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# Will we see another severe ice storm this winter season?

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While the weather in Cottage Grove this January is challenging, locals are hopeful we won't see a repeat of the severe ice storm that caused power outages, downed trees, kept many in their homes and caused travel delays in the first days of January 2024.

## THE 2024 ICE STORM

The National Weather Service (NWS) issued its annual Climate Report Jan. 1 of this year, detailing the 2024 winter storm. "A strong cold offshore flow allowed cold air to push into the area," the report states. "A very strong arctic front moved across the area Jan. 12 and 13, with temperatures plummeting 20-25 degrees below normal. Strong easterly winds occurred with gusts 40 to 60 miles an hour." The ice, freezing rain, and strong winds triggered power outages for approximately 25,000 residents in the Cottage Grove area. Businesses and schools were closed throughout the week. Cottage Grove City Hall was open 24 hours a day as a public shelter. Then-interim Cottage Grove City Manager Faye Stewart filed a local State of Emergency Declaration to gain federal assistance. Area roads were ice-layered, many covered with



Courtesy photo from ODOT

(Top) ODOT and other transportation crews were busy clearing the snow and ice during the January 2024 storm.

broken branches and down trees. Interstate 5 was clogged with vehicles, causing long delays. Local clinics throughout Lane County treated people suffering from falls on the ice and other cold-weather related issues.

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Courtesy photo

(Bottom) Cottage Grove Public Works Director Faye Stewart said it took four months to clean up after the ice storm. Public works crews collected 100,000 tons of wood debris from around the city and stacked it up in the south parking lot at Bohemia Park.

## WHO WE ARE

# Judy Smith, Random Acts of Cookies

*'The secret ingredient is love!'*

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The COVID 19 pandemic created widespread sadness and heaviness throughout our community for nearly two years. Being under quarantine, Judy Smith had lots of unexpected time to fill and started baking cookies. She made so many she had to figure out what to do with all of them. "We all needed light and human interaction," Smith said. "I started to leave them anonymously on peoples' doorsteps in hopes of spreading a little joy and make people smile. People started donating butter and flour to contribute, so I could keep spreading the love. Some said I should turn it into a business. I refused because I didn't want to lose my joy. Finally, I gave in with the promise to myself that I would never push myself to the point that I lost my joy of making cookie art." Her random acts of cookie kindness during the pandemic gave birth to Random Acts of Cookies, the Smith Family's successful family business.

## TEAM EFFORT



Courtesy photo from Random Acts of Cookies

Random Acts of Cookies Artist Judy Smith creates unique custom gourmet cookies for special events and offers 14 kinds of crowd pleasing drop cookies. See more photos at [cgsentinel.com](https://www.cgsentinel.com).

At first it was just Judy doing everything in their licensed home kitchen. When she couldn't physically roll dough anymore, her husband Dan jumped in and saved

the day. He managed a bakery department in a grocery store many years ago and now does most of the cookie baking.

Judy does all the recipe experimenting, art design, hand work, and managing the business end of their

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# City leaders take office, Ready to move ahead

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Newly re-elected Cottage Grove Mayor Candace Solesbee presided over the first meeting of the Cottage Grove City Council in 2025, held Monday, Jan. 13 at Cottage Grove City Hall. In addition to the Mayor, City Recorder Mindy Roberts administered the oath of office to new Councilors Christine Hyink, and Darrell Wilson and returning Councilors Greg Ervin and Randall Lammerman. New Councilor Jim Settlemeyer participated virtually and will take his oath of office at the Jan. 27 meeting.

## MAYORAL AWARDS

Traditionally, the Mayor presents special awards to individuals and businesses of his or her choosing. Solesbee selected 88-year-old Don Williams, a retired Weyerhaeuser manager and longtime community leader and volunteer, to receive the Mayoral Citizen Award. The Mayor also presented awards to two businesses that she said went above and beyond to serve their community during emergencies in 2024.

Toni and Randy Dietz, owners of Oba Ramen and Dietz Deli, were recognized for serving free meals to those in need during the ice storm and for helping to clean up shattered glass on Main Street immediately after numerous businesses were vandalized. Solesbee also praised them for supporting another restaurant by providing the temporary kitchen space the displaced entrepreneurs needed to keep their business going. Walmart Manager Denton Bell received an award for quickly delivering critical supplies city officials needed to create an emergency shelter at city hall during last January's ice storm.

Solesbee also praised Bill Whiteman, a former mayor who died on Dec. 13, for his many civic contributions in the decades he was a local businessman and community leader.

## STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Addressing the Citizens of Cottage Grove the Mayor asked everyone to "make a fresh start, put any differences aside and pledge to work together as a community." She encouraged returning and new councilors "to support each other and learn from our experiences." Looking back on 2024, the Mayor acknowledged a long list of civic accomplishments by departments. Below are the highlights of individual department achievements last year. Public Works: Ice Storm clean-up efforts took four months and generated 100,000 tons of wood debris. Staff coordinated with FEMA to secure \$3M to reimburse the city for the costs it incurred during and after the storm. The Community Center's recognition as a Resiliency Hub, which provided funding to purchase a new heating and ventilation system

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# Local man sentenced in child sex abuse case

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*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

An investigation into allegations of child sex abuse that began in 2023 has concluded with the sentencing to prison of a Lane County man. Lane County Sheriff’s detectives began investigating allegations of sex abuse against a minor on Oct. 31, 2023. The suspect, 43-year-old Jeffery Allen Adams, was reportedly the foster parent of the juvenile victim.

Detectives quickly developed probable cause to arrest Adams for multiple sex crimes against the juvenile victim, according to LCSO Sgt. Tim Wallace. While attempting to locate Adams, detectives received information he was on his way to the location of the minor victim. “Lane County Sheriff’s detectives and deputies moved quickly to intercept Adams before he could contact the victim,” Wallace said. “Adams was located and

stopped less than a mile from the victim’s location. He was arrested and lodged at the Lane County Jail on several counts of Sex Abuse and Sodomy.” On Jan. 13, 2025, Adams plead guilty to one count of Rape in the Second Degree, four counts of Rape in the Third Degree, and two counts of Sodomy in the Third Degree. Adams was sentenced to 120 months in the Oregon Department of Corrections.

## 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, JANUARY 6**  
00:05: Harassment, 800 block E. Main St.  
00:35: Business check, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
00:48: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
02:36: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
03:35: Suspicious subject, 8th/Wilson  
08:50: Illegal camping, 1200 block E. Main St.  
09:05: Theft, 100 block E. Main St.  
09:11: Theft, 2700 block Row River Rd.  
09:23: Theft, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
10:08: Welfare check, 800 block S. 7th St.  
11:14: Illegal parking, M/ Chestnut  
12:27: Abandoned vehicle, 1000 block Adams Ave.  
13:19: Runaway juvenile, 1600 block E. Taylor Ave.  
13:42: Citizen assist, 300 block North K St.  
14:44: Trespass, 100 block Village Dr.  
14:50: Motor vehicle theft, 100 block North P St.  
16:34: Alarm, 500 block E. Whiteaker Ave.  
17:20: Assault, 3rd/ Harrison  
17:59: Trespass, 100 block S. 16th St.  
19:04: Disorderly subject, Bike path/N. 16th St.  
19:12: Trespass, 900 block W. Main St.  
19:38: Disorderly subject, 1200 block E. Main St.  
20:03: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.  
20:50: Runaway juvenile found, 1600 block E. Taylor Ave.  
22:24: Business check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
22:37: Suspicious vehicle, 8th/Cooper  
22:59: Suspicious vehicle, Kristen Way/Cottage Heights Lp.  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**  
00:30: Disorderly subject, 100 block S. 10th St.

01:07: Bike stop, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
01:14: Disorderly subject, 77000 block S. 6th St.  
01:19: Alarm, 100 block Village Dr.  
01:46: Disorderly subject, Main/5th  
01:57: Agency assist, 77000 block S. 6th St.  
02:05: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
02:46: Disorderly subject, 600 block E. Main St.  
03:02: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 9th St.  
03:36: Criminal mischief, 200 block N. 9th St.  
08:35: Illegal parking, 6th/ Quincy  
08:40: Abandoned vehicle, 200 block Palmer Ave.  
08:45: Welfare check, 100 block Andrew Dr.  
09:26: Agency assist, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
10:51: Criminal mischief, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
11:35: Illegal parking, 100 block S. 21st St.  
11:54: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99  
13:53: Welfare check, 1200 block Birch Ave.  
14:07: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.  
14:31: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block N. 16th St.  
15:13: Suspicious condition, 400 block E. Main St.  
16:32: Welfare check, 100 block North P St.  
16:52: Citizen assist, 400 block E. Main St.  
19:41: Animal info, 300 block Adams Ave.  
20:09: Suicidal subject, 1300 block S. 6th St.  
21:26: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
21:32: Juvenile, 1600 block E. Taylor Ave.  
21:34: Warrant service, 6th/ Main  
22:37: Welfare check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
23:58: Suspicious condition, 400 block N. 14th St.  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**  
08:55: Trespass, 800 block E. Main St.  
10:03: Illegal camping, 5th/ Madison  
11:05: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.  
11:25: Trespass, 700 block E. Main St.  
11:51: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.  
12:03: Found property, 800 block E. Whiteaker Ave.  
12:32: Harassment, 800 block E. Main St.  
12:47: Criminal mischief, 900 block Gateway Blvd.

13:16: Disorderly subject, 1500 block E. Main St.  
14:20: Welfare check, 1400 block E. Washington Ave.  
18:57: Business check, 1200 block E. Main St.  
19:25: Warrant service, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
20:58: Disturbance, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
21:53: Found property, 200 block N. 12th St.  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**  
01:35: Citizen assist, 1200 block Dublin Ln.  
01:43: Suspicious vehicle, Landess/Shields  
01:53: Suspicious vehicle, 1700 block E. Main St.  
02:08: Illegal camping, 16th/Chamberlain  
02:36: Suspicious vehicle, N. River Rd/Bennett Creek Rd.  
03:47: Fire, 700 block N. River Rd.  
05:58: Illegal camping, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.  
08:17: Dog at large, E. Harrison/2nd St.  
08:18: Found dog, 1300 block Birch Ave.  
08:55: Dog at large, Hillside/Taylor  
09:18: Found property, 200 block Hwy 99  
10:45: Vicious dog, 1200 block Bryant Ave.  
10:54: Citizen assist, 800 block E. Main St.  
11:45: Hit and run, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
12:36: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block Palmer Ave.  
12:58: Info, 100 block S. 10th St.  
13:30: Welfare check, 1000 block E. Main St.  
14:28: Info, 1200 block Dublin Ln.  
14:32: Criminal mischief, 1100 block Lord Ave.  
14:47: Welfare check, 1500 block E. Main St.  
14:51: Agency assist, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
15:16: Dog at large, 900 block S. River Rd.  
15:25: Trespass, 1200 block E. Main St.  
16:08: Welfare check, 1200 block E. Van Buren Ave.  
16:12: Info, 1300 block Girard Ave.  
16:25: Shots fired, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
16:36: Vicious dog, 1100 block S. 4th St.  
17:40: Welfare check, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.  
20:15: Found dog, 400 block E. Main St.  
20:42: Repo, 2100 block Patrick Ct.



Courtesy from the LCSO

K9 Tito during training. See more photos at [cgsentinel.com](https://cgsentinel.com)

# K9 Tito joins the force

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*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) newest member is on the job. K9 Tito, the law enforcement agency’s newest fugitive apprehension canine has joined the force. Tito is a mix of German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois from Czechoslovakia, giving him a strong work drive and some extra muscle. Tito was imported by Alabama Canine and trained with a U.S. Army Ranger Battalion before he was selected. Tito went through an additional six-week handler class in Oregon, where he excelled in tracking and apprehension work. K9 Tito’s handler, Deputy Luke Thomas, has worked at the Lane County Sheriff’s Office for eight years, and has been a K9 handler for two years. In 2025, Deputy Thomas and his previous K9 Bruno won first place in

the 2024 Springfield Police Department K9 Competition. Tito was deployed at the Gettings Creek Rest Area Dec. 16, to assist Oregon State Police with locating a suspect who eluded in a vehicle at over 100 miles per hour. The suspect was found sitting approximately 100-feet from the car. Tito tracked directly to him, confirming it was the driver, who was arrested for DWS Felony, Attempt to Elude by Vehicle, and other charges. The following night, Tito responded to the 1800 block of Ferry Street to assist Eugene Police with a burglary suspect who had fled on foot. Tito tracked to a backyard fenced area and located the suspect hiding in a staircase. He was arrested and charged with First Degree Burglary. Early Christmas morning, Tito was deployed in Lowell to locate a drunk driver who fled the scene of a crash. When Tito found him hiding

in a backyard, the suspect ran until challenged by the K9. The driver gave up and was arrested for DUI, Hit and Run - Property Damage, and Reckless Driving. K9 Bruno, who recently retired, worked in California as an apprehension and narcotics detection dog before being transferred to Lane County when the agency he worked for ended their K9 program. Bruno was deployed on 37 calls and tallied up 15 captures with LCSO. The Lane County Sheriff’s Office K9 Unit is supported by community donations, which funded the purchase of Tito. All donations go directly to the K9 program to supply food, veterinary care, and equipment. Learn more and donate at: [https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county\\_departments/sheriff\\_s\\_office/about\\_us\\_-\\_now\\_and\\_then/police\\_services\\_division/k9\\_unit](https://www.lanecounty.org/government/county_departments/sheriff_s_office/about_us_-_now_and_then/police_services_division/k9_unit)

21:11: Repo, 200 block S. 13th St.  
21:51: Agency assist, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
22:15: Welfare check, 1400 block E. Madison Ave.  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**  
00:16: Juvenile, 77000 block Hwy 99  
03:43: Suspicious vehicle, 5th/Main  
04:24: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
05:04: Alarm, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
05:11: Alarm, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
05:54: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
07:23: Theft, 1200 block Hwy 99  
08:02: Death investigation, 1600 block Hwy 99  
08:56: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.  
01:01: Suspicious subject, 600 block E. Gibbs Ave.  
10:19: Citizen assist, 500 block Gateway Blvd.  
12:15: Welfare check, 1700 block W. Harrison Ave.  
12:48: Illegal camping, Coiner Park

13:26: Suspicious condition, 33000 block Cea-Jac Rd.  
14:39: Civil, 1500 block Hwy 99  
15:34: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.  
16:16: Assault, 100 block N. River Rd.  
16:42: Alarm, 400 block Adams Ave.  
17:14: Suspicious condition, 100 block E. Madison Ave.  
17:25: Disturbance, 1300 block S. 7th St.  
19:28: Harassment, 700 block Arthur Ave.  
19:36: Reckless driving, 100 block S. 10th St.  
19:45: Suspicious condition, 2000 block Hwy 99  
20:44: Business check, 1500 block Main St.  
21:26: Disorderly subject, 1700 block E. Main St.  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**  
00:09: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block E. Main St.

02:22: Disturbance, 200 block N. Lane St.  
02:46: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block E. Main St.  
02:54: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
02:55: Disturbance, 200 block N. Lane St.  
07:26: Illegal camping, 100 block S. River Rd.  
09:56: Welfare check, 1100 block S. 6th St.  
10:19: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.  
11:33: Disorderly subject, Main/99  
11:41: Harassment, 500 block E. Madison Ave.  
13:31: Suspicious vehicle, 600 block Wood Ave.  
14:05: Order violation, 1000 block Taylor Ave.  
15:11: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
16:22: Motor vehicle crash, 74000 block London Rd.  
16:31: Agency assist, 100 block S. 3rd St.

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# LA blazes illustrate danger and the need to be prepared

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At least 25 people have perished in the devastating Southern California wildfires as of Jan. 15 and the death toll is likely to rise according to officials. Complete neighborhoods have been destroyed by the fast-moving wind-driven fires.

Teams of firefighters from Lane County and across Oregon have joined the battle to stop to spread of the fires.

South Lane County Fire & Rescue (SLCF&R) had not sent any firefighters to Southern California due to staffing issues, but Division Chief Joe Raade said he understands how the rugged terrain and weather behavior has heightened the danger.

“There is unpredictable fire behavior occurring in the area of Southern California with the high winds, the humidities and the red flag weather,” he said. “When you have 100 mile an hour winds that they are getting it is almost impossible to keep up with. The unfamiliar terrain. Those are all concerns.”

Firefighters have been using water drops by helicopter and retardant drops by planes to slow the wildfires.

“That allows the firefighters to lay lines around the blaze a lot faster than just having hand crews,” he said. “They can lay down hundreds of yards.”

Raade said even with the onset of colder temperatures and frequent rainstorms, the wildfire danger continues in Lane County.

“We are always alert,” he said. “It’s important for residents to be prepared and have a go bag with basic necessities, such as medications, change of clothes, some amount of finances in a way that you can grab and leave.”

According to Raade, it’s important for residents and visitors to be prepared any emergency or natural disaster.

“Whether it is an earthquake or a winter storm like we had last year. An ounce of prevention can go a long way,” he said. “I encourage people to have 72-hours’ worth of food, that they can cook, or that they don’t have to cook, just in case there is a power outage.”

Raade also encourages residents to know their neighborhood so if there

are evacuation orders they can escape safely and have a planned meeting point away from the danger zone.

“Plan ahead. Be prepared. Be vigilant,” he said. “Be aware of what’s going on.”

The 21 strike teams from Oregon sent to California to battle the wildfires came from every corner of the state.

“Their response has been incredible. Our firefighters are doing structure protection, patrolling, and mopping up hotspots, and they remain in good spirits,” A post on the Oregon Fire Marshal’s Facebook states.

## RED CROSS SENDS TEAMS FROM OREGON/ WASHINGTON

As the wildfires ripped through the Los Angeles region earlier this month, the American Red Cross sent workers from Oregon and SW Washington to Los Angeles to help support the victim by providing shelter, feeding, reunification, health and mental health support, and emergency supplies.

“We have over 400 volunteers supporting this relief operation,” Red Cross Cascades Regional Communications Director Rebecca Marshall said.

The Red Cross Cascades Region (Oregon and SW Washington) has deployed 18 people staffing seven shelters with approximately 8009 people as of Jan. 15

“Then shelters serve as a place to come in and get food, get basic health needs met and emotional support too, Marshall said. “They are a place where people can come in and charge cell phones and laptops if their power is cut off. They are also information hubs. We work with fire departments, emergency managers, forecasters and other partners to help those who have been evacuated get the most updated information.”

As the wildfires in Southern California continue to burn and impact air quality, the number of Red Cross blood drive cancellations have grown impacting hundreds of lifesaving blood donations, according to Marshall.

Marshall said when it is safe to do so, people are encourage to schedule a blood donation appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.



Courtesy from the Oregon State Fire Marshal

Unpredictable fire behavior and high winds have challenged the firefighters..

org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

“The devastation from these wildfires is unbelievably sad,” Marshall said. “Our hearts go out to everyone who have lost their homes and communities. We will continue to coordinate with local officials and community partners to make sure people have the help they need during this challenging time and we will remain there as long as needed.”

## HOW TO HELP

Marshall said the best way to support the Red Cross work right now is by making a financial contribution. Go to RedCross.org or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767. If you want to donate items, you are asked to go to 211la.org

## GOODWILL JOINS EFFORT

Goodwill Industries of Lane and South Coast Counties and Alaska Goodwill is joining the community to provide assistance for individuals affected by the devastating wildfires in California.

Over the past week, Goodwill conducted a Round Up campaign for the American Red Cross and donate contributions made at any of its stores located in the following Oregon locations: Brookings, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Florence, Junction City, North Bend, and Springfield.

Individuals can contribute by rounding up their purchase or simply walking in and making a donation at any register.

“Our hearts go out to those impacted by these devastating wildfires in California and we hope the donation of funds raised by our generous communities in Oregon and Alaska will assist the Red Cross Cascades Region with



Courtesy from the Oregon State Fire Marshal

This photo shows one of the Lane County fire teams vehicles at the scene of the Southern California wildfires.



Courtesy from the Red Cross

Red Cross volunteer Kim Mails assesses the wildfire damage in Los Angeles.

meeting the immediate needs of those affected,” Goodwill spokesperson Libby Steffen-Schafermeyer said.

Goodwill’s mission is to provide vocational opportunities to individuals with barriers to employment.

For more information about the programs and services Goodwill offers, visit www.

goodwill-oregon.org, www. goodwill-alaska.org, or to make a donation, please

visit one of the Goodwill’s 13 retail stores.



Courtesy from the Red Cross

After escaping the wildfires, a woman and her dog sit with a Red Cross volunteer worker at one of the Los Angeles shelters.

## BLOTTER

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17:53: Criminal mischief, 1200 block Hwy 99  
18:24: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
18:46: Bike stop, 700 block Row River Rd.  
19:04: Juvenile, 1900 block W. Harrison Ave.  
19:29: Alarm, 100 block N. 7th St.  
19:47: Business check, 1500 block E. Main St.

19:29: Alarm, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
20:30: Motor vehicle crash, Thomas/Thornton  
23:00: Disorderly subject, 600 block E. Main St.  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**  
00:17: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
00:37: Harassment, 1100 block Geer Ave.  
01:05: Disorderly subject, 1300 block S. 6th St.  
06:11: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.

08:04: Citizen assist, 100 block S. 5th St.  
08:14: Burglary, 1800 block Marion Way  
09:16: Abandoned vehicle, 300 block North J St.  
09:21: Trespass, 300 block North J St.  
10:57: Welfare check, 1500 block E. Main St.  
11:37: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.  
12:52: Disorderly subject, 1700 block E. Main St.  
14:03: Info, E. Chamberlain/N. Douglas  
15:12: Business check, 1200 block E. Main St.

16:49: Fire, Cedar Park RD/Place  
17:11: Fraud, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.  
18:12: Disturbance, 100 block North I St.  
19:03: Suspicious subject, 200 block N. 9th St.  
19:32: Suspicious condition, 900 block N. 16th St.  
20:04: Disorderly subject, 300 block S. 5th St.  
21:23: Suspicious vehicle, 700 block N. River Rd.  
23:16: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
23:41: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.

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OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES

Jack D. Kofoid

November 5, 1941 - January 9, 2025

Jack D. Kofoid, beloved father, grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 9, 2025. Born on November 5, 1941, in Bottineau, North Dakota, to Arthur and Grace (Giffen) Kofoid.

While attending Cottage Grove High School, Jack found his lifelong partner Sharon Wiles and they were married on October 11, 1963, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Together, they raised a loving family, and although Sharon predeceased him, the legacy of their love lives on through their children.

Jack's journey through life was marked by hard work and dedication. He proudly served his community as a log truck driver, a career spanning over five decades, before retiring from Weyerhaeuser. His strong work ethic was only paralleled by his passions outside of work. Jack had a zest for the outdoors; fishing and hunting were not mere hobbies but a way of living life to the fullest. His cabin in Eastern Oregon was his sanctuary, a place where he reveled in nature.

Gifted with his hands, Jack was an exquisite woodworker. From building his cabin to wishing wells. His love for woodworking



was second only to the love he had for his grandchildren, who were the light of his life.

Jack is survived by his children Mark Carlile, Cameron Kofoid, Candace Kofoid, Rhett (Misty) Kofoid, and Brandon Kofoid; nine grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. His was preceded in death by his wife Sharon and brothers Gary and Donald Kofoid.

A service was held January 18, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

Thomas Lionel Vaught

1944-2024

Thomas Lionel Vaught, 80, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, died peacefully on December 27, 2024, of lymphoma.

He was born November 15, 1944, in Culver City, California to Hazel Margaret (Fields) and Wayne Lamar Vaught. His parents lived through the great depression and the dustbowl of Oklahoma and came west in 1940 to earn a better living. They provided valuable lessons of frugality and work ethic.

Tom attended Santa Monica High School before studying at Santa Monica Community College and graduating from California State University Long Beach. He originally pursued a degree in electrical engineering and then received a degree in Business Management.

Tom joined the United States Marine Corps reserves serving from 1966-1972, separating as a sergeant (2nd bat, 23rd mar, 4th mar div) rifleman and mortarman.

Tom and his first wife Libby Moody married and welcomed their only son Travis Gregory in 1972. They were later divorced yet remained in touch over the years.

Tom began his career at Douglas Aircraft company which later merged into McDonnell Douglas Aircraft company, this in turn merged to become Boeing. After retirement from Boeing, he went to work for IBM as a contractor to McDonnell Douglas and Boeing in Long Beach, CA and Huntington Beach, CA. His aerospace career spanned four decades. Tom retired at 53 and even considered pursuing another degree in medicine or psychology.

Tom and Turid Dahl Van Lier married



October 19, 1996, and moved to Cottage Grove to be near family in 2008.

Tom along with his Norwegian wife Turid have been involved with the Sons of Norway lodge and he was President of the lodge for several years. He enjoyed planning every aspect of special events for them that resulted in many happy memories. They traveled to Norway and he enjoyed learning the Norwegian language and culture.

He very much enjoyed the Cottage Grove Historical Society's meetings and learning about the history of our town.

Tom is survived by his wife Turid Vaught, his son Travis, wife Suzanna and their children Autumn, Ian and Meredith Vaught-Martin. Stepdaughters Irene Rantala and Sonja Van Lier and their children Erik Rantala, Nicholas Van Lier, Ashley (Ash) Van Lier and Andrew (AJ) Bishop. Brother Phillip, wife Linda Vaught and Niece Kelli, husband Steve Wesolowski

Tom is predeceased by his parents Hazel and Lamar Vaught, his first wife Libby (Moody) Fleming and niece Kimberlie Ann Vaught

Special thanks to Willamette Valley Cancer Institute, Peace Health Hospice, Bristol Hospice and Cottage Grove Post Acute (Coast Fork).

Celebration of Life to be held Sunday Jan 26, 2025, 1:30pm at the American Legion Calvin Funk Post 32. 826 West Main Street Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

County seeks public comments for strategic plan

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Lane County administrators are updating the county's three-year strategic plan for 2025-2027 and they are asking residents to give input through an online survey.

"Our Strategic Plan is the blueprint for where we focus our efforts to improve lives in Lane County," Lane County Administrator Steve Mokrohisky said. "We want feedback from our residents so we can be sure our priorities align with our communities' needs and expectations."

Community members are invited to take an online survey at [www.LaneCountyOR.gov/StrategicPlan](http://www.LaneCountyOR.gov/StrategicPlan). It should take 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Responses are anonymous.

According to Mokrohisky, the survey will help Lane County:

- Understand its strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities as a community.
- Identify areas where Lane County can better serve residents.
- Shape a shared vision for the next three years and beyond.

"Your feedback will directly influence Lane County's strategic priorities, ensuring they align with the needs and aspirations of our residents," Mokrohisky said.

The Strategic Plan was last updated in 2022 and focuses on four priority areas:

- Safe, Healthy County
- Vibrant Communities
- Robust Infrastructure
- Our People and Organizational Health

Examples of successful initiatives under the most recent Strategic Plan include:

- Renewal of the 5-year public safety levy.
  - Investment in new Permanent Supportive Housing projects through partnership with Homes for Good.
  - Progress toward the Lane Stabilization Center to increase behavioral health resources in our local community.
  - Passing the levy to support investment in Lane County's parks.
- Review the current Strategic Plan at [www.LaneCountyOR.gov/StrategicPlan](http://www.LaneCountyOR.gov/StrategicPlan).

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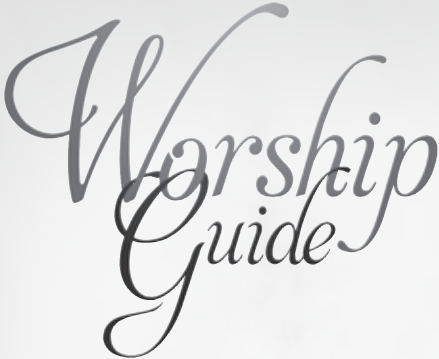
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INSIGHT

The Trump no jail-no fines sentencing

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

In a New York court ruling Jan. 10, then President-elect Donal Trump was sentenced to no punishment in his historic hush money case, which means he will not serve any jail time or face any fines. It was the first criminal prosecution and first conviction of a former U.S. president and major presidential candidate, according to the Associated Press. The Sentinel has reached out to Dr. Jim Moore, Pacific University Psephologist and Director of Political Outreach at the McCall Center, for insight into the sentencing and what we might expect from the Trump Administration.

**The Sentinel:** What message about justice do we take away from this, given that the judge did not impose any fines or jail time?  
**Jim Moore:** Justice is working in the state of New York, but this case takes us places we have never been as a country. The judge was in a difficult position and decided to keep the state convictions but sidestep state penalties. For those who oppose Trump, this results in him being a convicted felon but with no punishment. For those who support Trump, this results in an illegitimate conviction with no real teeth because of the lack of punishment. Justice under the law does not necessarily satisfy the calls for justice within the political system.  
**The Sentinel:** If Trump follows thru with his campaign pledge to pardon those involved in the Jan.6 attack on the Capitol, what message will that send to Americans?  
**Moore:** Such a blanket pardon will follow in the patterns already established for presidential pardons. Those pardons can be for any reason

the president chooses and cannot be challenged. In the past, for example, several presidents have pardoned political friends who have been convicted of various crimes or are under investigation for such actions (Reagan, both Bushes, and Clinton are in this category; Biden's pardon of his son fits here as well). Jimmy Carter pardoned those who evaded the military draft between 1964 and 1973; this was seen as a welcome end to the divisions over the Vietnam War by some and as giving aid to those who hated the United States by others.

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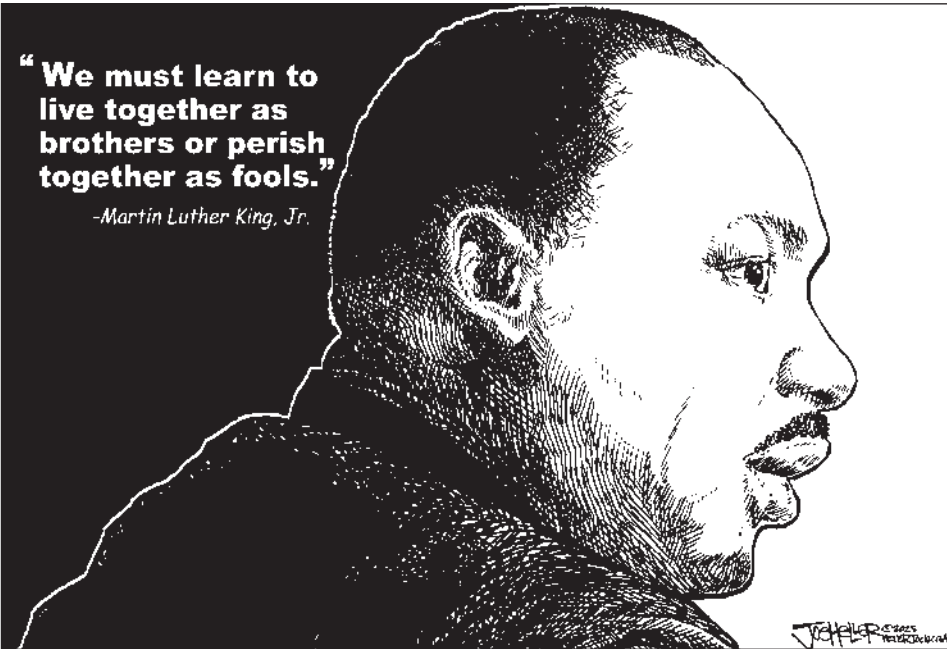
The President shall receive in full for his services during the term for which he shall have been elected compensation in the aggregate amount of \$400,000 a year, to be paid monthly, and in addition an expense allowance of \$50,000 to assist in defraying expenses relating to or resulting from the discharge of his official duties, according to <https://uscode.house.gov>.

There would be a similar response to a Trump pardon of January 6 convictions.  
**The Sentinel:** Looking ahead, what should we expect in Trump's first 100 days as President?  
**Moore:** Uncertainty, surprises (for supporters and opponents), and upheaval. Trump is going into his presidency with either too many goals he wants to accomplish or with not enough specificity to accomplish much of anything. We

will not know what the first 100 days will look like until we know Trump's prioritized goals. Easy things for him to do: reverse some of Biden's executive orders; pardon January 6 convictions; change rules at the border. Difficult things for him to do: round up large numbers of immigrants for deportation; fire tens of thousands of federal employees. Things are beyond Trump's power as president without Congressional support or constitutional changes: ending birthright citizenship; taking control of Greenland or the Panama Canal.

**The Sentinel:** Your summary of how the Trump movement has impacted American democracy and what we might expect moving forward?  
**Moore:** American democracy is fine as the Trump presidency begins. It is important not to confuse opposition or support of Trump with opposition or support of the democratic system itself. If there is an end to elections, if Congress goes into recess so Trump can rule by decree (or make appointments without Senate approval), if there are mass arrests or arrests of political opponents—those are signs that democracy is in trouble. As the second Trump presidency begins, it is up to all of us, supporters and opponents of Trump, to keep close watch on what happens in the White House and the country.  
**SENTINEL POLL**  
In an online Poll conducted by the Sentinel in the Jan. 15 editions, we asked readers, Do you believe President-elect Trump should be jailed for his criminal convictions? Of those responding to the poll, 62.5% said yes he should be jailed, while 37.5% of those responding said no.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



STATE OF THE STATE

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek calls for resilience, optimism

JULIA SHUMWAY  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek struck notes of frustration with the enormous problems facing Oregon and optimism that the state can fix them in an address to the Legislature focused on resilience on Monday, Jan. 13. Kotek's first State of the State address was delivered to a joint session of the House and Senate, with Attorney General Dan Rayfield, Secretary of State Tobias Read and Labor Commissioner Christina Stephenson listening, as well as more than a dozen judges and the leaders of Oregon's nine tribal nations. It came two years after she took office and began with a reminder of the challenges Oregon faced five years ago: 2020 began with reports of a mysterious disease outbreak in China, and the resulting COVID pandemic upended everything. That fall, the 2020 Labor Day fires burned

more than 850,000 acres and destroyed more than 4,000 homes. As she spoke Monday, more than 400 Oregon firefighters and 235 engines were at work fighting another fire in California. That, Kotek said, is what Oregon does for its neighbors. "I bring up these enormous past shared traumas because, despite everything, Oregon is still standing, our faith in ourselves as Oregonians remains true, and we have developed new skills and insights to withstand the uncertainties of tomorrow," she said. "It is fertile soil indeed that we now take on the challenges in front of us and ahead of us." The former high school track athlete shared her main takeaway from running the 400-meter relay, where a team of four sprinters pass a baton amongst themselves. They might miss their mark and drop the baton, but she learned on a track in Pennsylvania that the only thing to do was to practice

harder and eventually something good would happen. "The choices we make as leaders will have a ripple effect on generations to come, and the good choices will yield health, prosperity and community resilience," Kotek said. "We do not always agree on what those choices are, but I encourage each and every one of us to rise above the maze of politics — its false starts, circles and dead ends — and see the path forward, with one voice, speaking one unifying idea into existence: improve the everyday lives of Oregonians in every part of the state." Focus on housing Her speech, like the first two years of her administration, focused primarily on housing, homelessness, mental health and education, with nods to climate change and speeding up the work of government. "We are making progress, despite entrenched challenges,

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CITY

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and generator to be prepared for future emergencies. The Ad-Hoc Street Funding Committee was commended for its work and council recommendations. Although voters rejected the proposed revenue measures in November, several chip seal projects throughout the community improved local roads and golf cart paths. Middlefield Golf Course accomplishments included increased use, new equipment purchases and the placement of video surveillance cameras to improve safety. Staff continued efforts to complete the Bohemia Park Entry Plaza and begin the Main Street Improvement project. Police Department: Hired three dispatchers, five new officers, one captain, and Ripp, the German Shepherd K9 officer, was now actively patrolling with his handler. Four new police vehicles were purchased, and numerous preparation work is underway for an upcoming accreditation review. Solesbee

praised Chief Cory Chase for the department's community outreach efforts that included the Kindness 9-1-1 Project, Shop with a Cop & Coffee with a Cop and its successful observance of National Night Out in Coiner Park. Community Development Department: Adopted the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. Last summer's Emergency Preparedness Fair featured 27 booths and drew 2,000 attendees. The City added 5.47 acres into the city limits on the west side of town at the end of Ibsen Avenue that will become a new housing development. Flood insurance policy holders received a 20-percent discount thanks to the development staff's floodplain managers. The planning department received kudos for its efforts to obtain a \$3M state grant to install water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure for new housing on the 35-acre property near Cleveland Avenue. Department staff secured a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Quality to create a Stormwater Master Plan. Staff worked with University of Oregon students to explore

the feasibility of a recreation district and applied for the City's 31st Tree City USA Award and 8th Growth Award from the Arbor Day Foundation. Building Department: Issued 628 permits in 2024 that included seven new single-family homes. The department facilitated the development of Pine Springs, the largest housing development in town, on the former Village Green Hotel site. The department performed a total of 3,762 building inspections (1,580 in Cottage Grove and contracted with Creswell, Coburg and Veneta to conduct the others). **HOPE FOR THE FUTURE** Solesbee praised Cottage Grove City Manager Mike Sauerwein "for collaborating with talented staff to restore order to our city without getting entangled in political issues." "I have never felt more encouraged by the leadership of all the department heads in the city," Solebess said. "I believe we are on the right track, experiencing positive growth, and the community is beginning to feel a sense of hope for a thriving future in Cottage Grove."

At the conclusion of her State of the City address Solesbee said, "I am optimistic about what we can achieve together. I look forward to working collaboratively as we move forward to achieve great things for the citizens of Cottage Grove." **IN OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS** DEQ Wastewater Violation Reported: Public Works Director Faye Stewart informed the council he reported to the Oregon Department of Environmental Protection that recent heavy rains diluted the pH level to 6.0 (below the 6.2 level required in the DEQ permit) for a total of seven days, four

days in December and three days in January. A total of 5.6 inches of rain fell between Dec. 24-30. He noted the Wastewater Treatment Plan can only store and treat 4 million gallons of water daily. On certain heavy rain days, the system received 8 million gallons and at peak times there were 13-15 million gallons of water entering the system. "This is not unique to Cottage Grove and other cities are in the same situation," Stewart said. "In the past, DEQ has acknowledged that excessive rainfall can create permit violations and natural events like this usually result in a warning and not a fine."

Main Street Improvement Project Update: Stewart said eight contractors submitted bids. City staff is reviewing the proposals and will make a recommendation to the council at its Jan 27 meeting. Committee Appointments: Ryan Birdseye was appointed to the Planning Commission on a 5-1 vote with Randall Lammerman voting no. Tammy Stark was appointed to the Urban Forestry Committee in a unanimous vote. Follow City of Cottage Grove developments online at [cgsentinel.com](http://cgsentinel.com) and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.

Weekly Online Poll

Should social media platform Tik Tok be banned?

☐ Yes  
☐ No

Previous Poll Results

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COOKIES

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endeavor. “I’m the creator, he’s the VIP and we make a great team,” Judy said.

The Smiths have lived in Cottage Grove most of their lives and are Cottage Grove High School graduates. Dan is the Dari Mart store manager and Judy is known in the community as the founder of South Lane Ballet Academy and Storybook Theatre.

“He had a cute crush on me all through our teen years,” Judy said. “I went away to Seattle for a few years, came back, and my heart flipped. This month we celebrate 33 years of marriage and share two amazing kids and an adorable granddaughter. Dan

and I love working together and making people smile. What job could be better than one where people come up to you all excited with their eyes sparkling and a smile on their face because they see cookies? It’s hard to be sad when you’re eating a cookie!”

**CUSTOM COOKIE DESIGNS**

Some of the recipes are her mother’s and others are inspired by ideas she finds online. She combines what she likes from different recipes and makes her own inventions.

She confessed, “I get inspiration from everywhere – literally (a bug on the ground, or a road sign, etc.). I think, I could put that on a cookie!”

For custom orders, it’s important to her to get a feel for the person they are intended for. She wants to

know the recipient’s favorite colors and flavors and requests a photo of the person to get their vibe. She said she does her best work when she is given free reign with the design and goes where her heart leads her. She will not do copyrighted themes or replicate other artists’ work without their permission.

They take custom orders if they have availability and often book out three months ahead. June to December is the busiest time of the year and it is very difficult to place a custom order at that time unless there is a cancellation.

After four years pursuing this endeavor, the Smiths cherish the happiness their cookies have created for their customers.

Judy recalled one of many special memories.

“One sweet lady came to pick up her cookies and burst out crying when she saw them. I was very concerned until she assured me that they were perfect. She messaged

me five times that day, repeating how grateful she was and how much she loved them. Her last message was a snapshot of them all displayed in a shadow box hung on her wall because she could not eat them. They were hand-painted portraits of her three precious fur babies.”

**PRODUCTION COSTS**

Pricing their products is a challenge with today’s grocery costs. They use only quality ingredients from local sources as much as possible. Their Gourmet Drop Cookies range from \$4.00 to \$5.00 each depending on the recipe and size of the cookie.

Pricing for the hand-decorated sugar cookie is tricky. Most of the charge is for the labor involved. Judy has taken as many as five days to make a single cookie so it’s not a lucrative career but more a labor of love for her.

“My base price for custom-decorated sugar cookies that take three days to create is

\$6/cookie or \$72/dozen,” Judy explained. “It may sound like a lot, and I agree, but when you remember that I spent 24 hours to make a dozen cookies that you can’t find at Walmart -- that’s only \$3.00 an hour wage for me. I hope it makes the price more palatable to swallow.”

**WHERE TO FIND THEM**

They currently offer drop cookies in 14 flavors and the most guaranteed place to get any of their cookies is through their website: [www.randomactsofcookies.net](http://www.randomactsofcookies.net)

They sell their cookies at Pour 818 in the Historic Downtown District, at The Rusty Porch in Springfield, at Cottage Theatre productions, and seasonally at The Flower Basket. They enjoy doing markets and said their favorite event is the Chamber of Commerce’s Concerts in the Park every summer.

**FUTURE PLANS**

Dan and Judy’s goal is to keep the “Random Acts” mission alive by donating cookies

whenever they are able. They occasionally partner with nonprofit organizations to help fund raise for a cause. Judy offers cookie decorating classes and private themed parties.

“Our kids have always been our biggest supporters,” Judy said. “Our dream is for Dan to be able to retire from Dari Mart someday and we can run a Mom & Pop bakery together. He makes a mean donut! One of our daughter’s fondest memories is that her Daddy always smelled like doughnuts growing up. How cute it would be if our granddaughter could grow up with the same sweet memory!

The motto they have chosen for their family business is: “The secret ingredient is love!”

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STORM

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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

NWS Meteorologist Jon Liu said it is unlikely that Lane County would see a repeat of such harsh weather this month.

“We have an extended period of high pressure which tends to create generally calmer conditions,” he said. “We are expected to remain dry with little chance of precipitation.”

Liu cautions that temperatures will be quite cold overnight into the low to mid 20s, warming into the mid to upper 40s during the day. As to what’s ahead for the rest of January and into February, Liu responded by stating:

“You can’t rule out the possibility of seeing a storm. There is still a good chunk of winter left,” he said.

**ON THE ROADS**

The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) has a projected revenue shortfall of more than \$354 million in 2025-2027. That would mean reducing services such as deicing roads by more than \$101 million.

“We expect this winter to be about the same as last winter in terms of staff, equipment and supplies,” ODOT spokesman David House said. “Transportation agencies across Oregon are facing a structural revenue problem with three primary causes: Declining gas tax revenue, high inflation and restrictions on available funding. Only a small share of the funding that comes into the state can be used to maintain the state’s transportation system and run the agency.”

According to House, ODOT has taken cost-cutting measures in recent years and the agency is grateful for a one-time

\$19 million fund from the state’s general fund last winter.

With the chance of snow and ice storms this winter, House said ODOT is prioritizing the busiest routes, the vital connections for people, goods and services.

“Yet in a severe weather event, we sometimes temporarily close a section of highway or mountain pass until conditions improve and/or we catch up with plowing and sanding,” he said.

ODOT will use deicer, salt and other treatments to clear the snow and ice from the roadways in locations where these tools work, according to House.

“Keep in mind that deicers like salt or magnesium chloride have a limited range of effectiveness – they work best in a light snow or ice conditions. But low temperatures and heavy snowfall – or rain right after applying deicer – overwhelm the treatment. We also use sanders and plows to keep traffic moving as long as it is safe for our crews to keep a highway section safe enough for travelers.”

House said the ODOT focus is on mountain passes, corners, bridges and shady spots when winter weather is predicted.

“We’ll also respond to localized variations in road conditions as we

watch weather conditions develop,” he said.

House encourages drivers to check TripCheck.com for the latest road travel information.

“When traveling in winter, plan more time for your trip so you can slow down for ice or snow,” he said. “If your route goes through snow zones, you are required to carry chains. If conditions require chains to travel through a snow zone, you’ll need to put them on your vehicle even if you have snow tires and/or four-wheel-drive. And remember to never pass a snow plow on the right – it’s illegal and very dangerous.”

House also encouraged motorists to bring food, water, blankets, medications and check your vehicle’s lights, oil and fuel levels before you take your winter trips and to be prepared for delays.

“And if conditions are bad enough, postpone your trip for another day and/or consider another route,” he said.

ODOT offers a winter travel guide at: [https://www.oregon.gov/odot/pages/winter-driving.aspx#:~:text=Chains%20and%20Snow%20Zones&text=Chain%20information%20including%20snow%20zone,977%2DODOT%20\(6368\)](https://www.oregon.gov/odot/pages/winter-driving.aspx#:~:text=Chains%20and%20Snow%20Zones&text=Chain%20information%20including%20snow%20zone,977%2DODOT%20(6368)).



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# New climate data shows Oregon heating up

JEREMY C. RUARK  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

As you bundle up to keep warm during the cold winter days we are experiencing in Cottage Grove, you may not be thinking about the increasing hot summers we’ve endured, but scientists at Oregon State University have and they outline what they found in the latest Oregon Climate Assessment.

Oregon is becoming warmer and, despite relatively stable long-term precipitation totals, more prone to drought, according to the Seventh Oregon Climate Assessment.

The assessment illustrates how average temperatures in Oregon are expected to rise 5 degrees by 2074.

The authors outline specific factors in the report’s executive summary.

### TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION

Oregon’s annual average temperature increased by 2.2°F per century since 1895. Without considerable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, annual temperature in

Oregon is projected to increase by at least 5°F by 2074 and 7.6°F by 2100, with the greatest seasonal increases in summer. Precipitation is projected to increase during winter and decrease during summer, and the intensity of heavy winter precipitation

events is projected to increase. Furthermore, the proportion of precipitation falling as rain rather than snow is expected to increase. Increases in extreme temperatures contributed to recent revisions of the national Plant Hardiness Zone Map.

### WINTER STORMS

Much of the response of freezing rain to climate change can be explained by two factors: a decrease in the frequency of near-surface air temperatures below 32°F and an increase in the frequency of air temperatures above 32°F aloft.

The net effect of these factors in a given location depends on the location’s initial temperature. In the northern Willamette Basin, the future frequency of freezing rain is projected to increase in initially colder locations and decrease in initially warmer locations.

Projections suggest that easterly winds through the Columbia River Gorge may strengthen during winter, even as the Willamette Basin becomes warmer.

Therefore, ice accretion on some surfaces in the region may increase during freezing rain events.

### EL NINO IMPACT

From 1951–2023, La Niña years, regardless of strength, generally were cooler than El Niño years. Statewide, La

Niña years were more likely than most El Niño years to be wetter than average, but precipitation and peak runoff were greatest during years with Very Strong El Niño events. Although seasonal temperature forecasts associated with El Niño–Southern Oscillation events are reasonably accurate for the Pacific Northwest, precipitation forecasts tend to be less reliable.

### DROUGHTS

During 18 of the years from 1999–2023, Oregon’s precipitation was below average. The average temperature was warmer than normal in 21 of those years, which contributed to higher rates of evapotranspiration and more-frequent drought.

Drought risk likely will increase over the twenty-first century on the western slopes of the Cascade Range and the southern Coast Range, decrease in the Deschutes and John Day basins in north-central Oregon, and change little elsewhere. Drought risk during summer is likely to increase statewide.

### ADAPTATION SECTORS

Economy. In Oregon, Washington, and California, increasing wildfire exposure reduces timberland prices relative to those that would be applicable without a change in wildfire risk. Such an impact is consistent with landowners’ perception that

wildfire risk is increasing. A warmer and drier climate also depresses timberland prices due to higher risk of drought stress.

Economic losses from a major smoke event in Oregon are likely to be highly localized and industry-specific given the unequal distribution of wildfire smoke and economic activity and the unequal effects of smoke among industries. Quantitative estimates suggest that a major smoke event will reduce the state’s per annum Gross Domestic Product by at least \$1 billion, or about one-third of one percent increases in economic losses and lost quality-of-life.

Drought also is associated with many negative health outcomes, from water and food insecurity to poor air quality. Moreover, drought conditions are correlated with increased rates of mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, and suicide. Promotion of accessible mental health care and support services for impacted populations, particularly in rural and agricultural communities, contributes to effective drought preparedness and mitigation. Infectious diseases in Oregon’s wild and domestic animals continue to evolve as climate changes.

Human population growth and expansion into wildlands

further increase the risk that the ranges of some vectors will increase and that novel pathogens will be transmitted into humans from species that previously were not in close proximity to people.

### SOCIAL SYSTEMS

As the effects of climate change are increasingly felt across Oregon and nationwide, demands on the legal system have increased.

Climate change cases address mitigation, adaptation, and impacts. The legal theories pursued by plaintiffs include federal and state constitutional, statutory, regulatory, and common-law claims, often several in a single suit. Oregon’s land-use planning system, which encourages dense housing and mass transit, local implementation, and adjudication by the Land Use Board of Appeals, is a potentially useful framework for adapting to climate change and resolving disputes. Efforts to prevent losses of structures to wildfires often focus on vegetation clearing. However, wind-driven wildfires can spot over substantial distances.

The design and maintenance of a structure and the immediate five feet around it can substantially reduce the probability that it will ignite and may encourage insurance providers to continue coverage or write new policies in

areas where wildfire risk is high.

Oregon vineyards are being affected by heat waves, especially early in the growing season, and by smoke exposure. Nevertheless, the increase in temperatures in Oregon over the past 125 years benefited wine grape production. There may be a threshold of climate change beyond which growers are unable to adapt, but so far research is keeping pace with the effects of climate change on vineyards in Oregon.

### BACKGROUND

Consistent with its charge under Oregon House Bill 3543, the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) conducts a biennial assessment of the state of climate change science, including biological, physical, and social science, as it relates to Oregon and the likely effects of climate change on Oregon.

The authors state that the seventh Oregon Climate Assessment, which builds on the previous assessments, is structured with the goal of supporting the state’s mitigation planning for natural hazards and implementation of the Oregon Climate Change Adaptation Framework.

Read the full report at <https://doi.org/10.5399/osu/1181> and blogs. [oregonstate.edu/occri/oregon-climate-assessments](https://oregonstate.edu/occri/oregon-climate-assessments).

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but that progress is fragile and requires all of us to be persistent and not get distracted,” Kotek said. “We are beginning to see a glimpse of a brighter horizon ahead. Let’s focus on that horizon — and be sure to keep our feet firmly planted on the road of hard work and partnership.”

The hundreds of millions of dollars and increased focus on homelessness as part of a state of emergency Kotek declared on her first day in office are expected to result in 3,330 families moving off the streets and into permanent homes, 24,000 families receiving state aid to keep them from becoming homeless and 4,800 new shelter beds by the end of June, Kotek said.

But that hasn’t been enough to stem increasing

homelessness: Data released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development last month confirmed that 22,875 of Oregon’s roughly 4.2 million residents were homeless in January 2024, up about 13% from 2023.

Republicans also focused on housing in a five-minute rebuttal to Kotek’s address, saying there are too many without homes in Oregon and young people are giving up on ever buying a home.

But Kotek said she’s seen signs of progress, including during a November visit to Astoria where she met with a single father living in a homeless shelter. Clatsop County had the highest rate of unsheltered homelessness in the state and no dedicated shelter when she took office, but it now has 80 shelter beds and 83 affordable homes under construction.

Still, the father she met in Astoria — and Oregonians across the state — don’t

want shelter. They want to work and be able to pay for homes of their own, which are hard to find and afford everywhere in the state.

“I am impatient about the pace of progress, and some days just pretty angry that we’re in this predicament at all and that we can’t move faster to get more housing built,” Kotek said. “So please, my friends, let’s do more. Let’s be bolder. Let’s build more housing.”

### Other concerns

She described similar frustrations with the state’s mental health and addiction treatment systems, saying that there is far too much pain on Oregon’s streets, schools and homes.

“We didn’t get here overnight, and it’s complex. In my visits around the state and through many conversations with people doing the work, it’s clear there are things that are making a difference — we just need more of them in more places,” Kotek said. “I know the herculean efforts that community providers are making to meet the health care needs of Oregonians with serious mental illness.”

Her budget proposal, released late last year, includes \$90 million to add 363 treatment beds and \$50 million for worker retention and recruitment. She referred to that as a floor, urging lawmakers to try to raise the ceiling as they spend the next five months working out the state’s budget for the next two years.

She said better coordination between shelter services and mental health providers will help reduce a logjam at the Oregon State Hospital, the state-run psychiatric facility. Most current patients are there facing criminal charges and receiving mental health care to help them assist in their own defense, leaving other people who need long-term hospital-level psychiatric care nowhere to go.

She’s also focused on education, with a plan to change the way the state calculates base funding for schools, but Kotek said she won’t treat that money as a blank check. Instead, she said she’ll request legislation to collect data and require increased accountability for school districts and the state Department of Education — though she gave few details in her speech.

“The bottom line is this: When a district’s numbers show failure for their students, there will be help and attention — not voluntarily requested but required, direct assistance to make sure all resources are pointed toward better student outcomes,” she said.

### Wildfire costs

Kotek also urged lawmakers to focus on climate resilience, saying the 2024 fire season was a potent reminder of the threat of climate change. More than 1.9 million acres burned, much of it scrub and grasslands in eastern Oregon, and the \$350 million cost of fighting

those fires caused lawmakers to return in an one-day special session in December to approve emergency funding.

Her budget recommends setting aside \$150 million that would normally go to the state’s Rainy Day fund to be reserved for wildfire costs instead — something Kotek referred to as “money for a Very Very Bad Smoky Day.”

She said she ran for governor in part to help state agencies operate more effectively, as she saw them buckling under the weight of the pandemic and new responsibilities laid upon them by lawmakers.

Since she took office, Kotek said, the state is moving two weeks faster in hiring employees and reducing staff vacancy rates by one-third. Agencies are also making sure they’re implementing recommendations from audits by the Secretary of State’s Office. Now, she said, she’s working to improve transparency and consistency in state rulemaking.

She made only a passing reference near the end of the half-hour speech to the transportation funding package that lawmakers expect will be a main focus of the 2025 session.

“Legislators are already well into their work to pass a transportation package this session, after completing an important statewide listening tour last year,” Kotek said. “Thank you for your commitment. I look forward to working with you to translate what you’ve learned

into a legacy package to serve Oregon’s transportation needs for years to come.”

House Minority Leader Christine Drahan, R-Canby, and Senate Minority Leader Daniel Bonham, R-The Dalles, recorded a joint video rebuttal to Kotek’s speech, which Drahan called a “doubling down of the status quo and the failed policies of the past.”

She and Bonham said Kotek’s administration is responsible for driving up costs of food, fuel and housing and driving Oregonians to leave the state.

“If you listen to just the words that were presented today, Tina Kotek paints a very flowery picture of Oregon, one full of hope and optimism and a bright vision for the future,” Bonham said. “But if you look at her 10 years as speaker of the House and first two as governor, what you’re faced with is abject failure.”

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