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## WHERE WE LIVE

### Proposed public safety utility tax presented to city council

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Anticipating the upcoming budget committee meetings to develop the city of Cottage Grove's 2025-26 budget, The Sentinel conducted a recent poll on its webpage that asked respondents to prioritize big-ticket items, such as public safety, library services, and street repairs. Public safety emerged as the top priority for poll respondents.

In recent months, Cottage Grove City Manager Mike Sauerwein and Police Chief Cory Chase have explored ways to fund personnel increases in the understaffed police department.

The current police services budget consumes nearly all of the annual property taxes that make up the general fund for most City services. With this in mind, and with a goal to develop a long-term sustainable funding plan for the department, the two presented the concept of creating a new revenue source – a law enforcement utility fee – during the Monday, May 12 Cottage Grove City Council meeting.

Sauerwein said the goal of the presentation was to describe the current department staffing and how new hires will improve police services going forward beginning in 2025-26.

"Let me be clear, nobody is being asked to make any decisions this evening or whether or not you support or oppose the idea," Sauerwein said. "This is just the start of a conversation to introduce the topic. This is a policy for the council to decide outside this year's budget process and could be part of a town hall meeting discussing the future of the police department and getting feedback from citizens on the concept."

#### CURRENT STAFFING

The current department structure is a police chief with an administrative assistant, two captains, sergeants, patrol officers and one detective. The administrative captain oversees the administrative sergeants, detectives, school resource officer, records and evidence coordinators and the South Lane 911 dispatchers. The operations captain oversees the patrol sergeants, police officers and community resource officer.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed total amount is \$5,218,792. This breaks down as personnel services (\$3,713,639), materials and services (\$516,806), capital outlay (\$216,000), and South Lane Communications (\$772,347). The budgeted amount anticipated for 2025-26 property taxes is \$6,100,000, which is about 85-percent of the property tax revenue.

#### UTILITY FEE EXPLANATION

It is a separate fee paid on the monthly City utility bill and that revenue is established by the City Council and dedicated for a specific purpose. It can be adopted by the Council or approved by a citizens

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## Gold fever burns again in the Bohemia Mining District

CINDY WEELDREYER  
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Hundreds of gold-seeking minner-wannabees, from near and far, flocked to Sharps Creek and Martin Creek to participate in the Bohemia Mine Owners Association's "Open to the Public Day" on the Saturday of Mother's Day Weekend.

Laughter filled the air on a picture-perfect spring day for young and old participants to learn placer mining techniques from BMOA members at several claims owned by the organization.

The Bohemia Mine Owners Association (BMOA) was created in 1903 by Bohemia Mining District miners with the intent to share information between miners and be the voice of the miners when dealing with government agencies. Today, it is a nonprofit organization that owns 10 active claims with unusual names: War Eagle III, Westside, Placer, 4 Aces, Exodus, Little Red, Big Bend, Argintite, Ynot, and Teddy Bear.

#### WILLIAMS FAMILY

It was a much-anticipated day for Wayne and Rene Williams of Dorena. They invited their two nieces and their children to join them on a gold panning adventure. The Williams' two great nieces and three great nephews are elementary students in Salem.

Rene Williams grew up in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, northeast of Sacramento, in the small town of Shingle



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

(Top) Two cousins from Salem, Vincent Hope, left, and Kenny Brown try their luck at gold panning for the first time on Sharps Creek. (Bottom) The BMOA Little Red Claim Sign warns non-members not to pan for gold in that location.

Springs. She has many cherished childhood memories of gold mining with her father on Plumb Creek near Columa in Northern California's gold country. Cousins Sara Hope and Sabrina Brown loved their long-ago summer visits to Dorena with their aunt and uncle that included camping and panning for gold.

Sara recalled, "When I was about 10-years old they brought us down

here to do gold mining. We all got excited when they invited us to this event so their great nieces and nephews could experience what we did as kids."

Sara's children, Maylee, Lori Jean and Vincent and Sabrina's two sons, Kenny and Timmy, arrived with

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## City manager proposing a \$46.9M city budget

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

"I'd say it is pretty tight," Cottage Grove City Manager Mike Sauerwein states describing his proposed 2025-26 city budget. "Last year we looked at almost \$1.5 million in cuts that we needed to make, so we eliminated a lot of positions in several different departments."

Sauerwein said this year, the city has restructured its community development department, the city police department, the city finance department, moved staff from the community center to city hall and began leasing space in the community center. That has helped avoid layoffs and deep service cuts in the 2025-26 proposed budget, according to Sauerwein.

But the restructuring could mean "lowering levels of city service."

"When positions become vacant, we aren't automatically filling those positions," Sauerwein said. "We are analyzing and reassessing those positions and sometimes this results in lowering the level of services. Last year for example, we didn't fill an open position in the library, and we ended up reducing the number of days the library is open. So, I am guardingly optimistic that it will be stable, stay the course kind of budget and that we are not going to



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Cottage Grove City Manager Mike Sauerwein holds his copy of the 2025-26 proposed city budget document.

have to make the huge cuts like we did last year."

Sauerwein is proposing a total city budget of \$46,973,783, slightly lower than last year's overall city budget. The previous spending plan included \$6 million for the Main Street Revitalization Project. Sauerwein said he figures about half that will be in the 2025-26 budget.

#### FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING

The impact of the Trump Administration federal budget cuts

included a loss of grant funding for the Cottage Grove Community Center.

"Those funds would have provided us with a generator and an upgraded heating and ventilation system," he said. So, we are having to look for other funding sources. It is still a priority for us to do that project. Our community center is the place when there is flooding or any other kind of community emergency, that's where we ask folks to gather. It makes sense that we should have

a backup generator there and it makes sense to replace the old heating and ventilation system. It's time to replace it."

Sauerwein said the federal budget cuts are beyond the control of cities like Cottage Grove.

"If the funding is there, we will apply for it," he said.

Sauerwein is hopeful the state will approve funding for what he describes as a major project on Row River Road.

"Row River Road is one of the main entrances into the city," he said. "That road definitely needs some help, so if we receive the funding from the state, we would be able to do that project."

Sauerwein said the city is also seeking state funding to continue expansion work at Bohemia Park.

#### MEASSGE TO COMMUNITY

"We are not going to look at anything that is going to raise the cost of operating the city," he said. "This budget increases the three percent in property taxes allowed by then state."

Over the past several months, Sauerwein and the Cottage Grove City Council have discussed long-term sustaining funding options for the city's police and library services.

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# DMV, ODOT issue second scam advisory

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Scammers posing as representatives from the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) are sending another round of text and email messages about unpaid toll fees.

The most recent messages threaten vehicle suspension, legal action and damage to your credit. ODOT does not have a toll program. These are fake messages designed to get you to click on a link and provide personal information or send money, the state agencies state in an advisory.

The DMV and ODOT issued a similar scam warning in March, stating that the scammers are texting cell

phones about unpaid toll fees, and claim that the unpaid fee must be paid immediately to avoid DMV fines or having your license suspended.

“These are fake messages,” the agencies said in the March advisory.

Scammers impersonate the DMV to trick you into giving them personal information or money. A DMV text scam is when fraudsters send fake SMS text messages (“smishing”) to get you to click on a link and provide personal information or send money. A DMV email scam (“phishing”) will ask for the same types of information as a smishing text, according to the advisory.

“We recommend ignoring, deleting and blocking texts or emails requesting personal information on



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behalf of DMV or ODOT,” the advisory urges. “Oregon DMV will never ask you for personal information such as your driver’s license number, Social Security number, or

date of birth through an unsolicited text or email. We will only ask for proof of identity or payment through DMV2U or by requesting copies of

your identity documents in person at a DMV office.”

Oregon DMV officials said they offer secure online services and send text or email messages in some instances, but only for transactions that you request.

“The messages never include personal information verification links,” the advisory states. “DMV texts and emails are based on an action you start. For example, you may receive an appointment reminder or cancellation notice after making an appointment online. Also, when you establish a DMV2U account, a security code may be sent by text or email to establish verification.”

## HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

• Don’t click links. If you receive a text about unpaid tolls, do not click on any links or provide any information.

• Be cautious of suspicious texts. Be wary of any text message that demands immediate action or asks for personal information or payment.

• Delete the text. Delete the text message and block the number to prevent further potential harm.

If you click a link or provide your information

• Secure your personal information and financial accounts.

• Dispute any unfamiliar charges.

For more information about fraud prevention, visit [oregondmv.com](http://oregondmv.com).

## 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, MAY 5

03:01: Disturbance, 500 block E. Madison Ave.  
04:27: Disturbance, 75000 block London Rd.  
05:53: Fire, 200 block N. 12th St.  
06:35: Welfare check, 400 block Lane St.  
07:50: Found property, 400 block E. Main St.  
08:07: Suspicious condition, 400 block E. Main St.  
08:29: Abandoned vehicle, 800 block S. 2nd St.  
08:52: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block Hwy 99  
10:01: Abandoned vehicle, 15th/Washington  
12:29: Child abuse, 600 block Birch Ave.  
12:30: Abandoned vehicle, 700 block Gibbs Ave.  
12:46: Found property, Gateway/Dublin  
13:37: Unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 200 block N. 14th St.  
13:58: Trespass, 1200 block E. Main St.  
14:35: Drug activity, 16th/Harvey  
16:28: Illegal dumping, 700 block E. Main St.  
16:40: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

17:08: Motor vehicle crash, I-5 SB 176  
17:38: Welfare check, 700 block N. 10th St.  
18:44: Warrant service, 400 block N. 14th St.  
19:11: Found dog, 1700 block Pritchett Pl.  
20:04: Reckless driving, 6th/Taylor  
20:47: Illegal camping, Hwy 99/River Rd.  
21:58: Business check, Subway  
22:21: Fire, London Rd.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 6

00:11: Citizen assist, 800 block E. Whiteaker Ave.  
01:11: Fire, 200 block N. 12th St.  
03:03: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.  
03:12: Suspicious subject, 1700 block E. Main St.  
03:27: Traffic hazard, Main/7th  
03:29: Suspicious condition, Main/7th  
08:06: Welfare check, 800 block Kristen Way  
08:29: Citizen assist, 800 block S. 10th St.  
10:01: Fraud, 500 block Landess Rd.  
12:02: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99  
14:33: Abandoned vehicle, 8th/Johnson  
16:57: Gunshot wound, 3300 block Row River Rd.  
17:21: Disturbance, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.  
17:25: Nuisance, 1000 block E. Main St.  
17:26: Abandoned vehicle, 600 block S. 2nd St.  
17:59: Trespass, 600 block N. 9th St.  
18:48: Harassment, 100 block N. 6th St.



19:13: Suspicious condition, Exit 174 SB-off ramp  
19:14: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
19:55: Disturbance, 33000 block Molitor Hill  
20:45: Welfare check, 900 block Row River Rd.  
21:35: Disturbance, 1700 block Hwy 99  
21:44: Nuisance, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
23:48: Disturbance, 1200 block e. Madison Ave.  
23:55: Suspicious subject, 1300 block E. Main St.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

02:55: Welfare check, 1500 block W. Harrison Ave.  
05:45: Dog at large, 900 block E. Main St.  
08:58: Abandoned vehicle, 900 block S Court  
09:43: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
11:28: Minor in Possession MJ, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
12:40: Suspicious condition, 300 block N. 9th St.  
13:40: Business check, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
15:08: Illegal camping, 1100 block S. 4th St.  
15:56: Assault, 1200 block E. Harrison Ave.  
16:04: Disturbance, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.  
16:29: Welfare check, 800 block W. Main St.  
17:15: Child abuse, 1700 block Washington Ave.  
18:04: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
18:53: Found property, 400 block E. Main St.  
19:12: Info, 2000 block S. 8th St.  
19:44: Disturbance, 300 block E. Oregon Ave.  
20:06: Fire, 80000 block Davison Rd.  
20:45: Disturbance, 300 block N. 9th St.

22:06: Suspicious condition, 1300 block Gateway Blvd.  
22:10: Suspicious condition, 700 block S. 2nd St.  
22:25: Welfare check, 200 block N. Lane St.  
23:43: Wanted subject, 200 block N. 12th St.  
23:50: Agency assist, 15 SB/MP 180

#### THURSDAY, MAY 8

00:45: Vehicle impound, 400 block E. Main St.  
04:47: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
05:31: Repo, 1100 block E. Main St.  
06:16: Alarm, 2100 block E. Madison Ave.  
08:00: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.  
09:10: Illegal parking, 1st/Harrison  
10:59: Theft, 200 block N. 12th St.  
11:30: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99  
11:52: Vandalism, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.  
12:41: Vehicle impound, 700 block Gibbs Ave.  
13:01: Abandoned vehicle, City Lot E  
14:18: Illegal parking, 100 block S. 21st St.  
14:29: Found property, 1500 block Hwy 99  
15:03: Stolen vehicle recovery, 200 block N. 9th St.  
15:55: Welfare check, 1800 block S. 11th St.  
16:54: Agency assist, 1800 block S. 11th St.  
17:14: Suspicious condition, 1300 block S. 4th St.  
17:48: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
18:44: Intoxicated subject, 1300 block E. Main St.  
19:06: Motor vehicle crash, Hwy 99/Latham  
20:03: Drug activity, 900 block Row River Rd.

20:22: Illegal camping, Exit 174 SB-on ramp  
21:20: Suspicious condition, 1500 block Harvey Ln.  
23:31: Disturbance, 100 block N. 14th St.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 9

06:31: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
10:26: Criminal mischief, 700 block E. Main St.  
10:53: Suspicious subject, 900 block E. Main St.  
11:01: Trespass, 500 block S. 10th St.  
12:28: Suspicious subject, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
12:57: Illegal camping, 1200 block S. River Rd.  
13:00: Motor vehicle crash, 2700 block Row River Rd.  
13:24: Abandoned vehicle, W. Harrison/ S Ct.  
13:28: Disorderly subject, 100 block N. 14th St.  
13:32: Animal info, 1200 block Hwy 99  
13:35: Disorderly subject, 100 block N. 6th St.  
13:42: Hit and run, 900 block Row River Rd.  
14:00: Harassment, 500 block N. River Rd.  
14:50: Found property, 400 block E. Main St.  
15:28: Suspicious subject, 2700 block Row River Rd.  
15:57: Disorderly subject, 1300 block E. Main St.  
16:57: Theft, 200 block S. 16th St.  
17:16: Suspicious condition, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.  
18:21: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
18:55: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.  
20:02: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.  
20:15: Suspicious condition, Hwy 99/Harrison  
20:32: Prowler, 1300 block Birch Ave.  
21:21: Juvenile trouble, 1100 block Chestnut Ave.  
21:22: Nuisance, 1700 block E. Main St.  
23:14: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.  
23:52: Juvenile trouble, North Elm/M

#### SATURDAY, MAY 10

02:11: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
02:55: Illegal camping, I-5/Row River Rd.  
03:09: Assault, 1700 block Hwy 99  
03:19: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
03:31: Warrant service, 1300 block E. Main St.  
03:35: Mental subject, 1300 block Birch Ave.  
05:07: Criminal mischief, 100 block Gateway Blvd.

07:01: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
12:08: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
14:05: Fire, Kathleen Dr/S. 6th St.  
15:04: Dog at large, 2000 block Carver St.  
15:29: Dog at large, 12th/Quincy  
15:31: Alarm, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
16:52: Welfare check, 1300 block Birch Ave.  
18:15: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
18:52: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.  
19:22: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
20:24: Citizen assist, 1100 block S. 8th St.  
21:09: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
21:34: Disorderly subject, 1300 block Daugherty Ave.  
22:18: Citizen assist, 600 block Arthur Ave.  
22:48: Disturbance, 30000 block Kenady Ln.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 11

00:45: Trespass, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
02:06: Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block Hwy 99  
02:13: Illegal camping, I-5/Row River Rd.  
05:30: Missing person, 1400 block Daugherty Ave.  
06:07: Trespass, 800 block E. Main St.  
06:24: Animal info, 6th/Arthur  
07:47: Abandoned vehicle, 200 block S. 10th St.  
09:59: Alarm, 1200 block Birch Ave.  
10:31: Business check, 1200 block E. Main St.  
10:42: Theft, 1500 block W. Main St.  
10:57: Mental subject, 1300 block Birch Ave.  
11:44: Disturbance, 600 block Arthur Ave.  
11:53: Disorderly subject, 900 block Arthur Ave.  
12:11: Disturbance, 1100 block S. 8th St.  
15:20: Criminal mischief, 200 block S. 3rd St.  
16:50: Warrant service, 200 block N. 10th St.  
12:11: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
17:20: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.  
18:00: Suspicious condition, 500 block Gateway Blvd.  
18:22: Criminal mischief, 200 block S. 3rd St.  
20:30: Fire, 36000 block Row River Rd.  
22:24: Welfare check, 200 block N. 12th St.  
22:29: Welfare check, 800 block Gateway Blvd.  
23:18: Warrant service, 4th/Taylor

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## Honoring Ron Davis



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The Emerald People's Utility Board has honored long-time Cottage Grove resident Ron Davis' decades of service to the utility by dedicating its courtyard to him. Pictured from left to right are EPUD General Manager Kyle Roadman, Director Charles Kimball, Ron Davis, Director Patti Chappel, Director Curt Offenbacher, Director Brian Parker, and Director Dale Olson. After representing utility customers for nearly 25 years, Davis retired from his post as Director on Emerald People's Utility District's Board. He was recognized for his many years of service in a ceremony held by the utility on March 4. General Manager Kyle Roadman said the utility dedicated and renamed the outdoor recreational area at its Eugene headquarters as the Ron Davis Courtyard.

# Pacific Power reveals wildfire prevention plans

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

As the 2025 Oregon wildfire season develops, Pacific Power said it is taking specific preventive action.

"We're taking steps to prevent wildfires by expanding our weather monitoring abilities, actively managing vegetation and strengthening our system," Pacific Power states in the release. "The safety of our customers and communities is our top priority. We may use protective settings and de-energize power lines to prevent wildfires during periods of the greatest wildfire risk anywhere across our service area."

The utility provides the following information about the prevention steps:

**Enhanced Safety Settings:** These settings result in lines being de-energized automatically when debris, wildlife or strong winds contact lines, reducing the chance of a fire ignition. When these settings are in place, there is an increased potential for outages.

**Emergency De-energization:** When an active wildfire moves too close to our lines or equipment, we may carry out an emergency de-energization of our power lines.

**Public Safety Power Shutoff:** The decision to implement a Public Safety Power Shutoff is based on extreme weather and area conditions, including high winds, low humidity and critically dry fuels such as vegetation.

### WHAT TO KNOW

- Emergency de-energization is used when there is an active wildfire.
- Customers will experience more frequent outages from emergency de-energizations related to wildfires as wildfire risk increases.
- These outages will vary in duration based on the size, direction and location of the wildfire in question.
- We will attempt to notify customers in advance, but this may not always be possible.
- To get the latest outage information, visit: [PacificPower.net/Outages](https://PacificPower.net/Outages)



Courtesy photo

**This illustration outlines the Pacific Power plan.**

"We appreciate your patience during such outages, as we all strive to promote safety and reduce the risk of wildfire," Pacific Power states in the release.

Learn more about these preventative measures at [PacificPower.net/Wildfire](https://PacificPower.net/Wildfire).

### COURT ACTION

Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) reported in February, that a jury awarded nearly \$50 million in damages to seven survivors of Oregon's 2020 Labor Day wildfires.

"It's the fourth jury verdict against PacifiCorp – which kept power lines charged during hot and windy weather, despite fire officials' warnings. Thousands of homes and other buildings burned," the OBP story states. "At least eight more trials are scheduled, and the company could be on the hook for billions in damages."

The company – which owns Pacific Power, one of Oregon's largest electricity providers – has also settled more than 2,000 claims by people affected by the 2020 wildfires, OBP reported.

"These settlements were the result of negotiations culminating in meaningful compensation to help those affected by the fires recover, rebuild, and move forward," the company said in a provided statement. "PacifiCorp remains committed to settling all reasonable claims."

In financial filings, PacifiCorp executives have estimated that the 2020 and 2022 wildfires have cost the company nearly \$2.7 billion. Berkshire Hathaway, which owns PacifiCorp, has estimated that its utilities face at least \$8 billion in claims across all wildfire lawsuits

filed in Oregon and California.

See the full OBP report here:

<https://www.opb.org/article/2025/02/07/jury-awards-50-million-2020-oregon-wildfire-survivors-pacifiCorp/>

### PUC TAKES ACTION

Oregon Capital Chronicle reported in May 2022, that Oregon's Public Utility Commission (PUC) adopted a permanent plan for public notification of planned electric shutdowns in the event of a wildfire or weather event.

The plan instructs Pacific Power, Portland General Electric and Idaho Power to ensure that those affected by a planned power shutdown are informed. According to the rules, these utilities need to notify emergency managers, government agencies, local officials and the public in advance, if possible, of a power outage and then provide daily updates, according to the Oregon Capital Chronicle report.

"The rules tell the public, government agencies, fire officials and others about plans to de-energize lines so that they can prepare and will know what to expect," the Oregon Capital Chronicle article states. "They only cover the three investor-owned utilities in Oregon which serve 1.5 million Oregonians, only about one-third of the population. The rest of the state is served by 38 consumer-owned electric utilities that are overseen by local boards or municipalities."

"De-energizing lines is only used as a last resort because it can affect hospitals, police and fire officials, water services and people who require electricity for health

devices," Kandi Young, spokeswoman for the utility commission, told the Oregon Capital Chronicle.

See the full Oregon Capital Chronicle report here:

<https://oregon-capitalchronicle.com/2022/05/23/state-adopts-notification-plan-for-safety-shutoff-by-electric-utilities-to-avoid-wildfires/>

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OBITUARIES & NEWS

## Glen Douglas Dixon

1942 - 2025



the dunes, water sports and playing cribbage. He met his wife Laura, and they married on June 13, 1970. They were happily married for 54 years.

He leaves behind his wife Laura, his 2 daughters Debbie (and Brad) Carlson, and Cathy (and Rex) Rozmus: 3 grandchildren: Shea Carlson, Jordan Carlson and Braley Barton; and 8 great grandchildren: Kylan, Wesley, Hunter, Kade, Korah, Ashtyn, Kenadie and Harlynn.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Delight Valley Church- Saginaw on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 11am.

Glen Douglas Dixon was born to Oscar and Mary Dixon in Port Angeles, Washington, on September 1, 1942. He was the youngest of 4 boys.

He enjoyed camping, riding

## Syphilis during pregnancy on the rise, leading to serious health complications for infants

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Health care providers in Oregon said they are deeply concerned that congenital syphilis rates continue to rise at an alarming pace, according to preliminary 2024 Oregon Health Authority data.

This concern comes despite overall rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Oregon stabilizing in recent years, an OHA release states.

### WHAT IS SYPHILIS?

According to the Mayo Clinic, syphilis is an infection caused by bacteria. Most often, it spreads through sexual contact.

“The disease starts as a sore that’s often painless and typically appears on the genitals, rectum or mouth. Syphilis spreads from person to person through direct contact with these sores. It also can be passed to a baby during pregnancy and childbirth and sometimes through breastfeeding,” the Mayo Clinic states on its website. “After the infection happens, syphilis bacteria can stay in the body for many years without causing symptoms. But the infection can become active again. Without treatment, syphilis can damage the heart, brain or other organs. It can become life-threatening.”

### OREGON CASES

In 2014, Oregon recorded two cases of congenital syphilis. By 2024, that number had surged to 45—a staggering 2,150% increase—according to data analyzed by the HIV, STD and TB Section at OHA’s Public Health Division.

“Although rates of syphilis infections in Oregon have decreased in line with



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The Oregon Health Authority’s HIV, STD, and TB Medical Director states the agency is seeing a growing number of syphilis cases during pregnancy in rural and frontier counties.

national trends, the rate of syphilis diagnosed during pregnancy is increasing, resulting in more infants affected by this preventable disease,” OHA’s HIV, STD and TB Medical Director Pete Singson said. “Congenital syphilis cases remain concentrated in urban areas, but we’re seeing a growing number of syphilis cases during pregnancy in rural and frontier counties. Half of the 2024 congenital syphilis cases were outside the Portland metro area.”

Pregnant people in the Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, and Hispanic/Latino populations in Oregon are disproportionately represented in this epidemic, the release states.

Singson said it’s critical to understand that these disparities are not due to race or ethnicity, but rather by the

compounded effects of systemic racism, poverty, homelessness and stigma.

### RISKS

The risks of untreated syphilis during pregnancy include miscarriage, growth abnormalities, premature birth and fetal death.

In a newborn, nearly every organ system can be affected, and severe cases can result in neonatal death. Providers have limited experience diagnosing syphilis due to its historically low prevalence, Singson said, which makes diagnosis even more challenging.

OHA is encouraging providers to work closely with local public health authorities to ensure patients complete their treatment, and to facilitate the testing and treatment of people with whom the patients have had sexual contact.

### SCREENING

Singson said OHA is aligned with American

College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists guidance in recommending that all pregnant people be universally screened at three timepoints during their pregnancy: their first prenatal visit, at 28 weeks, and at the time of delivery.

Addressing this crisis requires not only a concerted effort to educate providers and communities but also expanding screening, treatment and access to care, according to Singson.

“With coordinated action, increased awareness and commitment to equitable care, we can end this crisis and protect future generations of Oregonians,” Singson said.

Increasing awareness and education about primary prevention, public health risks and preventive health services are among actions OHA officials said they are taking as part of the OHA’s 2024-2027 Strategic Plan. The plan further supports expanding access to vaccines and other health resources for children, parents and families in all communities in Oregon.

## Death Notices

**Marilyn Hughes**, 93, of Eugene, Oregon, passed away on May 5th, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Administrative Assistant.

care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

**Holly Vannatta**, 73, of Eugene Oregon, passed away on May 13, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

**William Russell Radocy**, 59, of Eugene, OR, passed away on May 04, 2025. Arrangements are in the

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## Oregon gains 1,200 jobs, unemployment rate rising slightly

JEREMY C. RUARK  
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Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 1,200 jobs in April, following a revised gain of 6,200 jobs in March.

Oregon’s April unemployment rate was 4.7% and 4.6% in March, after rising gradually over the past year from 4.1% in April 2024. Oregon’s 4.7% unemployment rate was 1.1 percentage points higher than the recent low of 3.6% during spring 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in both March and April.

### GAINS AND LOSSES

April’s gains were largest in leisure and hospitality



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(+3,300 jobs) and professional and business services (+900). Declines were largest in transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-1,300 jobs) and other services (-600). None of the other major industries had a change of more than 400 jobs.

Leisure and hospitality had a larger-than-expected increase in seasonal hiring in April, adding 3,300 jobs. The

April jobs total of 212,700 was 5,600 jobs, or 2.7%, above its average during the prior two years.

Its component industry arts, entertainment, and recreation added 500 jobs in April, to reach a record high of 30,200. During the past two years it has expanded consistently.

Meanwhile, the other component industry—accommodation and food services—is

estimated to have grown rapidly this year, adding 2,800 jobs in April and 5,000 jobs so far this year, following slight declines over the prior two years.

Construction employment slipped by 200 jobs in April to a total of 114,600 jobs, continuing a gradual downward trend. Since reaching a peak of 119,000 jobs in June 2023 construction has shed 4,400 jobs, or -3.7%.

Transportation, warehousing, and utilities cut 1,300 jobs in April, following a gradual gain of nearly the same amount during the prior 12 months. Most of the April loss occurred in couriers and messengers which cut 800 jobs in April and shed 1,200 jobs since April 2024.

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## Federal chaos leaves Oregon's economic outlook sluggish, uncertain, short hundreds of millions

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*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Uncertainty from President Donald Trump's tariffs have thrown a wrench in state revenues previously expected to grow by hundreds of millions of dollars, state economists report.

Forecasted growth in the national and state economy has deteriorated in the last few months, leaving Oregon lawmakers to craft a two-year state budget with nearly \$756 million less than they anticipated, according to the latest revenue forecast from the state's Office of Economic Analysis.

This comes on top of uncertainty around the federal budget and as Congressional Republicans debate cutting hundreds of billions that states rely on to provide healthcare and social services.

State economist Carl Riccadonna and senior economist Michael Kennedy, presented the quarterly forecast Wednesday, May 14, to House and Senate revenue committees, and previewed some of their findings on a call with reporters Tuesday evening, May 13.

Riccadonna said the rest of 2025 will be characterized by sluggish economic growth due to existing tariffs and uncertainty around the future of tariffs, especially in the manufacturing and construction sectors. Tariffs disproportionately hurt coastal states and states with large ports like Oregon, he added.

Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama, D-Portland, said in a news release that the forecast shows reckless federal actions are harming Oregon's economy.

"Tariffs amount to a sales tax on shoppers here and act as headwinds against shipping products overseas. These policies threaten to push our state and the nation into an economic recession," he said.

Oregon Republicans said state Democrats are to blame. "It's no surprise that Democrats who've spent years passing policies that weaken our economy are quick to blame anyone but themselves," Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham, R-The Dalles, said in a news release.

"What's needed now isn't higher taxes, but smarter budgeting, real accountability, and a renewed focus on growing the private sector," he said.

At the beginning of the year, economists expected the national economy would grow by about 2% in 2025. The consensus now among economic forecasters is that it's likely to be less than half that — about 0.8%.

Slower economic growth leads to higher unemployment, lower wages and consequently the state taking in less corporate and personal income tax revenue, which make up the bulk of the state's general fund.

"It is a sluggish growth period, which will lead to instability in the labor market," Riccadonna said.

He and other economists do not yet forecast a recession, though he said the risk is "certainly elevated."

The state's Office of Economic Analysis puts the risk of a recession in the next 12 months at about 25%. In a typical year, the risk is 10% to 15%.

"You will see the unemployment rate drifting higher over the course of the next several quarters," Riccadonna said.

Gov. Tina Kotek in a news release said she would, "refuse to let Oregon be knocked off of our game."

"We know the problems we need to solve here at home regardless of the chaos coming out of Washington, D.C.," she said. "There are still too many people sleeping outside. There are not enough houses. There are not enough places to go for care or people to provide that care. Our kids must be served better by our schools. The cost of living is on the rise. These crises don't take an intermission, so neither can we."

The next two years

The quarterly revenue forecasts take into account all of Oregon's major revenue sources, including personal and corporate income taxes — which make up the bulk of the state's general fund — as well as lottery revenues and the Corporate Activity Tax.

In February, Riccadonna and Kennedy told Oregon lawmakers they could expect to have about \$38.2 billion to spend in the state's next two-year budget. That was \$350 million more than they thought they would have at the last forecast in November 2024.

Now, Oregon lawmakers can expect to have about \$37.4 billion to spend in the state's next two-year budget. That's the result of both a reduction in expected revenue, mostly from income taxes, and additional spending in the current budget cycle, primarily on higher-than-expected caseloads for Medicaid and the state department that provides services to seniors and people with disabilities.

"I can't remember more tumultuous circumstances just going into producing this particular forecast," Kennedy, who started working for the state in 2002, told lawmakers at the revenue committee meeting Wednesday. "I mean, we've had a pandemic, a Great Recession, but those happen within the biennium, not at the point in time when you're trying to forecast two years ahead."

House Majority Leader Ben Bowman, D-Tigard, said in a news release the latest forecast shows lawmakers will need to make "hard choices."

"This forecast means we will have fewer resources available in order to support our education priorities, human services, and the many other priorities throughout the state," he said.

## EDITORIAL CARTOONS



## 5 tips for prioritizing mental health

DR. DAVID TAVAKOLI  
*Sentinel Guest Column*

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, which is a great time to check in with yourself, the people in your life and explore ways to prioritize emotional well-being.

With one in five U.S. adults experiencing mental illness each year, taking small, intentional steps to support mental wellness may have a very meaningful impact.

This month, and in the months ahead, there are simple yet effective ways to focus on your mental health. Here are a handful to consider:

**Stay Connected to a Strong Support System**

Social support can play a critical role in mental well-being. Research



depression. Studies have shown that individuals who engaged in regular exercise experience lower levels of stress and improved mental well-being. Even small changes, like a daily walk

embrace the difficulties of life as normal, focus on the present, and prioritize your offline relationships

**Take Advantage of Mental Health Resources**

Exploring available mental health resources

available through your health plan can be a great first step. For example,

some insurers, such as UnitedHealthcare, offer digital self-care tools such as Calm Health, coaching, 24/7 mental health support lines for "in-the-moment" support visits, along with in-person and virtual visits, allowing individuals to access support in a variety of ways. If you're unsure where to start, sign in to your health plan or call the number on your insurance ID card.

**Seek Professional Help When Necessary**

If feelings of stress, anxiety, or depression start to feel overwhelming, reach out to your primary care physician (PCP). If you don't have a PCP, establish a

relationship with one. Your PCP will provide valuable insights and care, and referrals if needed.

Getting the right support can guide you toward a more balanced and fulfilling life.

Please remember, taking care of your mental health isn't just important this month — it may be something that benefits overall well-being year-round. Even small, consistent efforts may lead to long-term improvements in emotional resilience and quality of life.

For more mental health resources, visit [uhc.com](http://uhc.com).

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The Oregon Employment Department report shows 90,726 unemployed and 2,107,850 employed in April.

### Mental Health Facts

- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experience mental illness each year
- 1 in 20 U.S. adults experience serious mental illness each year
- 1 in 6 U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a

mental health disorder each year

• 50% of all lifetime mental illness begins by age 14, and 75% by age 24

• Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10-14

shows that strong social connections are linked to lower levels of anxiety and depression. In fact, according to UnitedHealthcare's College Student and Graduate Behavioral Health Report, young adults are increasingly turning to their peers for emotional support more than any other outside influence. Whether it's friends, family or colleagues, maintaining these connections may provide stability and encouragement during life's ups and downs.

**Build Healthy Habits**  
Lifestyle choices may have a significant impact on mental health. Regular physical activity, proper sleep, and balanced nutrition may help regulate mood and reduce symptoms of anxiety and

or practicing mindfulness, may make a significant difference.

**Limit Online Time**

Studies have shown that excessive social media use is linked to a higher risk of depression and anxiety, especially among young people. It's important to keep in mind that a person's social feed may not reflect their actual life story. Instead, try to

### Weekly Online Poll

Would you support a monthly utility fee to help fund the Cottage Grove Police Department?

- Yes  
 No

### Previous Poll Results

Should it be up to state officials to lead development of a long-term solution to Oregon's homelessness?

- 50% Yes  
 50% No

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# TAX

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committee. While there is no statewide list of cities with utility fees, staff identified four dozen cities with fees ranging from \$2.00 to more than \$40.00 per month.

Fee examples: Veneta (\$6), St. Helens (\$10), Grants Pass (\$12.36), Lebanon (\$18), Creswell (\$18.19) and Gresham (\$15)

Sauerwein explained the Creswell Public Safety Fee funds the contract with the Lane County Sheriff's Office to provide police services in the City. In Gresham, the fee pays for three dedicated services with the Council annually deciding the actual use of the funds among police, fire and parks.

He also noted that, earlier this year, the Eugene City Council tried to implement a fire district fee. A successful initiative petition by citizens referred the decision to voters on the November ballot.

## PROPOSED USE OF LOCAL FEE

For illustrative purposes, a \$10 fee paid by the City's 4,033 utility accounts would generate \$40,330 each month or \$483,960 per year. This

revenue would fund two police officers: one school resource officer, one additional detective and two community service officers.

## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Chase has led the department for the past 18 months. He said the need for a school resource officer is great but current staffing levels prevent the department from dedicating a full-time officer to the school district. He noted the South Lane School Board is committed to designating money to share the cost of the officer's salary.

"The real issue is not having enough officers on the street to be able to dedicate one to the school district," Chase said. "In order to fill that position, we need to try to add somewhere in our current staffing model a dedicated full-time police officer and determine what level of reimbursement support we would receive from the school district."

## SECOND DETECTIVE

Chase said the need for a second detective is critical. Currently, the burden of crime investigation falls on the patrol officers, who are also responsible for radio calls, responding to emergencies and submitting accurate reports on those calls. It

becomes more challenging when you have felony-level person crimes that need a higher level of investigation training and being able to attend child forensic interviews. A second detective would handle property crimes, narcotic enforcement crimes and addressing quality of life issues in the community. Currently, short staffing forces less serious crimes to become cold cases.

## TWO COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Ideally, there should be two community service officers to respond to illegal camping, illegal dumping, illegal parking, animals-at-large and other low-level offenses. Often, when those calls come in patrol officers are on other calls delaying the response making enforcement of the law inconsistent. Currently, there is a half-time dedicated position to address these issues.

"Since I've arrived I've been asked to provide a high level of service to protect our community and create success that can be emulated by other cities our size," Chase said. "These (requested) positions are extremely important to fulfill our department goals and the community's expectations."



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## The long-term funding could pay for a school resource officer at Cottage Grove schools.

### OTHER COUNCIL ACTIONS

**Approved the 2025-26 Council Goals:** Includes a commitment to hold quarterly town hall meetings to engage more directly with citizens than a regular meeting structure allows.

**Pallet Shelters Transferred:** Approved Lane County's request to transfer 10 of the

small shelters back to them for use by organizations needed to shelter unhoused individuals. In April 2022, Lane County gave the City 33 pallet shelters that are currently unused and stored at the former Hwy. 99 shelter site.

**Code Amendments:** Approved first vote to amend the Comprehensive Plan's

Economic Element to add the 2025 Economic Opportunities Analysis and to amend the Building Code to meet state and federal standards for flood damage prevention. It can be adopted by the Council or referred to voters.

Follow developments online at [cgsentinel.com](http://cgsentinel.com) and in the Wednesday print editions of *The Sentinel*.

# BUDGET

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"That is still a discuss to be had with the city council, he said. "We are definitely looking at alternative funding. One

of my personal goals is long-term stage funding for the two biggest costs in our general fund, which are the police department and the library. Those are two very important services for the community. Looking for long-term funding for those two departments is definitely a priority."

Funding options could include new utility rate bill fee to help fund police services. Library districts could be an option to stabilize funding for the city's public library, according to Sauerwein, who added that the Friends of the Cottage Grove Library has been very helpful in writing

grants and seeking funding options.

Discussions about the long-term funding options are expected to resume following the city's current budget process, according to Sauerwein.

"Thos are policy discussions that city council will have," he

said. "They are really outside the (current) budget process."

The Cottage Grove Budget Committee is made up of the Cottage Grove City Council and seven members of the community. The committee was to hear Sauerwein's budget presentation Tuesday night, May 13, and was scheduled

to hold public sessions before recommending any changes to Sauerwein's budget proposal to the city council. By law, the city council will adopt a new budget in mid-June.

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# GOLD

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pan in hand. The kids easily scampered down the steep bank to Sharps Creek and scrambled across loose rock to a spot near a confluence with a small stream.

"It was adventurous getting down (to the water) with all the kids and it's been really fun for us," Sara said.

Rene directed the kids to dig down into the streambed, put a handful of dirt into their pan and dip the pan in the water. Having their full attention, she taught them the technique of swishing the water around in the pan in

hopes of finding something that glittered.

Rene said, "The girls grew up with me telling stories about looking for gold with my dad. It has been a long time coming and this is the first chance we've had to take everyone to try their luck."

## NOT ALL BMOA MEMBERS ARE LOCAL

A Beaverton couple joined BMOA eight years ago and

served as the Westside claim hosts. Nick Muir, 40, and Erin Wilson, 39, were interested in gold mining and joined the nine years ago. They drive down from Beaverton several times a month to pan for gold on the organization's claims.

"It was super cheap to join, and they have a lot of claims," Nick said. "We find gold all the time. It doesn't pay the bills, but we do make money and love being in the outdoors."

Jeff and Debbie Warren live in Marcola. They always wanted to do gold mining but never pursued it until they stopped at the BMOA information table at Cabela's nine years ago. Today, Jeff serves as BMOA's vice president.

"We got to talking to them at Cabela's and joined the club," Jeff said. "Now we're hooked and have two of our own claims on Martin Creek."

He said BMOA members volunteer to serve on its daily mine patrols to protect the claims from being used by non-members. Members have a dash plaque for their vehicles. If a vehicle is parked near a claim without one, the mine patrol volunteers investigate and ask trespassers to leave the area.

## TURNOUT EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS

The Little Red Claim on Martin Creek served as the central gathering place for the day, with members providing refreshments, a portable toilet and a booth with membership information and maps to the claims.

Member Duane Mayberry took the lead in organizing the day's activities. His wife, Carrolle Wetch, assisted him by staffing the information booth. She said she talked

with participants from as far away as Arizona and California.

"We only expected 50-100 locals and planned refreshments for that many," Wetch said. "I think we've attracted hundreds through the power of social media."

## BACKGROUND

The Bohemia Mining District is an area of about nine square miles in the Cascade Range near Bohemia Mountain, about 25 miles southeast of Cottage Grove. In its heyday, the district was the most productive of the mining areas in the Western Cascades.

The website, [thediggins.com](http://thediggins.com), notes the district includes 1603 nearby claims—183 active and 1420 closed—and 138 nearby mines—17 occurrences, 71 prospects, and 50 producers.

According to Wikipedia, beginning in the 1860s, mines in the district extracted mainly gold and silver but also copper, zinc, and lead, then valued at a total of about \$1 million.

In 1858, W. W. Oglesby and Frank Bass, miners from California, found placer gold on Sharps Creek, a tributary of the Row River flowing out of the mountains. In 1863, James "Bohemia" Johnson, originally from Bohemia in central Europe, found lode gold at higher elevations nearby. He and other miners formed the Bohemia Gold and Silver Mining District in 1867. Eventually, the district included several mines, the most productive of which were called Champion, Helena, Musick, and Noonday.

## BMOA ACTIVITIES

Today, the BMOA remains the voice of the district as it shares information between miners and works with government agencies and law enforcement. It also promotes and encourages mining within the Bohemia District and other locations throughout the west. Sadly, charred trees in the area from last year's Lane 1 Fire now diminish the original beauty of the forested area.

Members educate approximately 1,200 grade school and middle school students at local outdoor school and attend Bohemia Mining Days, Creswell's 4th of July Celebration, and the Western Oregon Expo.

BMOA President Tom Pepiot said club members feel the event was a success and are pleased with those who signed up to be members.

Yearly dues are \$25 for individuals and \$30 for families and allows mining on 11 of members mining claims as well as camping and outdoor entertainment. "There's gold in them thar hills and we are the ones to help you find it," he said.

"We didn't get an accurate count, but I think we had around 170 people participate," Pepiot said. "I feel it was a success, just getting people out and enjoying the outdoors. We saw some gold come out but a lot more smiles and that's what it's about. With gold prices so high, we always want to find a handsome stake. Seeing so many families enjoying themselves is more than we could have asked for."

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ROW RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT June 5, 2025 A public meet-

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ing of the Budget Committee of the Row River Valley Water District, Lane County, state or Oregon, to discuss the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be held at the Row River Christian Church, 37533 Row River Road, Dorena, Oregon. The meeting will take place on the 5th day of June 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Budget Message, to receive comments from the public on the Budget, and to review the past year's budget vs. actual figures. A copy of the Budget document may be inspected or obtained after June 5th, 2025, by contacting the Row River Valley Water District at (541) 946-1250. This is a public meeting where the deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs.

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**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**CGHS spring sports season winds down**

**STAFF REPORT**  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

The Cottage Grove High School spring sports season is wrapping up.

**BASEBALL**  
The CGHS baseball team assembled a 13-loss 0-wi-n league record this season. The team was scheduled to end its regular season hosting Klamath Union May 16. See game results at osha.org.

**SOFTBALL**  
The CGHS softball team had six league losses and six league wins as of May 16. The team was scheduled to end regular season play hosting Klamath Union May 16 and Rogue River May 19. See game results at osha.org.

**BOYS GOLF**  
The CGHS boys golf team ended its regular season competition May 12 and May 13 at the Special District 2 Tournament at the Tokatee Golf Course.

**GIRLS GOLF**  
The CGHS girls golf team ended regular season play April 10 during competition at the Emerald Valley Gold Course.

**TRACK AND FIELD**  
The CGHS boys and girls track and field squads were scheduled to wrap up regular season competition May 23 and May 24 at the Sky Em League Championships at Marist High School.

**Proposed federal SNAP cuts would leave Oregon families hungry, governor and senators warn**

**JULIA SHUMWAY**  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Oregonians will go hungry if congressional Republicans plow forward with plans to cut the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and shift costs to states, senators and Gov. Tina Kotek warned on Tuesday.

Kotek and Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley joined a press call Tuesday with three other Democratic senators and the head of a Vermont anti-hunger group to discuss proposed cuts to SNAP, the food benefits used by 42 million Americans and more than 700,000 Oregonians.

Congressional Republicans on Monday night unveiled a plan to cut federal SNAP spending by at least \$230 billion, mostly by shifting costs to states. But states including Oregon can't afford those shifts, Kotek said.



Courtesy from the Oregon Food Bank

**Cuts to SNAP could place more strain on the state budget and food banks.**

"We just do not have the kind of money that it would take to maintain the program at the current level if these cuts go through," Kotek, also a Democrat, said. "It will just not happen, and people will go hungry in Oregon."

The details of congressional Republican's budget reconciliation proposal arrived just before Wednesday's release of Oregon's May revenue forecast, which state budget-writers will use to craft the next two-year budget. Lawmakers are bracing for a downturn tied to tariffs, federal funding cuts and economic instability.

The federal proposal means that the taxes Oregonians pay to the federal government will not return to the state to help their neighbors in need, Kotek said. Kotek, who started her career as a policy advocate for the Oregon Food Bank, said she saw firsthand what it means for people to skip

meals to afford rent or medicine and knows how fragile food security is for many.

"When you cut SNAP, you're not cutting bureaucracy," she said. "You're cutting a child's dinner. You're cutting their breakfast. You're cutting their family's dignity."

Every dollar spent on SNAP generates another \$1.50 to \$1.80 in economic activity at grocery stores, farmers' markets and other local businesses, Kotek said. Without that money, stores could close and people could lose their

jobs. Merkley said Oregon stands to lose about \$400 million under the proposal to shift costs from the federal government to states. And Wyden decried potential cuts to SNAP and Medicaid as a "double whammy" for health care. About 1.4 million Oregonians are covered by Medicaid, or the Oregon Health Plan. Republicans proposed instituting work

requirements and withholding funding from states like Oregon that cover health care regardless of immigration status and cover gender-affirming care.

"The combination of less food assistance for seniors and kids, and then Republican cuts in Medicaid, is a prescription for a sicker America," Wyden said. "What we're talking about is health care 101: You need access to food to be healthy, and you need access to timely healthcare when you're ill."

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/05/13/proposed-federal-snap-cuts-would-leave-oregon-families-hungry-governor-and-senators-warn/>

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**Fast Fact**

**More than 700,000 Oregonians receive aid from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.**

**CHAOS**

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The state's "kicker" tax refund is also expected to be about \$87.5 million lower than expected. The refund, now projected to return about \$1.64 billion to Oregon taxpayers, is triggered when actual revenues come in at least 2% higher than lawmakers projected.

Riccadonna was more optimistic about growth and revenues in 2026 and the first half of 2027 than the current fiscal year, assuming tariffs are lower, the Federal Reserve reduces interest rates and Congress passes a budget that includes extending the 2017 Tax Cuts and

Jobs Act — which reduced personal and corporate income taxes intending to stimulate spending and economic growth.

He said hard economic statistics impacted by tariffs, like unemployment or the nation's GDP outlook, are not likely to show up in federal reports until June and July, leaving forecasters at the moment with heightened uncertainty in terms of understanding how all of Trump's tariffs and cuts to federal agencies and the workforce plays out.

Trump cuts to the federal workforce have so far not caused the state's unemployment rate to tick up, but have hit local economies, Riccadonna said, mostly in eastern Oregon.

"We should make no bones about it. This is a very dynamic situation that is very sensitive to policy

being set at the federal level, policies which are not clearly defined at this point in time, in terms of where the end point or the ultimate consequence will be, where that effective tariff rate will ultimately settle, how the restructuring at the federal level ultimately pans out," Riccadonna said.

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