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Cottage Grove artist steps into the spotlight in London



CINDY WEELDREYER
Cottage Grove Sentinel

When Cottage Grove's own Bradyn Debysingh steps onto the stage of *The Phantom of the Opera* in London's West End, he carries the imprint of a small town that shaped him, a community that nurtured him, and a childhood steeped in both the arts and the deep human connections that define life in Cottage Grove.

"CG is such a unique place. It is so small yet so packed with caring and artistic people," he said.

Debysingh's roots run deep in Cottage Grove. He is a proud 2017 graduate of the Academy for Character Education (ACE) Charter School. He spent countless hours in and around McCoy's Pharmacy, the family business where his father, pharmacist David Debysingh, became a familiar face to generations of locals.

"Seeing how my dad cared so individually for so many people deeply impressed upon me the importance of treating every person with the same dignity and respect you would give to your closest friends and family," he said.

His mother, Terri, helped plant the seeds of artistic curiosity that would eventually grow into a career on some of the world's most iconic stages. She became so involved in his theatre life that she eventually joined the Cottage Theatre Board of Directors. Cottage Theatre (CT)

became the place where those seeds took root. Bradyn's first role came at age nine, when he was cast as the Beast in a children's production of *Beauty & the Beast*.

"I was a bit spooked by my own mask... but I had caught the bug nonetheless," he laughed.

CT's melodrama camps, directed by Patricia Mayhew and Janet Rust, gave him foundational skills in singing, acting, and tap dancing. He went on to perform in *She Loves Me*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and *Singin' in the Rain*, where he starred as Don Lockwood in a Cottage Grove High School production.

Cottage Theatre Executive Director Susan Goes, who watched Bradyn grow from a shy nine year old in a Beast mask to a confident young artist, said his journey has been a joy to witness.

"There's nothing we love better at Cottage Theatre than seeing young people find themselves on stage. Bradyn was a faithful participant in our summer melodrama camp for many years... All of us at Cottage Theatre are so honored to have played a small role in fueling Bradyn's current success."

Her words echo what many in Cottage Grove remember: Bradyn wasn't just talented — he was grounded, kind, and deeply committed to the craft from the beginning.

A SCHOLAR-ARTIST

EMERGES

Bradyn's academic path is as impressive as his artistic one. A self-described autodidact, he credits ACE with giving him a classical education rooted in languages, history, and critical thinking.

"Latin taught me the value of going to the roots of things... to find the most essential kernel of truth," Debysingh said.

He went on to earn a BFA in Musical Theatre and a BA in Classics at Samford University, followed by a Master of Music from Northwestern University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Voice from the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester. Mentors along the way sharpened both his technique and his sense of vocation. One

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Courtesy from Cottage Theatre
Cottage Theatre gave Actor Bradyn Debysingh (with hat) a solid foundation to support his current role in London's Phantom of the Opera.

Motel fire leaves one dead

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

One person has died, and three others were sent to the hospital following a fire at a Cottage Grove motel.

On April 2, 2026, just after 2:30 a.m., Cottage Grove Police Department (CGPD) officers were on patrol in the 1200 block of N. Highway 99 when they saw flames and smoke coming from the Relax Inn located at 1030 N. Highway 99 just after 2:30 a.m. April 2.

"Officers immediately notified South Lane 9-1-1 and responded to the scene where they assisted tenants of the motel with evacuating their rooms," according to CGPD Chief Corty Chase.

South Lane Fire and Rescue crews were dispatched, and they arrived on scene and extinguished the fire.

"One person was found deceased in a room that was heavily damaged by the fire," Chase said. "Three other people from an adjacent room were able to escape. They were transported to Peace Health Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend with unknown injuries. There were no other reported injuries."

The Cottage Grove Police Department, South Lane Fire and Rescue, and Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office were investigating the incident as of April. The name of the deceased was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

If anyone has any information about this investigation, they are asked to call the Cottage Grove Police Department at 541-942-9145.



Courtesy from Cottage Police

Pacific Power, PGE raise residential electricity rates again for Oregon customers

ALXE BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The 1.5 million Oregon households who receive electric service through Pacific Power or Portland General Electric will pay more this year.

The state's Public Utility Commission — a three-person governor-appointed group charged with regulating the rates of privately owned electric and gas utilities in Oregon — approved both monopoly electric utilities' requests to raise rates on residential customers at a meeting Tuesday, March 31.

PGE rates will increase by 5%, a roughly \$8 per month increase for the average customer, while Pacific Power's 4% increase equates to more than \$5 per month, according to the commission. Representatives for Pacific Power said in an email that most residential customers will see a 3% increase while customers in Albany will see the full 4% increase due to a city-wide street remodeling project.

The increases take effect Wednesday, April 1.

The truncated period between approving the increases and their effective date is due in part to a new law, the FAIR Energy Act. The law bans private utilities from raising rates between Nov. 1 and March 31, so ratepayers are not hit with bigger bills in winter when usage is highest.

The companies requested the increases due to higher fuel costs, as well as investments in grid infrastructure, wildfire mitigation and clean energy and efficiency programs, said Kandi Young, a spokesperson for the Public Utility



Robert Zullon / States Newsroom

Electricity rates are rising in 2026 for customers of Oregon's two largest utilities

Commission, in an email. They've been filing piecemeal requests to the commission for tweaks to their rates over the winter.

"That means several filings that historically would take effect at different points in the year are now aligned to take effect April 1. The timing each year depends on all of these moving parts and can vary," explained Young.

Commission Chair Letha Tawney said in a statement that the rates reflect "the real costs of delivering power safely and reliably."

"As fuel prices, wholesale market conditions and renewable energy costs shift, we must update rates so they accurately reflect the cost of efficiently maintaining the service customers depend on every day," she said.

Officials with the Citizens' Utility Board, a watchdog group established by Oregon voters in 1984 to represent the interests of utility consumers, said it's created an unusual situation with less time and information to review an amalgamated rate increase and to possibly petition it.

"It's usually pretty tight on the deadline between when we know what the rate increase is and when it goes into effect, but this does seem tighter than usual. The CUB team is very frustrated with this whole situation," Charlotte Shuff, a spokesperson for the board, wrote in an email.

It's the sixth year in a row the commission has allowed the companies to raise rates on residential customers, and those rates today are more than 50% higher than they were just five years ago — more

than twice the rate of inflation since 2020

That's due in large part to explosive demand for energy from a massive new industrial customer: data centers.

PGE absorbed the most data center load growth of any private utility in the state during the last decade, according to a Sightline Institute analysis of U.S. Energy Information Administration data.

As a customer class, residential users' demand on PGE's system has grown by about 1% a year during the last 10 years, or about 10% in the last decade. Demand from the class of industrial power customers that data centers fall into grew nearly 70% during that same period.

The Public Utility Commission at the end of April will decide whether to approve the company's plan to comply with a new law requiring it charge tech companies for any new infrastructure needed to get power to the data centers. The citizens' board has accused the company of attempting to skirt the law.

Pacific Power serves Lane County, including Cottage, Creswell, and Junction City.

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ODOT warns of DMV scam

Did you get an urgent text message saying you owe money to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) or Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)? It's not a

harmless April Fools' prank, it's a scam. Scammers across the country are sending fake texts about unpaid tolls, license suspensions and traffic violations. The messages include a link that

takes you to a fake website designed to look real to steal your personal and financial information. "ODOT and DMV will never ask you to pay through a text message, email, phone call or third-party website," said Oregon DMV Public Information Officer Chris Crabb. "Scammers try to scare you into acting quickly. Do not reply, click links or share payment or personal information. Block the number and delete the text."

Scam texts often use alarming words like "urgent notice," "violation," or "final enforcement." They might warn that your license or registration will be suspended or fines will increase

if you do not pay immediately. The links may take you to fake websites that try to get your credit card or personal information.

do not need to report it to ODOT or DMV.

• Block the number and delete the message.

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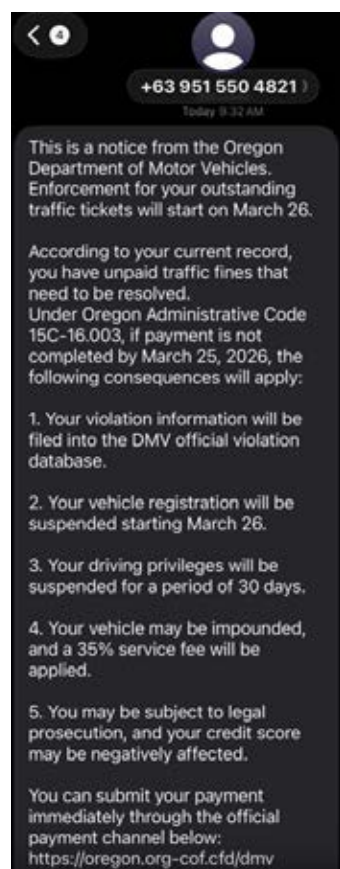
- Do not click links or reply to an unexpected text message claiming to be from ODOT or DMV.
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- Do not give your personal, financial or vehicle information through unknown websites.
- Report scam texts to 7726 (SPAM) and file a report with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. You

If you clicked a link or gave out information

- Protect your accounts by changing passwords and watching for suspicious activity.
 - Dispute any charges you don't recognize.
 - File a customer complaint with Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection.
- If you're unsure whether a message is real, contact ODOT at 1 888 Ask ODOT or DMV at 503 945 5000. You can find more information about fraud prevention at oregondmv.com.*



Courtesy from ODOT



A CLOSER LOOK

Striking a relative with a motor vehicle leads to arrest

The following weekly update is information from the Cottage Grove Police Department's Facebook page.

-On Monday afternoon, a male individual arrived at the Police Department lobby to retrieve paperwork from Records. It was determined the subject had an active warrant for his arrest out of Cottage Grove Municipal Court.

Officers responded to the lobby to issue him a Citation in Lieu of Custody with a new court date to appear. However, once he was advised that he had an active warrant and was not free to leave, the subject attempted to leave the building. Officers moved to prevent the subject from leaving, and the male continued to resist arrest until officers were able to secure him.

Officers found a small pair of pruning shears in the inner pocket of his sweatshirt. The subject was transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on charges of Escape in the Third Degree (ORS 162.145) and Resisting Arrest (ORS 162.315). He was

also provided his Citation in Lieu of Custody for the warrant out of Cottage Grove Municipal Court.

- Officers and South Lane Fire and Rescue responded to reports of a gas leak in the area of S. 6th St. and E. Washington St. downtown. Emergency personnel blocked off roads and evacuated the area while the gas company fixed the leak. Thank you to the Cottage Grove Public Works team for assisting with road barriers.

- Officers conducted a person stop on a male walking along the railroad tracks for Trespass in the First Degree. Upon identification, the male was found to have an active warrant out of Lane County Circuit Court for Possession of Methamphetamine. He was taken into custody without incident and lodged at the Lane County Jail.

- During a patrol check of Row River Road underneath the I-5 overpass near Subway, officers located a male sitting on a concrete ledge, yelling at unseen individuals. The male was identified and found to have

an active felony probation violation warrant out of Lane County Parole and Probation for Burglary in the Second Degree. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Lane County Jail.

- Dispatch received a call regarding an altercation between relatives, where the suspect had struck the victim with a motor vehicle and driven through the garage, causing extensive damage.

After the investigation was completed, it was determined the male suspect would be arrested and transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on charges of Assault in the Second Degree (ORS 163.175), Unlawful Use of a Weapon (ORS 166.220), Recklessly Endangering Another Person (ORS 163.195), Reckless Driving (ORS 811.140), and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree (ORS 164.365).

- Officers responded to a verbal disturbance at Trail Head Park. Upon arrival, the two involved subjects were identified from prior law enforcement encounters. A

Accidents: 3	Hit & Run: 2
Arrests: 20	Suspicious Condition: 7
Criminal Mischief: 2	Trespass: 7
Disturbance: 8	Vehicle Stop: 19
Harassment: 3	Welfare Checks: 14
Total calls --- 265	

Courtesy from the CGPD

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

MARCH 23

- 05:18: Suspicious vehicle, Exit 172 SB-Off ramp
- 05:46: Warrant service, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 10:28: Agency assist, 1700 block Parks Rd.
- 11:08: Warrant service, 1700 block 5th St.
- 11:17: Disorderly subject, 400 block E. Main St.
- 11:47: Harassment, 500 block Grant St.
- 12:10: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 13:53: Harassment, 800 block S. 6th St.
- 16:32: Repo, 800 block E. Main St.
- 16:37: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block N. 16th St.
- 17:53: Criminal mischief, 2500 block Mosby Creek Rd.
- 19:02: Theft, 100 block N. 9th St.
- 22:22: Welfare check, 300

block S. 5th St.

MARCH 24

- 01:13: Disturbance, 80000 block Davison Rd.
- 02:30: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 1000 block S. 6th St.
- 05:58: Suspicious condition, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 08:02: Suspicious vehicle, 1600 block Gateway Blvd
- 08:16: Welfare check, 1700 block Belmont Ave.
- 08:44: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 08:52: Warrant service, 1100 block E. Main St.
- 10:33: Wanted subject, Trailhead Park
- 12:11: Warrant service, Trailhead Park
- 12:20: Theft, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 12:32: Theft, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 12:34: Fire, 100 block S. 6th St.
- 13:42: Disturbance, I5 SB 170
- 14:49: Abandoned vehicle, 1800 block Taylor Ave.
- 14:58: Dog at large, Gateway/Taylor
- 16:12: Illegal parking, Villard/Lane
- 16:17: Theft, 1400 block Gateway Blvd.
- 18:48: Suspicious condition, 200 block Quincy Ave.

- 20:43: Barking dog, S. River Rd/Bryant
- 21:38: Suspicious condition, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 21:56: Suspicious subject, 500 block E. Main St.
- 22:03: Illegal camping, 1300 block Main St.
- 23:07: Suspicious condition, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 23:19: Illegal camping, 1300 block Main St.
- 23:46: Burglary, 100 block E. Jackson Ave.

MARCH 25

- 01:39: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 06:14: Theft, 2500 block E. Main St.
- 08:07: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 09:39: Welfare check, 800 block E. Quincy Ave.
- 11:18: Dog at large, 800 block Kristen Way
- 12:28: Trespass, 1100 block S. 6th St.
- 14:51: Fraud, 1600 block Ash Ave.
- 16:01: Hit and run, 300 block N. 8th St.
- 16:15: Disturbance, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 17:20: Motor vehicle crash, I5-174 SB
- 19:53: Suspicious subject, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 20:58: Theft, 1500 block E. Main St.

- 22:24: Suspicious condition, North N/Main St

MARCH 26

- 06:13: Repo, 500 block N. River Rd.
- 09:17: Warrant service, 400 block E Main St.
- 10:28: Welfare check, 1000 block S. 8th St.
- 10:51: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 10:54: Drug activity, 1700 block Hwy 99
- 11:07: Criminal mischief, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 12:35: Abandoned vehicle, 1700 block Harvey Rd.
- 14:18: Agency assist, 32000 block Rachel Rd.
- 16:28: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 17:44: Theft, 2300 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
- 18:27: Disturbance, 700 block Hwy 99
- 19:36: Dog at large, the Anthony intersection
- 20:00: Theft, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 20:43: Suspicious condition, 400 block E. Main St.
- 22:49: Hit and run, 600 block Row River Rd.
- 23:24: Disturbance, 1700 block S. 5th St.

MARCH 27

- 09:16: Harassment, 1700



Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Police

- block Curry Ave.
- 10:03: Theft, 200 block S. 16th St.
- 10:31: Trespass, 2500 block E. Main St.
- 11:26: Theft, Holly/River Rd.
- 14:08: Juvenile trouble, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 14:54: Disturbance, 100 block South S St.
- 22:24: Disorderly subject, 600 block S. 7th St.

MARCH 28

- 04:06: Order violation, 1400 block Ash Ave.
- 06:39: Trespass, 1300 block Birch Ave.
- 10:27: Disorderly subject, 900 block W. Main St.
- 10:36: Alarm, 1100 block Polk Ave.
- 12:20: Welfare check, 800 block W. Main St.
- 12:52: Theft, 1300 block S. River Rd.
- 14:18: Theft, 800 block W. Main St.
- 15:03: Trespass, 900 block

MARCH 29

- 06:06: Barking dog, Anthony intersection
- 10:25: Warrant service, Row River Rd.
- 13:47: Suspicious vehicle, 6th St.
- 15:09: Warrant service, 1400 block N. Douglas St.
- 16:38: Suicidal subject, 1100 block N. 16th St.
- 19:22: Disturbance, 700 block Hwy 99
- 23:49: Trespass, 900 block S. 6th St.

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Oregon Dems request feds get more public input on massive new logging plans for western forests

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon’s congressional Democrats are asking federal officials to give the public more time to learn about and comment on new plans that would open up millions of acres of federal forests in Oregon to logging activity not seen since the 1960s.

The Bureau of Land Management in late February announced it would change the Western Oregon Resource Management Plans that have governed logging and conservation on 2.5 million acres of forests in 17 Oregon counties for decades. The stated goals were “maximum” timber production to “advance Trump administration priorities,” including logging in areas that are home to federally protected, vulnerable species.

The announcement kicked off a month-long



Courtesy from the Bureau of land management

About three-quarters of federal O&C forests in western Oregon are protected from regular logging. But Bureau of Land Management indicated it could return those acres to 1960s harvest levels, more than 10 times current harvest levels.

public comment period that ended March 23, but the agency did not hold any public meetings.

Officials said in the announcement they would not hold any meetings

before releasing a draft proposal for new logging. Oregon’s U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron

Wyden and Reps. Suzanne Bonamici, Janelle Bynum, Maxine Dexter, Val Hoyle and Andrea Salinas, all

Democrats, said such generational change in

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Columbia River Clean-Up Act passage secured



Courtesy photo

View of the Columbia River gorge from Portland Women’s Forum State Scenic Viewpoint, also known as Chanticleer Point, near Corbett, Oregon.

The Columbia River Clean-Up Act has passed the House as part of H.R. 6422 American Water Stewardship

Act, according to a release from Oregon U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle’s (OR-4).

The Act has direct impact in Lane County. The legislation extends the successful Columbia River

Basin Restoration Program which funds projects to reduce toxic pollutants and improve water quality in the Columbia River and its tributaries, including the Willamette and McKenzie Rivers.

“Millions call the Columbia River Basin home. Millions more rely on it for their livelihoods and recreation. This bill is an important step to ensure that critical work on the basin is protected and adequately funded. The basin’s long-term health isn’t just for show; it is quite literally a matter of survival for countless critical species and people,” Hoyle said. “I am proud to have helped pass a bipartisan measure that will protect the basin for generations to come.”

Hoyle’s bill, originally introduced in 2025 is a rare bipartisan win for the environment, and Oregonians.. the release states. The Columbia River Basin is the second largest watershed in the U.S. and home to more than 8 million people and more than 15 tribal nations. A Senate version of this bill was introduced by Senator Merkley, and it is co-sponsored by Senators Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Patty Murray (D-WA).

BACKGROUND

The Columbia River Basin Restoration Program:

- Officially designates the national importance of the Columbia River Basin, which includes the Columbia River and its tributaries in Oregon,

Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

- Authorized the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish the Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group to understand and reduce toxics across the basin

The Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program awardees in past years have included:

- Over \$5.5 million to expand a stormwater retrofit program in Lane County.
- \$1.9 million to Grand Ronde Tribe to reduce pollution in the Willamette River Basin.
- \$349,919 to Oregon State University to monitor mercury risk in the Willamette Valley.

Build Better Birdhouses: Simple steps that actually attract native birds



Courtesy from Stephen Ward

You’ll find step-by-step plans, placement advice and box dimensions for about 18 Oregon cavity-nesters in the OSU Extension guide The wildlife garden: Build nest boxes for wild birds.

KYM POKORNY
Cottage Grove Sentinel
Guest Column

It would be nice to say, “Hang a birdhouse and they will come,” but attracting wild birds to nest in your yard isn’t quite so easy.

Now is a great time to get boxes up — nesting for many species runs from mid-April through the end of July.

Don’t get discouraged if your nesting box doesn’t draw birds the first year, said Dana Sanchez,

wildlife specialist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. Move it to a new spot and put up more than one to give birds a choice.

“The entrance diameter is really crucial so that target species can get in, but also to diminish the opportunity for birds to be attacked by predators and competitors,” Sanchez said. “Non-native birds such as house sparrows and starlings are notorious for taking up residence in nest boxes intended for

native birds. And some native birds will bully out other native birds.”

Don’t hang it and forget it. Check the box regularly to see if birds are being stalked by predators. If so, add a wooden block with the same-size hole to create a short tunnel that’s harder for other birds, squirrels, rats and cats to reach through. Other deterrents include a metal collar around the tree or post and various baffles

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OPRD needs more safety inspections, audit finds

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) needs to conduct more safety inspections and keep better track of its assets, state auditors recommended Wednesday, April 1.

From parking lots, RV dump stations to lighthouses and yurts, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department oversees 250 properties across more than 113,000 acres, including 362 miles of ocean shore.

A 26-page audit released by the Secretary of State's Office found the agency between 2022 and 2025 didn't consistently complete or record quarterly safety inspections for buildings where employees work and that are accessible to the public. Additionally, auditors found the agency doesn't adequately track its property, including vehicles, amphitheaters, utility trailers and backpack blowers.

"Oregonians love their state parks and have been able to safely enjoy them for decades," Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read said in a statement. "The findings in this audit will help protect that important legacy and our public dollars."

Agency is behind on safety inspections, audit finds

Because the parks and recreation agency manages properties with significant

risks, auditors said it's essential the agency complies with safety inspections to prevent hazards. One park had no records of building inspections from 2022 to 2025, the audit found.

The agency in that same time frame received three Occupational Safety and Health Administration citations related to safety violations in the last year, costing nearly \$10,000.

The lack of safety inspections puts the agency at risk of fines or expensive lawsuits if someone is harmed at a time when the agency already faces a budget deficit in the 2027-29 budget cycle. Auditors recommended the department roll out policies requiring quarterly safety inspections for buildings where employees work and clearly define the roles for execution and oversight of those inspections.

Without accurate data, insurance won't cover Oregon park losses

Auditors also found that 38% of park assets were missing information, particularly acquisition date and cost.

Auditors found several examples of misreported state-owned assets, finding items with missing identification tags, listed with the incorrect location, or just items being completely non-existent in the agency's asset information system.

Without reliable data, the Oregon Department of



Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

The Oregon Secretary of State's Audits Division released a performance audit on Wednesday of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, which manages 250 properties across the state, including the boat dock and other amenities at Cleawox Lake in Florence, Oregon, as seen in the photo above.

Administrative Services cannot ensure proper insurance coverage, and the agency may bear the entire cost of damage, destruction or theft of an asset. Or in some cases, those assets will no longer be available to the public.

For example, a \$50,000 trash compactor destroyed by a fire had to be replaced using agency funds because it wasn't listed in its asset management system. In another example, Collier State Park suffered wildlife damage to a historical logging collection,

but insurance could not cover the loss because the agency didn't list it in the Oregon Department of Administrative Services' annual risk report.

It's unclear how much the state has spent to replace recreational assets simply because agency officials didn't properly track it when it otherwise could have been covered by insurance, according to the audit.

Most of the agency's funding comes from Oregon Lottery revenues, followed by funding paid by park

fees, sales of road and park permits and a share of recreational vehicle registration revenues.

Auditors recommended the agency update its asset management guidance, provide recurring training to staff on asset management policies — including tagging, record-keeping and disposal procedures, as well as establish accountability measures such as performance evaluations

The agency agreed with all of the recommendations. In a response letter, Interim

Director Stefanie Coons said the agency will refine its guidance to ensure quarterly safety inspections. She said new asset management training is already underway as of earlier this year and that the agency is planning for a new asset management system.

Budget constraints, however, remain a challenge for the agency.

"In recent years, (the agency) has faced significant and ongoing budget challenges that have influenced the pace of several modernization and remediation efforts," Coons said in a response letter to the secretary of state's audits division. "Persistent gaps between revenue and operational needs have required the agency to make difficult resource allocation decisions, and these constraints are projected to continue into upcoming biennia."

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Free webinar series to help rural communities

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

From ice storms and flooding to wildfires and extreme heat, rural communities across Oregon face unique challenges when disasters strike.

To help address these challenges, the Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) is hosting "Rural Communities Prepared for Disasters," a free, two-part virtual educational series focused on practical strategies to help communities prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

The webinar series brings together trusted partners and subject-matter experts to share tools, resources and real-world insights tailored to the needs of rural communities across Oregon.

"Preparedness starts with making sure communities have the information and connections they need before disasters happen," OEM Community Preparedness Coordinator Kayla Thompson said. "This series is designed to help rural communities strengthen their resilience by understanding risks, planning ahead, and

knowing what resources are available during recovery."

Session Information

Session 1: Preparedness & Response
Wednesday, April 22 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (PST)

Topics include:

- How disasters can impact communication systems and ways to stay

informed when systems are disrupted

- How to know when to evacuate and what to do if evacuation is not possible
- Understanding backup power options and how to determine what solution best fits your needs

Session 2: Recovery & Long-Term Support
Wednesday, May 13 | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (PST)

Topics include:

- How disaster recovery is funded and what the recovery process looks like
- Steps individuals and communities can take to support smoother recovery efforts
- The role of Long-Term Recovery Groups and how communities can get involved

Who Should Attend
This series is intended for:

- Organizations, community groups, and faith-based organizations supporting rural communities
- Emergency management professionals
- Anyone interested in disaster preparedness and recovery

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About the Oregon Department of Emergency Management

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management leads collaborative statewide efforts to help Oregonians prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate emergencies and disasters.

Death Notice

Sims "Bud" McFall, age 92, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away January 21, 2026. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium. A Celebration of Life will be held on April 11, 2026, at 1:00PM at the Pennoyer Avenue Church of Christ.

OBITUARIES

Linda Claire Pittenger

1942 - 2025

Linda Claire Pittenger, 83 of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away December 24, 2025. There will be a memorial service and reception held Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, Oregon



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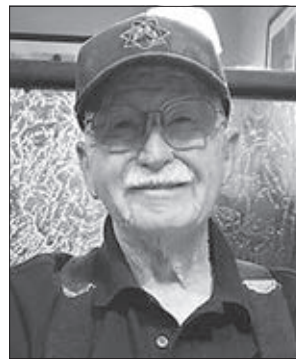
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Peter "Pete" Everett Lightcap

June 3, 1941 - March 3, 2026

Peter "Pete" Everett Lightcap, 84 passed away on March 3, 2026. He was born on June 3, 1941 to Everette Catherine (Cogley) Lightcap in Santa Monica, California. He was the oldest of five children.



Pete graduated from St. Monica High School. In 1958 he met the love of his life Angela Boven at a Valentines dance at a church.

On November 5, 1959 Pete joined the United States Navy, where he served on the USS William Mitchel, until he was honorably discharged. Pete's father passed away suddenly and he needed to come home and help his family.

Pete and Angie were married on June 3, 1961. They were married on Pete's birthday, which was a perfect reminder for him not to forget. They celebrated 61 years until her passing January 21, 2023.

They had three children, Pamela, Scott, and Nichole. Pete and Angie wanted to start a new life and in 1975 they bought a 6-acre farm on Dugan Road where the family raised animals for many years.

Pete worked in the HVAC industry his entire career. He was a strong supporter of the Union and continued to teach his trade after his retirement.

He was an active member of the Green Valley Hitting and Retriever Club. He

loved his dogs! Pete was also a member of the Cascade Corvette Club. Pete and Angie enjoyed going on club trips and camping in their RV.

Pete never knew a stranger, he loved to share stories of family, hunting and work. He believed every story was worth telling at least twice. He was a devoted Catholic and true believer.

Pete is survived by his children, Pamela Thoreson, Scott Lightcap, and Nicole Lightcap, sisters Patrice Bolan, and Meg Lightcap, 6 grandchildren, Brittany, Ali, Seth, Mallory, Lindsey, and Taylor. He also had 11 great-grandchildren. Pete is preceded in death by his wife Angie, brother Chuck, and sister Terry.

Pete's humor and smile will be missed.

A memorial mass will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by a reception. The urn placement will be following the reception at Fir Grove Cemetery, with Military Honors.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers a donation be made to South Willamette Valley Honor Flight in Pete's Name.

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Lawmakers have more to do to address taxes, commentator Daniel Hauser argues

Lawmakers took a step to fix Oregon's looming budget crisis: Now we need a leap

DANIEL HAUSER
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon recently wrapped up its short legislative session, and let's be honest about what happened: Lawmakers modestly trimmed tax breaks for rich investors and corporations to stave off cuts to services families depend on. That was the easy part.

Oregon is facing a genuine budget crisis over the next five years because of cuts to Medicaid and food assistance in H.R. 1, the federal budget package enacted by congressional Republicans last July. Oregon will need to spend billions more to keep families insured by the Oregon Health Plan and prevent them from going hungry. That's a structural problem that won't fix itself. The sooner lawmakers confront it, the better off Oregonians will be.

The just-concluded legislative session sent Senate Bill 1507 to the governor's desk for her signature, a good step in the right direction — but only a step. The bill helped to address the immediate budget hole created by H.R. 1 by stopping Oregon from doubling down on a few wasteful federal tax breaks that mainly benefited the rich and corporations.

This will save Oregon more than \$300 million in the current budget period and hundreds of millions more in the years to come, helping to protect the services Oregonians depend on. The bill also expanded Oregon's strongest tax benefit for working families, the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Those are real accomplishments. As a result of SB 1507, Oregonians who would have lost health coverage or food assistance from the budget shortfall still receive

benefits. And because of the EITC increase, about 230,000 Oregon families working hard but living on the brink will have more money in their pockets to afford rent or groceries.

And yet, we came into this session having identified more than \$700 million in tax changes Oregon lawmakers could have acted on, but didn't. Under pressure from business interests, the Legislature acted on less than half of that amount. The gap between what the Legislature did and what it could have done isn't hypothetical. It's families who may still lose access to the Oregon Health Plan, parents who may still lose child care support and families on the edge who needed the Legislature to do more to tackle the affordability crisis.

While some argue that the better approach is to woo businesses with direct



subsidies and tax incentives and trust that the jobs and revenue will follow, experience shows otherwise. Research finds that 75% or more of these kinds of incentives subsidize projects that would have happened anyway. This means that, more often than not, business tax subsidies hand corporations public money to make the same business decisions they would have made without it. In other words, they're usually a waste of public resources.

Here in Oregon, we've seen this approach play out. Not long ago, Oregon layered direct funding and tax credits to help Intel win billions in federal funding, and yet Intel announced layoffs of nearly 4,500 workers here anyway. Big corporations make decisions based on global forces that no state tax break can overcome. Meanwhile, every dollar we give away is a

dollar that can't keep a neighbor insured or fed.

What actually builds a strong economy is investing in people. Healthy, educated Oregonians who can afford housing and child care create a cycle of widespread prosperity. Children raised in a stable home with quality care and access to nutritious food will be more prosperous and productive as adults. The presence of a skilled workforce is a more crucial factor in attracting businesses than tax incentives. Oregon should prioritize investing in our people.

The 2027 legislative session is the next opportunity to confront the structural problem created by H.R. 1, and lawmakers need to be more ambitious than they've been thus far. The budget hole caused by federal cuts will demand leadership and courage. Prioritizing the needs of Oregonians over the demands

of big corporations is in Oregon's interest, both morally and economically.

SB 1507 was a meaningful step. Now, Oregon needs to leap.

Daniel Hauser is the deputy director of the Oregon Center for Public Policy and leads the center's tax policy work.

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Oregon's unemployment dips

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Oregon Employment Department has released the January unemployment report, showing the state's unemployment rate was 5.2% in January and 5.3%, as revised, in December.

The monthly unemployment reports are key indicators of the state's overall economy.

In January, Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 2,000 jobs, following a gain of 100 jobs, as revised, in December. January's gains were largest in leisure and hospitality (+1,800 jobs); health care and social assistance (+1,500); and construction (+1,000). Losses were largest in manufacturing (-1,500 jobs) and professional and business services (-1,300).

Leisure and hospitality performed better than the normal seasonal pattern in January and employed 209,800, which was 1,800 jobs, or 0.9%, above its January 2025 total. Despite these recent gains, it employed only slightly more workers than during most of the past few years.

Health care and social assistance rose by 4,100 jobs during the three months ending in January. During the 12 months ending in January, it added 9,800 jobs, or 3.2%, which was by far the fastest growth rate of Oregon's major industries during that time.

Construction's 1,000-job gain in January was a partial rebound from its 2,400-job loss the prior month. Over the past two years, construction generally declined from a high of about 118,000 jobs throughout much of 2023, to its January 2026 level of 111,600 jobs.

Manufacturing cut 1,500 jobs in January, following a gain of 1,300 in December. Since August, manufacturing has fluctuated around 178,000 jobs. Prior to this period of relative stability, manufacturing shrank rapidly from a recent high of 195,000 jobs in November 2022.

The 1,300-job decline in professional and business services in January left the industry 7,600 jobs, or 2.9%, below its year-ago total, and 17,000 jobs below its peak of 268,100 jobs in 2023.

The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.3% in January and 4.4% in December.



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There were 2,058,067 employed and 128,875 unemployed in Oregon in January, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

Weekly Online Poll

Are you registered and interested in voting in the May primary and local elections?

Yes No

Previous Poll Results

Which method do you use to vote for candidates?

50% - Always conservative
 37.5% - Always liberal
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Quote of the Week

"Baseball is ninety percent mental and the other half is physical"
 Yogi Berra



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BIRDHOUSES

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you can buy or build. As always, keep cats indoors. Snags are superior habitat — when safe

In addition to the enjoyment of watching adults ferry food and nesting material — and then seeing fledglings appear — birdhouses help mitigate habitat loss, said Nicole Strong, a former Extension forester and now a regional director in Central Oregon. Birds prefer dead or dying trees (snags), but many homeowners remove them for safety or aesthetics.

“If it’s not a hazard, leaving up dead trees gives great habitat for wildlife,” Strong said. “As they decay they provide cavities for birds. And once the trees crumble and become downed logs, they provide food for insects, grubs and other wildlife. Sick and dead trees are healthy for

the forest; they’re part of the ecosystem.”

If you keep a dead tree, reducing height and removing most branches can lower risk. Otherwise, well-placed birdhouses are a good alternative.

Build to spec with OSU’s guide

You’ll find step-by-step plans, placement advice and box dimensions for about 18 Oregon cavity-nesters — including house wrens, chickadees, woodpeckers, northern flickers, purple martins, barn owls, nuthatches and western bluebirds — in the OSU Extension guide *The Wildlife Garden: Build nest boxes for wild birds*.

Materials, cleaning and maintenance

If you make or buy a box for one of Oregon’s 45 cavity-nesting species, skip perches that can aid predators. Plain wood boxes tend to be favored over brightly painted ones. For longevity, use

untreated cedar or redwood; metal can overheat.

It isn’t necessary, but you can line the box with wood shavings or chips (not sawdust, which mats and holds water). Clean boxes in fall or winter with warm water. Choose designs assembled with screws so you can partially disassemble them for cleaning.

Habitat beyond the box

“Remember that a nesting box is just one piece of habitat,” Strong said. “They need safe access and food and water nearby. Bird feeders can be a wonderful aid, but they must be maintained. Be consistent. Don’t put them out and then take them away.”

Adding bird-friendly plants and layered shrubs for shelter helps, too. A simple bird bath provides critical water.

Kim Pokorny writes for the Oregon State University Extension Service.

LOGGING

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logging practices deserves far more public scrutiny.

In a letter to Kim Prill, the acting director for the region at the Bureau of Land Management, they asked for a pause and more public comment. Specifically, they want 60 more days of public comment and for bureau officials to hold at least one in-person public meeting in each of the land management bureau districts that would be affected by the increased logging.

The lawmakers wrote they had received “significant outreach” from constituents concerned about whether the bureau’s environmental analysis will be adequate, and asking for more time and opportunities to engage with officials on plans, impacts and concerns.

“More robust engagement at this stage will help ensure the agency does not overlook critical information necessary to reach a socially and legally

acceptable decision,” the lawmakers wrote.

A draft analysis of environmental impacts is expected in June, according to the bureau’s site page for the project. Officials did not immediately respond to the Capital Chronicle’s questions Friday about the letter and whether they’d do more public engagement. Hank Stern, a spokesperson for Wyden, said on Friday that land management bureau officials have acknowledged receipt of the letter and told the lawmakers they are working on a response.

About three-quarters of the 2.5 million federal acres, known as O&C lands for having once belonged to the Oregon and California Railroad, are currently protected from regular logging. But in its notice of intent, the land management bureau indicated it could return those acres to 1960s harvest levels, at times more than 10 times average harvest levels over the last two decades.

Conservationists have called it a plan to return to a time when the agency and the U.S. Forest Service clear cut roughly 3 square miles of old-growth forests per week, and an attempt to override years of court precedent protecting vulnerable species that depend on the stands. That level of logging nearly drove the federally protected northern spotted owl and the marbled murrelet, a small seabird that nests in old-growth forests, to extinction.

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Actor Brayden Debysing performs in the Phantom of the Opera in London.



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SPOTLIGHT

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classics professor met with him weekly to read the New Testament in Greek.

His training taught him not only technique but teamwork. “You should really not be in theatre if you can’t work with other people... Companies want to hire skilled people who are kind and lift up the whole team,” he said.

BREAKTHROUGHS AND THE CALL THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

Debsyng joined the chorus at the Lyric Opera of Chicago early in his career, gaining valuable experience alongside seasoned professionals. He later made his Garsington Opera debut in England, understudying a role in Rameau’s *Platée* and performing Don Curzio in Mozart’s *The Marriage of Figaro*.

But nothing compared to the moment he learned he’d been cast in *The Phantom of*

the Opera. He had endured three rounds of auditions over several months, all while flying to Germany multiple times to audition for opera houses.

“The waiting was agony,” he admitted. When the call finally came, he was at the gym. “I nearly dropped my weights! I thanked God and then immediately called my parents.”

LIFE ON THE WEST END

Performing in London has been both humbling and exhilarating.

“It is such a privilege to sing on that stage nearly every day knowing the history in the building,” he said. Walking past buildings where Handel, Mozart, and countless other artists lived and worked makes his education feel “incarnate in real brick and mortar.”

Eight shows a week demand discipline and self care. “It forces you to listen to your body... I’m a big fan of considering the lilies, just existing and being in nature where you

can learn a gentler way of living,” he said. Backstage, warm up time has become a cherished ritual. “You get to know these people really well... it’s comforting to build a community with them that is so uplifting,” he said.

CARRYING COTTAGE GROVE WITH HIM

Despite living in one of the world’s great theatre cities, Debysing’s heart remains connected to Cottage Grove.

“CG gave me the great gift of a small town community with a big heart. The small town value of really knowing your neighbors is something I have endeavored to carry with me no matter where I have ventured,” he said.

He even mentions Cottage Grove in the first line of his program bio. And when hometown friends visit him in London, “it makes the distance seem not so great.”

To young performers dreaming of a life in the arts, he offers encouragement grounded in experience: “Keep dreaming... Stay curious... Be humble... Don’t give up... You need people around you to encourage you and build you up.” And for him, faith remains central: “I would not be where I am today without God.”

WHAT’S NEXT?

He hopes to perform in other West End shows, make his Broadway debut, return to opera, and eventually pursue a doctorate blending the arts with philosophy and theology. Above all, he wants to “make art that moves people, that causes them to think and cherish what is good, true, and beautiful.”

With clear affection for the place that shaped him, he adds: “Please come visit me in London anytime!”

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Nicholas-Ryan: RIGGLE'S-KNOWLEDGE AND WIFE: Marcy-Roxanne: RIGGLE'S-KNOWLEDGE IS WITH THIS DATE--22--MARCH--2026-CLAIM OF THE SACROSANCT-MATRIMONY-CONTRACT/CEMONEY WITH THE BILL OF THE LAD-ING: GLOBAL-POSTAL-(UNION-JOURNAL-MAIL-CORPORATION-STAMP: 000-000-940 WITH THE PERFORMANCE-PUBLICATION BY THIS HUSBAND: Nicholas-Ryan: RIGGLE'S-KNOWLEDGE AND WIFE: Marcy-Roxanne: RIGGLE'S-KNOWLEDGE. 4/01/26, 04/08/26, 04/15/26

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CGS26-115 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 185648 APN: 0513810
Reference is made to that certain deed made by Staci Archer and Jack Archer, wife and husband as Grantor to First American Title, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as designated nominee for Quicken Loans, LLC as Beneficiary, dated 06/09/2021, recorded 06/09/2021, in the official records of Lane County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2021-038299 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: Beginning at a point at the Southerly Southeast corner of the W. G. Simpson Donation Land Claim No. 55, Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 8 West of the Willamette Meridian; and running thence South 81° 15' East 195.8 feet; thence North 195.8 feet; thence North 81° 15' West 195.8 feet; thence South 195.8 feet to the place of beginning, in Lane County, Oregon. Commonly known as: 88859 Fountain Rd, Elmi-

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ra, OR 97437 The current beneficiary is Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 03/11/2025 as Inst No. 2025-006876 in the records of Lane, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 02/01/2025 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance in the amount of: \$255,007.69; 2. Interest through 12/31/2025 in the amount of: \$7,958.08 3. MIP/PMI Advances in the amount of: \$0.00 4. Recoverable balance in the amount of: \$1,979.50 5. Suspense balance in the amount of: -\$840.26

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6. Total Fees in the amount of: \$122.00 7. Late Charges in the amount of: \$1,227.59 8. Total NSF Charge Fees in the amount of: \$125.00 9. Escrow Advances in the amount of: \$2,036.27 10. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.7500000% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The principal sum of \$255,007.69 together with the interest thereon at the rate 3.7500000% per annum from 01/01/2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 05/06/2026 at the hour of 1:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Courthouse, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, County of Lane, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to

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Cottage Grove baseball launches 2026 season

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Lions have thrown their first pitches from the mound this season, and Cottage is still seeking that elusive first win on the baseball diamond.

Through the first six games, the varsity baseball team is winless, but there have been some close games and good play sprinkled among the results.

Let's take a trip around the bases and see what some of the highlights have been through the early stages of spring. The Lions may have started 0-6, but three of the games have come right down to the wire.

Opening Doubleheader
The opening doubleheader at Oakridge on Mar. 21 saw the Lions hang tough in both games, losing 1-3 and 5-6, and each came

down to fine margins down the stretch.

In the first game, it was a pitchers' duel, with no runs scored through the first four innings for either team. Colton Cogburn pitched four innings, striking out nine batters while giving up just one earned run. Cogburn also notched one of the Lions' two hits and the only RBI. In the bottom of the fifth, Oakridge pulled ahead, scoring three runs. Though Cottage Grove answered back in the top of the sixth with a run, they couldn't quite get back into the game, and it finished 3-1.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Cottage Grove fell just short, falling 5-6. It was a heartbreaker. Heading into the seventh inning down 3-4, the Lions needed to put the pressure on, and Oakridge felt the heat. The Warriors had two critical errors that allowed the Lions to score two

runs in the inning, giving Cottage Grove a narrow 5-4 lead. Though victory was just three outs away, this time the Lions felt the pressure.

With the bases loaded and two outs, Oakridge smacked a single on a groundball, sending one runner home, but a fielding error allowed the winning run to cross the plate.

Despite the tough defeat, Cottage Grove showed resolve getting back into the game, but just couldn't come away with the win.

Madras Tournament
A few days later, the Lions headed back on the road for the White Buffalo Classic at Madras High School on Mar. 25-26.

In the first game against the hosts, Cottage Grove lost 12-8, but had more hits than the White Buffaloes, with the Lions connecting 10 times against Madras' eight. Cogburn paced the Lions at the plate, with

three hits in three at-bats and an RBI. Nolan Spears was another Cottage Grove batter with multiple hits, and he ended the game with two hits, an RBI, and a run scored.

Next up, the Lions took on the Crook County Cowboys, who proved a challenging opponent. The Cowboys got out to an early lead and didn't look back, beating Cottage Grove 13-5. The highlight of the game for the Lions was the fourth inning, when the Lions scored four runs on three hits.

Elijah Cushman notched a hit that sent home a runner to bring the score to 2-13. Kellan Hurst drove in the next run with a well-hit fly ball single. Hurst had two RBI and two hits for the game, accounting for a third of the Lions' hits in the game.

In the final game of the tournament, Cottage Grove battled it out with Culver in

an offensive back-and-forth that saw the Lions lose 16-17, falling just short of a great comeback. In the loss, the Lions had a cascade of hits, racking up 18 in the game, but they just couldn't get over the hump. Over the final three innings, they outscored the Bulldogs 7-1, but Culver had built the lead early, and the comeback didn't get enough steam to overcome the deficit.

With such high team batting numbers, several individuals had impressive days at the plate. Cogburn was again putting up numbers, with four hits (including two doubles), three RBI, and one run scored. Sophomore Andrew Horner was also seeing the ball well, with four hits in six at-bats and two RBI. The final standout in a day where the entire Lions lineup played well was Nikai Bridgens, who had three hits, two RBI, and two runs.

While the Lions couldn't secure their first win of the season, there was plenty of promise in the performances to learn from.

The final defeat of Cottage Grove's rocky start to the season came against Sweet Home on Mar. 31, in another away game. After their offensive outing to finish in Madras, the Lions couldn't keep the momentum going and struggled to generate much offense, garnering just one hit in the 10-0 loss.

Going forward, the Lions looked to find that first victory in their first home game of the season when they were set to host Coquille for a doubleheader on Apr. 3. See game results at osaa.org.

The Lions still have a little bit of a runway before league play gets underway against Marshfield on Apr. 21.

Final state recreational trails plan approved

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission has approved the final 2026 Oregon Recreational Trails Plan, which outlines trends and issues, creates priorities for grant funding and recommends actions to improve trails on public land in Oregon over the next 10 years.

To support implementation of the Trails Plan, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department also developed a new technical resources website for recreation and trail planning: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/BWT/Pages/Technical-Resources-for-Recreation-Planning.aspx>

"We appreciate the time and energy trail users and partners have put into helping us develop the next trails plan, which will guide investments to make our trails even better in the future," Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Statewide Trails Planner Jessica Horning said. "Each year, more than 80% of Oregonians use trails across the state, generating over \$890 million in spending at local businesses and contributing to Oregon's overall economy."

The Oregon Recreational Trails Plan covers non-motorized trails (hiking, biking, equestrian), motorized ATV trails, snowmobile trails, and

non-motorized boating and water trails. It helps provide guidance to not only Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, but to federal, state and local agencies as well as private sector partners.

Information for the plan came from multiple sources including statewide surveys of trail users and recreation providers conducted in October 2024 and April 2025, multiple focus groups with specific user groups, workshops at the 2024 and 2025 Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit, and the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which is published every five years.

With commission approval of the 2026 Plan, State Parks staff will update Recreational Trails Program and ATV Grant criteria to be consistent with the plan. Updated grant criteria will be applied to both grant program's next solicitations in Fall 2026.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director Lisa Sumption wrote the following message in the Oregon Recreational Trails Plan Report:

This plan is the product of more than two years of consultation and collaboration with recreational trail partners, land managers, and trail users across the

state. It is the state's official plan for recreational trail management, serving as a statewide information and planning tool to assist local, state, federal, and private partners supporting Oregon's trails and waterways.

It also identifies how the state's limited resources will be prioritized for motorized, non-motorized, and water trail projects throughout Oregon.

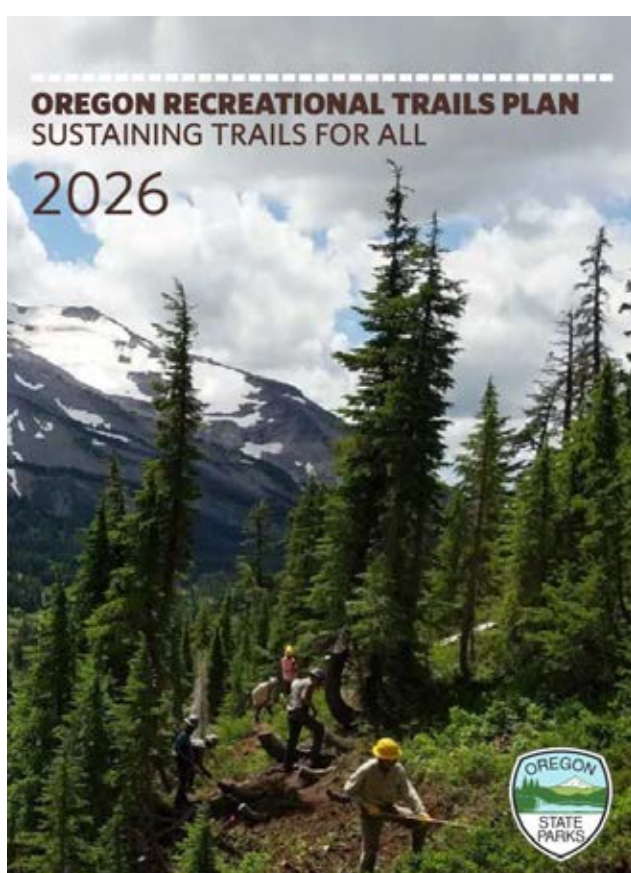
Recreational trails provide many benefits to the residents of Oregon, including recreation, health, transportation, community, and environmental benefits. They also make a substantial contribution to the state's economy. Each year, participation in recreational land and water trail activities by Oregon residents and out-of-state visitors generates over \$890 million in spending at Oregon businesses and creates \$14.5 billion in economic benefits for participants.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) takes an innovative approach to statewide trails planning by conducting simultaneous all-terrain vehicle (ATV), snowmobile, non-motorized, and water trails planning efforts. Public outreach was a key emphasis in the planning effort, including surveys gathering feedback from

192 recreational trail providers and 4,295 trail users. OPRD also partnered with the Oregon Trails Coalition to host trails plan workshops at the 2024 and 2025 Oregon Outdoor Recreation and Trails Summits and 8 virtual focus groups, allowing additional public discussion of trails issues and funding needs. We would like to thank everyone who took time to participate in the surveys and workshops.

The plan has identified seven statewide needs that impact all categories of trails in the state: funding and capacity; maintenance, rehabilitation, and stewardship; connectivity and access; information and signage; safety and user conflicts; reducing barriers to recreation; and balancing conservation and outdoor recreation. Recommended actions and investments are included for addressing these issues in the coming years.

OPRD will support the implementation of key statewide and user-specific planning recommendations through internal and external partnerships and OPRD-administered grant programs. My hope is that all Oregonians involved in the administration of recreational land and water trails take time to read this important document and make use of its



Courtesy from the ORPD

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recommendations to support your strategic planning. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission adopted the plan in February. See the full report online with this story at cgsentinel.com

For more information visit the OPRD website or contact OPRD Statewide Trails Planner Jessica Horning at Jessica.r.horning@oprd.oregon.gov.

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hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing. PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE; OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE, IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT. If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease

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be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: You do not owe rent; The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay

your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 or 60 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING UNIT WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise

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