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## Preserving the past, shaping the future

### Marie Longfellow leaves a lasting mark on Cottage Grove

CINDY WEELDREYER  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

On the afternoon of June 1, friends and neighbors gathered in the dining room of Magnolia Gardens Senior Living Center to remember Cottage Grove native Marie Longfellow.

It was her birthday, and she would have turned 87. The timing lent a quiet symmetry to the moment. Marie spent her life honoring the past, tending to the stories of Cottage Grove, and caring for the places that held its memory. Now, on the day she first entered the world, friends and neighbors gathered to honor the life she shaped in the town she returned to after a career spent teaching in other communities.

#### A LIFE ROOTED IN COTTAGE GROVE

Her longtime friend and advocate, Suzanne Huebner-Sannes, served as the master of ceremonies. For the last decade of Marie's life, she and her husband, Charlie, had been her closest companions and her steady support. Suzanne retired from a career at Senior and Disabled Services with the Lane Council of Governments and now serves as the president of the Cottage Grove Senior Center. Marie had no children or grandchildren, but she was not alone. Suzanne and Charlie became her family.

Marie's story began in Cottage Grove where her family had lived for generations. She was born at the McFarland Birth Home. As a child,



Marie Longfellow (left) with Marcia Allen and Alexis Simpson in 2013.

Marie enjoyed spending time with her maternal grandparents, J. E. Young and Ermine Veatch Young, in the familiar large yellow house on South River Road that most recently served as Farmhouse Bakery.

The Longfellow home, in the Mount David Historic District, is on the northeast corner of Birch Avenue and H Street across the street from the Cottage Grove Museum and the Veley House, two landmarks that would become central to Marie's life. Friends said it felt natural that she became a guardian of those properties, watching over them with

the same care she gave to her own family home.

She grew up in Cottage Grove, graduated from Cottage Grove High School, and attended the University of Oregon, where she played on the women's basketball team. Her pride in being a former Duck athlete never faded. For years, her green Ford pickup, decked out with Duck flags and decals, was a familiar sight around town, a rolling declaration of her loyalty to the University of Oregon.

After earning her degree, Marie left Cottage Grove to teach in other communities, building a career in

education that spanned decades. She later earned a Master of Arts in education from Arizona State University in 1967. Teaching was her first calling, and she carried the same steady patience and curiosity into every classroom she entered. When she retired, she returned to the Birch and H Street home where her life had begun, settling back into the neighborhood that had shaped her childhood.

Marie came from a family woven deeply into the civic life of Cottage Grove. Her great grandfather,

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## School board adopts budget

### District strapped with \$3 million deficit

CINDY WEELDREYER  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

The South Lane School District's newly adopted 2026-27 budget reflects the financial pressures facing districts across Oregon, as rising costs and flat state revenues force leaders to stretch limited resources while maintaining student services.

The spending plan closes a projected \$3 million deficit through reductions, staffing realignments and a modest rebuilding of reserves.

Superintendent Todd Miller said the district faces "a challenging point in time with finances," even as leaders work to maintain a unified vision for student success. In his budget message, Miller said every decision followed a single question: "How do we best serve students with the resources we have?"

"The students of South Lane School District deserve an education that prepares them for their future, creates well rounded citizens and offers an experience that is both engaging and enriching," he wrote.

Miller cites rising costs, enrollment losses and the transition away from federal (pandemic era) relief as budget factors.

The board unanimously approved the 2026-27 budget at its June 1 meeting. During the Oregon School Employees Association report, chapter co president Sheila Healy thanked district leaders for the way they approached the work of stabilizing next year's budget.

"With the effects of the budget deficit weighing so heavily on all of us, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on some positives," Healy said. "A huge thank you to Todd Miller, Brian McCasline and their team for all their hard work to look for other ways to cut and keep the impact on staff as low as possible."

#### STATE FUNDING PRESSURES

Miller said South Lane's financial strain mirrors what districts across Oregon are experiencing. Even though the Legislature increased the State School Fund, he noted that the allocation "has not kept pace with the Current Service Level, the actual cost of maintaining our staffing and programming costs." Rising staffing costs, health insurance premiums, PERS contributions and utilities have all outpaced revenue.

He described the situation as a "perfect storm of financial pressures." The state's cap on special education funding leaves districts covering a growing share of mandated services. "The gap between our service costs and the amount we receive is rapidly growing," he wrote.

The end of federal pandemic era relief funding has also left districts exposed. "Many of the student needs and intervention services still require our attention," Miller said, but with those grants gone, the district has "increasingly depended upon our

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## WHO WE ARE



Courtesy photo from Casey Woodard

Banners above the Cottage Grove High School pool reflect the winning tradition shaped by legendary swim coach Bud Taylor, who will be honored in a June 13 ceremony.

## Community honors coach who created champions

CINDY WEELDREYER  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

A community that produced generations of championship swimmers and water polo players will gather Saturday, June 13, to honor the man whose steady leadership shaped much of that history.

Friends of the Warren Daugherty Aquatic Center, the Cottage Grove Swimming Alumni group and South Lane School District will host a public celebration recognizing long-time Cottage Grove High School swim coach, Bud Taylor.

The event begins at 2 p.m. at the Warren Daugherty Aquatic Center, 1440 South 8th Street, and will celebrate Taylor's leadership, the athletes he mentored and the values he instilled in young people who carried those lessons far beyond the pool deck.

For many in Cottage Grove, Taylor's name is synonymous with the rise of competitive swimming. His tenure as head coach from 1966 to 1996, and again in 2012, produced district and state champions, college scholarship athletes and a deep bench of swimmers who

continued in the sport as coaches, lifeguards and instructors. His programs in swimming, diving and water polo became a defining part of the school's athletic identity.

Taylor's connection to Cottage Grove began long before he stepped onto the pool deck. He graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1959. After the local swim club's coach left, parents asked the 19-year-old Taylor, who was a University of Oregon sophomore studying architecture, to take over. He met his wife Sue at the pool, where she worked as a lifeguard.

Now 84, Taylor remains a respected figure who stays connected with former athletes who credit him with shaping their lives.

"It's time to honor Bud's positive influence in our lives and within our community," said lead organizer Patrick Russell. "Coach Taylor made a lasting difference in the pool and beyond, and not only when we were student athletes, but well into our adult years."

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# Drought 2026: 10 simple tips to save water at home this summer

## OREGON WATER RE-SOURCES DEPARTMENT

With much of Oregon facing drought this summer, every Oregonian can do their part to conserve and make the most of the water they use.

The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) is providing these simple and inexpensive tips to help save water – both this summer and into the future. OWRD thanks the Regional Water Providers Consortium for sharing their research on water conservation and offering information on saving water in six languages.

“Taking action to save water now helps mitigate some of the most severe drought impacts on the communities and ecosystems that rely on our water supplies,” Oregon Water Resources Department Director Ivan Gall said. “You’ll be pitching in with wise water use, now and in the future.”

Here are some simple ways to help:

- Measure your sprinkler use: Many people overwater. Learn how you can easily see how much water your sprinkler uses.
- Check your toilet for leaks: Toilet leaks can waste

hundreds of gallons of water a month.

- Water deeply twice a week instead of daily: This helps root growth and gives plants the water they need to thrive without overwatering.
- Install water-efficient aerators: Aerators cost about five dollars and are easy to install on home faucets.
- Water when it’s cool: Early morning or late evening watering minimizes evaporation.
- Watch for outdoor leaks: Make sure your watering system is ready for its summer workout by maintaining your sprinkler system and

tightening hose connections so they’re drip-free.

- Add mulch and compost: Adding a layer to garden beds helps soil hold moisture longer.
  - Save water in the bathroom: WaterSense fixtures use at least 20% less water.
  - Adjust how much you water throughout the season: The amount of water plants need changes with weather conditions.
  - Let your dishwasher do the work: They use less water per load than handwashing dishes.
- If you live in the greater Portland area, you can also sign up with the Consortium

to receive your Weekly Watering Number. Just put in your zip code and you’ll get messages about when to start watering and how much to water each week based on local conditions.

Because water sources and supplies vary widely by location, check in monthly with your water provider to see if they have specific water use guidelines for their customers.

To help stay up-to-date on drought in Oregon, OWRD issues a Drought and Water Supply Conditions report every two weeks. You can find the latest report online and sign up for

future editions at [owrd.info/getdroughtupdate](http://owrd.info/getdroughtupdate).

For more ways to conserve water, visit [owrd.info/save-water](http://owrd.info/save-water) and [regionalth2o.org/water-conservation](http://regionalth2o.org/water-conservation).

About the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD): The Oregon Water Resources Department works to assure sufficient and sustainable water supplies are available to meet current and future needs. The agency administers laws governing management and distribution of Oregon’s surface and groundwater resources.

For more information, visit [oregon.gov/owrd](http://oregon.gov/owrd).

## A CLOSER LOOK

# Asking for a bottle of water leads to arrest

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

- Walmart staff stopped by to bring the department water and treats, even a toy for K9 Ripp! We had the pleasure of meeting the new Store Manager and provided a quick tour of the department. Thank you Walmart!!

- We had the honor and privilege of swearing in our two newest hires – Dispatcher Olson and Officer Jimenez. We are excited they are here, serving the community of Cottage Grove.

- Officer Buckland went to solo patrol status last week. We are very excited to have a second officer on duty during the weekday dayshift again.

- Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident on Hwy 99 involving a motorcycle and pickup truck. Officers arrived on scene and observed medics conducting medical interventions on the motorcyclist. Officers maintained the scene as a crowd of people began to develop on the borders of the scene. The

motorcycle rider was transported to Riverbend hospital for additional treatment.

- A driver called to report a Subaru driving on E. Main Street with no lights pointing a green laser at another motorist while driving. Officers searched the area and later observed vehicle driving erratically, the driver ran a stop sign on Woodson Bridge onto River Road providing probable cause for a traffic stop. The driver was issued citations for the observed traffic infractions. Cites were issued to the three male passengers for no seat belts.

- Officers responded to a cold vehicle versus pedestrian crash at South 10th Street and Taylor Avenue. The investigation determined a juvenile pedestrian was lawfully crossing South 10th Street within the marked crosswalk in front of Harrison Elementary School when they were struck by a vehicle. The juvenile sustained minor injuries to their arm as a result of the collision and was later evaluated by medical personnel. After

completing the investigation and reviewing the circumstances of the incident, the driver was cited for Failure to Yield to a Pedestrian in a Marked Crosswalk.

- During a patrol check of the dusk to dawn camp to secure the gate for the evening, officers contacted a known male, who had asked for a bottle of water. During the contact, the male was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. The suspected methamphetamine was recovered and the male was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine (ORS 475.894).

- While patrolling the area of the skate park, an officer noticed a male subject who was known to have an active warrant for his arrest. The officer requested dispatch to perform a records check and it was confirmed the warrant was still active. The male subject was contacted and informed he was under arrest for the warrant. He was transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged.

**COTTAGE GROVE POLICE**

**WEEKLY UPDATE**  
05/25/26 - 05/31/26

Accidents: 5	Hit & Run: 1
Arrests: 7	Suspicious Condition: 7
Assault: 1	Trespass: 4
Disturbance: 4	Vehicle Stop: 49
Harassment: 3	Welfare Checks: 8
<b>Total calls --- 361</b>	

## 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 25

- 00:31: Suspicious subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 00:40: Barking dog, 12th/Quincy
- 01:17: Suspicious vehicle, 3000 block Row River Rd.
- 08:39: Barking dog, 500 block Taylor Ave.
- 09:07: Burglary, 1500 block Cottage Heights Lp.
- 10:16: Fire, 300 block Palmer Ave.
- 10:44: Abandoned vehicle, M/Birch
- 11:20: Harassment, 100 block N. 22nd St.
- 12:07: Fire, 77000 block S. 6th St.
- 12:33: Assault, 1400 block E. Washington Ave.
- 13:36: Suspicious vehicle, Hwy 99/4th St.

- 14:06: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 14:54: Found dog, 800 block Johnson Ave.
- 17:08: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 17:23: Dog at large, River Rd/Harrison
- 18:32: Disturbance, 1200 block E. Main St.
- 18:44: Order violation, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 18:57: Wanted subject, 1500 block E. Main St.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 26

- 02:01: Illegal camping, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 04:10: Agency assist, 400 block North J St.
- 04:40: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 05:42: Agency assist, 15 NB 170
- 06:18: Agency assist, 500 block N. 16th St.
- 07:07: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 10:34: Menacing, 400 block E. Main St.
- 11:01: Trespass, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 11:20: Fraud, 1300 block Pennoyer Ave.
- 12:10: Found dog, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 13:09: Sex crime, 2000 block S. 8th St.
- 14:56: Motor vehicle crash, 1400 block Lord Ave.

- 15:26: Harassment, 1000 block Hwy 99
- 16:38: Disturbance, 1700 block S. 5th St.
- 17:33: Theft, 300 block S. 3rd St.
- 17:46: Motor vehicle theft, 1200 block Bryant Ave.
- 23:27: Suspicious vehicle, 2600 block E. Main St.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- 09:13: Found dog, 700 block N. 14th St.
- 10:10: Suspicious subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 12:00: Agency assist, 3000 block Row River Rd.
- 12:37: Animal info, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 14:01: Fraud, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 15:58: Suspicious condition, 900 block S. River Rd.
- 16:27: Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block S. 2nd St.
- 17:15: Dog at large, 1500 block S. 4th St.
- 17:22: Trespass, 100 block North P St.
- 17:25: Juvenile trouble, 1100 block Hwy 99
- 20:05: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 21:34: Suspicious subject, 1800 block E. Main St.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 28

- 07:28: Illegal dumping, 800 block S. 8th St.
- 09:03: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 09:37: Motor vehicle crash w/ injury, Taylor/10th
- 09:48: Dog at large, River Rd/Ash
- 11:29: Abandoned vehicle, Madison/6th
- 12:01: Suspicious condition, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 13:15: Dog at large, 10th/Jefferson
- 13:59: Abandoned vehicle, M/Main
- 14:32: Disturbance, 400 block S. 2nd St.
- 15:03: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 16:14: Hit and run, 1500 block Village Dr.
- 16:28: Juvenile trouble, 100 block S. 10th St.
- 16:45: Missing person, 800 block S. 7th St.
- 18:08: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 18:38: Disturbance, 800 block Gateway Blvd.
- 18:44: Intoxicated subject, 1100 block Hwy 99
- 20:45: Wanted subject, 200 block N. 8th St.
- 21:46: Robbery, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 21:54: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 00:41: Suspicious condition, 600 block S. 7th St.
- 02:0: Suspicious vehicle, M/Anthony
- 09:34: Theft, 1100 block E. Chamberlain
- 13:14: Vehicle impound, 2600 block S. 6th St.
- 13:26: Found dog, 100 block S. River Rd.
- 13:45: Abandoned vehicle, 1700 block Harvey Rd.
- 18:17: Harassment, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 18:19: Motor vehicle crash, 1200 block Hwy 99
- 21:37: Disorderly subject, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 22:56: Disorderly subject, 200 block S. River Rd.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 01:20: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block S. River Rd.
- 02:24: Juvenile trouble, Main/99
- 04:01: Motor vehicle crash, Dowens/Row River Rd.
- 07:07: Animal info, 78000 block Sears Rd.
- 09:52: Animal info, 1500 block Cottage Heights Lp.
- 12:00: Fire, 76000 London Rd.
- 13:43: Agency assist, 15 170 NB

- 14:22: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 19:40: Suspicious condition, 1000 block S. 4th St.
- 20:08: Warrant service, 700 block Hwy 99
- 21:37: Menace, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 22:06: Nuisance, 500 block S. River Rd.
- 22:09: Disorderly subject, 1300 block E. Main St.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 31

- 00:20: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 01:22: Suspicious condition, 78000 block Hwy 99
- 10:11: Agency assist, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 10:34: Animal info, 200 block Buttercup Lp.
- 11:27: Shots fired, 1700 block Curry Ave.
- 11:45: Death investigation, 1300 block E. Monroe Ave.
- 12:11: Trespass, 4th/Grant
- 16:20: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 17:25: Trespass, 700 block Row River Rd.
- 19:55: Nuisance, 600 block N. 14th St.
- 20:57: Nuisance, 600 block N. 14th St.
- 22:16: Shots fired, 1300 block S. River Rd.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JUNE 10

- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 3–5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Senior Center Pinochle Games. 1 p.m. Senior Center. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
- Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6–7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- Jackson's Pub Games with live music by Bradley Shepherd. 6–8 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Market.
- Game Night with Ayla. 6:30–10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.
- Elks Lodge Bingo. Early Bird 6:30 p.m. Regular Games 7 p.m. Elks Lodge, 775 N. River Rd.

### JUNE 11

- T.O.P.S. Club. 9:30–11 a.m. Delight Valley Church of Christ, Saginaw.
- Baby Laptime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Teen Gaming. 4 p.m. CG Public Library.
- Community Center Table Tennis. 4–6 p.m. Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
- Bread Club. 5–7 p.m. CG Public Market
- Celebrate Recovery. 5:15 p.m. Calvary Chapel. 1447 Hwy 99N.

- LB and Friends (Americana). 5:30–7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery
- Stone Hart (rock). 6–8 p.m. CG Public Market.
- Open Mic Night with Bradley and Urban. (sign up at 6:30 p.m.) 7–9 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.
- “Sunday in the Park with George”. 7:30 p.m. Cottage Theatre

### JUNE 12

- Storytime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.
- American Legion Bingo. 5–7 p.m. American Legion Post 32. 826 W. Main St.
- Elks Lodge Ham Community Dinner. \$12. 5:30–7 p.m. 755 N. River Rd.
- Saginaw Vineyard Friday Night Live. 6–9 p.m. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd.
- Jackson's Pub Karaoke Night. 6:30 p.m. CG Public Market.
- Cascade Rye (alt country). 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m. Bohemian Tavern. \$5 entry; BCA rules.
- “Sunday in the Park with George”. 7:30 p.m. Cottage Theatre.



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### Coast Fork Willamette River reflections.

- No, Soap Radio (banger/jazz). 8–10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. \$10 cover charge

### JUNE 13

- Share Fair, 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St.

- South Valley Farmers Market. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 7th and Main Street.
- Cottage Grove Museum, 1–4 p.m. Birch Avenue and H Street.
- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 4–10 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- NARC Fastest Five Days: King of the West Sprints. 6 p.m. CG Speedway.
- Elijah Cruz (reggae). 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- AlAnon “Courage to Change.” 7 p.m. Sinclair Room. City Hall.
- “Sunday in the Park with George”. 7:30 p.m. Cottage Theatre.
- Kegs of Comedy: Joe Hill. 8–10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. Cover charge: \$10 adv/\$12 door)

### JUNE 14

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

- “Sunday in the Park with George” 2:30 p.m. Cottage Theatre.
- South Valley Athletics Bingo Fundraiser. 3:30–5:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- Dominick Antonelli (acoustic singer/songwriter). 6–8 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

### JUNE 15

- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 1–5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Senior Center Bingo. 12:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Community Center.
- Gardeners Meeting. 5:30–7 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.

### JUNE 16

- Ukulele Club (for adults) 9 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bilingual Story Time. 5 p.m. CG Public Library.
- Trinity Lutheran Free Take Out Dinner. 5:15–6:15 p.m. 675 S. 7th St.
- Trivia & Games with Gerald and Cribbage with Ted. 6–8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- Poetry Night. 7:30–9:30 p.m. The Cottage Events Venue. 2915 Row River Rd.

# Oregon petition to ban hunting and fishing moves closer to November ballot

## MIA MALDONADO

Oregon Capital Chronicle

Petitioners hoping to ban fishing and hunting in Oregon have reached a milestone in their attempt to change state law.

Initiative Petition 28, led by Portland-based animal rights activists, aims to expand animal cruelty laws and criminalize injuring, breeding or killing animals except in cases of self-defense or for veterinary care, such as spaying, neutering or administering euthanasia.

On Friday, May 29, the group surpassed the required 117,000 signatures needed to qualify for the ballot — submitting more than 126,000 signatures to the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

The office must verify those signatures using statistical sampling procedures before the petition can officially make it to the November ballot. If those signatures are valid, the new signatures bring the state closer to outlawing methods essential to some of its key industries.

It's likely some signatures will be rejected, but petitioners can still submit signatures until July 2. Petition circulators generally

aim to gather about 150% of the required signatures to account for invalid or duplicate signatures.

Initiative Petition 28 faces significant opposition across the aisle

Activities such as lawful hunting, fishing, wildlife management, scientific or agricultural research, pest control and slaughtering livestock are exempt from animal cruelty laws.

Initiative Petition 28 aims to remove those exemptions.

“The reason we are seeking to prohibit these activities is not to be punitive towards anyone currently involved with the injuring, killing, or breeding of animals, but rather to be protective of the needs of the animals and to codify their right to life and bodily autonomy in law,” the petition campaign website reads.

Criminalizing those practices would have significant repercussions on key industries such as Oregon's beef industry, which brought in \$127 million worth in exports in 2023, the fishing industry, which generated \$517 million in household income and supported 10,300 jobs in 2025, and for research at public

universities that bring in billions across the state.

Major industry groups such as the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Hunter's Association, the Sportsmen's Alliance and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association all have expressed strong opposition to the petition.

And if it passed, there would be less money for wildlife management because it would eliminate fishing and hunting licenses.

Many Democrats and Republicans alike have denounced this initiative, including the gubernatorial candidates running in November.

Christine Drazan, a Republican Canby state senator, called the petition an attack by Gov. Tina Kotek's allies against the state economy.

“Banning hunting, fishing, and basic animal husbandry would kill thousands of jobs and threaten our food supply at a time when we can least afford it,” Drazan said in a post to X.

Kotek, however, also opposes the petition.

“I know tribal leaders, family farmers and ranchers and Oregonians across the state who care deeply about protecting our land, waters

and wildlife,” Kotek said in a campaign video posted to social media. “This petition does nothing to help that, and it risks criminalizing common agricultural practices that are critical to Oregon's economy.”

If passed, the petition would create a transition fund to help people train for new jobs if they've lost their livelihood because of it.

The petitioners have the right to try to pursue this ban under Oregon's initiative petition process, a process citizens may follow to create their own law without needing sponsorship from a state lawmaker.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/06/01/oregon-petition-to-ban-hunting-and-fishing-moves-closer-to-november-ballot/>

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An Oregon State University student researcher holds a hatchery juvenile spring Chinook salmon in Oregon.



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### Kenneth Burton Bachelder

June 9, 1952 - May 11, 2026

Kenneth Burton Bachelder of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2026, after a courageous battle with kidney cancer. He was 73 years old.

Ken was born on June 9, 1952, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. He spent his formative years in the London Springs area, south of Cottage Grove near Cottage Grove Lake, where he developed a lifelong appreciation for family, community, and the outdoors.

Ken dedicated his entire professional career to Weyerhaeuser dedicating 46 years to the company. Beginning as a fire watch, he worked his way through the ranks to become a Harvest Manager and Safety Coordinator. His commitment to workplace safety earned him the affectionate nickname, "Safety Kenny."

Above all else, Ken was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He cherished every moment spent with his family and took great pride in supporting, protecting, and caring for those he loved. His unwavering devotion and generous spirit will be remembered by all who knew him.

Music was one of Ken's greatest passions. He began playing bass guitar at the age of 13 and started his first band, Daybreak, while in junior high school. He continued performing throughout his life, culminating with the band Windy Ridge, which developed a loyal following throughout the



Pacific Northwest, especially in Cottage Grove.

Ken was also an accomplished author. He published two Tolkien-inspired fantasy novels, *The Wish and the Waterfall* and *Wolf, Witch, Warrior*, sharing his creativity and imagination with readers.

Ken is survived by his loving wife, Tammie Bachelder; his mother, Juanita Bachelder; his children, Chris Bachelder

(Marshall), Jennifer Hess (Andy), Jesse Anderson (Onna), and Brad Anderson (Arielle); his brothers, Steve Bachelder (Carol) and Mike Bachelder (Darla); his sister, Barbara Munsell (Dave), mother in law, Patsy Poole and brother in law, Curtis Carter; 13 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his biological father, Kenneth Burton Hayes, who passed away before Ken was born; his father, Harold L. Bachelder; and his younger brother, David Bachelder.

A memorial gathering will be held on August 8, 2026, 1 p.m. at Row River Grange, 34360 Row River Road, Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424. Family and friends are invited to attend and share memories and stories in celebration of Ken's life. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Ken's legacy of love, dedication, creativity, and kindness will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

### David D. Cohen

February 25, 1976 - May 2, 2026

David D. Cohen, 50, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Born February 25, 1976, in Cottage Grove, Dave lived life with a grin, a good story, and a knack for turning ordinary days into adventures. He will be remembered for his fun-loving spirit, generous heart, and quick sense of humor.

Dave is survived by his mother, Wendy Lewis; his father, Glenn Cohen; and his brother, Kevin Cohen who will forever carry his stories, his laughter, and his larger-than-life presence.

Dave spent many years working as a journeyman plumber and took real pride in his trade. When he put his mind to it, he could fix just about anything and he liked doing it his way, with skill, confidence, and a little personality.

Dave was happiest outside doing something fun. He enjoyed water skiing, camping, mushroom hunting, riding motorcycles, or simply hanging out with friends. Oregon was his playground, and as well as traveling the states to find new places, track down hot springs, and chase the next great adventure. He was always on the move, always up for a laugh, and he made memories everywhere he went.



In school he wrestled and played basketball and football, bringing a competitive spark to everything he did. He also loved watching UFC fights with friends and had a strong interest in self-defense, always curious to learn new techniques.

From a young age, Dave had an entrepreneurial spirit. As a kid, he'd fix up bicycles and sell them and then turn around and spend his money on candy to share with his friends. He was outgoing, fearless, and the kind of person who would take a chance just to see what might happen. Dave didn't have patience for bullies and would always stand up for the underdog.

Above all, Dave will be remembered for the laughter he brought, the adventures he sparked, and the unforgettable stories he leaves behind.

A celebration of life potluck will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Elks Lodge (755 N. River Rd.). Please come ready to eat, visit, and share your favorite memory or story of Dave, the funnier and more "Dave" it is, the better.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

### Joyce Gates

July 25, 1931 ~ May 25, 2026

Joyce was born Joyce Webb in Vernonia, Oregon, one of six children born to Carl and Maude. As a girl, she loved riding horses and roller skating, even winning a pair of roller skates in a competition. Her older sister, Lorraine Jansik, taught her to draw, beginning a lifelong passion for painting.

She married Jack Gates on January 26, 1951.

They had three wonderful children, Robin, Tim and Tom, who in turn gave four beautiful grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Joyce and Jack had many adventures traveling with the military for Jack's work. Along the way, Joyce had careers as the owner of a Summer Camp/Field Trip business, manager of a fitness company, a medical bookkeeper, even a short order cook in her early years, as well as a professional artist.

As an artist, she explored many mediums over the years including amazing paintings, leather carvings, sculpture, and textile arts.



Her giving heart drove her to offer classes in different painting techniques.

After retiring from the military, Jack and Joyce bought historical property in the hills of California, Penobscot Ranch. Their entire family participated in the work of the ranch. They offered farm experiences and education to many children, including Fajer

their beloved Goddaughter

Joyce devoted her life to Christ, alongside Jack in their retirement years. She was often asked to speak at Christian retreats on how to make a marriage last and become closer to God. She will be missed by her family, friends, and community. Such a bright light will not be forgotten.

She is survived by her daughter, Robin Fouquette, her son Thomas Gates, her grandchildren Rachel Gates, Fajer Qasem, Matthew Fouquette, Michal Fouquette, and Greg Gates, and her sister Gerie Theres.

There will be a celebration of Joyce's life, June 13, 2026, at 11-2 p.m. at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

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### DEATH NOTICE

**Drew Campbell**, 63 of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away on May 30, 2026. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

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## Fire danger increasing on Siuslaw National Forest

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With unseasonably hot and dry conditions in western Oregon, Siuslaw National Forest officials

have raised fire danger from 'low' to 'moderate'.

The Siuslaw National Forest spans the Oregon Coast Range and stretches across more than 630,000 acres. In Lane County—which contains the largest portion of the forest—the boundaries extend from the Pacific Ocean eastward into the Coast Range, lying west of the Willamette Valley and north of Coos County, according to Wikipedia.

Human-caused wildfires remain the leading wildfire threat on National Forest lands. Visitors and local



communities are urged to take extra precautions.

"Conditions are drier than usual this year, and even a small spark could lead to an uncontrolled wildfire," Northwest Oregon

Fire Management Staff Officer Kevin Reese said. "Prevention is our strongest line of defense right now and we need everyone to do their part to reduce fire risk."

Keep National Forest lands safe by following these fire prevention tips:

- Never leave a campfire unattended and fully extinguish it until cold to the touch.
- Maintain small campfires and avoid overhanging branches and limbs.
- Keep vehicles off dry vegetation.
- Ensure motorized equipment has proper spark arresters.

- Properly dispose of cigarette butts or other flammable materials.
- Secure trailer chains to prevent dragging on the roadway.
- Do not bring fireworks to public lands.

There are currently no public use restrictions in place for campfires, but officials will continue to monitor conditions. Fire danger may change quickly, and everyone is encouraged to "Know Before You Go" when planning a trip outdoors. To report a wildfire, please call 9-1-1. Additional information is available on the Siuslaw National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/siuslaw/fire>.

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The Cottage Grove Sentinel is proud to present the names of the high school seniors graduating in Cottage Grove. We wish each senior the best as they move forward with their lives.

**Cottage Grove High School  
2026 Graduates**

Jack Allen  
Makya Alsup  
Valerie Aura  
Mariah Bailey  
Mason Barnett  
Willow Bedell  
Taylor Bennett  
Emmerson Bickford  
Ryder Biehler  
Taylor Blank  
Carter Boyer  
Tanner Branham  
Stephen Brill  
Grace Brockelman  
Caleb Bruner  
Jayda Bruner  
Matthew Buffington  
Evan Bunce  
Ella Cardwell  
Elise Chapman  
Jericho Chapman  
Malorie Cleveland  
Kendaleigh Cone  
Rianne Cordin  
Kadance Crownover  
David Culbert  
Jayden Davis  
John Paulo Delima

Emery Dollahite  
Taylor Donahue  
Cameron Dugas  
Olivia Eide  
Peyton Ellison  
Evan Emmick  
Juniper Emmick  
Brielle Engle  
Brynlee Evans  
Addyson Farrier  
Emma Fernandez  
Cornelio Figueroa-Pablo Jr.  
Odin Finn  
Victoria Flynn  
Ethany Fuentes Rivera  
Yocelyn Galvez Barocio  
Frank Garcia  
Josue Garcia-Hernandez  
Felix Garza  
Jaiden Gathright  
Sabrina Genz  
Jackson Gifford  
Belinda Gomez  
Mendoza  
Kaela Gottlieb  
Olivia Gray  
Amiya Halladay  
Eliza Hamilton  
Michael Hand  
Isaiah Hayes  
Michael Hayes  
Nora Heegard  
Samantha Hernandez  
Korban Holmes  
Jace Horn  
Shelbey Hughart  
Skyann Humphries  
Lesly Izucar Rangel

Ava Johns  
Cyrus Johnson  
James Jones  
Allyson Kishen  
Zoey Knutson  
Gabriel Leonard  
Isac Lepe- Romero  
Clara Manning  
Nelson Martin Lopez  
Ethan Martini  
Cadence May  
Isabella May  
Ethan McClean  
Karissa McCloud  
Shawn McKinnon  
Mahlia McPhearson  
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Iylah Molyneaux  
Dreyden Muchmore  
Ramon Munoz Gonzalez  
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Lucas O'Hara  
Grimly Owens  
Nery Perez-Ramirez  
David Pierce  
Phoenix Praus-Bolding  
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Braidan Ray  
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Tyler Reeves  
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Ryan Stout  
Johnathan Sweezy  
Brayden Thomas  
Noah Treadwell  
Kennedy Umbarger  
Travis Vaughn  
Nicholas Walley  
Robert Warner  
Kadin Wilkinson  
Tyeson Williams  
Johnathon Yeo  
Taylor Young

**Al Kennedy High School  
2026 Graduates**

Griffen Nolan  
Skyler Burnes  
Eli Davis  
Braedon Day  
Kacey Black  
Tristan Sanders  
Dominic Stefani  
Kainan Cook  
Riley Llamas  
Ashton Crump  
Isaac Land  
Ben Miller  
Jacob Work  
Blake Aldrich

Carissa Banuelos  
Abigail Stere  
Emma Hite  
Nim Valenti  
Madilynn Brooks  
Isaiah Keating  
Khai Llamas  
Hailey Banuelos  
Declan Monahan  
Kylee Craig  
Maverick Wells  
Emily Cuevas  
Ivy Intros  
Jacob Westbrook  
Devin Cruickshank  
Niya Gottlieb  
Trevor Ronan  
Brody Parsons  
Lexi Libbert  
Nick Miller  
Keegan Bakeman  
Tyson Seaman  
Kevin Capener  
Liv Clemons  
Jake Gabrielson  
Uriel Jimenez  
Harmony Raymond  
Carson Martin  
Bailey Fournier  
Cash Nowak  
Eillie Lillard  
Bryan Arenas  
Hernandez

**Academy of Character  
Education (ACE)  
Charter School  
Graduates 2026**

Vivienne Baker

Diaae Campbell  
Henry Candelaria  
Titus Cord  
Ana Hockema-Jenkins  
Joyce Hoyer  
Jesse Jentzsch  
Kai Loehr  
Annie Lystrup  
Kait Shipley  
Karis Sommer  
Nicole Wilhour

**Childs Way  
Charter School**

Aspen Barrs  
Khrom Barrs  
Kassidy Baxter  
Chase Carpenter  
Avery Drahn  
Ashton Eddie  
Rowen Ivie  
Luke Kennedy  
Malakya Messer  
Denae Roth  
Michael Smith  
Nathan Storment  
Parker Wigington  
Keegan Willey

**Childs Way  
Alternative School**

Zaden Baxter  
William Pilling  
Abigail Silkey

**COMMENTARY**

**Oregon primary ballot measures were more than a local issue**

**RANDY STAPILUS**  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

What Oregon voters are thinking right now can sometimes be derived from the top-level election results.

But those opinions are often subject to misinterpretation, another way of saying: Don't be too quick to draw conclusions. Results from lower-level sections of the ballots can be as useful. Dozens of local ballot issues were on the May primary election ballot (the secretary of state's office has a convenient rundown of them on its website), in which voters got to speak directly on a range of subjects.

As an expression of attitude, the massive state-wide turndown of the state transportation funding plan — for example — isn't all Oregon voters had to say on the subjects of taxes, public services and attitudes toward government.

Consider the high-profile indicator question cutting across a bunch of issues and ideologies: Whether people (or how many of them) in Oregon would like to break off and join more conservative and Republican Idaho instead.

Over the last decade or so, a long string of eastern Oregon counties passed ballot issues in favor of Greater Idaho. These ballot issues tended variously either to

discuss the split or actually try to push the local jurisdiction to leave Oregon and join the state of Idaho, which politically was closer to their preferences.

For many reasons, this never has been within the range of the realistic, but it does serve as a measure of dissatisfaction. Douglas and Josephine counties voters, who live a very long distance from Boise, have flatly rejected the idea, but most eastern Oregon counties have approved it.

Wallowa County, which borders Idaho, in 2020 turned thumbs down by a margin of 41 votes, but then in 2023 by seven votes approved it. This year it was back on the ballot in the form of a measure aimed at eliminating the requirement that county commissioners engage in Greater Idaho discussions. This time the result was not close at all: 60.7% of the voters favored calling off the whole idea.

Is the greater Idaho bubble leaking air? There's now some concrete reason to think so.

Another recent political trend, in many places nationally at least, has been diminished support for educational and cultural funding, but Portland voters seem to run in the other direction. Multnomah County's Measure 26-261, which

sought to renew a 2021 levy backing the Oregon Historical Society (based in downtown Portland), passed overwhelmingly, with 62.6% of the vote. Eugene voters acted similarly on a library ballot measure.

Okay, that's Portland and Eugene (and Veneta and Scappoose). But over in Baker County, library district patrons opted with a 70.3% vote, to renew a five-year local option tax to benefit the library.

A bigger deal happened in Grant County, where 58.6% of the voters chose (Measure 12-97) to create a new Grant County library district, along with taxing authority for it. The library had been run out of county government, and county officials had talked about zeroing-out the library budget due to a budget deficit. The Oregon Arts Watch group noted, "With the tax district generating stable, dedicated funding for the library, advocates hope the library will be able to be open more hours and that programs cut in the past will be reinstated, including youth programs, community outreach, and a bookmobile."

Funding for law enforcement, too, got some help in places where that hasn't always been a given.

True, Clackamas County voters decisively (with more than 60% in opposition)



Courtesy photo from Rick Vetter

**In 2023, Wallowa County residents voted in favor of taking an initial step towards breaking away from Oregon and joining Idaho.**

rejected Measure 3-633, a proposed five-year local option levy to provide funding for the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office released a statement saying, "Without this dedicated funding source, the level of Sheriff's Office services our community has come to rely on will change significantly. Patrol staffing, jail operations, investigations, and other critical public safety services will all be impacted. And Sutherlin city voters did opt to repeal a public safety fee. But beyond that, law enforcement did well around

the state. North Bend voters by 49 votes favored (in Measure 6-228) a police safety property tax increase. At Port Orford, 58.7% of voters decide to establish a clear five-year property tax levy to replace a more complicated system involving a monthly "public safety fee." Voters turned down a five-year fire safety levy in Vernonia but passed one in Warrenton (61.0% favorable).

The message is, don't judge the intent of voters in a whole state by a single vote. There's actually more

sophistication than such an approach would suggest.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/05/29/oregon-primary-ballot-measures-were-more-than-a-local-issue/>

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**How often do you take a walk in your neighborhood?**

- Daily
- Weekly
- Not often

**Previous Poll Results**

**Do you closely follow roadway speed and other traffic alert signs while driving?**

- Yes, always 100%
- Once in a while 0%
- Not often 0%

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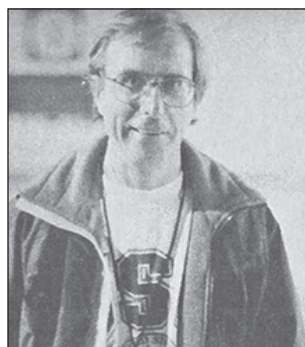
**AND IMPACT**  
Taylor's coaching career was marked by a philosophy as distinctive as his results. He never used the word "win" with his athletes, instead emphasizing hard work, attitude, independence and personal responsibility. He expected year-round commitment that required eight or more practices per week, including before school sessions starting at 5:15 a.m. His belief in his swimmers extended beyond the pool — he aggressively sought college scholarships on their behalf, placing athletes at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Princeton, St. John's and Iowa State. "Our program is based on coming as close to your potential as you can. It has nothing to do with what place you finish," Taylor often told his athletes. School District Superintendent Todd Miller said Taylor's influence reached far beyond the scoreboard. "Coach Taylor embodied the belief that champions

are developed by unlocking the potential within people," Miller said. "He demonstrated not only expertise in the sport, but an extraordinary ability to mentor, teach and inspire."

## STATE AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Taylor was named Oregon High School Swim Coach of the Year seven times, including back-to-back honors in 1993 and 1994, and Oregon Region Swim Coach of the Year in 1989. In 1991, he received the James R. Richardson Award from Oregon Swimming Inc. for outstanding contributions to aquatics in the state. He was also named Class 4A Coach of the Year by the Oregon High School Coaches' Association and was nominated for National Coach of the Year honors by the Oregon School Activities Association.

His reputation extended well beyond Oregon. In December 1993, he was selected as a volunteer assistant at the U.S. Olympic Training Center's developmental swim program in Colorado Springs, working with elite 14-to-16-year-old



Cottage Grove Sentinel  
**Coach Bud Taylor in a 1991 Sentinel archive photo,**

swimmers competing nationally and internationally, gaining exposure to advanced training methods that he brought back to Cottage Grove.

## A SYSTEM BUILT FOR SUCCESS

Taylor also managed the Bohemia Swim Association, a competitive club affiliated with United States Swimming, which provided a feeder program for the high school and a pathway for athletes to compete at regional, national and international levels. He guided the Cottage Grove Aqua Lions as well, creating a connected system

that supported young swimmers from their earliest strokes through high school competition.

At its June 1 meeting, the South Lane School Board voted to officially name the facility's eight lane lap pool the CoachBud Taylor Competition Pool, recognizing his long commitment to student athletes and his decades of championing upgrades and maintenance that kept the pool a valued community asset.

## LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

Taylor's influence is measured not only in championship banners but in the lives his athletes built after leaving the pool.

Many went on to careers in the military, public service, business, medicine and education.

Former swimmer Patrick Russell said Taylor cultivated the discipline of daily exercise, doing hard things and following instructions that prepared him for a successful career as a Marine and a Naval Officer.

Russell recalled, "At the end of Marine Corps Boot Camp, my drill instructor

asked what I thought about the physical training. I told him: 'After swimming for Bud Taylor, it was a piece of cake!'"

Perhaps Taylor's greatest source of pride was the vocational legacy his program produced — at least a half dozen swim coaches now working across Oregon, and more coaches and pool managers across the country, all carrying his values into their own careers.

One of them is Shane Dye, a former Taylor swimmer who returned to Cottage Grove to manage the Warren Daugherty Aquatic Center and lead the high school swim program — a homecoming that reflects the sense of purpose Taylor instilled in generations of athletes.

As the community prepares to honor Taylor, former swimmers say the tribute is not only about athletic accomplishments but about the character of the man who guided them. They describe a coach who believed in their potential, pushed them to improve and celebrated their achievements with quiet pride.

Casey Woodard, one of Taylor's swimmers from the 1981 championship team, said the coach's influence shaped his life in lasting ways. "He taught me dedication, drive and determination, and he taught me how to be a better person. Those lessons stayed with me long after I left the pool."

## COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE

Even residents who never swam for Taylor recognize his impact. "Coach Taylor's legacy is remarkable, especially for a town this size," said Andrew Elliott, a lifelong swimmer who moved to Cottage Grove in 2021. "It absolutely deserves to be honored."

The alumni group includes nearly 200 former swimmers and water polo players from Cottage Grove High School, the Bohemia Swim Association and the Aqua Lions. Many plan to attend the June 13 event, which will feature remarks from former athletes, district leaders and community members.

Who We Are is a frequent Sentinel feature highlighting the people in our community.

# LONGFELLOW

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Robert McCleary Veatch, was one of the city's earliest and most influential leaders, a schoolteacher turned merchant who served two terms in the Oregon House, a four year term in the Oregon Senate, and multiple terms as mayor.

Another ancestor, Robert V. Veatch, helped shape the town's early economy by establishing Cottage Grove's first flour mill on Silk Creek in 1876, a business that became a vital hub for local families and farmers. His daughter, Ermine Veatch Young, carried the family's civic legacy forward through her marriage to attorney J.

E. Young, another prominent community figure.

Through her mother, Muriel Ermine Young Longfellow, Marie inherited not only the Veatch name but a lineage of public service, community stewardship, and deep roots in the region's earliest institutions. Friends often said Marie's devotion to local history was less a hobby than an inheritance, a continuation of the civic responsibility her family had carried for generations.

## A STEWARD OF MUSEUMS AND LOCAL HISTORY

That devotion became most visible in her work with local museums. Marie served as curator of the Cottage Grove Museum, where she helped preserve artifacts, documents, and stories that might otherwise have been lost.

Later, as longtime miners in the Bohemia Mining District began passing away, they left behind collections of tools, photographs, and memorabilia. When talk began of creating a dedicated mining museum, Marie volunteered to serve as the first director of the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. From 2003 to 2008, she helped gather and display the history of the district, ensuring that future generations would understand the region's mining heritage.

Her passion for preservation extended beyond museum walls. In 2013, when the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce revived its Tourism Committee, Marie was asked to lead a new initiative to combat a spike in graffiti tagging. The group became known as the Graffiti Rapid

Response Team, affectionately pronounced GRR with a growl. Marie coordinated with city Public Works and ODOT staff to learn the best products and techniques for removing paint from historic brick buildings. One particularly effective solvent became known by her nickname for it: "Elephant Snot." Her leadership helped protect the integrity of the Historic District during a period of increased tagging.

Marie was also a proud member of the Prospectors and Gold Diggers, a booster club dedicated to preserving local history. Along with fellow historian Marcia Allen and Bohemia Mining Days Festival Coordinator Sharon Jean, she helped create the BMD Bloomers Parade in 2007. The parade served as the official kickoff for the

opening of Bohemia City on Thursday evening. It featured women and girls of all ages, dressed in bloomers, sashaying down Main Street to Coiner Park to honor the women who fought for the right to vote and to celebrate the invention of pants for ladies.

## A LEGACY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

On March 22, Marie fell and broke her hip, and complications followed. She passed away on April 24 at age 86. Attendees at her Celebration of Life described a woman who lived a life rooted in purpose, preserving the stories, buildings, and traditions that define Cottage Grove.

At her memorial, friends shared stories of a woman whose steady presence and lifelong commitment to

community left a lasting imprint. They spoke of her devotion to local history, her years of museum work, her leadership in community projects, and the way she carried her family's legacy of civic service into the modern era. Her Magnolia Gardens neighbors remembered her love of black licorice, and one said, "Marie was the heart of their community." JoJo, her 12 year old blonde Pekingese, quickly became as beloved as Marie after they moved into Magnolia Gardens. She now has a new home with Charlie and Suzanne.

Marie Longfellow spent her life honoring the past. In doing so, she became part of the history she loved.

# BUDGET

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general fund to maintain them."

## ENROLLMENT DECLINE AND LOST SAVINGS

South Lane has lost 100 students since March of last year, a drop that directly reduces state funding. "In Oregon's funding formula,

students are the primary driver of revenue," Miller wrote.

A major correction to the district's beginning fund balance added to the challenge. Last spring's budget projected a \$3,096,015 carryover. After audits, the actual amount was \$1,416,883 — a difference of \$1,679,132. Miller said the discovery, combined with under budgeted costs in several programs, meant the district would have ended the

year in the negative without midyear adjustments. Those corrections kept the district solvent but left "no savings or contingency funds for unexpected costs."

## STAFFING REDUCTIONS

Miller said the district began its budget work by identifying reductions "furthest from the classroom," including cuts to overhead, software, operational supplies and a 15 percent reduction in

building discretionary budgets. Transfers for textbooks, technology and maintenance equipment also dropped.

But the size of the deficit required staffing cuts. "Staffing is our main cost of operating, therefore staffing reductions were needed to balance our budget," Miller wrote. While attrition covered some positions, the district authorized a Reduction in Force (RIF) to align staffing with enrollment and revenue. The RIF includes:

- 3 elementary teachers
- 1 middle school teacher and 1 middle school dean
- 3 high school teachers
- 0.5 special education teacher
- 2 SEL positions
- 3 Community Care Specialists
- 7 education assistants

- 2 part time media specialists
- 2 part time library assistants
- 1 transition specialist
- 0.5 administrative position
- 0.75 confidential position

Miller acknowledged the human impact. "These decisions represent more than just figures on a ledger, they represent our colleagues and the programs our students rely on," he wrote.

## REBUILDING RESERVES AND SEEKING NEW REVENUE

The adopted budget begins rebuilding the district's reserves after a year with no ending fund balance. The plan sets aside 2.5 percent in savings for 2026-27. "This is

not just a fiscal preference; it is a necessity," Miller wrote.

South Lane is also pursuing new revenue sources. The district has begun expanding Medicaid reimbursement for services already provided to students and recently secured a three year summer school grant.

## IN OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

The board continued its review of district owned surplus properties following recent site visits to Latham School and the undeveloped hillside behind Cottage Grove High School. Directors agreed that the shuttered Latham building, which has deteriorated significantly since its closure, now poses a liability risk for the district. The forested hillside, part of the early 2000s purchase of the White Property for a new high school site, was also discussed.

Staff and board members noted that the steeply sloped hillside is unsuitable for school construction and is zoned residential. Discussion focused on thinning timber on the property and using the revenue to hire a land use consultant who could outline options for converting portions of the site into housing that would generate property tax revenue for the district. Board members emphasized preserving existing trails used by track athletes and maintaining space for an outdoor classroom. A committee chaired by board member Chris Holloman will bring recommendations back to the board later this summer.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Miller closed his budget message with an appeal to community partnership. "The strength of South Lane is not measured in dollars, but in our ability to unite around our common mission for our children," he wrote. Reflecting on his first year in the district, he added, "This first year at South Lane has brought some challenges, but it has also shown me that this is where I want to be." The budget takes effect July 1.

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 8 Illinois and Iowa's trees  
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 20 Cookie often twisted apart  
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 28 Lysol target  
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 30 Contribute one's share  
 32 Kitchen posts  
 34 Starts litigation  
 39 Stop on  
 40 Riddle, part 2  
 44 "Misérables"  
 45 Talking way too much, in brief  
 46 Loud weather events, for short  
 47 Inner city, informally  
 50 Leopard markings  
 53 "Eso" (Paul Anka song)
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 2 Wisdom deity  
 3 Behemoths  
 4 On Soc. Security, e.g.  
 5 Prefix with skeleton  
 6 Writer Blyton  
 7 Made the first move  
 8 "Impressive!"  
 9 Consist of  
 10 Pub barrel  
 11 "The meal is ready!"
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**SPORTS**

# Lions roar at State Track Championships

**WILL LOHRE**  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Cottage Grove high School Lions ran and jumped among the best athletes in Oregon at the 2026 OSAA Track and Field Championships on the University of Oregon

campus May 28-30. They had plenty to take pride in from the performances. The girls showed out, tying for 8th place among 26 schools, the program's best finish since taking 7th in 2014. The boys ended up 23rd of the 24 teams in

attendance, but the meet offered great experience for the team's four underclassmen, and their lone senior went out hitting new heights.

For the girls, Ella Cardwell, Makya Alsup, and Carrissalynn Height were a three-woman wrecking crew for the Lions, each posting podium placements.

Cardwell has been phenomenal in distance events all season, and she backed up her district championships in the 1500m and 3000m at state. She placed second in the 3000m with a personal best time of 10:22.19. Her mark is the fastest time for a Lion in the event since 1984, and good for the third-best time in Cottage Grove history. In the 1500m,

Cardwell took third with a time of 4:48.30, a second off her personal record. A senior, Cardwell finishes her career at Cottage Grove with the fourth fastest 1500m time in school history, as well as the #8 all-time mark for the 800m.

Though the meet was at Hayward Field, Cardwell was right at home among the top distance runners in the state.

Also faring well for the Lions were senior Makya Alsup and freshman Carrissalynn Height in the javelin. Alsup took second with a 37.22m throw, wrapping her senior season with a silver. Alsup has also made her mark on Cottage Grove history, as her season-best throw of 127-07 ranked fourth



Courtesy photos from the CG Track and Field Facebook page. Ella Cardwell running at Hayward Field. She took second in the 3000m, and third in the 1500m.

in program history. It was Alsup's second state silver medal for the Lions, having captured one during her sophomore season as well.

Height took bronze, posting a new personal best distance of 34.95m on her throw, a toss that ranks #9 in CGHS history. She also competed in the shot put as the only freshman in the event and placed 11th. For a career that is just taking flight, Height has plenty of meets still ahead.

For the boys, junior Micah Hanke and senior Lucas O'Hara placed for the Lions. Hanke ran a 1:59.31 in the 800m, earning sixth place with his showing. Hanke didn't hit a personal best, but he ranks #8 all-time for the Lions in the 800m and #10 in the 400m. In the

field, O'Hara managed 6th place in the high jump with a personal best mark of 1.84m. He now sits at #19 all-time for Cottage Grove.

While those athletes secured podium placements for the Lions, several others also took to the track at Hayward Field.

Here are the quick hits for Cottage Grove's other state qualifiers:

- Sophomore Jacob Dugas placed 12th in the triple jump with a mark of 12.44m.
- Sophomore Remington Sharkey took 13th in the 1500m with a time of 4:14.28. He also placed 12th in the 3000m with a time of 9:22.00.
- Freshman Ezra Seiffert took 11th with a time of 17.36 in the 110m hurdles.
- Senior Emmerson Bickford placed 12th in the 300m hurdles with a 50.33 time.
- The girls 4x400 relay team of sophomore Carly Knutson, senior Ella Cardwell, freshman Rowyn Earl, and senior Emmerson Bickford placed 12th with a mark of 4:18.28.



Makya Alsup placed second in the javelin toss, her second silver of her Lions career.



Lucas O'Hara ended his Cottage Grove career with a sixth place finish in the high jump.

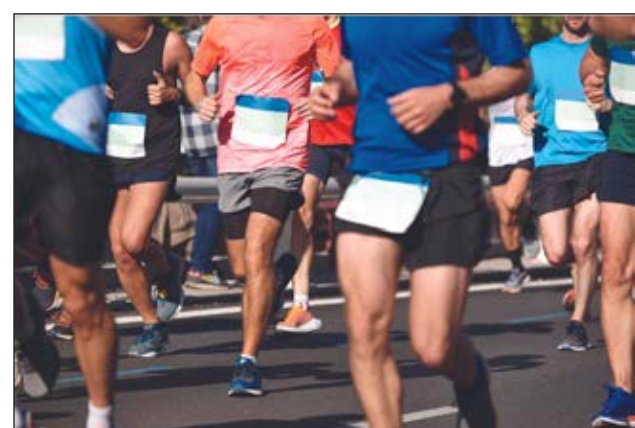
## 0.5k race to benefit Senior Meals Program

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## Public Notice

FORM LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING CGS26-133

A public meeting of the North Douglas Parks & Rec District will be held on June 15, 2026 at 5:30 pm at Drain Swimming Pool Meeting Room, 100 Anna Drain Park, Drain, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as approved by the North Douglas Parks & Recreation District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 120 West B Ave, Drain, OR, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or online at            N/A. This budget is for an    X    annual    biennial budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is    X    the same as    different than the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are:

Contact: Darren Baker Telephone: 541-836-2101 Email: Darren@baker.cpa

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-2026	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	205,873	356,500	172,200
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	53,883	47,900	40,900
Federal, State & All Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	55,643	57,000	57,000
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt		0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	50,000		55,000
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	22,771	64,000	13,850
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	111,990	110,365	113,676
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>500,160</b>	<b>435,765</b>	<b>452,626</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	84,440	116,000	90,000
Materials and Services	127,113	121,200	129,070
Capital Outlay	12,462	96,000	22,200
Debt Service			
Interfund Transfers	50,000	0	55,000
Contingencies		5,000	5,000
Special Payments			
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	226,145	97,555	151,356
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>500,160</b>	<b>435,765</b>	<b>452,626</b>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program	FTE for that unit or program		
Name North Douglas Parks & Recreation District	500,160	435,765	452,626
FTE	2	2	2
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<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>500,160</b>	<b>435,765</b>	<b>452,626</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING \*

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2022-2023	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2023-2024	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2024-2025
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit per \$1,000)	4702	4702	4702
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds		
Other Bonds		
Other Borrowings		
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>

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