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Council approves controversial cell tower

CINDY WEELDREYER
Cottage Grove Sentinel

After a 105-minute-long special quasi-judicial hearing marked by detailed testimony, competing interpretations of city code, and a narrow split among councilors, the Cottage Grove City Council voted 4 to 3 to approve a conditional use permit for a 100 foot wireless transmission facility.

The tower would be located at 2070 South R Street in the Highway 99 Industrial Park at Cottage grove.

The decision affirms the city’s planning commission’s earlier approval and adds a requirement that the tower be constructed with stealth technology and a neutral gray color.

The Aug. 27 vote followed two formal appeals of the planning commission’s July decision, one focused on procedural fairness and the other centered on the city’s visual impact standards for wireless facilities. The council’s action clears the way for Verizon and Vertical Bridge to move forward with a project intended to improve coverage and capacity in southern Cottage Grove and along the Interstate 5 corridor.

The first appeal, filed by resident Johanna Zee, argued that three panning commissioners who missed the initial June 17 hearing failed to state on the record at the continued July 15 hearing that they had reviewed the earlier testimony. City staff acknowledged the omission, noting that the city attorney assumed the commissioners had reviewed the record and the chair confirmed that assumption. Because the Council hears appeals de novo, meaning as a full fresh review of the entire record, staff said any procedural misstep

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A weekend for Buster: Cottage Grove draws national attention

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Cottage Grove marked the 100th anniversary of Buster Keaton’s The General with a three day conference, that drew fans, historians, and film preservationists from across the country. The weekend combined presentations, tours, screenings, and downtown events, offering the 80 conference participants a chance to explore the locations where Keaton filmed one of his most celebrated works. Organizers said the turnout demonstrated the enduring interest in the film and the community’s role in its production.

The International Buster Keaton Society, known affectionately as the Damfinos, served as a key partner for the Aug. 27–29 weekend. The group takes its name from a running gag in Keaton’s 1921 film, The Boat, where the family vessel is christened “Damfino”, which is a play on “damned if I know.” Founded in 1992 and based in Muskegon, Michigan, the society promotes Keaton’s legacy through research, preservation, and annual conventions that draw fans from around the world.



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Conference attendees gather for a group photo at the Chambers Railroad Bridge.



Members of the International Buster Keaton Society from across the U.S. and Canada brought a surge of tourism and national attention to the town where the film was shot. The centennial also drew national attention when NPR partnered with KLCC to produce a segment for “All Things Considered,” which aired nationwide on Sept. 2.

The conference opened Thursday evening at the Cottage Grove Inn with registration and a screening of

Friday night’s costume contest drew these competitors for the Buster Look alike award.

rare 16mm films and vintage commercials. Friday’s schedule brought the full program into focus, beginning with a morning meet and greet where attendees shared how they first discovered Keaton’s work.

Morning presentations followed, including remarks from Harry Keaton Moore, Keaton’s nephew, on growing up in the family; podium reflections from Melissa Talmadge Cox, Keaton’s granddaughter; and Michael Keaton, Buster’s second cousin twice removed, who arrived midday and joined the afternoon

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Tie the Knot with a Twist: Halloween ‘Scaremonies’

The Lane County Clerk’s Office will help couples celebrate their marriages in spooky style on Halloween again this year. Couples can begin registering now for a Halloween “scaremoney”.

There are 35 slots available to schedule on a first come, first served basis. Ceremonies will be conducted in 30-minute intervals from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 31, at the County Clerk’s Office at 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene.

The Clerk’s Office will perform marriage ceremonies in costume. Couples are also encouraged to dress in costume.

To schedule a scaremony, couples must first obtain a valid marriage license from the Clerk’s Office (125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene). To obtain a marriage license, couples fill out the online Marriage License Application and then must visit the Clerk’s Office at least three days before the ceremony to complete the license process.

The marriage license fee is \$60 and a marriage officiated by the County Clerk’s Office is \$117. Additional details, including license requirements and scheduling information, can be found on the Lane County Clerk’s website.

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A CLOSER LOOK

‘Road rage’ incident leads to crash, police presence

COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

The following is from the Cottage grove Police Department’s Weekly Update.

On Friday, we celebrated Officer Coons’ graduation from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) Academy. Officer Coons received his class’s Outstanding Award in Defensive Tactics, an incredible accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication. Today marked his first day back at the department, and he hit the ground running as he began Phase 1 of our Field Training Program. We’re excited to have him back and look forward to watching him continue to grow as a Cottage Grove Police Officer.

- Officers investigated a two-vehicle rear-end collision on Gateway Boulevard following a reported road-rage incident. Officers assisted both drivers with exchanging information, and both vehicles were able to leave the scene with minimal damage.

- While patrolling near St. Vincent de Paul, officers recognized a female they

believed had an active warrant for her arrest. A records check confirmed she had two active warrants—one out of Eugene Municipal Court for Failure to Appear on Theft in the Third Degree and Trespass in the First Degree, and another out of Douglas County Circuit Court for Failure to Appear on Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree. She was taken into custody and transported to the Lane County Jail.

- Our Community Service Officer investigated the theft of two cell phones from Community Sharing. Following the initial investigation, interviews, and review of surveillance footage, a known suspect was identified, and the case was turned over to a Police Officer for follow-up. The following day, the female suspect was located at her residence, arrested, and transported to the Lane County Jail on a charge of Theft in the First Degree (ORS 164.055).

- Officers attempted to stop a Dodge Charger traveling at a high rate of speed through downtown. Due

to safety concerns, officers terminated the traffic stop but continued to monitor the vehicle. Officers later located the vehicle, and the male driver was observed jogging away from it near North K Street and Chestnut Avenue. The driver was detained, and officers observed several signs of impairment. Officers also located five empty beer bottles inside the vehicle. Following Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, the driver provided a breath sample of 0.18%, more than twice the legal limit. He was issued a Citation in Lieu of Custody for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (ORS 813.010) and transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer by Vehicle, a felony (ORS 811.540).

- Officers were called to the area near Subway regarding a physical disturbance. A witness reported seeing two males involved in a verbal argument, with one male reportedly holding a knife. Officers located and interviewed the victim, who was unharmed.



Following the investigation, it was determined that multiple crimes had occurred. The suspect was located, detained, and transported to the Lane County Jail on charges of Menacing (ORS 163.190), Unlawful Use of a Weapon (ORS 166.220), Harassment (ORS 166.065), and Probation Violation (ORS 137.545).

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, AUGUST 24

00:25: Intoxicated subject, 300 block Gateway Blvd.

04:30: Repo, 1000 block S. 10th St.

07:07: Theft, 1200 block S. 7th St.

07:14: Motor vehicle crash, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

08:29: Repo, 300 block S. 5th St.

10:16: Criminal mischief, 3000 block Row River Rd.

10:18: Criminal mischief, 400 block E. Main St.

10:28: Harassment, 100 block N. 14th St.

11:12: Mental subject, 800 block Row River Rd.

12:24: Order violation, 700 block S. 6th St.

13:14: Criminal mischief, 200 block S. River Rd.

13:29: Abandoned vehicle, Harvey/16th

13:46: Motor vehicle crash, 1200 block E. Main St.

16:33: Harassment, 100 block Jackson Ave.

16:41: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

17:25: Welfare check, 1600 block Curry Ave.

18:49: Fraud, 1200 block Edgewater Ln.

21:17: Barking dog, 700 block S. 12th St.

21:54: Suspicious vehicle, 200 block Davidson Ave.

21:59: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.

23:09: Warrant service, 800 block Row River Rd.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

08:10: Trespass, 500 block Landess Rd.

08:47: Burglary, 800 block S. 6th St.

10:28: Motor vehicle crash, Grocery Outlet

12:07: Juvenile trouble, 900 block S. 6th St.

12:34: Suspicious condition, 1800 block Harvey Rd.

13:21: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

13:36: Harassment, 900 block Row River Rd.

16:01: Assault, 1400 block E. Madison Ave.

16:06: Mental subject, 300 block E. Monroe Ave.

18:49: Drug activity, 600 block S. 5th St.

22:13: Suspicious vehicle, Hwy 99/S. River Rd.

23:47: Fire, 200 block N. 12th St.

23:50: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

03:20: Suspicious vehicle, 2700 block Row River Rd.

04:59: Suspicious subject, 200 block S. 16th St.

07:49: Fraud, 1800 block E. Main St.

08:56: Abandoned vehicle, Hwy 99/Pennoyer

10:13: Theft, 1100 block S. 2nd St.

10:48: Agency assist, 2700 block Hillside Dr.

11:14: Harassment, 100 block Jackson Ave.

12:55: Disturbance, 200 block N. 12th St.

14:26: Juvenile trouble, 1900 block W. Harrison Ave.

14:37: Theft, 1300 block Birch Ave.

14:49: Theft, 200 block N. 12th St.

16:13: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

16:15: Motor vehicle crash, 600 block Wilson Ave.

16:53: Abandoned vehicle, 1000 block Birch Ave.

16:56: Nuisance, R/ Bohemia Pl.

19:55: Juvenile trouble, 100 block S. 10th St.

21:04: Barking dog, 700 block S. 12th St.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

01:14: Illegal camping, 1100 block E. Main St.

01:53: Death investigation, 900 block Chestnut Ave.

08:14: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

10:53: Abandoned vehicle, Birch/L

13:38: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

15:57: Assault, 100 block S. 10th St.

17:04: Abandoned vehicle, 1000 block S. 4th St.

17:43: Motor vehicle crash, 75000 block London Rd.

17:45: Motor vehicle crash, 3000 block Row River Rd.

18:37: Juvenile trouble, 16th/Main

22:51: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

08:22: Criminal mischief, 2800 block Row River Rd.

08:22: Abandoned vehicle, 2800 block Row River Rd.

10:42: Barking dog, 1100 block S. 4th St.

11:20: Juvenile trouble, 1200 block Ash Ave.

18:27: Disturbance, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

18:33: Trespass, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.

19:30: Animal info, 1700 block S. 5th St.

19:47: Suspicious condition, 72000 block London Rd.

19:52: Reckless driving, 1300 block E. Main St.

21:30: Welfare check, 100 block C St.

21:46: ATL DUII, Ostrander/N. Douglas

22:07: Harassment, 2100 block N. Douglas St.

22:34: Hit and run, 1700 block Hwy 99

22:44: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

00:16: Suspicious condition, 600 block Row River Rd.

01:04: Suspicious vehicle, 1000 block Taylor Ave.

06:34: Fire, 100 block Tyson Dr.

09:02: Wanted subject, 100 block Village Dr.

10:26: Disturbance, 200 block S. 6th St.

11:08: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block N. 16th St.

11:11: Wanted subject, 100 block Village Dr.

12:44: ATL DUII, 900 block E. Main St.

13:46: Suspicious vehicle, 800 block N. 9th St.

15:16: Found property, 100 block N. 9th St.

15:59: Mental subject, 200 block Pond Turtle Way

17:27: Suspicious condition, 400 block N. 10th St.

22:32: Suspicious vehicle, Hillside/Cambria

22:45: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.

22:54: Warrant service, River Rd/Main

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

01:25: Suspicious condition, 1800 block Harvey Rd.

01:29: Fire, 1100 block Holly Ave.

02:46: Intoxicated subject, 400 block E. Main St.

09:42: Disturbance, 77000 block Dugan Ln.

11:25: Harassment, 1600 block Ash Ave.

12:01: Suspicious condition, 1100 block W. Main St.

12:52: Animal info, 200 block South M St.

14:08: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

15:49: Suspicious condition, 1400 block N. Pacific Hwy

16:00: Suicidal subject, 1700 block Hwy 99

17:20: Motor vehicle crash, 100 block S. 10th St.

19:00: Juvenile trouble, 35000 block Shoreview Dr.

19:53: Suspicious condition, 2800 block Row River Rd.

20:25: Disorderly subject, 100 block S. River Rd.

20:40: Reckless driving, 400 block E. Main St.

21:01: DUII, K/Chestnut

21:15: Theft, 100 block Crestview Terrace

23:17: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

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Climber rescue from Mt. Yoran

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) reports one person has been safely rescued from a remote wilderness area of Southwest Lane County.

The person was reported to be stuck on Mt. Yoran, in the Diamond Peak Wilderness of the Cascade Range, at approximately 11 a.m. Aug. 26.

“The individual was alone but uninjured. The person advised they became trapped on a ledge while descending and provided GPS coordinates of their location,” according to LCSO Sgt. Levi McKenny.

Lane County Sheriff’s Search & Rescue (SAR) volunteers with Eugene Mountain Rescue responded to assist. Just before 10 p.m. SAR volunteers confirmed the individual was off the mountain and safely back at their vehicle.

“Unfortunately, these types of situations occur frequently,” McKenny said. “Rescues and recoveries are only possible because of the many volunteers the Sheriff’s Office employs. These volunteers train rigorously for all circumstances and often must

respond at a moment’s notice. The Lane County Sheriff’s Office is so thankful for all the men and women who donate their time to make Lane County a safer place.”

The name and age of the person rescued were not immediately available.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office wants everyone to recreate safely, McKenny said his agency is asking that hikers remember:

- Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Know conditions before you leave - rain in the valley can mean ice up high!
- Be prepared to stay out overnight - even if you don’t plan to get out of your car.
- Bring maps for offline navigation - cell service can be spotty!
- If you go on the water, ALWAYS wear a life jacket!
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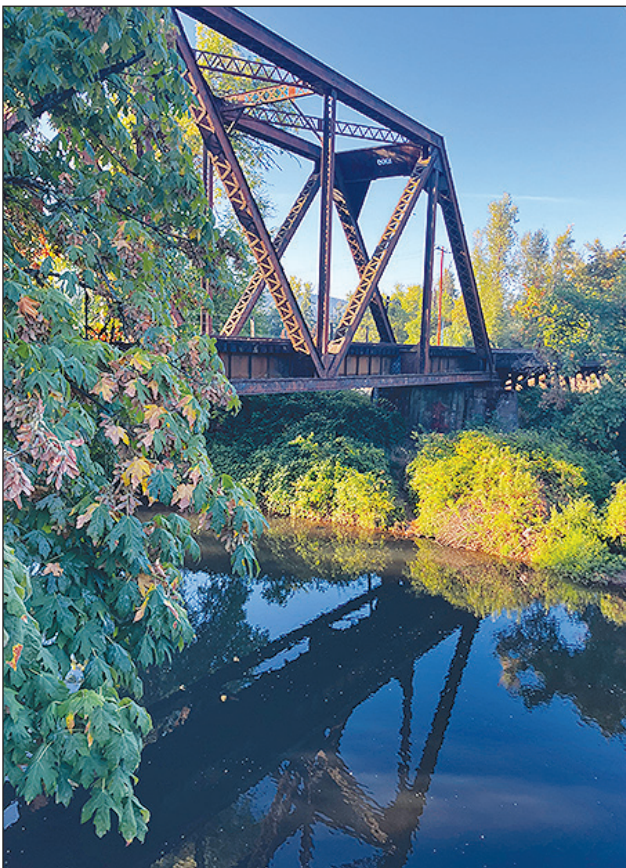
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 9

- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 3–5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Senior Center Pinochle Games. 1 p.m. Senior Center. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
- Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6–7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- Elks Lodge Bingo. Early Bird 6:30 p.m. Regular Games 7 p.m. Elks Lodge.
- Board Game Night with Ayla. 6:30–9:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle

SEPTEMBER 10

- T.O.P.S. Club. 9:30–11 a.m. Delight Valley Church of Christ, Saginaw.
- Baby Laptime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. 1–4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.
- Community Center Table Tennis. 4–6 p.m. Community Center
- Bread Club. 5–7 p.m. CG Public Market.
- Celebrate Recovery. 5:15 p.m. Calvary Chapel. 1447 Hwy 99N.
- Come Paint with Me! 5–7pm. (\$7 fee includes meal) Seventh-day Church, 820 S. 10th St.
- Stone Hart (rock). 6–8 p.m. CG Public Market.



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1906 Coast Fork River Railroad Bridge in Cottage Grove

- Open Mic Night with Brady and Urban. 6:30–9:30 p.m.
- PG Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
- Storytime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. 1–4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.

SEPTEMBER 11

- PD 101/Community Town Hall, Friday, 11am–12:30pm,

- American Legion Bingo. 5–7 p.m. American Legion Post 32. 826 W. Main St.
- Elks Lodge Community Fundraising Dinner: Ham Dinner \$12.
- Saginaw Vineyard Friday Night Live. 6–9 p.m. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd.
- Jackson’s Pub Karaoke Night with Jesse Hart. 6:30 p.m. CG Public Market. 912 E. Main St.
- Rock N Rewind (rock and roll). 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m. Bohemian Tavern. \$5 entry. BCA rules.
- Someday The Robots (Psych/Soul/Rock). 8–10 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12

- Share Fair, 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St.
- South Valley Farmers Market. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 7th and Main Street.

- Cottage Grove Museum. 1–4 p.m. Birch Avenue and H Street.
- Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. 1–4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.
- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 4–10 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Ryker and The Rise (funky pop). 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- AlAnon “Courage to Change.” 7 p.m. Sinclair Room. City Hall.
- Boxcar Figaro, 8–10 p.m. Free

SEPTEMBER 13

- Cottage Grove Museum. 1–4 p.m. Birch Avenue and H Street.
- VFW Bingo. 2–4 p.m. VFW Post 3473. 3160 Hillside Dr.
- The Regulars (Americana). 1–3 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.

- Apis Mellifera (indie folk). 6–8 p.m. Axe and Fiddle

SEPTEMBER 14

- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 1–5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Senior Center Bingo. 12:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Community Center.
- Gardeners Meeting. 5:30–7 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- South Lane School Board Meeting. 5:30 p.m. District Office. 455 Adams Ave.
- SEPTEMBER 15
- Ukulele Club. (for adults) 9 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bilingual Story Time. 5 p.m. CG Public Library.
- Trinity Lutheran Free Take Out Dinner. 5:15–6:15 p.m. 675 S. 7th St.
- Trivia & Games with Gerald and Cribbage with Ted. 6–8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.

Oregon universities brace for international enrollment drop following visa delays, Trump policies

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Oregon Capital Chronicle
Ahead of the fall semester at Oregon’s largest public universities, staff are helping students from around the world navigate challenging visa delays and uncertainty over President Donald Trump and his administration’s immigration policies that are expected to drive down international enrollment.
Oregon’s senior U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, a Democrat, on Aug. 13 joined two dozen colleagues calling on Secretary of State Marco Rubio in a letter to explain why the senators had been hearing reports that student visa appointments at many embassies and consulates abroad were unavailable during peak application season, and why processing was taking far longer than in the past.
“We urge the State Department to ensure timely processing of ... student and exchange visitor nonimmigrant visas, consistent with the approach taken by administrations of both parties in the past, and to implement other measures to avoid diminishing U.S. competitiveness,” they wrote.
Trump travel bans, recent changes to the length of student exchange visas, and the administration’s aggressive approach to immigration enforcement — including arrests of international

students at American universities for participating in protests — have led to an estimated 20% decline in foreign student enrollment at U.S. universities this spring as compared to 2025, according to the nonprofit Association of International Educators.
A lawsuit filed two weeks ago is attempting to stop the visa-length changes from going into effect on Sept. 15, which would limit international students to four years of study in the U.S. with the option to seek an extension.
Angela Seydel, a spokesperson for the University of Oregon, said international students hoping to be on campus by the end of September to start classes have reported difficulty getting paperwork processed in time, and have shared concerns about “ever changing federal rules.”
At Portland State University, more than 130 international students that were in the pipeline to study at the school since June 2025 have been unable to do so because of Trump travel bans on several countries in Africa and the Middle East, including 35 Iranian students and 86 Nigerian students, according to university spokesperson Katy Swordfisk. She said anecdotally enrollment staff are hearing from some Serbian and South Korean students who are currently

having trouble obtaining visas.
The number of international students enrolling in U.S. universities had been rising for nearly a decade until Trump first took office in 2017. Those numbers declined every year of his first term as he enacted travel bans on several majority-Muslim countries, visa changes and as the Covid-19 pandemic hit.
In Oregon, the number of international students has been declining steadily every year for the last decade, and the number enrolled at one of the state’s seven public universities in the fall of 2025 — just over 4,000 — was half of what it was in 2015, according to data from Oregon’s Higher Education Coordinating Commission.
Some of that is attributable to rising tuition costs, school officials have said, because international students at most Oregon universities pay non-resident tuition that is often two or three times the cost of resident tuition. During the 2023–24 school year, as U.S. higher education institutions enrolled more international students than ever before, Oregon’s public universities continued to see declines.

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OBITUARIES

Ida Margaret Martin (Boyce)

October 22, 1930 - August 20, 2026

Ida Margaret Martin (Boyce), age 95, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away on August 20, 2026, in Cottage Grove. She was born on October 22, 1930, in Livingston, Montana, to Alfred and Miriam (Wood) Rahn.

She spent her early years in Montana before moving to Cottage Grove, where she graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1948. On October 16, 1949, she married William F. Boyce in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Together they shared many years of marriage until his passing on November 27, 1987. Later, on October 23, 1990, she married Cecil E. Martin in Cottage Grove, Oregon, and they shared their lives until his death on December 1, 2016.

Over the years, Ida worked a variety of roles, including secretary roles at various family businesses and working at a school cafeteria. In each position, she was dependable, gracious, and committed to doing her best. She was respected for her work ethic and for the friendly manner she brought to every task and every place she served.

Outside of work, Ida enjoyed a full and active life. She loved gardening, golf, baking, dancing, sewing, and cooking. These interests reflected her creativity,



patience, and joy in making life pleasant for others. Whether she was tending to her garden, preparing a meal, or spending time with family and friends, she found happiness in simple and meaningful moments. She also enjoyed her many trips to Hawaii, Palm Springs, Depot Bay, and the cabin at Crescent Lake.

Ida was a devoted mother and grandmother who took great pride in her family. She is survived by her sons, Jerry (Nancy) Boyce of Eugene, Oregon; Rick (Kathy) Boyce of Cottage Grove, Oregon; Mike (Jennifer) Boyce of Inverness, Florida; and Darin (Teresa) Boyce of Cottage Grove, Oregon. She also leaves behind eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom brought her great joy and pride.

Ida will be remembered for her devotion to family, her enduring strength, and the many ways she enriched the lives of those who knew her. Her long life was a testament to love, resilience, and the value of a life well lived. She will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

A private family service and entombment was held at Springfield Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

Patrick Keith Dolan

December 11, 1939 - August 13, 2026

Patrick Keith Dolan, a respected educator and longtime resident of Cottage Grove, Oregon, died on August 13, 2026, at the age of 86.

Born December 11, 1939, in Libby, Montana, Pat was the son of William and Rosetta (Walker) Dolan.

He was raised in Troy, Montana, and graduated from Troy High School before earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Montana State University in Bozeman. He later married Judith K. Tiegen, also of Troy, and together they raised five children.

Mr. Dolan dedicated more than three decades to teaching history at Lincoln Junior High School in Cottage Grove. Known for his innovative and engaging instructional methods, he frequently employed theatrical and unconventional approaches to bring historical events to life. His use of the Flat Earth Society as a framework for teaching Columbus, studentled "accusations" during his Salem witch trials unit, and memorable introductions to his mountain man lessons became hallmarks of his classroom. Former students often recalled his firm yet compassionate teaching style and credited him with leaving a lasting influence on their education and personal development.



In addition to teaching, Pat coached football, basketball, and track. After retiring, he became an accomplished painter whose work is treasured by family and friends. He also worked parttime at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Home until his 80th birthday. Pat enjoyed time with his family, watching sports, playing cards, and going hunting with his boys.

Pat was a parishioner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church for more than 50 years and was active in parish service. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Known throughout Cottage Grove, he was frequently greeted by former students and community members who fondly called out, "Hi, Mr. Dolan."

He is survived by his children Shawn (Lori), Mark (Debbie), Shannon (Alan Gilds), Jonathan (Nicole), and Peter (Dora); numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his brother, Gary Dolan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith; his parents; his brother Raymond Dolan; and his sister Rhea O'Kins.

A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, with a reception to follow.

Sharon Lee (Tanner) Cooper

February 22, 1942 - August 9, 2026

Sharon Lee (Tanner) Cooper, age 84, of Cottage Grove, OR went home to be with Jesus on August 9, 2026, at her home with family, after suffering with Alzheimer's.

She was born February 22, 1942, in Eugene, OR, to Frank (Fritz) and Fern (Campbell) Tanner of Cottage Grove. Sharon had a smile of beauty, a heart that loved generously, a spark of joy and energy of life. On June 6th, 1958, she married her Culp Creek neighborhood sweetheart in Cottage Grove. They spent 68 years together loving, raising their 2 children, enjoying square dancing, bowling, snowmobiling, riding ATVs, camping, making friends, traveling together, and with others across the USA, Canada, and Mexico. They retired to Two Rivers North development in Central Oregon. They also lived in Gilchrist, OR and then returned in 2016 to Dorena, OR.

Sharon was a woman of faith who shared her beliefs to family and others. She taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at various churches. She spent 27 years as Project Leader for Operation Christmas Child. She enjoyed helping with hospitality and participating in various women and senior groups.

Sharon was employed by South Lane School District for 28 years. Starting as a Cafeteria Cook at Lincoln Jr. High, moving to Counseling Secretary there, then moving to CGHS as Counseling Secretary. She stepped to Vice Principal Secretary at CGHS then finished at Dorena Elementary as Administrative Secretary in her childhood community of Culp Creek, Dorena, Disston.



Sharon encouraged her children to participate in sports and activities. She was involved with them as a member of the Bohemia Belles Baton Parent Club, Brownie and Cub Scout leader, and attending all sports and activities they were involved in including car racing for her son Kerry, in the last few years. She herself was proficient in volleyball in childhood, high school and into adulthood.

In her last retired years when she and Gary returned to the Dorena/ Culp Creek area she was a member of Row River Sunshine Club.

She is survived by her husband Gary G. Cooper; daughter Katrina (Trina) Kelley and husband Mike Kelley; son Kerry Cooper and partner Melissa Abston; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. She loved her family very much, always proving it by being interested in what they were doing and what their needs were. She was an only child, so her Campbell cousins, Carl, Barbara, Janet, and Dick were like brothers and sisters to her. Sharon was proceeded in death by her parents, her cousins Carl and Barbara, aunts and uncles and daughter-in-law Natalee "Jeni" Cooper.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 11am at Living Faith Assembly of God, Cottage Grove, OR with food and fellowship to follow. We will gather to celebrate with a wife, mom, grandma, aunt, cousin, and friend. Her laughs, her smile, her silliness, and her concern for all was a blessing to all.

Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Daniel "Danny" Calvin Tadlock

1945 - 2026

Danny Calvin Tadlock, 81, passed away peacefully on August 29, 2026, at his home in Cottage Grove, Oregon, surrounded by his loving family.

Danny is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Gail Tadlock; his sons, Robert Frazier of Hermiston, Oregon, and Mason Buckland of Cottage Grove, Oregon; as well as multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Throughout his life, he was known as a hardworking man who deeply loved his family and friends. He spent many years working as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator, careers that reflected his strong work ethic and dedication.

He was a man of God and was strong in his faith. His faith was an important part of who he was and provided him strength throughout his life.

Danny found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved spending time playing



cards with his friends and relaxing while watching old Westerns on television. He especially enjoyed a hot spaghetti dinner at home and taking his wife, Gail, out for dinner.

In his younger days, Danny enjoyed fishing and hunting. Above all else, he cared deeply for the people in his life. He cherished his family and friendships and will be remembered for his faith, his strength, his hardworking nature, and the love he shared with those closest to him.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 38 years, Lucille Tadlock, and his son, Timothy Tadlock.

Danny's presence will be deeply missed, but the memories he created and the love he gave will live on in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

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BRACE From page 3

"Since 2015, international enrollment declines have cost the UO substantially in annual revenue. We also see a major loss of global cultural, linguistic, and perspective difference in our classrooms, clubs, labs and community," Seydel, of the University of Oregon, said.

Many of the declines have been among students seeking degrees in business, computer science, and other STEM fields, according to Seydel.

International students from more than 100 countries make up nearly 6% of students at Oregon State University's Corvallis and Cascades campuses and in online degree programs, according to spokesperson Rob Odom.

The university won't be able to report full fall enrollment numbers until October, he said, but it's currently home to about 1,900 international students and their families, down from 2,400 in recent years.

He said the declines don't threaten the future of any degree programs at the university, but the loss of these students runs deeper than the tuition dollars they bring.

"For OSU, as for most U.S. universities, international students bring a wealth of talent and a connection to the world that we would not otherwise have," he said.

More than 7,300 international students at Oregon's public and private universities and colleges contribute

nearly \$264 million to Oregon's economy annually, and support more than 1,900 jobs, according to the most recent analysis from the Association of International Educators.

The association estimates there are 111,000 fewer international students heading to U.S. universities during this academic year than there were at the start of the 2024-25 school year, before Trump began his second term. Analysts project the number of international students enrolled in the 2026-27 school year could drop by 130,000 to just over 1 million.

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Cottage Grove ready to run this fall

Will LOHRE

Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Cottage Grove Cross Country program is coming off a historic season.

The boys finished third in 4A while the girls took home the 4th-place trophy. The program also had multiple athletes receive all-state plaudits. But 2026 will be a different year, but different doesn't mean worse, and Head Coach Ricky Knutson is ready to get to work this fall.

"At the end of last school year, we had a lot of kids graduate from the cross country team. So I thought the team was going to be a little smaller this year, but we've had this huge influx of incoming freshmen and kids that have just decided to come out that haven't been in the past, and we might have some pretty big numbers here," Knutson said.

Knutson said both teams have good participation numbers early on, but each is looking strong. Notably, the girls squad might actually have more numbers than the

boys, an exceptional occurrence in today's sporting culture. Twenty girls have turned out, and Knutson said he's excited to say around 40 kids are running across the two teams.

It's also a far cry from where the program was when Knutson took over in 2021.

"To be fair, we were coming off COVID," Knutson said. "I think in 2020, there were only four girls on the team and a handful of boys."

Over the last five years, the growth has been evident not only in participation numbers, but also in the results they've achieved.

"The last five years have been pretty big. The boys' team went from one of the worst in the state. The girls didn't have enough girls to score. In the last five years, we've had six district championships and four state trophies," Knutson said. "And last year was probably the best overall year in school history for the cross country team, so, yeah, it's been pretty fun."

Despite the excellence the program has attained in recent years, Knutson said this year's crop is hungry for more. The summer ended with a travel training camp. Attendance wasn't mandatory, and in fact, it was earned through participation in summer workouts.

Athletes earned points for taking part in team activities over the summer, and when Knutson counted them up, 26 athletes had enough to go to camp. While the work is just beginning for the fall season, the team leaders already have their sights set on some lofty goals.

"My older kids on the team, they are definitely not talking about rebuilding. They want to maintain the momentum. So, their goal is to embrace these new athletes and keep things rolling. So I think both the boys' and the girls' teams are going to contend for district titles again this year," Knutson said. "That's that's the the goal. And then I know the kids have some bigger aspirations beyond that, but I kind of like them to be able to establish those types of things."

To drive home the process-oriented goals the program holds dear, they've had some successful leaders from previous Lions' cross country teams talk to the team about



Courtesy photo from the Cottage Grove Cross Country website

Remington Sharkey and Jennings Albrecht lead the way for Cottage Grove as the boys finished as the top 4A team and placed 6th overall in a field of more than 30 complete teams at The Opener.

the hard work that goes into ultimate success.

Recently graduated senior and 2025 2nd Team All-State runner, Ella Cardwell tagged along to camp to help the current Lions learn what it takes to reach some of those goals. Cardwell will be running for Western Oregon University, and she clued in the next generation about her journey.

"She actually came along, and we did a lot of Q and A stuff with her, and she was able to share her experiences with a lot of these kids that went to camp," Knutson said. "So, she got to share a lot of her experiences and advice, and so that was pretty cool too."

Knutson and the team are helped in their quest for success by assistant coaches Kindra Lowe, Jayden Tucker, and Joe Uhan. Knutson said each has brought valuable skills to the table to help move the team forward, and

that it's important to have "good adults around" to guide the team in the right direction.

Cottage Grove already participated in their first two meets this fall, hitting The Opener in Ash Creek Preserve on Aug. 28, and Ultimate Race on Sept. 5. Heading into those races, Knutson said the process is so important, and getting some good times on paper to understand their baseline is all they are trying to emphasize. The boys finished as the top 4A team in the field, and sixth overall among 30, while the girls took ninth out of 23.

"We don't focus on that opening meet as much. It's just the first step and kids getting a chance to get out and compete. I think the kids are excited because some of these kids have been running since the beginning of June, and they put in three months of training since track, and they finally get to race,"

Knutson said. "Running is a grind, and the kids love being around each other, but they also like to compete. So, it's exciting to get a chance to get out, finally get on the starting line with the teammates, and race some people. It gives them an idea of where they're at after three months of running compared to the beginning of last season, because, obviously, our goal is that November. So, it's a process."

The Lions' season is off the starting block, and it's a long race until the big races in November. Now it's on Knutson, the training staff, and the team to make the most of their opportunities.

"We'll let the results do the talking," Knutson said. "That's what we try to focus on. Put the work in and then we'll see what happens."

Follow results at athletic.net.



Courtesy photo from the Cottage Grove Cross Country website

Carly Knutson and Rowyn Earl were the leaders for the girls team that placed 9th overall out of 23 complete teams at The Opener.

GUEST COLUMN

ERIN MCMAHON

Cottage Grove Sentinel Guest Column

Disasters and emergencies can happen anywhere, and without warning. In Oregon, we deal with wildfires, floods, heat domes, ice and snowstorms—along with the ever-present threat of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. It's important for everyone to know what to do, and how to care for one another.

This is why FEMA and the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) observe National Preparedness Month in September and the Great ShakeOut in October. We want to empower community members to prepare together.

As director of OEM, helping people in Oregon get ready for disasters is a top priority. I'm excited to share the Be 2 Weeks Ready tool kit, which can be found online at Oregon.gov/oem/Be2WeeksReady.

This digital toolkit is available in multiple languages and is designed to help individuals and communities build their emergency plans, practice their skills and share resources in meaningful ways.

Our goal is to foster a culture of preparedness within established community groups—faith organizations, neighborhood associations, local 4-H clubs, schools and workplaces. By working through the toolkit together, these groups can strengthen their collective resilience and help ensure everyone is equipped to handle emergencies.

A great opportunity for community practice is the Great Oregon Camp-In, held the weekend after the Great ShakeOut on October 15. You can find out more about these events under "community preparedness" at Oregon.gov/oem. The Camp-In gives households and neighborhoods a chance to spend some time



Courtesy photo

Erin McMahon

working on their emergency plan and practicing what it might be like to do day-to-day activities after a large disaster disrupts our daily lives.

Being two weeks ready doesn't have to be expensive or happen all at once. Many actions you can take today cost little or nothing:

- Visit ORAlert.gov to sign up for local emergency alerts.
- Make sure Wireless Emergency Alerts are enabled on your mobile phone.

- Understand Oregon's evacuation levels (1-Ready, 2-Set, 3-Go) and know the routes in your area.

- Familiarize yourself with real-time road conditions by visiting TripCheck.com.

- Make go-bags with survival essentials for every member of your family, including pets.

Be Prepared If Cell Service Goes Down

Communication systems can fail during disasters. Create a PACE plan (Primary, Alternate, Contingency, Emergency) so your household knows how to communicate if cell service is disrupted.

Example PACE plan:

- Primary: Cell phones
- Alternate: Satellite-based service add-ons offered by some cell providers
- Contingency: Satellite communicator separate from your phone
- Emergency: Short-range communication radios and a

hand-crank NOAA Weather Radio

Another critical part of preparedness is knowing how you will recover. Make sure your renter's or homeowner's insurance provides the coverage you need for hazards in your area. Standard policies may not include protection for events such as floods, landslides or fires. Recovery often depends on insurance, savings and loans, so talk with your agent to ensure you have the right coverage. Also consider making copies of your vital documents—scan or photograph them and store them in a secure, password protected online drive or in a waterproof container inside your go-bag.

Finally, look to your local leaders for guidance. Connect with your local emergency management office, Community/Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams (C/NERTs), sheriff's office or Tribal police, and follow

them on social media to stay informed during rapidly changing emergencies.

In the end, what I most want for the people of Oregon is to feel empowered—not frightened—when thinking about how they will respond in an emergency. I believe the Be 2 Weeks Ready toolkit and connecting with local emergency preparedness groups will help individuals build strong community connections that lead to better outcomes for everyone when disaster strikes.

Erin McMahon was appointed director of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management in September 2023. She is a retired U.S. Army brigadier general, attorney and combat veteran with 24 years of experience advising state and national leaders on emergencies requiring operational and civilian support.

New Poll

What emotion is your child/children experiencing going back to school?

Excitement
Eagerness
Apprehension
Dread

Last Week's Poll Results

Are you ready for the change from summer to fall?

75% Yes, bring on the Fall Colors

25% No, I am still working on my tan

Quote of the Week

"Contact your representatives in Washington and urge them to protect the congressionally mandated editorial independence of Stars and Stripes. Tell your readers, viewers and followers why this institution matters. One of journalism's own needs our support—now is the time to speak up!"

Mike Blinder, Publisher, E&P Magazine



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ACROSS

DOWN

1 Device causing a machine to operate

2 Humiliate

3 Implied but not stated

4 Prenatal chambers

5 Gentleman thief Lupin of fiction

6 Subdue with a stun gun

7 Phil of folk

8 1910s-'20s auto

9 God of Islam

10 Certain vegan frank

11 With 113-Across, DJ's guides

12 "Gunga Din" studio

13 BP's merger partner

14 Sir's counter-parts

15 Awaited saviors

16 "Mourning Becomes"

17 Occupy, as a table

18 Make up (for)

19 Have a hunch

24 Kin of "Inc."

29 Cable inits. for film buffs

31 Sleep clinic diagnosis

32 "Neat!"

48 Break out of an egg

52 "A Streetcar Named Desire"

57 Hindu religious retreat

58 Milkshake alternatives

59 Was wearing

60 Certain litcos ctr. e.g.

61 Coconut tree, e.g.

62 Hurricanes, e.g.

64 "3022" co-star Omar

66 Diner l'ave

67 "— cost ya!"

68 Pleasant feeling after winning

73 Wizard, in fantasy fiction

74 "Presence" co-star Lucy

75 Where the Clintons met

76 Windbag's output

78 Litigates

79 Plus-size supermodel

81 Teepee-shaped

84 Shipwastewater

85 Color TV pioneer

86 Creamy vinaigrette with little crunchy bits

89 Great risk

91 Big blue body

92 More urgent

93 Chaotic state

94 Supermarket vehicle

97 A, in Spain

99 Brain product

101 Starts of some flashy combo shots in hoops

107 Reins in

112 1990s subcompact car model

113 See 11-Down

114 Embark on a voyage

116 Stoked

117 Super-rare basketball feat ... or what each of six long answers in this puzzle

121 Food fish

122 Beyond belief

123 Open (to)

124 Tortellini

125 Ford bombs

126 Menu section with reds and whites

33 In a demure way

35 Tummy muscles

36 Hurry along

39 After-hours

40 Ragú product

41 Like many vehicles on steep hills

42 Main dishes

44 Pleiffer of "Cybill"

45 Like some thickish paper towels

47 An arm and a leg

49 "Not true!"

50 Radio or TV station identifiers

51 Code for WWW pages

53 Squalor of Lemony Snicket books

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55 Human rights org.

56 Tennis event

61 Old Lutheran movement

63 Fifth-cen. pope

65 Sang alone

69 Be overly doing, in slang

70 Childhood malady

71 Prada rival

72 Corn cores

73 Fig. on a new car sticker

77 Rules, in brief

80 Give a visual once-over to

82 "Beast" star

83 Street rep

86 Portmored for

87 Yemen's capital

88 Prior to

90 Sall for wintry roads

95 Decay

96 Twisting force

98 Star-related

100 Opening opera section

101 Audibly stunned

102 "I wanna try!"

103 Runs easily

104 Scale unit

105 Psyches

106 Seer's "gift"

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SMOOTHIE

TEA

WINE SELECTION

ENTERTAINMENT

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

GOLF COURSE

INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT

MUSICIAN / DJ

MUSEUM

PARK

PERFORMANCE VENUE

PERFORMING ARTS GROUP

FOOD & DINING

APPETIZER / SMALL PLATE

ASIAN CUISINE

BREAKFAST

BURGER

BURRITO

CHOWDER

DESSERT

FOOD TRUCK

MEXICAN CUISINE

PIZZA

RESTAURANT

RESTAURANT SERVICE

SALAD

SALSA

SANDWICHES

SEAFOOD

STEAK

SUSHI

TACO

VEGETARIAN / VEGAN

HOME SERVICES

CARPET CLEANING

CONTRACTOR

ELECTRICIAN

ESTATE LIQUIDATOR

FLOORING

HANDYMAN

HOME IMPROVEMENT

HOUSE CLEANING

HVAC / HEAT & AIR

INTERNET SERVICE

LANDSCAPING

PAINTING

PEST CONTROL

PLUMBING

ROOFING

SELF-STORAGE

WINDOWS

PET

PET BOARDING

PET GROOMER

PET SUPPLIES

PET TRAINER

VETERINARIAN (LOCAL)

VETERINARIAN OFFICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

ACCOUNTANT

ATTORNEY

BANK

BANK TELLER

COMPUTER HELP / REPAIR

FINANCIAL PLANNER

INSURANCE OFFICE

INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL

MORTGAGE LENDING

PHOTOGRAPHER

PROPERTY MANAGER

REAL ESTATE AGENT

REAL ESTATE OFFICE

SHIPPING SERVICES

TITLE COMPANY

SHOP LOCAL

ANTIQUES

APPLIANCES

ART GALLERY

ART SUPPLIES

BOOKS

BOUTIQUE

CLOTHING

FURNITURE

GARDEN NURSERY

GIFTS

HOME DECOR

HOME IMPROVEMENT

JEWELRY

KIDS CLOTHING

MATTRESS

THRIFT STORE

WELLNESS & BEAUTY

ACUPUNCTURE

BARBERSHOP

DAY SPA

DENTAL OFFICE

DENTIST

ESTHETICIAN

EYE CARE

HAIR SALON

HAIR STYLIST

HEARING SPECIALIST

MANICURE / PEDICURIST

MASSAGE

MEDICAL FACILITY

MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL

NAIL SALON

PERSONAL TRAINER

PHARMACY

TANNING SALON

TATTOO PARLOR