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Boot scootin' banquet celebrates community spirit

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

Cowboy hats, denim, and the sound of line dancing boots set the tone as the Cottage Grove Armory transformed into a Western themed celebration for the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Awards "Boot Scootin' Banquet."

Hay bales framed the stage, tables were dressed in rustic décor, and guests tried their hand at roping a practice steer before the approximately 200 attendees sat down for dinner.

The lively atmosphere made a fitting backdrop when the Distinguished Service Award was presented to the Cottage Grove High School Key Club for the impact its members made across the community.

The Distinguished Service Award is not a Chamber award. It is selected each year by Cottage Grove's service clubs — Coast Fork

Kiwanis, the Cottage Grove Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Cottage Grove, and the Prospectors & Gold Diggers Club — with the honor presented during the Chamber's banquet program. The award is traditionally given to an individual, making this year's recognition of a student group especially rare.

Key Club Advisor and club alumna Eva Kerns said students have already completed more than 500 hours of service this school year, with 23 members surpassing the club's annual 10 hour requirement. She described the group as "empathetic, compassionate and reliable," adding that students "work really hard year round to serve our community," Kerns told The Sentinel.

KEY CLUB'S ACTS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Their volunteer work spans the entire community — from helping at the Bohemia Elementary

Fall Festival and the Downtown Halloween event to wrapping presents for Tree of Joy, supporting the Jingle Rush 5K, and spending time with elders at Cottage Grove Post Acute and Middlefield Oaks. Students also assisted with events such as runCGrin, the Mayor's Monster Ball, Lions Fest, and the Chamber's own Boot Scoot Awards dinner.

Coast Fork Kiwanis Club President Don Erlich said Coast Fork Kiwanians take pride in their long partnership with the student organization.

"For decades, Coast Fork Kiwanis has proudly sponsored and supported the Key Club at Cottage Grove High School. We believe in developing young leaders, and this group continues to make us proud year after year," Erlich told The Sentinel.

Key Club President Taylor Blank said the recognition reflects the spirit of the club's members, telling The Sentinel that "We are all in Key



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Banquet attendees learning to line dance. See more photos with this story at cgsentinel.com.

Club because we believe in doing our part and we love helping our community. The satisfaction of volunteering is a reward in itself. This award is just the cherry on top of a great year of volunteering."

The club's leadership team includes Blank, Vice President Brooklyn Donaghy, Secretary Lesly Izucar Rangel, Treasurer Emmerson

Bickford, and Technology Director Stella Molloy.

BANQUET ACTIVITIES AND FUNDRAISING

MC Tobi D'Amore humorously presided over the event, with live music from Campbell Conforth Banjo setting the tone ahead of

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Residents pack council defending library funding

CINDY WEELDREYER
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An overflowing crowd packed the Cottage Grove City Council meeting March 23, with library supporters spilling into the city hall lobby as the council received a governance training and prepared to enter this year's budget season.

When public comment opened after the lengthy presentation, nearly a dozen residents stepped forward to urge the council to protect library funding.

One speaker after another described the library as an essential community service and called on councilors to maintain staffing, hours and programming as the city prepares for difficult financial decisions.

The strong turnout came just weeks before the city begins its annual budget cycle. The Budget Committee will hold its first meeting on April 21 at 6 p.m. to receive the budget officer's message and begin reviewing the proposed 2026-27 budget. The City Council will follow with a town hall on April 23 at 6 p.m. to give residents an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget. The location has not yet been determined.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Fred Colgan, a 20 year resident, said he and others were alarmed by what he called "draconian budget cuts coming to the library in the current sea of red ink." He urged the council to "rise up to the challenge of being a high functioning organization" and work with the community to find solutions. "The library is not just another line item in the budget," he said. "The library is an iconic piece of this community." At the end of his remarks Colgan asked people to raise their hands if they were there to support the library and nearly every hand was raised.

Jim Lockhart framed the issue in broader civic terms, reading aloud a definition he found online describing public access to books as a hallmark of a "civilized, thriving society." Libraries, he said, serve as social infrastructure that supports democracy, literacy and cultural preservation. "I think [Google] pretty much nailed it," he said, adding that whatever the size of the cuts, "at all costs, the library should be supported now and in the future."

Several speakers emphasized the library's role in supporting young families.

Alex Drehr asked the council not to "balance the budget on the back of the library," calling it a deeply



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The Cottage Grove Library is located at 700 E Gibbs Avenue in Cottage Grove.

community facing asset. As a new mother emerging from the pandemic, she said Story Time, Baby Laptime and Bilingual Story Time helped her meet other parents and form a support network known as the "Library Moms." Buying the number of books her daughter reads, she said, would be cost prohibitive for many families.

Others highlighted the library's importance to homeschool and charter school students. Terri Moore said those school libraries "are not as huge and have the wealth of items"

available at the city library, and parents rely on the public collection to expand their children's education.

For some families, the library is also a refuge.

Vanessa Moya Lopez, a six year resident, said her family visits weekly for books, activities or simply a safe place to spend time. With limited disposable income and a husband who does not drive, she said the library provides "an invaluable resource with measurable benefits." On days that are too hot, cold, smoky or wet, she said, "it is

where desperate citizens go to get out of the house or out of the elements." Her kindergarten age son, a "COVID baby," has gained confidence by interacting with librarians and other children. "Now he walks in like he owns the place," she said.

City Councilor Dana Merryday later told The Sentinel, "It was refreshing to hear the very informed and elegant testimony from these constituents. Each one listened to what each previous speaker said and brought another perspective to

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Nine-year old Hannah Joy Thornton enjoys reading a book at the Cottage Grove Library.

WHERE WE LIVE

A Church Reborn, Rooted, and Growing in the Heart of Cottage Grove

On Jefferson Avenue, between Fifth and Sixth Streets, the light blue and white building long known as First Baptist Church, distinguished by its large stained-glass cross on the sanctuary wall, is where a new chapter of Cottage Grove's faith community is unfolding.

Hope in the Grove Baptist Church, once a small church plant meeting in borrowed spaces, has become a thriving, multigenerational congregation shaped by resilience, renewal, and a mission centered on treasuring Christ and leading others to do the same.

This is Easter Holy Week, a season when many Christians reflect on themes of renewal, and the story of Hope in the Grove naturally echoes some of those rhythms. The congregation has walked through seasons of loss and rebuilding, and today it stands in a moment of renewed purpose and growth.

FROM A HANDFUL OF FAMILIES TO A GROWING CONGREGATION

The church now welcomes between 80 and 100 people each Sunday, a far cry from its earliest days as a handful of families meeting in the Community Center. But to understand the church's present momentum, you have to trace the winding, faith driven path that brought them here.

Hope in the Grove began in September 2017 as a church plant from New Hope Baptist Church in Creswell. Several New Hope members already lived in Cottage Grove, and the sending church felt called to establish a local congregation that could be, in Samuels' words, a beacon of hope in Cottage Grove. The founding vision was straightforward and memorable, Know Christ, Grow in Christ, Go with Christ.



Courtesy photo

EARLY YEARS OF MOBILITY AND MINISTRY

The early years were marked by mobility. The church first met at the Community Center, a season defined by weekly setup and teardown but also by deep bonds formed among the small core group. Later, the congregation moved to the former South Lane Christian Center on Mosby Creek Road,

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A merger of First Baptist Church and Hope In The Grove Baptist Church has been a win-win for both congregations, according to church leaders.

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A CLOSER LOOK

Dancing, running into traffic leads to arrest

The following weekly update is from the Cottage Grove Police Department.

- An officer responded to reports of a male subject attempting to break into the victim's vehicle. When the reporting party confronted them, the suspect ran, but the victim was able to catch the event on his phone. A license plate of the involved was investigated and three known suspects were listed as being tied to the vehicle.
- Additionally, dispatch advised the officer on scene that the victim involved in this case has an Attempt to Locate for a warrant on a previous case from our agency. The suspect was detained without incident, transported to the Police Department for processing and then to the Lane County Jail on charges of Sodomy in the First Degree (ORS 163.405), Unlawful Sexual Penetration (ORS 163.411), and Assault in the Forth Degree (ORS 163.160).
- An investigation into a violation of a restraining order was conducted where ultimately it was determined that a male suspect would be arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail.
- A male subject was causing a disturbance on Main Street. When an officer arrived, they noticed a known male from previous law enforcement contacts across the street, yelling and extremely animated. An interview was conducted with a nearby store owner, who explained what had happened, which presented probable cause for Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree (ORS 166.025). The male subject was transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged.
- Dispatch received a call regarding two subjects who appeared to be actively doing drugs at All American Park. Based on the description of the two subjects, officers had an idea of who they were searching for. The two subjects were found traveling east on Main Street. Dispatch confirmed that the female subject had a warrant for her arrest out of Lane County Circuit Court as well as multiple warrants out of CG Municipal Court for Unlawful Entry to a Vehicle case, Theft in the Third Degree case (x2), Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree case, and Criminal Trespass in the First Degree case. She was

transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged.

- A female subject was called in multiple times for dancing and running into traffic on I-5. Officers contacted her at the scene and she was subsequently arrested and transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on charges of Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree (ORS 166.025).
- Officers responded to a trespass call involving an adult female who was refusing to leave the location. Upon arrival, officers located the female wedged underneath an outdoor table in a muddy area. She was erratically rolling around, thrashing her body, and holding a pitchfork. Based on her behavior and multiple indicators that she was unable to care for herself or act safely, officers detained her and placed her on a Police Officer Hold.
- While being transported to PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend, the female continued to behave in an extremely unsafe manner in the back of the patrol vehicle. Officers became concerned she would seriously injure herself. Officers stopped the vehicle in an attempt to reposition her; however, due to her continued behavior, medics were requested. Medical personnel responded and the female was transported to RiverBend via ambulance. Officers accompanied and followed the ambulance to the hospital.
- The search for a wanted subject was concluded on Friday afternoon. Officers conducted surveillance on his residence for several hours early in the shift, with no movement observed. Later in the day, the subject was seen moving in the driveway area. Officers re-established containment around the residence for a short period.
- The male subject exited the residence voluntarily and was taken into custody without incident on two felony warrants out of Lane County. The warrants included Failure to Appear on charges of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Theft I (four counts), Burglary II (two counts), Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Criminal Mischief I, Unauthorized Entry into a Motor Vehicle, and Trespass II (two counts). The subject was lodged at the

Lane County Jail. Due to most charges having been previously adjudicated, he is expected to be remanded to the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections.

- Officers responded to a report of a wrong-way driver on Highway 99 South near Quincy Avenue. The vehicle involved was reported to be traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of travel. Prior to Officers' arrival, Dispatch advised the vehicle had come to a complete stop in the southbound lanes and was still facing northbound. The driver appeared to be either asleep or passed out behind the wheel.
- Upon arrival, Officers contacted the driver and woke him. While doing so, drug paraphernalia was observed in plain view inside

the vehicle. Officers recognized the driver from previous law enforcement interactions.

A DUII investigation was conducted, and he was subsequently arrested for DUII (ORS 813.010), Driving While Suspended – Misdemeanor (ORS 811.182), and Possession of a Controlled Substance – Methamphetamine (ORS 475.894). During a subsequent search of the driver's area, Officers located multiple baggies containing a small amount of suspected methamphetamine, a loaded syringe, and multiple sharp-edged weapons. The male subject was arrested and later transported to the Lane County Jail where he was booked and lodged.

Burglary investigation nets three arrests

Three people are facing multiple charges after being arrested in a Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) investigation.

A LCSO deputy noticed a pickup and trailer parked on private property in the 88000 block of Central Road, west of Eugene near Veneta at 2:30 p.m. March 20. A gate had been damaged, and the pickup was not associated with the address, according to LCSO Sgt. Tim Wallace.

Several deputies and K9 Ripp responded to assist with searching the large property, which included several commercial buildings.

"During the search, deputies detained three individuals who were loading items from inside a building onto the trailer," Wallace said.

After additional investigation, all three suspects were arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail on the below charges:

- Max James Trezona, 36, of Coburg
- Burglary in the 2nd Degree
- Trespass in the 2nd Degree

- Theft in the 3rd Degree
- Justin Wayne Arbogast, 42, of Coburg
- Burglary in the 2nd Degree
- Trespass in the 2nd Degree
- Theft in the 3rd Degree
- Amanda Threasa Thomas, 36, of Eugene
- Burglary in the 2nd Degree
- Trespass in the 2nd Degree
- Theft in the 3rd Degree
- Possession of Burglary Tools
- Unlawful Possession of Fentanyl (Misdemeanor)



Courtesy photo
The investigation and arrests were conducted in the 88000 block of Central Road near Veneta.

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

MARCH 16

- 04:15: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Hwy 99
- 04:50: Welfare check, 700 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
- 09:56: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 10:31: Fire, 2100 block N. Douglas St.
- 10:54: Agency assist, 1700 block Parks Rd.
- 13:05: Warrant service, 700 block E. Main St.
- 13:56: Suspicious condition, 300 block S. River Rd.
- 15:02: Fraud, 2100 block E. Main St.
- 15:13: Abandoned vehicle, 13th/Van Buren
- 17:07: Motor vehicle crash, Main/99

- 17:15: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 400 block 3rd St.
- 18:18: Warrant service, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 20:06: Harassment, 1400 block Gateway Blvd.
- 20:36: Harassment, 700 block Hwy 99

MARCH 17

- 04:24: Suspicious condition, 1000 block Taylor Ave.
- 09:59: Found dog, 300 block S. River Rd.
- 10:08: Alarm, 400 block N. 14th St.
- 12:20: Dog release, 400 block N. 14th St.
- 14:53: Fire, Exit 175 NB On ramp
- 15:34: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 15:39: Hit and run, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 16:18: Abandoned vehicle, 300 block S. 3rd St.
- 17:12: Abandoned vehicle, 16th/Gibbs
- 17:28: Disturbance, 700 block E. Main St.
- 17:35: Order violation, 300 block N. 7th St.
- 18:18: Disturbance, 900 block W. Main St.
- 18:31: Disturbance, 500

- block N. River Rd.
- 20:18: Harassment, 400 block E. Main St.
- 20:57: Suspicious condition, 6th/Grant

MARCH 18

- 00:43: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 400 block North J St.
- 02:27: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 02:31: Suspicious condition, 400 block E. Main St.
- 04:24: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block E. Main St.
- 06:44: Stolen motor vehicle, 33000 block Bachmann Ln.
- 08:05: Fraud, 2800 block Row River Rd.
- 09:46: Criminal mischief, 1300 block S. 8th St.
- 10:06: Harassment, 1400 block S. 4th St.
- 11:39: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 11:40: Agency assist, 100 block E. Harrison Ave.
- 13:32: Suicidal subject, 1400 block Gateway Blvd.
- 14:33: Animal info, 700 block E Gibbs Ave.
- 16:38: Disorderly subject, 1100 block Polk Ave.
- 18:26: Welfare check, 100 block S. River Rd.

- 18:57: Found dog, Hilltop/Main
- 22:03: Abandoned vehicle, Harding/6th
- 22:37: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block S. 4th St

MARCH 19

- 01:27: Illegal camping, 15/Row River Rd.
- 08:21: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 08:34: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 09:01: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 11:55: Abandoned vehicle, 2nd/ Harrison
- 12:45: Nuisance, 100 block Sweet Ln.
- 13:51: Trespass, 700 block S. 14th St.
- 14:24: Disturbance, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 14:40: Trespass, 900 block S. 6th St.
- 14:45: Trespass, 100 block N. 6th St.
- 15:29: Animal info, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 17:30: Welfare check, 1500 block Bryant Ave.
- 18:28: Warrant service, 77000 Hwy 99
- 19:33: Suspicious condition, 1200 block S. 8th St.
- 22:11: Welfare check, 2100 block Getty Circle

MARCH 20

- 01:21: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 02:42: Disturbance, 100 block North I St.
- 04:46: Agency assist, River

- Rd/Harrison
- 09:22: Disturbance, 800 block S. 6th St.
- 09:56: Alarm, 1400 block S. 8th St.
- 10:12: Juvenile trouble, 79000 block Hwy 99
- 11:36: Warrant service, Milepost 175
- 12:09: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 12:25: Agency assist, 100 block E. Harrison Ave.
- 15:24: Disturbance, 81000 block Davison Rd.
- 15:39: Animal info, 1400 block Quincy Ave.
- 15:58: Dog release, 400 block N. 14th St.
- 18:04: Suicidal subject, N. 16th/Main
- 19:39: Warrant service, 6th/Kathleen
- 19:57: Disturbance, E. Harrison/ 1st
- 23:24: Nuisance, 6th/Main

MARCH 21

- 05:25: Disturbance, 1000 block Cedar Ct.
- 07:14: Illegal camping, 100 block S. 10th St.
- 07:30: Agency assist, 700 block Arthur Ave.
- 07:47: Prowler, 1000 block S. 8th St.
- 09:51: Fraud, 1500 block Hwy 99
- 11:05: Warrant service, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 13:44: Theft, 1100 block W. Main St.



- 14:10: Agency assist, 800 block Row River Rd.
- 14:34: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 15:56: Trespass, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 16:39: Mental subject, 800 block Gateway Blvd.
- 17:25: Fraud, 2100 block E. Main St..

MARCH 22

- 06:05: DUII, 600 block S. 5th St.
- 06:13: Death investigation, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 10:01: Suspicious subject,, Exit 174 NB on ramp
- 10:30: Disorderly subject, 100 block N. 6th St.
- 18:06: Suspicious condition, 500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 18:28: Disturbance, S. River Rd/Bryant
- 21:18: Disorderly subject, 300 block S. 5th St.

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JEREMY C. RUARK
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Children of all ages will be scrambling in the grass at Cottage Grove's Bohemia Park Saturday, April 4, in the race to retrieve Easter Eggs.

The annual event is hosted by 6th & Gibbs Church of Christ, who's members began sponsoring a community egg hunt in 2022.

The plastic eggs, filled with candy treats, are purchased by the church. At the end of the hunt, families are requested to return the empty eggs for use the following year. The plastic eggs are

cleaned and used the next year, according to coordinator Kathy Sabin.

The candy is donated by church members. Volunteers stuff approximately 10,000 eggs.

"A banner announcing the event is posted at Coiner Park to be moved to Bohemia Park the day of the event," Sabin said. "Church members volunteer to be onsite to distribute eggs and supervise and clean up as needed."

This year the Sunday Easter Egg Hunt is divided into two groups: 2-year-olds through 1st grade begins at 10 a.m. and ends about 10:30. Grades 1 through

5 begins at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, April 4.

"This is a community outreach by 6th and Gibbs Church of Christ. It builds unity in the community through a family activity," Sabin said.

Another egg hunt is scheduled by the Delight Valley Church of Christ for Sunday, April 5.

Delight Valley Church of Christ
33087 E. Saginaw Road
Sunday, April 5
(Following 10:45 a.m. service)



Metro Creative Connection

The Bohemia Park Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 4.

Soup fundraiser attracts community members



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The Jensen Family enjoys all-you-can-eat soup at Community Sharing Fundraiser on March 19. Pictured left to right are Arya, James and Ivy Jensen.



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Ten local cooks donate soup at annual Helping Hands Souper fundraiser at OLPH Catholic Church



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Community Sharing Board President Brian McCasline presented Mary McNamara with an appreciation award "for countless hours of dedicated service over the past 18 years to the Community Sharing program."

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

Every spring, for the past 18 years, Mary McNamara rounds up 10 cooks to make 10 different soups.

For \$10, an amount that has never increased,

Community Sharing's annual Helping Hands Souper is described by organizers as a well-attended fundraiser and a delicious way to support Cottage Grove's social service agency.

"I've always gone out in the community and sought table sponsors who have responded magnificently," McNamara said. "The generosity of these local businesses sponsorships makes the event

a big money maker for the agency."

During the March 19 dinner at OLPH Catholic Church, Community Sharing Board President Brian McCasline presented McNamara with an

appreciation award "for countless hours of dedicated service over the past 18 years to the Community Sharing program, providing support and compassion to those in need in our community."

All profits from the Souper go directly into the general fund at Community Sharing, providing support for many in need in South Lane County. Proceeds from the event were not available at press time.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 1

- 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.
- Veterans Service Officer Available. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. VFW Post 3473.
- Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6-7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- Coast Fork Kiwanis Club. Noon. My Boys Pizza, Creswell.
- Rotary Club of Cottage Grove. Social 5 p.m., Meeting 5:30 p.m. El Tapatio.
- Ukulele Club. 9 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bilingual Story Time. 5 p.m. CG Public Library.

APRIL 2

- T.O.P.S. Club. 9:30-11 a.m. Delight Valley Church of Christ, Saginaw.
- Community Center Table Tennis. 4-6 p.m. Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
- Baby Laptime. 11:30 a.m.

- CG Public Library.
- Teen Gaming. 4 p.m. CG Public Library.
- Celebrate Recovery. 5:15 p.m. Calvary Chapel, 1447 Hwy 99N.

APRIL 3

- Elks Lodge Chicken Fried Steak Dinner. 5:30-7 p.m.
- Storytime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Hi Fi Friday. 4:30 p.m. CG Public Library.
- LB & Co. 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.

APRIL 4

- American Legion Post 32 Meeting. Noon. 826 W. Main St.
- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 4-10 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Llorona. 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- AlAnon "Courage to Change." 7 p.m. Sinclair Room, City Hall.

APRIL 5

- VFW Community Breakfast. 8-11 a.m. VFW Post 3473.
- South Valley Athletics Bingo Fundraiser.



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3:30-5:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.

APRIL 6

- Gardeners Meeting. 5:30-7 p.m. Coast Fork

Brewing.

APRIL 7

- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 1-5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.

- Trivia & Games with Gerald. 6-8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. Ukulele Club. 9 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bilingual Story Time. 5 p.m. CG Public Library.

- Trinity Lutheran Church Free Take Out Dinner. 5:15-6:15 p.m. 675 S. 7th St.

LIBRARY

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support the continued level of library services."

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

2025-26 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADOPTED

The council voted unanimously to correct accounting

errors discovered after last year's budget was approved and to prevent several funds from ending the fiscal year with negative balances. City Manager Mike Sauerwein called the action "the next step in helping us right our financial ship," saying the adjustments "will resolve those issues." To cover shortfalls, the Storm Drain Reserve Fund will make short term interfund loans to the Water Fund, Industrial Park Fund and Street Fund, with repayment scheduled in

2026-27. Additional adjustments were made in the Narcotics Forfeiture Fund, Wastewater Fund, Armory Special Trusts Fund and Water Reserve Fund. The supplemental budget passed unanimously with little discussion.

PARKING CODE CHANGED

The council unanimously approved an ordinance amending Municipal Code Title 10 to reduce the city's

parking limit from 72 hours to 24 hours. The change followed extensive discussion at the March 9 meeting, where councilors directed staff to draft the ordinance and explore zonal parking options. Staff will return at a future meeting to report on the results of that research.

PROCLAMATIONS

Two proclamations were read into the record. The mayor declared April 6-12 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in

Cottage Grove and encouraged residents to recognize the work of South Lane 9 1 1 telecommunicators. She also proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urged citizens to support efforts that improve the well being of children and families.

HOUSING REHAB GRANT AWARD

In his report, Sauerwein announced that Business Oregon has awarded

Cottage Grove a \$400,000 Community Development Block Grant to support the Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program administered through Lane County and St. Vincent de Paul. The funding will allow the city to offer zero interest loans and grants to low and moderate income homeowners for needed home upgrades.

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Money to continue battle with beetle approved by Oregon Legislature

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon farmers for years have been battling an invasive beetle that “will nibble pretty much on anything that’s green,” said Chris Benemann, director of plant protection at the Oregon Department of Agriculture. But lawmakers didn’t send aid when the agency’s long-standing program to eradicate the Japanese beetle ran out of money last year, surprising specialty crop, grass seed and nursery farmers growing products most tantalizing to the bugs. After an outcry from farm and nursery groups who warned tens of millions of dollars in crop value could be lost, lawmakers in the most recent legislative session slipped \$1.8 million for two years of program funding into a bill meant to balance the state’s budget. Gov. Tina Kotek has yet to sign the bill. The iridescent green bugs are particularly harmful to

the agricultural economies of the Willamette Valley, where adult beetles eat leaves, flowers and fruits including blueberries and wine grapes, and the grubs eat the roots of plants including turf grasses and hops. Without the funding and the program, state agriculture officials warned lawmakers last fall that crops coming from Oregon would no longer be certified as from a “Japanese beetle-free area.” The agency spent the past several months working with Western states to help “facilitate the movement” of Oregon plant products with as little potential for beetle travel as possible, officials said in a statement, but California’s Department of Food and Agriculture revoked Oregon’s pest-free status and imposed new restrictions on products coming from Oregon. The renewed investment should help growers return to “beetle-free” status.



Courtesy photo from Oregon State University

A Japanese beetle feeds on a willow branch. The Oregon Department of Agriculture has monitored and largely controlled the invasive bugs for the last decade, but a funding lapse caused some farmer’s alarm.

Of the litany of creatures targeting Oregon’s crops that agricultural officials deal with, the Japanese Beetle

“rates very high on our list,” Benemann said. Japanese beetles were first spotted in a plant nursery in New Jersey in 1916. Since

then, they’ve made their way across much of the U.S., but it took about 100 years for them to show up in large numbers in Oregon. “It wasn’t until 2016 when we started finding numbers in the hundreds, and then we decided: We have a problem,” Benemann said. “In 2017, we found our largest population number to date, which is really what triggered and brought to the attention the need for the agency to establish the program as we know it today.” That year, the agency captured more than 23,000 beetles. Since then, the number has declined 92%. Last year, fewer than 2,000 beetles were captured, and most were on a single Washington County blueberry farm that the agency has been monitoring and spraying with an insecticide for several years. Large infestations have been found mostly in Multnomah and Washington counties, with smaller populations found in Marion and

Union counties. The beetles have not found their way across much of Oregon east of the Cascades, though Benemann said there are significant populations in Boise, Idaho, meaning they can thrive in arid climates. An economic risk analysis produced by state agricultural officials in 2017, after large numbers of the beetles were discovered, projected financial losses of more than \$45 million if the state did nothing and let the beetles spread and become established. <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/money-to-continue-battle-with-beetle-tucked-into-bill-balancing-oregons-budget/> Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com.

Federal actions signal new era for O&C Timberlands

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

The quarterly meeting of the Association of O&C Counties (AOCC) held in Cottage Grove follow significant federal actions regarding O&C timberlands. In January, U.S. Congress passed the FY26 Interior Appropriations Bill, which

corrects revisions made four decades ago and returns O&C counties to their historic share of timber receipts from federally managed O&C timberlands. This ‘Act of Congress’ is expected to increase annual O&C shared timber receipts revenue to O&C counties by approximately 50 percent.

- In February, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a “Notice of Intent” to initiate the development of a revised Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Management Plan (RMP) governing the 2.5 million acres of O&C timberlands (Oregon and California Revested Grant Lands) in western Oregon.

- In March, the BLM invited Douglas County to be a cooperating agency for the upcoming revision to the Resource Management Plan which governs O&C timberlands. Douglas County has historically been invited to be a cooperating agency. In fact, Douglas County was the first county to be granted cooperating agency status by the BLM for the revision process. Additionally, in its role as a cooperating agency, AOCC will represent its member counties. The first RMP revision cooperators meeting took place on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.



Courtesy photo
AOCC members gathered for the quarterly meeting at Starfire Lumber in Cottage Grove.

OBITUARIES

Philip “Rick” Ekelund

07/21/1945 - 08/25/2025

Philip Richard “Rick” Ekelund passed away peacefully in his cabin in La Pine, Oregon, on August 25, 2025. Born to Pete and Dorothy Ekelund in Portland on July 21, 1945, he was blessed with a storybook childhood when the family moved to Mosby Creek in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Rick attended the little two room Blue Mountain School through eighth grade. At Cottage Grove High School he played football, ran track and excelled in academics and leadership. Rick was a voracious reader, a talented pianist, and heavily involved in 4H and FFA. After high school, Rick attended Oregon State University to study agricultural engineering but discovered a love for forest engineering. He joined the engineering fraternity Alpha Sigma Phi where he made many life long friends. Rick joined the Army in 1967 and completed two tours in Viet Nam with the 577th Engineering Brigade before returning to complete his degree and become a licensed surveyor. In 1970 at OSU, he met Jackie “Neila” Lister. Their whirlwind romance saw them married on New Year’s Eve 1970. After graduation they moved to Coos Bay where Rick began work for Menasha. While in college, he discovered a love for commercial fishing. His dad, Pete, helped him get started with his first boat. Rick would fish in his off time from Menasha and by 1977 he decided to fish full time. Rick fished out of Winchester Bay for close to 40 years. One of his proudest accomplishments was completing the construction of the Fiskinn II in 1996 with his dad and uncle. Rick was an early member of the Oregon Crab Commission including chairing the commission for a time. More than anything, Rick was proud of his family and the accomplishments of his wife, children, and grandchildren. In 2014 he and Jackie retired to his beloved high



lakes country in La Pine, Oregon with their not-so-trusty beagle, Knuton and beloved foster dog, Sheba where he “fostered” the local herd of deer in their neighborhood.

Rick will be remembered by his family as a “Renaissance Man.” A brilliant mind, vivid storyteller, and avid historian, he could tell childhood stories or pontificate on a favorite subject for hours. He loved a game of cribbage, a cup of coffee, and a good meal, but especially a slice of cherry cheesecake pie from the Pancake Mill. He adored classical music and Roy Orbison. He had a knack for the written word and made his own personal letterhead from comic strips for writing letters. He also had the most colorful sailor’s mouth and a broad sense of humor. He was a “softy” for animals and children. He worked nearly all of the most dangerous jobs on the planet and he was the most generous, loving man you’d ever meet.

Rick is survived by his wife and best friend of 55 years, Jackie, son Neil and his wife Danielle, daughter Sara and her husband Bill, and daughter Liz. He was preceded in death by their infant son, Daniel Jens in 1975. He is also survived by his sisters Kathy and Susie, numerous nieces and nephews, his grandchildren Ellie, Neila, Jill, Jordan, Stacy Jr., Natasha, Nick, Cayanne, Rhiannon, and Cort, and great grandchildren Jackson, Maeve, and Masyn. If you would like to honor Rick in some way, consider supporting your local Humane Society through donating, fostering, or adopting in his memory.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Friday, April 10, 2026 from 11:30-1:30 at the Cottage Events Center in Cottage Grove, Oregon. A private inurnment will take place at Brumbaugh Cemetery.

The discussion of these major federal actions at the quarterly AOCC meeting alongside the attendance of the new Acting State Director for the BLM marks an important milestone for AOCC. It reflects ongoing efforts to increase timber receipts, strengthens collaboration with the BLM, and advances a more balanced and reasonable management plan for the O&C timberlands, according to a release from the AOCC.

“These three actions are some of the most exciting achievements the Association of O&C Counties has had in many decades,” AOCC President and Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman said. “For the last ten years, working with the Board of Directors of the AOCC and our amazing staff, with these series of actions we have accomplished the opportunity for a solution that will save the western Oregon O&C counties facing insolvency. At the same time, recovering the local economy, creating family wage jobs, and putting Douglas County and the other O&C Counties back in the position

of being the ‘Timber Capital’ of the world!” The additional revenue created by these federal actions could not come at a more critical time for counties as they face continuing strains on their budgets with inflation, rising costs, and the reduction of other revenue streams, according to the release. “These actions will help all of the 18 O&C counties to maintain the critical services they provide day in and day out for their residents,” the release states.

BACKGROUND
Lane County is a member of the AOCC. The county holds over 277,000 acres of O&C lands and leverages the membership to influence federal forest management and ensure receipt of timber revenue sharing for public services, according to Health Forests, Healthy Communities.

The term “O&C” originates from federal land grants made between 1866 and 1870 to the Oregon and California Railroad Company to support

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DEATH NOTICE

Rosemary B. Milligan, 83, of Eugene Oregon, passed away on March 13th, 2026. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

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Kelvon Armstrong

July 3rd, 1957 - March 18th, 2026

Kelvon Armstrong of Cottage Grove passed on March 18th, 2026, at 68 years old. Kelvon is survived by his children Chelsea and Oden Armstrong and his brothers Gordon and Bryon Armstrong. He was an avid outdoorsman and Bryon Armstrong. Kelvon was a life long carpenter, motorcycle enthusiast, lover of good parties.



A memorial will be held soon in Cottage Grove. Details will be announced at Kelvon’s former local hangouts.

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COMMENTARY

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Why is big money once again flexing its muscles in Oregon ballot measures?

DOUGLAS BERG
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon private equity executive John von Schlegell recently filed a barrage of ballot measures designed to imprint his pro-sprawl, anti-tax agenda permanently into the Oregon constitution. His eleven ballot measures run the gamut from taxes to growth boundaries, from education to permitting, from campaign finance to criminal justice.

This action represents an attack on representative democracy in Oregon unrivaled since the days of the Bill Sizemore ballot measure wars.

Ballot measure activity had calmed down considerably over the last decade. Why is big money once again flexing its muscles?

It wasn't long ago the ultra-wealthy kept a relatively low profile, limiting their overtly partisan political activity while concentrating on making themselves ever richer.

All that changed with Donald Trump's 2024 election.

In one short year, we've witnessed wealthy conservatives unapologetically inject themselves into the political arena and begin using their massive resources and influence to advance right wing causes in ways that were once unthinkable.

Jeff Bezos used to be the likeably goofy but brilliant entrepreneur who brought us Amazon. Now we know him as the guy who killed the Washington Post as a credible



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In 1998, Oregon voters essentially voted against an attempt to make it more difficult to get ballot measures approved.

news organization to curry favor with Trump.

Last year, Larry Ellison, founder of Oracle, and his family bought Paramount, the parent company of CBS. They promptly installed a right-wing influencer as head of CBS news. She has already spiked a 60 Minutes segment that was ready to air. The Ellisons now are set to acquire CNN as they prepare to take over Warner. Pete Heggseth can't wait.

Peter Thiel, co-founder of PayPal, felt it necessary to expound his wacko views in no fewer than five different talks that people actually paid to hear, on everything from the antichrist and Armageddon, to politics, economics, history, and more, all presented with the tone that he has it all figured out

and deigns to share it with us proletariat.

Marc Andreessen, venture capital billionaire, even put his manic ravings in writing, The Techno-Optimist Manifesto. Bloomberg reported multiple news outlets savaged the piece, calling it everything from a "hallucination of a manifesto" to "unhinged".

California billionaires are getting together to form a huge fund that would operate as an endowment and allow them to influence the state's politics for years to come in ways never seen before.

John von Schlegell has a lot in common with these people: Massive resources, a new willingness to wield them to achieve his purposes and a level of self-absorption that allows him to think he knows what is best for Oregon. Why waste time



talking to his lawmakers when he already has the solutions, his eleven commandments (one more than God gave us, of course)?

Here are some of von Schlegell's offerings.

Petition 60 would establish a 10-year sunset on all state taxes and fees. Nobody hates taxes more than the ultra-wealthy, even though they pay a lower tax rate than the rest of us due to tax schemes available only to them. In von Schlegell's case, as a principal in a private equity company, he likely takes advantage of the "carried interest" tax break that allows a large part of his income to get tax-favored treatment as capital gains. But this clearly has not muted his hatred of taxes, and the perpetual state of chaos and uncertainty this petition would create is apparently of no concern to him.

Petition 66 would abolish Oregon's estate tax. Always the go-to for the ultra-rich because they are never more

enraged than when they must pay a tax that most of us don't pay.

Petition 61 would add all urban reserves into cities' urban growth boundaries. Overnight, larger metro areas would see land within their urban growth boundaries increase by thousands of acres, blowing up decades of growth planning and setting off a huge sprawl in these areas.

Petitions 62 and 65 would apply federal campaign contribution limits to state and local races and ban corporations and unions from donating to candidates. These measures take an ax to the campaign finance compromise that was finally reached among special interests and passed by the legislature in 2024.

The brologarchy has come for Oregon. The November election will give Oregonians a chance to decide if they're OK with that.

Douglas Berg moved to Oregon in 2008 after a

long career in information technology. He soon became interested in Oregon issues such as ballot measures, taxation and the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System. His opinion pieces and letters have appeared in The Oregonian/OregonLive, the legacy Eugene Register-Guard, and Lookout Eugene-Springfield. He has testified before the PERS Board and the Oregon Investment Council.

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Music can reduce springtime burnout for youth in school

TESSA JESUS
Cottage Grove Sentinel
Guest Column

As the school year enters its midway point, many children begin to feel the weight of academic demands, social pressures and extracurricular commitments.

Mid-year stress differs from the typical beginning-of-year excitement or end-of-year exhaustion.

These months bring heavier workloads with state testing, daylight savings, exams and fewer breaks, leading many students to experience stress and even burnout. As a parent, recognizing the signs and taking proactive steps can help your child navigate this

season. Adding more music to your routine can be one unique way to provide some support and relief.

Recognizing the signs of stress and burnout are vital to finding the appropriate help for your child. Here are a few indicators to look for:

- Increased irritability or frustration when discussing school
- Loss of interest in activities or spending more time online
- Withdrawal from family and friends

- Difficulty concentrating
- Physical symptoms such as headaches, stomach pain or changes in eating habits
- General sense of hopelessness or reluctance to engage in school

Add music into the daily routine

As you help your child establish a structured routine for their day, intentionally incorporating background music into daily tasks can make them more enjoyable and provide an extra layer of organization.

Here are some ways to sprinkle in music

to support your child through their springtime stressors:

- Instrumental music during homework time can help them stay on task and focused.
- Calming music before bed can help them wind down, relax and fall asleep.
- Use music as a timer while they brush their teeth or do chores.
- For younger children, pick a song as the "time-to-go-to-school" cue and choose another song for other challenging transitions.
- In the morning, instead of a regular alarm, use a favorite song to help them

start the day with a positive attitude.

Using music to relieve educational stressors

If your child is struggling with a particular subject in school, there may be a fun, musical way to help them study. Adding music can help them stay engaged through fun and play, especially when they feel burned out.

For younger children practicing spelling words, set their words to common melodies. For example, sing spelling words to the tune of popular songs.

Find educational songs that teach math times tables in a fun, memorable way.

Encourage older youth to rewrite the lyrics of one of their favorite songs using the science or history facts they need to memorize for an upcoming test.

If your child needs immediate support, reach out to:

- National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Call or text 988
- *About Youth Villages*
In Oregon, Youth Villages serves more than 750 youths and families each year through its community-based programs, operating out of offices in Portland, Salem, Bend and Tillamook. Learn more at www.youthvillages.org.
- Tessa Jesus is the Youth Villages music integration manager.

CHAMBER

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the meal. A wide variety of donated items filled the silent auction, with proceeds supporting Chamber operations. The silent auction raised just over \$3000 that goes to help with Chamber activities throughout the year.

Guests also jockeyed for first dibs in the "desert dash," where donations

determined the running order to a long table laden with delectable desserts sponsored by individuals, businesses and organizations. The dash raised just under \$3,000 for the Chamber's two annual high school scholarships. This year's scholarship recipients are Emmanuel Rea Hernandez, Business & Entrepreneur Award and Kevin Capener, Cottage Grove Future First Citizen. Each received \$1,500.

Guests enjoyed a Western themed menu provided through a partnership between Oba Ramen and Harley Q's BBQ, with beverages from Coast Fork Brewing.

Other awards presented during the evening included:

NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

Awarded to South Lane County Fire & Rescue. Other nominees were Circle

of Friends, the CG Art Collective, and the South Valley Farmers Market.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Awarded to Weyerhaeuser. Other nominees included Dry Pro, Mitchell & Associates Real Estate, and Shady Oaks Plants & Produce.

FIRST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Awarded to Shauna Neigh, City of Cottage Grove and Main Street Revitalization Project Manager. She was selected from a nominee group that included Holly Turpin, Judi Pruitt, and Tara Sue Pike.

Chamber President Danny Solesbee, dressed as Woody from the Toy Story movies, said the evening came together smoothly.

"The board and awards committee stepped up as

usual and pulled off a fun and entertaining evening. The banquet highlighted the strength of Cottage Grove's volunteer culture, and how the next generation is leading the way," Solesbee told The Sentinel.

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce office is located at 836 E main Street in Cottage Grove and may be reached at 541-942-2411.

Weekly Online Poll

Which method do you use to vote for candidates?

- Always conservative
- Always liberal
- Candidates experience and effectiveness
- Choose the least harmful candidate

Previous Poll Results

How much has the recent increase in gasoline prices affected you?

- 80% - Somewhat, I drive regularly
- 20% - Hardly at all, I don't drive much

Quote of the Week

"The more we sweat in peace, the less we bleed in war."

Norman Schwarzkopf



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SMART Reading celebrates 5 million books

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

Oregon's statewide early childhood literacy nonprofit SMART Reading has marked a major milestone in the organization's mission to help Oregon students build confidence, improve literacy skills, and develop a lifelong passion for reading.

SMART Reading gave away its 5 millionth book to a child in Oregon at an event at Portland's Hayhurst Elementary on March 12.

To visually represent this achievement, a stack of 5 million kids' books would be four times taller than Mount Everest, according to a release from SMART Reading organizers.

"We loved celebrating this milestone and our 35-year history of providing free books and reading support to underserved communities," SMART Reading Executive Director Jessica Bowersox said.

"Reaching this momentous 5 millionth book goal is especially timely given the state's current literacy crisis and the urgent need to set students up for success in school and beyond – and because of the ripple effects literacy has on our economy and workforce long into the future."

Research from the National Literacy Trust shows that providing low-income children with just 10 self-selected books to read can produce

comparable levels of reading achievement to their higher-income peers, according to Bowersox.

"As a statewide leader in book access, we have seen firsthand that the mere presence of books in the home is strongly associated with higher levels of academic success," Bowersox said.

"Congratulations to SMART Reading on this incredible achievement and the statewide commitment to improving literacy rates for Oregon's children, particularly in underserved communities," Oregon First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson said. "This work is an investment in the bright future of our entire state."

SMART Reading merged with the Children's Book Bank in 2022 to extend the organization's mission by getting more books into kids' hands, supporting early literacy development for students, and expanding and diversifying volunteer opportunities.

Currently, SMART Reading reaches over 22,000 students annually, providing weekly reading support and more than 200,000 books for them to keep, with the help of over 3,000 community volunteers throughout Oregon, including in Cottage Grove.

LOCAL CONNECTION

In a published report in October 2025, The Sentinel

reached out to SMART Reading Communications Director Phoebe Petersen for insight into the project.

The Sentinel: What do you believe are the long-term benefits this reading program offers children?

Phoebe Petersen: When kids become strong readers, they are more likely to be successful in school and beyond. Research shows that kids who are not reading proficiently by the end of third-grade are four times less likely to graduate from high school – and if those same students are impacted by poverty, that number jumps to sixteen times less likely to graduate high school.

SMART focuses its services on preschool to third-grade students to help ensure they meet that milestone, and to supplement classroom literacy instruction with two research-based strategies: one-on-one reading support and access to books. SMART's goal is to help students be equipped to succeed in school and hopefully, to develop into lifelong readers who are able to access all of the joy and learning that book and reading offer.

The Sentinel: How do the volunteers best connect with the children to help motivate their reading skills?

Petersen: SMART's program is child-driven meaning that the goal is for children to have fun, engaging experiences

Fast Fact

Since 1992, SMART Reading has paired over 157,000 volunteers to read with 334,461 children, and have put 5 million books in the homes of the children served.

with books in a low-pressure environment. Volunteers are generally paired with the same children each week to allow the volunteer and student to get to know one another and for the volunteer to become attuned to the child's interests and needs (typically, a volunteer would read with 2-3 students, one-on-one, during their session).

SMART provides a wide array of high-quality, engaging books so that every child can find something that sparks their interest, and volunteers are encouraged to let the child lead by selecting books and by choosing whether they want to read aloud or be read to.

The Sentinel: What's your recommendation to parents to help their children continue building their reading skills at home?

Petersen: The biggest thing parents can do is read with their children regularly! Kids benefit from reading out loud as well as being read to. Find books that interest your child, enjoy them together, and pause to ask questions and have



Courtesy Photo

Since 1992, SMART Reading has helped more than 334,000 Oregon children build reading skills and a lifelong love of books.

conversations while you read. Children build skills through not only reading but talking about what's on the page.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

According to SMART Reading organizers, a list of local volunteer readers is being assembled for next school year. For more information, visit www.SMARTReading.org.

SMART Reading is partnering with SELCO Community Credit Union for its third annual community book drive. The goal of the book drive is to collect new and gently used children's books, which will be sorted, cleaned, and gifted to local students through SMART's statewide programs.

During last year's book drive, community members donated over 2,000 books!

The public can drop off books at any SELCO branch locations in Albany, Bend, Burns, Eugene, Portland, Redmond, Salem, and Springfield. The drive will run until March 31, 2026.

About SMART Reading
SMART Reading is a statewide children's literacy nonprofit that serves kids in Oregon's highest-need schools with two ingredients critical for literacy and learning success: shared reading time and access to books. SMART Reading mobilize volunteers to read with pre-K through third-grade children, building confidence, literacy skills, and a love of reading.

To learn more about SMART Reading or to get involved as a volunteer, visit SMARTReading.org or call 971-634-1634.

TIMBERLANDS

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construction of a rail line from Portland to the Ashland, Oregon. After the railroad failed to meet the terms of the grant, the checkerboard-patterned lands were later revested to

the federal government and became known as the O&C timberlands.

Members of AOCC advocate for sustained yield management of O&C timberlands, as required by federal law under the 1937 O&C Act, to protect and support jobs, local economies, county services, and healthy timberlands. The 1937 O&C Act is widely regarded as the first

Congressional Conservation Act and was enacted to solely regulate the management of the Federal timber resources in western Oregon.

AOCC, now more than a century old, represents the unique O&C timberlands in 18 western Oregon counties that host the O&C timberlands managed by BLM.

The O&C Act signaled an end to the cut-and-run

policies in the early years of the 20th century. By requiring management under the principle of Sustained Yield, timber harvest cannot outpace the annual growth of the forest, resulting in a perpetual supply of timber while concurrently providing quality habitat for wildlife, watershed protection, and recreational opportunities for the public.

Freeman gathered with fellow AOCC board members, comprised of county commissioners representing member counties for the quarterly AOCC meeting at Starfire Lumber in Cottage Grove in mid-March.

The meeting, conducted March 13, featured special guest, Kim Prill, Acting State Director for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in

Oregon/Washington, as well as a tour of the new Starfire Lumber timber-built administration building, along with the log yard, planning facilities, and long-time thriving lumber mill.

For more information about AOCC click here: <http://www.oandc.org/>.

HOPE

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where they experienced both growth and hardship. After the first pastor left, Hope in the Grove returned under the care of New Hope until a new pastor could be found.

Yet even in the hard seasons, the congregation rallied. Members organized Vacation Bible School, hosted weekly community meals, and kept worship going with the help of New Hope. It was also here that we became a family, Samuels said.

A PASTOR CALLED TO COTTAGE GROVE

Samuels arrived in April 2022, following a connection made online with then New Hope pastor Rob Walker. He and his wife, Brooke, moved from Texas with three young daughters after the church voted to call him as pastor. It was exciting, and terrifying, he said.

Two scriptures shaped his sense of calling, 2 Corinthians 2:16, Who is sufficient for these things, and Galatians 4:19, Until Christ is

formed in you. These verses, he said, reminded him that he is a sheep in need of the Great Shepherd and that his calling is to help Christ be formed in the people he shepherds. Two moments confirmed that he was exactly where he was meant to be, the provision of the church building, and later, the unexpected blessing of his parents moving to Cottage Grove to join the ministry.

A MERGER ROOTED IN TRUST AND RENEWAL

The turning point in Hope in the Grove's story came when First Baptist Church, a historic congregation dwindled to about 20 members, found itself uncertain about its future. We were wondering what was going to happen to keep the building open, longtime member Tom Mathis said.

Through a chain of connections that stretched from Cottage Grove to Medford, the two churches began conversations about merging. A transition team formed, both congregations voted unanimously, and what Samuels calls an adoption merger was born, First Baptist Church was adopted into the Hope in the Grove family. It was the healthiest transition of a merger I have ever seen, he said.

from growing up in the church, she said.

But the loss of familiar objects soon gave way to the joy of renewed life in the building she helped construct as a teenager. It has been really nice to see our rooms filled with kids and people again. That is why we built this church, she said. Mathis echoed that sentiment. The transition of blending the two churches went smoothly and has given FBC members a new and bigger church family to worship and grow with, he said.

GROWING TOGETHER WITH PURPOSE

The merger brought numerical growth, especially among young families, and with it, new opportunities and responsibilities. It is a blessing to have more people, but it is also challenging to have more souls in our care, Samuels said.

Members describe the congregation as friendly, welcoming, and grounded in Scripture.

We preach the Word of God here, Proffitt said. It teaches us to love one another and share the Gospel with the world.

Heron said she was drawn to the church because Samuels was so passionate about the Word of God, and

because the congregation made her feel immediately welcome.

MINISTRIES THAT REACH ACROSS THE COMMUNITY

Hope in the Grove offers ministries for all ages, including Coffee and Connect, Sunday School, corporate worship, youth group, Wednesday night Bible study, Vacation Bible School, men's and women's events and discipleship groups, a dirt track ministry at Cottage Grove Speedway, and a growing care facility ministry called Anchored in Hope, which now serves Post Acute, Middlefield Oaks, and Magnolia Gardens.

The church also participates in community events such as Party in the Park and the Emergency Preparedness Fair. Seasonal traditions include the Women's Spring Tea, summer outreaches, the annual picnic at the lake, fall retreats, and holiday potlucks and services.

LOOKING AHEAD

Hope in the Grove's mission statement is clear, To glorify God by treasuring Christ and leading others to do the same. Samuels says this mission keeps the church focused on the main things, the gospel, discipleship, and life transformation through Christ. Looking ahead, he hopes the church will plant another congregation, raise up more elders and deacons, and continue growing as a community set on learning, loving, and following Jesus.

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~22--MARCH--2026-CLAIM OF THE SACROSANCT-MATRIMONY-CONTRACT/CEREMONY WITH THE BILL OF THE LADYING: GLOBAL-POSTAL-[UNION]-JOURNAL-MAIL-CORPORATION-STAMP: 000-000-940 WITH THE PERFORMANCE-PUBLICATION BY THIS HUSBAND: Nicholas-Ryan; Riggles-KNOWLEDGE AND WIFE: Marcy-Roxanne; Riggles-KNOWLEDGE 04/01/26; 04/08/26, 04/15/26

CGS26-118 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Donna L. Tarpenning has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Archie Bernard Brown, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB02583. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Hamilton W. Budge, Jr., P.O. Box 10567, Eugene, OR 97440, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of publication: April 01, 2026. Donna L. Tarpenning, Personal Representative c/o Hamilton W. Budge, Jr., Attorney at Law P.O. Box 10567, Eugene, OR 97440 4/01/26

CGS26-115 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 185648 APN: 0513810

Reference is made to that certain deed made by Staci Archer and Jack Archer, wife and husband as Grantor to First American Title, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC as Beneficiary, dated 06/09/2021, recorded 06/09/2021, in the official records of Lane County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2021-038299 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: Beginning at a point at the Southerly Southeast corner of the W. G. Simpson Donation Land Claim No. 55, Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 6 West of the Willamette Meridian; and running thence South 81° 15' East 195.8 feet; thence North 195.8 feet; thence North 81° 15' West 195.8 feet; thence

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South 195.8 feet to the place of beginning, in Lane County, Oregon. Commonly known as: 88859 Fountain Rd, Elmira, OR 97437 The current beneficiary is Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 03/11/2025 as Inst No. 2025-006876 in the records of Lane, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 02/01/2025 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance in the amount of: \$255,007.69; 2. Interest through 12/31/2025 in the amount of: \$7,958.08 3. MIP/PMI Advances in

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the amount of: \$0.00 4. Recoverable balance in the amount of: \$1,979.50 5. Suspense balance in the amount of: -\$840.26 6. Total Fees in the amount of: \$122.00 7. Late Charges in the amount of: \$1,227.59 8. Total NSF Charge Fees in the amount of: \$125.00 9. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$2,036.27 10. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.7500000% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The principal sum of \$255,007.69 together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.7500000% per annum from 01/01/2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 05/06/2026 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187-110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Court-house, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, County of Lane, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed,

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together with any interest which the grantor or his 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 Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will

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Lions leaping, bounding, running this track and field season

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The Lions are back on the track and in the field this spring, and Cottage Grove has already grabbed some personal records and first-place finishes in the high school team's track and field early competitions.

The Lions' first team event of the season saw them travel to Florence for the Siuslaw Ice Breaker on Mar. 19. Hans Petersen Field was the venue, and five programs sent men's and women's teams to compete. While the hosts, Siuslaw, came away with team wins in both divisions, Cottage Grove's men's team grabbed second, and the women's team finished second.

Full team scores from the Ice Breaker were:

Full team scores from the Ice Breaker:

Mens

1. Siuslaw - 107.5
2. Myrtle Point - 83
3. Cottage Grove - 72
4. Douglas - 64
5. Coquille - 20.5

Womens Varsity

1. Siuslaw - 104
 2. Cottage Grove - 85.83
 3. Coquille - 71.67
 4. Douglas - 51.5
 5. Myrtle Point - 23
- Cottage Grove had four first-place finishes across the

meet's 17 events, including three individual events and one relay.

Cottage Grove swept the varsity 800m, with first and second place finishes in both the mens and womens events. For the women's squad, freshman Kaliyah Ortiz took first with a personal best time of 2:45.60, followed by fellow freshman Dave Rowan, who recorded a 2:48.90 finish. On the men's side, junior Micah Hanke took first, posting a time of 2:08.20, followed closely by Lions' senior Peyton Ellison, who set a new personal best time at 2:10.50.

Cottage Grove's final individual first place came from senior Jordynn Owens in the womens javelin toss. Owens out-threw the next best opponent by more than four feet, throwing the javelin 89' 11", a new personal best in her first throw of the season.

The relay that Cottage Grove won was the womens 4x400 relay. Cottage Grove's squad, made up of sophomore Carly Knutson, junior Carolyn Reyna, and freshmen Rowyn Earl and Harmony Shepherd, barely beat out the hosting Vikings, posting a time just two seconds ahead of Siuslaw. The Lions finished with a time of 4:41.90, narrowly ahead of Siuslaw's 4:43.30.

On top of taking first in several events, there were

plenty of silver medal finishes for the Lions as well.

In addition to helping the 4x400 relay squad win gold, Carolyn Reyna took second in the 200m, finishing at 28.60. As well as helping take first in the relay, Knutson took second in the 1500m. Knutson also registered a second in the 300m hurdles. A relay team of Harmony Shepherd, Carolyn Reyna, Scarlett Garcia, and Aubrey Bash also took second in the 4x100.

Another freshman who performed well at the Ice Breaker was Carrissalynn Height in the shot put. Height had a great first outing, recording a 34' 9" throw, finishing only beyond defending state champion Danin Lacouture from Siuslaw.

For the boys, freshman Julien Renault took second in the 3000m, finishing at 11:43.30, a nose ahead of fellow freshman Lion Parker Evan, who took third with a time of 11:43.40. In the 110m, Robert Warner took second, recording an 18.70 finish.

Aiden Warren added to the Lions' success in the hurdles, posting a personal best of 48.20 in the 300m. Another personal best was registered by Griffey Dimock in the pole vault, as he leaped to new heights, measuring a 9' 10" vault. Finally, Cottage Grove finished second in the 4x400, where junior



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Micah Hanke, sophomore Isiah Grogan, sophomore Remington Sharkey, and senior Jayden Davis rounded out Cottage Grove's top placements.

The next event for Cottage Grove's track and field team was the Harvey Lewellen Throws Invitational at Thurston High School on Mar. 21. The meet was for the throwers, with events only in javelin, discus, and shot put.

The highlights of the invitational were first-place finishes by Justin Calvert and Carrissalynn Height, and the women's team winning the javelin team title. In the second meet of her freshman year, Height won the shot put, this time throwing a distance of 34' 7.5". Calvert posted the best mark of his career in the javelin toss, winning the event with a 152' 3" throw, which was just

an inch ahead of the second placer.

With plenty of runway still ahead of the Lions this season, the first two meets are just a taste of the action still to come for Cottage Grove. Cottage Grove will next be in action at the Oregon Relays on April 3-4.

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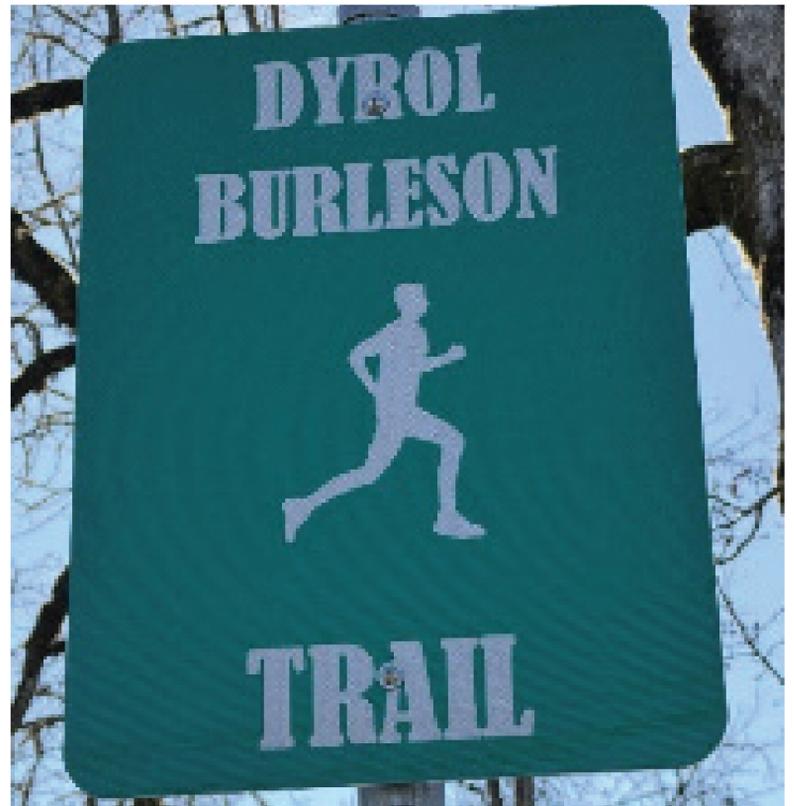
The City of Cottage Grove is honoring a former resident in a special way.

City staff has installed signs along River Road from the Cottage Grove High School north to Highway 99 delineating Dyrol Burleson's daily training route.

The work follows action August 25, 2025, when Mayor Candace Solesbee issued a proclamation honoring Dyrol Burleson, a historic figure, former resident, and athlete from Cottage Grove.

The proclamation celebrated Burleson's numerous accomplishments, which included being a member of the Cottage Grove High School Hall of Fame, setting the 1500 meters record in 1958, becoming the University of Oregon's first track and field scholarship athlete, and being the second American runner to break the 4-minute mile.

Additionally, he competed in the 1960 Rome and 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games and was inducted into both the Cottage Grove High School Athletics Hall of Fame and the National Track and Field Hall of Fame.



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Signs like this have been placed along River Road from the Cottage Grove High School north to Highway 99 delineating Dyrol Burleson's daily training route.

The proclamation named a portion of his training route as the "Dyrol Burleson Trail." Coach Bud Taylor accepted the award on Burleson's behalf.

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You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THE PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the	new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement is the result of an arm's-length transaction; Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO	PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT, YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT You may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible to you for any deposit or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord. ABOUT	YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: You do not owe rent; The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your	behalf; and You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information	for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97224, Phone (503) 620-0222, Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: http://www.oregonlawhelp.org The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings: This shall not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt.	This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. Dated: 12/30/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Carmen Robinson, Authorized Signer Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142 A - F N 4 8 6 2 1 3 4 03/25/2026, 04/01/2026, 04/08/2026, 04/15/2026