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## New Main Street paving launched

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Wildish crews have begun the long-awaited process of pouring the new road surface for Cottage Grove's Main Street Revitalization Project.

The black concrete was first poured along the west end of Main Street. City officials said the black concrete will last longer and is more durable than pavement. Concrete is a mixture of cement, water, and aggregates.

Cottage Grove Project Coordinator Shauna Neigh said in the next couple of weeks crews are expecting to finish work at the intersections of 7th and 8th Streets and then start working on the north side of Main Street, replacing the old sidewalks.

"We are envisioning the second side of Main Street not taking as long as the first side because we now have all of the infrastructure in place," she said. "The only thing that they will have to do on the north side of the street is just the landscaping irrigation and the street-light electricity, so all the underground time-consuming work has been done. The waterlines and the storm drains are in place."

Neigh adds that as of July 24, the revitalization project was on time and on budget.

"This project is running so smoothly," she said.

The multi-million-dollar project is designed to improve the street, sidewalks, pedestrian crossing areas, lighting, and landscaping along the busy route in the city's Historic District.

While such a project can be challenging for local businesses and for customers, Neigh said the businesses are "being resilient."

"They are thinking of all different ways of bring folks in and they understand that this project needs to happen, and everybody is really looking forward to the end product," she said. "It is a struggle for them, so we do ask people to please still



Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Sentinel  
**(Top) Crews even out the new road surface just after it had been poured along east Main Street in Cottage Grove's Historic District. (Bottom) The new black concrete fits right in along side the new sidewalks that have been install along Main Street.**

come down and support them and just come down and see the progress that we are making. It is almost like weekly there are positive changes in downtown right now."

As an example, Neigh points to the city's new Festival Street, along 7th and Main.

"It is really beautiful," she said. "The Farmers Market is able to go back into the park area and use the Festival Street, just like it was meant to be used, which is really nice to see."

The revitalization project began in February of this year and is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

According to Neigh, crews have been diligently working to keep business owners informed of the project's progress and to ensure



access to all businesses is restored as quickly as possible.

Drivers are urged to exercise caution when driving through the construction zone. The speed limit has been reduced to 10 mph, and lane sizes have been decreased within the construction area. "It is crucial to reduce speed and remain attentive to pedestrians and workers," a release by the city of Cottage Grove states. "Please be aware that traffic violation fines are doubled in construction zones."

The City of Cottage Grove has partnered with the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce with a promotional stamp card. Go shopping in Historic Downtown

Cottage Grove, get six stamps, and turn the card into the Chamber of Commerce, located at 836 E. Main Street, for a chance to win \$500 a week in local gift cards.

Follow the downtown promotional events at the Chamber's website and Facebook page.

Regular construction updates will be posted on the City of Cottage Grove website (cottagegrove.org), through monthly newsletters, the Friday updates and TextMyGov.

Follow the Main Street Revitalization Project developments online at cgsentinel.com and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.

## Sentinel Update

### Transit services bidding process restarted

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

A third protest by South Lane Wheels (SLW) to continue rural transit services has been successful, easing public concern about potential service reductions in Cottage Grove.

Lane Transit District has announced it is reopening the bidding process for transportation services in South Lane County, following the discovery of evaluation scoring discrepancies in its most recent contract review process.

SLW provided over 20,000 one-way rides in 2023, including hundreds of wheelchair-accessible trips. The loss of service days is especially hard on vulnerable riders.

Cottage Grove resident Sally Savage, a 90-year-old South Lane Wheels rider, told the Sentinel she relies on SLW to reach PeaceHealth's Riverbend Medical Center for doctor's appointments and treatments and for many daily errands in Cottage Grove. She noted she is not eligible for other transport services. She calls the city's lack of public transportation "impossible" for non-drivers like herself and expressed concern about the possible loss of SLW.

"This is a disaster for many of us," she wrote.

LTD officials emphasized that the restart was not prompted by public petitions related to the contract award, but by internal concerns regarding how evaluation criteria were applied—specifically the comparison between different types of transportation experience. The review raised questions about whether the scoring fairly distinguished public transportation operations from other service models, such as Medicaid brokerage.

A key issue involved the initial award to Eugene-based Direct Medical Transportation (DMT), a Medicaid-focused provider established in 2022. Stakeholders questioned whether DMT's limited history and its brokerage experience were properly weighed against the operational record of longtime local nonprofit South Lane Wheels (SLW).

SLW Executive Director Ruth Linoz said she received direct confirmation from LTD CEO Jameson Auten that LTD's decision was prompted by SLW's third formal protest letter. That letter cited discrepancies in the scoring and evaluation process.

## MOTHER-LOAD OF CHARM

### Friends open secondhand store during Main Street reconstruction

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

While Cottage Grove's Main Street rumbles under the weight of reconstruction, a new business has quietly opened its doors in the Historic District—offering warmth, nostalgia, and practical reuse to a town rich in heritage and character.

Mother-Load is more than a secondhand store. It's a collaborative vision brought to life by four friends who've spent years collecting vintage treasures.

Located at 737 Main Street, in the former home of Pioneer Hardware, the shop features expansive, welcoming display windows that invite passersby



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel  
**Four collectors and friends have opened a new store in the Historic District. From left to right are Kitty Berry, John Gracy, Cathy Sayles and Bobbie Sue Soshnick.**

discover curated goods with stories attached—furniture, books, clothing, crystals, antiques, and repurposed art—each selected with care and community in mind.

For most of the 20th century, the building housed the town's hardware store, a vital hub during the timber industry boom. While the original cork boot-pocked wood floor is now covered, old-timers remember the hundreds of tiny holes left behind by loggers' boots—a legacy of hard work preserved beneath each step.

Later tenants included the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum

to pause, peek in, and feel

the comfort inside. Shoppers

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## Threads of Time: CGHS Alumni Reunion welcomes Class of '75

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Organizers are hoping for another good turnout at the Cottage Grove's Old Schoolmates Reunion as alumni gather to reconnect and celebrate shared history.

The annual event kicks off Friday, Aug. 1 evening at the Cottage Grove High School cafeterium, with a 5 p.m. social hour followed by dinner at 6 p.m., welcoming the Class of 1975 into the fold. Saturday's morning's breakfast at Prospectors Park, hosted by the Prospectors and Gold Diggers Club, closes out the festivities with tradition and warmth.

In 1935, the Pioneer Schoolmates began holding an annual reunion for

multiple classes. In 1952, another group of alumni also formed to gather younger grads. In 1960, the two groups merged and established the tradition of meeting on the first Friday in August. Once a graduating class reaches its 50th Anniversary they are ceremonially inducted into the Old Schoolmates.

The Old Schoolmates Group honors CGHS alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. Beyond reunions, the group supports student scholarships through the Cottage Grove Community Foundation, helping today's seniors pursue college or vocational training.

This year's gathering continues a legacy of connection, celebration, and investment in future generations.

## Cottage Theatre presents Shakespeare's The Tempest

Performers are scheduled to present William Shakespeare's, The Tempest, an ancient saga brimming with malice and magic, for three weekends from August 8 - 24, at the Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Drive in Cottage Grove.

Witness the magic of this enduring epic, where a stormy enchantment sets the stage for a fresh and accessible take on one of the world's oldest romantic comedies.

Prospero is a duke-turned-sorcerer who has spent the last twelve years raising her daughter in exile on a remote island. When the nobles who betrayed them happen to sail nearby, Prospero seizes the opportunity to seek revenge and a new future for her daughter. She conjures a shipwreck and conscripts the island's supernatural beings to wreak havoc, make mischief, and play matchmaker. After 400 years, The Tempest endures as a testament to the transformative nature of

forgiveness and the power of a parent's love

The Tempest is directed and designed by Tony Rust. Costume Design is by Rhonda Turnquist, with Lighting Design and Live Foley Effects by Amanda Ferguson. Olive Bennett serves as Stage Manager. The play features Tracy Brous as Prospero, Serena Zamora as Prospero's daughter Miranda, Darcy Rust as Ariel, and Clancy Miller as Ferdinand. Also in the cast are Alex Istudor, James Kiser, Autumn White, David Guy Evans, Martin Fogarty, Jonathan Routledge, Alex VonderHaar, Tori Flynn and Brianna Bird.

The Tempest is on stage for three weekends at Cottage Theatre from August 8 - 24. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm, and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm. This production is sponsored by Parsons Financial Advisors of Cottage Grove.

Tickets are available online at [www.cottagetheatre.org](http://www.cottagetheatre.org) or by phone at 541-942-8001.

Tickets are \$29 for adults and \$15 for youth (18 & under). All seating is reserved and advance purchase is recommended.

### ABOUT COTTAGE THEATRE

Cottage Theatre, founded in 1982, produces a year-round season of plays and musicals featuring talented Lane County performers. The theatre also offers educational programs for youth.

A member of the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT), Cottage Theatre was one of just six theatres in the country selected to produce a world premiere as part of the AACT 2024 NewPlayFest. The theatre is known for its strong production values, in keeping with its mission of "engaging and enriching our community through the magic of live theatre."

## 'Intentionally started' brush fire leads to arrest

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Cottage Grove Police Department (CGPD) officers were called out to the 174 north and southbound onramps for a large brush fire at 5:11 p.m. July 11. A South Lane County Fire & Rescue (SLCFR) crew also responded to the scene.

The fire had moved rapidly and took off in the median of I-5. The SLCFR crew quickly extinguished the blaze.

"It was determined that the fire was intentionally started by a subject riding a bike and using a propane torch," according to a release from CGPD.

The male was located and detained by CGPD officers. The male subject confessed to intentionally lighting the fire and was transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on charges of Arson in the First Degree, according to a release from CGPD. The name of the subject was not released by CGPD.

## POLICE BLOTTER

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

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

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

### Cottage Grove Police

#### MONDAY, JULY 14

01:27: Suspicious condition, 700 block Hwy 99  
01:40: Missing person, 400 block E. Main St.  
03:12: Arson, 500 block Gateway Blvd.  
05:24: Burglary, 600 block Wood Ave.  
06:01: Criminal mischief, 300 block E. Madison Ave.  
08:16: Welfare check, 8th/Washington  
09:13: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.  
09:16: Illegal parking, 1100 block E. Harrison Ave.  
10:16: Criminal mischief, 300 block E. Madison Ave.  
11:09: Harassment, 1500 block Samuel Dr.  
12:33: Disturbance, 1500 block Hwy 99  
13:10: Abandoned vehicle, 600 block Wood Ave.  
13:25: Wanted subject, 7th/Main  
14:47: Warrant service, 1000 block E. Main St.  
16:00: Found dog, Hwy 99/Harrison  
16:27: Disturbance, 200 block N. 16th St.  
16:39: Harassment, 1000 block Ash Ave.  
16:49: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
17:46: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
19:33: Disturbance, 78000 block Sears Rd.  
19:42: Warrant service, 1300 block E. Main St.  
20:06: Agency assist, 600 block E. Main St.  
21:20: Mental subject, 1500 block Carabelle Ct.  
21:40: Theft, 200 block N. 12th St.  
21:46: Suicidal subject, 1300 block Dublin Ln.  
23:43: Harassment, 76000 block Mosby Creek Rd.  
23:49: Vicious dog, 500 block E. Madison Ave.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 15

00:24: Order violation, 500 block E. Madison Ave.  
00:43: Alarm, Jefferson/6th  
00:44: Alarm, 100 block S. 6th St.  
01:43: Trespass, 1400 block E. Washington Ave.  
03:46: Suspicious condition, 1500 block Daugherty Ave.

05:17: Disorderly subject, 800 block E. Main St.  
08:38: Vehicle impound, 1000 block S. 4th St.  
09:48: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.  
10:03: Welfare check, 200 block Palmer Ave.  
10:29: Theft, 1100 block Hwy 99  
10:51: Overdose, 900 block W. Main St.  
12:08: Abandoned vehicle, 1400 block E. Washington Ave.  
12:20: Agency assist, 600 block E. Main St.  
12:46: Disturbance, Row River Rd/Sears  
12:48: Agency assist, 600 block Benjamin Ave.  
14:25: Warrant service, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
15:59: Disturbance, 300 block S. River Rd.  
16:32: Theft, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
18:30: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.  
19:41: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
20:26: Abandoned vehicle, 900 block S Ct.  
20:42: Warrant service, Row River Rd/Mosby  
21:28: Disturbance, River Rd/Bryant  
21:32: Found property, 900 block Row River Rd.  
21:42: Alarm, 200 block Palmer Ave.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

01:45: Suspicious vehicle, 800 block Row River Rd.  
02:09: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.  
09:24: Disturbance, 77000 block Hwy 99  
09:43: Theft, 500 block Gateway Blvd.  
10:28: Fire, 33000 block Molitor Hill Rd.  
10:34: Missing person, 400 block E. Main St.  
11:18: Abandoned vehicle, 6th/Johnson  
12:33: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
16:14: Suspicious condition, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
17:45: Disturbance, 2000 block Carver St.  
21:06: Suspicious condition, 200 block South R St.  
21:30: Fraud, 700 block Hwy 99  
21:48: Disorderly subject, 800 block E. Main St.  
22:09: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
22:26: Found dog, 100 block North H St.  
22:37: Nuisance, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
22:49: Assault, 100 block S. 15th St.  
23:15: Suspicious condition, 400 block N. 14th St.  
23:31: Motor vehicle crash, 81000 block Sears Rd.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 17

07:27: Suspicious subject, M/Birch  
08:28: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 300 block Hwy 99  
08:31: Motor vehicle crash, 79000 block Sears Rd.  
08:39: Death investigation, 1700 block Adams Ave.  
09:35: Repo, 1000 block E. Grover Ave.  
09:37: Repo, 1500 block Redhills Pl.  
10:41: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
10:45: Theft, 1100 block Hwy 99  
11:10: Dog at large, Harrison/Blue Sky Dr.  
11:24: Order violation, 500 block N. River Rd.  
12:55: Theft, 700 block Shields Ln.  
14:27: Suicidal subject, 2200 block E. Main St.  
15:10: Found property, 400 block E. Main St.  
16:09: Fire, 1100 block S. 2nd St.  
19:24: Illegal camping, 100 block Village Dr.  
19:45: Suspicious condition, 500 block Landess Rd.  
21:52: Citizen assist, 400 block E. Main St.  
23:34: Fire, 1200 block Bryant Ave.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 18

00:51: Nuisance, 6th/Main  
08:20: Mental subject, 1600 block Ash Ave.  
08:38: Trespass, 77000 block London Rd.  
09:43: Assault, 2100 block South R St.  
12:19: Hit and run, 200 block N. 10th St.  
12:37: Vicious dog, 1900 block Neva Ct.  
12:47: Theft, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
16:41: Animal info, 1100 block Hwy 99  
18:14: Welfare check, 900 block Arthur Ave.  
19:11: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
19:14: Alarm, 1600 block Gateway Blvd.  
20:51: Suspicious condition, 1700 block Adams Ave.  
21:44: Disorderly subject, 1300 block E. Main St.  
22:17: Motor vehicle theft, 1300 block E. Main St.  
22:20: Welfare check, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.  
22:35: Intoxicated subject, 1300 block E. Main St.  
23:33: Reckless driving, 1500 block S. 4th St.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 19

04:31: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
09:25: Alarm, 1600 block S. 4th St.  
09:54: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
11:42: Overdose, 1600 block Curry Ave.  
14:56: Harassment, 500 block  
17:29: Illegal parking, 1500 block E. Main St.  
17:34: Suspicious condition, 1300 block E. Main St.  
18:17: Criminal mischief, 100 block Crestview Ter.  
19:02: Disturbance, 600 block Row River Rd.  
19:33: Suspicious vehicle, 3300 block Row River Rd.  
20:19: Wanted subject, 400 block E. Main St.  
20:27: Reckless driving, Lane/Chadwick  
20:56: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

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**COLLEGE PRESIDENT ON THE RUN**

# Tim Cook running across Oregon

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

Tim Cook is running across Oregon with a vision and a purpose.

Cook, the president of Clackamas Community College, set off on his 1,500-mile journey June 16 from Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, with plans to connect all 17 of the state's community colleges, including Lane Community College (LCC) in Eugene.

Cook is running to raise funds and awareness for student basic needs.

"I wanted to do something that was audacious enough to grab people's attention and really help them understand the issues around basic needs for community college students," he said. "I wasn't entirely sure it would, but I knew it was just crazy enough that people would take a second look at it and want to know more."

**THE CHALLENGES**

The most challenge part of his run, is the heat, the elevation, and the road terrain" Cook said, as he arrived for a brief visit at LCC Friday, July 18. "There is some pretty dramatic mountain passes I've had to go through," he said. "I knew that was going to happen but combined with the heat that we've had, the last few weeks has made for some challenging days."

To navigate through those challenges, Cook said he is taking it day-by-day.

"That's exactly what I am doing. Day-by-day is what I focus on," he said. "I get up and say I need to do 25 to 30 miles today. I am going to focus on the next few miles and get it done. When I think about the whole thing, it becomes a little daunting. So, I stay really focused."

While his long run is grueling, Cook said there have been rewards as he journeys across the state.

"The most exciting part for me is really running through communities all over Oregon, meeting people, and really hearing about their experiences with community colleges and telling me about their local community college," he said. "Meeting great people all over the state has been really the great reward that I've gotten out of it"

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUTURE**

Cook also expressed his "real concerns" about the future of the community

college system given state and federal budget cuts and policies.

"Particularly with some of the federal policies, and what that will mean to student financial aid, and what it may mean for state funds while they make choices that impact our budgets," he said. "I know that there is a lot of competing interests, but I am hopeful we can find a state solution for basic needs, but I am concerned about funding for community colleges and colleges statewide and nationally."

Cook's recommendation is not to take community colleges for granted. He describes them as "jewels of our communities."

"We should all be in touch with our legislators and help them understand and remind them of the importance of community colleges in our local communities," he said. "We are really the economic engines in communities throughout Oregon and people tend to forget or take for granted their local community college, but we are a great value. There are 200,000 community college students in Oregon. It's important to remember that we are here and we really need community support of local community colleges."

**RUNNING SUPPORT**

During his across Oregon journey, others have briefly joined Cook, running alongside him to show their support.

"People have run a few miles here and there with me," he said. "I've had one of my board members and some faculty members actually run with me. I've had some college students run with me. I had a legislator run with me."

Cook said as of July 19, he has gone through three pairs of running shoes and he anticipates using three more pairs before the run is complete.

A support car, driven by his wife follows Cook along the running route. Family and friends join the run at various points to assist Cook making sure he has fluids and food. Community members have also offered their homes for overnight stays for the couple.

"We've stayed in the van. We've stayed at motels, he said. "Every night it is kind of a different situation



Courtesy photo

**Clackamas Community College President Tim Cook during his run into Lane County.**

depending on where we are at."

Sponsors are helping cover the expenses associated with Cook's journey across Oregon. Donations are also accepted.

"We've raised about \$84,000 so far and every sent goes back to students," Cook said. "People can choose what community college they want to support, and all the money goes to that college"

**OREGON PERSPECTIVE**

Cook said he's developed a perspective about Oregon as he runs from community to community.

"How diverse it is," he said. "I spent the first couple of weeks running through farmland, with really beautiful wheat fields on the side, and you can almost see the transition into the trees and the woods. Coming into Central Oregon, getting onto the high desert, getting to Coos Bay and seeing the coast. The geographical diversity of our state is something I think everyone knows, but to really see it on foot, you can almost see the transition as I am coming through these places. It is phenomenal."

As of July 18, Cook said he has averaged about 29 miles a day and run 925 miles.

Asked if he would make such a run again, Cook replies: "Absolutely not! It is hard," he said. "It is not an easy task. I knew it would be challenging, but it has been 8-hour days, every day in the heat. Some of the roads are challenging with cars on the

road, so it is a tough event. I am glad I am doing it. I am exciting about it, but no, I would not do it again."

Following Cook's Oregon Coast Community College visit, he plans to run up the coast, come back down to Portland Community College, then run to Clackamas Community College, over to Mount Hood Community College, and end his journey at Columbia Gorge Community College Aug. 6.

Cook has a 35-year history in higher education starting in community college as a faculty member and counselor.

"Community college has been my career," he said. "I am excited to get back to my day job at Clackamas Community College. I look forward to that. Much less running!"

Cook turns 57 this month. He and his wife have three children, now in their 20s.

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**COTTAGE GROVE HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Businesses are open during the Main Street Revitalization construction. Keep shopping in Historic Downtown Cottage Grove and get stamps. Turn the stamps in at the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce at 836 E Main Street for a chance to win \$500 in local gift cards each week until construction is finished. Details at <https://www.cgchamber.com/shop-local/> or call 541-942-2411.

**JULY 30**

Spy School, Wednesday, 2:30 pm, Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Do you have what it takes to be a super sleuth? Come explore different skills related to the world of [pretend] spycraft: cipher puzzles, a [red string] laser maze, and more!

CG Speedway. 6:30 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas Ave. Cottage Grove. Midweek Mayhem Race #3. Racing Classes: IMCA Modified, SportMods, SportCompact, Street Stocks, Junior Admission: Gates open

at 4:30 p.m. Qualifying at 5 p.m. Racing at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$16. Juniors (13-17) \$13. Seniors (62+) and Military \$13. Youth (6-12) \$6.15 and under free. More information at **541-942-7561**.

Chamber Concerts in the Park. 6:30- 8 p.m. at Bohemia Park Amphitheatre in Cottage Grove. Performer:

Inner Limits (blues, rock ) South Valley Athletics provides kid activities. Check out "The Market" vendors from 5:30-8 p.m.

**JULY 31**

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. Open from 1-4 p.m. (Red Barn across from Bohemia Park) Volunteers guide visitors on a tour of

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OBITUARIES & NEWS

## Larry E. Thompson

December 21, 1951 - July 11, 2025



Larry E. Thompson, 73 passed away unexpectedly on July 11, 2025, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Born in Yoncalla, Oregon, on December 21, 1951, to the loving parents Verl and Jeanette (Trunnell) Thompson, Larry's journey began alongside his older sister Barbara Mitchell and twin brother, Jerry E. Thompson, with whom he shared an irreplaceable bond.

Larry was an entrepreneur at heart and invented the basketball Ininet that never wears out and is placed at various schoolyards, college basketball gyms and at many private residences! He also had a landscaping business which not only enhanced the beauty of his community but also offered opportunities and guidance to many. His work ethic and commitment to excellence were evident in every project he undertook. Larry spent many years living in Hawaii where he also helped beautify the island, if that's possible, through his thriving landscaping business.

He was an avid body surfer, musician and all-around sports participant in basketball and baseball. He was a passionate and totally devoted Ducks football and basketball fan! If he wasn't a landscaper, he most certainly would've been a successful sportscaster and



or musician/ entertainer. Larry's passion for the game went beyond mere spectating. Since 1996, he was an active player in the Eugene Men's Senior Baseball League (EMSBL) and contributed as an inspiring pitcher and coach. His love for the game and dedication to fostering talent impacted many.

He won the hearts of many through his musical talents, especially as a performer emulating the legendary Johnny Cash and Buddy Holly. These performances were much more than entertainment; they were a testament to his love for music and his ability to connect with audiences through song. That was his true love! He found a way to include this talent through as many gigs that he could find in his off hours.

His family and close friends describe Larry as one who always put God, family and friends as his top priorities in life.

I'm sure with the perfectly landscaped grounds in heaven Larry can finally go full time on his music/entertainment career. We are confident that he's already hooked up with Johnny Cash, Brian Wilson

and Gordon Lightfoot to join their bands as well as explore other venues in heaven that will let him do what his heart and passion always wanted to do here...

His older sister Barbara Mitchell had four children (Jackie, Chris, Sherri and Mark) in which he is survived by Sherri and Mark. He is also survived by his twin brother Jerry Thompson's children (Jeff and Heather). They considered him to be a second dad, their "pinch hitter."

As they grieve with so much sorrow from losing their uncle so unexpectedly, they see through their lives of photos of how present he was, from sports games, graduations, birthday parties to weddings and so many important events in their lives. Their strength and hope are that they will join him with their parents in heaven one day to spend eternity singing, dancing, playing sports and enjoying life together.

He touched us all very deeply in so many positive ways, and we will miss him dearly. A memorial service was held on July 23, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

## Earline Dickerson

1944- 2025



Earline was born to Elsie and Earl Wiese on December 20, 1944 at McFarland Maternity Home in Cottage Grove. Earline is survived by her husband, Steve; daughter Lisa (Peter) Sirois; son Larry (Stephanie) Bratton; grandsons Matthew Sirois, Evan Sirois, Taylor Bratton and Hunter Bratton; great-granddaughter Hazel Rose; sister Mary Lou (Jim) McAdoo; brothers Kenneth (Sandy) Ward and David (Karen) Ward. A brother, Alvin, preceded her in death.

Earline grew up in Cottage Grove and graduated from Cottage Grove High.

In 1970 Earline married Steve Dickerson, and together they moved to Germany during Steve's service in the Army.

After they returned to Cottage Grove, for 20+ years Earline proudly owned and operated Elsie's Fashions. Through her shop Earline connected with her community and gained many friends.

Earline was known for hosting parties and organizing garage sales. She was always on the hunt for treasures that others might consider junk. To Earline these were interesting pieces of history. She also had a passion for country décor and flower gardens.

Earline was a generous soul and had a gift for making everyone feel seen and appreciated, and in doing so, she made her corner of the world a brighter, more welcoming place.

## Death Notices

**Darrel Emra**, 79, of Eugene Oregon, passed away on July 13, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

**Julio Charles Ramirez**, 67, Of Eugene Oregon, passed away on July 08, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

## TRANSIT

From Page 1

"LTD's decision is great news for South Lane Wheels because the staff, board of directors, and the South Lane community fought hard against a decision that did not seem reasonable given the nature of the work. The contract rebid process will give our organization another chance to prove that we are the best operator of rural public transportation based upon our performance record and customer-centric reputation that we are ready to introduce to other areas of the county," Linoz said.

Community advocates and funding partners also responded. Casey Woodard, president of the Woodard Family Foundation and an early launch funder of Senior Wheels, SLW's original incarnation, commended LTD's transparency and emphasized the stakes for SLW moving forward.

"I am very impressed with the integrity of LTD in identifying the need to re-do the bid process. SLW has been a partner within the overall Lane County transportation structure, not just a subset of a larger operation. It takes years to grow into that. This is a wake-up call for SLW. The bidding process is a competition. They must make the case that they have grown into an important team member within LTD," Woodard said.

"I am hopeful LTD will look upon a renewed bid from SLW as bringing rural expertise into the organization, rather than treating rural service as a subset of a



Courtesy from South Lane Wheels

**An elderly rider receives assistance boarding an LTD-accessible vehicle using a wheelchair lift—symbolizing the agency's commitment to mobility and independence for those with physical challenges.**

predominantly urban operation," he added.

Based in Cottage Grove, South Lane Wheels is a 43-year-old nonprofit dedicated to serving Lane County's rural communities. In 2023, SLW provided more than 20,000 one-way rides across 150,000 miles. All fleet vehicles are wheelchair-accessible.

On July 14, LTD formally notified all bidders via email that Request for Proposals No. 2025-0059, titled "Specialized Transit: Cottage Grove Connector and Rural Shuttle Services," has been cancelled pursuant to ORS 279B.100 and OAR 137-047-0660(3).

The previously issued Notice of Intent to Award was withdrawn, and LTD stated the cancellation was made "in the best interest of the agency" to ensure fairness, transparency, and compliance with Oregon's public contracting laws.

LTD intends to re-solicit the services in the near future, and all eligible offerors will be notified and provided a fair opportunity to compete. Submitted proposals will be retained as part of the procurement record, subject to Oregon's public records laws.

While LTD has not yet announced a timeline for the revised bidding process, officials say evaluation criteria will be reviewed and clarified before new bids are solicited. The final award will determine who provides public transportation services to South Lane County residents—including seniors, people with disabilities, and others who depend on rural transit for medical appointments, employment, and daily life.

Read *The Sentinel's* original coverage with this story and follow developments at [cgsentinel.com](http://cgsentinel.com) and in the Wednesday print editions of *The Sentinel*

## BLOTTER

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21:52: Warrant service, 34000 block Shoreview Dr.  
21:52: Disturbance, 76000 block Blue Mountain School Rd.  
22:12: Harassment, M/ Birch  
23:57: Agency assist, Row River Rd/Thornton

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

00:23: Warrant service, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
01:03: DUII ATL, 6th/ Quincy

01:15: Disturbance, 76000 block Martin Creek Rd.  
02:21: Fire, 1000 block Chestnut Ave.  
03:46: Suspicious condition, 900 block Row River Rd.  
08:38: Fire, 300 block Elk Dr.  
09:16: Alarm, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
11:06: Unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 800 block N. Douglas st.  
11:07: Dog at large, 700 block Fairview Lp.  
11:15: Disturbance, 1200 block E. Main St.  
12:26: Motor vehicle crash, 76000 block London Rd.

13:01: Motor vehicle crash, Exit 172 SB Off-ramp  
14:19: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
14:32: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
15:33: Assault, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
18:16: Hit and run, 400 block E. Main St.  
18:41: Burglary, 300 block North Q St.  
20:43: Welfare check, 6th/ Whiteaker  
21:21: Disturbance, 700 block S. 13th St.  
21:56: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block S. 4th St.

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## GUEST COLUMN

### Why I am so fortunate to be at South Lane School District

**TODD MILLER**  
*Sentinel Guest Column*

It's a privilege to write my first message to the South Lane community as your new superintendent. Stepping into this role is an honor and a responsibility that I take seriously. The future we build for our students will shape the future we all share.

Over the past few months, many people have asked me: Why South Lane? For me, the answer is simple: this is a district that reflects the values I care most about: strong community, dedicated educators, and a deep commitment to students. South Lane is a wonderfully-sized district that blends the size and ability to offer a lot to our students, while still keeping the small town feel. I've spent over two decades in education as an instructional assistant, teacher, principal, charter school director, including 12 years as a superintendent.

What drew me to South Lane wasn't just the opportunity to lead, but the chance to be part of a district and community that truly cares for students and success. And to add to that, the



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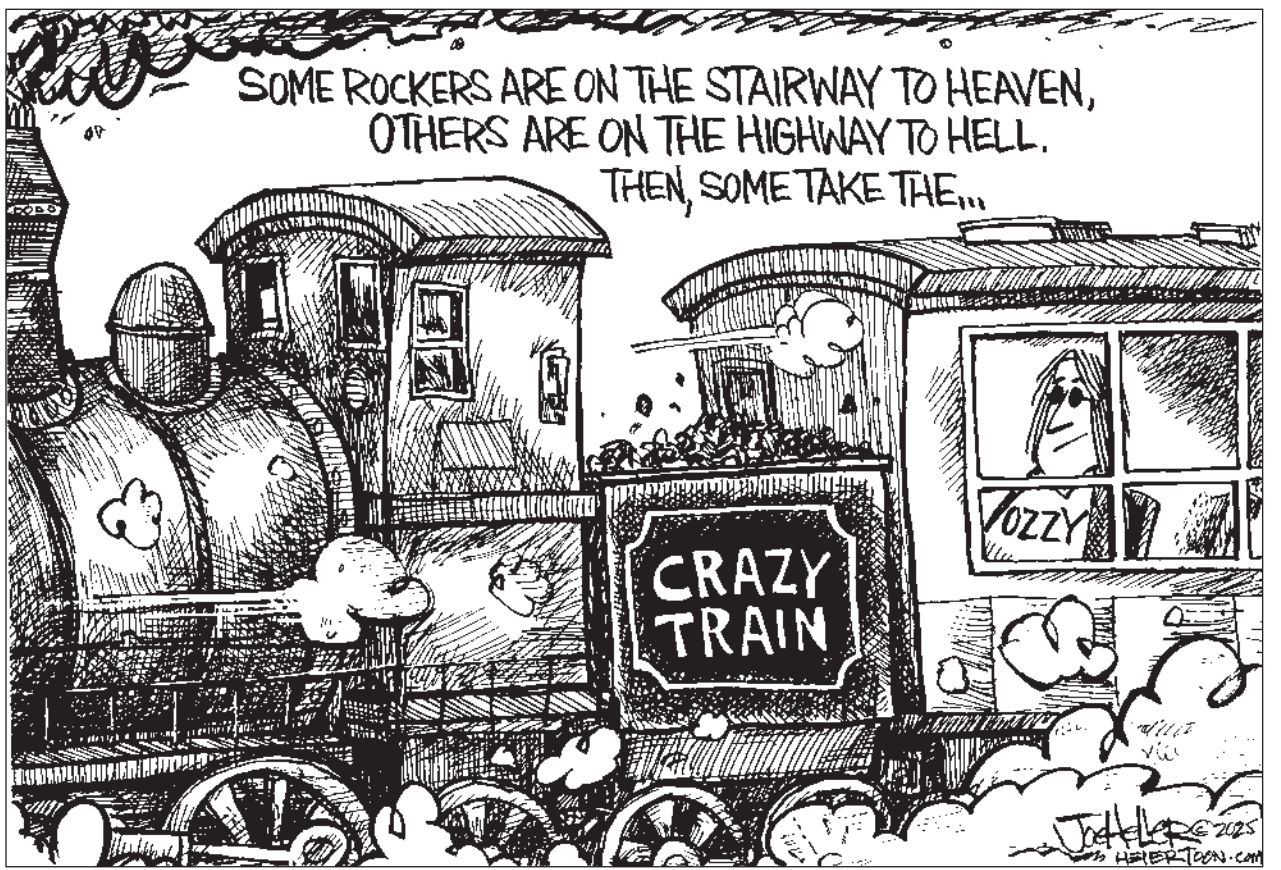
#### Todd Miller

South Lane area is such a beautiful location, a place where I want to be. I wasn't just looking for a job, I was looking for a place I would love and stay. From school staff to families to local leaders, I've felt welcomed and supported in my first few weeks here. It is appreciated.

What stood out to me immediately was the way people speak about South Lane schools and Cottage Grove: with pride, care, and a genuine belief in what's possible for every student.

That sense of community is powerful. I see some amazing resources here that also show me that this community can come together and create some incredible projects. I have been impressed

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



with the pride this community shows. Cottage Grove is a special place.

As I begin my work here, my first priority is listening. I want to hear from our teachers, staff, students, families, and community partners. I want to understand what's working, where we're growing, and what we hope to build together. I know there's a lot of wisdom already in this district, and I'm eager to learn from it.

I am excited about where we're headed. South Lane's focus on creating a culture of care and belonging, supporting academic growth through collaboration, and preparing students for future success aligns perfectly with my own beliefs about education. I look forward to helping us grow in those areas together. I will begin a series of listening sessions soon, to help me better understand and lead the district. I find it important to give people

a voice and to listen. I also want to build connections to improve collaborations that better our schools and our community.

In the coming weeks and months, I hope to meet many of you—at schools, community events, or simply out and about. Please feel free to say hello, share your thoughts, or let me know what makes South Lane special to you. I'm excited to be here, and even more excited about what we'll accomplish

together as a community. The future we build for our students will shape the future we all share. I am excited to be a part of South Lane and I'm optimistic about our future.

Thank you for the warm welcome. Here's to a strong year ahead!

*Todd Miller is Superintendent of the South Lane School District.*

## CALENDAR

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local mining history with displays, artifacts, maps and gifts.

SVA Chess Club. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Community Center Shepherd Room, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. South Valley Athletics invites players to drop-in and all skill levels welcome. Free weekly activity through Aug. 21

SVA Summer Youth Improv. 4-5 p.m. South Valley Athletics offers this free weekly drop-in gathering for fun and silliness to play various improvisational acting games for kids. No registration required.

Community Center Table Tennis. 4-6 p.m. in the Community Center Reception Hall 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Tables, paddles, and balls provided. Great way to meet new people who share your passion for ping pong. For more information call 541-942-1185.

Coast Fork Public Market "High Vibe Gathering" and Bread Club. 5-7 p.m. 926 E. Main St. Cottage Grove. These weekly gatherings began in February as an opportunity for like-minded people to connect and create in a positive atmosphere. The meetings have now moved from Sundays to Thursdays to coincide with Cottage Grove's Bread Club which is now meeting at the public market. Bring a chair and meet in the market's back patio. For more information contact Ananda Reeves at 541-285-7329 or visit the High Vibe Gathering Facebook page.

Celebrate Recovery. 6 p.m. Calvary Chapel, 1447

Hwy 99N Cottage Grove. A Christian-based recovery program for any hurt, habit, or hang up that is based on 8 Principles & 12 Steps. A light dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. and the large group begins at 7. For more information call 541-554-8135.

Blackberry Food Co-Op Info Meeting. 6-8 p.m.

Cottage Grove Public Market, 926 E. Main St. Blackberry Food Co-op is working with Coast Fork Farm Stand owner Scott Burgwin to safeguard the long-term survival of the Farm Stand, a valued local source of healthy, fresh produce and foods, by transitioning it into a community-owned food cooperative. Come learn what being a member of the co-op means, get an update on our process and talk about the community's vision of healthy food in Cottage Grove.

Spoken Word Poet Chris Chandler. 7 p.m. Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. Cottage Grove. One of a kind performance mix of witty spoken word play and soulful music. He has performed on thousands of stages across the US and Canada as well as for hundreds of organizations seeking social justice.

**AUGUST 1**  
Story Time. 11:30 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Great opportunity to expose youth to the wonder of reading and storytelling

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. Open from 1-4 p.m. (Red Barn across from Bohemia Park. Volunteers guide visitors on a tour of local mining history with displays, artifacts, maps and gifts.

Free Family Movie. 3 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Kicking & Screaming [2005/PG/1h 35m].

Elks Lodge Friday Night Dinner. 5-6:30pm, CG Elks Lodge, 775 N. River Road. Menu: Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad and vanilla ice cream Cost: \$10 For more details, call 541-942-3554

Saginaw Vineyard Friday Night Live. 6-9 p.m., 80247 Delight Valley School Road. Details at 541-942-1364, or at [www.saginawvineyard.com](http://www.saginawvineyard.com)

**AUGUST 2**  
South Valley Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 7th and Main Streets in Cottage Grove's Historical Downtown District. Buy goods directly from local farmers, food producers and artisans. Discover a wide variety of locally-grown produce, pasture-raised meat and eggs, plants, honey, cut flowers, nuts mushrooms, fresh-pressed cider, jams, jellies, pickles and baked goods. Vendors offer high quality handcrafts, soaps, wine, poetry, art and jewelry. "Sprouts at the Market" program offers bilingual story and activities for children. Kids who participate receive a \$10 Market Money voucher to spend. Double-Up Food Bucks for SNAP shoppers is matched up to \$20. Live music featured from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Party in the Park 2025. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Coiner Park

Cottage Grove. Free community event featuring games, crafts, bounce houses, face painting, snow cones, cotton candy, and more. Backpacks will be provided to South Lane students (while supplies last), and the event is in partnership with the City of Cottage Grove's Emergency Preparedness Awareness Fair, local churches, and businesses. Event organizers remind the community that times are financially tough for families. They have provided lists of SLSD school supplies at local retailers and encourage Grovers to be generous!

Cottage Grove Museum. Open 1-4 p.m. Corner of H Street and Birch Ave. Volunteers available to take visitors into Cottage Grove's the unique and colorful past.

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. Open 1-4 p.m. (Red Barn across from Bohemia Park) Volunteers guide visitors on a tour of local mining history with displays, artifacts, maps and gifts

CG Speedway. 6:30 p.m., 2150 N. Douglas Ave. Curt Deatherage Memorial Historical Night. Racing Classes: Limited Sprints, IMCA Modifieds, SportMods, SportCompact, Street Stocks. Admission: Gates Open at 4:30 p.m.

Qualifying at 5 p.m. Racing at 6:30 p.m. Details at 541-942-7561.

Woolsey Brothers. 8-10 p.m. Great Western Pub, 802 E. Whiteaker Ave. Local band plays rock originals

**AUGUST 3**  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Breakfast Fundraiser. 7:30-10 a.m. VFW Post, 3160 Hillside Drive in Cottage Grove. Full Breakfast includes pancakes or French toast, sausage, biscuits and gravy, eggs (cooked to order), juice, coffee or hot tea Cost: \$10/plate Also available: 2 Biscuits and Gravy and 2 sausage links for \$5. Details at 541-942-7099

**AUGUST 5**  
Ukulele Club. 9 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Meets every Tuesday morning to play songs together. Join and learn, no experience required. Ukuleles available to check out

Lego Club for Kids. 2:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. For ages 5-12 [or younger with direct supervision by a caregiver]. Hang out, make a cool lego creations that will be displayed in the Children's area.

Trinity Lutheran Church Free Community Dinner. 5:15-6:15 p.m. 7th and

Quincy Ave. (Take-out Only).

Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 5:30-8:30 p.m. 740 Row River Road Cottage Grove. (Three open lanes available) Prices: \$4/game. Shoe Rental \$3. Snack Bar. Received the Best of Cottage Grove Award for Hamburgers.

**AUGUST 6-8**  
Gallop with God Rodeo Bible Day Camp. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. CG Rodeo Grounds, 77958 Hwy 99S Cottage Grove. Offers an opportunity for kids (6-14) to attend this free outreach opportunity to experience Western culture. All horse experience levels are welcome. Those with a \*safe\* horse already, are welcome to bring them and qualified instructors will assist developing better horsemanship skills. Limited to 50 kids with lunch and snack provided. For more information, call 541-799-5634 or send email to: [GallopWithGod@yahoo.com](mailto:GallopWithGod@yahoo.com)

**AUGUST 6**  
Chamber Concerts in the Park. 6:30- 8 p.m. Bohemia Park Amphitheatre (thru Aug. 27) Performer: Skip Jones and The Spirit of New Orleans (jazz) South Valley Athletics provides kid activities.

### Weekly Online Poll

**Are you visiting businesses in Cottage Grove's Historic District this summer despite the Main Street Revitalization Project?**

- Frequently  
 Waiting until the work is done  
 Not shopping there

### Previous Poll Results

**Would you like to see more concerts and other year-round events at Bohemia Park?**

- 75% Yes  
 25% No



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**CGS25-163**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE [Probate Department] In the Matter of the Estate of: WALTER GOECKEL Deceased. Case No. 25PB05909 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above intestate estate. All persons having claims against the said estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative at: Werner Goeckel c/o George L. Derr, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 2159, Eugene, Oregon 97402, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these probate proceedings are advised that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. DATED and first published this 30th day of July 2025. /s/ Werner Goeckel Werner Goeckel Personal Representative Attention: Legal Advertising Please publish the above notice once, and insert the date of publication in the notice where required. Please call and confirm dates of publication. /s/ Werner Goeckel Werner Goeckel Personal Representative

**CGS25-162**

Notice is hereby given that Keith M. Wright, the Grantor of the Keith M. Wright Revocable Trust dated June 26, 2024, passed away on March 15, 2025. All

persons having claims against the trust estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, to the trustees at c/o Hamilton W. Budge, Jr., P.O. Box 10567, Eugene, OR 97440, or the claims may be barred. Date of first publication: July 30, 2025. Shannon L. Bateman, Co-Trustee Heidi H. Pollock, Co-Trustee c/o Hamilton W. Budge, Jr. P.O. Box 10567 Eugene, OR 97440

**CGS25-161**

Notice is hereby given that Christian E. Paleologos has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Nita Mae Whealy, deceased, in Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 25PB06329. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below to the personal representative c/o Hamilton W. Budge, Jr., P.O. Box 10567, Eugene, OR 97440, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Date of publication: July 30, 2025. Christian E. Paleologos, Personal Representative c/o Hamilton W. Budge, Jr., Attorney at Law P.O. Box 10567 Eugene, OR 97440

**CGS25-158**

Notice of Preliminary Determination for Water Right Transfer T-14080 T-14080 filed by Bente Kongsore, PO Box 459, Creswell, OR 97426, proposes a point of diversion and place of use change under Certificate 51276. The right allows the use of 0.24 cubic foot per second from Camas Swale Creek and a reservoir, constructed under Permit R-5337 in Sec. 13, T19S, R4W, WM for irrigation in Sects. 11, and 14, T19S, R4W, WM. The applicant proposes to move the point of diversion to Sec. 14, T19S, R4W, WM and to change the place of use within Sec. 11, T19S, R4W, WM. The Water Resources Department proposes to approve the transfer, based on the requirements of ORS Chapter 540 and OAR 690-380-5000. Any person may file, jointly or severally, a protest or standing statement within 30 days after the last date of newspaper publication of this notice, 08/06/2025. Call (503) 986-0935 to obtain additional information. If no protests are filed, the

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**CGS25-160**

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**CGS25-153**

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73457 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by TESS FLECK, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor to EVERGREEN LAND TITLE COMPANY, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for EVERETT FINANCIAL, INC. DBA SUPREME LENDING, beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, dated 11/20/2023, recorded 11/22/2023, as Instrument No. 2023-033613, in mortgage records of Lane County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: LOT 6, SPRUCE SUBDIVISION, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 68, PAGE 14, 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: 2135 24TH ST FLORENCE, OREGON 97439 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 18-12-23-34-01200 1 115821 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 1/1/2024, 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: 11/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$10,786.61 Late Charges: \$295.80 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$2,157.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$1,064.50 Total necessary to cure: \$14,293.34 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: \$168,548.70 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 1:00 PM on 9/24/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.1 10, 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. 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 methamphetamine, 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: 5/15/2025 ZBS Law, LLP By: Dirk Schouten, OSB #115153 Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4843972 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025, 08/06/2025

**CGS25-156**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rebecca Cassada, the appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of CURT EVERETT HOOVER aka EVERETT HOOVER, deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 23PB05852, has filed a Motion for an Order to Remove Lienholder from Car Title. The judge signed an Order on Motion for Alternative Service on June 16, 2025. Ann Hoover is the current lienholder on a 1968 Ford Mustang, VIN: 8R01C150288. Ann Hoover passed away on February 17, 2014 in Dexter, Oregon. Ann Hoover was the spouse of Curtis Hoover at the time of her death. All persons having interest in this matter, including the heirs of Ann Hoover, are required to file a responsive document

or enter an appearance in the Lane County Circuit within 20 days of the first date of this publication in order to be heard in this matter. Any person whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or from the Personal Representative's attorney. DATED and published: July 16, 2025. /s/ Rebecca Cassada, Personal Representative

**CGS25-151**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON LANE COUNTY No. 25CV32529 SUMMONS(Publication) SHAUN FERGUSON, Plaintiff, vs LOUISE HARBICK; CECILE LYNCH; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CARL M. KEBELBECK and DENISE A. KEBELBECK; ALSO ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 75426 WILLIAMS CREEK LOOP, COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON 97424 AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT, Defendants. TO: Defendants You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" (or "reply") must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. The relief sought in the Complaint is to for adverse possession and quiet title to the following real property: 75426 WILLIAMS CREEK LOOP, COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON 97424 AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT. Date of First Publication: 07/09/2025 Dated: June 25, 2025 /s/ Matthew Cleverley Matthew R. Cleverley, OSB #932359 Fidelity National Law Group 601 Union Street, Suite 3225 Seattle, Washington 98101 206-224-6003 Matthew.Cleverley@fnf.com Attorney for Plaintiff A-4846758 07/09/2025, 07/16/2025, 07/23/2025, 07/30/2025

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Clue: Z equals P

EG MUJ ZAJZOA KWA ZOKIIEIP  
K VJIXZEWKVT UDEOA PJOGEIP,  
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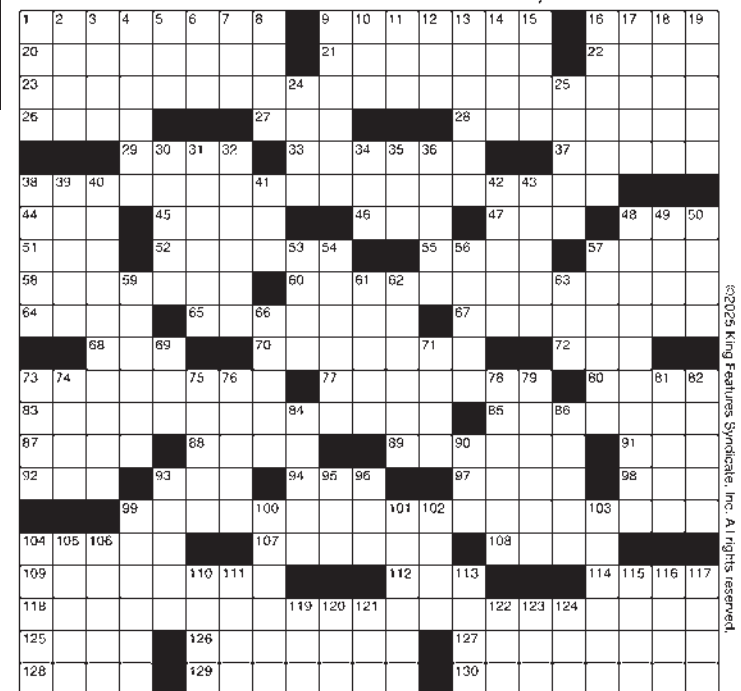
Answers to the Super Crossword puzzle.

1 Across: FREDERICKS  
2 Down: METALIC  
3 Across: SPORTY  
4 Down: GERMAN CARS  
5 Across: COSMOS  
6 Down: WHAT A FLUSHED PERSON HAS  
7 Down: UNCOMMON  
8 Down: START OF A RIDGLE  
9 Down: ADVANCE, AS MONEY  
10 Down: JAPANESE POND FISH  
11 Down: BAD WITH MUSICAL PITCHES  
12 Down: LATER-SHAPED GRIDER  
13 Down: FEARED BY  
14 Down: WINE BARRELS  
15 Down: FRIDDLE, PART 2  
16 Down: BEFORE NOW  
17 Down: INDENT KEYS  
18 Down: POODLE, E.G.  
19 Down: ORIG. FIGHTING TRAFFICKING  
20 Down: PARTICULAR MAG. EDITION  
21 Down: LETTER FOLLOWING 26-DOWN  
22 Down: SUPPORTS FOR BROKEN ARMS  
23 Down: SUPERSONIC SPEED UNIT  
24 Down: METALIC CAR TRIMS  
25 Down: RIDGLE, PART 3  
26 Down: BLT OFFERER  
27 Down: LISTEN (IN)  
28 Down: POST-WORKOUT DISCOMFORT  
29 Down: SWOLLEN HEAD  
30 Down: QUEUED UP  
31 Down: COMEDIC SORT ANSWER  
32 Down: LIKE THE POPS  
33 Down: TRAITORIA  
34 Down: WEE BATS  
35 Down: RIDGLE, PART 4  
36 Down: OTTAWA'S PROVINCE  
37 Down: SEUL SOLDIERS  
38 Down: A LITTLE DAB'LI—  
39 Down: NOISY NAPPER  
40 Down: MARINA—REY  
41 Down: COVERSIVE CENSOR  
42 Down: PLACE TO INPUT A PIN  
43 Down: ORG. FIGHTING TRAFFICKING  
44 Down: PARTICULAR MAG. EDITION  
45 Down: LETTER FOLLOWING 26-DOWN  
46 Down: SUPPORTS FOR BROKEN ARMS  
47 Down: FATHER OF HECTOR AND PARIS  
48 Down: READY TO GO, AS A CAR  
49 Down: ACTOR DICK VAN  
50 Down: SPUNK  
51 Down: USE A KEYPAD  
52 Down: RIDDLE'S  
53 Down: COMEDIC SORT ANSWER  
54 Down: STEEL CUT  
55 Down: ATTACKED WITH A PUNP  
56 Down: REFRIGERATION SLOWS IT DOWN  
57 Down: PLAQUIN OF "THE PIANO"  
58 Down: INTERVIEWS  
59 Down: TINKERED (WITH)  
60 Down: TWO-IT-ONE  
61 Down: FACTS OR STATS  
62 Down: FIRE UNDER (ROUSED)  
63 Down: NO MATTER WHETHER  
64 Down: SEA, TO JULES  
65 Down: "ROCKY III" ACTOR  
66 Down: BAL WOOD  
67 Down: TRY TO FIND  
68 Down: SAILING OUTING  
69 Down: YOU! LOOK OVER HERE!  
70 Down: NUTRITION FIG.  
71 Down: FREQUENTLY, POETICALLY  
72 Down: LUSTERLESS PHOTOS  
73 Down: SURFACES  
74 Down: CAVE SOUND  
75 Down: NOT HIDDEN  
76 Down: LIKE MANY  
77 Down: WHITE GOWNS  
78 Down: FEATURES OF  
79 Down: ZEBRAS NECKS  
80 Down: IMITAT. AS HAVOC  
81 Down: THE "R" OF ERA  
82 Down: MEDICAL MENALS  
83 Down: COUSIN OF EMO  
84 Down: JOE CAUSING NO JOKE  
85 Down: NICE ONE!  
86 Down: LIKE A CLOCK WITH HANDS  
87 Down: GIOVANNI OF "AVATAR"  
88 Down: SEMSUNG OR LG PRODUCT  
89 Down: BRACELET SITES  
90 Down: NOVELIST  
91 Down: FROM...  
92 Down: ALBERT FOR SHORT  
93 Down: 18TH GREEK LETTER  
94 Down: ABHORRED  
95 Down: BEST  
96 Down: COMPETITIVE EFFORT, SLANGY  
97 Down: SURPRISED SECOND LOOK  
98 Down: IRS DAUM  
99 Down: LIPS ARE SEALED  
100 Down: "BIBELMAN" STAR WILHE  
101 Down: NESI RUGGEL  
102 Down: "AW, STUCKS"  
103 Down: CUBAN CAPITAL  
104 Down: SIGHT-RELATED  
105 Down: POP'S STELANI  
106 Down: BIG SCISSORS  
107 Down: PLUS POINT  
108 Down: HYDRON (DOING WELL)  
109 Down: BIG CITY IN FRANCE  
110 Down: BETRAY BY BLABBING  
111 Down: COLLEGE "ELI"  
112 Down: KNIGHTS, E.G.  
113 Down: FRENCH SPA CITY  
114 Down: NIOU ONE!  
115 Down: TWELVE P.M.  
116 Down: KEY NEAR ALT  
117 Down: TRY ON A SHIP MODEL  
118 Down: BASEBALL  
119 Down: H.S. TRANSCRIPT STAT  
120 Down: IN THE FUTURE  
121 Down: SAN—PADRES  
122 Down: NOT AT ALL IFY  
123 Down: MADE OF A CERTAIN STURDY WOOD  
124 Down: PLACE FOR A CAR JACK  
125 Down: SILENT MOVIE  
126 Down: DRINK A LITTLE

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ACROSS  
1 Fredrickms  
9 Metallic car trims  
15 Sporty German cars  
20 Cosmos  
21 What a flushed person has  
22 Uncommon  
23 Start of a ridgle  
25 Advance, as money  
27 Japanese pond fish  
28 Bad with musical pitches  
29 Later-shaped grider  
33 Feared by  
37 Wine barrels  
38 Friddle, part 2  
44 Before now  
45 Indent keys  
46 Poodle, e.g.  
47 Orig. fighting trafficking  
48 Particular mag. edition  
51 Letter following 26-down  
52 Supports for broken arms  
55 Supersonic speed unit  
57 Scissor cut  
58 Fefuses-to-be  
60 Riddle, part 3  
64 BLT offerer  
65 Listen (in)  
67 Post-workout discomfort  
68 Swollen head  
70 Queued up  
72 Comedic sort answer  
73 Like the pops  
77 Traitoria  
80 Wee bats  
83 Riddle, part 4  
85 Ottawa's province  
87 Seul soldiers  
88 "A little dab'li—"  
89 Noisy napper  
91 Marina—rey  
92 Coversive censor  
93 Place to input a pin  
94 Org. fighting trafficking  
97 Language of Pakistan  
98 — Fridays (restaurant)  
99 End of the riddle  
104 Father of Hector and Paris  
107 Ready to go, as a car  
108 Actor Dick Van  
109 Roaps  
112 Spunk  
114 Use a keypad  
118 Riddle's  
125 Steel cut  
126 Attacked with a punp  
127 Refrigeration slows it down  
128 Plaquin of "The Piano"  
129 Interviews  
130 Tinkered (with)  
11 Nutrition fig.  
12 Frequently, poetically  
13 Lusterless photos  
14 Cave sound  
15 Not hidden  
16 Like many  
17 White gowns  
17 Features of  
18 Zebbras necks  
18 Imitat. as havoc  
19 The "R" of ERA  
19 Medical menals  
24 Cousin of emo  
25 Joe causing no joke  
30 Nioy—  
31 Like a clock with hands  
32 Giovanni of "Avatar"  
34 Roush of baseball  
35 Albert for short  
36 18th Greek letter  
38 Abhorred  
39 Best  
39 Competitive effort, slangy  
40 Surprised second look  
41 IRS daum  
99 "— Lips Are Sealed"  
93 "Bibelman" star Wilhe  
95 Nesi ruggel  
96 "Aw, stucks"  
99 Cuban capital  
101 Sight-related  
102 Greak Mars  
103 In line—  
104 Big city in France  
105 Betray by blabbing  
106 Novelist  
108 Novelist  
109 From...  
119 H.S. transcript stat  
120 & so forth  
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123 DeLuse of "Silent Movie"  
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**BOHEMIA MINING DAYS 2025**

# A legacy reignited

CINDY WEELDREYER  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Bohemia Mining Days, Cottage Grove's signature summer festival returned July 17-19. Thanks to support

from the Woodard Family Foundation, the newly formed nonprofit Spirit of Bohemia Mining organized the 66th annual celebration. This year's theme, "Striking Gold: A Legacy

Reignited," inspired widespread participation. Festivities included a pie-eating contest, gold panning demos, the Grand Miners Parade, a wide variety of live music on two stages, and

Slabtown vs. Lemati competitions. Families filled the kid zone and Cowboy Buck returned to delight young and old. Executive Director Matthew Hewlett said the

event is evolving with purpose: "We're celebrating heritage and creating space for youth, education, and deeper community pride." For more than six decades, on the third weekend of July,

Bohemia City—a mythical pop-up town—transforms Coiner Park and provides residents the opportunity to reconnect through shared memories, music, and small-town charm.



Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Sentinel

**Tobi D'Amore, in the blue shirt, licks the pie plate as he takes first place in the Bohemia Mining Days pie eating contest at Coiner Park.**



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

**Seven-year-old Malia Michell (L) strikes a pose with her eight-year-old cousin, Mila Mitchell.**

Greg Lee Photography

**Cowboy Buck returned this year to entertain children with games, contests, and songs.**



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**Large crowds gathered to enjoy live music. This year's celebration featured two stages with a record 15 performances during the three-day event.**

## Celebrating heritage

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## FRIENDS

From Page 1

and Christi's Barber Shop. Today, amid detour signs and orange tape, Mother-Load is quietly anchoring a new chapter in downtown's rebirth.

"I started saving everything I thought had purpose and meaning once I had a stable place to keep it," said longtime resident Kitty Berry, who's lived in Cottage Grove since 1969. "Repurposing has always been valuable to me—and I think being poor as a child instilled that value."

Berry coined the name Mother-Load, inspired by the town's gold mining past and her deep affection for local serendipity. "I've always hit the motherlode here," she said. "It just took hold in my mind, sat down, and wouldn't leave. I changed the spelling of lode to load because our store is loaded with brand spankin' used goods."

Inside the shop, there are no booths or partitions—just a shared space filled with treasures and personality. "We're an open invite to shop, share, and celebrate," Berry explains. "Individual personalities can only shine when freedom to express is encouraged."

For co-founder John Gracey, who moved to Cottage Grove nearly four years ago, the store is a way to pass forward meaningful pieces.

"Many of the items I'm bringing in have been part of my collection for years—or my family's for decades," he said. "It brings me pleasure to see crystals, rocks, and vintage items go to people who treasure them as much as we have."

Gracey also sees Mother-Load as a community catalyst.

"I'm excited about helping boost the local economy," he said, "and creating a destination for vintage enthusiasts to discover Cottage Grove's charm."

Co-founder Cathy Sayles agrees.

"We didn't wait for perfect timing. We just knew the town needed a space that felt like home—even if Main Street's still under construction," she said.

Sayles has been collecting American-made items for years, drawn to the craftsmanship of earlier eras.

"They just don't make things like that anymore," she added. "We want to offer useful pieces with soul."

And for artist and retired educator Bobbie Lee Soshnick, Mother-Load

represents a lifelong love affair with reuse.

"Recycling has always been important to me," she said. With degrees in art history, fine arts, and education from the University of Oregon, she used found objects throughout her career as a public school teacher. That same resourcefulness shows up in her handmade mirrors (decorated with recycled trinkets) and upcycled jean jackets.

"Mother-Load is about the search for intrinsic value," Soshnick said. "It's about collecting, art appreciation, and finding your heart's desire."

Together, the four vendors have created something they believe is welcoming and kind. Water bowls greet dogs on the sidewalk, and chairs offer a place to rest, chat, and connect. "Sometimes that's all we need," Berry said. "It's not just a place to leave your cash. Come in and converse."

Across the country, secondhand retail is booming—outpacing traditional growth thanks to economic shifts and a hunger for uniqueness, according to online sources. The four friends believe Mother-Load fits that moment and it also feels timeless.

"We're filling this lovely old building with generations of character," Berry said. "We want our community to come check it out—and maybe meet their neighbor. Cottage Grove is a great place to make friends. Mother-Load is here to help."

As construction continues outside, the store stands as proof that renewal isn't just about fresh pavement—it's about neighbors, memory, and a motherlode of heart.

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