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Cottage Grove

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
P.M. Showers

Community rallies in Coiner Park after ICE sweeps

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

Candles glowed and signs silently spoke support for the individuals and families affected by the Nov. 5 actions of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers, who conducted an early morning operation in Cottage Grove.

A total of nine Guatemalan immigrants were removed from the community and taken to the Eugene Federal Building with plans to transfer them to an ICE detention facility in Tacoma, Washington, according to media reports.

Local businesswoman Juanita Avila owns Juanita's, a specialty grocery and convenience store located at 12 S. Sixth Street that serves Cottage Grove, and members local Guatemalan and Latina communities, with food, goods and services not widely available elsewhere in town.

ICE agents removed her from her van, forced her to the ground and handcuffed before her daughter, Emely Agustin, arrived to verify that her mother was a legal permanent resident. She was then released, Avila told The Sentinel in a published online report just hours after the incident.

Avila, Agustin, and U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle were among the speakers who addressed about 150 people gathered at the Coiner Park gazebo for a Strength in Community vigil Monday night, Nov. 10, organized by the Cottage Grove Friends of Democracy, a volunteer nonpartisan grassroots political action group focused on the defense and advancement of democracy through peaceful community action.



U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle addresses the people attending the Nov. 10 prayer vigil in Coiner Park.

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With her daughter standing next to her, Avila spoke briefly and thanked the community for its support. Agustin told the crowd her mother was simply driving and not interfering with the ICE operation and that she became a victim of racial profiling.

"They were stopping people of color driving to work in vans and trucks. They didn't identify themselves as 'Immigration' until after they threw her to the ground and

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Willamette Valley reservoir drawdowns scheduled

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Drawdowns at the Cougar, Green Peter, Lookout Point, and Fall Creek reservoirs are scheduled this fall.

The lower reservoir levels, or "drawdowns," are a critical and required element of the 2024 National Marine Fisheries Service's Biological Opinion (BiOp).

The BiOp is a formal document that details whether a federal action – in this case, the continued operation of Cougar, Green Peter Lookout Point and Fall Creek reservoirs – is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of an endangered species or result in the destruction of its critical habitat. The findings in the BiOp ensure federal agencies comply with the law as outlined in the Endangered Species Act.

The 2024 NMFS BiOp includes measures, such as reservoir drawdowns, that aim to help endangered salmon exit the reservoirs through the dams to migrate downriver.

Portland District Program Manager Kathryn Tackley is working to implement the BiOp.

"Spring Chinook salmon are surface-oriented, so lowering reservoir levels closer to the dam outlets improves their ability to move out of the reservoir and downstream," Tackley said.

The drawdowns are conducted to mimic natural river conditions and help juvenile salmon and steelhead migrate safely downstream.

"These drawdowns should be considered the new normal for these reservoirs until USACE constructs physical fish-passage structures to replace the need for the drawdowns," Tackley said.

City weighs ownership future of shower trailer

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Who should own the community shower trailer in a post-pandemic environment?

Community Sharing Executive Director Mike Fleck appeared before the Cottage Grove City Council Monday evening, Nov. 10, to discuss the future ownership of the two-room shower trailer purchased by the city during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In December 2020, the city purchased a Montondo Shower and Restroom Trailer for \$59,929. It has two rooms that contain a shower, toilet and sink and one room is ADA accessible. In August 2021, it signed an agreement with Community Sharing (CS) to operate the trailer. That agreement expired Dec. 31, 2022, and has not been renewed.

The trailer is currently housed at Community Sharing's office and provides free shower services once a week on Wednesdays. City and CS staff presented two scenarios to update the agreement.

CURRENT OPERATIONS



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The trailer is currently housed at Community Sharing's office and provides free shower services once a week on Wednesdays.

Under the expired agreement, the city remains responsible for major repairs and insures the trailer for loss and damage. In the current fiscal year, the city's cost is \$366.77. A city employee works two to three hours each Wednesday to deep clean and disinfect the trailer. Additionally, state law requires volunteers be covered by workers' compensation, which costs \$171.75 annually.

SCENARIO ONE: Renew Agreement

The city retains ownership, covers major repairs, insures the trailer, and continues weekly cleaning. In the event of a natural disaster or emergency, the trailer would be available for community-wide use.

Community Sharing would assume all duties outlined in the expired agreement, including providing cleaning supplies, maintaining liability insurance, covering workers' compensation for volunteers, and making minor repairs. The agency would also provide an annual report on the trailer's status and use.

SCENARIO TWO: Transfer Ownership to Community Sharing

The city would use a bill of sale to transfer ownership to CS without monetary exchange.

Fleck told the council that his agency's insurance provider will not cover the trailer if it's relocated during a disaster response. He also noted that state and federal funding remains uncertain, making long-term operational commitments difficult.

In response to council questions, Fleck said the trailer is well used. CS staff are recruiting volunteers to offer a second shower day each week. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and average use is about 15 showers per day, each lasting 15 minutes.

City Manager Mike Sauerwein said it's difficult to quantify future

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Officers respond to variety of calls for service

The following is a closer look at the daily calls received last week by the Cottage Grove Police Department (CGPD). The names of the individuals involved have not been released by the CGPD.

• Officers conducted a traffic stop on Highway 99 near Harrison Avenue for a speeding violation. The driver displayed multiple signs of impairment upon contact. Driver admitted to consuming two vodka

screwdrivers approximately 15 minutes prior to driving. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) were attempted but unable to be completed safely due to his level of impairment. He was subsequently taken into custody for DUII/Reckless Driving and later provided a breath sample of 0.18% BAC, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08%. He was charged with Reckless Driving (ORS 811.140) and DUII (ORS 813.010).



• Officer responded to a 20-foot log on fire at the Frisbee Golf Course.

Multiple fire extinguishers were used to put out the fire. South Lane Fire and Rescue arrived and made certain that the fire was completely put out.

• Dispatch received a call regarding a disturbance between a juvenile and a family member. Officers arrived and performed a thorough investigation regarding the events that had occurred. It was then determined that the juvenile would be arrested and

transported to SERBU to be lodged on charges of Assault in the Forth Degree (ORS 163.160).

• Officers performed a bike stop for not displaying lights. When dispatch ran the individual, it turned out they had an active warrant out of Cottage Grove Municipal Court. The subject was issued a Citation in Lieu of Custody for Failing to Appear on Offensive Littering charges.

• A verbal dispute between a male and female was called into dispatch. Upon arrival, the officers contacted the involved parties. Upon completion of their investigation, it was determined that the male would be issued a criminal citation for Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree (ORS 166.025) and was issued a park Exclusion Order, trespassing the male from the park for 60 days.

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, NOV. 3
01:48: Suspicious subject, 1000 block E. Main St.
03:40: Suspicious subject, 100 block N. 9th St.
04:37: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.
04:49: Motor vehicle crash, Hwy 99/Latham
08:33: Welfare check, 1600 block Samuel Dr.
09:30: Theft, 34000 block Shoreview Dr.
12:38: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
13:58: Suspicious condition, 1300 block Elm Ave.
14:00: Found dog, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
14:59: Theft, 100 block N. 7th St.
16:36: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.
17:19: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
17:31: Animal info, 2500 block E. Main St.
17:40: Hit and run, 2700 block Row River Rd.
18:40: Motor vehicle theft, 400 block S. 16th St.
20:45: Fire, 74000 block Conifer Ct.
21:43: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 700 block Row River Rd.

23:00: Missing juvenile, 1800 block Harvey Rd.

TUESDAY, NOV. 4
08:09: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 700 block Row River Rd.
08:39: Motor vehicle theft, 400 block S. 16th St.
09:29: Dog at large, 900 block Lincoln Ave.
11:15: Trespass, 100 block Sweet Ln.
11:19: Welfare check, Gateway/14th St.
12:00: Order violation, 500 block Grant Ave.
12:54: Fraud, 500 block Grant Ave.
14:28: Agency assist, 1700 block Parks Rd.
15:54: Firearm purchase denial, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
16:38: Fraud, 400 block E Main St.
17:29: Trespass, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.
18:09: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
18:20: Welfare check, 200 block N. 16th St.
19:17: Stolen motor vehicle recovery, 400 block E. Main St.
20:02: Harassment, 200 block N. 16th St.
22:10: Hit and run, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5
06:40: Repo, 100 block S. 16th St.
07:35: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.
08:12: Illegal camping, 500 block S. River Rd.
09:53: Harassment, 100 block Sweet Ln.
11:02: Agency assist, 100 block S. 7th St.
11:16: Order violation, 100 block Sweet Ln.
11:50: Business check, 1200 block Hwy 99

11:52: Reckless driving, 15 NB MP 180
12:54: Abandoned vehicle, 500 block Kathleen Dr.
13:57: Abandoned vehicle, Bryant/R
14:13: Fire, 32000 block Doolittle Rd.
14:46: Disturbance, 32000 block Harris Dr.
15:04: Found property, 400 block E. Main St.
15:12: Criminal mischief, 900 block Row River Rd.
18:47: Harassment, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
20:32: Agency assist, 174 IS SB
21:08: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
22:34: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.

THURSDAY, NOV. 6
00:04: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
02:47: Agency assist, 100 block N. 16th St.
07:40: Nuisance, 200 block N. 12th St.
09:01: Criminal mischief, 100 block S. 15th St.
09:35: Dog at large, 6th/Taylor
09:40: Suicidal subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
11:21: Dog at large, 3200 block Row River Rd.
12:01: Alarm, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
14:42: Agency assist, 1000 block Hwy 99
15:06: Disturbance, 32000 block Eaglewood Dr.
16:15: Trespass, 700 block Hwy 99
16:47: Missing person, 900 block W. Main St.

17:13: Alarm, 77000 block Hwy 99
18:05: Disorderly subject, 32000 block Eaglewood Dr.
18:18: Order violation, 400 block E. Main St.
18:27: Motor vehicle crash, Row River Rd/ I5
19:28: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
19:59: Warrant service, Main/9th
22:01: DUII/ATL

FRIDAY, NOV. 7
01:04: Barking dog, 900 block Birch Ave.
05:23: Missing juvenile, 100 block Karen Ct.
07:37: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
07:52: Warrant service, 1300 block E. Jefferson Ave.
08:11: Juvenile problem, 1900 block Harvey Rd.
08:14: Disorderly subject, 32000 block Eaglewood Dr.
08:57: Warrant service, 100 block W. 5th St.
09:02: Fraud, 100 block North L St.
09:20: Welfare check, 800 block N. 11th St.
11:45: Fire, 100 block Tyson Dr.
11:55: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
12:31: Disturbance, 99/ Lynx Hollow Rd.
12:33: Disorderly subject, 100 block N. 6th St.
12:36: Abandoned vehicle, Monroe/5th
13:15: Wanted subject, 100 block N. 22nd St.
13:20: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
13:59: Welfare check, 900 block Kristen Way

14:51: Disturbance, 900 block Row River Rd.
15:55: Illegal camping, 2700 block Row River Rd.
15:58: Found dog, Hwy 99/River Rd.
16:01: Agency assist, 2400 block E. Main St.
16:46: Hit and run, 1700 block E. Main St.
19:01: Disorderly subject, 6th/Main
19:07: Trespass, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
20:56: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
21:25: Welfare check, 1700 block E. Main St.
21:54: Suspicious subject, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
22:17: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.
22:41: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block E. Main St.
23:05: Disorderly subject, Row River Rd/I5
23:43: Warrant service, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8
00:22: Disorderly subject, 1500 block Carobelle Ct.
02:21: Agency assist, 1500 block Hwy 99
04:11: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.
04:19: Warrant service, 900 block Row River Rd.
07:13: Illegal camping, 300 block Gateway Blvd.
07:19: Found property, Hwy 99/Main
09:05: Harassment, 500 block E. Main St.
09:21: Abandoned vehicle, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
10:41: Fraud, 1500 block E. Main St.

12:17: Order violation, 500 block N. River Rd.
12:58: Juvenile problem, 100 block S. 10th St.
13:16: Trespass, 500 block N. River Rd.
13:21: Motor vehicle crash, Mosby Creek/Currin Blvd.
15:15: Welfare check, Chadwick/Lane
15:21: Illegal camping, Gateway/14th
15:36: Disturbance, 700 block Row River Rd.
16:06: Suspicious subject, 500 block Monroe St.
20:46: Barking dog, 100 block S. 6th St.
20:53: Disturbance, 2700 block Bennett Creek Rd.
20:58: Agency assist, 15 NB MP 174
21:30: Barking dog, 100 block S. 6th St.
22:18: Alarm, 100 block Village Dr.
22:34: Suspicious vehicle, 1400 block N. Douglas St.
22:49: Suicide, 700 block N. 11th St.
23:31: Welfare check, 1100 block S. 6th St.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9
02:14: Suspicious subject, 77000 block London Rd.
03:03: Suicidal subject, 94000 block Hwy 99
08:29: Hit and run, 1600 block Gateway Blvd.
09:37: Dog at large, 1st/Jackson
10:37: Disturbance, 900 block Arthur Ave.
11:00: Nuisance, 500 block N. River Rd.
11:55: Trespass, 400 block Kalapuya Way
12:03: Harassment, 1600 block Pritchett Pl.
12:13: Illegal camping, Hayes/4th
12:19: Trespass, 600 block N. 9th St.
13:56: Harassment, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
14:31: Found property, 900 block Row River Rd.
15:34: Trespass, 80000 block Hwy 99
16:23: Theft, 1500 block E. Main St.
16:43: Welfare check, 2600 block S. 6th St.
18:48: Suspicious vehicle, 3200 block Row River Rd.
20:52: Disorderly subject, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
21:40: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block S. River Rd.
22:29: Suspicious vehicle, 3200 block Row River Rd.
23:18: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.
23:30: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.

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Poor air quality linked to more emergency visits

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY

New Oregon Health Authority (OHA) data show that when air quality worsens in Oregon, more people visit emergency departments and urgent care clinics for breathing-related illnesses and mental health conditions.

The findings come from OHA's newly updated Air Quality & Health Outcomes data dashboard, which tracks near-real-time health trends across the state. The data reveal clear connections between days with high levels of smoke or pollution and spikes in visits for asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), anxiety and other respiratory or stress-related symptoms.

"Oregon's near-real-time data show us what we've long suspected—that poor air quality affects not just our lungs, but also our

mental well-being," Data and Epidemiology Unit Manager Jen Seamans. "This insight helps local health partners and hospitals prepare for the health impacts of smoke and other air pollution events as they happen."

Emergency visits rise during smoke events

- During the 2020 wildfire in Oregon, the statewide increase in asthma-like illness visits was about 25% compared to the preceding four-week period.
- For the tri-county (Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington) region, emergency department visits for air quality-related respiratory illness in 2022 were 44% greater in Washington County compared with the 2016-2019 average, 35% greater in Clackamas County and 7 % greater in Multnomah County.

Some groups are more affected

Hispanic/Latino communities experienced about a 30% increase in asthma-related visits during major smoke events—higher than other groups (about 22%).

Mental health effects also increase

- On days with poor air quality, visits related to anxiety and stress are higher statewide.
- Data finds associations between exposure to wildfire smoke and increased self-reported symptoms affecting mental health among adults.

Data for the dashboard come from Oregon's Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) and the National Syndromic Surveillance Program (NSSP), which summarize emergency department and

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Celebrating Veterans

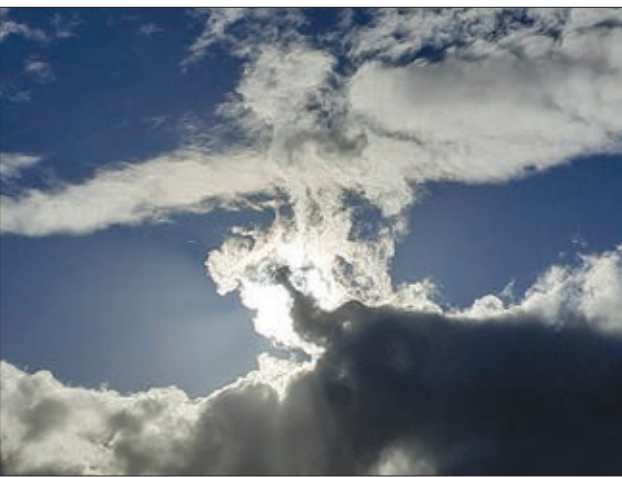


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The local veterans honor guard prepares to fire the ceremonial 21-gun salute in front of the Cottage Grove Armony during a ceremony on Nov. 11. The community observance was organized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) with assistance from the American Legion. Hosted by VFW Post Commander Howard Lytle, it featured a Scouts' color guard, and opening prayer by VFW Chaplain Bryan Ducker, music by the Lincoln Middle School Choir, a ceremony to honor Prisoners of War and Missing in Action and a keynote address by Lt. Kevin Murry, U.S. Navy. See more photos online with this story at cgsentinel.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOV. 19
Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.
Coast Fork Kiwanis Club. Noon. Sol Azteca Mexican Restaurant. 3015 Row River Rd.
Senior Center Pinochle Games. 1 p.m. Senior Center. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
The Rotary Club of Cottage Grove. Networking time 5 p.m. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. El Tapatio Restaurant Banquet Room, 725 E. Gibbs Ave.
Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6-7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
NOV. 20
T.O.P.S. Club. 9:30-11 a.m. Delight Valley Church of Christ, 33087 E Saginaw Rd. Weight loss support group.
Baby Lap Time (birth to 2 yrs). 11:30 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, Great socializing opportunity for parents and babies
Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.
Oregon Aviation Museum Open, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.
Teen Gaming. 4 p.m., CG Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Youth 11-18 are welcome to socialize and play games.
Table Tennis, 4-6 p.m. Community Center Reception Hall. 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Tables, paddles, and balls provided.
Bohemian Tavern. Football and Karaoke. Kickoff at 4:15 p.m. and Karaoke at 9 p.m.
Veterans of Foreign Wars Community Fundraising Dinner. 4:30-6 p.m. 3160 Hillside Dr.
Menu: Thanksgiving roasted turkey dinner with mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, veggie, roll salad, coffee and tea \$10
Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours. 5:30-7 p.m. Monthly networking opportunity hosted by Chamber members.
Alex Salcido (Americana). 5:30-7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
Celebrate Recovery. 6 p.m. Calvary Chapel. 1447 Hwy 99N. CR is a Christian-based recovery program for any hurt, habit, or hang up that is based on 8 Principles and 12 Steps. A soup dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. and the large group begins at 7 p.m.
AWANA. 6:30-8 p.m. Cottage Grove Bible Church. 1200 E. Quincy Ave. A mid-week discipleship ministry for youth from Age 3 thru 8th grade. Features Bible memorization and fun, structured activities. Info: 541.942.4771.



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NOV. 21
Oregon Aviation Museum. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.
Cottage Grove Public Library Storytime. 11:30 a.m. 700 E. Gibbs Ave. (all ages welcome).
Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.
American Legion Post 32 Bingo. 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. 826 W. Main St.
Sassafras (Americana/ Celtic). 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m. Bohemian Tavern. 48 N. 9th St. Entry Fee: \$5 and BCA Rules.
Rich McCloud (multi-genres). 8-10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. Cover: \$5.
NOV. 22
The Row River Sunshine Club Fall Rummage and Bake Sale. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Row River Christian Fellowship Church in Dorena. All rummage items are only 25 cents. BBQ lunch. All Veterans receive free lunch and gratitude for their service to our country.
Share Fair USA 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St. (covered parking area next to Urban Kitchen) Reserve a space and share from your abundance with neighbors who are in need. Load up your unwanted items to give away for free (no bartering). Details about the weekly event is on Share Fair USA Facebook page or send email to eventsby-ananda@gmail.com
CG Historical Society Presentation. 10 a.m. Community Center Shepherd Room. 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Topic: Log House Plants celebrates 50 years in Cottage Grove. All are welcome to come and learn more about local history.
Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.
Calvary Chapel Harvest Party, 3-6 p.m. Village Shopping Center. 1447 Hwy. 99 The community is invited to enjoy a chili cookoff, kids

games, prizes, a Bible lesson for kids and lots of family fun.
GRRRLZ ROCK Music and Arts Festival. 4-11 p.m. Axe and Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. All day celebration of women in the arts with music, art, and community prizes.
Skip Jones and Spirit of New Orleans (boogie woogie). 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
NOV. 23
Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H Street
The Regulars (multi-genre) 1-3 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
VFW Post 3473 Bingo. 2-4 p.m. 3160 Hillside Dr.
Game Night (hosted by Ayla). 6:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. 657 E. Main St.
Electric Eel (Ashland, OR jam band), 8-10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle . 657 E. Main St.
NOV. 24
CG Senior Center Bingo 12:30 p.m. Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Senior center members only.
Coast Fork Brewing Garden Club. 5:30-7 p.m. 106 S. 6th St. Discover the joy of gardening with a passionate community of gardeners interested in cultivating vegetables, fruits, or flowers. Great place to learn and grow together

through engaging discussions and expert advice. All gardeners are welcome.
NOV. 25
Ukulele Club (free for adults of all skill levels) 9 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.
Science on Tap, 5-7 p.m. Axe and Fiddle. 657 E. Main St. The Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council monthly informational series. Format: 5-6pm Trivia, prizes and project updates | 6-7pm Free Presentation (\$5 suggested donation) Topic: Short film about Gentle Forestry in Hokkaido, Japan followed by Q&A Session | 10% of food and beverages purchased during event will be donated to the Council's work.
Trinity Lutheran Church Free Community Dinner. 5:15-6:15 p.m. Seventh & Quincy Avenue. (Take-Out Only)
Trivia Night. 6-8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St. (Up to 7 players on a team)
Trivia, Chess and Games with Gerald. 6-8 p.m. (Up to 7 trivia players on a team) Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.
Royal Rangers. 6:30-8 p.m. Living Faith Assembly. 467 S. 10th Ave. A Bible-based scouting-style youth program for K-12 students. Meets weekly during the school year and offers summer camps. For more information call Pastor Alex at 541.942.2612
Dementia Support Group. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Magnolia Gardens Senior Living. 1425 Daugherty Ave. Provides assistance to navigate through the dementia process with your loved one and connect you with other caregivers and spouses supporting their loved ones.

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Richard Edward McCarthy

July 18, 1948 - November 8, 2025

Richard Edward McCarthy passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, November 8, 2025, surrounded by his wife and loved ones. He was 77 years old and had lived courageously with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis for more than three years. Born on July 18, 1948, in Sweet Home, Oregon,

Richard was the youngest of four children of Dr. James and Errilla McCarthy.

He attended school in Sweet Home and graduated in 1966. Richard pursued his undergraduate studies at Mt. Angel College, Portland State University, and Southern Oregon College before enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1969. He graduated at the top of his corpsman class in 1970 and was offered the opportunity to continue his education and serve stateside during the Vietnam War. Richard advanced his training to become a lab and dialysis technician, contributing to the first kidney transplant performed in a Naval Hospital. After four years of service, he earned his Doctorate of Chiropractic from the University of Western States in 1977.

Richard first started practicing chiropractic in Coos Bay, Oregon, in 1977 and moved to Cottage Grove in 1979, where he started his own practice and cared for patients for 45 years. Deeply committed to his profession, he served on numerous committees and led as President of the Oregon State Chiropractic Licensing Board for seven years. Richard's humility, compassion, and ethics left an indelible mark on chiropractic care in Oregon. Beyond his practice, Richard gave generously to his community—chairing the South Lane School District budget committee, supporting the local swim team booster club, and was an active member of his local church choir for many years.

He loved working with his hands and could often be found early on Saturday mornings tinkering with his beloved Audi automobiles, usually alongside his brother Jim in matching coveralls.

Richard met his wife, Linda Gillmore



McCarthy, while serving in the Navy. Linda, a Navy nurse, outranked him as an officer—a fact Richard enjoyed, especially when being saluted while driving her blue VW Bug on base in Bethesda, Maryland. The two married on July 21, 1971, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Richard cherished lifelong friendships and was known for his warmth and generosity. His grandchildren often joked that he was the “Mayor of Cottage Grove,” as he never missed an opportunity to greet friends, patients, and neighbors wherever he went. He was also known for endless “dad jokes” and finding a clever pun in every opportunity because life should never be too serious if you can’t crack a joke to make someone smile.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Anna Zollner, Jim McCarthy, and Susan DeTienne. He is survived by his wife Linda; son Richard McCarthy (Jennifer); daughter Katie McCarthy (Ben Stangland); and grandchildren Julia, Danielle, Samantha, Michael, Isabella, and Nathan. His spirit lives on in each of them and in the countless lives he touched.

The family wants to extend their appreciation to Signature Hospice for their professional and compassionate care that allowed Richard to spend the last month of his life at his home, comfortable, and surrounded by those he loved, including his cat, Bentley.

At this time there is no memorial service or celebration of life. The family will share additional details at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the organization of your choice; Richard's favorites included Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB), University of Western States College of Chiropractic, and Cottage Grove Aqua Lions Swim Club. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

He lived a full life, and he will be greatly missed.

Darby Raymond Ladd

November 27, 2007 - October 29, 2025



Darby Raymond Ladd, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away on October 29, 2025. He was born on November 27, 2007, at McKenzie Willamette Hospital in Springfield, Oregon, to his loving parents, Joel and Brandi Ladd.

Darby was known for his kind and caring heart. He loved his family, friends, and football, and his big smile and warm nature touched everyone around him. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping with his family

and was an anchor to both his family and his team.

He is survived by his parents, Joel and Brandi Ladd; brothers, Luke Ladd, Jacob Ladd and Cody Sapp (and wife Izzy).

A celebration of Darby's life was held on Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 a.m. at Living Faith Assembly in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

Long Live Darby.
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Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

Death Notices

James “Jim” Oliver Kjelde, 84, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away November 7, 2025. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Kim L. Socha, 63, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed November 12, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Patricia Pearl Smith, 80, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away November 9, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Victoria Sue Douglas, 79, of Creswell Oregon, passed away on November 7th 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery

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VISIT

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urgent care data across the state. Data are refreshed weekly, offering a timely

picture of how environmental conditions affect health. Supporting stronger public health responses OHA and local health departments are using this information to:

- Plan for resource surges during wildfire smoke and other pollution events.
- Target public health messages to people most at risk from poor air quality.
- Integrate air quality data into climate resilience and emergency preparedness planning.
- Advance health equity by identifying communities disproportionately affected by air pollution.

OHA officials note that while the data show strong correlations between poor air quality and increased health care visits, they do not establish direct cause and effect. Patterns may also reflect factors such as care-seeking behavior or reporting delays.

Next steps OHA will continue expanding its air quality and health monitoring efforts. Future updates will include additional years of data, new health measures (such as hospitalizations and mortality data), and expanded analysis of pollutants. Visit the Oregon Environmental Public Health Tracking website for downloadable datasets, maps and guidance materials.

Tree-death pest found across northern Willamette Valley

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

Trapping for Mediterranean oak borer (MOB) this summer showed this new pest from Europe, North Africa, and western Asia is now present across the northern Willamette Valley in at least six counties – Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill., according to the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF).

MOB is a concern because it has infested Oregon white oaks, sometimes with fatal consequences. The tiny beetles carry fungi that can infect a tree with a vascular wilt, which can lead to tree death.

Before now, state and federal officials did not know how extensive Mediterranean oak borer’s presence in Oregon might be. Individual borers had shown up in traps here and there in the Willamette Valley even before the first infested Oregon white oaks (Quercus garryana) were found in Troutdale and Wilsonville. So, this summer they set up traps all over the Willamette Valley and beyond to try and determine where MOB had reached.

What they found was that more than 500 of the tiny



Courtesy photo from the ODF

Black streaks in the wood of this Oregon white oak show where it has been infested by a fungus carried by Mediterranean oak borer. The fungus can cause a fatal wilt in oak trees. Scientists found the tiny beetle this summer in six counties in the northern Willamette Valley.

borers turned up in more than 30 traps on both sides of the Willamette River from the Portland area south to Salem. Catch rates varied from a single borer at a number of traps to 160 at a trap east of Oregon City. The borers were even caught in locations where no Oregon white oak trees had been reported declining.

“The results show us that, unfortunately, Mediterranean oak borer is firmly and widely established in the northern Willamette Valley,” Oregon’s Interagency MOB Task Force Chair Cody Holthouse said.

Of 944 oak trees inspected since MOB was first detected in Oregon, a total of 38 are

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ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY

Oregon private companies adjust plans, ‘tread carefully’

JOHN LAUSENG
Sentinel Guest Column

Oregon’s private companies are adopting a cautious yet agile approach as they navigate slowing growth, workforce challenges, capital constraints and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), according to the Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report released Nov. 10.

The report is based on a survey of more than 60 leaders of private companies in the Western U.S., including 20 Oregon owners and executives representing construction, healthcare, real estate, manufacturing and professional services. It reveals a business environment defined by guarded optimism, operational adaptation and renewed focus on resilience.

The report has been published by Aldrich, a leading accounting and advisory firm headquartered in Portland, Oregon that provides the Western U.S. with a full suite of integrated financial, tax, accounting, wealth, corporate retirement and business transition services.

“Oregon’s business leaders are not standing still—they’re recalibrating,” Aldrich CPA, CEO, and Partner John Lauseng said. “They’re responding to economic uncertainty by making proactive changes to their supply chain, growth and employment strategies. This agility will be critical to long-term success.”

Outlook is guarded, but leaders are taking action

Only 20% of Oregon business leaders feel optimistic about revenue growth in the year ahead, and nearly one-third (30%) are more pessimistic than they were six months ago. Rising costs, high interest rates and persistent workforce challenges are fueling a cautious approach.

Still, Oregon companies are taking decisive steps to preserve financial health and operational stability:

- 45% have slowed or delayed capital investments to maintain liquidity, while 30% are considering doing this going forward
- 35% have made supply chain changes, with another 45% considering them
- 70% are adjusting talent strategies, from slowing hiring to reducing headcount and hours
- While only 20% have passed increased costs on to customers, and additional 45% are considering doing this in the future.

“We’re seeing Oregon leaders act early rather than react late,” Lauseng added. “They’re protecting core operations and adjusting their strategic plans where needed, while maintaining flexibility and looking for ways to operate more efficiently.”

Leadership gaps in technology and financial insight

Oregon companies acknowledge room for improvement in how they leverage data and

technology. Only 30% of leaders are confident in their team’s ability to implement the right technology, and just 10% rate their financial data utilization as excellent.

“Strengthening these capabilities presents an opportunity for businesses to gain real-time insight and sharpen decision-making amid ongoing uncertainty,” Lauseng noted.

Continuity is the top priority for business transitions

Among Oregon business leaders planning for succession, continuity for employees and clients (55%) and finding the right buyer or successor (55%) ranked as the top focus areas. By comparison, only 40% prioritize maximizing sale value and 35% identified minimizing taxes on the sales or transfer, revealing that most Oregon leaders value legacy, relationships and cultural fit over financial return.

At the same time, 75% of owners reported receiving at least one unsolicited offer to sell in the past year. This high level of interest highlights the market demand for well-run private companies, but it also raises the stakes, the report notes.

“The most successful transitions often begin five to ten years in advance,” Lauseng said. “Starting early allows business owners to explore all transition options, identify the right successor and ensure continuity for employees, clients and the business.”

“One Big Beautiful Bill” opens strategic planning opportunities

While most Oregon leaders have a general understanding of the OBBBA, few have applied its provisions to strategic planning. The legislation includes significant tax updates, including permanent full expensing, restored Research & Development (R&D) deductions, enhanced pass-through flexibility and targeted incentives for domestic manufacturing.

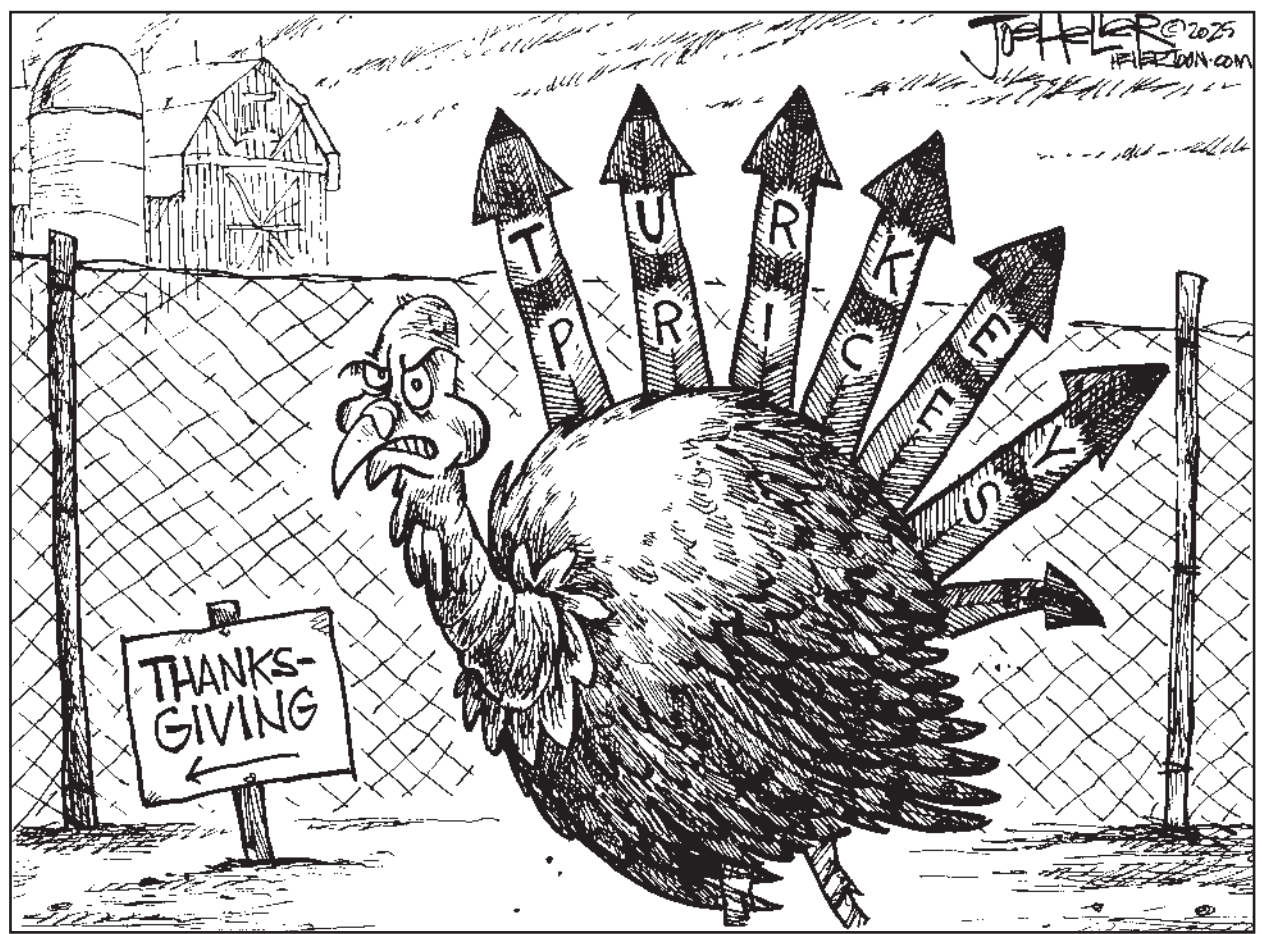
Lauseng stressed that early evaluation of these opportunities and thoughtful planning can turn tax code changes into a long-term competitive advantage, especially for businesses considering expansion or ownership transition.

Additional trends shaping Oregon’s mid-market outlook

The Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report also revealed several broader themes:

- Confidence in managing disruption is low: Only 25% of leaders feel prepared to adapt to external shocks such as tariffs or economic volatility
- Financial visibility needs improvement: Just 10% rate their company’s use of financial data as excellent
- Credit conditions are tightening: 45% report greater difficulty accessing outside capital compared with six months ago
- Tariffs and supply chain challenges are pressuring margins: 60% say disruptions have negatively

EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

Signs of Peace in Cottage Grove

ANANDA REEVES
Sentinel Guest Column

There are strong signs that Peace is coming to Cottage Grove.

The law of Physics and the mathematical equation for critical mass to occur means only one half of one percent of the population is in unison on one particular topic, then a tipping point naturally occurs, and the momentum of energy creates change. This has been the pattern for humanity for thousands of years.

The critical mass number for Cottage Grove is only 50 people! The critical mass tipping point for peace in Cottage Grove is happening more and more every day.

The most recent (and perhaps the most measurable sign of peace coming to Cottage Grove) is the prayer vigil held just a few feet from the Peace Pole on November 10th. The tipping

point of critical mass was far surpassed at this gathering. It was an evening of truth-telling for the townspeople. Each person holding a candle heard the unfortunate true story of how our beloved citizens were violated in our own town for no crime other than the color of their skin.

This story was very sad and hard to hear. However, if we look in our hearts for the real, true story of progress to peace, it is how the people came together in unity and prayed for peace together. This heart-wrenching story changed the people’s language from the word “hoping for peace” to the word “believing in peace.”

The fact that we have surpassed the tipping point in Cottage Grove is proof that peace is coming through the following actions:

- The Peace Tree planted in Coiner Park in 2021

- The Peace Pole 2024, is our permanent sign for peace that silently watches over our town, saying “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in 8 languages.
- Critical mass has more than tripled on September 21st in the past three years at the UN World Day of Peace that took place just a few feet from the Peace Pole. This event shared interfaith prayers and songs for peace in several languages. All generations attended.
- The Peace Slogan campaign is designed to help the citizens reach “a moment of peace” as they notice the signs throughout town. This project is destined to reach critical mass with peace signs.
- November 1st marks the first Share Fair event, happening all day every Saturday at 1133 E. Main Street (Behind Dirt Cheap Printers’

new location). People bring potluck lunches, a chair, and things in vehicles to share for free with our citizens. Bringing awareness to the importance of keeping our money and resources local and taking care of our people.

- Some measurable milestones for peace are shown through great organizations in town that stand for peace. Building Bridges, Earth and Social Justice, The Row River Grange, Friends of Democracy, and ROP, to mention a few.

So, neighbors, there are some great opportunities for change coming out of the ashes in our town. Let’s try and focus on the oneness and keep reaching critical mass together!

Peace Starts Within.
Ananda Reeves is a Cottage Grove resident and may be reach at eventsby-ananda@gmail.com

impacted financial health, particularly in manufacturing and construction

- Workforce adjustments under review: While 25% have already reduced hiring or hours, another 45% are considering adjustments as part of a broader workforce strategy

“This year’s data shows that Oregon companies are pragmatic and resilient,” Lauseng said. “They’re balancing near-term caution with forward-looking planning—and that’s a powerful combination in uncertain times.”

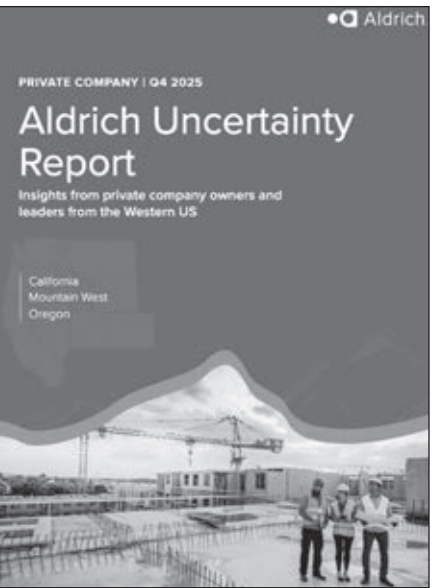
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The Q4 2025 Aldrich Uncertainty Report provides a snapshot of how private mid-market companies are

responding to ongoing economic and legislative change. It reflects survey responses collected by GLG, a financial and global information services consulting company, in August 2025 from business owners and executives representing Oregon’s core industries.

About Aldrich

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☐ Turkey

☐ Ham

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Previous Poll Results

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currently infested with MOB. Another 22 thought to be infested have been removed. Forest Entomologist Christine Buhl leads the Oregon Department of Forestry’s efforts to track and evaluate MOB’s potential impact on trees in the state. She said that Oregon scientists are still trying to learn all they can about the borers and the fungus they carry. “We still have a lot of questions about MOB that

we’re working to find answers to,” Buhl said. One basic question is what other tree species potentially could be affected by MOB. According to Buhl, so far in Oregon, only Oregon white oaks have shown signs of infestation. In California, other native oak species have been attacked and killed, including valley oak (Quercus lobata) and blue oak (Q. douglasii). In Europe, MOB has been reported in a large number of oak species, and even on some non-oak trees.

Buhl said researchers don’t know what percentage of Oregon white oak trees might eventually become infested, let alone if they could start infesting other trees here. “So far we haven’t seen widespread decline of Oregon white oak,” Buhl said. “In many cases, even trees near those that have been heavily infested have not shown signs of infestation or decline. This raises a question in my mind about whether MOB will prefer to infest stressed or otherwise unhealthy trees.”

Buhl points out seeing recent construction in the root zone of many of the trees infested with MOB. “This can lower trees’ ability to cope with a variety of pests and diseases,” Buhl said. She advocates for protecting the root zones of Oregon white oaks from disturbance, ideally up to twice the width of the tree’s canopy. “My hope is there might not be widespread, rapid die-off of Oregon white oaks, like there is with emerald ash borer, which is killing most ash trees across the country,” Buhl

said. She stressed that more research is needed to find out what level of resistance oaks might have to the fungus carried by MOB. Oregon white oak is an important native tree growing from British Columbia into California. Numerous species of birds, mammals, insects, and reptiles rely on the long-lived tree for food and shelter. A number of Native American people have traditionally leached out bitter tannins from the tree’s acorns, then processed their kernels into an acorn flour used in various dishes.

With funding from the USDA Forest Service, ODA hosted a multi-agency collaborative program to trap Mediterranean oak borer (MOB) in Oregon. That program, which ended in October 2025, aimed to improve the understanding of MOB distribution and pest status in the state. ODA has no more funding to continue coordinated trapping for MOB. The agency’s focus is shifting to supporting awareness, outreach, and detection through visual observations from professionals and the public.

CITY

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repair needs. Fleck added that the trailer is well built, and his agency has paid for a few minor repairs. During the discussion Councilors Jim Settelmeyer and Greg Ervin agreed that maintaining ownership of the trailer falls under the “Maintain a safe and thriving community” council goal. Mayor Candace Solesbee, who has served on the council since 2018, said she

opposed the 2020 purchase and believes the trailer is a social service, not a city responsibility. Councilor Christine Hynk said she is concerned about the city’s liability in the event of a catastrophic incident and plans to vote in favor of transferring ownership. Councilor Randell Lammerman requested more detail on staffing costs for weekly cleaning. Fleck said CS uses a professional cleaning service for its facilities and could add the trailer to

the contract at an affordable rate. The decision was tabled to a future meeting to gather additional information. IN OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS Urban Renewal District Councilors moved the formation of an Urban Renewal District forward. City officials met last month with Lane County Commissioners and South Lane County Fire and Rescue officials—the two other taxing districts affected by the proposed Urban Renewal District—and

received no opposition. No public testimony was offered at the Nov. 10 hearing, and the council held a first reading of the ordinance. Following the second reading and adoption at the Dec. 8 meeting, the ordinance will be published, and the city’s 30-year Urban Renewal Plan will be implemented. The plan includes: Economic development and land acquisition, emergency preparedness and ADA improvements, parks, transportation and utility upgrades, development

loan program and staffing support. The district will use tax increment financing (TIF)—capturing future increases in property value to fund projects within the district boundaries without raising current tax rates. To offset future revenue loss to South Lane County Fire and Rescue, the plan includes a \$2 million allocation to the fire district. The district boundaries were extended down Highway 99 to Harrison Avenue to include the fire district’s

administrative office and Harrison Avenue Park, anchoring emergency readiness and civic infrastructure improvements. Mayor’s Monster Ball Award Solesbee announced the winners of the Monster Ball awards. Best Sweet Bite: Mama T’s Fry Bread, Best Savory Bite: Grove Bar and Grill, Best Presentation: Jack Sprats, Best Seating Arrangement: Mitchell and Mitchell Real Estate.

ICE

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were kneeling on top of her, putting her in handcuffs,” Agustin said. Following the incident, Avila told The Sentinel that she is a permanent resident and had her “green card” in her pocket during the ICE detention, but that she was not asked by the federal agents for the card. The green card allows a person to live and work in the United States, though they are not U.S. citizens. “Every time we go out, and we see a semi-suspicious

vehicle, our hearts start racing,” Avila told the park gathering. “We consider ourselves lucky to be able to still be together as a family while others are separated and crying for the chance to see their loved ones again.” Oregon law prohibits state and local law enforcement from assisting in federal immigration enforcement without a judicial warrant. Under the 2021 Sanctuary Promise Act, agencies like the Cottage Grove Police Department are barred from using public resources to detect or detain individuals solely for immigration violations and may not grant ICE

access to non-public areas without court authorization. Shortly after the Nov. 5 incident, Cottage Grove Police Chief Cory Chase issued a statement regarding the local ICE activity stating that his department was aware of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) operation in Cottage Grove Nov. 5. “Just before 5 a.m. an agent with DHS notified on-duty staff with the Cottage Grove Police Department that they were in the city for official business. No further details were provided to the Cottage Grove Police Department, and our agency

did not request any further details at the time of the notification,” Chase said the DHS did not request any information or resources from the Cottage Grove Police Department and that his agency did not participate in any DHS operations. “We continue to follow Oregon laws and our department policy regarding immigration matters,” the police

chief stated in his release, which was also published in Sentinel’s Wednesday, Nov. 12 print story about the operation and the detainment of Juanita Avila. See the story with this report at cgsentinel.com. Immigrant advocacy organization administrators, such as the Rural Organizing Project (ROP), which has its statewide training center in

downtown Cottage Grove, and the Eugene-based Lane County Immigrant Defense Network, say they remain committed to supporting and protecting the local immigrant community from future ICE enforcement. Follow developments online at cgsentinel.com and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.

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age@gmail.com
GS25-187 Cottage Grove Mini Storage 1520 HWY 99 N Cottage Grove, OR 97424 Auction: November 29, 2025, Promptly @11:00 A.M. Cottage Grove Mini Storage in accordance with ORS 87.162 will offer for public auction the following units for non-payment of rent and other fees. 1. Nancy Kreamier #B-308 2. Ryan Stephens # B-052 Unless payment in full is made before time of auction @ 11:00 A.M. 1520 HWY 99 N Cottage Grove, OR 97424 Sealed bids on entire unit due in office at 11:30 A.M. "CASH ONLY"

CGS25-185 State of Minnesota District Court County of: Redwood Judicial District: Fifth Judicial District Court File Number: 64-JV-25-52 Case Type: CHIPS - Permanency

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In the Matter of the Welfare of the Children of: Kathleen Marie Eastman, Mother, Ronald Lawrence Merrick, Adjudicated Father, Tommie Fosberg, Adjudicated Father, and Michael Loren Wyman, Adjudicated Father Summons and Notice Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody Matter (CHP-117) NOTICE TO: MICHAEL WYMAN, Above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s). A Petition to Transfer Permanent Legal and Physical Custody has been filed in the Juvenile Court. This petition asks the court to permanently transfer the parent/guardian's legal and physical custodial rights to a relative. This is your notice that this Transfer of Permanent Legal and Physical Custody case is scheduled for a remote hearing before the Juvenile Court located at Redwood County

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Courthouse, 250 S Jefferson, PO Box 130, Redwood Falls, MN 56283, on November 25, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. or as soon after as the case can be heard. Please contact court administration to get the remote hearing information. YOU ARE ORDERED to appear before the Juvenile Court at the scheduled time and date. You have a right to be represented by counsel. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Court may still conduct the hearing and grant appropriate relief, including permanently transferring the legal and physical custodial rights of the above-named parent(s) or legal custodian(s) or permanent out-of-home placement of the child(ren). Dated October 29, 2025 BY: Patty Amberg Redwood County Court Administration 250 S Jefferson PO Box 130 Redwood Falls MN 56283 507-616-4800

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What to expect when visiting Oregon state parks in 2026

OREGON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As this year comes to a close, Oregon State Parks is looking back on 2025 and planning for the 2026 season. This year Oregon State Parks welcomed millions of visitors, maintained nearly 1,000 miles of trails, hosted hundreds of events including mushroom hikes and star parties and finished dozens of projects from the restoration of the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse to repaving the campground at Silver Falls State Park.

State parks also updated many of its fees to reflect increasing costs and decreasing Oregon State Lottery funding. Depending on the fee, the last update was anywhere from seven to 15 years ago.

Staff are looking forward to welcoming visitors for the 2026 season with guided hikes, seasonal events and outdoor adventures. To help visitors enjoy the more than 250 state parks and know what to expect next year, Oregon Parks and Recreation

Department gathered the upcoming updates in one place.

Winter 2025:

- Green Friday (Nov. 28): Parking fees will no longer be waived at parks requiring permits on Green Friday.
- Beginning January 1, 2026:
 - First Day Hike (Jan. 1): Guided hikes at select parks. Parking fees will no longer be waived at parks requiring permits for First Day Hikes.
 - 12-month parking permits will increase from \$30 to \$60 for Oregon residents and to \$75 for out-of-state residents due to the out-of-state surcharge.
 - 24-month parking permits will not be sold in 2026. Existing permits will be honored until they expire.
 - Oregon State Parks will no longer sell Oregon Pacific Coast Passports but will honor passports purchased in 2025 until they expire.
 - Oregon State Parks will no longer honor Jackson County parking permits.

Winter/Spring 2026

- OPRD is considering updates to its Division 15 Rates and Reservation Policy.

The proposed changes would update the rules around cancellations, refunds, special access passes and rate ranges starting as soon as Feb. 2026. The proposed changes are designed to improve the long-term financial sustainability of the state park system and maximize the availability of campsites for visitors by encouraging early cancellation. Public comment is expected to run from December 1 to January 15, 2026. Final approval is required by the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission.

- Additional parks will require a parking fee. The specific parks and implementation date is still being finalized.
- Implement fees to use dump stations at Oregon State Parks to support the cost of that service.
- State Parks Day (June 6), will continue to offer free parking for Oregon residents. Camping fees will no longer be waived on that day pending approval of the proposed Division 15 Rates and Reservation Policy updates.



Courtesy from the OPRD

OPRD is projecting at \$14 million budget shortfall this biennium due to decreasing lottery revenue, increasing costs and a long-standing need for more sustainable funding.

“The changes are critical to sustaining state park operations and services now and for the future. We appreciate visitors’ continued support as these necessary changes are implemented,” Oregon Parks and Recreation Director (OPRD) Director Lisa Sumption said.

OPRD is projecting at \$14 million budget shortfall this biennium due to decreasing lottery revenue, increasing costs and a long-standing need for more sustainable funding. OPRD does not

receive general fund tax revenue for operations.

OPRD will continue to review and update fees and operations to keep providing high-quality visitor experiences and sustain parks now and in the future.

When going on an outdoor adventure plan, prepare as weather changes

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

As fall settles across Oregon, the state’s Search and Rescue (SAR) teams are responding to several missions tied to mushroom foraging, hunting season, and sudden shifts in weather.

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) is reminding everyone to plan ahead, be prepared, and stay aware of changing conditions when heading outdoors.

“Oregon’s natural beauty draws thousands of people

outside each year, but even experienced adventurers can find themselves in trouble when the weather changes suddenly,” Oregon’s state search and rescue coordinator, Scott Lucas, said. “We want everyone to enjoy their time outdoors safely—no one expects to become lost or stranded, but preparation makes all the difference.”

With colder temperatures, shorter daylight hours, and unpredictable weather patterns, OEM urges Oregonians and visitors to take a few simple steps before venturing out:



water, warm clothing, an emergency mylar blanket, a flashlight, map, first-aid kit, and fully charged phone or radio.

Tell someone your plan—where you’re going, when you expect to return, and when to call for help if you don’t check in.

Stay on marked trails and avoid venturing off route, especially when foraging or tracking game.

Each year, hundreds of highly trained SAR volunteers across Oregon respond to calls for lost or injured hikers, hunters, and foragers. Many of these incidents are preventable with proper preparation and communication.

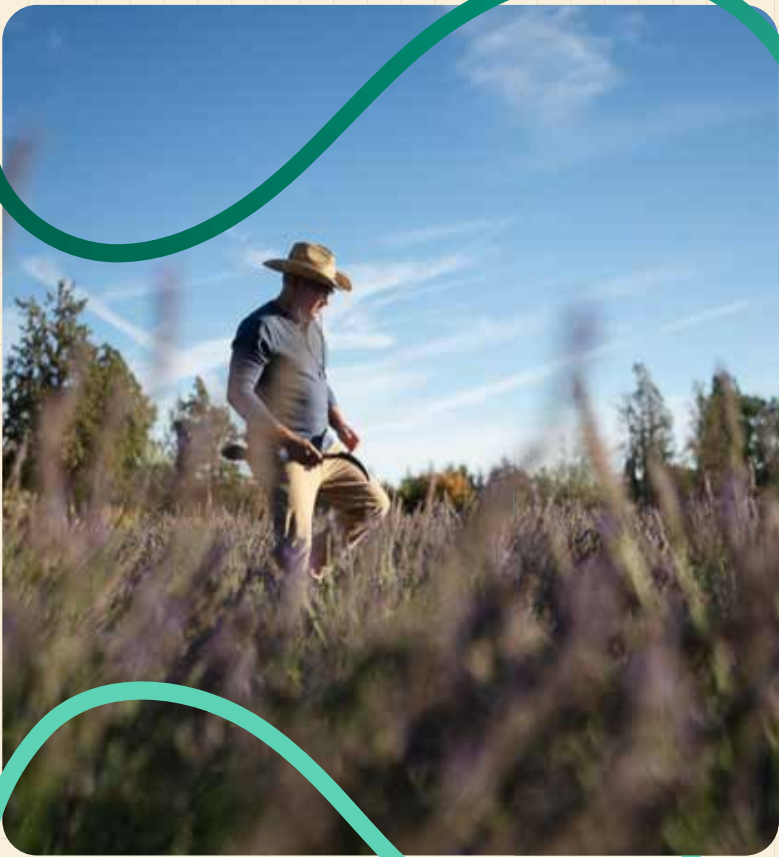
“Oregon’s SAR volunteers are among the best in the nation,” Lucas said. “They’re ready to help—but the goal is for everyone to make it home safely without needing rescue.”

Be Prepared Before You Go

Whether you’re heading out for a day hike, hunting trip, or foraging adventure, always carry the 10 Essentials:

- Navigation (map and compass or GPS) and a whistle
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Plan, prepare as weather changes Sun protection
- First-aid kit
- Knife or multi-tool
- Fire-starting materials
- Shelter (such as a tarp or mylar blanket)
- Extra food
- Extra water
- Extra clothing

For more information about outdoor safety and emergency preparedness, visit www.oregon.gov/OEM and follow @OregonOEM on social media for ongoing safety updates and seasonal preparedness tips.



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