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## Police launch bike patrols

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

You might see Cory Chase biking along the streets of Cottage Grove.

Those rides can be pleasure while he is off work, but they can also be part of the city's new proactive law enforcement.

Chase, Cottage Grove's Police Department (CGPD) Chief, launched the new bike patrol program during the city's community Main Street celebration May 16.

"It is a better way for us to get out and engage with the community. Get out of our cars and be more approachable," he said. "The bikes are more maneuverable and allow us to respond quicker to different things."

Chase said the primary use of the bike patrols will be to provide law enforcement at community special events.

"They'll probably be visible during concerts in the park, and you'll see them around during Bohemia Mining Days, so right now we are using the patrols as a voluntary overtime program," he said. "We are not staffed to be able to assign people on the patrols. It a resource we can use to staff up for special events, and it is an opportunity for us just to be more visible, more approachable, maneuver more efficiently, and provide public safety."

Chase said the bike patrols also give the officers a specific advantage.

"When we are limited in staffing, we have to be attached to our patrol cars in case we have to respond to an emergency quickly, to get across town and if we are covering a sheriff's deputy just outside of town, you have to be there, but if you can designate a couple of officers on the bikes during special events where there is a lot of foot traffic, you have the advantage of maneuvering quickly through the crowds. It also gives us the advantage of closely monitoring where people are parking during the special events. We can quickly move through the alleys, across the sidewalks, and through the parks. It gives people more peace-of-mind that we have those extra patrols, so when they come back, they see that their vehicle hasn't been broken into."

The Cottage Grove Police has received seven mountain bikes donated by another agency according to Chase. He said four of the bikes were renovated to fit the CGPD program by Rainy Peaks Bikes on Main Street at a cost of just under \$2,000. Three of the CGPD officers received specialized bicycle patrol training conducted by the Bend Police Department in late May at no charge to the CGPD.

Chase also has the training needed to participate in the police bike program.

"Yes, you very likely will see me at some point out there, it's a very good possibility," he said. "I like to ride during my personal time and earlier on in my career I did some bicycle patrol back in the day when I was a little bit younger. I have been through the training, and I wouldn't mind getting on a bike and riding around with the team and engaging with the community. It can be lot of fun."

## Rally urges council to restore library funding

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Members of Friends of Democracy organization rallied outside the Cottage Grove City Hall before the city council meeting May 26, calling for more funds to be restored to the library services budget.

The 20 supporters held hand-made signs that read, "Do you have kids? You need a library," and "Our library makes us a better community." Others members of the organization carried messages such as "All the Moms love the library," and "Accountability is key."

The rally was the latest show of support in a months long debate over how the city should close a budget gap and retain core services.

Earlier this spring, the council and the city budget committee held a town hall that drew an estimated 300 people, many urging the city to avoid deep cuts to the pool and the library. Since then, library supporters have gathered more than 900 signatures on a petition asking the city to maintain adequate staffing and hours.

Friends of Democracy member Miranda Gehrke said the rally was meant to highlight what she described as a gap between community needs and the current budget proposal. The budget committee has recommended a library budget that is roughly half of its previous level, while shifting \$25,000 from the materials and services line into staffing.

"It wasn't enough to fund enough staffing to keep the library functioning at full capacity for our community," Gehrke said. She added that many residents rely on the library for far more than books.

Gehrke pointed to a low income housing fund that has not been used since 2022 and said she believes the city could draw an additional \$50,000 from it without



Courtesy from Greg Lee Photography

Friends of Democracy members rallied before the last City Council meeting advocating more of the Library's proposed 50% program cuts be restored.

jeopardizing the program. She noted that the city previously used \$70,000 from the same fund to support the city pool.

"The pool is a great community resource too and absolutely needs to be funded," she said. "If they can do that for the pool they can do that for the library."

She also questioned the city's reliance on volunteers to fill staffing gaps. Volunteers are important, she said, but there is no formal protocol to train them and they cannot perform all of the work that paid staff can.

"It takes a lot of training and we need staff to do that training," she said. "Volunteers don't always show up and they can only work in a limited capacity because they can't have access to personal information."

The rally took place shortly before the May 26 meeting, where the proposed 2026-27 budget was not on the agenda but still

dominated public comment and the Concerns of the Council portion of the meeting. Several speakers focused on the library budget, and councilors returned to the topic later in the meeting as they discussed community feedback and their own positions.

Councilor Jim Settlemeyer said his guiding principle is to "keep Cottage Grove whole." He said the current proposal does not reflect the level of service the community expects from its library.

"Reallocating another \$25,000 when the library budget was cut in half, maybe giving the funds for a .7 FTE on top of the 1.0 FTE, doesn't feel like we are keeping the library as whole as perhaps we could," Settlemeyer said.

Councilor Dana Merryday also restated his opposition to the budget committee's recommendation.

"I did not vote for the budget committee's recommended budget," Merryday said. "I do not plan to

support the proposed budget in its current form."

Mayor Candace Solesbee acknowledged the difficulty of the process and said both the council and the budget committee have worked hard to find solutions as rising costs and flat revenues have squeezed the city's general fund.

"This council and the budget committee have tried very hard to find solutions," Solesbee said.

Other councilors expressed different perspectives on how far the city can go in using one time money and reserve funds. Councilor Greg Ervin said he believes the budget committee's recommendation represents the best the city can do in lean times. He said he is satisfied that the city has not depleted all of its one time resources and that the city manager has enough funding to staff the library for next year.

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## From the Armory to the River: Cottage Grove keeps tradition alive

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Under cool, mostly cloudy skies Monday morning, Cottage Grove gathered once again for its annual Memorial Day Community Observance, a tradition that stretches back generations and remains one of the city's most solemn civic rituals.

The ceremony began at 11 a.m. inside the Armory, where Scout Troop 140 presented the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance, setting a reverent tone for the morning's events.

Cyra Conforth Davies delivered a clear, heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem, followed by an explanation of the symbolism of the POW/MIA table placed beside the stage. Post Chaplain Brian Ducker offered the invocation. Though both the American Legion and VFW participate in Cottage Grove's two annual veterans ceremonies, the Legion takes the lead on Memorial Day, while the VFW leads Veterans Day.

Those gathered were welcomed by Master of Ceremonies U.S. Army Major Eric Haan comes from a three-generation military family, and began his military career as a Navy Reservist in 2007. He served on



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

Scout Troop 140 members bring in the colors to start the Memorial Day Observance in the Armory. See more photos with this story at cgsentinel.com.

active duty in Africa and Okinawa and is now a member of the U.S. Army. He and his Taiwanese wife are raising a daughter to be bi-cultural and reflected on the meaning of remembrance across cultures.

"It's nice to know that our community still appreciates our veterans," he said, noting that both Taiwanese tradition and American

military culture place deep value on honoring those who have passed.

### A CEREMONY ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Former Cottage Grove Mayor Jeff Gowing, a longtime member of the American Legion and U.S. Army veteran, once again coordinated the event. He said the ceremony ran smoothly, though the most challenging part each year remains finding

a keynote speaker and National Anthem singer. Gowing emphasized that the annual list of local veterans who have died in the past year is generated by Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel — and that families whose loved ones were served elsewhere should contact the American

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# Person of interest sought in sexual assault investigation

Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) detectives began investigating what they describe as a significant sexual assault on May 26. The LCSO is asking for assistance from the public in identifying a person of interest and his vehicle.

The male pictured is a bald white male, about 5 foot 10 inches tall with a medium build. He has visible tattoos on his legs. Members of the public should not confront the male. He should be considered dangerous.

The male was last seen operating a dark colored cross over style vehicle with Oregon license plates.

Anyone with any information about the subject or the vehicle is asked to call the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150.



## A CLOSER LOOK

The following is from the Cottage Grove Police Department's Weekly Update:

- As dispatch continues to receive calls regarding electric bikes, we want to remind the community about the laws surrounding their use. Any electric bike capable of exceeding 28 mph or lacking functional pedals does not meet the legal definition of an e-bike. Instead, it is classified as an electric motorcycle or motorized dirt bike.

These vehicles require registration, license plates, insurance, proper lighting, and a licensed operator. It is not legal to operate on public roadways or right of ways unless those requirements are met. Additionally, electric motorcycles and high-powered electric bikes are not permitted on sidewalks. If your child owns one of these vehicles, please discuss both the applicable laws and the importance of traffic safety, especially when riding at high speeds in congested areas.

- During the early morning hours, officers located a vehicle parked in the AutoZone lot along Row River Road. The vehicle had no license plate or visible temporary tag and was

backed into a handicap parking space with a U-Haul trailer attached after business hours. Officers contacted the occupants, a male driver and female passenger. The male provided an Oregon ID card, and officers discovered he had an active felony warrant through the Oregon State Parole Board. After locating the VIN, dispatch confirmed the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Bend.

The female passenger was detained and found in possession of fentanyl. She was arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (ORS 475.752). The male was arrested for Fugitive Parole Violation (ORS 144.350), Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (ORS 164.135), and Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (ORS 819.300). Both individuals were transported to the Lane County Jail. We appreciate the assistance from the Oregon State Police Trooper who assisted on scene and transported one of the subjects, as only one active CGPD patrol unit was on duty at the time.

- Officers responded to a report of a previously

trespassed individual returning to a property. The female was located nearby and detained without incident. She was found to have multiple outstanding warrants. During a search, officers located a knife, a needle, and counterfeit cash in her possession. She was transported to the Springfield Municipal Jail on five warrants out of Springfield Municipal Court for Failure to Appear on charges related to Trespass, Disorderly Conduct, and Harassment.

- Officers responded to a dispute between neighbors in which an individual repeatedly entered a neighbor's property and attempted to cover a security camera light with a black bag. While officers explained that she would receive a citation for trespassing, she became increasingly disruptive and refused to acknowledge she was under arrest. Officers attempted to safely detain her, at which point she tried to pull away and retreat into her residence. She was ultimately taken into custody and lodged at the Lane County Jail on charges of Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree (ORS 164.245), Criminal Mischief

### WEEKLY UPDATE

05/18/26 - 05/24/26

Accidents: 1 Arrests: 30 Assault: 3 Disturbance: 8 Fraud: 2	Harassment: 6 Suspicious Condition: 10 Trespass: 8 Vehicle Stop: 17 Welfare Checks: 8
Total calls --- 318	

(ORS 164.345), Resisting Arrest (ORS 162.315), and Attempted Escape in the Third Degree (ORS 162.145)

- Officers responded to reports of multiple horses loose near Gateway Boulevard and Main Street. The owners were aware

of the situation and safely returned the horses to their property without further incident.

## 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 18

- 03:04: Suspicious vehicle, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 08:00: Suspicious subject, 100 block S. 10th St.
- 11:23: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block North I St.
- 11:46: Fraud, 100 block S. 5th St.
- 13:22: Dog at large, 700 block South R St.
- 14:12: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 16:50: Suspicious condition, 100 block S. 10th St.
- 18:33: Harassment, 1500 block S. 4th St.
- 21:28: Fire, 800 block E. Quincy Ave.
- 21:44: Trespass, 300 block Sweet Ln.
- 22:00: Disturbance, 100 block S. 11th St.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 19

- 01:52: Motor vehicle theft recovery, 800 block Row River Rd.
- 08:25: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.

- 11:43: Order violation, 1300 block Ash Ave.
- 11:57: Motor vehicle theft, 1300 block Birch Ave.
- 14:46: Suspicious vehicle, 400 block S. 10th St.
- 15:05: Disturbance, 800 block S. Cedar
- 15:10: Agency assist, 400 block E. Main St.
- 17:50: Animal info, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 18:06: Juvenile trouble, 100 block S. 10th St.
- 20:07: Warrant service, 700 block E. Main St.
- 20:56: Disturbance, 2700 block Row River Rd.
- 21:10: Welfare check, 1100 block S. 2nd St.
- 21:37: Agency assist, 77000 block S. 6th St.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- 05:29: Drug overdose, 34000 block Garoutte Rd.
- 05:37: Fire, 1800 block N. Douglas St.
- 09:53: Vehicle impound, 500 block Adams Ave.
- 11:50: Welfare check, 100 block Thornton Ln.
- 11:53: Warrant service, 900 block S. 6th St.
- 12:16: Suspicious condition, 800 block Row River Rd.
- 12:17: Suspicious condition, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 12:31: Repo, 78000 block Thornton Ln.
- 13:09: Trespass, 80000 block Davisson Rd.
- 13:32: Animal info, 500 block S. River Rd.
- 13:47: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.



- 14:44: Traffic hazard, 700 block Hwy 99
- 15:38: Warrant service, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 15:50: Vehicle impound, 2600 block S. 6th St.
- 15:54: Motor vehicle theft, 200 block S. River Rd.
- 18:39: Found dog, 900 block S. 8th St.
- 19:57: Harassment, 1700 block Hwy 99
- 20:25: Agency assist, 1100 block Hillside Dr.
- 21:17: Nuisance, 200 block N.16th St.
- 21:39: Trespass, 1300 block Pennoyer Ave.
- 22:59: Disturbance, 1300 block S. 6th Alley

- 23:10: Suspicious condition, 100 block Tyler Ave.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 01:17: Disturbance, 34000 block Garoutte Rd.
- 07:13: Agency assist, 300 block Elk Dr.
- 07:36: Abandoned vehicle, 1700 block Harvey Rd.
- 08:33: Abandoned vehicle, 8th/Pierce
- 08:35: Vicious dog, 900 block S. 4th St.
- 10:24: Death investigation, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 14:21: Harassment, 600 block Johnson Ave.
- 16:33: Found dog, Main/River Rd.

- 16:39: Alarm, 3000 block Row River Rd.
- 19:21: Illegal parking, 1500 block S. 4th St.
- 21:03: Fire, 400 block S. 16th St.
- 21:28: Suspicious condition, 1400 block Ash Ave.
- 21:42: Theft, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 22:13: Suspicious condition, 400 block N. 14th St.
- 22:30: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 22

- 01:34: Prowler, 100 block Village Dr.
- 06:52: Alarm, 100 block Hwy 99
- 07:55: Trespass, 2500 block E. Main St.
- 09:35: Barking dog, 500 block Taylor Ave.
- 10:11: Trespass, 2500 block E. Main St.
- 10:19: Juvenile trouble, 1000 block Hwy 99
- 12:22: Illegal dumping, Harvey/16th
- 12:40: Fire, 400 block Elk Dr.
- 13:24: Trespass, 900 block E. Main St.
- 14:02: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 15:27: Animal info, Jefferson/5th
- 16:01: Suspicious subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 16:31: Harassment, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 17:19: Disturbance, 900 block Kristen Way
- 17:56: Trespass, 1800 block Harvey Rd.
- 18:35: Suspicious vehicle, 800 block Row River Rd.

- 18:48: Warrant service, 110 block E. Main St.
- 19:57: Suspicious subject, 700 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
- 20:22: Suspicious vehicle, 200 block N. 9th St.
- 20:27: Juvenile trouble, 200 block N. 10th St.
- 22:15: Assault, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 23:31: Disorderly subject, 1300 block Pennoyer Ave.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 23

- 00:22: Assault, 1500 block Village Dr.
- 04:20: Found dog, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 06:31: Illegal camping, 100 block S. 10th St.
- 06:41: Assault, 2700 block Row River Rd.
- 06:50: Found dog, 100 block S. 10th St.
- 07:36: Animal info, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 08:55: Theft, 800 block S. River Rd.
- 10:42: Warrant service, Gateway/Harvey
- 13:18: Illegal parking, 16th St.
- 14:21: Juvenile trouble, 2000 block Carver St.
- 16:59: Animal info, 100 block S. 21st St.
- 19:38: Intoxicated subject, 1000 block N. 9th St.
- 20:13: Assault, E. Main/7th St.
- 20:44: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 22:00: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 22:22: Suspicious condition, 2100 block Getty Cir.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**JUNE 3**

- 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.
- Lego Club for Kids. 2:30–3:30 p.m. CG Library
- 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.
- Board 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 4**

- 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.
- Bradly Shepherd & Friends (country, blues, rock). 5–7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery
- Stone Hart (rock). 6–8 p.m. CG Public Market.
- Bradly Shepherd’s Perfect Flavor. (multi genre cover songs). 5:30–8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery
- Michael Roderick, Seth Anderson, Robb MacLean (Americana/Alt Country). 8–10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

**JUNE 5**

- 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 Chicken Fried Steak Community Dinner. \$12. 5:30–7 p.m.
- Saginaw Vineyard Friday Night Live. 6–9 p.m. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd.
- Malicious Monster Truck Tour. 6 p.m. CG Speedway. (\$15-\$25)
- Jackson’s Pub Karaoke Night. 6:30 p.m. CG Public Market



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**The Cottage Grove Centennial Covered Bridge.**

- LB and Company. (rock/blues). 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.

- Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m. Bohemian Tavern. \$5 entry; BCA rules.

- Cottage Theatre Play: “Sunday in the Park with George” (musical). 7:30 p.m. \$20-\$30
- Someday The Robots. (psych soul, soul, rock) 8–10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

**JUNE 6**

- South Valley Farmers Market. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 7th and Main Street
- Antique and Vendor Fair. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Live Music. Bohemia Park. Free
- Gumbo Fest. (Organ Donation Fundraiser). 1–4 p.m. Saginaw Vineyard.
- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 4–10 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Malicious Monster Truck Tour. 6 p.m. CG Speedway. (\$15-\$25)
- Psycho Billy’s String Band. (bluegrass) 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- AlAnon “Courage to Change.” 7 p.m. Sinclair Room. City Hall.
- Belly Dance with Diana to live music by Jesse Whitworth. 8–10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

**JUNE 7**

- Bradly Shepherd.(multi-genre cover songs) 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- VFW Bingo. 2–4 p.m. VFW Post 3473. 3160 Hillside Dr.
- Brook Adams. (surf/pop/rock). 6–8 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

**JUNE 8**

- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 1–5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Senior Center Bingo. 12:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Community Center.

**JUNE 9**

- Ukulele Club (for adults) 9 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bilingual Story Time. 5 p.m. CG Public Library.
- History Pub. 5–5 p.m. Axe and Fiddle, History of Bohemia Mining Days
- Trivia & Games with Gerald and Cribbage with Ted. 6–8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- Trinity Lutheran Free Take-Out Dinner. 5:15–6:15 p.m. 675 S. 7th St.

## In the Garden: Prepare your garden now for summer heat and drought

**KYM PORKORNY**

*Cottage Grove Sentinel Guest Column*

As warmer weather arrives, it’s a good idea to evaluate your garden and be ready to help plants through hot and dry spells.

Oregon State University Extension Service experts recommend several strategies to keep landscapes healthy during summer.

Water your landscape strategically

- Time it right: Water early in the morning when temperatures are lower.

- Go deep: Rather than watering lightly every day, water infrequently and deeply to a depth of 8–10 inches.

- Lawns: Apply ½–¾ inch of water per week, or let lawns go dormant and brown during peak heat.

- Trees: Don’t forget large trees. A soaker hose around the root zone works well.

- Mulch to conserve water

Mulch slows evaporation, acting like a lid on a boiling pot. Apply a 3–5 inch layer of bark chips or arborist trimmings. As mulch

decomposes, it adds organic matter to the soil. For more, visit Mulching Woody Ornamentals with Organic Materials.

Right plant, right place  
Design your landscape so plants with similar light and water needs grow together. This reduces competition for resources and creates healthier groupings.

Build healthy soil

Quality soil retains moisture during drought. You should be able to break it apart easily, a sign water can penetrate well. Improve soil

by adding organic matter such as composted yard trimmings, composted manure or deciduous leaves.

Choose drought-tolerant plants

Some plants thrive with only winter rainfall and no supplemental irrigation in summer. Good options include Mediterranean-climate species and Pacific Northwest natives.

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Groundcovers:

- Point Reyes ceanothus (ceanothus gloriosus)

- Carpet broom (Genista pilosa)

Shrubs:

- Dwarf strawberry bush (Arbutus unedo ‘Compacta’)

- Wild lilac (Ceanothus ‘Victoria’)

- Rockrose (Cistus x hybridus)

- Sunrose (Helianthemum nummularium)

- Flowering currant (Ribes sanguineum)

- Lavender (Lavandula spp.)

For more ideas, visit the Extension article 10 all-around great shrubs for water-wise gardens.

To learn about recognizing and preventing heat stress in plants, visit Heat wave in the garden: How to identify and prevent heat stress in by OSU Extension horticulturist Nicole Sanchez.

*Kym Pokorny writes for the Oregon State University Extension Service.*



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# Marine Board issues summer boating safety advisory

Oregon's waterways are therapeutic, no matter the activity. For mental health, physical fitness, angling, and spending time with friends and family.

That is why recreational boating is one of the best ways to create memories. The Oregon State Marine Board advocates that all boaters be aware of their surroundings while on the water, have all the required safety gear, and ensure others know their recreation plans in case of an incident.

"Part of the boating experience is planning ahead, preparation of all the necessary gear, and ensuring your boat is ready for the water," Oregon State Marine Board Boating Safety Manager Brian Paulsen said. "And most importantly, wearing a properly fitted life jacket while boating should be at the top of everyone's minds."

The Marine Board has many resources to help boaters have a safe and enjoyable experience on all of Oregon's waterways. The agency advises boaters to

take the time to plan, including learning how to use the Marine Board's interactive Boat Oregon Online Map. The map displays public boat ramps, local rules for boat operations and other information about a facility, like the facility owner and amenities.

Make sure to check the weather forecast, water levels, and tides. Additionally, see if there are any reported waterway obstructions using the agency's obstructions dashboard map. Boaters can also check the Marine Board's website to find out what equipment is required based on the size and type of boat.

The Marine Board would like to remind ALL boaters and their passengers to:

- Boat Sober. Abstain from consuming marijuana, drugs, or alcohol, which impair judgment, reaction time, and coordination and contribute to dehydration. Boating demands sharp situational awareness. Pay attention to your surroundings and enlist the help of passengers to keep a lookout as well.

- All children 12 and under are required to wear a life jacket when underway on all boats (motorized and non-motorized). All boaters operating in Class III and higher-rated whitewater rivers are required to wear a life jacket.

- Be courteous to other boaters and share the waterway. Stage your gear in the parking lot or staging area regardless of your boat type. This makes launching faster and everyone around you happier.

- In Oregon, all motorboat operators with propulsion greater than 10 horsepower must take a boating safety course and carry a boating safety education card when operating the boat. Paddlers of non-motorized boats (kayaks, canoes, rafts, stand up paddleboards and their inflatable versions) are required to purchase a Waterway Access Permit. The Marine Board also offers a free, online Paddling Course (also available in Spanish) for boaters new to paddling activities.



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**All children 12 and under are required to wear a life jacket when underway on all boats (motorized and non-motorized).**

- Fill out a float plan and leave it with friends and family. This way, they can call for help if you are overdue.

This information and more can be found at Boat.Oregon.gov. Use the search bar for the fastest content results.

May is traditionally the month recreational boating

starts to pick up. Governor Kotek acknowledges how vital boating safety outreach is for educating visitors and Oregonians about safe boating and water recreation practices, aiming to decrease preventable deaths. May 16-22, 2026, has officially

been proclaimed National Safe Boating Week.

The agency also invites boating and water enthusiasts to check out its "Welcome to the Water" flagship video, showing Oregon's abundance and diversity of boating opportunities around the state.

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## Plan ahead for summer travel, including wildfire prevention

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With the start of summer travel season in Oregon, more people are heading to the coast, mountains and destinations across the state.

Summer often brings busier travel, more construction, and increased wildfire and smoke impacts across the state.

Safe summer trips start before you leave home.

"Summer in Oregon means road trips, recreation and exploring everything our state has to offer," Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Interim Director Lisa Sumption said. "It also means more traffic, more construction work and greater wildfire danger. A little planning and attention behind the wheel can make a big difference in keeping everyone safe."

Travel safely during wildfire season

Hot, dry summer conditions can turn a single spark into a fast-moving wildfire. Vehicle-related fires are a concern during wildfire season, making simple prevention especially important for summer travelers. Wildfires and smoke can also create dangerous driving conditions, including poor visibility, sudden traffic changes and unexpected road closures.

Drivers can help reduce fire risk by:

- Never throwing cigarettes or other flammable materials from a vehicle.



Courtesy photo from ODOT

**Maintenance crews work on shoulder and ditch improvements along U.S. 199 between Wonder and the California border earlier this month. Most highway maintenance and construction work will be paused over the upcoming holiday weekend to help reduce travel delays.**

- Making sure parts like mufflers or trailer chains are secure and not dragging, which can create sparks.

- Checking tire pressure, wheel bearing lubrication and worn brakes to avoid metal-on-metal contact.

- Parking only on gravel or developed pull-outs, where hot exhaust systems are less likely to ignite dry grass.

If you encounter smoke, slow down and increase following distance. Turn on your headlights using low beams, since high beams can make visibility worse, and keep windows closed with your vehicle's air system set to recirculate. Stay alert for emergency

responders, stopped vehicles and changing traffic patterns. If visibility becomes unsafe, pull off the road only when you can do so safely and well clear of travel lanes.

Smoke and wildfire activity can change quickly and lead to sudden road closures. Check conditions before you leave and during your trip, and consider delaying travel if visibility is poor.

Travelers can find additional wildfire prevention information from Keep Oregon Green and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Travel smart: plan ahead and be prepared

Summer is one of the busiest construction and maintenance seasons for Oregon highways. Crews will be repairing roads, preserving bridges, striping highways, clearing vegetation and responding to incidents statewide. Conditions can also vary dramatically across Oregon, even in summer.

Before and during your trip:

- Use TripCheck.com for road conditions, traffic cameras, incidents, construction impacts and delay information.

- Check weather forecasts, especially for heat, smoke or summer storms.

- Pack water, medications, snacks and emergency supplies in case your journey lasts longer than you expected.

- Fuel up or charge before traveling, especially through remote areas or over mountain passes.

- Leave extra travel time, especially on holiday weekends.

- Slow down in work zones, move over for flashing lights, and put your phone away so you can stay alert.

Consider public transportation, ridesharing or carpooling to reduce congestion, lower travel costs and make the journey less stressful. Public transportation options like POINT bus service and Amtrak Cascades can be a great alternative to driving for some trips. It costs \$5 to book your bike on Amtrak, and you can bring your bike on POINT for free, though space is limited.

Drivers can expect two major closures on I-5 in Portland this year, an overnight full closure of I-5 in July and a closure of all southbound lanes of I-5 in the Rose Quarter for up to five weeks in mid-September. To learn more about the Rose Quarter project and related traffic impacts, sign up for alerts.

Share the road Summer means more motorcycles, bicyclists, pedestrians, farm equipment and travelers unfamiliar with local roads.

Sharing the road safely means staying sober, avoiding distractions, following posted speed limits and wearing your seatbelt. Give extra space to motorcycles and people biking or walking and remember that people on bicycles may use the full lane to avoid obstacles, narrow roads or drop-off shoulders. Patience goes a long way, especially in heavy traffic.

Whether you're headed across town or across the state, your choices behind the wheel help protect everyone on the road.

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## JOBS REPORT

### Lane County payroll jobs rate holding steady

Lane County's seasonally adjusted payroll employment increased by 100 in April after a loss of 100 in March and a loss of 600 jobs in February.

There were 179,774 employed and 8,780 unemployed in Lane County in April, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

In the not seasonally adjusted private-sector industries in April, job gains were estimated in private education and health services (600), leisure and hospitality (200),

and professional and business services (200). Job losses were posted in local government education (-200), and financial activities (-100).

When comparing April 2026 with April 2025, total nonfarm employment dropped 1,100 jobs on a seasonally adjusted basis for a loss of 0.7%. There was a relatively large increase in private education and health services (2,200). There were losses in professional and business services (-1,500), manufacturing (-500), financial activities (-400),

retail trade (-300), information (-200), wholesale trade (-200), and leisure and hospitality (-200).

There was an over-the-year loss of 900 in government in April from losses in both local education (-700) and federal government (-200).

Lane County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was little changed over the month at 5.1% in April. The rate was up from 4.5% in April 2025. The Oregon seasonally adjusted April rate was 5.2% and the U.S. rate was 4.3%.

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



## COMMENTARY

### Congratulations seniors!

**TODD MILLER**  
Cottage Grove  
Sentinel Guest Column

Saturday, June 6, marks another milestone for our community as we gather to celebrate the Graduating Class of 2026 from both Al Kennedy High School and Cottage Grove High School.

Graduation day is such a special day, the culmination of thirteen years of dedication, personal growth, and perseverance. More than just an institutional ceremony, it is a community-wide celebration for our students and their futures.

To our graduating seniors... congratulations! You have reached this milestone through hard work, resilience, and growth. Your journey has required you to navigate unique challenges, adapt to this ever-changing world, and discover who you are as individuals. Whether your path led you through Cottage Grove High School or Al Kennedy High School, you have proven that you

possess the tools necessary for the next phase of your life. You may be exiting our halls, but this community will always be there with you.

As you turn your tassels at graduation, remember that no one achieves great things in isolation. This achievement belongs to you, but it was built on a foundation of collective support.

On behalf of the district, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who helped bring these students to this proud moment. Thank you to our incredible teachers, administrators, counselors, and support staff who poured their hearts into these students from kindergarten through their senior finals. Thank you to the parents, families, guardians and friends whose unconditional love, late-night encouragement, and steady guidance provided a strong foundation for our graduates to build upon.

We must also thank the greater Cottage Grove community. From local businesses

providing internships and donations to neighbors cheering from the sidelines, your investment in our youth is visible and it is appreciated.

Commencement Services: Saturday, June 6, 2026:

- Al Kennedy High School: 10 a.m.
- Cottage Grove High School: 2 p.m.

Graduates, as you step out into the next phase of your lives, whether you are entering the workforce, heading to college, joining the military, or exploring trade pathways, do so with confidence, with compassion and with a strong work ethic. We are immensely proud of you and excited for who you will become. Congratulations to the Class of 2026! Go out and help make this world a better place, but always remember you're not alone, Cottage Grove and South Lane will be here cheering you on.

Todd Miller is the South Lane School District Superintendent.

### State officials on the lookout for 'highly aggressive' hornets

#### STAFF REPORT

Cottage Grove Sentinel

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) officials are asking the public to stay alert and report suspected sightings of the yellow-legged hornet, after a live hornet was seen on a boat at the Port of Vancouver.

On April 30, a Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) grain inspector found a hornet on a ship during a routine inspection. The hornet was photographed and destroyed, according to a release from the ODA. WSDA entomologists later confirmed the image appeared to be a yellow-legged hornet. The specimen was not collected or submitted for identification by USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ).

Yellow Legged Hornet On May 1, WSDA Pest Program staff and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel inspected the ship and the surrounding area. No additional evidence of hornets was found. WSDA has since placed precautionary traps in the vicinity. State officials consider this a one-time event and say the adult was a hitchhiker. Out of an abundance of caution, the ODA is exploring opportunities to conduct a monitoring survey in areas near the Port of Vancouver during the 2026 summer season.

What is a Yellow-Legged Hornet

The yellow-legged hornet (YLH) is considered a serious invasive species, according to the ODA Insect Pest Prevention and Management (IPPM) Program officials.

Native to tropical and in the subtropical regions of Southeast Asia, it has rapidly spread through Europe, where it has contributed to an estimated 30 percent decline in honeybee colonies and honey production.

In the United States the species was first detected near the Port of Savannah, Georgia in 2023 and has since spread into South Carolina. Both states are currently pursuing eradication efforts with support from USDA APHIS PPQ. YLH is not known to be present in any other state other than Georgia and South Carolina.

#### What to Look For

Yellow-legged hornets are smaller than the northern giant hornet—detected in Washington State in 2019 and declared eradicated in 2024, with no detections ever found in Oregon. Worker hornets measure approximately 0.75 to 1 inch long, with queens being larger. The species is named for its distinctive legs, which are yellow on the lower portion. The fourth abdominal segment is yellow-orange.

Unlike the northern giant hornet, which typically nests in tree cavities or underground, yellow-legged hornets usually build large, paper-covered nests in tree branches or other

elevated outdoor locations. These nests can contain up to 6,000 workers.

The species is highly aggressive and capable of stinging without provocation; ODA advises the public not to collect specimen. For more information about invasive hornets, please visit the USDA website for yellow legged hornet: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-pests-diseases/yellow-legged-hornet>. Clemson University also hosts an online look-alikes guide: <https://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/plant-industry/invasive/ylh-quick-guide.html>

#### Reporting Suspected Sightings

Given the potential impact YLH poses to pollinators, ODA is asking residents—especially beekeepers—to remain vigilant. Public awareness and community reporting were instrumental in Washington's successful detection and subsequent eradication of the northern giant hornet, the release states.

If you see a suspected yellow-legged hornet, act quickly: take a photo, add a detailed description of the insect, including size and where it was found, and submit suspect sightings right away at <https://oregoninvasiveshotline.org/reports/create> or call 1-866-INVADER (1-866-468-2337).

The ODA strongly encourages using the online reporting option with a detailed description and a clear photo, as it allows specialists to respond more rapidly.

Courtesy photo

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#### YELLOW-LEGGED HORNET, VESPA VELUTINA

Size = 0.7 - 1 inch



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#### Weekly Online Poll

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

- Yes, always
- Once in a while
- Not often

#### Previous Poll Results

What are your plans for the summer?

- Just keep doing what I'm doing 0%
- Keeping my options open 100%
- Take a vacation 0%
- Do things I've never done before 0%

#### Quote of the Week

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."  
John F. Kennedy

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# 21 Gun Salute



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American Legion/VFW Honor Guard conducts the 21 Gun Salute to conclude the Armory ceremony. See more photos with this story at [cgsentinel.com](http://cgsentinel.com).

## BOLTTER

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22:37: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Hwy 99

23:07: Reckless driving, 900 block Row River Rd.

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
00:12: Wanted subject, 600 block Birch Ave.  
04:45: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

05:20: Juvenile trouble, 1300 block E. Main St.  
06:44: Suspicious vehicle, Cemetery/Ash  
06:53: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
07:41: Disturbance, 500 block E. Madison Ave.

08:31: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.  
09:43: Harassment, 1100 block Chestnut Ave.  
10:30: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block N. 16th St.  
10:58: Harassment, 1500 block E. Main St.

18:06: Fraud, 1600 block S. 9th St.  
20:03: Wanted subject, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
20:49: Warrant service, Saginaw/Sears  
21:02: Fire, 80000 block Hwy 99

22:07: Suspicious condition, 1500 block E. Main St.  
22:35: Suspicious condition, 1600 block S. 8th St.

## ALIVE

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Legion to ensure their names are included. “We normally honor 60+ veterans who have passed in the last year,” he said. “I was kinda surprised for the first time the number of names read this year was 47.”

Attendance, he noted, was noticeably lower, a trend he attributes partly to the passing of the Greatest Generation and partly to a need for better community outreach. “I think if more people were reminded that it was happening they would attend,” he said. He added that while many people will brave miserable weather for a football game, Memorial Day’s meaning is too often overshadowed by its reputation as the unofficial start of summer.

For Gowing, the ceremony’s power lies in its personal connections.

“We are a small town and our connections to others in our community is often personal,” he said. This year’s list included two longtime Cottage Grove High School teachers and coaches, Ron Pupke and Mac McDonald, as well as Pete Lightcap, a former neighbor of the Gowing family. When he sees the parent of a former classmate appear on the list, Gowing reaches out and invites them to attend and receive a rose in their loved one’s honor.

**KEYNOTE MESSAGE FOCUSED ON SACRIFICE**  
This year’s keynote speaker, retired U.S. Army Colonel Erik Benson, served from 1983 to 2021 and is a member of American Legion Post 32. Benson began by reminding the audience that Memorial Day is a moment for Americans to pause and honor all military veterans who died in service.

“I think it’s important that Americans pause and pay their respects and honor

all of America’s military veterans from all wars and conflicts,” he said. Benson offered a sweeping historical perspective: of the estimated 558 million Americans and immigrants who have lived in the United States since its founding, 1.1 million have died defending the nation. He spoke of the crosses at Normandy, the graves at Arlington, the markers at Punchbowl, and the countless fallen whose resting places are unknown. He highlighted individual stories, including that of West Virginia National Guard Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, who was mortally wounded by a terrorist while patrolling the streets of Washington, D.C., last November, and Air Force Staff Sergeant Andrew Wolfe, who survived the same attack. Benson also recounted the heroism of 21-year-old Airman First Class William H. Pitsenbarger, the pararescue jumper who voluntarily

descended into a firefight near Saigon on April 11, 1966. Pitsenbarger refused evacuation nine times, treated the wounded under fire, distributed ammunition, and continued fighting despite being wounded three times. He was later found with his rifle in one hand and his medical bag in the other. His Medal of Honor citation notes that he saved more than 60 men before he fell.

**HONORING LOCAL HEROES**  
Benson reminded the audience that Cottage Grove has its own legacy of sacrifice. Fifty six service members from South Lane and North Douglas Counties who died in World War II are honored in the Community Center’s Art Gallery, created by Debra Monsive and the Cottage Grove Genealogical Society. Inside the American Legion Hall, twelve local Vietnam veterans are memorialized. Work continues to document and honor local veterans

who died in the Civil War, Korea, and Middle East conflicts. “To honor the legacy of the fallen,” Benson said, “we should all commit to the great freedom offered by the greatest nation on earth: a land where patriotism eclipses politics, where the American flag is displayed proudly and frequently.”

He urged the community to remember the families of the fallen — spouses, parents, and children whose grief continues long after the battlefield guns fall silent. **A TRADITION CARRIED FORWARD**  
Following the Armory ceremony, participants marched to Veterans Park at the intersection of Main Street and River Road, for the Laying of the Wreath. At the Main Street Bridge, Chaplain Ducker offered a prayer before Benson released a wreath of bright red and white flowers into the slow moving Coast Fork of the Willamette River. The

wreath, donated by Carol Reeves of the Flower Basket and Gift Boutique, lingered just downstream of the Centennial Covered Bridge — a quiet, poignant moment in a tradition dating back to 1957, when Gowing’s uncle served as the Armory Commander. The Veterans Park observance concluded with a second 21 gun salute and Taps played by trumpeter Larry Bottemiller. Refreshments awaited at the American Legion Hall, where community members gathered to share memories and honor the meaning of the day. Cottage Grove holds two annual ceremonies to honor veterans: Memorial Day, led by American Legion Post 32, honors those who have died; Veterans Day, led by VFW Post 3473, honors all who have served. Both organizations participate in both ceremonies — a shared commitment that keeps the community’s remembrance traditions strong.

## RALLY

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Ervin, using an aeronautics reference, said he is optimistic that “it’s nose up from here.”

Councilor Randell Lammernan said he believes the city could restructure staffing within the existing

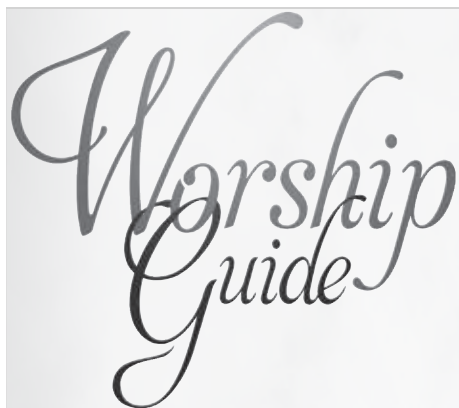
\$224,000 library budget by shifting to three 0.7 FTE positions. He also addressed questions about his familiarity with the library, saying he has been inside the building but not in more than 10 years. “I personally have not had a need to use the library,” Lammernan said. He also advocated for the creation of a Library Service District that would allow

voters to establish ongoing support for the library. Public comment reflected the same divide seen throughout the budget process. Friends of the Cottage Grove Library President Bruce Kelsh reminded the council that more than 900 residents have signed a petition supporting the library. He said the community has provided extensive input and warned that residents may lose faith in the process if they feel

their voices are not taken into account in a meaningful way. Other speakers urged the council to consider safety, children’s access to diverse selections of stories and the role of the library as a community space. Several said the proposed staffing level is not adequate to maintain a safe environment.

As the meeting ended, the future of the library budget remained uncertain. For the Friends of Democracy members who rallied outside City Hall before the meeting, the message was simple. They want a library that is fully staffed, safe and able to serve the community, they said. Whether the final budget will reflect that goal is now in the hands of the city council. Oregon law requires cities to adopt a balanced budget before June 30. The council will finalize the 2026–27 budget at its June 22 public meeting. At that time the council also plans to select which applicants receive portions of the estimated \$55,000 in its community promotions fund, which comes from hotel and motel tax revenue.

**IN OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS**  
RV Dump Station  
Public Works staff plans to open a dump station on the city-owned Lot 600 in the Industrial Park south of town for RV owners to dump gray and black water and water refilling station. The council voted unanimously to include the fee schedule to amend the new fee. The lot could also accommodate a future yard debris dumpsite and a storage facility for emergency response equipment.



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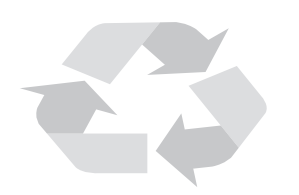
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**SPORTS**

# Lions head to Hayward qualifying 14 for state spots

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The Lions laid it all on the line at the Sky Em League Track and Field Championships, and their hard work has paid off, as 14 athletes qualified for the state meet, and Cottage Grove left Junction City as district champions in seven events!

The meet was held on May 22-23 at Junction City High School, and the meet brought a mix of emotions for the Cottage Grove Track and Field program. The highs of seeing athletes qualify for states brought the joy, while the end of the season, or even high school careers, brought out the feels.

Overall, it was a good showing for the Lions; both the boys and girls captured third place. The boys held seed, but Junction City marked a milestone moment for the girls. Coming in seeded fourth, the girls outperformed their starting spot, beating out Marist Catholic to take third, and registering

their best finish at districts since 2017.

**Here are the full scores from the meet:**

- Boys:**
1. Marist - 189
  2. Marshfield - 169
  3. Cottage Grove - 137
  4. Junction City - 107
  5. North Bend - 39
- Girls:**
1. Junction City - 209.5
  2. Marshfield - 145.5
  3. Cottage Grove - 117
  4. Marist - 110
  5. North Bend - 60

The Lions' two top performers coming out of the meet were seniors Lucas O'Hara and Ella Cardwell. O'Hara was named the jumper of the meet for his winning performance in the high jump and also took third place in the long jump. For her part, Cardwell grabbed impressive first-place finishes in the 3000m and 1500m, earning runner of the meet for her excellence. She was also part of the 4x400 relay team that earned a wildcard qualification to state.



In addition to O'Hara and Cardwell, four other Lions came out ahead of the herd.

Sophomore Jacob Dugas punched his ticket to state with a district-topping, personal best mark in the triple jump, achieving a 13.35m distance. Junior Micah Hanke posted a season-best time in the 800m and qualified for state with a time of 1:58.44.

Senior Emmerson Bickford made some history with her district title in the

300m hurdles. Her district-winning run means she will be the first Cottage Grove girl to qualify for state in this event since 2010. Also atop the podium for the girls was senior Makya Alsup, who qualified for state in the javelin with the top score in Sky Em.

In addition to their district champions, Cottage Grove had several other Lions leaping to the next level.

Freshman Ezra Seiffert marked his first Sky Em district meet with a personal best showing in the 110m hurdles, qualifying for state as the second-place finisher. In the shot put, freshman Carrissalynn Height continued to hit lofty heights, finishing second to qualify for a state position. Height also qualified for state in the javelin with a wildcard qualification, posting a personal best of 33.33m.

There were many wildcard winners for the Lions, athletes who didn't qualify off their district positions but posted marks good enough to reach Hayward.

Sophomore Remington Sharkey put up personal best times in the 1500m and 3000m for the boys, snagging a spot at state that wildcard way. Sadie Cardwell secured a state berth as a wildcard in the pole vault, making her the first girl to qualify for state in the event for Cottage Grove since 2011.

One of the meet's dramatic moments came in the 4x400 relay. The girls relay squad posted a time of 4:13.64, which placed them third in the Sky Em, but earned them a wildcard qualification. It's the first time in nine years the Lions will be represented in the girls' 4x400. The team was comprised of Rowyn Earl, Carly Knutson, Emmerson Bickford, and Ella Cardwell. The alternates who will accompany the squad are Carolyn Reyna and Maddie Gray. One of the catalysts for the fast-paced finish was a speedy 61.3-second third leg from Earl. Thanks to her heroic effort, the Lions grabbed another spot at state.

The OSAA State Track and Field Championships were held at historic Hayward Field in Eugene May 28-30. The Lions were well-represented, and a full recap will be in next week's Cottage Grove Sentinel.

# ODOT unveils new Oregon Coast bike map and safety campaign

Just in time for Oregon's busy spring and summer travel season, the Oregon Department of Transportation has released a newly redesigned Oregon Coast Bicycle Route map alongside a new safety awareness campaign reminding drivers how to safely share the road with people riding bicycles.

This is the first major refresh of the map in a decade and a reminder to travelers about a 40-year-old law many people may not know, according to ODOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager Ian Davidson.

"This map invites people on bicycles to experience Oregon's stunning coastal landscape while providing essential information for a safe and enjoyable trip," Davidson said. "Paper maps remain timeless for riders planning and enjoying their rides on the coast."

Get a free copy of the new map

- Join us on Thursday, June 11 at 12:30 p.m. at the 55th anniversary celebration event of the "Bike Bill" at the Oregon State Capitol State Park in Salem and pick up a free

copy of the new map. The public is invited to attend.

- Save on gas, take POINT or Amtrak Cascades to the event. It costs \$5 to book your bike on the train, and you can also bring your bike on POINT for free, but space is limited.

The Oregon Coast Bicycle Route is one of the most popular long-distance cycling routes in the United States, attracting local, national and international visitors each year. The new map provides route guidance, tourism information, and important travel resources for cyclists navigating the coast, where cellular and internet service can often be unreliable.

Can't make it to the event?

People living in Oregon can pre-order a copy of the map by emailing their mailing address to: ped-bikepublications@odot.oregon.gov.

**Bicycle Safety Month**

To complement the map and recognize National Bicycle Safety Month, ODOT launched a public awareness campaign focused on educating people driving and bicycling to stay safe on the roads.

The main message: People on bicycles may use the full lane. Slow down, be patient and give extra space.

"Generally, most people bicycling stay as far right as safe or practical. But people on bicycles may use the full lane, to avoid obstacles, narrow roads and drop-off shoulders," ODOT Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Manager Heidi Manlove said. "While driving, be patient and only pass a bicycle when it's safe."

ODOT's safety campaign includes billboard messaging along major travel corridors and popular coastal routes to help educate travelers about safely sharing the road.

With more people expected on coastal highways and scenic roads in the coming months, ODOT is encouraging people to travel safely and understand Oregon's bicycle laws.

How to safely drive around a person riding a bicycle

- Be patient and hold back for a safe place to pass that provides plenty of space.
- Once it's clear, move fully into the next lane.
- As you pass, keep your speed at 5 miles below the speed limit.
- Wait until you see the person bicycling in your rearview mirror before moving back into your lane.
- Remember: Oregon law allows drivers to cross a double-yellow line to safely pass a person on a bicycle when it is clear and safe to do so.



Courtesy from ODOT

**ODOT demonstrates bicycling safely along Whiskey Creek Road with Three Capes View in the background.**

Safety tips for people riding bicycles

- Use a white front light and red rear light, even during the day.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing to help drivers see you.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- Use hand signals so others can anticipate your moves.
- Ride in a straight, predictable line.
- Be careful in intersections —slow down, check for turning vehicles.
- Wear a properly fitted helmet every ride.
- Assume drivers may not see you.
- Be ready for sudden movements—especially

around driveways, parking lots and bus stops.

Safety tips for people driving in cars

- People riding bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers and may occupy a full lane when needed.
- Maintain a safe passing distance—give extra space to pass— if possible, move into the adjacent lane to create additional buffer.
- Constantly look ahead, check mirrors, and monitor blind spots—especially before turning or changing lanes.
- Watch for people riding bicycles at intersections and before opening doors, so you avoid "door-ing" incidents.
- Use your turn signals well in advance so people

riding can anticipate your actions.

- Never park or drive in bike lanes and always check them before crossing.
- Slow down and yield to people on bicycles, especially when turning—the person traveling straight usually will have the right-of-way.
- Be particularly alert at intersections since many serious crashes occur there.
- Children are unpredictable—expect sudden moves, especially in residential areas, near schools and driveways.
- Avoid honking at people riding bicycles; sudden noises can startle them and cause crashes.

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