

A CLOSER LOOK

Lying on the ground leads to arrest

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

-Saturday, July 25, brought Rock, Roll 'n' Rumble back to Cottage Grove with a Car Show at Coiner Park, a Car Cruise along River Road, and a Street Dance. We hope everyone had a great time enjoying the festivities!

- Officers continued to focus on traffic safety throughout the week with increased enforcement of speeding violations and drivers failing to obey traffic control devices. These proactive efforts are aimed at keeping our roads safe for everyone.

- Officers responded to the Great Western Pub after receiving a report of a male causing a disturbance inside the business and threatening to shoot someone.

Officers arrived at the business and contacted a male at the end of the bar. Although the subject was not armed and did not possess a firearm, he had engaged in a verbal altercation and made threats of harm toward another patron.

Officers learned the male had been permanently trespassing from the business just days earlier but had returned despite the order. He was arrested and transported to the Lane County Jail on charges of Menacing (ORS

163.190), Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree (ORS 166.025), and Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree (ORS 164.245).

- A call was received that a suspicious subject was lying on the ground of the parking lot of the Community Center.

Upon arrival, officers saw the involved subject to be upright and clearing out the area where he was sleeping. The subject identified himself and while he was being explained where to sleep within the City of Cottage Grove, dispatch advised that the male subject had a warrant for his arrest out of Eugene Municipal Court.

He was detained without issue and transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged.

- Two individuals were contacted after officers saw them trespassing on the railroad tracks. Both subjects were advised of the rules surrounding the railroad tracks and dispatch performed a records search on both.

The male subject was found to have an active warrant for his arrest out of Linn County Circuit Court for Failure to Appear on Elude, Reckless Driving, and Violation of Speed 100+. When the male subject was detained, he had admitted to having a pipe and

methamphetamine on his person. The drugs and drug paraphernalia were seized for destruction. The male was transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on his warrant with additional charges of Possession of Methamphetamine (ORS 475.894).

- Cottage Grove Dispatch received a call from the son of an alleged victim in a Lincoln County investigation. The caller reported that his now-deceased mother had been victimized by a man in Newport over several years and wanted to ensure the suspect was brought to justice.

After recently seeing the suspect posting in the "What's Going on in Cottage Grove" Facebook group, he believed the man was living in or around Cottage Grove.

Officers identified the suspect and discovered he had a nationwide felony warrant stemming from an indictment through the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for multiple counts of Sodomy, Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, and Unlawful Sexual Penetration.

Officers developed several possible addresses associated with the suspect, including one just outside Cottage Grove city limits. Since the residence was outside the city's jurisdiction, the

information was forwarded to the Lane County Sheriff's Office.

A Creswell deputy responded to the location and requested assistance from Cottage Grove officers. The suspect was located without incident, taken into custody on the outstanding felony warrant, and lodged pending extradition back to Lincoln County.

- Officers conducted follow-up on the ongoing theft and fraudulent use of a credit card investigation.

During the investigation, the suspect was identified and came to the police station to turn himself in. The subject admitted he located the victim's wallet after it was left at Taco Bell, removed two debit cards, and knowingly used them to make unauthorized purchases at multiple businesses.

Based on the victim's statement, witness statements, surveillance footage, business records, and the suspects admissions, probable cause was established to charge the subject with Identify Theft (ORS 165.800), eight counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card (ORS 165.055)



WEEKLY UPDATE
07/20/26 - 07/26/26



**ACCIDENTS**

**ARRESTS**

**DISTURBANCE**

**HIT & RUN**

3

14

8

3

**TOTAL CALLS**

361

**THEFT**

**TRESPASS**

**VEHICLE STOPS**

**WELFARE CHECKS**

7

4

68

17

and Theft in the Second Degree (ORS 164.045). He was transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged.

- Officers responded with lights and sirens to the entrance of Safeway for a vehicle versus bicyclist crash. The investigation determined the driver was not impaired and the collision appears to be a result of sun glare and unable to see the bicyclist.

The driver was issued a citation for Failure to Yield to a Bicyclist on a Sidewalk (ORS 811.055).

CGPD Officers responded to assist on a serious

two-vehicle head-on crash along Highway 99 North near Abbott Lane.

One vehicle rolled multiple times, ejecting the driver through the windshield before coming to rest upside down in a ditch, while the second vehicle was forced off the roadway onto the shoulder.

Both vehicles sustained extensive damage; however, despite the severity of the collision, both drivers suffered only minor injuries. Oregon State Police and ODOT arrived and took over control of the 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, JULY 20

- 00:16: Juvenile trouble, 6th/Adams
- 00:41: Welfare check, 100 block S. 5th St.
- 05:27: Warrant service, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 08:31: Drug activity, 900 block S. 6th St.
- 08:34: Abandoned vehicle, 1000 block Hillside Dr.
- 08:39: Fraud, 3000 block Row River Rd.
- 11:56: Criminal mischief, 1200 block Hwy 99
- 13:14: Suspicious vehicle, 3000 block Row River Rd.
- 16:54: Harassment, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 17:07: Overdose, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.
- 19:00: Suicidal subject, 1500 block E. Tyler Ave.
- 19:49: Disorderly subject, 400 block E. Main St.
- 20:13: Theft, 800 block Row River Rd.
- 20:31: Disturbance, 200 block N. 12th St.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- 01:56: Suspicious subject, 300 block Coop Ct.
- 03:03: Suspicious subject, 3000 block Row River Rd.
- 10:23: Theft, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 11:10: Theft, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 12:25: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 13:53: Illegal dumping, 1500 block Hwy 99
- 14:37: Animal info, 800 block Row River Rd.
- 20:26: Theft, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 22:36: Barking dog, 1200 block Bryant Ave.
- 22:45: Disturbance, 600 block Benjamin Ave.
- 23:24: Mental subject, 300 block Hwy 99

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- 07:36: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 09:07: Animal info, 1200 block Bryant Ave.
- 11:03: Assault, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 11:31: Suspicious subject, 1100 block E. Main St.
- 13:02: Suspicious subject, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 13:18: Menacing, 800 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
- 15:01: Trespass, 700 block Row River Rd.
- 15:29: Harassment, 2100 block S. 8th St.
- 16:04: Fraud, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 16:25: Mental subject, 8000 block Hwy 99
- 17:21: Disturbance, 77000 block Hwy 99
- 23:10: Illegal camping, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 23:14: Vicious dog, 300 block S. 1st St.



- 23:17: Warrant service, 1000 block E. Main St.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

- 07:41: Criminal mischief, 400 block North O St.
- 08:54: Welfare check, 800 block N. 16th St.
- 09:51: Alarm, 1400 block Cottonwood Pl.
- 10:34: Agency assist, 600 block Row River Rd.
- 11:17: Suspicious subject, 1100 block Hwy 99
- 12:08: Disturbance, 32000 Rachel Rd.
- 12:10: Agency assist, 33000 block Row River Rd.
- 14:34: Juvenile trouble, 400 block E. Main St.
- 19:05: Wanted subject, 100 block 5th St.

- 19:43: Suspicious vehicle, 700 block Hwy 99
- 20:57: Warrant service, 900 block E. Main St.
- 23:22: Assault, 2400 block Bennett Crk Rd.

FRIDAY, JULY 24

- 00:44: Suspicious condition, 300 block S. River Rd.
- 00:53: Suspicious condition, 900 block Arthur Ave.
- 07:39: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 13:39: Disturbance, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 14:10: Hit and run, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 14:33: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block S. 6th St.
- 16:32: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.

- 17:08: Found property, 1100 block Hwy 99
- 17:16: Juvenile trouble, 1000 block S. 2nd St.
- 20:51: Motor vehicle crash, 35000 block Shoreview Dr.
- 22:34: Juvenile trouble, 800 block N. 11th St.
- 22:54: Found property, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.

SATURDAY, JULY 25

- 00:17: Barking dog, 300 block N. Lane St.
- 00:35: Suspicious condition, 100 block E. Van Buren Ave.
- 00:57: Juvenile trouble, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 01:43: Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block Hwy 99
- 02:15: Disturbance, 100 block E. Van Buren Ave.
- 02:45: Suspicious condition, 100 block N. 14th St.
- 02:56: Suspicious vehicle, 200 block Davidson Ave.
- 08:50: Harassment, 1000 block S. 4th St.
- 09:22: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block N. 16th St.
- 10:10: Fire, 1100 block S. 4th St.
- 11:42: Found property, 1600 block W. Main St.
- 11:58: Agency assist, Hwy 99/Emerson
- 13:04: Hit and run, 300 block Hwy 99
- 15:06: Disturbance, 100 block Taylor Pl.
- 15:49: Animal info, 1100 block Hwy 99
- 15:51: Juvenile trouble, 1000 block S. 2nd St.
- 19:27: Warrant service, Connector
- 20:37: Alarm, 1400 block Gateway Blvd.

- 21:00: Suspicious condition, 400 block E. Main St.
- 22:39: Shots fired, 200 block N. 9th St.
- 23:35: Harassment, 1300 block E. Main St.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- 00:08: Suspicious vehicle, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 00:11: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 01:33: Suspicious vehicle, 500 block Hwy 99
- 04:38: Alarm, 100 block Village Dr.
- 08:16: Trespass, 600 block E. Jefferson Ave.
- 10:47: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 10:59: Motor vehicle crash, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 11:33: Harassment, 400 block Kalapuya Ct.
- 12:08: Motor vehicle crash, 79000 block Hwy 99
- 13:28: Nuisance, Main/6th
- 14:35: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 15:34: Vehicle vs Pedestrian, Safeway
- 16:37: Theft, 200 block Row River Rd.
- 18:41: Warrant service, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 19:29: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block S. River Rd.
- 19:37: Suspicious vehicle, 700 block South R St.
- 20:10: Hit and run, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 20:33: Disturbance, 900 block Arthur Ave.
- 21:00: Burglary, 500 block S. River Rd.
- 23:11: Suspicious vehicle, 600 block N. 9th St.



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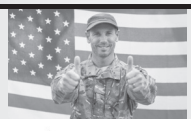
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST 5

- 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.
- Chamber Concerts in the Park: The Luke Cole Band(country).
- Bohemia Park Amphitheater. Vendors 5:30–8 p.m. Concert 6:30–8 p.m.
- Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6–7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- Axe and Fiddle Game Night. 6:30–9:30 p.m. Free 657 E. Main St.
- Concerts in the Park After Party 8–9 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Market.
- Elks Lodge Bingo. Early Bird 6:30 p.m. Regular Games 7 p.m. Elks Lodge.

AUGUST 6

- 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.
- Community Center Table Tennis. 4–6 p.m. Community Center



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Rainbow over the Grove.

- Bread Club. 5–7 p.m. CG Public Market.
- Celebrate Recovery. 5:15 p.m. Calvary Chapel. 1447 Hwy 99N.
- Stone Hart (rock). 6–8 p.m. CG Public Market.
- Melody Guy (Americana) 8:30–10:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

AUGUST 7

- Storytime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.

- CG Library Free Family Movie. 3–5 p.m. “Wall-E”
- American Legion Bingo. 5–7 p.m. American Legion Post 32. 826 W. Main St.
- Elks Lodge Chicken Fried Steak Dinner. \$12. 5:30–7 p.m. 775 N. River Rd. \$12
- Saginaw Vineyard Friday Night Live. 6–9

p.m. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd.

- Cottage Grove Speedway Kart Night. 6 p.m. 1250 Douglas Ave.
- Jackson’s Pub Karaoke Night with Jesse Hart. 6:30 p.m. CG Public Market. 912 E. Main St.
- Someday The Robots. 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m.

Bohemian Tavern. \$5 entry. BCA rules.

- Melissa Ruth and The Likely Stories (country-blues). 8:30–10:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. Cover \$8

AUGUST 8

- Share Fair, 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St.
- South Valley Farmers Market. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 7th and Main Street.
- Cottage Grove Museum. 1–4 p.m. Birch Avenue and H Street.
- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 4–10 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Cottage Grove Speedway Wallbanger Cup. 6 p.m.
- Long Distance Bluegrass Band. 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- AlAnon “Courage to Change.” 7 p.m. Sinclair Room. City Hall.
- Haley Johnson (alt pop). 8:30–10:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. Cover \$10

AUGUST 9

- The Regulars (Americana). 1–3 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- Cottage Grove Museum. 1–4 p.m. Birch Avenue and H Street.

- VFW Bingo. 2–4 p.m. VFW Post 3473. 3160 Hillside Dr.
- South Valley Athletics Bingo Fundraiser. 3:30–5:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- Johnny Sidney Davis (country-rock). 6–8 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

AUGUST 10

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

AUG 11

- UkUSTulele Club. (for adults) 9 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bilingual Story Time. 5 p.m. CG Public Library.
- History Pub. 5–7 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. Topic: Buster Keaton’s The General 100th Anniversary.
- Trinity Lutheran Free Take Out Dinner. 5:15–6:15 p.m. 675 S. 7th St.
- Trivia & Games with Gerald and Cribbage with Ted. 6–8 p.m. Coast Fork Bowling.

Rock ‘N’ Roll Rumble



Photo courtesy from Bradly Shepherd Photography

Drivers in vintage automobiles conducted the annual the KNND Rock ‘N’ Roll Rumble down main Street the evening of July 25.

Crusin’ Down Main Street

JEREMY C. RUARK
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The KNND Rock ‘N’ Roll Rumble featured cruisers in 105 vintage automobiles lined up at Cottage Grove High School starting at 5:30 Saturday, July 25, with the annual cruise taking off at 6 p.m. from the high school, down River Road, and then going through the historic district on Main Street.

A red 1972 Ford 4x4 Sport Custom, owned by Jennifer Watter of Cottage Grove, captured first-place in the Show-n-Shine’s People’s

Choice Award. The full list of the award winners was unavailable at press time.

“The rock roll and rumble is one of the favorite events each year for us at the radio station,” KNND Station Manager Cameron Reiten said. “I was very pleased with how 2026 ended up. We had excellent weather, a car count that was slightly higher than last year, and it was just wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves from the show at the park, through the cruise, and finally wrapping up with the street dance.”

Western Oregon Expo Heritage Fair countdown

STAFF REPORT

Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Western Oregon Expo will open its annual Heritage Fair on Aug. 21, at 2000 N. Douglas Avenue next to Cottage Grove Speedway.

Organizers are encouraging residents to submit items for judging in Building One. Exhibit entry days are Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 12 to 8 p.m., and Thursday, Aug. 20, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Categories include flowers, vegetables, canned goods, photography, art, hobbies, baked goods and textiles. Ribbons will be awarded in all divisions, and cash prizes are available for youth entries up to age 17. Entry rules and category details are listed in the exhibit book at westernoregonexpo.com.

Fair volunteers say the exhibit program remains one of the most important parts of

the Heritage Fair. It provides a place for residents to share their work, highlight local skills and contribute to a long standing community tradition.

Fair hours are Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees are invited to bring nonperishable food items for Community Sharing.



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OBITUARIES

Dale Allen Schmid

June 13, 1942 - July 1, 2026

On July 1, 2026, Dale Allen Schmid went home to be with Jesus, three days after suffering a hemorrhagic stroke. He was 84 years old.

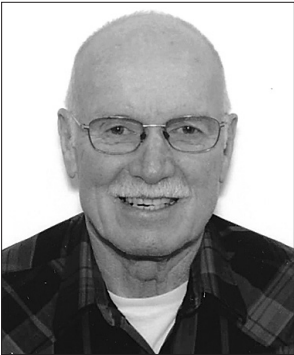
Dale was born on June 13, 1942, in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, to Lester and Lillian (Schulz) Schmid and joined his siblings, Vivian, Geradine and Douglas. His sister Dawn was born shortly before the family moved from their dairy farm to the Los Angeles area when he was 8 years old.

He graduated from Paramount High School in 1960 and continued his education by taking classes at a local junior college.

Dale married Delaine Totten, and together they raised their children, Debbie, Deanna, and David, in the Los Angeles area before relocating to Cottage Grove, Oregon, around 1970.

In 1971, Dale joined the Cottage Grove/South Lane Rural Fire Department, where he faithfully served his community as a firefighter and EMT for 26 years. His calm nature, dedication, and willingness to help others made him well suited for a career devoted to service.

In 1976, Dale married Sandy Dozier and happily embraced the role of father to her children, Michelle, Sherry, and Bill. Years later, while working as an EMT, Dale met Mary Lu Howard after responding to a car accident and transporting her to the hospital. What began as an unexpected meeting grew into a lasting love, and they were married



in 1996. Dale also welcomed Mary Lu's daughters, Michele and Kerry, into the family.

Following his retirement from the fire department, Dale operated a lawn care business until 2025. He enjoyed reading, watching golf on television, camping, and hiking, especially in Glacier National Park. A gifted builder and craftsman, Dale generously shared his talents with his church, designing and building a large cross, communion tables, bookshelves, and a rustic stable used in the church's Christmas Nativity display.

Dale was a quiet, patient, and dependable man. He was quick to listen, slow to speak, and known for having a touch of mischief and a gentle sense of humor. He was a devoted husband, a proud father, and a fun loving grandfather whose steady presence and kind heart will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lu; his sisters, Geraldine and Dawn; his children and stepchildren and their spouses; many grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating Dale's life will be held on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Countryside Christian Fellowship, 32534 West Van Duyn Street, Coburg, Oregon.

In honor of Dale's cheerful spirit, family and friends are encouraged to wear bright colors or Hawaiian shirts.

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

Susan Marie Williams

May 10, 1962– June 26, 2026

Susan Marie Williams, 64, passed away on June 26, 2026, in Springfield, Oregon. She was born on May 10, 1962, in Everett, Washington, to Mary Jean (Orne) and Donald P. Williams and was diagnosed at birth with Down syndrome.

Her mother refused early recommendations to place her in an institution, choosing instead to raise her at home. Susan grew up in Everett, where she attended public schools thru fourth grade where she was "main streamed". This allowed her to integrate and spend time with all children in her community.

In her youth, she attended Camp Patterson on Silver Lake in Snohomish County, Washington, a camp for people of special needs. During her time there she formed a lifelong bond with her counselor, Sue Larson.

After the family moved to Cottage Grove, Oregon, in 1976, Susan participated in programs through the Pearl Buck Center and later lived in supportive foster homes with caregivers Pat Rogers, Minx Ravenwood, and, for the final twelve years of her life, Hou Tang. She was happy with all of her care providers.

Susan enjoyed simple pleasures: face painting, ceramics, library visits, movies, balloons, candy bars, hot dogs, hamburgers and Laurel and Hardy movies. She had a special connection with animals, especially



her dogs Keno and Chipper, who instinctively protected her throughout her childhood.

Susan's outgoing personality helped neighborhood children, who came over to visit her older brother, Matthew, learn acceptance, understanding and compassion of those different from themselves.

Family and friends describe Susan as a bridge between eras — from a time when developmentally disabled individuals were hidden away to today's culture of inclusion and understanding.

Through her warmth, enthusiasm, and genuine joy, Susan touched the lives of countless family members, caregivers, friends, and community members. She will be missed.

Susan is survived by her father, Donald Williams of Cottage Grove, and numerous cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother Jean (2007) and her brother, Matthew (2008).

A Memorial Service and reception will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 2:00PM at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Cottage Grove, OR. Private inurnment will be held at a future date, Evergreen Cemetery, Everett, Washington next to family.

Donations in Susan's memory may be made to Cottage Grove Special Olympics or Creative Chaos.

DEATH NOTICES

Allen R. Kardel, 40, of Eugene Oregon, passed away on July 20th, 2026. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

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Michael O'Sullivan, 66, of Eugene Oregon passed away on July 26th, 2026.

Clinton Webber Jr., 70, of Eugene, Oregon, passed away on July 30th, 2026. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

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Judith Karen Rickard

December 20, 1940 - July 18, 2026

Judith Karen Rickard, known lovingly as Judy, passed away on July 18, 2026, in Cottage Grove, Oregon, at the age of 85.

Judy was born on December 20, 1940, in Ontario, Oregon, to Donald and Norine (Holler) Manzer. She attended Cottage Grove High School and after high school Judy married Patrick "Pat" Rickard on September 4, 1959, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Their marriage was a lasting partnership filled with love, companionship, and shared purpose. They were together for 70 years and married for 66, a testament to the bond they built over a lifetime. Together, they raised their children and created a home centered on family, loyalty, and mutual support. What made Judy the happiest was raising her children alongside Pat, and that joy remained at the heart of her life.

Judy worked as an administrator in multiple offices throughout her career. She served in a hospital emergency room and worked for a specialist doctor's office and worked as an assistant contractor for a major builder. In every role, she was known for being dependable, capable, and thoughtful.

Judy and Pat's life together took them to many places, as Pat's job required frequent moves. Among the many places they lived, one of her favorite memories was spending



a year in Sweden. She embraced each chapter of life with grace and curiosity, and she found joy in the experiences that came with new surroundings and new friendships. She was a member of the Cottage Grove Golf Club, where she enjoyed playing golf with her friends and sharing time with others in the community.

At home, Judy took great pleasure in tending to her flower and vegetable gardens. She found comfort and satisfaction in caring for the things she nurtured, and her home was a reflection of her warmth and attention to detail. She also adored her 17-year-old cat, Annie, and the two were rarely apart. Those who knew Judy will remember her as a friendly, kind, and wise woman whose presence brought comfort to those around her.

Judy is survived by her husband, Pat; her sons, Mike and Bruce; and her daughter, Trish, along with her husband, Kent Miller. She was preceded in death by her brother, Don Manzer. Her family will remember her for her devotion, her gentle nature, and the enduring love she gave so freely throughout her life.

There are no services at this time. Arrangements are in the care of Smit-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

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COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT

Cottage Grove student makes Dean’s List

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Allison Palluck of Cottage Grove has been named to the Spring 2026 Dean’s List at Manchester University.

Palluck is studying psychology and is among nearly 330 students named to the Dean’s List.

Undergraduate students earning a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher who have completed at least 12 semester hours with no

more than three hours of Pass/Not Pass grades are included on the Dean’s List. Students with more than one hour of Incomplete (I) or Not Recorded (NR) grades at the end of the semester are not eligible for the Dean’s List.

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CORRECTION

The headline on the front page in the July 29 editions of The Sentinel read Grand Miners Parade back after over quarter of a century absence.

The headline should have read Grand Miners Parade returns downtown after a quarter of a century absence. The Sentinel is happy to set the record straight.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



COMMENTARY

‘E pluribus unum’ is not a slogan. It’s a choice.

**TIM STOREY
SUE URAHN**
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Like two sides of a coin imprinted with the nation’s motto, “e pluribus unum” — out of many, one — America’s political factions are cast in opposition, but they are intrinsically bound together as parts of a larger whole.

From the beginning, the United States has aspired to build a more perfect union. When our founders convened the Constitutional Convention in 1787, they disagreed about the structure of government, the balance of power and the protection of individual versus collective rights. But when they debated — and they often did, with great conviction and intensity — they honed their arguments on what they thought was best for the entire country, guided by the shared vision of a new nation established on the ideals of individual freedom, equality and opportunity.

Today, that shared commitment to America’s founding creed is under strain.

Most Americans feel exhausted by politics, and a growing number are unhappy with the way the political system is working. Worse, this unhappiness is showing up in unhealthy ways, with low trust in government and each other — a sense that the other side is the problem.

We are painfully aware that partisanship and distrust have grown. We see this too often, when people are reduced to disparaging labels, states are cast as simply red or blue, and the hostility in our politics produces no progress, leaving us all no better off, or worse than before.

Our political parties appear deadlocked in a struggle for power, forgetting that they are inseparable sides of the nation’s democratic system, which depends not on who wins but on a shared commitment to the common good.

Central to that commitment is a willingness to listen to opposing views, not simply to respond but to understand.

Disagreeing is one thing — it is rooted in our pluralist republic. But when we cannot find ways to work together, it becomes impossible to solve our problems. The founders understood this. They argued passionately, but they shared a deeper allegiance to the nation’s success and its posterity, and they were partners in creating and safeguarding a system that we all continue to rely on.

Whether we choose to engage in political warfare or civil debate is up to each of us. That’s as true in statehouses and city councils as it is at the family dinner table, in the community center, on the debate stage, or standing on opposite sides of a free speech zone. In each of these venues, we can choose to practice democracy by engaging in debate that is spirited, healthy and rooted in strong arguments rather than name calling — or worse, heeding the impulse to withdraw from political engagement altogether.

There are glimmers of hope.

Here in Chicago, as part of the nation’s largest public policy gathering of state legislators and staff from all 50 states and U.S. territories, our organizations, the National Conference of State Legislatures and The Pew Charitable Trusts, are working together to build connections across the political spectrum and share policy ideas and best practices that strengthen legislatures and serve communities nationwide. This follows a series of events held around the country, including a February “America at 250 Forum,” to bring people with opposing views together to discuss issues that matter to everyone. All of the events demonstrate a serious commitment to strengthening our democratic muscles at

this historic moment for the country.

Legislators from different parties sitting together to discuss not only their politics but also their human connection and shared belief in the country demonstrates that, despite the spotlight on our divisions, the time is ripe to unite for a common cause. We need to see more unity from our leaders — and be willing to try it ourselves.

Today, Americans must recognize that our political differences are not inevitably divisive, because our futures are fundamentally connected. Politics are difficult, yes, but they do not need to be ugly. Finding common ground is welcome, but at a minimum, Americans need to find the space to connect with one another and the courage to engage in healthy and substantive discussion. We can do that by building up state and local institutions where individuals get to know each other personally and by overcoming the silos and sides we’ve allowed to define us. A far better approach is to deal with people face-to-face and with respect, even when we profoundly disagree.

In a time when polarization and mistrust are treated as inevitable, we encourage all Americans to recommit to the principles and institutions that bind us together: a common belief in individual rights and equality, the rule of law, the legitimacy of representative democracy and our shared pursuit of national prosperity.

As America honors its 250th anniversary, it’s important to say, unequivocally and collectively, that we’re grateful to our country’s founders for starting this great experiment. We care about each other, and we want our fellow citizens to be successful. And we are proud to be part of

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Quote of the Week

“Mastering others is strength; mastering yourself is true power.”

Lao Tzu



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and individualized attention have helped her child thrive.

“I appreciate the communication and attention to individualization of each child,” she said. “Some children are more advanced and some are less advanced, and they appropriately move them around to make sure they are with their peers when they are learning.”

Taeler Rakas said her daughter, Emberly, has grown academically and spiritually in an environment where she is known and cared for.

“She comes home excited to tell us what she learned and how she is learning to love God and love others,” Rakas said. “We are incredibly thankful for Providence Christian Academy and feel truly blessed by its influence on our daughter and our family.”

STUDENTS SHARE
THEIR FAVORITE
MEMORIES

Students say their favorite parts of school are the friendships, the teachers and the special events that make learning fun.

Emberly, a first-grader-to-be, said she loves her teachers because they are kind and make her laugh. Her favorite memory was the Christmas concert.

“It made me feel like a rockstar,” she said. “I loved singing with my class and telling everyone about Jesus.”

Landon Bahler said his teachers teach him well and try their best. His favorite memory was spending time with Ms. Leslie. “She is my favorite teacher I ever had,” he said.

His twin brother Roman agreed. “She is my favorite, most awesome, coolest and funnest teacher ever,” he said.

Another student, Jackson Gates, said recess and close friendships were the best parts of the year. He also enjoyed the jog-a-thon because he got to run.

OPERATING ON FAITH
AND COMMUNITY
SUPPORT



Condry Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

PCA staff eagerly awaits for classes to resume on Sept. 9.

Providence Christian Academy has about 15 staff members and operates strictly on grants and tuition. The school is not state funded, which Sanders said requires careful budgeting and creativity.

“Even though things are tight, the Lord continues to make ends meet,” she said.

Tuition is \$595 a month for kindergarten through 12th grade and \$335 a

month for preschool and pre-kindergarten.

Sanders said parent involvement is welcomed but never required. The school is launching a Parent Teacher Organization this year to give families more opportunities to participate.

LOOKING AHEAD

With a staff of 15, Sanders said the enrollment for last year was 74 and they are expecting

80 students for the new school year. Sanders said the school hopes to grow while keeping its close knit atmosphere.

“We would love to grow our little school but never lose the feel of home,” she said. “When you walk through the facility, we hope you always feel loved, cherished and the Holy Spirit’s presence.”

She said the future will unfold according to God’s direction. “We’ll do whatever the Lord says to do,” Sanders said.

The Pre-K-12 school is located at 5962 Mosby Creek Road.

For more information call 458-326-0907 or sent an email to: jsanderscca@gmail.com

DEPUTY
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“I am very sad and disgusted by this conduct, but I am committed to the protection of our community and to holding all offenders accountable,” Lane County Sheriff Carl Wilkerson III said in a statement on Facebook.

Ford has been placed on unpaid administrative leave and we will continue to cooperate with investigators.”

As part of their investigation, state and federal investigators obtained a search warrant and searched Ford’s cell phone. Ford’s phone contained numerous conversations with self-described minors in which he enticed the children into sending him custom child sexual abuse material, including instructing specific sexual acts involving the use of household items.

Investigators also located a video depicting a distressed, crying minor carrying out various sexual acts. In some of the chats, Ford sent minors

a colleague’s social media profile photo in an apparent effort to shield his identity, the investigators stated.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office requested the assistance of the Linn County Sheriff’s Office immediately upon becoming aware of the possibility that Ford was engaging in this activity. The Linn County Sheriff’s Office then contacted the FBI to collaborate on the investigation.

Ford was arrested on July 28, 2026, by the FBI.

The case was investigated by the FBI in coordination

with the Linn County Sheriff’s Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Will McLaren.

Anyone who has information about the physical or online exploitation of children is encouraged to call the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

DEFINITION

Federal law defines child pornography as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor. It is important to remember child sexual abuse material

depicts actual crimes being committed against children. Not only do these images and videos document the victims’ exploitation and abuse, but when shared across the internet, re-victimize and re-traumatize the child victims each time their abuse is viewed. To learn more, please visit the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at www.missingkids.org.

This case was brought in collaboration with Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child

sexual exploitation and abuse, launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice.

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grassroots spirit. The Disston station site has been donated, permitted, and is ready for construction when funding becomes available. Land donations, grants, local contributions, and thousands of volunteer hours have moved both projects forward.

A major development arrived two weeks ago when the Row River Fire Response Project was advanced for federal Community Project Funding through the office of U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle for an

\$803,000 grant. The request now goes before the Senate Appropriations Committee and is championed by U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley. Partnership leaders say the Congressional delegations’ support is encouraging and reflects the valley’s demonstrated need.

Congress will work on appropriations from September through approximately March. If the bill becomes law, the administering agency will contact project sponsors with instructions, documentation requirements, and federal guidelines. Accessing funds can take considerable time, but volunteers say the recommendation represents meaningful progress for a project that would strengthen emergency response capacity in the valley.

INFORMATION AS A TOOL FOR RESILIENCE

The Row River Review and the partnership’s outreach efforts feed into one another.

Activities in the valley become stories in their local newspaper, and questions raised by residents help shape future projects. Volunteers track issues that need community wide attention and use the paper to share information as broadly as possible.

Laura Bee, Programs and Communications Manager and Editor of the Row River Review, says the paper has become a cornerstone of valley communication. “Before the Row River Review, people relied on word of mouth, and it was difficult to clarify details for everyone. Today, the Review operates as our central information hub. We are providing more than just a place for ideas or information; we are delivering the essential blueprint for community connection.”

She added, “It is incredibly rewarding to watch this valley transition from a patchwork communication system into an organized, informed, and enthusiastic network

where people actively share critical information and get to know their neighbors. Most importantly, it helps us unify our big efforts such as building fire stations and working on wildfire mitigation projects and safety plans, community wide.”

Kathleen Istudor, Executive Director of the Row River Valley Community Partnership, says the valley’s progress reflects the strength of its residents.

“Looking back, I think we underestimated our community,” she said. “We thought we were solving one problem. Instead, we discovered that when neighbors work together, they begin solving many. Every project introduced us to another family, another organization, another opportunity to help. Like many rural communities, we had experienced years of isolation. Some came from geography, some from the COVID years, and some simply from the way modern life has quietly pulled people apart.”

“Bringing emergency services back to the Row River Valley gave people a reason to gather again,” she added. “They met neighbors they had never known, shared meals, volunteered side-by-side, and began trusting one another again. In many ways, the greatest thing we rediscovered was not emergency services. It was one another.”

A STRONGER VALLEY THROUGH COMMUNITY ACTION

In a time when neighbors often do not know one another, even in densely populated areas, the Row River Valley Community Partnership is proving that rural communities can build strong networks through intentional connection.

Community meetings, the Row River Review newspaper, Neighborhood Teams, volunteer projects, trail work, and Think Tank Tuesdays all serve the same purpose. They bring people together.

What began as an effort to improve emergency readiness has grown into a movement that strengthens the valley itself. The partnership is helping shape a future where residents are informed, connected, and prepared, and where community is built one conversation at a time.

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Dyrol Burleson Trail a beacon of what can be possible

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A local legend was celebrated in July as representatives from Cottage Grove High School and the city hosted a ribbon-cutting for the Dyrol Burleson Trail.

A Cottage Grove High School and University of Oregon alum, Dyrol Burleson's time on the track took him from the roads and trails of Cottage Grove to becoming a two-time Olympian for Team USA.

To commemorate his athletic feats, a kiosk was unveiled at the trailhead, detailing his illustrious running career. Dyrol Burleson Trail is located just north of Cottage Grove High School on the riverside of River Road, a place he used to train.

The kiosk was developed by Cottage Grove City Councilor Dana Merryday, and graphic designer and historian Alice Christianson designed it. Master woodworker and builder Alan Schwake helped bring the idea to life. The Woodard Family Foundation funded the project, and the trail was created through a city proclamation by Mayor Candace Solesbee on August 25, 2025.

The project was motivated by another local legend, Bud Taylor, who remembers seeing Burleson train, and he wanted to create something that could show Cottage Grove athletes the levels they could aspire to.

"The purpose was, it was inspired by Coach Bud Taylor, who grew up here, and he was just a few grades behind Dyrol. He was inspired by seeing his work ethic. The Burleson family lived north of town, up on 99, and Dyrol would often run to school in the morning and run home in the

afternoon, in addition to all his other running about town training to be a mile runner," Merryday said. "Taylor maintained that the reason for it was to inspire local youth, because Dyrol had some great qualities."

Burleson came up under the wing of some amazing mentors, including Cottage Grove High School coaching legend Wally "Chick" Ciochetti, Sam Bell, and University of Oregon titan Bill Bowerman. His ability to work hard, take in advice, and grind for his goals made him stand out.

Burleson shone at every level, breaking the national High School mile record by 3 seconds in 1958, and his time in the 1500M is still a school record. He ran at the University of Oregon and never lost a race under Bowerman, and his diligence on the track saw him make it to the world stage.

His ability to set his sights on an objective and see it through was a piece of Burleson that led him to great achievements.

"Another aspect of his philosophy or his methodology was to set a goal and then work very hard to achieve it. He was in the College Grove High School Library and saw the newly minted Sports Illustrated magazine, and on the cover was Roger Bannister, who was an English runner and the first to break the four-minute mile. He saw him on the cover, and he made two goals: I want to run a mile, and I want to be on the cover of Sports Illustrated," Merryday said. "As a result of his work ethic, his grit, and his goal setting, he broke the National High School mile record in his senior year by three seconds, and he was, while he was at the University of Oregon, he was on the cover



Dana Merryday speaks at the ribbon cutting for the Dyrol Burleson Trail kiosk.

of Sports Illustrated the first time, and then in the '64 Olympics, he was on it the second time. So he achieved his goal, not once, but twice."

Burleson competed for Team USA at the 1960 Rome and 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games and has since been inducted into both the Cottage Grove High School Athletics Hall of Fame and the National Track and Field Hall of Fame. And it all started with him running the roads of Cottage Grove as a teenager.

The goal of the project for Bud Taylor and for Merryday is to show that no matter where you come from, you can achieve great things.

"One of the goals is to show that even if you're from a small town, you can achieve great things," Merryday said. "In Dyrol's time, it was a little local

timber town; nothing going on here other than mills, and it was probably around 5,000 or 6,000 people at that time, and who would have thought some world-class athlete would come out of that environment? So, show local youth, yeah, you might be part of a little town, but you can achieve great things if you set your mind to it, set a goal, and work hard. That was the real inspiration."

In attendance at the ribbon-cutting ceremony were members of the current Cottage Grove Track and Field and Cross Country programs. Burleson's kiosk is already an indicator of what they may someday be able to achieve.

As great a runner as Burleson was, Merryday said that his role in public parks and government ended up being something he was

just as proud of. When he finished his running career, Burleson worked for Linn County in the parks department. He served as the County Director of the Parks Department, and it was a meaningful pursuit.

"That's something that Dyrol himself is very proud of. He goes, 'As much as my running meant something, making parks seems to me like a better use of my life,'" Merryday said.

While he was director, the Brownsville Museum and several other parks came to be.

The ribbon cutting marked the end of a long process. The original idea revolved around a mural for Burleson, but all kinds of barriers kept that from being fully realized. Merryday credited the Mural Committee for sticking with him during the

process as it continued to evolve. After other options fell through, they decided on a running trail and the kiosk that has now come to be.

From the initial idea to the ribbon cutting was four years by Merryday's reckoning, and when it finally wrapped up, the feeling was one of gratitude and satisfaction.

"We were very grateful. It was Bud Taylor's dream, and we kept hitting all these roadblocks, and I made the vow to see it through. It was very satisfying to be able to deliver this for Coach Taylor and in Dyrol's lifetime," Merryday said.

Now that the project is complete, the kiosk will stand as a testament to what you can achieve, no matter where you're from, and to never give up.



Kory Weimer as the ghost of John Barrymore, Kyle Carrillo-Magaña as Andrew Rally in I Hate Hamlet at Cottage Theatre. Tickets are on sale now for I Hate Hamlet. The production is scheduled on stage August 7 - 23. Tickets at www.cottagetheatre.org or through the Cottage Theatre Box Office 541.942.8001.

Public comment period for recreation fee proposal at Sisulaw National Forest

The Siuslaw National Forest has proposed changes to recreation fees at various Forest Service recreation sites in Coos, Douglas, Lane, and Tillamook counties.

The public is invited to provide comments to help the forest refine a fee proposal that will be reviewed by a citizen's advisory committee and Forest Service leadership. Comments that are site specific are most helpful. The comment period has been extended to Friday, Sept. 18, 2026.

There are three ways to provide feedback:

1. Leave a comment on the ArcGIS online story map, <https://arcgis.com/storymaps/viewer/140P4i>.
2. Email SM.FS.siuslaw_rec@usda.gov.
3. Mail a comment to: Siuslaw National Forest Attn: Trevor Robinson

3200 SW Jefferson Way
Corvallis, OR 97331

The fee proposal includes 19 campgrounds and summer holiday weekend fees at Sand Lake Recreation Area. A complete list of impacted recreation sites can be found at fs.usda.gov/r06/siuslaw/newsroom/stories/proposed-changes-recreation-fees.

The Siuslaw National Forest will continue to honor federal recreation passes, federal Senior and Access pass discounts, and nationally recognized fee-free days. Over 25% of recreation sites on the forest do not require a fee.

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