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Cottage Grove

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Cottage Grove strikes gold with world record panning event

CINDY WEELDREYER
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The promise of striking gold—literally—drew my husband Ralph and me to the Main Street construction zone on a cool, cloudy Saturday morning, Sept. 13.

By 10:30 a.m., 194 hopeful panners had already checked in ahead of us, some traveling from as far away as Washington, California, and Eastern Oregon.

We received running marathon-style participant numbers and a gold panning kit: a black plastic pan, a Ziplock bag of gold-bearing dirt, a long, thin eyedropper to extract tiny pieces of gold and place them in the kit's small vile.

The day before, I spotted the set up crew, notably City Public Works Director Faye Stewart, Projects Coordinator Shauna Neigh, Spirit of BMD Director Matthew Hewlett and Chamber of Commerce Director Georgia Haskell setting up 40 folding tables along the excavated north side of Main Street in front of City Hall. Each table held a handcrafted sluice box lined with plastic, built by Public Works staff and volunteers using donated materials. By afternoon, the crew was gone, and Shauna was patiently filling each box with water from a garden hose.

DELAYED START

Former Mayor Jeff Gowing—dressed in his Lemati Gang Old West costume—stood ready with a rifle to signal the start of the required 30-minute attempt. But 11 a.m. came and went. As the sun broke through the clouds, layers of clothing came off and strangers became friends while waiting.



Courtesy photo from Greg Lee

Participants look for gold during the world record attempt. See more photos with this story at [cgsentinel.com](#).

The record to beat: 268 people panning simultaneously, set by Evolution Mining in Australia on October 14, 2023.

Though nearly 400 participants preregistered, many were no-shows. Undeterred, organizers rallied

with a “failure is not an option” spirit—used social media posts and recruited spectators, passersby, even families with strollers. Cheers erupted as each new participant joined the line.

Guinness World Records adjudicator Natalea Ramirez, in a bright blue blazer and cheerful smile, certified each table and posed for countless selfies.

At 11:55 a.m., with the 375th panner in place, Jeff fired the long-awaited shot. Drones buzzed overhead, photographers roamed about, and volunteers rushed to deliver fresh dirt when needed. To honor Georgia's herculean planning efforts he gave her the honor of firing the final shot at 12:27 p.m. It was followed by a jubilant collective cheer as Cottage Grove, Oregon, claimed its first world record.

HISTORY INSPIRED IDEA

Years ago, when city officials applied for a federal grant to fund Main Street's reconstruction, they knew the yearlong project would strain local businesses. Mayor Jeff and City Manager Richard Meyers found inspiration in a 1913 Cottage Grove Sentinel article reporting traces of gold in the crushed quartz used to pave local streets.

That historical nugget sparked the idea: use some excavated dirt to attempt a world record in gold panning. To honor Cottage Grove's movie-making legacy, symbolic charms of each major movie filmed here were hidden in the dirt.

After months of planning, the Guinness confirmation came just a week before the scheduled event. City Council President Greg Ervin led the final push, and on September 8, the Council unanimously approved \$19,000 from the rural tourism budget to cover the Guinness fee. The Ervin

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Hundreds attend Cottage Grove vigil honoring Charlie Kirk

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More than 300 community members of all ages gathered under the Bohemia Park flagpole for a local candlelight vigil honoring political commentator Charlie Kirk, who was shot and killed on Sept. 10 while speaking at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

The American flag above them flew at half-staff, lowered under a national order from President Donald Trump to honor Kirk.

The Cottage Grove vigil followed a large memorial gathering in Eugene the night before. On Saturday, Sept. 13, roughly 1,000 people marched from Alton Baker Park to Hayward Field, chanting “We are Charlie Kirk” and waving American flags. The event included a moment of silence, group prayer, and the unfurling of a garrison-sized American flag that organizers said had hung from the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Tyler Robinson, a 22-year-old Utah resident, was arrested Sept.



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

A large crowd waving flags and holding candles gathered around the Bohemia Park flagpole for the Sept. 14 vigil to honor Charlie Kirk. See more photos with this story at [cgsentinel.com](#).

12 in connection with Kirk's death. Authorities said Robinson was identified through surveillance footage and online messages, and turned himself in after a family member recognized him in images released

by investigators. He is being held without bail on charges of aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm, and obstruction of justice.

According to a USA TODAY report published Sept. 14, Turning

Point USA received more than 32,000 inquiries to start new campus chapters in the 48 hours following Kirk's death.

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Scammers targeting Oregonians with EBT skimmers

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield is warning Oregonians about an uptick of scams involving card skimmers placed on payment machines at grocery and convenience stores across the state, especially in rural areas.

These devices allow thieves to steal data from Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards, which are used by thousands of Oregon families to access food and cash assistance, according to a release from Rayfield's office.

“This is theft from Oregon families who can least afford it,” Rayfield said. “Families rely on programs like SNAP to feed their kids, and those who depend on these benefits deserve dignity and security – not to be preyed on when they’re just trying to get by.”

Law enforcement has identified a traveling group targeting Oregon retailers, especially discount stores and small markets, by installing skimmers that capture card and PIN information, according to the release.

Once stolen, this information is used across the country to make fraudulent purchases, often draining families' benefits before they realize what has happened. ODHS has seen a reported 50% increase in dollars stolen from EBT cards in the first half of September compared to July and August combined.

“We know that many individuals and families in Oregon rely on the food and cash assistance they receive through their EBT cards to meet their basic needs and to get enough healthy food for themselves and their families,” Oregon Department of Human Services Director Fariborz Pakseresht said. “We urge everyone with an EBT card to take action today to protect their benefits.”

While many retailers are taking increased measures to protect payment machines and consumers from skimmers – including installing security stickers or bars and/or regularly checking point-of-sale systems – these scammers are getting increasingly sophisticated, according to Rayfield.

HOW THE SCAM WORKS

- Scammers place an overlay device on card readers or keypads, often at smaller retailers such as dollar stores or community markets.
- These devices look nearly identical to real machines but secretly collect card numbers and PINs.
- Stolen card data is then used in other states to purchase high-demand items like baby formula or resold goods

WARNING SIGNS

- Check for unusual attachments before using your card to pay: If the card reader or keypad looks loose or misaligned, do not use it. Ask the cashier when the machine was last checked.
- Look for tamper-evident seals: Some machines have yellow security

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LCSO DUII enforcement nets six drivers

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Lane County Sheriff's office (LCSO) deputies arrested six drivers for DUII over the past weekend in the law enforcement agency's latest efforts.

On Sept. 12 at about 8:30 p.m., a deputy patrolling River Road observed an SUV turn east on the Beltline westbound off ramp, into oncoming traffic. The deputy quickly initiated a traffic stop and contacted the driver, Patricia Ann Loehr, 59, of Eugene. The deputy observed signs Loehr was impaired. After additional investigation, Loehr was arrested for DUII.

At 11:30 p.m., a sergeant patrolling in the River Road area was passed by a speeding sedan. The vehicle committed several more traffic violations, including driving down the center lines instead of a lane of travel. The sergeant initiated a traffic stop and contacted the driver, Haley Renae Ferebee, 33, of Eugene. The sergeant observed signs Ferebee was impaired. After additional investigation, Ferebee was arrested for DUII – Drugs. Deputies found methamphetamine and other evidence in the vehicle, so she was also arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine.

On Sept. 13 at about 7:30 p.m., a deputy observed a sedan turn onto Highway 99 North near Pattison Street, Eugene, into the wrong lane, almost striking an oncoming vehicle. The deputy conducted a traffic stop and observed the driver, Christopher Charles Todd, 45, of Eugene, was impaired. After additional investigation, the deputy informed Todd he was under arrest. Todd attempted to fight with the deputy but was safely detained. Todd was arrested for DUII, Reckless Driving,



Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Sentinel

The September DUII arrests follow seven similar arrests, including a Cottage Grove resident, in mid-August by the Lane County Sheriff's deputies.

Reckless Endangering, and Resisting Arrest.

At about 10 p.m., a deputy responded to a driving complaint made to Oregon State Police on Highway 126 near Veneta. A deputy observed the vehicle driving poorly and initiated a traffic stop. The driver, Teresa Marie Morrison, 57, of Eugene, showed signs of impairment. After additional investigation, Morrison was arrested for DUII.

At about 11 p.m., LCSO Dispatch received several 911 calls reporting a loud crash and power outage in the area of E. Beacon Drive and Thunderbird Lane, Eugene. Witnesses reported a large pickup had crashed into a power pole. A deputy followed the fluid trail from the damaged pole to a residence nearby, where the damaged pickup was parked. Deputies contacted the driver, Johan Kristian Hulberg, 39, of Eugene, and observed signs he was impaired. After additional investigation, Hulberg was arrested for Reckless Driving, Fail to Perform Duties of a Driver – Property Damage, and Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree.

On Sept. 14 at about 8:30 a.m., a deputy driving south on Highway 99 from Junction City observed a pickup follow a sedan at a dangerously

close distance, then drive in the center turn lane until the sedan moved over, and then accelerate. The deputy conducted a traffic stop and observed signs the driver, Kiel Tayler Briggs, 23, of Eugene, was impaired. After additional investigation, Briggs was arrested for DUII.

“Each of these cases could have ended tragically, as our deputies often see out on our roads,” LCSO Sgt. Tim Wallace said. “The Lane County Sheriff's Office does not have a dedicated traffic team or deputy assigned to DUI enforcement due to lack of funding. However, our deputies are committed to the safety of our community, and that includes our roadways.”

In mid-August, the LCSO arrested seven drivers, including a Cottage Grove resident, following DUII enforcement.

The LCSO asks drivers to consider others if you choose to drink or use drugs:

- Plan your safe ride home ahead of time.
- If you drink or use drugs, do not drive for any reason.
- If you know someone has been drinking or using drugs, don't let them drive.
- If you host a party with alcohol, make sure all guests leave with a sober driver.
- Always wear your seatbelt.

‘Armed barricaded suspect’ prompts law enforcement response

On Sept. 15 at about 10 a.m., Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) deputies were dispatched the 800 block of S. 6th Street in Cottage Grove to serve a court-ordered eviction.

As deputies were ensuring the residence was empty, a male made threatening remarks from inside. Deputies backed out of the residence and requested assistance.

The LCSO Crisis Negotiation Team responded to contact the subject, who refused to exit. Due to his threatening statements and ownership of numerous firearms, the LCSO Special Response Team responded with armored rescue vehicles to evacuate area residents and provide cover for deputies.

After several hours of negotiation, the subject surrendered. He was detained and taken to a hospital for a mental health evaluation.

The Cottage Grove Police Department, Coburg Police Department, Oregon State Police, and FBI assisted in the case.



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The incident occurred at a residence on the west side of S. 6th Street between E. Quincy Avenue and E. Harrison Avenue in Cottage Grove.

The individual's identity was not immediately available.

18:27: Warrant service, 1000 block E. Main St.
19:44: Disorderly subject, 600 block Row River Rd.
20:22: Fire, 700 block S. 2nd St.
20:31: Trespass, 1000 block Chestnut Ave.
22:00: Criminal mischief, 78000 block Hwy 99
23:36: Intoxicated subject, 400 block E. Main St.
23:40: Welfare check, 100 block Gateway Blvd.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9

02:15: Fire, 800 block S. 1st St.
05:06: Disturbance, 600 block S. 5th St.
06:59: Welfare check, 700 block Hwy 99
07:47: Illegal camping, 1300 block S. River Rd.
08:09: Illegal camping, South R/Jason Lee
08:43: Disturbance, 1300 block E. Main St.
08:55: Warrant service, 700 block Hwy 99
09:24: Abandoned vehicle, Bryant/R
10:57: Found property, 100 block S. 10th St.
11:15: Prowler, 300 block E. Washington Ave.
11:54: Shots fired, 4th/Hayes
11:55: Illegal camping, Hayes/4th
12:43: Hit and run, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
13:28: Alarm, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
16:24: Welfare check, 100 block Village Dr.
17:15: Disturbance, 77000 block S. 6th St.
17:20: Agency assist, 77000 block S. 6th St.
18:31: Suspicious subject, 1500 block E. Main St.
19:44: Illegal camping, 100 block Crestview Ter.
19:51: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block Hwy 99
20:15: Motor vehicle crash, 400 block S. River Rd.
20:47: Warrant service, 400 block S. River Rd.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

01:40: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
04:40: Alarm, 1300 block Birch Ave.
05:40: Suspicious subject, 1st/Quincy
06:20: Found property, 1000 block Taylor Ave.
08:13: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.
09:35: Juvenile trouble, 1500 block S. 4th St.
11:20: Juvenile trouble, 1900 block Harvey Rd.
12:25: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99
12:31: Disturbance, 1500 block E. Main St.
12:53: Found dog, 300 block S. River Rd.
14:16: Barking dog, 1200 block Bryant Ave.
15:09: Abandoned vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.

15:21: Harassment, 100 block E. Madison Ave.
15:48: Warrant service, 1000 block Taylor Ave.
15:56: Welfare check, 900 block W. Main St.
16:58: Disturbance, 200 block N. 12th St.
18:39: Warrant service, 400 block E Main St.
19:19: Juvenile problem, 500 block Kathleen Dr.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

04:34: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
07:23: Suspicious vehicle, M/Bryant
07:55: Criminal mischief, 1700 block Clark Ave.
08:25: Suspicious subject, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
08:33: Agency assist, Exit 174 NB Off ramp
08:35: Abandoned vehicle, 3rd/Jefferson
08:40: Motor vehicle crash, 79000 block Hwy 99
08:50: Disturbance, 300 block S. River Rd.
09:23: Welfare check, 500 block Grant Ave.
09:41: Wanted subject, 200 block N. 12th St.
10:03: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
10:37: Dog at large, 1400 block N. Douglas St.
10:38: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
11:32: Fire, 80000 block Davisson rd.
12:56: Agency assist, 200 block N. Lane St.
13:20: Dog at large, 1700 block S. 5th St.
13:53: Welfare check, 1300 block E. Main St.
14:03: Welfare check, 300 block N. 7th St.
14:11: Hit and run, 1600 block Gateway Blvd
14:22: Agency assist, 600 block N. 9th St.
16:28: Fraud, 1100 block S. 2nd St.
18:44: Order violation, 200 block Buttercup Lp.
20:24: Harassment, 1200 block Riverfront Way
20:55: Found dog, 1000 block N. 9th St.
21:16: Welfare check, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.
22:54: Suspicious condition, 2100 block Patrick Ct.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

07:24: Disturbance, 200 block South O St.
07:48: Animal info, 1300 block Ostrander Ln.
08:18: Hit and run, 1500 block Red Hills Pl.
09:03: Theft, 1100 block Ostrander Ln.
09:43: Illegal camping, 100 block N. 14th St.
10:35: Disorderly subject, 37000 block Row River Rd.
12:02: Shots fired, 1500 block Red Hills Pl.
13:15: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 8th St.
15:23: Disturbance, 300 block S. River Rd.

16:06: Assault, 1600 block Samuel Dr.
16:57: Suicidal subject, 30000 block Longview Ln.
18:41: Disturbance, 77000 block Dugan Ln.
19:42: Juvenile problem, 1500 block E. Main St.
20:00: Nuisance, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
20:28: Agency assist, 200 block E. Harrison Ave.
22:57: Alarm, 900 block Row River Rd.
23:1: Barking dog, River Rd/99
23:30: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

00:08: Alarm, 2000 block Getty Cir.
01:02: Suspicious condition, 800 block Gateway Blvd.
01:14: Suspicious condition, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
04:19: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.
10:19: Motor vehicle crash, R/Sweet
11:15: Agency assist, 600 block E. Jefferson Ave.
13:13: Trespass, 700 block Hwy 99
15:14: Fire, Hwy 99/Davisson
17:31: Disturbance, 1100 block Polk Ave.
18:13: Nuisance, 12th/Washington
18:19: Welfare check, 6th/Quincy
19:34: Intoxicated subject, Holly/Kalapuya
20:18: Dog at large, 800 block Row River Rd.
20:28: Welfare check, 1700 block Hwy 99
20:48: Harassment, 1100 block Polk Ave.
20:52: Disturbance, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
23:02: Dog at large, 100 block S. 10th St.
23:32: Disorderly subject, 1400 block W. Harrison Ave.
23:49: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

00:46: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
01:16: Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block Hwy 99
02:17: Alarm, 1700 block Carnegie Way
02:47: Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block Hwy 99
05:29: Alarm, 2700 block Row River Rd.
06:14: Welfare check, 1700 block S. River Rd.
09:00: Welfare check, 1500 block Anthony Ave.
12:20: Juvenile problem, 900 block E. Main St.
14:50: Shots fired, 200 block South R St.
16:45: Warrant service, 200 block Davisson Ave.
17:09: Dog at large, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
18:30: Disturbance, 100 block S. 10th St.
23:09: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

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, SEPT. 8

00:35: Disorderly subject, 1300 block Gateway Blvd.
02:20: Warrant service, 1400 block N. Douglas St.
04:23: Alarm, 1300 block Birch Ave.

04:49: Suspicious condition, 200 block N. 12th St.
05:08: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
07:22: Illegal camping, I-5/Row River Rd.
08:11: Found dog, 100 block Quincy Ave.
08:24: Fire, 32000 block Doolittle Rd.
08:38: Found dog, 1800 block Harvey Rd.
08:48: Order violation, 200 block Cherry Ct.
10:14: Vicious dog, 600 block S. 10th St.
12:43: Abandoned vehicle, 1500 block Elm Ave.
12:49: Abandoned vehicle, 300 block North O St.
13:20: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99
13:29: Animal info, 900 block Row River Rd.
13:41: Warrant service, 1000 block E. Main St.
14:27: Disturbance, 100 block Sweet Ln.
15:07: Found dog, 1200 block Bryant Ave.
17:57: Alarm, 1300 block S. 4th St.

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Sen. Wyden to hold Town Hall in Lane County

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U.S. Senator Ron Wyden has scheduled open-to-all town hall in Lane County at 4 p.m. Sept. 24, at the Sheldon High School Auditorium, 2455 Willakenzie Road in Eugene.

In his 1,135th town hall, held at the Officers' Mes at the Port of Tillamook Bay Sept. 5, Wyden responded to questions posed by constituents concerned about a range of issues from federal intervention in Oregon to his stance on Israel.

Focus returned repeatedly to healthcare policy, with questioners asking about cuts to Medicare funding passed in Republicans' recent budget bill and Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy Junior's impacts on public health.

Wyden pointed to a confrontation with Kennedy the previous day about vaccines as a model for pushing back against the secretary and said that he would continue to fight for Americans' access to insurance.

"We're not going to let him or anyone else, Democrat or Republican, turn back the clock on healthcare in America," Wyden said.

The town hall drew a considerable crowd and most of the questions focused on Wyden and other



Courtesy photo from Michele Bradley

Sen. Wyden addresses Tillamook constituents at a town hall at the Port of Tillamook Bay on September 5.

congressional Democrats' response to various policies being advanced by President Donald Trump.

Anxiety about healthcare bubbled to the top repeatedly, with Wyden reassuring attendees that he would do everything in his power to protect funding for Medicare and Medicaid and push to increase that funding with taxes on the wealthy. "I'm trying to make sure we're doing everything we can to protect people to the greatest extent possible," Wyden said, "and if I have my way, we're going to start rolling some of the tax breaks back for the affluent and get that money for healthcare."

Prior to Wyden's Lane County town hall, the Senator issued the following statement.

"It's more important than ever that our state show the

entire country the "Oregon Way" where open-to-all town halls provide everybody the opportunity to exercise their First Amendment rights in a civil fashion with no subject off limits," Wyden said. "That's the way I've always done town halls in rural, urban and suburban counties throughout Oregon. And I'll keep holding these meetings in communities large and small for Oregonians to ask me questions and share their views without fear of violence."

For everyone's safety and security, Wyden's press team said backpacks and large bags will not be allowed in the town hall, and capacity is limited to available seating. Doors will open one hour before the town hall start time for attendees.

Preserving the Past



Cindy Weeldreyer/Cottage Grove Sentinel

The historic Dr. Snapp House on South River Road in Cottage Grove is sporting a fresh, new coat of paint following work by a four-person crew of Cascade Finishes that did the work. The Prospectors and Gold Diggers Club owns the only Victorian-era house open to the public. It serves as a museum to preserve the history of early medical practices in Cottage Grove. The challenging painting project was funded with a grant from the Woodard Family Foundation

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

COTTAGE GROVE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Businesses are open during the Main Street Revitalization construction. Keep shopping in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove and get stamps. Turn the stamps in at the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce at 836 E Main Street for a chance to win \$500 in local gift cards each week until construction is finished. Details at <https://www.cgchamber.com/shoplocal/> or call 541-942-2411.

SEPTEMBER 24

Oregon Aviation Museum. Open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Senior Center Pinochle Games. Begins at 1 p.m., at the Cottage Grove Senior Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

SEPTEMBER 25

T.O.P.S. Club. From 9:30-11 a.m., Delight Valley Church of Christ, 33087 E Saginaw Rd.

Baby Lap Time. Begins at 11:30 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, Great socializing opportunity for parents and babies birth to 2 yrs.

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. Open from 1-4 p.m., 308 S. 10th St.

Oregon Aviation Museum. Open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Teen Gaming. Starts at 4 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

Youth 11-18 are welcome to socialize and play games.

Table Tennis. From 4-6 p.m. Community Center Reception Hall, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Tables, paddles, and balls provided.

SEPTEMBER 26

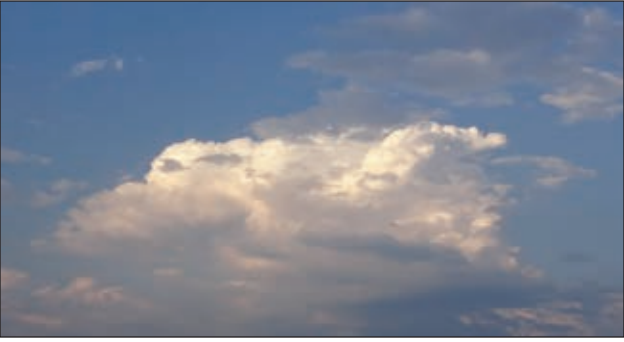
P.A.W.S. Fundraising Extravaganza. W.O.E. Fairgrounds, Time is TBA. Features baked goods, craft items, activities for kids and more. Check website: www.cgpaws.com or on its Facebook page.

Oregon Aviation Museum. Open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Northwest Community Credit Union Rebranding Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. Begins at 9 a.m., 600 E. Jefferson Ave.

Storytime. Begins at 11:30 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. All ages welcome.

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. Open from 1-4 p.m., 308 S. 10th St.



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American Legion Post 32 Bingo. From 5-7 p.m. 826 W. Main St.

Elks Lodge Friday Night Community Dinner. From 5-6:30 p.m., 775 N. River Rd. Menu: Fish Fry. A la carte menu.

Bohemian Tavern Weekly Pool Tournament. Begins at 7 p.m. 48 N. 9th St. Entry Fee: \$5 and BCA Rules.

SEPTEMBER 27

P.A.W.S. Fundraising Extravaganza. W.O.E. Fairgrounds, Time TBA. Features baked goods, craft items, activities for kid and more.

South Valley Farmers Market. Open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Historic Downtown District at 7th and Main. Buy goods directly from local farmers, food producers and artisans.

Oktoberfest. From 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Cottage Grove Historic Downtown District. Food, live music, beer and wine, vendors, Farmer's Market and more.

Side-by-Side Show-N-Shine. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Cottage Grove Rodeo

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OBITUARIES & NEWS

Robert (Bob) Blaine Boustead

March 19, 1953 – July 25, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Robert (Bob) Blaine Boustead, of Seattle Wa. who died on July 25, 2025, at the age of 72.

Born on March 19, 1953, in Pisgah, Iowa, Bob lived a life filled with warmth, determination, and a passion for connection. He built a respected career in advertising and sales, and later owned and operated TigerCat Construction, where his work ethic and dedication earned the admiration of colleagues, clients, and his community.

Bob was an exceptional athlete throughout his life. He still holds track records at Cottage Grove High School in the 440-yard dash, a testament to his enduring speed and drive. He went on to attend Mt. Hood Community College, where he played football as a defensive cornerback, and later transferred to the University of Washington, continuing his education and football career in the same position. After graduating, he went on to play professional football in the World Football League for the Portland Thunder until the league folded. Bob was a proud Husky alumnus and remained a passionate supporter of the team throughout his life.

In addition to football, Bob was a devoted fan of Formula One racing and traveled extensively to attend many races around the world, embracing the excitement and



global spirit of the sport.

Bob was the beloved son of Robert Boustead and stepmother Louise Boustead. He is survived by his cherished cat, Lucas; his loving sister, Jean Duncan; half-sister Anna Boustead; stepsister Beverly Ward; stepbrother Eric Emge; and many dear nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Boustead; his stepmother, Louise Boustead; his

father, Robert Boustead; stepbrother Terry Emge; and stepsister Judy Connoles.

Bob will be remembered for his quick wit, generous spirit, and the loyalty he showed to those he cared about.

A memorial service to celebrate Bob's life will be held on Sunday, September 28th at 6:00 PM at Red Hawk Winery, located at 2995 Michigan City Ln NW, Salem, Oregon. All who knew Bob are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in Bob's memory to the Seattle Area Feline Rescue, an organization close to his heart: <https://www.seattleareafelineerescue.org/>

He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

Memorial to be held September 28th, 6 pm, Red Hawk Winery located at 2995 Michigan City Ln NW Salem OR 97304

Jerrie Lee Perini

February 17, 1936 - August 21, 2025

"Jerrie Lee Perini, (age 89) also known as "Gran" or "Gee", a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed in the loving hands of her family on August 21, 2025, in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

She was born February 17, 1936, in Harrah, Oklahoma to Clarence and Georgia (Curry) Culvey. Jerrie married Kenneth Perini on June 17, 1956, in Cottage Grove, OR. Together they shared a life built on mutual respect and love, celebrating 61 years together before his passing in 2017.

She began her career as a retail clerk at Peterson's Department Store, then the 88 Cent Store. Later in life, she and Kenneth owned Perini's Feed and Seed Store in Cottage Grove. Jerrie's days were filled with family, gardening, flowers, golfing, bowling, hosting card parties and playing with her grandchildren. Both her



cooking and her baking left family and friends with fond memories of cocktails, snacks and shared meals.

The memory of Jerrie Perini will be honored by the love continuing through her children Scot (Pam) Perini and Julie (Keith) Giarrusso; 8 Grandchildren Raesha, Mandy, Mikayla, Logan, Abby, Brandy, Dorothy and Jordon; and 16 Great Grandchildren

Ezekiel, Harley, Davina, Cora, Lilly, Skyler, Kyle, Lynlee, Piper, Jade, Trexton, Kenny, Raegan, Noah, Rylee, and Khylyr. She is preceded in death by her siblings Dan, Dot, Ethel, Bily, Grace, Lois, and Lue.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Shriners Children's Hospital. At Jerrie's request a Celebration of Life will be held in the future. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel."

Death Notice

Susan Jenne Pardun-Lawson, 64, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away September 12, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

needs to be done. It was a wonderful community-building event."

As the crowd dispersed with souvenirs in hand, Alan Eubanks received the award for finding the largest nugget, he proudly displayed on his fingertip. Lorrie Link won the costume contest for best-dressed miner.

Georgia did a terrific job thanking everyone on the Chamber's website (cgchamber.com). It's a very long list of individuals, businesses and organizations, who worked closely together to ensure the event's success. I encourage you to take a minute to read it. It's just the newest example of what sets our small town apart from most others and why we have received not one – but two – coveted national All America City Awards,

which I'm told is the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for civic collaboration.

Chamber President Cameron Reiten was the event announcer. He said later, "When many people think of Cottage Grove, they think of timber, but Saturday's gold panning festivities were a fun reminder that mining also figures prominently in our history. We had everybody from infants to octogenarians – and all ages in between – coming together as a community to celebrate that. The event was a really neat way to look back on our past, while looking ahead to our newly renovated and vibrant downtown district."

NEXT WORLD RECORD?

My husband Ralph was born here 76 years ago, and I've been a proud Grover for 45 of them. We've volunteered for countless events in the last four decades, and we're always amazed by the creativity and can-do spirit of our community leaders and fellow citizens that makes good things happen for all of us.

The same ambitious, unwavering can-do spirit will be tested again in the Summer

of 2027, when Cottage Grove aims to break another world record—this time for the largest toga party commemorating the 50th anniversary of the "Animal House" movie's chaotic parade scene filmed in our historic district.

To enhance that occasion, our enterprising mayor stepped in front of a long line of community applicants and enticed the renowned Walldogs muralists to join us for our Animal House celebration weekend and paint up to 15 historic murals around town. Surprisingly, they accepted her invitation and now she has issued a call for "all hands on deck" to support both simultaneous events.

In exchange for their artistry, the Walldogs will need food, lodging, paint and scaffolding. It's a big financial lift for our small town, so expect plenty of fundraisers—starting with the Mayor's Monster Ball at the Armory on October 25.

No doubt one of those Walldog murals will immortalize Cottage Grove's very first world record.

Debra Herrington

09/20/1960 - 09/08/2025

Debra L. Herrington of Cottage Grove, Or passed away September 08, 2025, she is survived by Husband Donald P. Herrington of 26yrs, children Christy, Brian, Jase, Billy, Jacob and Blake. Granddaughters Natalie, Sophy, and Destiny. Sister Linda in Georgia.

Originally from Moultrie GA she settled in Lane County in the late 90's, where she met her husband.

Debra graduated high-school and devoted her career to retail associate along with some reception and caregiving roles.



Debra loved the outdoors, camping, music, she enjoyed watching old western movies and football. She was kind, loving and accepting of others.

Celebration of life at later date

GOLD

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family paid Natalea's airfare from Colombia, and Mayor Candace Solesbee arranged her lodging.

Georgia specifically praised Linda Olson, a Bohemia Gold Mining Museum volunteer, for helping her solve every challenge. Linda noted that a strong tradition of local miners participating in events and outdoor school programs has created a community that celebrates its mining heritage.

"We are a mining town," Linda said. "We've got great miners who love getting their hands in the dirt and boots on the ground to do whatever

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CALENDAR

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Grounds, 77989 Hwy 99S. Bring lawn chairs and pop-up canopy. Prizes for show-n-shine & raffles. No admission. Donation accepted for venue cost.

Pollinator Planting Party. From 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Row River Nature Park, 33301

Row River Road. This Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council community event enhances the garden by planting native species, including red flowering currant, tall Oregon grape, Columbian larkspur, and more! No experience needed with tools and gloves provided. Parking is on Row River Road. The Pollinator Garden is part of a beautiful 56-acre natural area with ponds, trails, and wild-life viewing spots. For more

info or to RSVP send email to: nayla@coastfork.org

Third Annual Cottage Grove Community Cook-Off. Starts at 10:30 a.m., Cascade Home Center, 40 S. 5th St. in Cottage Grove. Grillmasters compete for awards including the People's Choice. Benefit for Slabtown BMX organization. For competition info call 541-254-0799 or email tda-more@cascadehc.com

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. Open from 1-4 p.m., 308 S. 10th St. **SEPTEMBER 28** P.A.W.S. Fundraising Extravaganza, W.O.E. Fairgrounds, Time to be announced. Features baked goods, craft items, activities for kids and more.

Cottage Grove Museum. Open from 1-4 p.m., Corner Birch Avenue and H Street.

VFW Post 3473 Bingo. From 2-4pm, 3160 Hillside Dr.

SEPTEMBER 29 CG Senior Center Bingo. Starts at 12:30 p.m., Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Senior Center members only.

SEPTEMBER 30 Ukulele Club. Starts at 9 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Free for adults of all skill levels.

Oregon Aviation Museum. Open from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Trinity Lutheran Church Free Community Dinner. From 5:15-6:15 p.m. Seventh & Quincy Avenue. Take-Out Only.

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BUDGET CUTS

Oregon Gov. Kotek tells state agencies to stop travel, prepare for budget cuts

JULA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Gov. Tina Kotek ordered an immediate halt to state employees’ non-essential out-of-state travel and directed agencies to find more ways to cut costs on Tuesday after Oregon’s budget surplus from a few months ago turned into a nearly \$375 million shortfall.

In a letter to all state agency directors, Kotek wrote that tariffs and the Republican megalaw passed in July that expands tax cuts and slashes federal funding for Medicaid and food benefits means the \$37.3 billion two-year budget lawmakers passed and she signed this summer won’t be sufficient.

“I am directing state agencies to begin immediate cost-saving measures and prepare for further reductions,” she said in a statement. “We will make tough, sensible decisions while protecting the core services Oregonians rely on.”

Along with suspending travel, her letter directs all agencies to prepare for future cuts by slowing spending, such as by holding positions vacant for longer periods, reducing spending on supplies and services and waiting to implement new or expanding programs.

The state’s chief financial officer will determine targets for reducing costs at each agency, Kotek wrote.

Lawmakers passed their budget in June with a projected surplus of \$472.8 million, most of which would have gone to the state’s rainy day fund at the end of the budget cycle in 2027. The rainy day fund is a reserve account to help the state weather major economic crises.

But by the time state economists provided their next quarterly revenue forecast in late August, that surplus had turned into a \$373 million deficit.

Oregon expects to lose about \$888 million in revenue over the next two years, in large part because the state tax code automatically aligns with changes to federal tax policy. That means new federal initiatives, like exempting overtime pay and tips from income taxes and allowing individuals and businesses to immediately deduct 100% of the cost of “depreciating assets,” such as real estate and equipment, will apply to state taxes as well unless lawmakers divorce the two tax codes.

Sen. Mark Meek, D-Gladstone and chair of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee, said lawmakers will discuss their options when they return to Salem at the end of the month for Legislative Days. That’s when legislative committees meet at the Capitol every few weeks outside of scheduled legislative sessions for informational hearings on various issues.

The current \$372 million deficit doesn’t include other costs to implement federal policy changes. An earlier analysis Kotek’s office released estimates that cuts to federal programs will cost the state \$15 billion over the next decade.

“In the wake of failed leadership from the Republican-led federal government, we must step up to the plate. This is not what we had planned for, but it is what we must do,” Kotek wrote in her letter to agency directors.

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Gov. Tina Kotek delivers her State of the State address on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025.

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COMMENTARY

Hunger is a policy choice, made to feed insatiable greed

TYLER MAC
Oregon Capital Chronicle

“Our situation is very difficult,” Marisela testified in Salem earlier this year. A worker at a tree nursery in Forest Grove, she told lawmakers that working 12 or even 14 hours a day “is still not enough to cover basic needs, including food for the whole family.”

Marisela is not alone. More than two in five Oregonians struggle to afford their basic needs. Food pantries across the state received 2.5 million visits last year, according to the Oregon Food Bank, a 31% increase from the previous year.

September is Hunger Action Month. It’s a time when Americans come together to raise awareness about the hunger in our communities, and to take actions to ensure all of us can put food on the table. This year, that task is made all the more difficult by the actions and inaction of federal and state lawmakers alike. Still, the fact remains that in a prosperous state in one of history’s richest nations, hunger is a policy choice.

Our nation knows how to reduce hunger; we’ve done it before. Beginning as an effort to redistribute surplus food during the Great Depression, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program has evolved into a foundational safety net program for nearly 42 million Americans.

The success of the Black Panther Party’s free breakfast program led to the creation of the National School Breakfast program in 1975, which today ensures some 15 million kids start their school days with a meal. During the pandemic, the expanded Child Tax Credit cut child poverty in half while improving the ability of families to put more nutritious meals on the table. In short, we need not look far for policies that reduce hunger.

Regrettably, the 2025 Oregon legislature passed up an opportunity to take meaningful action against hunger. It failed to advance Food for All Oregonians, a policy that would have expanded food assistance to children and elderly Oregonians barred from government assistance because of their immigration status. A bill expanding school meals to all Oregon children also stalled.

But the Oregon legislature’s failure pales in comparison to the wrecking ball that is the budget enacted by the Republican-controlled Congress. The Republican budget bill showers the wealthy with trillions in new and extended tax cuts, paid for in part by substantial cuts to federal food assistance programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Congressional Republicans — including Oregon Rep. Cliff Bentz — chose to take food away from those who need it to feed the insatiable greed of the wealthy.

While proponents of the federal reconciliation package tout the tax cuts it provides to families as significant, the numbers belie their claims. In Oregon, the average family in the poorest 20 percent of households will see about a \$70 tax benefit from the Republican budget bill for the entire year: far too little to feed a family for a month. And that is before taking into account the impacts from reduced SNAP benefits or higher grocery prices resulting from the Trump administration’s tariff policies.

Meanwhile, the average member of the top 1% — the richest one out of every 100 Oregonians — will see nearly \$43,000 in tax benefits, more than what many families in Oregon make in a year.

No doubt, the destructive bill passed by Congress reinforces the need for leadership at the state level.

First and foremost is ensuring Oregon has the revenue needed to preserve federal food assistance. The Republican budget makes significant cuts to SNAP, including shifting part of the cost of providing food assistance onto states beginning in 2028. The Governor’s office estimates the SNAP cuts in the budget bill could require Oregon to find nearly \$3 billion over the next several budget periods in order to continue supporting those struggling to get by. Oregon lawmakers must begin the work now to ensure the state has the revenue needed to pay that bill.

Still, keeping our SNAP program afloat will not fix the fact that so many of our neighbors were already struggling to keep food on the table. Lawmakers must work to eliminate hunger altogether.

That means advancing a broad worker power agenda that ensures all Oregonians have a say in the workplace, and that they can support their families with a good-paying job. It means creating a new safety net that functions as an income floor, ensuring everyone can meet their basic needs, paid for by taxing the rich and big corporations.

There is much to do, and no time to waste.

Tyler Mac Innis is a policy analyst at the Oregon Center for Public Policy.

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— Morgan Freeman

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Did you participate in Cottage Grove’s World Gold Panning Record event?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Previous Poll Results

How often do you take a walk around your neighborhood?

☐ 60% Daily
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☐ 20% Not often

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- Be cautious of distractions: In some cases, scammers use tactics like stationing someone outside a store to divert attention.

WHAT EBT CARDHOLDERS SHOULD DO

- Only use the official ebtEDGE website and mobile app to view and manage your EBT card. ODHS cannot guarantee the safety of

any other EBT management apps or websites.

- Change your PIN regularly. This can help protect your account if someone does gain access to your card number. Here are the ways you can change your PIN number:
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- Check your account regularly for any unusual charges. If you see a charge you didn’t make, report it immediately, cancel your card and request a replacement. Here are the ways you can get a new card:

Call the EBT Replacement Line at 1-855-328-6715;

Go to an ODHS benefits office.

Freeze your card between uses: When you’re not using your EBT card, freeze it as an extra layer of protection. Simply unfreeze it when you’re ready to make a purchase. To do this, visit the ebtEDGE website or use the mobile app and look for “Freeze Card” under “Account Services.”

ODHS can replace Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits that are stolen. TANF families who believe benefits have been stolen from their EBT card should contact ODHS to request replacement benefits within 30 days

of the benefits being stolen. Information on card safety and how to request replacement TANF benefits can be found online here: <https://www.oregon.gov/odhs/benefits/Pages/protect.aspx>

Unfortunately, the federal funding to replace benefits ran out on Dec. 21, 2024, and ODHS is no longer authorized to replace stolen Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Anyone who suspects they have been a victim of EBT skimming should also file a complaint with the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Division at www.oregonconsumer.gov or 1-877-877-9392.



Metro Creative Connection

Law enforcement has identified a traveling group targeting Oregon retailers, especially discount stores and small markets, by installing skimmers that capture card and PIN information, according to the release from the Oregon Attorney general's office.

VIGIL

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Jeff Roeder served as master of ceremonies for the local vigil on Sunday evening, Sept. 14. He said the purpose of the event was to remember and honor Kirk and be part of the healing of the nation.

“We’re here to lift up the name of Jesus Christ and glorify Him,” Roeder said. “We hope people will remember the positive impact Charlie’s faith and courage had on so many — especially youth.”

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Entire families attended. Robin Sullivan was joined by her daughter, Heather Work, and grandchildren Alena and Ason Sullivan. The children designed a homemade red, white and blue sign that read, “We are Charlie Kirk! God Bless America!”

Heather Work, with tears in her eyes, said Kirk’s message resonated deeply with her family.

“Charlie meant a lot to our family, especially our kids. This country and the freedom

of speech and Second Amendment rights mean a lot to us.”

Stacey Waldfogel was among the many signers of a poster featuring Kirk in an Oregon Ducks cap and T-shirt alongside his wife, Erica, and an AI-generated image of Kirk draped in an American flag and holding a Bible. Between the two photos was a wooden cross that read “RIP Charlie 1993–2025.”

“This gathering means we are not alone and there is a strong sense of solidarity here,” Waldfogel said.

COUNCILOR CITES CONSTITUTIONAL THEMES

City Councilor Randell Lammerman was among the attendees.

“It is a fantastic turnout,” Lammerman said. “It’s important for a small community like ours to gather in solidarity—not just for the religious views Charlie preached, but to show peaceful support for a cause.”

Lammerman described Kirk as a leading proponent of constitutional rights and said he believes Kirk was

killed for expressing his beliefs.

“I hope what he shared will inspire the younger generation to understand their rights and know it’s not wrong to express their opinion or celebrate God,” he said. “This ability was granted by America’s founding fathers and by Christ. With vigils happening nationwide, even here in our small town, people can see you can’t silence someone’s thoughts and opinions.”

During the vigil, a man approached the gathering yelling loudly. A group of attendees surrounded him and prevented him from advancing toward the group. One organizer described the moment as a peaceful way to respond to someone who was determined to be disruptive.

REFLECTIONS ON KIRK’S LEGACY

Local resident Ona Secord organized the event. Said she hoped at least 20 people would attend and was surprised by the turnout, which she attributed to social media posts and widespread support for Kirk’s values. She also noted that the vigil paid respect to recent school

shooting victims and Iryna Zarutska, a 23-year-old Ukrainian refugee living in Charlotte, N.C., who was fatally stabbed last month in a light rail attack.

“I knew when I heard of Charlie’s passing, it was going to be gut-wrenching for many across America,” Secord said. “Charlie spoke with confidence, wisdom and from his heart. His values match most of our own. He was a special man, and many of us cried real tears when we learned of his death.”

“I felt a strong connection to him because he helped shape my beliefs and influenced things I’m passionate about. I want his family to know we’re going to uphold his mission.”

“When someone like Charlie leaves this world, we don’t just lose a person—we lose a voice for what so many of us hold dear,” she added. “I wanted our community to have a place to come together, to grieve, to reflect, and to remind each



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

Stacey Waldfogel writes her personal thoughts on the tribute poster to Kirk. See more photos with this story at cgsentinel.com.

other that his work and values won’t end with him.”

“This vigil was about honoring his life, standing united for what he stood for, and promising to carry the torch forward. We need community sometimes—and right now is one of those times.”



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE In the Matter of the Estate of: James R. Carder, Sr., Deceased. Case No. 25PB07075 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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that James Carder, Jr. has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 711 Country Club Road, Suite 200, Eugene, Oregon 97401, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Personal Representative, the Court, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, K.C. Huffman. Dated and first published: September 24, 2025. PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: James Carder, Jr. 4646 Harriet Street Eugene, OR 97402 458-210-9274 ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: K.C. Huffman, OSB No. 002854 Bromley Newton Huffman 711 Country Club Road, Suite 200 Eugene, Oregon 97401 541-343-4700 541-343-4713 Fax kc@bromleynewton.com

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Green Gables Mini Storage will be conducting an online lien auction for the following storage units due to non payment. Auction will be posted at Bid13.com and will begin at 11:00am on 10/1/25 and end at 12:00pm 10/9/25. All units must be cleaned out by 12:00pm 10/13/25. Minimum charge for all units will be \$50.00. The following list of units will be sold to highest bidder and are all subject to current tenant paying past due amounts in full prior to end of sale on auction end date. Name Unit # Unit Size Amanda Patrick B52A 5 x 5 Mark Robinson B69 10 x 10 Jennifer Gawith B77 10 x 10 David Maury C66 5 x 10 Karissa Roman C76 10 x 10 Wendi Hilgendorf C109A 5 x 10 Andrew Cook D11 10 x 15 Gary McInain D29 10 x 30 Gary Quimby Green Gables Mini Storage. 541-942-0291-Office 541-653-2850-Cell greengablesministorage@gmail.com

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South Korean researchers gain forest recovery, restoration insight from Oregon wildfires

STAFF REPORT

What Oregon foresters have learned from wildfires and wildfire recovery can now be used by a delegation of South Korean researchers and graduate students at Oregon State University. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) experts have shared their management insights, challenges and lessons learned from the recovery efforts in the Santiam State Forest after the 2020 wildfires with the team of South Korean researchers and the graduate students. “Oregon is known all over the world as one of the best, if not the best, in forest management both in the private and public sectors,” Oregon State University Advanced Forestry Systems, Forest Engineering, Resources and Management Assistant

Professoor Dr. Heesung Woo said. “These researchers will be key to developing better forest management policy in South Korea and for them to see in person the forest and impact of large fires on the forest, then get to discuss how to recover from large fires with the ODF staff is invaluable.” The day-long field tour in the Santiam included stops and discussions at burned areas, completed salvage logging areas, and places that had been replanted with trees. “One big takeaway I’ve learned from this visit is the importance of good access to forests through a basic road system,” South Korean National Institute of Forest Sciences Representative Dr. Sanghoon Chung saoid. “In Oregon, I was struck by how forest roads played a vital



Courtesy from the ODF

South Korean forest researchers spent the day with ODF experts in the Santiam State Forest learning how the department does a wide array of after fire actions to help the forest recover. They discussed everything from immediate evaluation after a fire to rebuilding of roads and recreation infrastructure to aerial seeding to long term management objectives and more.

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role not only in enabling the deployment of ground-based equipment for building firebreaks and controlling wildfires, but also in supporting post-fire recovery by transporting seedlings and facilitating salvage logging. It was a powerful example for us to learn from.” While the historical and social context of Korea’s forests differs from that of Oregon, the commitment to post-wildfire restoration remains equally strong. Forest recovery and restoration are entangled with complex social, policy, and economic interests. “Conflicts among stakeholders are inevitable during the forest restoration process, and relying on one-sided claims rarely leads to reasonable outcomes. What is

essential, however, is our collective commitment to ensuring that forests can once again deliver their full range of vital functions,” Chung said. The group plans to apply the lessons and information ODF provided to shape their forests. “These researchers and the students in this group who choose to go back will be key in developing forest policy now and in the future,” Woo said. “ODF has given us great insights and many things to consider.” Even with all the challenges, Dr. Woo is optimistic about the future forests of South Korea. “Many people here don’t realize how small South Korea is,” Woo said. “It’s only about 40 percent the size

of Oregon, yet nearly 64 percent of the country is covered by forests. So, with the small size, we have a better chance of making changes quicker to promote healthy forests. We also see how Oregon has a cooperative social license with many groups to work together to improve forests, and we hope to gain interest from our people to value and care about the forest in the same way.” Although there is no formal agreement between South Korea and Oregon on sharing forest research and management, the relationship has been strong for years “One of the first tours I ever gave working for ODF was to a South Korean delegation in 2015,” ODF’s Santiam Unit Forester Kyle Kaupp said “It’s been

amazing now to share more than 10 years of great work and lessons learned the hard way in the same forest with this group. They understand the challenges of forest management, and hopefully, we gave them some perspective and practical lessons on how to do that better back home.” The tour occurred Friday, Sept. 5. For more about the Santiam recovery efforts, visit: Oregon Department of Forestry : Restoring the Santiam State Forest : Recreation, education & interpretation : State of Oregon For more about the South Korean Forest Service, visit: Korea Forest Service - Forest In Korea > Korean Forests at a Glance

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