulting from the July special election

that recalled Alex Dreher, Mike Fleck and Chalice Savage.

**PARTICIPATING CANDIDATES**

**Mayor** First term incumbent Mayor Candace Solesbee and challenger Ward 3 Councilor Dana Merryday

**At-Large Position** (formerly held by Dreher) Candidates Richard Andrew and Darrel Wilson. Patrick Cartwright's health issues prevented him from participating and Bernie

Donner withdrew after the deadline to removed his name from the ballot.

**At-Large Position** (formerly held by Fleck) Candidates Chris Holomon and Jim Settlemeier

**Ward 1** (formerly held by Savage) Kevin Adamski His fellow Ward 1 candidate, Christine Hyink, was unable to participate due to a work commitment.

**Ward 2** With Councilor Jon Stinnett moving to Eugene and only Randell Lammerman seeking to be his successor, at the Sept. 23 council

meeting, Stinnett resigned and the council appointed Lammerman to serve the remaining three months of the four-year term.

**Ward 4** Incumbent Greg Ervin is running unopposed.

**THE QUESTIONS**

The Chamber Legislative Committee's question topics were about enhancing economic development, the value of tax incentives to

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# School enrollment shows gains, losses

**CINDY WEELDREYER**  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Interim Superintendent Brian McCasline presented a detailed report about the district's current enrollment at the South Lane School Board's Oct. 7 meeting.

The data highlighted enrollment numbers at the start of this new academic year with comparisons to this time last year. He said there are more students starting this year compared to the enrollment at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

than in September 2023. London, the other rural school, has 72 students, up from 64 last year. Dorena has 27 middle school students and London has 19.

"The gain at Dorena is a testament to what the staff is working on to achieve academic gains and they are doing a great job," McCasline said.

At the two in-town elementary schools, Harrison is starting the year with 453 students, down 13 from last year.

Bohemia enrollment is 441, up 8 students from last year.



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**As of Sept. 13, there are 2,205 students in the district, which is 43 students more than the 2,162 students at the end of last school year.**

He analyzed the data looking for enrollment trends in specific grades across the district and found no noticeable patterns.

The district has two charter schools: Child's Way in Culp Creek and the Academy of Character Education (ACE), Child's Way is

also an alternative school. The combined enrollment in these schools is 420 that includes the 28 alternative school students at Child's Way.

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# Cottage Grove murder suspect arrested

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

Law enforcement agents have captured a Cottage Grove murder suspect in Portland.

In June, a deceased female was located in the Cottage Grove area who appeared to be the victim of homicide.

Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) detectives identified the victim 29-year-old Rozaleena Faith Rasmussen, a missing person from Cottage Grove.

Detectives identified the suspect as Anthony Wesley Tyrrell, 31, of Cottage Grove. A nationwide warrant was issued for his arrest for Murder in the 2nd Degree. LCSO detectives tracked Tyrrell to Portland and worked with area agencies on the case.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, Portland Police Bureau officers arrested Tyrrell on the warrant and additional local charges while investigating an unrelated incident.

LCSO detectives are continuing to investigate the case while Tyrrell is in custody at the Multnomah County Jail. A date is pending for when Tyrrell is expected to be brought back to Lane County to face the murder charge.

The LCSO has been assisted in the case by the Portland Police Bureau, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, U.S. Marshals Service, and Oregon State Police.

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# Downtown window smashing suspect sentenced

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*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

A Cottage Grove man arrested for smashing several business windows Aug. 21, has been sentenced to three years of supervised probation.

Court records show three charges of criminal mischief, and one charge of resisting arrest were dismissed against 37-year-old Jacob J. Schott during sentencing Oct. 4. The plea deal included 45 days in the Lane County Jail with credit for time served.

Police were called to Cottage Grove’s Historic District at approximately 12:30 a.m. Aug. 21, after South Lane 9-1-1 received reports of a male in 700 block of East Main Street breaking windows out of businesses along the street.

Police officers were nearby and responded immediately to the area where they contacted

Schott and attempted to take him into custody, according to Cottage Grove Police Chief Cory Chase.

“During the arrest, one officer was assaulted before the officers were able to successfully take Schott into custody,” Chase said. “The injured officer was taken to Peace Health Cottage Grove Community Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries and released.”

Schott broke windows in nine businesses in the 700 and 800 blocks of E. Main Street using the metal pole of a street sign he had broken, according to Chase.

Following his arrest, Schott was transported to the Lane County Jail where he was booked and lodged.

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce launched a community donation drive following the



JEREMY C. RUARK / COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

**The colorful heart had been drawn on the board that covers the broken window at the KNND Radio station along Main Street in Cottage Grove.**

vandalism incident to help the business owners pay for the window repairs. The donation drive raised \$6,000, according to Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce President Cameron Reiten, who said the donations were to be matched by the City of Cottage Grove through the city’s historic facade fund.

In a Sentinel story published in mid-September, Reiten said the window vandalism had connected the community.

“Not only as Chamber president, but as the owner of one of the businesses that was effected, I am deeply humbled and grateful for the support of



JEREMY C. RUYARK / COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

**The morning after the vandalism, business owner Skye Felton began to repair his shops front window.**

the community, which really just rallied around us and helped us out financially but also for the ones who helped clean up and buy the plywood to temporarily board up the windows and who just stepped up wherever there was a need.”

Reiten called the help, “a special hallmark of Cottage Grove.”

“When there’s challenge and hard times, people in the community really step up,” he said. “I am deeply grateful.”

## 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, SEPTEMBER 30**
- 00:02: Suspicious vehicle, Hwy 99/Row River Rd
  - 01:08: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 03:00: Nuisance, 6th/ Main
  - 07:54: Illegal camping, 1100 block E. Main St.
  - 08:07: Info, 900 block N. 9th St.
  - 09:20: Fire, 400 block S. 2nd St.
  - 09:46: Illegal parking, 1900 block S. 6th St.
  - 10:53: Dog at large, 700 block Row River Rd.
  - 11:31: Citizen assist, 1000 block E. Washington Ave.
  - 12:14: Illegal parking, 6th/Grant
  - 12:57: Criminal mischief, 600 block E. Washington Ave.
  - 12:58: Criminal mischief, 100 block S. 16th St.
  - 13:23: Hit and run, 800 block Row River Rd.
  - 14:14: Animal info, 900 block Row River Rd.
  - 14:34: Found property, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 15:21: Theft, 1500 block E. Main St.
  - 18:03: Child abuse, 1100 block Pennoyer Ave.
  - 19:13: Suspicious vehicle, 700 block South R St.
  - 19:43: Bike stop, 200 block N. 14th St.
  - 20:06: Harassment, 1400 block S. 8th St.
  - 22:04: Mental, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 22:41: Fire, 1100 block E. Main St.
  - 23:16: Burglary, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**
- 1:15: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
  - 01:24: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 02:27: Fraud, 600 block S. 5th St.
  - 03:37: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block S. River Rd.
  - 06:17: Wild animal info, Gateway Blvd/Tyler
  - 08:28: Info, N. 9th/Chadwick
  - 08:44: Found property, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 09:48: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block N. 16th St.
  - 10:14: Found property, N. 19th/Oswald West
  - 11:00: Found property, 700 block N. River Rd.
  - 11:00: Abandoned vehicle, E. Madison Ave/S. 2nd St.
  - 11:10: Found property, 200 block Cherry Ct.
  - 11:30: Shots fired, 200 block Davidson Ave.
  - 12:22: Trespass, 79000 block Hwy 99
  - 12:30: Child abuse, 1100 block Chadwick Ave.
  - 13:18: Abandoned vehicle, 1300 block S. River Rd.
  - 13:42: Traffic hazard, N. Douglas/99
  - 14:41: Theft, 1500 block E. Main St.
  - 14:55: Suicide, 400 block Taylor Ave.
  - 15:11: Motor vehicle crash, 1400 block S. 8th St.
  - 15:43: Abandoned vehicle, Lord/11th
  - 17:36: Disturbance, Main/99
  - 17:55: Civil, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 18:17: Juvenile, 1100 block S. 10th St.
  - 18:44: Business check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 21:11: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
  - 22:58: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.
  - 23:04: Welfare check, 1200 block Hwy 99
  - 23:25: Warrant service, 1500 block E. Main St.
  - 23:47: Welfare check, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2**
- 00:35: Incomplete 911, 800 block Kristen Way
  - 07:56: Illegal camping, N. Douglas/Ostrander
  - 08:23: Illegal parking, 700 block S. 3rd St.

- 08:27: Info, S. 3rd/ Washington
  - 09:41: Hit and run, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 10:28: Info, 1600 block Curry Ave.
  - 10:49: Motor vehicle crash, Harris Dr./London Rd.
  - 11:39: Disturbance, 1700 block S. 5th St.
  - 11:45: Alarm, 2400 block Jim Wright Way
  - 12:29: Theft, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 13:17: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99
  - 13:20: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block E. Harrison Ave.
  - 14:13: Ambulance, 900 block S. 11th St.
  - 15:04: Hit and run, 1200 block Hwy 99
  - 15:54: Welfare check, 400 block N. J St.
  - 16:17: Assault, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
  - 16:57: Disturbance, 1300 block S. 6th St.
  - 18:05: Welfare check, 6th/99
  - 18:08: Disturbance, 700 block Hwy 99
  - 21:01: Juvenile, 1800 block E. Main St.
  - 22:25: Disturbance, Bikepath Safeway
  - 23:03: Alarm, 1200 block Pennoyer Ave.
  - 23:12: Suspicious vehicle, 1400 block N. Douglas St.
  - 23:58: Business check, American Market
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3**
- 00:31: Welfare check, 1500 block Village Dr.
  - 01:32: Alarm, 700 block Row River Rd.
  - 02:01: Business check, 1500 block Village Dr.
  - 03:53: Suspicious condition, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 04:06: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
  - 05:52: Suspicious condition, 900 block Row River Rd.
  - 07:11: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 08:06: Trespass, 100 block North H St.
  - 09:21: Info, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 11:08: Wanted subject, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 11:30: ATL, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 11:36: Warrant service, 500 block Hwy 99

- 12:47: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block E. Jefferson Ave.
  - 13:01: Motor vehicle crash, Hwy99/Main
  - 13:09: Hit and run, 500 block Hwy 99
  - 13:22: Dog at large, N. 11th/Pennoyer Ave.
  - 13:30: Citizen assist, 1700 block E. Washington Ave.
  - 13:50: Dog at large, N. Douglas St/Vincent Pl.
  - 14:07: Info, 2700 block Row River Rd.
  - 14:32: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 14:51: Info, 79000 block Delight Valley School Rd.
  - 15:20: Vehicle impound, 900 block Row River Rd.
  - 16:42: Disturbance, 1300 block Pennoyer Ave.
  - 17:30: Juvenile, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 17:35: Hit and run, 900 block Row River Rd.
  - 18:26: Agency assist, 700 block E. Main St.
  - 19:21: Welfare check, 1700 block E. Washington Ave.
  - 19:52: Disorderly subject, 100 block Village Dr.
  - 20:21: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 21:30: Animal info, 1100 block E. Main St
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 4**
- 01:30: Nuisance, 500 block Hwy 99
  - 02:05: Park exclusion, 100 block S. 10th St.
  - 02:12: Citizen assist, CGPD
  - 02:58: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.
  - 03:09: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 04:39: Suspicious condition, Hwy 99/Abbott Ln
  - 05:37: Bike stop, W. Main/J
  - 07:29: Alarm, 1200 block Birch Ave.
  - 07:46: Warrant service, N.9th/Whiteaker
  - 08:25: Property found, 300 block Coop Ct.
  - 08:37: Welfare check, 10 block N. 14th St.
  - 09:35: Agency assist, Hwy 99 Camp
  - 10:02: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 10:16: Fraud, 600 block Arthur Ave.

- 10:47: Order violation, 900 block Kristen Way
- 10:59: Criminal mischief, 1200 block S. River Rd.
- 11:58: Welfare check, 100 block Buttercup Lp.
- 12:15: Agency assist, Hwy 99 Camp
- 13:04: Trespass, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 13:26: Trespass, Hwy 99 Camp
- 13:43: Motor vehicle crash, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 14:33: Alarm, 200 block Hwy 99
- 15:03: Disorderly subject, 700 block Hwy 99
- 16:24: Hit and run, N. 6th/Main
- 16:30: Trespass, 100 block N. P St.
- 17:16: Alarm, 500 block E. Main St.
- 17:19: Theft, 1100 block S. 10th St.
- 17:26: Animal info, 100 block N. 14th St.
- 18:36: Alarm, 1700 block Pritchett Pl.
- 18:59: Citizen assist, 400 block E. Main St.
- 22:07: Disturbance, S. 6th/Grant
- 23:06: Info, 400 block E. Main St.
- 23:41: Nuisance, N. 9th/Thayer
- 23:59: Info, 400 block E. Main St.
- Saturday, October 5, 2024
- 00:24: Nuisance, 700 block N. 9th St.
- 01:21: Suspicious condition, 900 block E. Main St.
- 03:19: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 07:20: Trespass, 1100 block E. Main St.
- 07:44: Motor vehicle crash, S 15th St/Main
- 07:46: Dog at large, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 10:27: Citizen assist, 3200 block Row River Rd.
- 10:56: Dog at large, 1400 block S. 6th St.
- 11:02: ATL, 3000 block Row River Rd.
- 12:23: Warrant service, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 13:04: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 13:09: Abandoned vehicle, 900 block N. 19th St.
- 13:11: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.
- 14:02: Trespass, Hwy 99 Camp
- 14:10: Missing person, 1100 block Chestnut Ave.
- 14:29: Criminal mischief, 1300 block Pennoyer Ave.
- 15:32: Juvenile, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 15:51: Info, 200 block N. 12th St.

- 16:14: Welfare check, 1700 block E. Main St.
  - 17:56: Motor vehicle crash, 76000 block London Rd.
  - 18:11: Citizen assist, 16th/Chamberlain
  - 18:21: Disturbance, Main/8th
  - 18:45: Disturbance, N. River Rd/99
  - 18:55: Disorderly subject, 800 block E. Main St.
  - 18:58: Business check, 1200 block E. Main St.
  - 19:00: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 19:58: DUII ATL, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 20:43: Suspicious condition, 1300 block S. River Rd.
  - 21:28: Hit and run, 800 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
  - 22:14: Reckless driving, 100 block Crestview Terrace
  - 22:57: Suspicious vehicle, 3200 block Row River Rd.
  - 23:07: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 23:48: Suspicious vehicle, Hwy 99/River Rd.
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**
- 01:01: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block S. River Rd.
  - 01:38: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 03:53: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
  - 07:26: Trespass, 1100 block E. Main St
  - 10:01: Animal info, 100 block E. Harrison Ave.
  - 10:43: Welfare check, 100 block N. 14th St.
  - 13:33: Stolen vehicle, 1700 block E. Washington Ave.
  - 13:34: Alarm, 900 block S. 6th St.
  - 13:42: Animal info, S. 13th/Jefferson Ave.
  - 13:52: Abandoned vehicle, 900 block S. 6th St.
  - 15:36: Found dog, 2700 block Mosby Creek Rd.
  - 16:00: Warrant service, S. River Rd/99
  - 16:54: Disturbance, 1300 block E. Main St.
  - 18:11: Info, 800 block Row River Rd.
  - 18:37: Stabbing, 1500 block Village Dr.
  - 19:37: Hit and run, 400 block E. Main St.
  - 20:59: Theft, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
  - 23:21: Dog at large, 8th/Lincoln

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Event Coordinator Shari Skadburg and her senior dog Percy participate in the 18th Annual Humane Society of Cottage Grove's Bow Wow Around Town on Saturday morning, Oct. 5.



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Participants prepare for a walk with their four-legged companions just before the start of the annual Bow Wow Around Town.



BRADLY SHEPHERD FOR THE SENTINEL

Two four-legged participants patiently wait for their owners to register for the 18th Annual Bow Wow Around Town.

## Bow Wow Around Town offers fun, raises cash

### STAFF REPORT

The 18th Annual Bow Wow Around Town raised \$100 for the Humane Society of Cottage Grove.

The fundraiser was held Saturday, Oct. 5 and designed as an opportunity for dog owners to socialize with their

pets and other members of the community.

"Spend tie with you dog. Meet other dog lovers. Get some exercise and support

the Humane Society," a flyer designed by organizers reads.

The Bow Wow Around Town began at Prospector Park at 913 S River Road in

Cottage Grove. Participants were able to walk a 2-mile loop along River Road to Cottage Grove High School, along R Street, to Main Street,

through Silk Creek Park, and back to Prospector Park.

## Oregon joining bipartisan group of states suing TikTok over accusations of addicting young people

### LYNN TERRY

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon is set to file a lawsuit against TikTok over allegations that the popular social media company is endangering youth and trying to addict them.

With the state's courts closed on Tuesday for a software upgrade, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said the suit will be filed Wednesday in Multnomah County Circuit Court. Oregon is joining 13 other attorneys general in suing the company.

The Oregon lawsuit will seek a court injunction against the popular social media company, repayment of profits and penalties up to \$25,000 per violation, Rosenblum said in a release.

"Social media companies, out of basic greed,

intentionally design their platforms to addict users and keep them scrolling," Rosenblum said in a statement. "The more time users spend on the platform, the more money in Tik Tok's pockets! Tragically, it is our youth who are most harmed by these predatory practices."

The complaint said that TikTok's alleged misconduct is an integral part of its business model and that it tries to maximize the time users spend on the site to boost revenues from selling ads, Rosenblum's office said. Officials declined to release a copy of the complaint until it's filed. They said the suit alleges that TikTok has violated Oregon's consumer protection laws by:

"Deploying a content-recommendation system designed to be addictive to maximize

the time young users spend on the platform.

"Using manipulative features to exploit children's psychological vulnerabilities and are deployed to keep kids and teens on the platform for longer.

"Engaging in a scheme that deceptively markets the platform and platform features as promoting young users' safety and well-being."

More than 60% of teens between 13 and 17 years old use the social media site, according to a 2023 Pew Research study. It found that most teens were using TikTok daily.

"From depression and self-harm rates, to impacts on sleep, physical health and emotional well-being, we have a responsibility to look at what's happening to our youth

and hold tech companies accountable," Rosenblum said.

The other attorneys general – both Democrats like Rosenblum and Republicans – filing similar suits are from California, New York, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, South Carolina, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia.

To date, 23 state attorneys general have filed actions against TikTok, including existing actions filed by Utah, Nevada, Indiana, New Hampshire, Nebraska, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas and Texas.

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The complaint says TikTok tries to maximize the time users spend on the site to boost revenues from selling ads.

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## Cottage Grove Police Coffee with a Cop Oct. 18

### JEREMY C. RUARK

Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Cottage grove Police Department resumes its community outreach event, Coffee with a Cop, Oct. 18 at POUR 818 on Main Street in Cottage Grove's Old Town District. The event is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and is designed to offer community members a chance to meet and talk with members

of the Cottage Grove Police Department. The last such session was conducted in February.

"The range of discussion varies but most of the conversations have been getting to know one another and sharing the vision for the police department," Cottage Grove Police Department Administrative Assistant Brooke Crow said.m

"Questions and topics are guided by those guests who attend. We are there to enjoy a cup (or two) of coffee and visit with community members who take time out of their busy days to attend." Crow said the Coffee with a Cop sessions are an important engagement between the CGPD and the community.

"Community engagement such as this is important to

### Coffee With a Cop

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Oct. 18  
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Cottage Grove

the transparency your police department wants to bring the City of Cottage Grove," she said. "We are there to discuss various topics with community members, often those members have been longtime residents of Cottage Grove. We enjoy listening to their stories and answering their questions."



COURTESY PHOTO FROM CGPD

This photo shows community members gathering at the Coffee with a Cop event in February.



## Join Us

**What is CERT?**

South Lane County Fire & Rescue CERT is growing! Come join us!

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. Community members are trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, incident command, and disaster medical operations. Using skills learned in classroom training and drills and exercises, CERT members can assist others after an event and before first responders can arrive on the scene.

Classes are held at the Firehouse on the second Tuesday of every other month. Classes are at the Firehouse in Cottage Grove and Creswell.

To learn more about what CERT members do, visit <https://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps>

**When will the program begin?**

We will begin a recruit class this Winter! We begin with an Orientation Night on **October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at Station 201, 233 E. Harrison Ave. Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

**Who is eligible?**

All community members over 14 years of age.

**How do I apply?**

You can email Division Chief Aaron Smith at [asmith@southlanefire.org](mailto:asmith@southlanefire.org) with questions about the application process. Applications are always accepted however we only hold one class per year.




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# OSU study finds radon linked to child leukemia

**STEVE LUNDEBERG**  
*Guest Article*

A study of more than 700 counties across multiple U.S. states found a link between childhood leukemia and levels of decaying radon gas, including those lower than the federal guideline for mitigation.

The findings are important because there are few established risk factors for cancer in children and the role of the environment has not been explored much, said Oregon State University’s Matthew Bozigar, who led the research.

Radon, a naturally occurring gas, is a product of the radioactive decay of uranium, which is present in certain rocks and soils. Upon escaping from the ground, radon itself decays and emits radioactive particles that can get within the body and collect in many tissues, where they can damage or destroy the cells’ DNA, which can cause cancer.

Odorless, tasteless and colorless, radon gas dilutes quickly in open air and is generally harmless before it decays, but indoors or in areas with poor air exchange, it can easily concentrate to dangerous levels and is recognized as a significant risk factor for lung cancer.

Radon, measured with small, passive detectors and mitigated through passive or active ventilation in basements

and crawl spaces, has not been linked to other cancers, according to the World Health Organization. But in an 18-year statistical modeling study of 727 counties spread among 14 states, Bozigar and collaborators not only found a connection between childhood leukemia and radon, but at concentrations below the Environmental Protection Agency’s recommended guideline for mitigation

Becquerels per cubic meter is a unit for expressing the concentration of radioactive decay in a given volume of air. The EPA says no level of radon is safe and advises that mitigation efforts be taken when radon concentration reaches 148 becquerels per cubic meter; the study considered concentrations as low as half of that.

“This is the largest study of its kind in the U.S., but more robust research is necessary to confirm these findings on an individual level and inform decision-making about health risks from radon in this country and globally,” said Bozigar, an assistant professor in the OSU College of Health.

Leukemia, the most common cancer in children, affects the blood and bone marrow. About 3,000 new cases of childhood leukemia – defined in the study and by the National Institutes of Health as involving patients

up to age 19 – are diagnosed in the United States each year, according to the NIH. The annual incidence rate is 4.8 cases per 100,000 children.

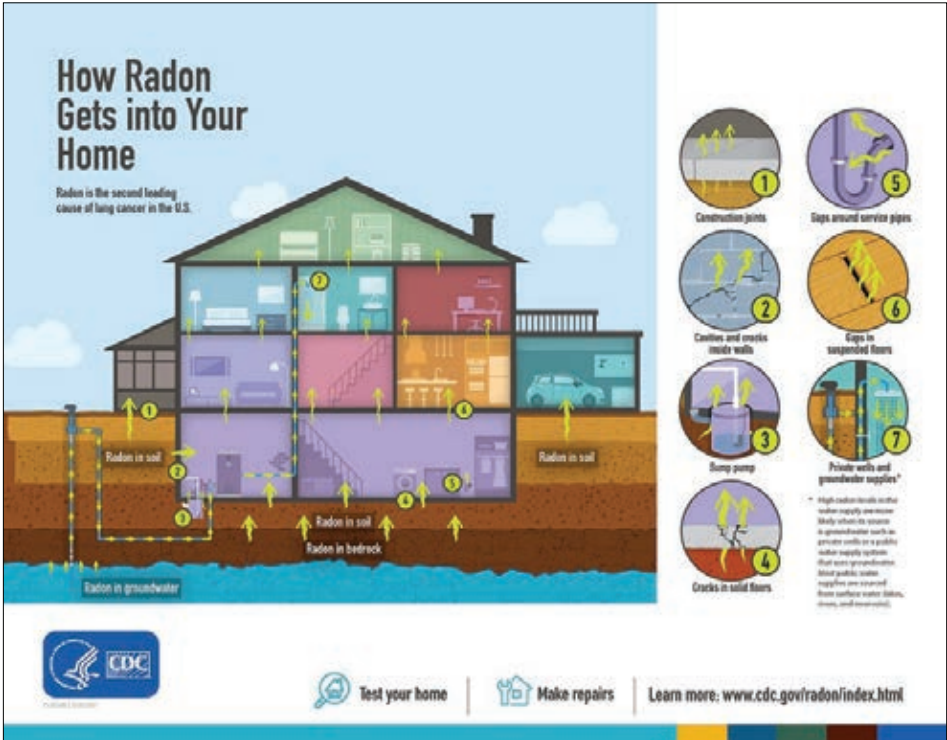
Boys are more likely to receive a leukemia diagnosis than girls, but the research suggests radon increases the likelihood of leukemia in both sexes.

“Our study design only allows us to identify statistical associations and to raise hypotheses, so studies that can better determine whether radon exposure causes childhood leukemia are needed,” Bozigar said.

Counties examined in this study were in the states of Washington, California, Idaho, Utah, New Mexico Iowa, Louisiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Georgia, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The counties are those that during the study period reported their cancer data to the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results registry, a program that collects and analyzes cancer information. Known as SEER, the registry is supported by the National Cancer Institute.

Collaborating with Bozigar were scientists from the National Cancer Institute, Harvard University and Imperial College London.

The research, funded in part by the Environmental



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**Radon, a naturally occurring gas, is a product of the radioactive decay of uranium, which is present in certain rocks and soils. Upon escaping from the ground, radon itself decays and emits radioactive particles that can get within the body and collect in many tissues, where they can damage or destroy the cells’ DNA, which can cause cancer.**

Protection Agency, is published in Science of the Total Environment.

For Bozigar, the research has its roots in personal experience. He grew up in Portland, which has pockets of high radon levels, and noticed what seemed to be a high incidence of cancer, particularly in younger age groups. There were multiple cancer

diagnoses among his own family and friends.

“As an epidemiologist, I started considering possible environmental causes and connected with awesome collaborators who provided important data and other resources to enable innovative new analyses,” he said. “We are working on many different radon studies, and we are continuing

to find harmful effects not limited to the lungs in adults. We will have more to share in the coming months and years as our studies are published.”

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## OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES

**Carrol Lynn Riedell Hunter**  
Oct. 14, 1946 - Sept. 28, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Carrol Lynn Riedell Hunter announce her passing on September 28, 2024. Carrol was the daughter of Margaret and Glen Riedell;

born in Olympia, WA and raised in Eureka, CA.

She graduated from Eureka High School in 1964. She worked as a mortgage broker, an LVN and then obtained her A.S. in Nursing in 2000 and worked as an RN for 12 years. She continued her education and received her B.S.

in Nursing at the youthful age of 67. Carrol was a force of nature. She faced every challenge with determination and her inimitable spirit.

Family and faith were the two most important things in her life. She is survived by her three children Matthew (Donita), Melissa, and

Michael (Michelle), her sister Sharon, her dear friend Kecia, seven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Carrol was preceded in death by her mother Margaret Riedell, her father Glen Riedell and her brother Paul Riedell.

A celebration of life will take place at New Hope Baptist Church in Creswell, Oregon, on October 26th at 2 PM with a reception following in the church hall.

**Ryan “Rye” Michael Prinkey**  
Ryan “Rye” Michael Prinkey, 41, of Dorena, Oregon passed away on October 4, 2024. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

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**6th & Gibbs Church of Christ**  
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541-942-2061  
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Sunday – 10:30 am  
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ELECTION 2024:

# Lane County Charter Amendments on Nov. 5 Ballot

CINDY WEELDREYER  
For The Cottage Grove Sentinel

In 1962, Lane County voters adopted a Home Rule Charter than can only be changed by county voters. Next month there are four proposed charter amendments on the Nov. 5 ballot. Three are essentially housekeeping requests recommended by the Lane County Charter Review Committee. The fourth is an amendment to change the current method of how the five commissioner districts are redrawn every 10 years in the mandated redistricting process.

The Lane County Charter Review Committee recommended the repeal of three sections of the Lane County Charter which are out of date or nonapplicable:

- Measure 20-359: repeals limits on expenditures by Lane County that requires the use of complicated calculations because property tax limits are now set by the Oregon Constitution.
- Measure 20-360: repeals constraints on how Alton Baker Park is developed; the county no longer owns Alton Baker Park
- Measure 20-361: repeals restrictions on how an income tax is used by the County voters didn't approve the income tax
- Measure 20-362: establishes an independent redistricting commission and require a nontraditional mid-cycle redistricting process to create a new map
- Measure 20-362 was not referred to voters by the Charter Review Committee. At the request of attorney Stan

Long, a private citizen, in a 3-2 vote, the commissioners included the measure on the November ballot.

Redistricting is a process that happens once every decade to account for changes in an electoral population after each new census every 10 years. The most recent redistricting effort occurred in 2021. Were this measure to pass, new county commissioner district boundaries could be created to replace those adopted during the 2021 redistricting process in time for the 2026 General Election.

The financial impact of a yes vote includes the cost to hold an immediate mid-cycle redistricting effort, and the cost of subsequent redistricting efforts which may also increase to fulfill requirements outlined in the proposed new Charter subsection 10(4). These costs would include staff time from multiple departments (County Administration, County Counsel and the County Clerk), technological support, and consultants.

If passed by voters, the measure would amend the Charter to transfer the power to draw and adopt county commissioner district boundaries for Lane County from the Lane County Board of County Commissioners to a newly created Citizens Redistricting Commission, and would establish a one-time, mid-cycle redistricting effort. The effort would begin upon the measure being passed by voters to draw county commissioner district boundaries that would be in effect prior to the 2026 election. Thereafter,

redistricting would occur each year ending in number one.

The proposed citizens redistricting commission would consist of 15 members plus alternates. The power to adopt the final district maps would be transferred from the Board of Commissioners to the new commission.

Eligibility requirements for citizens redistricting commission members would include:

- Registration to vote in Lane County;
- Could not be candidates for or holders of federal, state, county or certain local offices;
- Could not be a registered lobbyist;
- Could not be paid congressional, legislative, or county employee.
- Redistricting commissioners would be selected by lot at a public meeting from a pool of candidates from each Commissioner district.

Lane County would provide staff and resources to the commission to fulfill its obligations. Board of Commissioners would adopt regulations to implement the new commission. Charter Subsections 10(3)(d) and 10(3)(e) would be amended or repealed to conform to the new subsection 10(4).

Measure 20-362 supporters include North Eugene Commissioner Pat Farr, West Lane Commissioner Ryan Ceniga, and Springfield Commissioner David Loveall and its author Stan Long. They say its intent is to guard the county commissioner districts from being gerrymandered and prevent

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# Measure 118 overreaches, but does contain some ‘concepts of a plan’ for improving out tax system

TIM NESBITT  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Measure 118 is more of a thought experiment than a credible ballot measure.

But despite the many problems with its proposal to increase corporate taxes to fund cash payments for Oregonians, the measure does contain, to borrow a phrase from the recent presidential debate, some interesting “concepts of a plan” to improve our current system of taxing and spending in Oregon.

I expect a majority of Oregonians, myself included, will reject Measure 118 as a product of wishful thinking and sloppy, back-of-the-napkin drafting. But there are elements in the measure that raise questions worth considering.

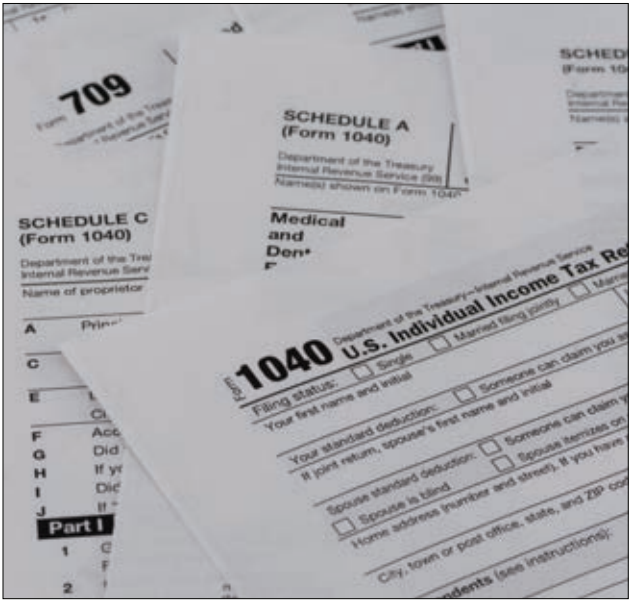
One brings to mind Oregon’s tax kickers and whether the state should restructure such rebates to provide equal amounts to all Oregonians. The other is whether new taxes of any kind should be dedicated to certain purposes beyond funding for services, such as creating savings accounts for our children.

Measure 118 would tax the sales of large corporations under the guise of a minimum tax and return the entirety of its tax proceeds in equal amounts to every resident of the state every year.

Initially, the proposed rebate was estimated at \$750 per person, but that estimate was raised to an average of \$1,600 per person once the number crunchers at the state capitol realized Oregonians were buying a lot more stuff from large grocery chains, gas stations and big box retailers than they had thought.

That higher amount is likely to attract a second look from many voters. It also bolsters the argument that this is a step toward establishing a “universal basic income” or UBI, by which people would be guaranteed monthly payments to pay for the basic necessities of life. It is this characterization of the measure as a form of UBI that has attracted the backing of wealthy California tech bros and investors who view Oregon as a cheap ballot measure laboratory for testing their concept.

I got a call from a person representing one of those California backers earlier this year, asking me what



GETTY IMAGES

**Measure 118 would tax the sales of large corporations and return the proceeds in equal amounts to every state resident on their tax returns or through the Department of Revenue.**

I thought of the measure’s chances and what advice I might have for developing a campaign plan for its passage. In response, I pointed out what I thought were the flaws of the measure (it’s clearly a hidden sales tax) and the likelihood that a resounding “no” vote would, if anything, set back the case for the UBI concept within and beyond Oregon.

My critique of the measure then was pretty much what I’m seeing in the coalition of interests, and the arguments they’re using, to oppose it now. Raising taxes just to give away the proceeds is not intuitively attractive to most of us. It’s anathema to conservatives. And it’s a problem for progressives who fear that every dollar diverted from state revenue streams is a dollar lost for better spending purposes.

Plus, the timing for this measure is politically fraught. Business taxes were raised in 2019 with a tacit understanding among leaders in both political parties that they won’t be going back to that well any time soon.

Finally, Measure 118 contains all kinds of rookie mistakes that are easy targets for opponents, such as giving the rebates to noncitizens and even those who died in the rebate year. Those arguments are featured prominently in the state’s Voters’ Pamphlet.

But what about the idea of testing support for UBI? It’s hard to argue that even \$1,600 a year per person comes close to paying for “basic” necessities. And I doubt that any state could reach the “B”

in UBI without drastic cuts to their public education and safety net programs, which are essential for low-income families.

Measure 118 is more a test of using the tax system to redistribute income in pursuit of equity than an attempt to elevate everyone to economic self-sufficiency.

If equity is the goal, the better approach is to start with what we’re doing now. When Oregon refunds tax revenue in good times, as the state does almost regularly now with the kicker, we should do so in equal amounts. As I argued in a previous commentary, a per capita distribution of the kicker would better compensate for the tax burden borne directly and indirectly by low-income families as taxes flow through to their rents, their gasoline purchases and their electric bills.

Further, if we can make space in our public budgets for direct payments to our citizens, I’d start with dollars to create opportunity funds for our children. “Baby bonds” are one idea that has long searched for a funding mechanism. And if we’re going to win public support to raise taxes in the future, presumably in more modest amounts than proposed in Measure 118, we’ll need compelling purposes to make real for voters the idea of “investing in our future.”

Those are the concepts that I wish the wealthy backers of Measure 118 had considered. As it is, their measure deserves a “no” vote, with an “if only” asterisk attached. If only those backers had decided to put their money behind a smarter, more modest proposal geared to the realities of taxing and spending in Oregon, they would have had a far better chance of advancing their avowed goals of tax fairness and economic opportunity for our people.

Tim Nesbitt, a former union leader in Oregon, served as an adviser to Governors Ted Kulongoski and John Kitzhaber and later helped to design Measure 98 in 2016, which provided extra, targeted funding for Oregon’s high schools.

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# COUNCIL

## Candidates' forum draws large crowd

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encourage new housing development, providing services for unhoused individuals, budgetary priorities, city council and city manager roles, and strategies to increase communication with the broader community.

The four audience questions were about how to provide a voice for the most vulnerable in the community, reopening the jail, providing local addiction treatment services, perceived solutions and challenges in the next few years and the value of the armory as a city asset.

### What role should city government play in economic development?

All candidates agreed that the city has a role to play in enhancing economic development in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce to attract businesses to Cottage Grove. Solesbee, Merryday and Ervin offered examples of what the city is currently doing and others suggested specific ideas.

### What is your position regarding the use of tax incentives to promote new housing construction?

Comments were mixed on this question. All agreed that the need for housing is great. Comments noted developers now expect tax incentives. The 10-year deferment is too long and reduces tax dollars to provide fire and rescue services. The current incentives created new market-rate apartments but with little public benefit.

### What services and resources should the City provide to the unhoused?

Candidates recognized this issue has divided the community. Most agreed the unmanaged camps presented health and safety problems and resulted in an expensive cleanup. All agreed the city has very limited resources to address the underlying causes of homelessness such as mental illness, drug addiction and a lifestyle choice to live that way.

### What are your budgetary priorities?

Each candidate had his or her own list of service funding priorities for the city's \$55M budget and recognized the

options are to cut services, seek new revenue or do both. There was strong support from all candidates to provide the basic services citizens expect such as delivery of utilities, public safety and road improvements. Reducing staff and council travel expenses and eliminating support for Eugene Symphony concert were suggested as a way to trim the budget.

### What are the roles of the City Council and City Manager?

All agreed the City Council hires the City Manager as a Chief Executive Officer to professionally manage the municipality's 100 employees and is held accountable to the council for how the city operates.

### How would you work to maintain a dialogue between the Council and the constituent you are elected to represent?

All agreed Town Hall meetings are effective to engage citizens in policy discussions in a meaningful and transparent manner. Some praised the success of the Ad Hoc Committee on Street Improvements. Greater use of non-computer communication methods such as reader

boards, engaging various community groups, and utilizing community calendars and newsletters are good options to get information out and create online and in-person platforms to receive community feedback.

### How do you plan to provide a voice to the most vulnerable in the community such as seniors, the disabled and the homeless?

There was recognition of barriers that keep vulnerable citizens from participating in city issues and officials need to meet them where they are.

### Do you support reopening the municipal jail?

All recognized the need to hold offenders accountable but the cost to construct a jail that meets current ADA standards and staffing requirements is prohibitive. It was noted the current agreement with the City of Springfield costs \$140 per day to hold someone in its justice center.

### Should the city be involved in providing local addiction treatment services?

There was unanimous agreement that the city cannot afford to offer these services and should partner with other



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The audience listens as the candidates respond to questions during the forum.

organizations with the expertise and resources to provide them here.

### What are the perceived solutions and challenges for Cottage Grove in the next few years?

Candidates reiterated the specific challenges and solutions mentioned in earlier questions.

### What is the value of the armory as a city-supported asset?

All agreed the armory is valuable to the entire community and wouldn't consider selling it. It is being well-used and there was strong interest in changing the fee structure

to increase revenue from use by non-local organizations.

## RESOURCES

The Oct. 9 forum was live-streamed and is available for viewing at:

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Also look for a Voter's Pamphlet that was to be available at the City of Cottage Grove's website at: <https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/>

Read previous coverage and follow the local candidates and ballot measures online at [cgsentinel.com](http://cgsentinel.com) and in the Wednesday print editions of *The Sentinel*.

# ENROLLMENT

## South Lane District enrollment slightly higher than end of 2023-24

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In his Superintendent's Report, McCasline said all is going well throughout the district. He attended seven parent events since the school year began and communication with them from district staff is improving.

To protect instructional time, a new district cellphone policy requires student phones be left at home or kept in lockers. McCasline made classroom visits to observe each new teacher, and he said he was impressed with their energy and enthusiasm.

### OTHER SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

The business office staff said it was all-hands-on-deck to successfully distribute 534 checks in September. McCasline explained how they are following state law SB 732 that requires districts

create an Equity Committee by next fall.

The board adopted standards created by the Legislature and Department of Education related to curriculum and instruction, district policies, performance and accountability, human

resources and staffing. Compliance ensures every student in Oregon public schools is provided with a standard, or baseline, level of service.

There was also a first reading on updating flag displays on district property.

# ELECTION

## County Charter amendments on Nov. 5 ballot

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the districts being drawn for political purposes by establishing a 15-member, non-partisan, citizens' redistricting commission.

Supporters believe the previous 2021 redistricting was called "independent and

non-political", and they say it was not. Commissioners chose who would serve on the committee and proponents of this measure say it was an extremely political group of individuals who drew the maps. Portions of Eugene

were placed in each of the districts, and many oddities were drawn into districts with political interests and advantages in mind. The measure also calls for a one-time 2025 redistricting that supporters say is to address the glaring gerrymandering that occurred in 2021

Supporters note that most opposition to this independent redistricting charter amendment is from elected officials who want to maintain their power and advantage.

West Lane Commissioner Ryan Ceniga discussed this measure on KNND's Oct. 4 Beeper Talk Show and said he believes this measure protects the voice of the voters.

"Our current redistricting process allows for political and partisan gerrymandering, Ceniga said. "This new system would put an impartial, randomly selected redistricting commission in place because currently members of the Redistricting Committee are selected by the commissioners. Voters need to be

selecting their commissioners -- commissioners should not be selecting their voters."

He added, "This impartial redistricting commission is a movement around the country in other states, counties and some large municipalities. It is a good tool for preventing gerrymandering. It is good government."

Measure 20-362 opponents include East Lane County Commissioner Heather Buch, Eugene Commissioner Laurie Trieger, the Lane County Democratic Party, the League of Women Voters, and former Springfield County Commissioner and Congressman Peter DeFazio. They say the measure proposes conservative gerrymandering and violates due process.

The League's formal position is, "A majority of the commissioners are now seeking voter approval of an additional redistricting cycle in 2025. They are doing this against the advice of the Lane County Elections office, against the advice of their own appointed Charter Review Committee (CRC) and without public comment about the last-minute changes they made to the CRC's report for the ballot measure wording. Bringing this order to the public as part of a ballot measure without the public hearing and comment process is not transparent."

Commissioner Heather Buch supports the League of Women Voter's opposition to the measure.

"We implemented an independent Redistricting Committee's map just three years ago and there has been no new census data since then," Buch said. "There is no reason to redistrict again unless they are trying to influence the 2026 commissioner elections."

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**NOTICE OF URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE VACANCY** The City of Cottage Grove Urban Forestry Committee has one vacancy to fill on this volunteer body for a term that expires December 31, 2026. The Committee members are appointed by the City Council. The Urban Forestry Committee meets once a month on Wednesday afternoons. People interested in applying for this position need to complete a Volunteer Appointment Application available at the Community Development Department at City Hall or online at [www.cottagegrove.org](http://www.cottagegrove.org). The deadline for receiving applications is October 31, 2024 by 5 p.m. For further information please contact the Community Development Department at 541-942-5501.

CGS24-3017

**TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE** The Successor Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiaries, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantors: Richard Andrew Payne and Adrianna Marie Payne Original Trustee & Address: Fidelity National Title Company; 3007 North Delta Highway, Suite 206, Eugene, Oregon 97408 Successor Trustee & Address: Thorp, Purdy, Jewett, Umess & Wilkinson, P.C., 1011 Harlow Road, Suite 300, Springfield, OR 97477 Beneficiaries: James Randolph Gehr and Jennifer Ellen Gehr 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The property covered by the Trust Deed is real property and improvements thereon commonly known as 84 W 2nd Street, Lowell Oregon 97452, map and tax lot no. 19-01-14-22-07600 tax account nos. 4057939 MH and 0815504, and more particularly described as follows: The West 70 feet of Lots 11 and 12, Block 8, PLAT OF LOWELL, as platted and recorded in Book 4, Page 37, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in the City of Lowell, Lane County, Oregon. 3. RECORDING: The recording information for the Trust Deed is: Date Recorded: July 12, 2019 Book and Page or Instrument No. 2019-028832 Official Records of Lane County, Oregon 4. DEFAULT: The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantors' failure to pay when due upon demand the indebtedness of an Installment Note dated July 11, 2019 and secured by said Deed of Trust. As a result of Grantors' default, Beneficiaries declare all sums secured under said Deed of Trust immediately due and payable. 5. AMOUNT DUE: The sum owing on the Installment Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Unpaid principal balance of \$86,057.56, plus the cost of any advances by Beneficiaries pursuant to the terms of the Deed of Trust, plus foreclosure attorney fees and costs. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY: The Successor Trustee hereby states that the above property will be sold to satisfy the obligations that the Deed of Trust secures. 7. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF SALE: The sale will be held: Date: December 16, 2024 Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: The reception area of the law firm of Thorp, Purdy, Jewett, Umess & Wilkinson, P.C., located at 1011 Harlow Road, Suite 300, Springfield, Oregon 97477 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE: The right exists under ORS 86.778 to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by paying the entire amount then due, together with costs, trustee's fees and attorney fees, and by curing any other default complained of in this notice of default, at any time that is not later than five days before the date last set for the sale. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS Without limiting the Successor Trustee's disclaimer of representation or warranties, Oregon law requires the Successor Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in the manufacturing of 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. CONSUMER DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE The Successor Trustee (also referred to herein as "we" or "us") is attempting to collect a debt on behalf of the Beneficiary named in this Notice of Sale (also referred to as the "creditor") and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. This debt is owed to the creditor in the amount described in the notice. Under some circumstances, you may receive more than one copy of this notice. Unless you dispute the validity of this debt, or any

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portion thereof, within 30 days after your first receipt of the original or a copy of this notice, we will assume the debt to be valid. If you notify us in writing within 30 days after your first receipt of the original or a copy of this notice that the debt, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain verification of the debt or (if applicable) a copy of a judgment against you and a copy of the verification or (if applicable) the judgment will be mailed to you. We will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor named above, if you notify us in writing within 30 days after your first receipt of the original or a copy of this notice that you request such information. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Stefan B. Jacobson, Attorney, (541) 747-3354. Dated July 17, 2024. THORP, PURDY, JEWETT, URNESS & WILKINSON, P.C. By: S/ Stefan B. Jacobson, Stefan B. Jacobson, OSB# 203903 Authorized Representative

CGS24-3018

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE** The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantors: Jaci Spooner Trustee: Evergreen Land Title Company Successor Trustee: Erik W. Bonn Beneficiary: Benjamin P. Hoffman 2. RECORDING: The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Document: Trust Deed Date Recorded: August 12, 2020 Recording No.: 2020-44321 Official Records of Lane County, Oregon Document: Modification of Trust Deed Date Recorded: October 25, 2023 Recording No.: 2023-030927 Official Records of Lane County, Oregon Document: Assignment of Trust Deed Beneficiary Date Recorded: July 25, 2024 Recording No.: 2024-021366 Official Records of Lane County, Oregon Document: Appointment of Successor Trustee Date Recorded: July 29, 2024 Recording No.: 2024-021598 Official Records of Lane County, Oregon 3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 30, Township 16 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian in Lane County, Oregon; thence East (relative to the bearings as shown on Survey No. 13615, Lane County Oregon Survey Records) 247.03 feet and North 58.27 feet to the Southeast corner of said Survey No. 13615, Lane County Oregon Survey Records) 247.03 feet and North 58.27 feet to the Southeast corner of said Survey No. 13615 for the Place of Beginning, said place of beginning being referenced by a 1/2" iron rod bearing North 3° 01' 14" West 30.22 feet therefrom; thence North 3° 01' 14" West (running towards a found 5/8" iron rod bearing North 3° 01' 14" West 1050.86 feet therefrom) 925.86 feet to a 1/2" iron rod; thence West 250.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod; thence South 350.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod; thence South 7° 39' 16" East 613.74 feet to the South line of said Survey No. 13615, being referenced by a 1/2" iron rod bearing North 7° 39' 16" West 30.01 feet therefrom; thence North 81° 09' 42" East 219.64 feet to the Place of Beginning. 4. DEFAULT: Both the Beneficiary and the Trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantors' failure to pay when due the following sums: all current and past due payments and late charges due and payable as of June 1, 2024 in the amount of \$50,000, plus additional future payments and late charges incurred after August 5, 2024; plus delinquent real property taxes in the tax years of 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 in the amount of \$14,228.27; plus any additional delinquent real property

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taxes incurred; plus related interest, penalties and costs thereto; plus costs, trustee fees, attorneys fees and accruing interest incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by beneficiary for the protection of the above-described real property and his interest therein. 5. AMOUNT DUE: By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said trust deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: principal amount of \$94,885.13 together with interest through August 5, 2024 of \$389.94 and continuing at \$12.99/day until paid; delinquent real property taxes in the principal amount of \$14,228.27, together with interest; together with costs, trustee fees, attorneys fees and accruing late charges and interest incurred herein by reason of said default; and any further sums advanced by beneficiary for the protection of the above-described real property and his interest therein; plus any additional real property taxes or liens incurred. 6. ELECTION TO SELL: The Trustee hereby elects to sell the property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded in the official records of Lane County, Oregon. 7. TIME OF SALE: Date: December 20, 2024 Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Lane County Courthouse, 125 E 8th Avenue in the City of Eugene, County of Lane, State of Oregon The Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantors had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantors of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantors or grantors' successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE: 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 the 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 or 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 trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This 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 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. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantors" includes any successor in interest to the grantors as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated this 6th day of August, 2024. GLEAVES SWEARINGEN LLP

CGS24-3021

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will hold a Public Auction on Oct. 25th, 2024, at 10:00AM at Simply Storage 1175 Villard Ave. Cottage Grove, OR 97424. The personal property here-

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tofore stored with the undersigned by: F-20 Danielle Bellamy, G-02 Richard Kanerva, I-02 Alexa Kivela, H-13 Timothy Benway, M-10 Sara Smith. Date of first publication Oct. 16th, 2024.

CGS24-3022

**COTTAGE GROVE MINI STORAGE 1520 HWY 99 N COTTAGE GROVE, OR 97424 AUCTION:** November 2, 2024, PROMPTLY AT 11:00 A.M. COTTAGE GROVE MINI STORAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORS 87.162 WILL OFFER FOR PUBLIC AUCTION THE FOLLOWING UNITS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF RENT AND OTHER FEES. 1. Robin Bowling # B-051 2. Jason Gorski # D-205 UNLESS PAYMENT IN FULL IS MADE BEFORE TIME OF AUCTION @ 1520 HWY 99 N COTTAGE GROVE, OR 97424 SEALED BIDS ON ENTIRE UNIT DUE IN OFFICE AT 11:30 A.M. "CASH ONLY"

CGS24-3023

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE** Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Copernicus Property LLC, an Oregon limited liability company, as grantor, to Arnold Gallagher P.C., an Oregon professional corporation, as trustee, in favor of Michael Powell, his successors and/or assigns, as beneficiary, dated September 12, 2022, and recorded on September 13, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022-038957 of the Lane County Deeds & Records, Oregon, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to-wit: PARCEL I: The East one-half of Lot 2, Block 4, WM. SHIELDS ADDITION, as platted and recorded m Book P, Page 455, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. PARCEL II: A parcel of land in Lots 3 and 4 lying in Block 4, WM. SHIELDS ADDITION TO COTTAGE GROVE, as platted and recorded in Book P, Page 455, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, situated in Section 28, Township 20 South, Range 3 West of the Willamette Meridian, in Lane County, Oregon, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point in the North line of Lot 3, said point being 42.94 feet Easterly from the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence North 89° 37' 30" West a distance of 42.94 feet along the Northerly line of said Lot 3; to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence South 0° 08' West a distance of 90 feet along the West line of said Lot 3; to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3; thence South 89° 37' 30" East a distance of 27.12 feet along the South line of Lot 3 to a point which is 40 feet distant Westerly from (when measured at right angles) to the relocated center line of the Pacific Highway; thence parallel with and 40 feet distant Westerly from said relocated center line North 28° 45' East a distance of 69.50 feet; thence on an arc of a 20 foot radius curve left a distance of 41.32 feet to the point of beginning, in Lane County, Oregon. Both the Beneficiary and the Trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and a Notice of Default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3); the default for which the foreclosure is made is Grantors' failure to pay when due the following status: (i) Grantor's failure to pay interest only payments in the amount of \$1,626.85 for the month of March 2024, and \$1,751.88 per month for the months of April, May, and June 2024, and continuing each

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month thereafter, (ii) Grantor's failure to pay modification fees of \$750.00, and (iii) Grantor's failure to pay property taxes on the real property described herein. By reason of said default, the Beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: the principal balance of \$150,000.00; together with accrued interest through June 19, 2024 in the amount of \$7,159.35 (interest continues to accrue at the default rate of 13.875% per annum (\$57.81 per diem) from June 20, 2024 until paid), and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned Trustee will, on December 19, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 A.M., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, Lane County Courthouse front entrance, 125 East Eighth Avenue, Eugene, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by them of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantors or their successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. 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 the 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 rendering the performance required under the obligation or 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 Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. 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. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes the plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, and the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. THE DEBT DESCRIBED IN THIS TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE WILL BE ASSUMED TO BE VALID UNLESS WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE THE PERSON(S) OBLIGATED OR ALLEGEDLY OBLIGATED TO PAY THE DEBT DISPUTES IN WRITING THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT OR SOME PORTION OF IT. If the

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Trustee is notified in writing within the 30-day period that the debt or some portion of it is disputed, the Trustee will obtain verification of the debt. Then, a copy of the verification will be mailed by the Trustee to the person(s) notifying him of the dispute. Upon written request within the 30-day period, the Trustee will provide the name and address of the original creditor if different than the current creditor named above. Written requests to the Trustee should be delivered to: Arnold Gallagher P.C., Attn: Alec S. Marlega, PO Box 1758, Eugene, OR 97440-1758. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR AND IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. DATED: July 26, 2024, Arnold Gallagher P.C. By: Benjamin M. Kearney, Secretary Date First Published Oct. 16th, 2024.

CG24-3024

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Adam Moore has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ARTHUR ROBERT MOORE, deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 24PB08815. 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: October 16th, 2024. /s/ Adam Moore, Personal Representative.

CGS24-3025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Adam Moore has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Betty Jane Moore, deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 24PB08812. 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: October 16th, 2024. /s/ Adam Moore, Personal Representative.

CGS24-3026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE Probate Department] In the Matter of the Estate of: MARION FRANCIS SLAVEN, Deceased. Case No. 23PB05070 NOTICE FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO FIRST AND FINAL ACCOUNTING AND PETITION FOR GENERAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION TO: TODD J. SLAVEN Notice is hereby given that the Personal Representative has filed herein the First and Final Accounting and Petition for a General Judgment of Final Distribution on October 9, 2024. Any objections to the First and Final Accounting and Petition for a General Judgment of Final Distribution must be filed in the estate proceeding in the above court on or before November 5, 2024 DATED and first published this 16th day of October 2024. /s/ Ganette Harley, Ganette Harley, Personal Representative

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## Pickleball serves up fun, competition in Cottage Grove

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

Rain or shine, if you drive by Cottage Grove's Coiner Park, chances are you'll see pickleball players on the court. Pickleball is attracting Grovers young and old. "Pickleball is all about community, that is the attraction in lots of ways. It is played on a small court so you can't help but to get to know people," Local pickleball instructor and organizer Connie Piper said. "Pickleball is usually played in a doubles format, the object is to score 11 points by creating shots that cause errors for the opposing team. The best way to describe it sometimes is "mini tennis, big ping pong."

The Grover Pickleball group has over 100 members, according to Piper. "As we grow the need for new courts is becoming more necessary," she said. "Currently the Grover Pickleball players have open play at Coiner Park on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, mornings and Tuesday evenings. We have the luxury of playing inside when the weather chases us indoors at Riverside Community Church."

Players also can be found most days in Eugene at Westmoreland Park and Meadow Park in Springfield. Indoor play opportunity can be found at Bob Keefer Center in Springfield. Those groups are also expanding their pickleball program. "The local teams compete locally and regionally and there are many tournaments that players can participate in and those are more frequent as the sport grows," Piper said.

The Grovers and Emerald pickleball players conducted a fundraiser Oct. 4-6, at Coiner Park to raise funds for the Emerald Valley Pickleball Foundation, which is working toward building 24 new courts on the Lane Community College campus. "We hope to break ground in the spring. More courts means more opportunity for community," she said. Pickleball, a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, is the fastest growing sport in the U.S., rising from 4.8 million players in 2021 to 8.9 million in 2023,

according to USA Pickleball. While this sport can be fun and entertaining, the surge in pickleball popularity has led to an increase in related injuries.

"Injuries are also popping up more frequently, mostly knee and shoulder issues, strains and sprains," Piper said. "As an instructor, I like to preach about actively warming up our bodies before we play. We are so excited to get on the courts and be with our friends that we forget to warmup our muscles. New players have to be particularly conscience of the shape that they are in and that they are preforming new movements their bodies may not be used to."

### INJURY PREVENTION ADVICE

Kaiser Permanente Northwest Assistant Chief of Urgent Care Dr. Ryan Golden emphasizes the need for players to be aware of the potential risks involved in pickleball.

"While pickleball is a fantastic way to stay active and socialize, it's important to recognize the potential for injury, especially as the sport gains momentum," Golden said. "Common injuries we see related to pickleball include bone fractures and eye injuries, with some studies suggesting a correlation between the size of the pickleball and the risk of eye injuries."

Americans are expected to incur between \$250 million and \$500 million in costs associated with pickleball injuries this year alone. With seniors comprising approximately one third of the estimated 22.3 million pickleball players nationwide, the risk of injury becomes even more pronounced, according to research.

Kaiser Permanente Northwest urges players to prioritize safety and take necessary precautions to prevent injuries.

Christopher Wu, MD, a sports and internal medicine physician at Atlantic Health System, shared his recommendations in an article posted at the AMA website.

"If you have medical conditions that involve the heart or the lungs and you haven't



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**Kassy Cave, Amey Herman, Annette Scarle, and Connie Pifer during pickleball competition in Cottage Grove.**

really been active leading up to this venture into pickleball, it would be a good idea to see your primary doctor to make sure that everything is optimized for you to pick up some new physical activity," Wu said. "It's really dependent patient to patient on what medical conditions they have and the level of activity prior to getting into the sport."

Even if you're medically all clear, Wu said it is important to get "some lessons or some pointers from either a coach or a friend or colleague who has played and knows proper technique."

Most of the pickleball injuries Wu said he has seen were all either strains or overuse injuries. A more traumatic, significant injury such as a fracture, could occur if the pickle ball player were to step wrong, according to Wu.

"You'd be more inclined to think the older populations—especially those individuals who haven't been that active prior to picking up pickleball and all of a sudden ramping up their activity level from minimal to trying to play several hours a day, multiple times a week—experienced more injuries," he said. "Their bodies aren't accustomed to



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**Alex Lovejoy and Lisa Goynes on the court.**

that workload and that can put them at an increased risk of injury while playing pickleball."

Before playing pickleball, Wu recommends doing an adequate warmup with dynamic stretching like walking lunges, high knees or arm circles.

"It's more dynamic movements where you're moving and not just standing in one spot and stretching

one specific muscle, making sure that you're adequately warmed up," he said. "It's always a good idea to have a few drops of sweat on your forehead before you actually get into that first match, so you know that your body is warm and ready to go."

For more information about pickleball in Cottage Grove, email Connie Pifer at [conniepifer@aol.com](mailto:conniepifer@aol.com)



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**Flag football, a 7-on-7 game played on an 80-yard field, debuted in the spring of 2023 with eight teams.**

## Girls flag football approved as OSAA emerging activity

**JERRY ULMER**  
*OSAAtoday*

The OSAA delegate assembly on Monday, Oct. 7, voted to designate girls flag football as an emerging activity.

The sport met the threshold of 25 schools to be eligible for the vote. It will be considered an emerging activity for the next two years, and if it reaches 50 schools by the end of that period, it would be eligible to become an officially sanctioned OSAA sport.

Flag football, a 7-on-7 game played on an 80-yard field, debuted in the spring of 2023 with eight teams. This past spring, it expanded to 32 schools and 575 players. South Salem, St. Mary's Academy and South Eugene had enough players to field two teams.

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