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# Benny’s Blackberry Removal Project underway in the Grove

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

There are many interesting and inspiring individuals in Cottage Grove’s history.

One of them is memorialized with a small park at the intersection of Woodson Bridge and North 9th Street for his legendary generosity to others and the extraordinary pride he took in beautifying his hometown.

**WILSON DAVID HUBBELL**

The Sentinel published his obituary on July 6, 1994. It records that Wilson David Hubbell was born here in 1908 and died of natural causes, on June 25, at the age of 85. He was a roofing and concrete contractor and a WWII veteran who served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Known mostly by his nickname, “Benny”, he was an avid gardener who shared the bounty of his large garden with others, including the staff and patients at the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg. It was noted local business owners appreciated the many hours he voluntarily cleaned parking lots, storm drains, roofs and gutters. He was widely known as a humble person who gave of himself without asking anything in return.

Hubbell loved to walk. In the 1970’s and 1980’s, the mild-mannered senior citizen was a familiar sight around town, rain or shine, carrying a broom, garden tools, and



Community Organizer Don Nordin, left, and City Councilor Dana Merryday joined forces to remove blackberry bushes along the river next to Prospector Park in Cottage Grove.

often just a paper bag to pick up litter.

In appreciation of his generosity and civic pride, in January 1982, Hubbell was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, and he also presided as the grand marshal of a Fourth of July parade on Main Street.

A Sentinel reporter interviewed the newest Citizen of the Year on the Main Street Bridge because Hubbell said, “It was time to clean off the moss (on the bridge’s sidewalk) before it caused someone to slip or caused the concrete to deteriorate.” The reporter then described how Benny climbed down the bank near the bridge’s piers to clean out some old berry vines. A couple of

passersby warned him to be careful and moments later he fell into a hole that had been concealed by the thorny, prickly vines.

Fast forward four decades.

Longtime resident Don Nordin’s dog, Tolle, loves going for walks and playing in the river. The senior citizen and community volunteer,

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WHERE WE LIVE

# South Lane Community Health Clinic now open

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Rural America does not have enough doctors.

Assessing health care services in rural communities remains a growing challenge. Long wait-times for appointments related to preventable diseases can be life-altering and even life-ending.

The consequences of the rural doctor shortage are dire. According to a September 2024 article in the American Journal of Managed Care, more than 90-percent of rural counties are facing a shortage of primary care physicians alone compared with 74% of non-rural communities.

A National Rural Health Association survey found that rural areas have roughly 30 physicians or specialists for every 100,000 people, while urban areas have 263.

**CLINIC HISTORY**

This situation is not new. More than a dozen years ago it motivated local health and wellness advocates to create Be Your Best (BYB), a coalition of community builders working to advance health and well-being in South Lane County.

In 2013, the organization began meeting monthly to improve local community health and wellness



Clinic patients arriving in the spacious wood paneled lobby are greeted by three office assistants. Pictured are Gina DeSpain (left) Daniele Rodriguez (right) Not pictured is Office Assistant Tammy Anderson-Garcia. In the center is Clinic Manager Jenny Dail.

opportunities. BYB partners work for organizations including South Lane School District, Lane Community College, South Lane Mental Health and PeaceHealth as well as local businesses who see the benefit of having increased access to local health and wellness resources.

Local business owner Samantha Duncan is the BYB lead facilitator. The Health Hub owner said conversations in the group’s monthly meetings became the catalyst that made

the new South Lane Community Health Clinic (CHC) a reality.

Duncan recalled, “Our meetings included time to talk directly with Lane County staff, funders and other partners. In 2019, the Lane County Board of Commissioners awarded BYB a grant to coordinate the community outreach campaign to build awareness and identify the biggest needs and highest priorities the community would have for the CHC.”

Pandemic-related setbacks and leadership changes at Lane County and South Lane School District slowed the clinic’s progress, yet the advocates persevered. In October 2022, a much-anticipated groundbreaking ceremony took place. After two years of construction, the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) finally opened its doors last September.

“For years, approximately 5,000 South Lane residents covered by the Oregon Health Plan have received health care services from Lane County’s Community Health Centers in Eugene and Springfield,” Duncan said. “The new South Lane Clinic takes pressure off the metro area clinics and reduces the need for thousands of local residents to miss work or find transportation to receive needed health care services.”

**WHAT IT OFFERS**

The South Lane Clinic, co-located in Lane Community College’s Cottage Grove Center at 1275 S. River Road, is one of Lane County’s six federally funded CHCs.

Clinic Manager Jenny Dail explained how the six clinics coordinate services and share resources,

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# CGHS Swimmers take District 2 Championship

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Cottage Grove High School (CGHS) Boys and Girls Swim Team members celebrated their championship win at the District 2 competition Feb. 14-15, and immediately prepared for State competition the following week.

CGHS Acting Principal Cris Wells said the District victory was a come-from-behind effort.

“Our swimming team won districts as a major underdog,” Wells said. “I talked with Coach Dye who was talking about how they snuck up and caught speedier programs unexpectedly.”

“What a moment,” said Head Coach Shane Dye. “It took all of our strength and might to succeed. We were at our best when our best was needed.”

Dye said he’s hopeful each student athlete sees their time on the swim team and their championship victory as a positive experience.

“What I hope the students take away from this is to never give up and try hard,” Dye said. “We did something together that was amazing.”

The District 2 competition was held Feb. 14 and Feb. 15 at North Bend Municipal Pool. See results and team scores with this story at cgsentinel.com.

Dye said the following CGHS swimmers were scheduled to compete at State:

**Boys**

- Jorge Rodriguez-200 free relay, 400 free relay
- Hayes Valley 200 Medley relay, 400 free relay, 100 Back, 100 Free
- Mathew Ferguson-200 Medley relay, 400 free relay, 200 IM, 500 Free
- Alex Hawks 200 Medley Relay, 400 Free Relay
- Svenn Barnes Relay Alternate
- Logan Kneuper Relay Alternate
- Jackson Gifford 200 Medley Relay
- Braden Panter Relay Alternate
- Josiah Lidstrom Relay Alternate

**Girls**

- Avery Bengston 200 IM, 100 Back, 200 medley relay, 400 free relay
- Aillia Kely 200 medley relay, 400 free relay, 200 free
- Josie Malmstadt 200 free relay
- Hailey Ferguson 200 IM, 200 Free Relay
- Tirzah Poetzl 200 medley relay, 200 free relay, 100 breaststroke
- Rhianna Poetzl Relay Alternate
- Samara Lidstrom 200 free relay, 400 free relay
- Josie Cochell 50 free, 100 free, 200 medley relay, 400 free relay
- Jasmine Clark Relay alternate

The State Swimming Championships were scheduled for Feb. 21-22 at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center, Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex in Beaverton. See results at <http://www.osaa.org/activities/bsw/results>

As the season began, Dye said his coaching team works directly with each student athlete to help the swimmers overcome the challenges they may face in the water.

“What we are doing specifically to help the swimmers overcome their challenges is teach them how

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# Humane Society receives 17 cats after fire



Courtesy photo  
**People interested in adopting these cats can visit Greenhill's website ([www.green-hill.org](http://www.green-hill.org)) or visit the shelter between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

On Feb. 12 Greenhill Humane Society received seventeen cats from Springfield Animal Control after a second-alarm apartment fire in Springfield. All of the cats required emergency care including oxygen therapy and treatments for injuries to their eyes, lungs and burned paws. When the cats arrived, it was clear they needed immediate emergency care due to smoke inhalation and burn injuries, according to Greenhill's Community Engagement Manager Kelly Fleischmann. "After a few days in intensive care with oxygen therapy and medical treatments, fourteen of the seventeen cats improved, and they have begun to show us their friendly, sweet personalities," Fleischmann. "Considering what they have been through, these cats are little walking miracles. We are grateful to

Springfield Fire Department for rescuing these cats and Springfield Animal Control for assisting in their safe care." After 24 hours of around-the-clock care, the cats were released from intensive care. They continue to receive care for the injuries to their eyes, lungs, and paw pads caused by the smoke and fire. Unfortunately, three neonatal kittens succumbed to their injuries. Most of the cats are friendly, curious, and affectionate, according to Fleischmann. The age of the cats ranges from 19 days to 4 years old. Four of the adult cats were to be placed up for adoption starting Feb. 19. Those requiring more care will be provided treatment and become available over the coming weeks. The six kittens under two months old will continue receiving all the care they need in a foster home.

Anyone interested in adopting these cats can visit Greenhill's website at [www.green-hill.org](http://www.green-hill.org)) or visit the shelter between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. People can also support the care of these cats and others like them with a donation at <https://www.green-hill.org/donate>. "Greenhill is always looking for temporary foster families to open their hearts and homes to help animals in need," Fleischmann said. "Providing a comfortable, temporary home allows an animal to receive a little extra attention and time away from other animals in the shelter." People interested can learn more about becoming a foster family can visit [https://www.green-hill.org/foster\\_care](https://www.green-hill.org/foster_care)) To learn more about Greenhill Humane Society or see all the animals up for adoption, visit [www.greeh-hill.org](http://www.greeh-hill.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, FEBRUARY 10**  
04:09: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.  
06:05: Found property, E. Jefferson/S. 6th St.  
06:14: Disturbance, 700 block E. Main St.  
08:22: Info, 200 block Pond Turtle Way  
08:26: Theft, 900 block W. Main St.  
09:20: Burglary, 2100 block Getty Circle  
09:55: Juvenile, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
14:51: Vicious dog, 1700 block S. 6th St.  
16:38: Suicide, 400 block N. 10th St.  
18:43: Trespass, 800 block Row River Rd.  
18:45: Citizen assist, 1800 block N. Douglas St.  
18:57: Firearm denial, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
20:48: Hit and run, 700 block Row River Rd.  
21:02: Disturbance, 300 block S. 5th St.  
22:45: Business check, 1500 block E. Main St.  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
00:35: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
04:18: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
07:00: Trespass, 90 block Row River Rd.

07:06: Welfare check, 500 block S. River Rd.  
08:37: Juvenile, 900 block Arthur Ave.  
08:56: Criminal mischief, 200 block N. 12th St.  
12:27: Abandoned vehicle, 1000 block S. 4th St.  
12:58: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99  
13:07: Illegal parking, 1400 block N. Douglas St.  
13:31: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.  
13:40: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.  
15:29: Found property, Hwy 99/Lord  
16:13: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
16:37: Found property, 900 block W. Main St.  
17:18: Found dog, 100 block North J St.  
17:53: Abandoned vehicle, 1200 block Birch Ave.  
18:27: Dog release, 400 block E. Main St.  
18:51: Suspicious subject, 200 block N. 12th St.  
19:18: Trespass, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.  
20:25: Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block Hwy 99  
20:44: Alarm, 1200 block Riverfront Way  
21:30: Suspicious condition, 700 block Hwy 99  
21:53: Alarm, 2000 block Getty Circle  
22:03: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block E. Main St.  
22:44: Disturbance, 1600 block Daugherty Ave.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**  
00:21: Welfare check, 100 block North P St.  
00:56: Business check, American Market  
01:03: Welfare check, 400 block N. Douglas St.

01:17: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.  
3:05: Agency assist, 700 block S. 7th St.  
03:57: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block South M St.  
07:59: Dog at large, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
08:21: Unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.  
08:55: Theft, 1500 block Village Dr.  
09:17: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.  
10:52: Info, 100 block Village Dr.  
11:11: Disturbance, 600 block Arthur Ave.  
11:25: Criminal mischief, 100 block Quincy Ave.  
11:40: Motor vehicle crash, CG Lorane/Hill  
12:47: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
12:57: Business check, 1500 block E. Main St.  
14:13: Found property, 200 block Davidson Ave.  
14:28: Civil, 36000 block Shoreview Dr.  
15:40: Welfare check, 700 block Hwy 99  
17:35: Business check, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
17:51: Dog at large, 1500 block E. Main St.  
18:48: Dog release, 400 block N. 14th St.  
20:00: Motor vehicle theft, 800 block W. Main St.  
21:11: Suspicious condition, 900 block Row River Rd.  
23:41: Business check, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
23:56: Citizen assist, 1300 block S. 4th St.  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
00:12: Welfare check, I-5 SB Exit 174  
02:37: Child abuse, 500 block Grant Ave.  
06:20: Motor vehicle crash, Exit 176  
09:46: Motor vehicle crash, Lynx Hollow/99

10:53: Disturbance, 32000 block Latham Rd.  
12:24: Abandoned vehicle, Gateway Blvd/Harvey  
12:28: Illegal parking, Cherry Ct/Wood Ave.  
13:26: Dog at large, Birch/K  
13:52: Disabled vehicle, E. Main/99  
14:02: Disturbance, 900 block W. Main St.  
14:47: Suspicious subject, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
14:59: Paper service, 2200 block Ibsen Ave.  
15:50: Agency assist, 1500 block Village Dr.  
15:57: Harassment, 500 block Hwy 99  
16:26: Harassment, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
16:34: Mental, 2700 block Row River Rd.  
18:23: Agency assist, 1600 block Daugherty Ave.  
19:28: Wanted subject, 32000 block Picknell St.  
19:39: Wanted subject, 1700 block S. 5th St.  
19:44: Agency assist, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
20:33: Suicide, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
20:52: Alarm, 2800 block Row River Rd.  
21:26: Criminal mischief, 100 block N. 10th St.  
23:14: Warrant service, 900 block E. Main St.  
23:17: Welfare check, 1000 block S. 10th St.  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14**  
01:13: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
01:29: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
05:06: Welfare check, 1600 block Gateway Blvd.  
06:15: Warrant service, 1200 block Hwy 99  
09:56: Welfare check, 1500 block Hwy 99  
10:00: Alarm, 1700 block Carnegie Way  
10:45: Agency assist, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
11:13: Animal info, 700 block S. 3rd St.

12:39: Disorderly subject, 900 block W. Main St.  
12:59: Juvenile, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
13:24: Disorderly subject, 900 block W. Main St.  
13:54: Wanted subject, 600 block N. 9th St.  
13:55: Found property, N. River Rd./Holly  
14:25: Dog at large, 1000 block Van Buren Ave.  
15:10: Motor vehicle crash, Latham/99  
16:49: Business check, 1500 block Main St.  
17:48: Disorderly subject, 1600 block Daugherty Ave.  
18:12: Citizen assist, 400 block E. Main St.  
18:21: Traffic hazard, Quincy/14th  
18:24: Disturbance, 1800 block W. Harrison Ave.  
18:48: Wanted subject, 1700 block S. 5th St.  
19:50: Agency assist, 700 block E. Main St.  
21:57: Order violation, 200 block N. 16th St.  
22:31: Order violation, 1000 block Taylor Ave.  
22:50: Hit and run, 1600 block Gateway Blvd.  
23:37: Suspicious condition, 800 block E. Main St.  
23:38: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15**  
01:00: Order violation, 1000 block Taylor Ave.  
02:37: Incomplete 911, 900 block E. Quincy Ave.  
02:45: Suspicious vehicle, E. Monroe/10th  
03:02: Warrant service, E. Main/N. 6th  
09:57: Found dog, 1500 block E. Main St.  
10:37: Suspicious condition, 1500 block E. Main St.  
11:08: Dog at large, Gibbs/9th  
13:39: Wanted subject, S. River Rd./E. Main  
13:44: Assault, 1500 block S. 4th St.

14:23: Shots fired, 100 block Almond Way  
14:48: Suspicious subject, 6th/Main  
16:19: Criminal mischief, 800 block W. Main St.  
16:57: Suspicious condition, 1300 block Daugherty Ave.  
16:58: Alarm, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
18:34: Menace, 400 block E. Main St.  
19:39: Suspicious subject, 1500 block E. Main St.  
20:32: Disorderly subject, 1500 block Village Dr.  
21:03: Traffic hazard, 1200 block E. Main St.  
21:27: Fire, 500 block Grant Ave.  
21:27: Disorderly subject, 600 block E. Main St.  
22:54: Disturbance, 900 block E. Main St.  
23:33: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16**  
05:13: Motor vehicle crash, I-5 NB MP 177  
06:14: Agency assist, 1000 block Ostrander Ln.  
06:19: Suspicious condition, 78000 block Mosby Creek  
08:22: Welfare check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
09:11: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
10:09: Trespass, 100 block Village Dr.  
13:43: Illegal camping, 300 block North L St.  
14:54: Theft, 400 block S. 1st St.  
15:00: Theft, 200 block Adams Ave.  
15:10: Civil, 500 block N. Douglas St.  
17:43: Wanted subject, 1300 block N. 14th St.  
18:46: Business check, Chevron  
22:05: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 1th St.



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# Presidents’ Day protests in Lane County draw crowds

TONY REED  
*Country Media, Inc.*

As with many towns and cities around the country, Feb. 17 was marked by demonstrations in protests held at outside the Federal Courthouse in Eugene and outside Florence City Hall.

Crowds of people came out in the rain to stand on both sides of Highway 101 for just over an hour at the Florence event.



While the Florence demonstrators were peaceful, on two occasions two large pickups slowed to a crawl in front of the demonstrators, before accelerating away, leaving them in a cloud of dark exhaust smoke.



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promoting peace and unity.

Florence city councilors Jo Beaudreau and Sally Wantz were at the demonstration.

“As a citizen, I’m excited to see the turnout of people here to talk and celebrate freedom of speech and freedom of religion,” Beaudreau said, over honking cars passing by, “and to point out that it’s important to stay connected and be kind to each other and that we all need to take part in democracy for our kids, our neighbors and their futures.”

Leonora Kent said she was feeling good about the demonstration overall. “I’m feeling uplifted,” she said. “I’m feeling a sense of joy and hopefulness.”

Asked if another demonstration is planned, Kent, said no, but noted that the group, Florence ORganizes will be holding Coffee and Conversation meet-ups at the Bridgeport Market to discuss such issues in a casual setting.

Kent said the demonstration was sponsored by the local group, Indivisible, which also holds regular demonstrations at the corner of Highway 101 and 126. The demonstration coincided with others around the US, including in Salem and Portland.

*Tony Reed is the Editor at Siuslaw News.*

# CGHS Registration, Resource & Refreshment Night slated

JEREMY C. RUARK  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Cottage Grove High School (CGHS) administrators are preparing for the school’s first annual Registration, Resource & Refreshment Night, scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 19.

The event is designed for the CGHS current 9-11th grade students and their families, according to Acting Principal Chris Wells.

“Parents are invited to come and experience the different CTE/Electives that we offer, help their student pick classes that lead to their future, as well as check out many of the resources that we’ve amassed,” Wells said.

The resources range from various colleges and universities, trade school options, scholarship opportunities, Cottage Grove Police talking about teen driving, and U of O representatives discussing talking Teens and safe tech use.

Food will be available for families as they move about the school, some of which were made by CGHS students, according to Wells.

Wells said the event was specifically designed to engage parents.

“The feedback parents have given us through our YouthTruth survey has

been invaluable,” he said. “We saw that only 27% of families saw themselves as having a meaningful role in decision-making at CGHS. Likewise, we saw a 14% drop in families saying that they feel comfortable approaching teachers about their child’s progress, so we saw this as commentary about how often we welcome families in, which has been infrequent at best”

Wells said the event offers parents the opportunity to engage with teachers ahead of time, learn about the CTE and elective classes.

“We’d love for parents to see everything we have from manufacturing and construction to graphic design and cyber security,” Wells said. “And help their student with the decision making for their future starting with their high school classes.”

Wells added that the event also offers students a chance to learn about the school’s “phenomenal offerings” that can help students find a fairly clear pathway to a trade or college.

“We hope that parents take away a feeling of partnership and breaking down those perceived barriers to having conversations about how their student is doing. Ideally, over the four years that student is

here, I want their parents to be so used to the building that they don’t need to ask for directions they’ve been here so much. Families that are involved, feel at home at their student’s school and can talk with teachers effortlessly is a good indicator of a student who will be successful-and we’re working to make that the norm.”

Wells said for students, the experience gives each a chance to not only see all the options that CGHS has for them and their future, but also all of the adults that are invested in their future and care about their success.

“While students don’t need to decide what they want to be when they’re out of CGHS, they should see that they’ve got many options right now to learn about and try on,” he said.

Wells defied the CTE (Career-Technical Education), as classes that are strategically aligned with industry standards, including technology and materials to closely replicate high-wage, high-demand jobs in the community. Many of these programs can lead to jobs that only need a little time in a trade school, apprenticeship, two year community college program or continued to be focused on



Cottage Grove High School’s first annual Registration, Resource & Refreshment Night is scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 19.

at a university, according to Wells.

**REGISTRATION, RESOURCE & REFRESHMENT NIGHT**

5:30-6 p.m. Open house, get food, meet with presenters, check out electives/CTE offerings, check out the organizations that are tabling.

6-7 p.m. Four 15-minute workshop sessions where they can choose from many of the outside presenters or get a deeper dive in to the elective/CTE offerings. During the passing times, food will still be available in all of the hallways.

7-7:30 p.m. Students and families finalize their choices for their next year’s classes and turn in their “pick sheets” with their decisions as exit the building.

*Cottage Grove High School is located at 1375 S River Road in Cottage grove.*

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# Flexible transportation funds available for county families

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*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Families across Lane County can now access free flexible transportation funds at their local Family Resource Center, according to United Way of Lane County officials.

This new initiative is coordinated by the Early Childhood Hub of Lane County, supported by the United Way of Lane County, and funded by PacificSource.

Through a grant from PacificSource Community Solutions, who provided funding through their SHARE Initiative to address community needs, the Early Childhood Hub of Lane County will distribute \$200,000 to nine Family Resource Centers, which are housed within the following school districts: Creswell, Cottage Grove, Crow-Applegate-Lorane, Eugene 4J, Fern Ridge, Mapleton, McKenzie/Blue River, Oakridge, and Pleasant Hill.

Beginning Feb. 18, and extending through the 2025-2026 school year, Lane County families can contact their local Family Resource Center and fill out a short

intake form to receive funds for non-medical transportation needs.

“We are so proud to partner with PacificSource and our network of Family Resource Centers in Lane County to provide these much needed funds to local families,” Early Childhood Hub of Lane County Co-Director Kris Coomes said. “These dollars can be used by families to purchase what they most need to get around safely, whether that’s car repairs, a bike helmet, a bus pass, or even a car seat. Plus, by partnering with Family Resource Centers, many of which are located in our county’s rural communities, we can ensure that we meet families where they are and where need for immediate support is the greatest.”

PacificSource Vice President of Medicaid Programs Erin Fair Taylor said her agency understands that insurance is more than just healthcare – “it’s about supporting people where they are and addressing the everyday challenges that impact their well-being.”

“Our donation to the Early Learning Resource Center

of Lane County reflects our commitment to addressing barriers to health by supporting non-medical transportation needs,” Taylor said. “Initiatives like this help ensure families in both rural and urban communities can focus on essential priorities without the added burden of difficult financial trade-offs.”

Families interested in receiving transportation funds should contact their local Family Resource Center for more information at [www.earlychildhoodlane.org/family-resource-centers](http://www.earlychildhoodlane.org/family-resource-centers).

## EARLY CHILDHOOD HUB OF LANE COUNTY

The Early Childhood Hub of Lane County officials said the local hub offers parenting help, early learning resources, and a guide to the community’s free or low-cost opportunities for play and learning. The hub works with schools, social service agencies, and other community partners to gather evidence-based parenting education opportunities and activities for all families. Because children who are healthy, stable, and ready for kindergarten are prepared to



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**The new flexible transportation funds Available for Lane County Families include money to purchase tires, gas, bike helmets, car Seats, and more, according to organizers.**

live their best lives, according to the hub officials.

All counties in Oregon are served by a regional Early Learning Hub and a Parenting Education Hub. The Early Childhood Hub of Lane County is a combined hub, playing both roles for families in Lane County, and is housed by its backbone agency, United Way of Lane County.

## PACIFICSOURCE COMMUNITY SERVICES

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## Death Notice



**Paul Clark Tullar**, 89 of Cottage Grove, Oregon. Service was held on February 22nd, 2025, at The Church At London.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Last Friday Art Walk**  
6 p.m.-8 p.m. February 29 in the Cottage Grove Historic Downtown District. Enjoy an evening stroll through participating downtown businesses offering some light refreshments, live music and the works of vibrant visual

artists. Look for flags at participating businesses.  
**Living Room Conversations**  
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. March 1. Good solutions don’t emerge when people from different perspectives are unable to trust each other. Building Bridges is a local Cottage Grove effort that brings people from diverse backgrounds into safe conversations of 4-5 people. Participants share their personal experiences and deeply held values that have shaped their opinions, building trust before they try to tackle problem solving. If you’d like to participate, send an email to Lise Colgan at [liseinthegrove@msn.com](mailto:liseinthegrove@msn.com). People of all stripes are welcome!  
**75th Annual Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet**  
5 p.m.-9 p.m. March 1 at the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 Washington Avenue. Theme: “Casino Night” Individual Ticket: \$75. Call 541-942-2411 for more information  
**KNND Radio Spring Alligator Auction**

10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 8. Join in the fun and participate in the live on-air auction. Items sponsors traded for advertising include deals from popular restaurants, services, entertainment, unique gifts, family attractions and more. Call 541-942-2468 to get a bidder number.  
**History Pub**  
5-7 p.m. March 11 at Axe & Fiddle, 857 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove. Topic: Over a Century of the Love of Reading: Library services in Cottage Grove with presenter Cottage Grove Head Librarian Natash Chitow.  
**Spirit of BMD Bohemia City Marshal Swearing-In Ceremony**  
12 p.m. March 14 at Cottage Grove City Hall, 400 E. Main Street. The community is invited to witness City of Cottage Grove Municipal Court Judge Martin Fisher swear-in Dave Light, as Bohemia City’s ceremonial sixth marshal. To add to the spirit of the event, organizers encourage attendees to create an Old West 1800’s era vibe for the event wearing a cowboy hat, boots, a vest, or even

just a small nod to the era is more than enough to join in the fun.  
**Second Annual Cottage Grove Spring Scale Model Show**  
9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 22 at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Avenue. Scale Model Contest and Exhibition. Free Admission. Vendor Tables (buy, sell, trade). Models include Auto, Armor, Aircraft, Mecha, Ship, Sci-Fi and more. Contest Entries close at Noon and Awards at 3 p.m. For more details, email [tnmc61s@gmail.com](mailto:tnmc61s@gmail.com)  
**Singing Creek Education Center’s Spring Break History Camp**  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. March 24-26 at the Shelton McMurphy Johnson House (SMJ), 303 Willamette Street in Eugene. Looking for something fun for kids to do over Spring Break? This event offers three fun filled days of a history-themed day camp at the beautiful and historic SMJ House. Experience hands-on activities include butter churning, pioneer games, sewing, art projects and outside time on Skinners Butte. For details and fees go to: [www.singcreekcenter.org](http://www.singcreekcenter.org)



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COLUMN

Gardening for comfort, inspiration

OSU EXTENSION OFFICE  
Sentinel Guest Column

If you can't garden, why not read about it? Books bring us comfort when the gloomy weather of winter is upon us. Even gardeners who love winter enjoy a good read.

Add a fire and a cup of tea and relax with one of these books recommended by Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturists.

There is something for every reader.

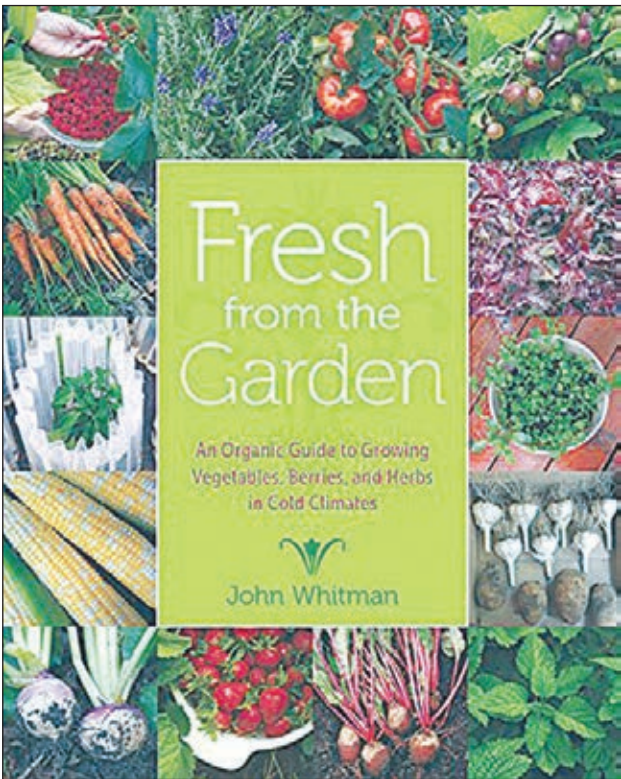
• "Home Orchard: Growing Your Own Deciduous Fruit and Nut Trees," Ingels, Geisel and Norton: "A great resource for home orchardists. Very detailed, science-based information with lots of photographs and illustrations to support the text.

The chapters on training and pruning, and budding and grafting are worth the price alone. Written for California growers, but can be adapted towards other climates/soils." — Erica Chernoh, OSU Extension horticulturist, Lane County.

• "The Bees in Your Backyard," Joseph S. Wilson and Olivia Messinger Carril: "This is a great resource for anyone interested in backyard ecology. The book is very accessible to the amateur and budding entomologist and is literally packed with color photos. For each group of bees, the authors provide the typical size, the geographic range and the time of year the bee is usually found.

There is also a whole chapter on how to promote bees in your backyard with tips on providing nesting areas and plants that feed the bees. I also recommend "Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses," by Robin Wall Kimmerer. I'm only half way through but am delighted. The author has a way of weaving scientific knowledge with personal stories and indigenous history. Like "Braiding Sweetgrass," it's a beautiful read." — Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist, Linn and Benton counties.

• "Xeriscape Plant Guide: 100 Water-wise Plants for Gardens and Landscapes," Denver Water: What I love about this book is that it was written for landscape designers and includes photos of the individual plants in each of the four seasons. Each plant profile also includes a beautiful botanical drawing in color and the information for each plant is extensive, including companion plants, water use, cultivars, best features



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Oregon State University Extension Service horticulturists have recommended a number of books about gardening — there is something for every reader.

and the disadvantages of each plant. — Amy Jo Detweiler, OSU Extension horticulturist, Deschutes County.

• "Fresh from the Garden: An Organic Guide to Growing Vegetables, Berries and Herbs in Cold Climates," John Whitman: "For eastern Oregon vegetable gardeners, this book is indispensable. It includes season extension and cultivar suggestions. This book is comprehensive yet easy to read, contains tons of great charts, tables, and photos, the best book I have encountered so far for short-season vegetable gardeners. Worth every penny." — Nicole Sanchez, OSU Extension horticulturist, Klamath County.

• "Trees to Know in Oregon and Washington," Ed Jensen, Oregon State University Extension Service: "I really like "Trees to Know in Oregon." It is a good choice for anyone who has ever wondered 'What kind tree is that?'

The book contains both native and commonly planted ornamental trees in our area as well as easy-to-use keys for identifying unknown conifers and broadleaf trees." A new edition will be published in early 2021. — Heather Stoven, OSU Extension horticulturist, Yamhill County.

• "Planting the Natural Garden," Pete Oudolf and Hank Gerritsen: "A concise compilation of flora, most of it herbaceous, that would work well in a contrived meadow construct either somewhat rural or urban. It is a tremendous source of plant options that eliminates the need to strain what is left of our gray matter after this horrendous year." — Al Shay, senior instructor and curator of the Oak Creek Center for Urban Agriculture, Corvallis.

• "The Gardeners," Dr. John Grimshaw: "For gardeners who love to

know the origin of all their favorite plants, this is a gem of information. It probes into the history and origin of these plants and who discovered them. The author makes the sharing of plant discovery since the 1500s very entertaining and educates the reader on how many of these ornamental plants were also used for medicinal and cosmetic purposes.

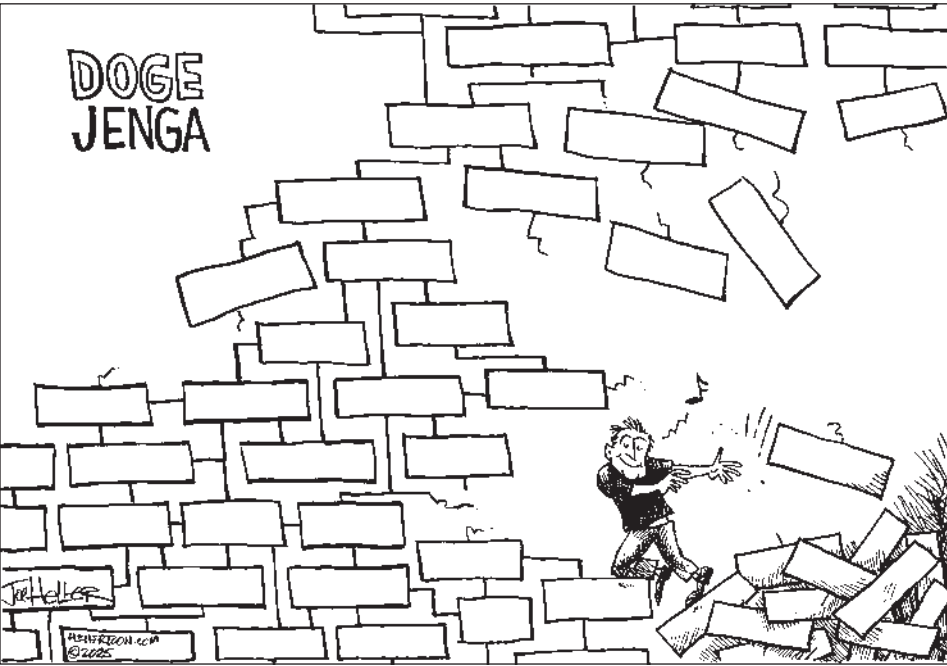
The book is filled with excellent photos and maps of plant origins to support the storytelling." — Steve Renquist, retired OSU Extension horticulturist, Douglas County.

• "Planting Design for Dry Gardens," Olivier Flippi: "For those obligated (or preferring) to garden with limited water (meaning what falls out of the sky), you can do no better than this book. It features beautiful, resilient groundcovers for terraces, paved areas, gravel and other alternatives to the lawn.

The book provides a guide to garden design for Mediterranean regions of the world, focusing on adapting the garden to the prevailing climate of summer drought and winter rain. The book is lavishly illustrated and includes an extensive list of plants. This book is the most comprehensive discussion I've found on dry gardening and provides inspiration and solid principles to follow for the western Oregon gardener." — Neil Bell, retired OSU Extension horticulturist, Marion and Polk County.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



First income tax refunds issued

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Oregon Department of Revenue has begun distributing refunds for the 2024 tax year.

Through Feb. 17, the department has processed more than 400,000 tax returns. The first refunds of the year were issued Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Each year the department employs a refund hold period as part of the agency's fraud prevention efforts. The hold period has been completed, and most taxpayers can expect to receive their refunds within two weeks of the date their return is filed. Some returns, however, require additional review and can take up to 20 weeks before a refund is issued, according to a release from the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Taxpayers can check the status of their refund by using the department's Where's My refund? Tool. The Department of Revenue recommends that taxpayers wait one week after they have electronically filed their return to use the Where's My Refund tool.

The Where's My Refund? tool has been updated for 2025, providing more information about the status of their return to taxpayers who are signed into their Revenue Online account. Taxpayers who don't already have a Revenue Online account can create one by following the Revenue Online link on the department's website.

Taxpayers who don't have a Revenue Online account can still use the



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Where's My Refund? tool but won't be able to see the updated features, according to the release.

A video outlining the refund process and timelines is also available to help taxpayers understand the process.

The department also offers a list of do's and don'ts for filing to help with efficient processing and avoid unnecessary delays.

Do file electronically and request direct deposit. On average, taxpayers who e-file their returns and request their refund via direct deposit receive their refund two weeks sooner than those who file paper returns and request paper refund checks.

Don't send a duplicate paper return. Taxpayers should file just once unless they need to make a change to their return. Sending a duplicate return will slow processing and delay your refund.

Do make sure you have all tax records before filing. Having all necessary records is essential to filing a complete and accurate tax return and avoiding errors.

Don't get in a hurry and fail to report all your income. If income reported on a return doesn't match the income reported by employers, the return, and any corresponding refund, will be delayed. If taxpayers receive more or corrected tax records after filing a return, they should file an amended return to report any changes.

Do make sure you have a Revenue Online account. Before beginning the filing process, taxpayers should make sure their information is current in Revenue Online, the state's internet tax portal. Those who don't have a Revenue Online account can sign up on the agency's website.

To get tax forms, check the status of their refund, or make payments, visit the department's website or email questions.dor@dor.oregon.gov.

You can also call 800-356-4222 toll-free from an Oregon prefix (English or Spanish) or 503-378-4988 in Salem and outside Oregon. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired), the agency accepts all relay calls.

Weekly Online Poll

What is your favorite winter sport?

- ☐ Fishing
- ☐ Hunting
- ☐ Hiking
- ☐ Other

Previous Poll Results

Are you ready for Spring?

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- ☐ 43 % No



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and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 5/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$10,871.76 Late Charges: \$191.71 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$4,635.97 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,560.00 Total necessary to cure: \$17,259.44 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$163,986.93 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 5/7/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Front Entrance to the Lane County Courthouse, 125 East 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for 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(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said 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 the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any,

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**CGS 25-107**  
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 24-71061 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by KEVEN COCHRAN as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for THE FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 11/14/2022, recorded 11/18/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-047003, in mortgage records of Lane County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 11, BLOCK 5, COLINA VISTA ESTATES FIRST ADDITION, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN FILE 72, SLIDE 133, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDS, IN THE CITY OF CRESWELL, COUNTY OF LANE AND STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 1193 CEDAR PL CRESWELL, OREGON 97426 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 19031513021001 1208410 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). 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Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 10/1/2023 Total of past due payments: \$44,061.09 Late Charges: \$1,471.54 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,332.58 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,214.00 Total necessary to cure: \$49,079.21 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$471,570.71 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 10:00 AM on 4/25/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the main lobby of the Lane County Courthouse, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for 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(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said 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 the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. 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Dated: 12/12/2024 ZBS Law, LLP By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4831076 02/12/2025,

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ciary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 10/1/2023 Total of past due payments: \$44,061.09 Late Charges: \$1,471.54 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,332.58 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,214.00 Total necessary to cure: \$49,079.21 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$471,570.71 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 10:00 AM on 4/25/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the main lobby of the Lane County Courthouse, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for 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(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said 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 the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. 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. Dated: 12/12/2024 ZBS Law, LLP By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4831076 02/12/2025,

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE NO.: 24-70377 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by ROGELIO GUTIERREZ JR AND MEGGIE APRIL HOFFMAN, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON, BUT WITH THE RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP as Grantor to CASCADE ESCROW, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for SUMMIT FUNDING, INC., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 10/25/2022, recorded 10/26/2022, as Instrument No. 2022-044382, in mortgage records of Lane County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 24, BLOCK 1, KODIAK PARK, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN FILE 72, SLIDE 11, LANE COUNTY OREGON PLAT RECORDS, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 511 PANDA LOOPEUGENE, OREGON 97401 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 17-03-28-1-1 / 1188463 /1703281100115 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 4/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 4/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$25,447.32 Late Charges: \$263.25 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,538.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$515.00 Total necessary to cure: \$28,763.57 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary

has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$361,270.69 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 10:00 AM on 5/2/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the main lobby of the Lane County Courthouse, 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene, OR 97401 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for 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(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said 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 the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS Law, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. 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. Dated: 12/19/2024 ZBS Law, LLP By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4831733 02/12/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/26/2025, 03/05/2025



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SWIMMERS

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to swim better, and give them many opportunities to practice their skills,” he said. “I hope each swimmer on the teams takes away from our experience together is the importance of being on time, being goal oriented, and the value of hard work. The harder you work, the more luck you will have.”



Courtesy photo

The Cottage Grove High School Boys and Girls Swimming Team with Head Coach Shane Dye in the middle.

CLINIC

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to ensure residents have access to essential health care services like general primary care, dental care, mental health services and preventative care. Federal and state grants ensure the clinics serve individuals regardless of their ability to pay, which further strengthens the local health safety net in Lane County.

Dail said, “Our clinic can refer patients to other local medical offices within the surrounding area for specialized care or additional services to improve overall community health, such as vaccination drives, wellness education and outreach efforts to reach the most vulnerable populations.”

Recognizing healthy people are the foundation of healthy communities, the CHCs provide affordable primary care for the whole family – infants, children,

adolescents, adults and seniors – as well as mental health care, preventative dental, and a pharmacy program.

**THREE PHASE PROJECT**

Dail said the facility has a three-phase development plan. Currently, Phase 1 provides primary care, pediatric and preventative care services.

Phase 2 involves launching a full medical facility offering Integrated Behavioral Health Services and a Continuing Education Program to train South Lane School District and Lane Community College students seeking to enter the medical field.

Dail said, “Phase 2 requires strategic collaboration and planning to strengthen partnerships with South Lane School District, LCC, PeaceHealth and other organizations to enhance service integration.”

Phase 3 focuses on dental services. She is actively recruiting a Dental Director who will champion the launch of dental services. The South Lane Children’s

Dental Clinic has not merged with the CHC, which remains committed to advancing the South Lane Children’s Dental Clinic’s goals and objectives. The building remodel project included space to continue dental screenings for students in the Cottage Grove and Creswell School Districts.

**FUNDING**

South Lane Clinic’s Project Manager Joyce Simons said Lane County invested \$5.6 million to remodel the east half of the existing LCC building and transform it into a fully functional health care and dental facility.

She noted the clinic can now financially sustain itself through a combination of diverse revenue streams, including federal funding, Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance reimbursements and a sliding fee scale based on a patient’s income.

“The federal government provides a stable funding base through grants, but to ensure long-term sustainability, FQHCs also actively seek additional support from state and local funding sources, as well as philanthropic donations and partnerships with community organizations,” Simons said.

“By maximizing reimbursement rates, managing operational costs efficiently, and expanding services that meet the evolving needs of the community, FQHCs can maintain financial stability while continuing to provide essential healthcare services to underserved populations,” she added.

**CLINIC HOURS & STAFFING**

The new clinic is open Monday-Friday from 8am-5pm. Each provider currently sees between 8-12 patients

daily. The addition of three full-time providers advances the goal of eventually serving 5,000 patients annually. Simonson said staff completed 500 successful patient visits in the last quarter and the numbers continue to grow.

“Currently, there are two full-time MDs and one full-time nurse practitioner,” Dail said. “They are supported by an exceptional clinical staff that includes bilingual front office assistants, medical assistants, a community health worker, a pharmacist, and a registered nurse.”

The collaboration with the County’s other six CHCs creates a unified team designed to provide seamless support to patients such as call center assistance, insurance access, referral coordination and connections to vital resources, including housing support, food programs, and access to Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and family resources and services.

Individuals interested in becoming a patient can inquire if their insurance is

accepted. The clinic phone number is 541-682-3550.

**COMMUNITY PRIDE**

After many years of collaboration and advocacy, the BYB partners were thrilled when the clinic opened last Fall. Duncan said it is a beautiful facility. The clinic staff and providers are wonderful and offer more wraparound support services for the community. The Career Technical Education programs are in the planning stages and will be of great benefit to South Lane County medical students.

“I’ve had conversations with people who were incredibly relieved to find a local primary care provider without a waiting list,” Duncan said. “We continued to get regular updates from clinic staff who are also BYB members. We are all looking forward to an official grand opening of this beautiful space later this year.”

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PROJECTS

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accompanied by his now 15-year-old medium-size brown poodle, frequently walk along River Road. One day he stopped at Benny Hubbell Park to read the

plaque and noticed it was dedicated in March 1995.

**BIG IDEA**

Inspired by the 1982 Sentinel story on Hubbell’s efforts to cut back blackberry bushes on the riverbank, Nordin got a big idea he wants to launch to commemorate the park’s 30th anniversary.

He envisions an ongoing community effort to reclaim and maintain the publicly owned riverbank of the Coast Fork Willamette River through the City of Cottage Grove that is choked by the prolific amount of Armenian Blackberry and English Ivy that grows along the riverbank.

Nordin notes for years the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council has organized work parties of committed volunteers to beat back invasive species, yet without constant pruning of the new growth, it will always be a losing battle.

“I’ve lived in this town for 50 years and have never really seen the river because of all the blackberries,” Nordin said. “Wouldn’t it be nice to stroll along our riverside and be able to see children running barefoot up and down the riverbanks? I believe if we

use battery-powered hedge trimmers and enlist more volunteers working toward this common goal it can be done.”

Starting last month, Nordin began making appeals to community organizations and city officials. He wants to take what he describes as a “Little Library Approach,” and create tool pouches stocked with hand pruners along River Road.

He hopes riverbank walkers would pick up a pruner at one tool station, snip off some new vines along their path then leave them at another tool station on the route. Instead of books, Nordin wants to fill the pouches with community donations of unused pruners.

Like Nordin, City Councilor Dana Merryday also lives on Adams Avenue near the Swinging Bridge. For years he and his wife,

Amy, have faithfully cut blackberries to reach the English Ivy that can be fatal to the riverside trees in their neighborhood.

The two men agree how overwhelming the project seems when you look at the continuous wall of blackberries that line the riverbanks through town. However, they believe work parties can take a section of the river at a time, remove the invasive species, and have volunteers commit to maintaining that section and prevent new growth.

**WAR OF ATTRITION**

“It’s a war of attrition, Merryday said. “It comes right back if you don’t stay on it.”

Nordin supervised by his dog, Tolle, spent hours this month cutting down the blackberry bushes in Prospector Park and creating a more scenic view of that portion of the river near the Swinging Bridge and upstream rapids.

When asked what they foresee the project will be in a year, they expressed hope it will be enthusiastically embraced by the community.

“I hope we will see a corps of volunteers who will make a commitment to stop any new growth in the areas where the blackberries have

been cut down,” Merryday said.

He noted the internationally famous Cottage Grove High School Track Athlete Dyrol Burleson was the best American miler in the early 1960s, twice making the Olympic finals in the 1500-meter race. River Road was his training route and there is a local effort underway to create a trail along the river in his honor.

Nordin said he hopes people will utilize the tool pouches he is proposing as a convenient way to keep the riverbank beautiful and accessible to more river users such as swimmers, kayakers and people floating in inner tubes.

“I hope there will be a cadre of people who will love the river and see it as a natural thing to grab a pruner and cut off some new shoots when they see them,” Nordin said.

**BE ENGAGED**

To attract more people to the ambitious effort, the Benny Hubbell Blackberry Removal Project Facebook page will coordinate the project. Organizers said they hope the online organization strategy will be as successful as the Save the Swinging Bridge project was several years ago.

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