

# CGHS Softball team’s season ends in first-round play at State

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The Cottage Grove High School Softball Team and its coaches had high hopes as they entered the first round of the 2025 OSAA / OnPoint Community Credit Union 4A Softball State Championship.

The Lady Lions faced La Grande at La Grande High School.

“These girls gave it their all against a tough No. 2 seed, La Grande,” the team’s Facebook post reads.

In the end it was La Grande 11, Cottage Grove 1.

“We are so proud of the season we’ve had, the milestones we’ve reached and the foundation that was set. 2025- a season of making history,” the post states.



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## The 2025 Cottage Grove Softball Team.

In a published interview with The Sentinel in early March, CGHS Head Softball Coach Sarah Keefauver said the team was heading into the 2025 season with “full vengeance.”

“I expect all of our varsity returners to come back with full vengeance after a tough season last year. We definitely have some scores to settle, and we are eager to work hard and take care of business in league,” she said.

In describing the team goals, Keefauver give the following prediction.

“First, we will be fundamentally sound and consistent. Second, we will work on setting each other up for success, this is a huge focus of mine as a coach,” Keefauver said.

“We are also going to focus on preparing for games with intention, each team in our league has different dynamics and strategies and we plan to adjust accordingly. We are going to shake things up a lot this season, and I have full confidence we will find success in doing so.”

Keefauver said the priority has been a “team-first mentality.”

“While it may sound cliché, the ability to work effectively within a

team is an invaluable life skill. We will also champion women in sports, empowering each girl to understand the importance of hard work, resilience, and never accepting ‘no’ as an answer,” she said.

“Above all, we will emphasize the power of women supporting women—celebrating and uplifting each other’s successes. Our focus will be on respect, accountability, and taking ownership of our actions. I hope the girls walk away with an understanding of all of the above and knowing that I will always be in their corner to support them along the way.”

# Caution issued for potential harmful algae blooms

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The Oregon Health Authority (OHA).has issued a health advisory concerning harmful algae blooms.

With summer, the water quality monitoring season begins, and the (OHA) is encouraging people heading to the lakes, rivers and reservoirs in Lane County and across the state to watch for potentially toxic cyanobacteria harmful algae blooms.

Cyanobacteria are beneficial bacteria found in most fresh water worldwide. The bacteria can multiply into blooms in any water body under the right conditions—warm weather, sunlight, water temperature, nutrients and water chemistry, the OHA states in its advisory.

“Some species of cyanobacteria live in the water or float on the top of the water surface,” the advisory states. “Other cyanobacteria mats anchor themselves to the bottom of a water body, live in the sediment, or grow on rocks or aquatic plants, and can release toxins into clear water.”

Some blooms can produce cyanotoxins that make people and animals sick. They can make the water look green or other colors and form scum-like masses or mats in water or on shore where they can be wet or dry, according to the OHA.

“As the warmer weather draws us to Oregon’s lakes and river, people—especially small children—and pets should avoid areas where there are signs of a cyanobacteria bloom, the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green or blue-green, or if thick green or brownish-red mats are visible, or bright green clumps are suspended in the water or along the shore,” OHA’s Environmental Public Health Section Recreational Water Specialist Linda Novitski said.

Although cyanotoxins are not known to be absorbed through the skin, people with sensitive skin can develop a red, raised rash when wading, playing or swimming in or around a bloom.

Children and pets are particularly sensitive to illness because of their size and activity levels. Similarly, livestock and wildlife can become ill and die after drinking from water bodies, troughs or other sources of drinking water affected by blooms and potential toxins, the advisory reads.

Dogs can get extremely ill, even die, within minutes to hours of exposure to cyanotoxins by drinking the water. Two recent dog deaths have been connected to a type of harmful algae that’s new to the Columbia River, Clark County Public Health officials warn, KOIN News has reported.

## ELECTION 2025

# Two school board races too close to call

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The results of the May 20 Special Election for two seats on the South Lane School District Board remained too close to call, as of press time May 29.

On May 28, a Lane County elections spokesperson said the elections staff was working with “cured” ballots. Letters have been sent to voters who forgot to sign their ballot, or their signature didn’t match the signature on file. Once those cured ballots are received, the results will be updated accordingly.

Two updates on the results are scheduled for May 29 and June 11 prior to being certified on June 16. According to Oregon law, if no candidate receives .02-percent of the vote an automatic recount is done.

**SOUTH LANE SCHOOL BOARD RACES**

Public engagement with the school board has increased significantly in the past three years, resulting in a spirited campaign with two candidates filing for each of the four open seats on the board.

Position 5: As of May 28, this race is a dead heat with one vote separating Colleen Valley and Tony Lefler. Valley, a local business owner, seeks a second four-year term on the board. Lefler, the service manager at a local car dealership, is making his first bid for public office.

Position 7: This is also a close race. Appointed to fill a vacancy last year, Jeff Gowing, a former mayor and retired millwright, seeks to keep the position for the remaining two years of the term. Challenger Bill Parsons, a local business owner and retired firefighter, in his first bid for public office, is challenging Gowing’s incumbency. Only 10 votes separate the two candidates as of May 28.

Follow developments online at cgscntinel.com, and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.

Two school board races were decided in the May 20 election:

**Position 2**

Taylor Wilhour, the current board chair, did not seek re-election. Diane Hicks, a retired Bohemia Elementary teacher,

and Rayla Campbell, a relative newcomer to local politics, squared off for the local seat. Hicks emerged victorious with 59-percent of the vote.

**Position 4**

Local realtor Sherry Duerst Higgins, a veteran of the board with more than three decades of service, was unseated by local businessman Chris Holloman with 242 votes more than Duerst-Higgins.

**VOTER TURNOUT LOW**

According to the Secretary of State’s office, the statewide average of voters casting a ballot was just over 23-percent and Lane County’s turnout was nearly 21-percent.

County Elections data summary as of May 22:

- Active Registered Voters: 279,566
- Ballots Counted: 58,313
- Voter Turnout Percentage: Approximately 20.86%

Compared to state and national elections, Oregon’s annual spring district elections traditionally have a much lower turnout. The results below are unofficial results until Lane County releases its certified results on June 16.

You can find more detailed information and updates on the Lane County website: [www.lanecountyor.gov](http://www.lanecountyor.gov).

**PRELIMINARY RESULTS IN OTHER LOCAL RACES**

**Lane Community College**

*Zone 1:* Jerry Rust won with 64.81-percent of the vote.

*Zone 3:* Julie Weismann was reelected with 56.68-percent

*Zone 4:* Austin Fölnagy was reelected with 65.44-percent

*Position 7 (at-large):* Jesse Maldonado ran unopposed and won with 97.96-percent

**South Lane Fire & Rescue**

Three of the five seats were up for election. With no challengers, Debby Stumph, Ron Hood and Tom Munroe were re-elected to their positions.

**Row River Fire District**

This newly created district provides fire protection to the Row River Valley. Three candidates applied for two open seats: Kirk Reinecke, Ian Lounsbury and Alan Neal Ades. Among the 208 ballots received, Reinecke and Ades earned the most votes to be seated on the board.

All the newly elected officials assume their duties on July 1.

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# Slow down, make a plan, local safety coalition urges

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Spring is in full swing, summer is on the horizon, and more and more people are flooding Oregon’s roadways.

The Safe Lane Transportation Coalition of Lane County is encouraging drivers to allow plenty of time and check their speed to ensure everyone’s safety.

The coalition’s “Make a Plan” public awareness campaign emphasizes the importance of planning your trip, whether it’s your daily commute or a longer road trip, by estimating how long it will take you to get there and by considering possible delays, so that you can enjoy the drive, according to a release from the coalition.

“Whether it’s raining or a sunny day, it’s important to allow yourself plenty of time,” Safe Lane Transportation Coalition Coordinator Drew Pfefferle said. “We like to say, ‘take it slow and let the journey flow.’”

Driving at high speeds reduces the time a driver has to react, increasing the likelihood of a crash or making it more difficult to avoid obstacles or slow down in time. Driving at or below the speed limit, on the other hand, can significantly reduce the likelihood of a fatal or life-altering crash, especially in adverse conditions, such as inclement weather, road construction or poorly lit areas, according to Pfefferle.

“Speeding may seem like a small risk, but it can have life-changing consequences,” Pfefferle said. “Nearly one-third of all traffic deaths on Oregon roadways involve speeding.”

The most recent five-year rolling data (2018-2022) shows that, on average, six speed-related fatalities occurred in the Lane County metropolitan area, while an additional eight occurred in rural Lane County. “That’s 14 lives that could have been spared by simply driving at a safe speed,” he says.

“Speeding and aggressive driving don’t just endanger



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**By adopting a harm-reduction approach, the coalition’s campaign focuses on speed reduction, DUII prevention, and traffic safety education and outreach to create safer roads for everyone.**

the driver — they put everyone on the road at risk, including other drivers and passengers, people walking or biking, and even family pets. It’s always safer to slow down than to risk a preventable tragedy,” Pfefferle says.

**SAFE DRIVING TIPS**  
Allow yourself extra time. Start by adding a few extra minutes to your usual travel time, then adjust for longer trips or uncertain conditions. The extra time can reduce stress and help you drive more safely.

Set it but don’t forget it. Use cruise control on longer trips when you’re well-rested to maintain a steady speed that matches the posted limit and road conditions. Cruise control can help reduce the temptation to speed, but remember to adjust it as needed based on traffic and conditions.

Be a proactive passenger. If you’re in a car with someone driving too fast, gently encourage them to slow down. You might say something like, “I feel safer when we take it slower.” Approach

the conversation with care and respect.

Enjoy the drive. Remember, driving isn’t a race. If you feel the urge to speed, take a deep breath, relax and refocus. Listen to your favorite music, podcast or just enjoy a calm, reflective drive.

**SAFE LANE TRANSPORTATION COALITION**  
The Safe Lane Transportation Coalition is a collaborative group of individuals, organizations, and governmental agencies

working to reduce fatalities and severe injury crashes in Lane County.

The coalition utilizes the strengths and resources of its members to establish transportation safety policies, programs, and practices. By adopting a harm-reduction approach, the coalition focuses on speed reduction, DUII prevention, and traffic safety education and outreach to create safer roads for everyone.

See more information at [www.SafeLaneCoalition.org](http://www.SafeLaneCoalition.org).

## POLICE BLOTTER

*The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies.*

All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change.

For specific details about cases listed, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.

### Cottage Grove Police

#### MONDAY, MAY 19

00:24: Suspicious vehicle, Hwy 99/River Rd.  
01:38: Illegal camping, 900 block Gateway Blvd.  
02:12: Wanted subject, 1700 block S. 5th St.  
07:46: Suspicious vehicle, Hwy 99/River Rd.  
08:06: Abandoned vehicle, 400 block N. 10th St.  
10:09: Disorderly subject, 400 block E. Main St.  
11:01: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
11:31: Welfare check, Row River Rd./Hwy 99  
11:57: Abandoned vehicle, 16th/Gibbs  
12:35: Theft, 300 block S. 5th St.  
13:11: Vehicle impound, 500 block S. 16th St.  
13:20: Dog at large, 6th/Patrick Ln.  
16:28: Harassment, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
16:56: Welfare check, 600 block N. 10th St.  
17:28: Suspicious condition, 100 block N. 14th St.  
18:57: Theft, 300 block North H St.  
19:07: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Ostrander Ln.  
20:39: Harassment, 900 block N. Douglas st.  
21:16: Warrant service, 100 block Hwy 99

21:54: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 400 block E. Main St.

22:57: Welfare check, 1000 block Hillside Dr.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 20

03:30: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
03:41: Suspicious subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
08:27: Vehicle impound, Holly/River Rd.  
09:18: Abandoned vehicle, 300 block E. Madison Ave.  
09:58: Theft, Thomas/Thornton  
10:43: Disturbance, 400 block S. 16th St.  
10:45: Agency assist, 16th/Main  
12:33: Order violation, 500 block Landess Rd.  
12:33: Order violation, 900 block N. Douglas St.  
12:35: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99  
13:25: Dog at large, 700 block South 1st St.  
14:24: Suspicious vehicle, 700 block South R St.  
15:18: Welfare check, 100 block Village Dr.  
15:47: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.  
15:57: Citizen assist, 400 block E. Main St.  
16:04: Abandoned vehicle, W. Main/P  
17:36: Juvenile problem, 8th/Arthur  
18:16: Suspicious condition, 800 block E. Main St.  
19:52: Assault, 500 block E. Madison Ave.  
20:05: Fire, Hwy 99/Lane  
23:11: Suspicious condition, 500 block E. Main St.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

00:29: Trespass, 1500 block Village Dr.  
01:10: Fire, Hillside/Elwood  
02:24: Alarm, 900 block E. Main St.

02:54: Business check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

04:46: Alarm, 700 block Row River Rd.

08:41: Welfare check, 500 block Grant Ave.

09:26: Abandoned vehicle, 500 block Grant Ave.

10:22: Suspicious vehicle, M/Birch

11:33: Juvenile problem, 1500 block S. 4th St.

11:45: Illegal camping, 1300 block Elm Ave.

12:58: Criminal mischief, 1400 block N. Douglas St.

14:44: Animal info, 1500 block E. Main St.

15:32: Warrant service, 900 block Arthur Ave.

16:19: Agency assist, 900 block W. Main St.

16:42: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.

17:04: Trespass, Holly/Kalapuya

17:17: Warrant service, 900 block Arthur Ave.

20:49: Nuisance, 1800 block S. 11th St.

22:02: Business check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

22:40: Welfare check, Gateway/14th

23:23: Warrant service, 900 block E. Main St.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 22

01:00: Disturbance, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
01:02: Alarm, 900 block E. Main St.  
01:55: Barking dog, 1200 block Dublin Ln.  
03:20: Vehicle impound, 78000 block Thornton Ln.  
07:53: Dog at large, Lord/99  
08:11: Motor vehicle crash, 6th/99  
09:29: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
10:49: Abandoned vehicle, 200 block N. 8th St.  
11:11: Warrant service, 1900 block S. 6th St.  
12:50: Alarm, 1300 block S. 4th St.  
13:26: Found property, Whiteaker/22nd



15:22: Abandoned vehicle, 16th/Gibbs

16:17: Fire, Johnson/10th

16:19: Warrant service, 100 block N. 6th St.

18:06: Disorderly subject, 1600 block E. Main St.

18:41: Disturbance, 32000 block Rachel Rd.

20:32: Order violation, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.

22:19: Suspicious condition, 1300 block S. 4th St.

22:53: Suspicious subject, 1000 block E. Main St.

23:10: Disorderly subject, 500 block S. Douglas St.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 23

02:42: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.  
03:36: Business check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
07:20: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
08:01: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.  
08:15: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
08:34: Order violation, 75000 block London rd.  
09:04: Criminal mischief, 1100 block Adams Ave.  
11:48: Hit and run, Gateway/Coop

12:55: Wanted subject, 1100 block E. Washington Ave.

13:20: Warrant service, 8th/Taylor

15:19: Animal info, 100 block N. 6th St.

16:34: Juvenile trouble, 8th/Taylor

17:07: Disorderly subject, 700 block S. 7th St.

17:40: Agency assist, Gateway/Row River Rd.

18:24: Warrant service, 1300 block E. Main St.

18:53: Citizen assist, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

20:34: Warrant service, 1000 block E. Main St.

21:34: Fire, 16th/Adams

23:54: Alarm, 700 block Row River Rd.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 24

00:53: Missing juvenile, 100 block Hwy 99  
05:19: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.  
06:32: Nuisance, 100 block N. 6th St.  
08:01: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
10:23: Nuisance, 100 block N. 6th St.  
10:41: Disorderly subject, Main/K  
11:17: Drug activity, 6th/Whiteaker  
12:00: Motor vehicle crash, Thornton/Row River Rd.  
12:16: Nuisance, 100 block N. 6th St.  
12:39: Citizen assist, 7th/Main  
13:26: Alarm, 3300 block Row River Rd.  
14:44: Animal info, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
15:53: Suspicious condition, 300 block Hwy 99  
16:12: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.  
17:15: Motor vehicle crash, Hillside/Elwood  
18:05: Fire, 100 block S. 22nd St.  
18:33: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
19:28: Welfare check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

19:46: Wanted subject, 1100 block E. Harrison Ave.

19:54: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

20:02: Missing juvenile, 1600 block Daugherty Ave.

21:44: Nuisance, Madison/2nd

23:07: Disorderly subject, 100 block N. 6th St.

23:49: Intoxicated subject, 1700 block Hwy 99

#### SUNDAY, MAY 25

01:55: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.  
03:48: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. Street  
07:18: Welfare check, 34000 block Row River Rd.  
08:10: Suspicious activity, 34000 block Row River Rd.  
08:47: Disorderly subject, 1500 block E. Main St.  
11:56: Criminal mischief, 1800 block Marion Way  
14:14: Suspicious vehicle, 700 block South R St.  
14:27: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.  
14:43: Suspicious condition, 300 block N. 7th St.  
17:00: Welfare check, 1200 block Hwy 99  
17:17: Found dog, 100 block N. 6th St.  
18:33: Warrant service, 300 block S. River Rd.  
19:31: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
20:18: Disturbance, 2100 block N. Douglas St.  
20:29: Disturbance, 500 block E. Jefferson Ave.  
21:15: Suspicious condition, 200 block S. 13th St.  
22:19: Motor vehicle crash, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
23:36: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block E. Main St.

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# Town Hall to outline city budget

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Last fall, city council candidates campaigned on the need for more transparency and greater citizen involvement in city affairs.

At its March 8 goal setting retreat, councilors committed to hosting town hall meetings this year. Keeping that promise, the proposed 2025-26 city budget will be the topic of a town hall meeting scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at Cottage Grove City Hall, 400 E Main Street.

The format will be informal in how the room is arranged and allow citizens more than the standard three minutes to make their comments.

Cottage Grove City Manager Mike Sauerwein told The Sentinel in a published report May 21, “next year’s budget is really tight.” Unlike previous years, this challenge required three budget committee meetings conducted last month.

In the proposed \$46,973,783 budget, police and library services consume nearly all of property taxes collected each year in the general fund.

At its May 22 meeting, as the Cottage Grove City Budget Committee contemplated balancing competing needs for limited general fund programs, supporters of the community swimming pool showed up in force to advocate for these programs. The council chamber neared its capacity with advocates inside supporting continued financial support for community uses of the school district-owned pool.

The committee voted to continue city’s annual \$75,000 payment to South Lane School District and also approved a 14-percent rate increase in the water/wastewater/storm drain fees and then continued discussion of other parts of the proposed spending plan.

**CHANGES TO PROPOSED BUDGET**

The budget committee made changes to the city manager’s proposed budget, according to Cottage Grove City Council President Greg Ervin, which include:

- Added \$30,000 in anticipated revenue from armory rentals
- Added \$5,000 back into budget which South Lane Wheels no longer needs
- Transferred \$50,000 for a planned bicycle path from the street fund to general fund to keep more money in the street fund
- Required interest earned on the special trust fund be distributed equally to the different projects in that fund.

The city’s current budget policy requires expenditures, including the cash carryover, that do not exceed revenue. Committee members approved an advisory vote asking the council to direct the city manager to reduce the gap in the general fund between revenue and expenditures to zero within three years, with at least a

one-third reduction beginning with the 2025-26 budget.

“We’re on a path that within two years we will blow through our cash carryover, which we rely on to pay the bills until new taxes are collected next fall,” Ervin said. “The cash carryover amount functions as a savings account to meet operating expenses until taxes are distributed in the fall.”

The lengthy May 22 ended at 10:15 p.m. with a 9-4 vote to approve the document. Councilor Randall Lammerman and Budget Committee members Amber Bahler, Charlene Sayles and Johanna Zee were opposed.

**NEXT STEPS**

Following citizen feedback at the June 4 town hall meeting, councilors can make additional changes before the document goes to a public hearing at the June 9 or June 23 city council meeting. To comply with state law, the council must adopt the document no later than its June 23 council meeting.

# School board receives approved budget

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*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

A spending plan for the South Lane School District has been approved by the district’s budget committee.

At the May 27 meeting of the South Lane School District’s budget committee, Finance Director Celia Gowing walked members through the proposed budget of \$69,550,920.

No significant reductions were made in the 2025-26 budget in the current level of personnel and programs. The

document was unanimously recommended to the South Lane School Board for adoption, which was expected to occur during the board’s June 2 meeting.

Interim Superintendent Brian McCasline told the committee, “The budget is a concept and is only good the day you wrote it and the next day something is going to be different.”

It was noted that diligent and prudent management of the current budget, and how district leaders wisely managed the COVID-related state

and federal grants, placed the district in a much better position than some others in Oregon and there are no planned layoffs or program reductions for next year.

Board Chair Taylor Wilhour told The Sentinel the budget process went well, and the district faired much better than other school districts in Oregon.

“Sound fiscal management, especially regarding COVID funds, has helped us avoid the deep cuts that other school districts are facing,” Wilhour said. “This budget is

based on an \$11.4B allocation to the State School Fund, which is expected to happen.”

He added, “We were also hoping there would be legislation to address the rising cost of some programs throughout the state and that looks unlikely to pass. In addition, the status of all federal funding is uncertain. The approved budget will probably need to be adjusted to account for these factors once they become finalized, probably early in the next school year.”

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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One of Cottage Grove’s walking paths.

**THROUGH JUNE 12**  
Seed to Supper LCC Course”  
Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at LCC Cottage Grove Center, 1275 S. River Road. A free 6-week class offered by OSU Extension, Lane County Master Gardeners and Lane Community College to teach novice gardeners to grow nutritious food on a limited budget.

**JUNE 13**  
Rosie the Riveter meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at: the Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W C Street in Springfield. The meeting are held the second Friday of every month. For more information, contact American Rosie the Riveter Association McKenzie Chapter Dr. Yvonne Fasold at fasold@uoregon.edu

**JUNE 14-15**  
Cottage Theatre auditions at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 6 p.m. for its August production, The Tempest by William Shakespeare. This play will run for three weekends, from August 8-24. Auditions will take place at Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Drive, in Cottage Grove. Pre-registration is requested. Further details, including character breakdown, monologue options, and

registration form, are available at [www.cottagetheatre.org](http://www.cottagetheatre.org).

**JUNE 16**  
The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) is proud to announce the return of its annual Veteran Benefit Expo, the state’s largest veteran resource event, at the Salem Armory Auditorium, 2310 17th Street NE in Salem This marks the first in-person Expo since 2019 and will also feature a special 80th Anniversary Celebration of ODVA beginning at 10 a.m. Space is limited, but there are still openings for state or local organizations who provide direct benefits to veterans and who are interested in being an exhibitor at this year’s Expo. Registration is free but is subject to approval by ODVA based on space and other considerations. To register, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/orvetexpo25vendors](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/orvetexpo25vendors).

**JUNE 21**  
West District Elks Children’s Eye Clinic Golf Tournament at the Hidden Valley Golf Course. Tee time 7:30 a.m. 18 Holes with a shotgun start. All are welcome to play. Limited to 15 teams. Sponsors and teams encouraged to participate. For mor information, contact Randy Pitcher at 541-942-8755, or at 541-942-3554.

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OBITUARIES & NEWS

Gynger Carol Hoover

October 16, 1949 - May 23, 2025

Gynger Carol Hoover, born on October 16, 1949, in Lebanon, Oregon, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2025, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Gynger, known for her warmth, kindness, and friendly demeanor, lived a life marked by love, family, and immense care for those around her.

Gynger grew up as the cherished daughter of Richard and Ladonna (Paulson) Zoll. She brought light and joy into the world from her earliest days. After graduating from Cottage Grove High School, Gynger's path in life was defined by her entrepreneurial spirit and her flair for fashion. She became a respected co-owner of Hoover's Shoe Store and owned the local Sta Tan business. Her flair for style shone brightly as she participated in several fashion shows, sharing her sense of elegance with the community.

Earlier, Gynger's heart was blessed with two sons, born from her marriage to Rex Campbell. Gynger and Rex later parted ways in divorce. Gynger's personal life blossomed when she married James Hoover on March 18th, 1977, in Cottage Grove, where the couple built a life filled with love and shared passions. Gynger's



family was her pride and joy, and she leaves behind a legacy of love to her husband, James; sons, Jeff, Derek, and Brent; daughter, Cindi; and brother, Bruce Zoll of Cottage Grove. Gynger's family grew in joy with the addition of six grandchildren: Javen, Kyra, Cheyenne, Kyle, Corbin, Samantha, and Josh, and her delight only multiplied with the birth of five great-grandchildren.

An ardent beader and traveler, Gynger found pleasure in her trips to Palm Desert with her husband Jim and in the serenity of golfing amidst nature. Her profound love for fashion, her cats, and the quiet joy of spending time with her family and many friends defined her life's happiest moments.

A Celebration of Life will be held in her honor on June 8th, 2025, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at 33768 Row River Rd in Cottage Grove. It is here that those who knew and loved Gynger will gather to share stories, laughter, and memories of a woman who truly embodied the best of what it is to be loving, friendly, and kind. She will be deeply missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Christine "Chris" Lu Frederick

Aug. 29, 1957 – Apr. 5, 2025

Christine died unexpectedly of a heart problem on April 5, 2025. She is survived by her husband Tom F. Urban of Springfield; brother Charles "Chip" Frederick of Bloomington, Indiana; sister Catherine Roth of Eugene, Oregon; sister Mary Frederick of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; brother Peter Frederick of Hamilton, Montana; as well as in-laws, nephews, nieces, grand-nephews and grandnieces.

Christine was born on August 29, 1957, in Pigeon, Michigan. She was the middle child of Charles and Sara Lu Frederick.

Christine graduated from Iowa City High



School in 1975. She earned a BS in nursing from Goshen College, Indiana, in 1981.

Following graduation, she moved to Oregon and began her nursing career at Cottage Grove Hospital. She was a labor and delivery nurse there and helped the hospital achieve Baby Friendly designation. She worked there until the hospital closed and then transferred to McKenzie Willamette Medical Center to finish her career, retiring in 2022.

Chris will be remembered and held dearly as a respected, thoughtful, nurturing person. May her memory bring comfort to all whose lives she touched.

Death Notices

**Ardith "Ardy" Pauline Sturman**, 84, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away May 6, 2025. A graveside service was held at Brumbaugh Cemetery in Cottage Grove. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

**Clifford Burchfield**, 73, of Eugene, Oregon, passed away on May 13, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

**Roberta "Bobbie" Schmidt**  
July 1, 1939 – Oct. 14, 2024

Roberta "Bobbie" Schmidt, of Cadillac and formerly of Oregon, passed away on Monday, October 14, 2024, at her home. She was 85. Memorial Services will take place at 2pm on Saturday, June 7, 2025, at the Drain Assembly of God Church, located at 975 Drain Section Road, Drain OR, 97435.

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Summer EBT for school-aged children underway

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Oregon Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (Summer EBT) is a food benefits program that helps shrink the hunger gap when children are on summer break and don't have easy access to healthy meals at school. Summer EBT provides \$120 per eligible child to buy food, according to a release from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

"When school doors close for the summer, the need for regular, healthy meals doesn't disappear," ODE Director Dr. Charlene Williams said.

In 2024, the summer EBT program bridged a critical gap for thousands of Oregon families, helping to replace those essential 10 meals per child, per week, that they receive when school is in session, Williams added.

"We are proud to continue this partnership with ODHS to not only feed children, but to nurture their potential during crucial developmental months," Williams said. "Our continued commitment ensures that summer can be a season of growth and opportunity for all children, regardless of their economic circumstances."

In 2024, about 362,000 children participated and

received \$43 million in Summer EBT food benefits their families spent in their local grocery stores, farmers markets, and other places.

"Summer EBT is one more way we can prevent kids from going hungry when school is out. Summer EBT is an evidence-based program proven to reduce child hunger and support healthier diets," Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) Director. Fariborz Pakseresht said. "Child hunger can have lasting impacts on health and academic achievement. Getting every eligible child connected to Summer EBT will help Oregon's children thrive year-round and as they grow up."

This is the second year of Oregon's Summer EBT program. On May 22, 2025, about 336,000 children received the benefit on an Oregon EBT card. Families should check their EBT card balance at www.ebtedge.com to confirm receipt.

Families who didn't automatically get Summer EBT on May 22, 2025 should check program requirements before applying. Families can check requirements at sebt.oregon.

gov or by contacting the Summer EBT Call Center at 833-673-7328.

The Call Center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., PDT. Apply online in English and Spanish or with a paper application in multiple languages at sebt.oregon.gov.

Who is eligible for Summer EBT food benefits?

Families can find details about Summer EBT at sebt.oregon.gov.

- Your school-age child may be automatically eligible if:
  - Your family received Summer EBT benefits through an approved application in 2024.
  - Your family gets SNAP, TANF or Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) and meets income rules.
  - Your child gets free or reduced-price school meals and meets income rules.
  - Your child is in foster care, in migrant education, in a qualified Head Start, experiencing homelessness, or part of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR).
- Children who are automatically eligible received

Summer EBT on May 22, 2025.

Your school-age child may be eligible by application if:

- Your family meets the federal income requirements for free or reduced-price meals at school, and
  - Your child attends a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP).
- Families must apply by Sept. 3, 2025. Receiving Summer EBT does not impact participation in other summer meal programs.

Summer EBT benefits are not considered in a public charge test and are available to children regardless of immigration status.

How will families receive Summer EBT food benefits?

The benefits will be placed on an Oregon EBT card and can be used at most grocery stores, farmers markets, and more.

Families that need a new card should call 855-328-6715, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (PDT).

Families that think their children may be eligible and didn't get benefits on May 22 must apply by September 3. If approved, they will receive an Oregon EBT card by mail. Stolen Summer EBT benefits can't be replaced.

You can protect your Oregon EBT card and benefits from electronic theft by following a few simple tips.

Where can families get more information?

To learn more, or to apply, visit sebt.oregon.gov.

Call the Oregon Summer EBT Call Center at 1-833-673-7328 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (PDT) on weekdays. All relay calls accepted.

More about Summer EBT  
Summer EBT became a permanent program for states and certain Indian Tribal Organizations through the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Most states began providing Summer EBT in June 2024. Oregon's participation was made possible through an investment from the Oregon State Legislature of \$12 million. That investment will draw \$83 million in federal funding to Oregon, mostly in the form of food benefits families will spend in their communities.

Additional resources to help meet basic needs

Find a food pantry: food-finder.oregonfoodbank.org

Find summer meal sites: https://www.fns.usda.gov/summer/sitefinder

Learn about government programs and community resources for older adults and people with disabilities: Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon at 1-855-673-2372 or https://www.adrcforegon.org.

Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211, www.211info.org

Find local resources and support by contacting your local Community Action Agency: https://www.caporegon.org/find-help

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# State Parks Day returns June 7

**STAFF REPORT**  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*  
Every year Oregon State Parks begins the busier season with a small thank you to its visitors — free camping and day-use parking on State Parks Day.

State Parks Day has been a tradition since 1998 to thank Oregonians

for their long-standing support of the state park system. It falls on the first Saturday of June, which is June 7 this year, according to a release from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)

“We are honored to steward and share these places with Oregonians

and all our visitors,” Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Director Lisa Sumption said. “We appreciate their commitment to preserving and maintaining Oregon’s special places. We would not have the park system that we have today without their support.”

OPRD will waive day-use parking fees at the 25 parks that charge them and camping fees for all tent, RV and horse campsites on June 7. State Parks Day also includes free events at many state parks.

“Park staff have worked hard over the last few months getting parks

ready for the busier season and State Parks Day,” the release states. “The list of projects includes everything from clearing storm damage, with as many as 180 downed trees near Nehalem, to moving mountains of muck or sand to re-open camp loops. Now parks are ready to welcome visitors

for State Parks Day and the busier season.”

For a list of events, visit [stateparks.oregon.gov](http://stateparks.oregon.gov). For camping availability, check [oregon-stateparks.reserveamerica.com](http://oregon-stateparks.reserveamerica.com) or visit first-come-first served sites: <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=reserve.first-come>.

## ALGAE

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The OHA issues pre-emptive public warnings following reports of dog illnesses resulting from cyanotoxin exposure. Exposures occur

when dogs lick their fur or eat the toxins from floating mats or dried crust along the shore.

If, after swimming in a lake or stream, a dog exhibits symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, breathing problems, difficulty walking or standing, or loss of appetite, owners should get their pet

to a veterinarian as soon as possible.

Open recreational areas where blooms are identified can still be enjoyed for activities such as camping, hiking, biking, picnicking and bird watching.

By being aware of signs of a bloom and taking appropriate precautions to reduce or eliminate exposure, visitors

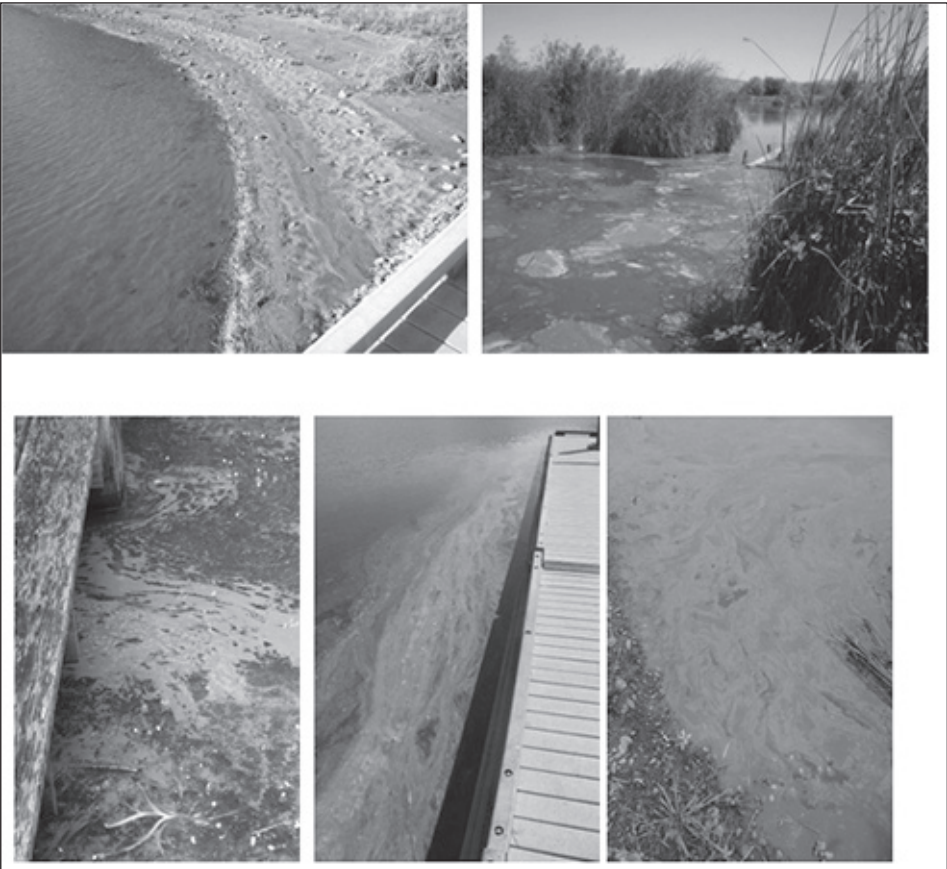
can enjoy water activities such as canoeing, boating and fishing, as long as boat speeds do not create excessive water spray, and fish are cleaned appropriately, the advisory states.

Only a fraction of water bodies in Oregon are

monitored for blooms and toxins, so the OHA said it’s important for people to become familiar with the signs of a bloom by visiting OHA’s CyanoHAB website at <http://www.healthoregon.org/hab>.

Those who are unsure should follow OHA’s guidance of “When in doubt, stay out.”

For health information or to report an illness, contact OHA at 971-673-0440, or visit [CyanoHAB website](http://www.healthoregon.org/hab).



Courtesy from the OHA

**CyanoHABs can take on many appearances and can occur in two places: floating in the water (planktonic) or on the bottom of lakes and rivers (benthic).**



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Sunday School and Adult Education 9:15 a.m.  
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the City of Cottage Grove will be held on June 9, 2025 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, 400 E. Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 as approved by the City of Cottage Grove Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 400 E. Main Street, Cottage Grove, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or online at cottagegrove.gov. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Michael Bauerwein

Telephone: 541-942-5501

Email: mbaurewein@cottagegrove.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2023-24	Adopted Budget This Year 2024-25	Approved Budget Next Year 2025-26
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	13,845,190	12,336,778	16,269,430
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	11,136,722	13,189,670	13,635,258
Federal, State and all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations and Donations	3,922,380	7,714,407	3,619,784
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	955,000	2,750,000	300,000
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	4,974,289	7,070,960	4,625,361
All Other Resources (except Current Year Property Taxes)	1,362,997	6,852,140	2,458,950
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	5,489,081	5,850,000	6,100,000
Total Resources	41,686,119	55,542,852	47,005,783

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	9,716,840	12,091,675	12,895,149
Materials and Services	6,400,951	8,780,770	7,193,688
Capital Outlay	4,179,983	19,511,030	13,329,280
Debt Service	2,822,141	5,512,135	3,169,029
Interfund Transfers	4,823,281	6,889,960	4,406,360
Contingencies	0	2,019,072	1,738,749
Special Payments	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	13,742,916	699,210	4,346,573
Total Requirements	41,686,119	55,542,852	47,005,783

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *			
Name of Organizational Unit or Program			
FTE for that unit or program			
General Fund:			
City Council	33,173	62,310	91,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
City Manager	699,706	539,895	793,084
FTE	3.00	2.00	3.02
Finance	497,053	517,265	631,847
FTE	4.35	5.11	5.62
Police Operations	3,116,408	4,190,250	4,448,445
FTE	21.80	29.01	31.55
Municipal Court	116,980	117,825	125,300
FTE	0.74	0.74	0.79
Municipal Court Support Services	69,386	86,950	86,950
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Peer Court	0	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance	1,179,289	850,995	925,249
FTE	5.00	4.90	4.92
Engineering	269,330	256,615	274,176
FTE	1.35	1.05	1.07
Broadband Services	332,014	399,290	195,290
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Development	453,230	1,553,810	559,103
FTE	2.82	2.00	2.17
Library	422,514	494,680	559,669
FTE	3.00	4.00	4.42
Community Services	442,712	309,465	30,400
FTE	2.00	2.00	0.00
Community Promotions	185,796	198,000	203,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Human Resources	0	158,705	236,633
FTE	0.00	1.00	1.01
Internal Support	7,049,652	2,913,670	4,602,365
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Street Fund:			
Street Maintenance	1,782,754	732,160	783,737
FTE	4.06	3.04	4.01
Street Sweeping	107,790	125,690	134,708
FTE	0.85	0.85	0.85
Capital Improvements/Capital Purchases	349,513	1,445,000	910,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Street Internal Support	1,408,803	2,324,080	616,405
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assessment Fund:			
FTE	177,636	1,369,960	170,512
Police Communications Fund:			
Support Services	634,614	669,120	669,490
FTE	4.15	4.10	4.32
911 Services	264,390	399,800	354,105
FTE	2.07	2.04	2.12
Internal Support	105,783	18,955	83,282
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Narcotics Forfeiture Fund:			
FTE	40,797	8,510	11,239
Bicycle Footpath Fund:			
FTE	100,690	122,935	495,154
Building Inspection Program Fund			
FTE	741,532	1,011,100	893,850
Economic Development Grant Fund:			
FTE	3.63	3.08	3.02
Housing Rehabilitation Fund:			
FTE	1,081,271	7,402,887	4,205,000
Water Fund:			
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water Distribution	1,234,626	1,346,140	1,572,243
FTE	6.29	6.97	9.61
Water Production	843,527	872,615	912,379
FTE	4.41	4.39	3.86
Internal Support	373,732	404,655	278,988
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wastewater Fund:			
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wastewater Collection	989,325	927,050	729,893
FTE	4.16	4.55	4.06
Wastewater Treatment Plan	1,062,366	1,098,640	1,175,601
FTE	4.41	3.91	4.87
Midfield Golf Course	1,519,317	1,117,310	1,116,379
FTE	8.16	10.19	9.92
Internal Support	943,116	1,164,730	995,667
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storm Drain Utility Fund:			
FTE	447,307	451,110	472,805
Industrial Park Operations Fund:			
FTE	235,046	890,000	459,000
Water BDG Fund:			
FTE	1,727,981	1,104,500	1,205,000
Street BDG Fund:			
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wastewater BDG Fund:			
FTE	1,806,291	1,307,800	705,000
Storm Drain BDG Fund:			
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Parks BDG Fund:			
FTE	592,672	163,000	240,500
General Reserve Fund:			
FTE	340,965	239,800	220,000
Water Reserve Fund:			
FTE	3,566,181	3,617,899	4,209,000
Wastewater Reserve Fund:			
FTE	4,611,862	3,040,000	1,869,000
Storm Drain Reserve Fund:			
FTE	2,083,076	3,875,000	3,758,000
Building Inspection Reserve Fund:			
FTE	111,276	113,000	113,000
Debt Service Fund:			
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing Development Cost Assistance Trust Fund:			
FTE	208,737	205,500	206,112
Special Trusts Fund:			
FTE	84,073	92,025	99,152
Armory Trust Fund:			
FTE	320,342	166,000	177,000
Total Requirements	48,682,286	55,542,852	47,005,783
Total FTE	91.13	88.59	91.37

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING			
Federal Grant funding will continue for the Main Street Revitalization project. State Grant funding will continue for the Stormwater Master Plan and Community Pathways project. General Fund Revenue is expected to maintain the current level of City Services. The budget includes a 14% increase in water operations rate, a 5% increase in Wastewater operations rate, and a 7% increase in Storm Drainage operations rate. In the Wastewater Fund, increased revenue for golf course operations was included.			

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2022-23 7.2087	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2023-24 7.2087	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2024-25 7.2087
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$7.2087 per \$1,000)			
Local Option Levy			
Levy For General Obligation Bonds			

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, but Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$16,727,446	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$1,909,933	\$0
Total	\$18,637,379	\$0



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
STATE SHARED REVENUES A public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of the City Council of Cottage Grove at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025 in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 400 E. Main Street, Cottage Grove, Oregon. This public hearing is being held to consider uses of State Shared Revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. The meeting can be joined in person or from your computer, tablet, or smartphone at: <https://zoom.us/j/99973312488>, you can also dial in using your phone at 1-253-205-0468, Webinar ID: 999 7331 2488. For complete instructions on how to join the meeting and provide public comment, go to [www.cottagegroveor.gov/meetings](http://www.cottagegroveor.gov/meetings) and refer to the Council Agenda for June 9, 2025.

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**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE** Reference is made to that certain trust deed made by Jon Haratyk, as grantor, to First American Title, as trustee, in favor of Russell D. Leach and Lori J. Leach, as beneficiaries, dated January 27, 2020, recorded February 2020, in the records of Lane County, Oregon, as Document No. 2020-005418, covering the following described real property situated in said county and state, to wit: LOTS 3 & 4, COOK'S INDUSTRIAL PARK, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN FILE 73, SLIDE 195, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. Both the beneficiaries and the successor trustee, Cassie K. Jones (appointed Successor Trustee in a recording filed in Lane County Deeds and Records as Document No. 2025-008976 on March 31, 2025) have elected to sell the real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and a notice of default has been recorded pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes 86.752(3) (recorded on March 31, 2025 in Lane County Deeds and Records as Document No. 2025-009016). There is a default by the grantor, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such default. The default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sums: 1. Unpaid Principal; \$1,395,000.00 2. Accrued and unpaid interest through and including March 28, 2025 (and continuing at the rate of 7% or \$267.53/day); \$ 84,861.82 3. Attor-

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ney Fees through March 28, 2025 \$ 2,889.00 4. Trustee's Sale Guarantee Report: \$ 2,728.00 5. Insurance premiums paid: \$ 28,284.74 6. Subtotal: \$ 1,513,763.56 Because interest, late charges, insurance premiums, property tax payments, title and recording fees, attorney fees, and costs continue to accrue, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the trustee before the time you tender the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing, to the beneficiary under the trust deed pursuant to the terms of the obligation which it secures. WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will on Monday, August 18, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at Lane County Courthouse, 125 E 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, in the City of Eugene, County of Lane, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the real property described above which the grantor had the power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the trust deed together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of the sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.764 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, and in addition to paying those sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee and attorney fees. Pursuant to Oregon law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's Deed has been issued by the Successor Trustee. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee

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will rescind the sale, return the purchaser's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the trustee. This shall be the purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the trustee, the beneficiary, or their agents. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantors" include any successor in interest to the grantors as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: April 1, 2025 . By: ~~~Cassie K. Jones, Successor Trustee ~~~ Gleaves Swearingen LLP P.O. Box 1147 Eugene, OR 97440 (541) 686-8833

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Green Gables Mini Storage will be conducting an online lien auction for the following storage units due to non payment. Auction will be posted at Bid13.com and will begin at 11:00am on 6/3/25 and end at 12:00pm 6/13/25 . All units must be cleaned out by 12:00pm 6/16/25. Minimum charge for all units will be \$50.00. The following list of units will be sold to highest bidder and are all subject to current tenant paying past due amounts in full prior to end of sale on auction end date. Carolyn Allen D-108 10 x 15, Kent Waller B8 10 x 20, Ben Farringer B3 5 x 10, Amanda Kuehn C9 10 x 20, Wendi Hilgendorf C109A 5 x 10, Dawn Reinhoehl B88 10 x 10, JoAnne Stacy C24 10 x 20, JoAnne Stacy C55B 5 x 10, JoAnne Stacy D47 10 x 15, Tonya LeClair C47 10 x 30, Daniel Hall C82 10 x 10, Kathy Self D26 10 x 15, JoAnne Stacy C24 10 x 20. Gary Quimby Green Gables Mini Storage 541-942-0291-Office- [greenablesministorage@gmail.com](mailto:greenablesministorage@gmail.com)

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South Lane Freedom Keepers placed these large American flags along the Saginaw overpass along I-5 during Memorial Day to honor U.S. military members, veterans, and those lost in conflict.

# Honoring armed forces, veterans, those lost in conflict

CINDY WEELDREYER  
JEREMY C. RUARK  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Local folks gathered along the Saginaw overpass during Memorial Day, May 26, displaying large American flags from the structure over Interstate 5 just north of Cottage Grove.

Organizers, South Lane Freedom Keepers, said the event was to show their

support for the United States Armed Forces, veterans, and to remember those military men and women lost in conflicts.

A similar ceremony was conducted at the Cottage Grove Armory and at Cottage Grove's Veterans Park. Members of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts organized the two-location ceremony.

Inside the Armory's drill hall, attendees placed their

hands over their hearts, as others formally saluted, the passing American flag carried in by local Scouts to the mournfully solemn tune played by Eugene Bagpiper David Parkhurst. Cyra Conforth gave a moving rendition of the national anthem. American Legion Chaplain Bryan Ducker offered an opening and closing prayer.

Keynote Speaker Captain Patrick Taylor, a former Marine helicopter pilot,

encouraged those gathered to teach today's youth how significant the United States Constitution was to those who died to protect it for the benefit of future generations of Americans.

"Today, we give thanks to those who didn't come back and to those who served and passed along the way. Memorial Day is their celebration," Taylor said. "We come from a tradition of warriors and servants. Teach the youth what it costs to have a country. We are all Americans – even the ones who don't understand that. Today's youth need to realize our country can be lost if we don't remember our heroes. They need to be encouraged to not squander

(their heritage) because it is a gift."

As VFW Member Patti Hunt read the names of 57 local veterans who died since last year's ceremony, Stephanie Rogers, a member of the VFW Auxiliary and American Legion, took red and white roses from one vase and put them in another as American Legion Commander Mike Flint rang a bell. Among the 57 names were the names of 13 Grovers who were killed in action in the Vietnam War. A small table nearby was symbolically set to remember and honor prisoners of war (POWs) and those still missing in action (MIAs).

Following a 21-gun salute outside, Larry Bottemiller, a local trumpeter, played Taps

as the Scouts retrieved the American and State of Oregon flags and concluded the first part of the commemorative events.

Participants regrouped at Veterans Park, on the corner of Main and River Road, to drop a red, white and blue ceremonial wreath into the Coast Fork of the Willamette River from the Main Street bridge.

Army Specialist SP-5 Linda Ducker had the honor of dropping the wreath into the water as participants watched it slowly float away. An honor guard of veterans provided a 21-gun salute that was followed by Parkhurst playing Amazing Grace and Bottemiller playing Taps as the finale to the day's events.

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( Top Photo) Veteran Linda Ducker drops a ceremonial wreath into the Coast Fork of the Willamette River from the Main Street Bridge as Chaplain Bryan Ducker and two scouts look on during a Memorial Day ceremony in Cottage Grove.



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Local veterans of the American Legion Honor Guard conduct the 21-Gun Salute in Veterans Park during the Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday morning, May 26.

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Jim Price of Creswell waves to drivers along I-5 from the Saginaw overpass during the Memorial Day tribute.