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## LOOKING AHEAD

## Looking ahead to the spring

## MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The project, expected to start in February, is designed to renovate the aging Main Street, including replacing sidewalks, improving

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Visitor spending at Cottage Grove's local restaurants, lodging establishments, specialized shops, and other businesses is up approximately 10% compared to the previous year, according to Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Director Georgia Haskell.



The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center displays and sends all over the world a variety of brochures and pamphlets describing the city's amenities and natural beauty surroundings.

Jeremy C. Ruark / Cottage Grove Sentinel

**Eleven-year-old Titus Ervin catches the edge during a ride at the Cottage Grove Skatepark.**



**The Cottage Grove Skatepark is located at 714 S Goshen-Divide Highway in Cottage Grove.**

**CINDY WEELDREYER**  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

For more than 20 years, the facility has accommodated skateboarders, BMX bikers and Scooter riders – yet its small size and inadequate design limits the number of users at any one time and increases the risk

"In the 1980s we didn't have anyplace to ride our skateboards," Smith recalled. "Skaters got in trouble for loitering, damaging property, and there was a heightened risk of injury using the

## SKATEBOARDING HISTORY

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

The statewide wildfire hazard map designates all of Oregon's 1.9 million property tax lots into one of three wildfire hazard zones: low, moderate or high. It also identifies whether a tax lot

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# Search for missing local man continues



Courtesy photo from the LCSO

**Bennett has a hunched posture and issues walking. He was last seen wearing a maroon coat, black shirt, suspenders, tan wranglers, and cowboy boots.**

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*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Cottage Grove resident 61-year-old Robert Ray Bennett II was last seen at a campsite east of Disston in late December. Since that time, a search for the missing man has

continued near Brice Creek, according to the Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO). The LCSO began the search December 28. Bennett was last seen standing on the bank of Brice Creek at a campsite east of Cedar Creek Camp-

ground on Brice Creek Road. “After further investigation, it is believed Bennett fell into Brice Creek, which was running near historically high flow rate at the time,” LCSO Sgt. Tim Wallace said. The LCSO Search and Rescue team searched the area extensively with drones, K9s, and ground searchers. As water levels drop, the search and rescue team will continue to search the Brice Creek, Row River, and Dorena Lake area, according to Wallace. Bennett is described as a white male adult, standing approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing about 165 pounds. He has white hair, brown eyes, and stubble facial hair. Bennett has a hunched posture and issues walking. He was last seen wearing a maroon coat, black shirt, suspenders, tan wranglers, and cowboy boots. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff’s Office at 541-682-4141.



Courtesy from the LCS

The search was centered in the Big Fall Creek area of lane County.

# Lost mushroom picker found in rural county

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*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

A lost mushroom picker has been found and reunited with friends following a search and rescue mission Christmas day. The search unfolded at approximately 6 p.m. Dec. 24, as the Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) received a report of a missing mushroom picker in the Big Fall Creek area. “The person was somewhat prepared for the weather, but not to stay out overnight,” LCSO Sgt. Tim Wallace said. A team from the LCSO’s Search and Rescue responded and searched the

area until the early morning hours without success. The search resumed Christmas morning and searchers also deployed a drone to assist in the search, according to Wallace. “At about 10 a.m., the SAR team found the subject,” Wallace said. “After warming the subject and providing dry clothes, the searchers and the lost victim hiked out of the area and reunited the found mushroom picker with friends.” The name of the mushroom picker and where the person is from had not been released by authorities. The Lane County

Sheriff’s Office would like to thank the many SAR volunteers involved in the search who gave up their Christmas eve or Christmas morning with family to make sure the missing person was rescued, according to Wallace. First responders urge anyone hiking or mushroom hunting in the wilderness areas of Lane County to be prepared for adverse weather and the rough terrain. They also recommend that anyone venturing into the wilderness advise friends or relatives where they are heading, when they leave, and when they expect to return.

## 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, DECEMBER 31

- 01:09: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
- 01:13: Person stop, 1400 block Gateway Blvd.
- 01:25: Suspicious vehicle, 300 block Coop Ct.
- 01:38: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
- 02:34: Suspicious vehicle, N. Douglas/Villard Ave.
- 04:25: Suspicious condition, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 05:44: Alarm, 1300 block S. River Rd.
- 07:22: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block Anthony Ave.
- 07:47: Burglary, 800 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
- 09:12: Hit and run, S. 8th/Taylor
- 09:32: Disorderly subject, 400 block N. 14th St.
- 10:49: Welfare check, N. 5th/Main
- 11:55: Illegal camping, 600 block E. Washington Ave.
- 13:21: Stolen vehicle recovery, 1600 block S. 4th St.
- 14:58: Abandoned vehicle, J/Chestnut
- 15:18: Child abuse, 1100 block Chamberlain Ave.
- 16:21: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 21:47: Disorderly subject, 800 block E. Main St.
- 23:17: Suicide, 1300

- block S. 6th St.
- 23:45: Harassment, 170 block E. Washington Ave.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 00:40: Suicide, 1500 block Village Dr.
- 07:59: Suspicious vehicle, 200 block Davidson Ave.
- 09:11: Welfare check, Quincy/13th
- 10:36: Illegal camping, N. Douglas/Hwy 99
- 13:07: Harassment, 600 block Wilson Ave.
- 13:10: Info, 1500 block Village Dr.
- 14:01: Alarm, 1500 block S. 4th St.
- 14:54: Info, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 16:05: Suspicious condition, 1400 block Elm Ave.
- 16:05: Found dog, Main/S
- 18:36: Bar check, 500 block E. Main St.
- 18:48: Bar check, 800 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
- 18:53: Bar check, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 19:05: Bar check, 100 block N. 9th St.
- 20:49: Welfare check, 600 block Benjamin Ave.
- 22:02: Attempt to locate, 1800 block W. Harrison Ave.
- 22:19: Person stop, 900 block N. 9th St.
- 23:41: Suspicious subject, 1100 block Hwy 99

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

- 00:02: Suspicious condition, 200 block South R St.
- 00:06: Attempt to locate, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 04:40: Incomplete 911, 1800 block E. Main St.
- 10:37: Abandoned vehicle, 1100 block Villard Ave.
- 11:24: Theft, 1400 block Daugherty Ave.
- 12:21: Info, 2000 block S. 8th St.
- 12:50: Welfare check, 100 block Crestview Ter-

- race
- 13:36: Welfare check, 200 block N. 10th St.
- 14:23: Illegal camping, Hwy 99/N. Douglas
- 17:03: Trespass, 800 block Gateway Blvd.
- 19:15: Suspicious vehicle, 200 block Davidson Ave.
- 20:36: Motor vehicle crash, Gibbs/9th
- 21:11: Disorderly subject, 5th/Madison

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

- 06:57: Business check, Vintage Inn
- 06:59: Illegal camping, 100 block Village Dr.
- 07:16: Disorderly subject, 1200 block Hwy 99
- 08:17: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 09:08: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 09:58: Theft, 21st/Main
- 10:03: Alarm, 1500 block S. 4th St.
- 10:25: Trespass, 500 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
- 10:30: Welfare check, River Rd/Main
- 11:09: Harassment, 400 block E. Main St.
- 11:23: Suspicious condition, 900 block Kristen Way
- 12:17: Info, 1300 block Birch Ave.
- 13:07: Illegal camping, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 13:33: Assault, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 14:15: Suspicious condition, 900 block Kristen Way
- 17:06: Found dog, 1400 block W. Main St.
- 17:10: Civil, 400 block E. Main St.
- 19:06: Suspicious subject, 1400 block E. Washington Ave.
- 19:09: Unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 1500 block Hwy 99
- 20:01: Warrant service, 100 block N. 14th St.
- 21:04: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 21:38: Nuisance, 800

- block E. Main St.
- 21:59: Suicide, 400 block River Ave.
- 22:25: Agency assist, Hwy 99/Dugan Ln.
- 22:41: Disorderly subject, 700 block E. Main St.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

- 01:29: Harassment, 1000 block Hillside Dr.
- 07:59: Illegal camping, 300 block S. 6th St.
- 08:09: Burglary, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 08:40: Fire, 800 block S. 6th St.
- 08:54: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 09:48: Trespass, 200 block Davidson Ave.
- 10:00: Abandoned vehicle, Shields/Landess
- 10:20: Disturbance, 78000 block Cedar Park Rd.
- 11:31: Abandoned vehicle, 1100 block Villard Ave.
- 12:35: Stolen vehicle, 1200 block Edgewater Ln.
- 12:43: Attempt to locate, 300 block Coop Ct.
- 14:00: Found property, 200 block N. 10th St.
- 14:17: Suspicious vehicle, 3200 block Row River Rd.
- 14:29: Illegal parking, 2400 block E. Main St.
- 14:34: Wanted subject, 1500 block Village Dr.
- 14:44: Abandoned vehicle, 1400 block E. Washington Ave.
- 16:48: Suicide, 2000 block S. 6th St.
- 17:15: ATL DUII, 1900 block W. Harrison Ave.
- 17:45: Order violation, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.
- 18:05: Harassment, 1800 block Harvey Rd.
- 18:21: Disorderly subject, 200 block Davidson Ave.
- 21:30: Suspicious subject, E. Whiteaker/Mosby Cr. Rd.
- 21:56: Trespass, 300 block S. 6th St.

- 22:44: Welfare check, 1300 block S. 7th St.
- 23:24: Extra patrol request, 1300 block S. 7th St.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

- 00:20: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
- 02:12: Warrant service, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 05:59: Barking dog, 200 block South M St.
- 06:42: Disorderly subject, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 08:16: Fire, 300 block S. River Rd.
- 09:00: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block S. 21st St.
- 09:57: Civil, 400 block E. Main St.
- 12:20: Alarm, 100 block N. 6th St.
- 12:37: Alarm, 100 block Village Dr.
- 13:08: Civil, 3000 block Row River Rd.
- 13:47: Civil, 400 block E. Main St.
- 14:05: Assault, 500 block E. Madison Ave.
- 15:11: Hit and run, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 15:54: Illegal camping, 40 block N. Douglas St.
- 18:06: Motor vehicle crash, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 18:43: Info, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 19:58: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.
- 20:53: Death investigation, 1400 block Daugherty Ave.
- 21:06: Harassment, 800 block E. Main St.
- 22:04: ATL DUII, Row River/Currin

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- 01:52: Shots fired, 1500 block Village Dr.
- 03:39: Alarm, 100 block Village Dr.

- 04:33: Unlawful entry into motor vehicle, Red Hills Pl/Hillside Dr.
- 04:48: Stolen vehicle, 400 block E. Main St.
- 08:29: Suspicious vehicle, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 09:01: Criminal mischief, 1300 block S. River Rd.
- 09:20: Welfare check, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 09:36: Warrant service, 1100 block Lord Ave.
- 09:53: Business check, 1200 block E. Main St.
- 10:57: Animal info, 78000 block Thornton Rd.
- 12:17: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block Palmer Ave.
- 13:52: Info, 500 block Grant Ave.
- 14:17: Trespass, 1400 block E. Main St.
- 15:13: Disturbance, 3200 block Roosevelt Ave.
- 15:28: Hit and run, 100 block N. 7th St.
- 16:54: Info, 400 block North J St.
- 16:45: Fire, 300 block S. River Rd.
- 17:20: Welfare check, 1400 block E. Washington Ave.
- 17:33: Alarm, 1700 block Pritchett Pl.
- 18:12: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 18:30: Business check, American Market
- 18:52: Suspicious condition, 1100 block Birch Ave.
- 18:58: Suspicious condition, 700 block Hwy 99
- 19:34: Disturbance, London/Harris
- 19:35: Business check, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 21:41: Disorderly subject, 1100 block E. Chamberlain Ave.

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# Pertussis case count highest since 1950

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*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Oregon has past the 1,100 mark for the number of pertussis cases it's seen during 2024, beating its 2012 record of 910 cases in a single year.

The heighten pertussis cases makes the need for people to stay up to date with their vaccinations all the more urgent, according to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

BY THE NUMBERS

As of Monday, Dec. 30, Oregon Health Authority registered 1,105 cases of pertussis—also known as whooping cough—during 2024. There were 44 outbreaks, although the majority of cases were sporadic individual or household-related cases and not associated with outbreaks.

The 2024 count represents the highest number of pertussis cases reported in Oregon in a single year since 1950, when 1,420 cases were reported.

Since 2003, eight Oregonians with pertussis have died. Five were younger than 4 months old, and there have been three deaths in adults – one in 2023 and two in 2024.

While Oregon didn't beat its 74-year record

for most cases in a year, 1,105 is still an extremely high number for a vaccine-preventable disease, according to OHA's Public Health Division Communicable Diseases and Immunizations Medical Director Paul Cieslak.

"It's also a stark reminder of how quickly the bacterial infection can spread and cause illness, particularly among people who are under- or unvaccinated," Cieslak said. "The pertussis vaccine is a public health success story in terms of its effectiveness in reducing severe illness and deaths from the disease—particularly among infants."

According to data from the epidemiologists in Oregon Public Health Division's Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Section, the median age of the 2024 cases is 12; 7.2% of cases are less than a year old, 80% are 18 or younger and 50% are female. About half of the cases are up to date with pertussis vaccines.

Lane County has reported the highest number of pertussis cases this year with 315. Rounding out the top five counties are Multnomah, 235 cases; Clackamas, 135; Washington, 119; and Marion, 75. Pertussis case counts

vary considerably from year to year, routinely reaching triple digits. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions such as masking requirements and school closures were in effect, which kept annual case counts low, Cieslak said. Vaccination rates also slipped.

"People were less motivated to get vaccinated against pertussis when there was less concern they would be exposed to the infection in the first place," Cieslak said.

But with pertussis activity so high this year, there are more opportunities for people to be exposed, Cieslak noted. Those who are unvaccinated or too young to be vaccinated, such as infants, are at the highest risk from infection, with babies most likely to be hospitalized with pertussis.

HOW TO BE PROTECTED

There are ways to protect vulnerable individuals. Pregnant people can protect their young babies by getting the Tdap vaccine—which protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis—at 27–36 weeks' gestation. Mothers will make antibodies and pass them to their



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babies across the placenta, protecting them from the moment of birth. It is recommended during each pregnancy, according to the OHA.

"In recent years, about two-thirds of pregnant Oregonians have been getting vaccinated during pregnancy," Cieslak said. "However, only 11 of the mothers of the 80 infant cases this year had documentation of having gotten the recommended shot."

Vaccination against pertussis is routinely

recommended for infants, children, adolescents and adults. Children should receive the DTap vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis at 2, 4, 6 and 15 to 18 months old, and again at age 4 to kindergarten age. All persons 10 years old and older should receive a single dose of Tdap.

"Additionally, when pertussis strikes a household in which an infant or pregnant person lives, we recommend all members of the household receive

a course of antibiotics effective against *Bordetella pertussis*—typically, a five-day course of azithromycin," Cieslak said.

FAST FACT

As Oregon sweeps past the 1,100 cases mark, health officials remind everyone that vaccination against whooping cough is best way to prevent transmission.

## Two children died from the flu in Oregon over Christmas week

LYNN TERRY  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Two children died of the flu in Oregon over Christmas week, the first such pediatric deaths in the state in two years, according to state health officials.

They're among 11 deaths of children from the flu nationwide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Every year, the flu kills hundreds of people in Oregon, with the CDC showing 370 deaths in the state 2022, the latest year available. But pediatric deaths are relatively rare, said Dr. Paul Cieslak, head of infectious diseases and vaccinations at the Oregon Health Authority.

No children in Oregon died from the flu last year or in the 2021-22 and 2020-21 seasons, but three died during 2022-23 and four died during the 2019-20 season, state data shows.

The last flu season was particularly deadly for children across the country, with 206 dying from the flu, marking a new high from 2019-20 when 199 children died, the CDC said.



Courtesy photo from Christine Torres Hicks / OHSU

More than 470 people have been hospitalized with the flu this season in the Portland area, and two children in Oregon have died.

Cieslak declined to provide any details about the Oregon kids who died, saying during a Friday news conference only that they were younger than 18 and died the week of Dec. 22 to 28. Their deaths were cited in the latest edition of the health authority's weekly flu update that tracks hospitalizations

in the Portland area. The newsletter said currently 146 people are hospitalized in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties with the flu. Cieslak said more than 470 have been hospitalized this season in the Portland area.

The flu season started at the beginning of October, and Cieslak said it's been an average year, noting that every year takes a toll.

"Virtually every season, we see hospitals filling up with patients to overflowing," Cieslak said, "And this year is no exception."

The flu shot this year appears to be fairly effective against about 75% of the strains circulating, according to the CDC. The vaccine is not that effective against the influenza A strain, which is fairly dominant this year, but that strain is the least serious.

Cieslak said the shot appears to be a good match for the H3N2 strain.

"A little over half of the cases are the H3N2, which is the worst type," Cieslak said.

Very young children and the elderly are the most vulnerable to becoming severely ill from the virus, with older adults accounting for many of the deaths. The flu shot can be given to anyone at least 6 months old, and Cieslak urged those eligible to get vaccinated.

"Every season we do see our children being hospitalized with influenza," Cieslak said. "But everybody's at risk."

Yet only a minority of Oregonians ever get a flu shot. Cieslak said that flu vaccinations are down 4% this season, with 26% of those eligible getting a shot. But it's still not too late to get vaccinated, he said.

"There are probably 10 or 12 weeks of influenza season left to go," Cieslak said. "We would definitely recommend protecting yourself against it."

He said it looks like the flu season is peaking in Oregon while cases of RSV or respiratory syncytial virus are increasing. COVID-19 cases have

been steady, though people with COVID are not filling up hospitals as they've done in the past. Cieslak said that's probably because Oregonians have a high level of immunity from illness and getting shots and boosters.

Cieslak advised Oregonians to take the usual precautions if they get sick. Stay home, stay away from others, cover your cough and wash your hands. He said masking can help as well, and he advised people to be aware of seniors with chronic conditions, who are the most susceptible to severe illness from respiratory infections. At the first sign of symptoms, he said to get them to a provider.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2025/01/03/two-children-died-from-the-flu-in-oregon-over-christmas-week/>

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## Commissioners appoint new chair, vice chair

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The Lane County Board of Commissioners have appointed a chair and vice chair.

Commissioner David Loveall (District 2) will serve as chair and Commissioner Ryan Ceniga (District 1) will serve as vice chair.

Commissioners designate one member as chair and one member as vice chair during the first regular Board meeting of the year. The chair and vice chair work together to preside over meetings and set the agendas for meetings under the rules of the board.

"I humbly have a lot to



Courtesy photo

Commissioner David Loveall will serve as Lane County Commission Chair and Commissioner Ryan Ceniga will serve as Lane County Commission vice chair.

learn in this new leadership role," Chair David Loveall

said. "And, as I said today presenting the gavel to outgoing Chair Trieger, 'Leaders are the dealers of hope'. My hopes and dealings in the next year will be to bring a contentious Board together in consensus by having more open work sessions so that we communicate together and find passionate agreement. This way we'll know each commissioner's priorities and can work to get each to the finish line, bringing the Board to an active place that gives hope to the community we all serve."

"I am very proud and excited to serve as the next vice chair of the Lane County Board of Commissioners," Vice Chair Ryan Ceniga said. "I have always

been passionate about local politics and understand the role and responsibility this position holds."

During the opening minutes of the board's first regular meeting of 2025 on Jan. 7, the commissioners also recognized Commissioner Laurie Trieger (District 3) for her leadership as chair in 2024 and presented with a ceremonial gavel as a gesture of thanks from her fellow commissioners.

For more information about the Lane County Board of Commissioners meetings, including agendas and instructions for providing public comment, visit [www.LaneCountyOR.gov/BCC](http://www.LaneCountyOR.gov/BCC).



## School board receives mid-year reports

CINDY WEELDREYER  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

At the first South Lane School District board meeting of 2025 on Jan. 6, Interim Superintendent Brian McCasline outlined mid-year efforts to accomplish his four goals for the 2024-25 year:

- #1: Create and use our professional learning community to raise academic achievement.
- #2: Build and maintain a cultural climate of care and belonging.
- #3: Prepare students to be successful in their next steps after high school.
- #4: Improve community outreach.

Examples of McCasline’s mid-year successes

**Goal #1:** He has visited 30 classrooms, primarily reading and math classes and is using data to improve instruction. Encouraged professional development for administrators to coach teachers in the

Professional Learning Teams. He is supporting and mentoring Chris Wells, the Cottage Grove High School Assistant Principal, who is serving as the Acting Principal while Principal Kevin Harrington remains on administrative leave.

**Goal #2:** He attended Peace Learning Circle training. Implementing OEA Mindfulness, a training program that teaches staff stress-reducing techniques for personal use and in the classroom.

**Goal #3:** He is working with Career Technical Education staff to evaluate their programs and develop Efforts are underway to increase CTE community connections for job shadows and internships.

**Goal #4:** He is working with students and parents on the Student Success Committee. Attended each school’s welcome back events in September and spoke with parents about topics they are passionate about. Continued working with the Cottage

Grove Sentinel and KNND Radio’s Beeper Show to keep the community informed and answer questions people have. Plans to attend one parent club meeting at each school in the next two months.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH PROCESS**  
Human Capital Enterprises is conducting the search using this timeline:

- Stakeholder Engagement (Dec 16-Jan 21): Collects input for criteria for the job description using focus groups & an online survey that ended on Jan 9.
- Recruiting (Jan 22-Feb 28): A national search will be conducted.
- Selection (Mar 7-Apr 15): Candidate interviews with internal & external stakeholders and an extensive review process. Transition (Apr-Jun): Orientation activities in the district and community. Check the district website for updates about the superintendent search.

## OBITUARIES & DEATH NOTICES

### Kay Habenick

April 27, 1942 - January 2, 2025

Kay Habenick, 82, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away on January 2, 2025. Born on April 27, 1942, in Minot, North Dakota to her devoted parents, William Eugene and Signora Geneveive (Knutson) Scroggs, Kay’s life was defined by her wisdom, courage, and passion.

Kay’s journey alongside her beloved husband Henry Habenick began on April 26, 1964, in Lompoc, CA. Their union, filled with love and companionship, lasted an impressive 58 years until Henry’s passing in 2022. Together, they raised a family that would be Kay’s lasting legacy.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughter, Kristen (Eric) Thurston of Cottage Grove, OR, and her son, Eric (Theresa) Habenick of Triangle, VA. Her sister, Sue Brown of Springfield, IL, Kay’s joy was multiplied through her grandchildren Brit Habenick, Chelsey Habenick, Monica (Daniel) Liverett, and great-grandson Isaac Liverett, who will continue to be guided by the lessons and love she imparted.

For two years, Kay attended the University of Illinois, acquiring knowledge that would



inform her later pursuits. She was a steadfast member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cottage Grove, and she served her community volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, where she found both solace and friendship.

Within the sanctuary of her home, she embraced her role as a homemaker, nurturing her children, Kristen and Eric. Kay’s touch reached far beyond the confines of her household, as she dedicated her time to traveling, gardening, quilting, sewing, and stencil art—always with a good-natured battle to keep the deer out of her garden.

Kay’s life was an embodiment of wisdom, courage, and passion, traits that she wove into the tapestry of her community and family. As we bid farewell to Kay Habenick, we celebrate the indelible mark she left on the hearts she touched. A memorial service will be held at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel Friday, January 17, 2025 at 3:00PM officiated by Karen Hill.

Inurnment will take place alongside her husband in Arlington National Cemetery.

### William (Bill) Hendrickson

1929 - 2024

William (Bill) Hendrickson, a devoted husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather, passed away December 18, 2024 at the age of 95 at his home with loved ones at his side. Bill was born in Ironwood, Michigan to John and Lydia (Rahko) Hendrickson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Melba (Minkin) Hendrickson. They married in September 1953 and celebrated 71 years of marriage in 2024. Survivors also include their children; son Dale of Suisun City, CA, daughters Debbie of Grass Valley, CA, Janis of Redding, CA, Sherry Davenport (Mark) of Martinez, CA, daughter-in-law Jeannine of Palo Cedro, CA, four grand-daughters, Melissa Vega (Josh), Heather Kessler, Kaela Santero (Jake) and Alisha and one great grand-daughter Emilyyah. Bill was preceded in death by his son Jay from Redding, CA.

Bill served in the Army from 1951 to 1953, worked in the iron ore mines in Michigan before moving out to California to become a pneumatic maintenance



expert in San Francisco. He stayed in the Bay Area to raise his family with Melba until he retired and moved to Cottage Grove, Oregon where he resided since 1992. Bill enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing and tinkering in his shop. As a father, Bill taught his children many of his skills. You could always rely on Bill to repair anything. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran church.

Bill will be missed by family and friends but they take comfort that he is now at peace. His legacy of love, hard work and dedication to his family will be cherished for generations to come.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 18th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Remembrances to Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, OR.

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### Alonzo “DeRoss” Kinkade

December 21, 1939 - January 1, 2025

Alonzo “DeRoss” Kinkade was born December 21, 1939, in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

DeRoss grew up in humble circumstances but, determined to better himself, graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1958 and won a golf scholarship to Seattle University (he is now a member of its sports Hall of Fame). He joined the Air Force after graduation where he advanced in rank to Captain. While in the Air Force he met Janice Gillis, marrying her in 1965. Shortly after the birth of their first son, DeRoss retired from the Air Force and pursued a business opportunity in his hometown of Cottage Grove, where he would live the balance of his life, raising five children. DeRoss ran his business for decades (renaming it Kinkade Insurance) before retiring and then working for the City of Cottage Grove as an encore.

DeRoss never lost his love of golf: he set the World Golf Marathon record (as featured in Golf Magazine) by playing 365 consecutive holes of golf in just under 40 straight hours, finishing at 55 under par! During his lifetime, he recorded 24 holes in one (including 2 in one day during 2 separate 18-hole rounds with his son Mark at Emerald Valley Golf Course). His low round of 57 is a course record at Hidden Valley Golf Course. DeRoss won too many trophies to count. He twice won the Oregon Tournament of Champions, though he was perhaps most proud of a 3rd place finish at the Northwest Open. He was a devout member of the



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as Bishop of the Cottage Grove Ward. DeRoss loved to participate in community clubs and activities, including the Lions Club (twice serving as president) and the Odd Fellows Lodge. He helped with and donated to many community projects and was instrumental in the construction of Centennial Bridge, a covered bridge

spanning the Willamette River in downtown Cottage Grove. Among his community awards, the Chamber of Commerce recognized him as First Citizen in 1987 and as a Distinguished Service Award recipient in 2012. DeRoss loved working with his hands, enjoyed travelling with his family, and possessed a strong sense of humor. He was the life of many a party (at least in his mind!).

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife in 2020, after 55 years of marriage. He died on January 1, 2025, survived by his 5 children, Brent (Peggy), Wayne (Marci), Mark (Shari), Kevin (Helga), Karen (Chris), 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild who, along with his many friends and relations, will miss his infectious laugh, sound advice, and impeccable long putting.

A Funeral Service was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Interment at Fir Grove Cemetery in Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

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#### Gary Russell Kofoid

Gary Russell Kofoid, 89, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away on December 8, 2024. An inurnment will be held January 28, 2025, at 1:00 PM at Fir Grove Cemetery, Cottage Grove, Oregon. A celebration of life will follow at 2:00 PM 32724 Camas Swale Rd., Creswell, Oregon. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

#### Ferris Monroe Kent

Ferris Monroe Kent, 97, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away January 5, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

#### Karrie Kozette (Bordeaux) Bork

Karrie Kozette (Bordeaux) Bork, 52, of Crescent Lake, Oregon died December 21, 2024. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

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Wyden bill could restrict imports

Hurt businesses



Oregon has nearly 400,000 small businesses.

MICHAEL COLLINS  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Supporting small businesses should be a top policy priority for anyone in public office. Their success means good-paying jobs, economic growth and innovative solutions.

In Oregon, we boast nearly 400,000 small businesses, and members of our congressional delegation, specifically U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden has consistently pledged his support of these businesses and growing trade in Oregon. As Wyden said himself: “So much of what we do depends on trade and what we like to do is grow things here, make [things] here, add value to them here, and then ship them somewhere.”

Though Wyden has been a consistent champion for small businesses and consumers, a trade bill he introduced seems to run counter to their core interests — and, in fact, could make life much harder for the small business community and their customers. The proposed legislation would significantly restrict the de minimis customs entry type, a law designed to streamline the importation of shipments under \$800 to minimize red tape and lower costs for merchants who import goods while maintaining lower consumer prices. De minimis may not be a household name, but it is crucial in creating a level playing field for small businesses competing against major retail brands while striving to grow in today’s modern economy.

The economic consequences of his proposed rule change could be devastating for Oregon. Experts at the Mercatus Center suggest the elimination of the de minimis threshold could

add roughly \$50 billion in additional costs for American consumers and businesses each year. It could easily reignite the inflation woes that the country is finally moving past, and these additional costs for consumers could disincentivize them from shopping at small businesses. In addition, this legislation would be difficult for U.S. Customs and Border Protection to administer, and it could lead to supply chain slowdowns for American consumers and small businesses alike.

Worse yet, a study by Yale and University of California, Los Angeles researchers found that major restrictions to de minimis would will disproportionately hurt lower income families, as they typically purchase goods that benefit from this rule.

They found that, “The poorest ZIP codes would face a 12.1% tariff, whereas the richest ZIP codes would face a 6.7% tariff,” the study said.

These kinds of outcomes are antithetical to Wyden’s policy goals as they would undermine the economic progress and key constituencies he pledges to support to give middle class Americans the chance to get ahead. In the past, Wyden has praised the current de minimis level, claiming it “benefits thousands of American small businesses across all sectors.”

Not only that, Wyden was a leading author of the Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015 that raised the de minimis level from \$200 to \$800. Why has he — like many lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, to be fair — suddenly changed his position?

As the most senior elected official of one of

the most trade-dependent states, Wyden knows that drastic changes to our trade policy could have a negative impact on the jobs, goods and economic activity that rely on our many ports. As chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, given all the heightened attention involving de minimis, he could leverage his influential position to craft a policy that doesn’t negatively impact the livelihoods of small business owners.

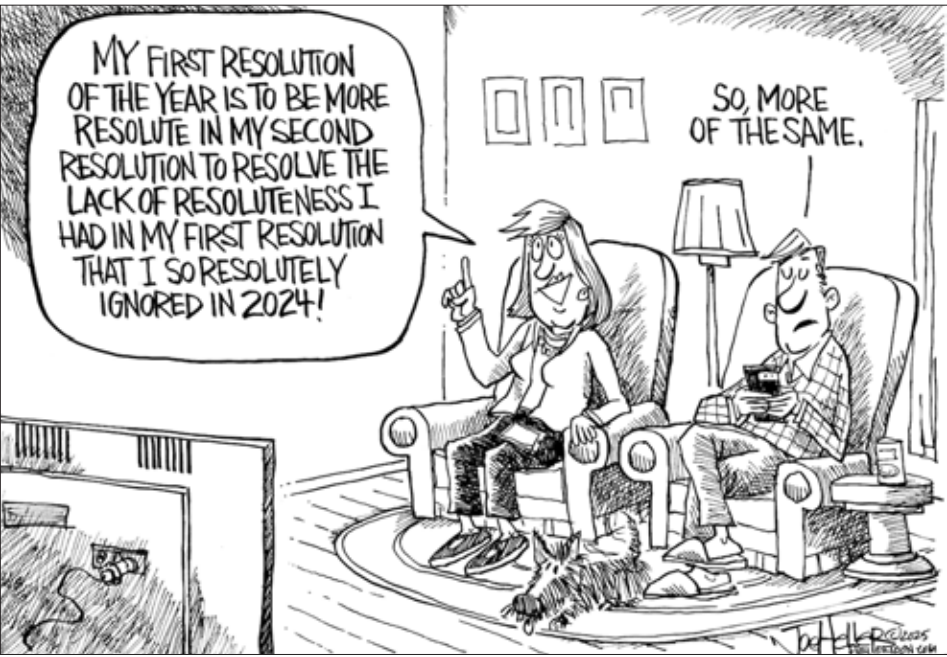
Wyden and his Democratic colleagues have long been champions of promoting a strong environment for the businesses that keep our economy running. They should pursue a better approach to trade that improves the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to catch bad actors and doesn’t inadvertently harm the livelihoods of ordinary, law-abiding Oregonians.

*Michael Collins is executive director of external relations for Oregon State University’s College of Engineering. Before that, he served as director of external relations for the OSU College of Forestry. He also served on the college’s Elliott State Research Forest project team.*

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Local fire crews battling California wildfires



The Oregon strike teams have been sent from Clackamas, Clatsop, Central Oregon, Lane, Lincoln, Linn/Polk, two from Marion, Multnomah, Rogue Valley, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

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

The Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) mobilized 12 strike teams to California to help protect communities from threatening wildfires burning near Los Angeles.

“The Oregon State Fire Marshal has been monitoring and working with California throughout the event and received a request for assistance late Tuesday evening,” the OSFM said in a Facebook post Jan. 8.

As of midnight, Jan. 8, twelve strike teams made up of 240 firefighters and 60 engines were mobilizing to the fire scene. Oregon Department of Forestry officials said they continue to monitor the California wildfires and will fill more requests for assistance as needed.

The strike teams were sent from Clackamas, Clatsop, Central Oregon, Lane, Lincoln, Linn/Polk, two from Marion, Multnomah, Rogue Valley, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

According to CAL FIRE, firefighters are seeing extreme fire behavior, including short and long-range spotting. Winds gusts were up to 60 miles per hour, increasing the dangerous situation. Firefighters and air resources will continue to work to protect the community and infrastructures and gain control over fire containment, according to the OSFM.

“Oregon and California have a strong partnership supporting each other. We both understand that fire does not recognize map lines, and we are ready to help each other whenever there is a need,” Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said.

“During our historic 2024 wildfire season, California sent us help and in their time of need, we are working as fast as possible to lend them support during this emergency.”

The Oregon and California have had a strong working relationship with each other in wildfire response since 2017. We work with one goal in mind, protecting people, property, and critical infrastructure, according to Ruiz-Temple. The request for assistance from California came through the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

The compact provides help during governor-declared emergencies or disasters by allowing states to send personnel, equipment, and supplies to support response and recovery efforts in other states. The strike teams will be reimbursed directly by California.

This past summer’s wildfire season in Oregon broke existing records,, with over 1.9 million acres burned.

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Tourism continues to boost local economy

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landscaping, lighting, and pedestrian safety. “If you look around at the other communities that have done similar projects,

they have actually done better during construction because of all the heighten advertising, the more attention the businesses received,” Haskell said. “The city has already done upgrades to the alleyways in anticipation. It is going to be a challenge, but we are going to do great I think.” Haskell said the chamber and the city have a variety of projects and events planned around the

construction in a positive effort to keep local businesses and the city’s economy moving forward. “Hard hat discounts, scavenger hunts, movie history events, there will be all kinds of fun things,” she said. Cottage Grove Public Works Director Faye Stewart conducted a community meeting in October to outline details about the reconstruction project. The topics

included sidewalk widths, trees, parking, lighting, furniture, public access to businesses during construction, electrical and drainage infrastructure and safety improvements, especially for mobility-challenged individuals. “The goal is to do this work in a manner that facilitates downtown businesses’ operations and create minimum impacts as much as possible,” Stewart said.

**BY THE NUMBERS** Travel Lane County Vice President of Stakeholder Relations Andy Vobora told The Sentinel in a published interview in July, that the economic impact of the tourist industry throughout Lane County is significant. Vobora said the lodging tax is just one element of visitor spending. “We know that visitors are spending around 40 cents on each dollar on food and beverage,” he said, provid-

ing key points about Lane County from the Travel Oregon 2023 report:

- \$1.07 billion dollars spent by visitors coming into Lane County.
- 10,440 people employed in the hospitality industry and \$334 million in earnings from these jobs.
- 3.4 million overnight visitors – this aggregates visitors staying in commercial accommodations, private homes and campgrounds.

SKATEPARK Popular local skatepark moving toward a makeover

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centuries. It was included as a sport in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. Merryday, a local historian, said the sport of skateboarding was viewed as both deviant and dangerous behavior. Kids looking for areas to skate and do tricks ran headlong into parents, property owners, and officials who didn’t want them endangering themselves or property by their pursuit of happiness. **LOCAL HISTORY** In June 1999, The Sentinel reported that Sarah Munsell and 10 skaters made an appeal to the City Council urging them to create a skatepark. The Cottage Grove Recreation Association (CGRA) offered support for the project and said, “Skaters need a place to ride safely and hone their skills. Skateboarding is a real sport, inexpensive form of transportation, and kids need a place to go so they can stay

out of trouble.” According to Merryday, four years later the City donated the land the current park is on and committed \$20,000 toward its construction. Several clubs, nonprofits and foundations, including the Woodard Family Foundation, raised funds and local companies offered materials, donated labor and equipment. “Just when it looked like the planets were going to align to build what, at the time, would have been Oregon’s longest skatepark, things hit a big hiccup when the director of the CGRA departed leaving the project in limbo,” Merryday said. “The loss of momentum resulted in the completion of only the first of a proposed three-phase project.”

**DESIGN FLAWS AND OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES** When the park opened in August of 2004, it was another example of how Grovers overcame defeat and created a highly desired facility for local youth. However, it soon became obvious that despite the best intentions of all those who had worked so hard to bring it into fruition, the park had some built-in shortcomings. No one who had expertise

in the developing science of skatepark design was among those that helped guide the process and there were problems with the riding flow, drainage and some built-in dangers as well. Over the years vandalism, tagging, and a reputation for bad behavior led to periodic closures of the park as people who had taken responsibly to help manage and supervise the park and the behavior of its users had moved on. Repeatedly new leaders have stepped up to help in volunteering to look after things at the Skatepark leading to its reopening. In 2019, after 15 years of use, some repairs and fixes were made by City maintenance staff but the park was starting to show its age. The consensus of the users, park supporters, and the city officials believed it was necessary to begin a community conversation about the future of the municipal skatepark. The effort was paused during the pandemic and revived under the leadership of the two councilors and motivated citizens such as Gregg Smith.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS AND DONATIONS** Over the past few years, multiple events have been organized. Event sponsors

donated thousands of dollars in items including clothing, skateboards, bikes, helmets, etc. These items were freely distributed, and participants had the chance to provide input on the skatepark design, with over 80 community members contributing feedback. **MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS** Cottage Grove City Manager Mike Sauerwein said he supports the effort to improve the park. There is no specific line item in the annual budget for the Skatepark, according to Sauerwein. Expenditures are part of personnel services and facilities maintenance line items. According to Ervin, independent local donations have amassed over \$3,000. Additionally, a \$10,000 grant from the Yarg Foundation has been secured specifically for community surveying and conceptual design. **SITE SELECTION AND LAND DONATION** The site selection phase is now underway, with strong indications that the City of Cottage Grove will donate existing park space for the new skatepark. Planners say this potential donation represents a significant value

to the project. **CITY PARTNERSHIP** The Friends of the Cottage Grove Skatepark has a cooperative relationship with the City, aiming to pursue further grant opportunities for the construction phase. **USER PERSPECTIVES** Councilor Ervin’s two sons, 11-year-old Titus and eight-year-old Edwin, have been skatepark users for more than half their lives. Their love of the sport motivated their dad to take a leadership role in guiding the skatepark’s future. Both boys are BMX bikers and Titus also has a scooter. They agree the park is too small and limits how they can use it when there is a crowd. Edwin said he enjoys meeting friends there and likes to “dive down and go in the bowl”. “We need a park that can accommodate riders with beginning, average and advanced skills and can be used by all three types of wheels,” Titus said. “We need bigger jumps with more routes and room for expansion.” Merryday said that despite the problems and shortcomings, on fair weather days, the Cottage Grove Skatepark does attract younger riders. “While there are a few

who still ride skateboards, most of the current users prefer to do their tricks on razor scooters and BMX bikes,” he noted. “In considering a new design, it will be important to keep all wheeled sports in mind in developing the next phase for Cottage Grove youth.” **MORE INFORMATION RESOURCES** • Facebook: “Friends of Cottage Grove Skatepark” • Send Email: councilor-merryday@cottagegrove.org or councilorervin@cottagegrove.org • Call Councilors: Dana Merryday 541-942-5216 Greg Ervin 541-556-8953 • Donate: Contribute to the City of Cottage Grove Skatepark Trust Fund – by law monies can only be used for the Skatepark Check or cash can be brought directly to City Hall and specify it is for the Trust Fund for the Skatepark. If by check, put “Skatepark Trust Fund” in the memo line. *Join the conversation. Send your comments in a Letter to the Editor to jruark@countrymedia.net and follow this special series of reports online at cgsentinel.com and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.*

WILDFIRE State issues Wildfire Hazard Maps

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is within boundaries of the wildland-urban interface. Properties that are in both a high hazard zone and within the wildland-urban interface will be prioritized for future wildfire risk mitigation resources and actions. To help protect these communities, future defensible space and home-hardening building codes may apply to properties with both designations, according to a release from the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). A record 1.9 million acres burned this past wildfire season in Oregon, far exceeding the state’s 10-year average of 640,000 acres per season and incurring costs upwards of \$350 million. All properties with both designations are receiving a certified mail packet

informing them of the designations, outlining their appeal rights and explaining the appeal process, and explaining what the designation might mean for them and their property, according to ODF release. “It’s a hefty packet of information that property owners will receive by certified mail,” Wildfire Hazard Map Lay Representative Tim Holschbach said. “However, we want to ensure Oregonians get all the relevant information they need on their wildfire hazard exposure.” Anyone that does not receive a packet but is still interested in learning about the wildfire hazard where they live can visit the Oregon Explorer website. A Property Owner’s Report is available for every Oregon tax lot and includes information about hazards and resources. The road to completed maps has been a long one. After the initial wildfire map was released and rescinded in summer of 2022, ODF and OSU spent more than two years

receiving and analyzing feedback to improve the product available today, including a recent public comment period. Draft versions of the statewide wildfire hazard and wildland-urban interface maps were available to the public for review and comment from July 18 to August 18. ODF received nearly 2,000 comments from the public during the 30-day comment period. After reviewing the comments on the draft maps, ODF identified one key theme that had not been previously addressed in prior adjustments to the map: neighbor-to-neighbor variation in hazard zones. In response, researchers took a closer look at those variations and their causes. OSU evaluated scientific methods to reduce neighbor-to-neighbor variations in hazard zone designations that were still in accordance with legislative rules directing development of the map. This final adjustment is in addition to other revisions that have been made

to the map over the last two years in response to feedback from elected officials, county governments and the public. Other updates to the map since 2022 include:

- Adjustments for hay and pasturelands.
- Adjustments for north-west Oregon forest fuels.
- Adjustments for certain irrigated agricultural fields.
- Corrections for verified anomalies identified by county planners.

“It’s important that the map is as objective and understandable as possible,” ODF Deputy Director of Fire Operations Kyle Williams said. “It took additional time to ensure community protection measures like home hardening and defensible space are prioritized in communities of highest wildfire hazard. It’s been time well spent, and we’re pleased with the diligence ODF staff and OSU researchers put into addressing input from all sources.” In addition to feedback that resulted in changes to

the map, there were two main themes of public input that will not be addressed by map adjustments: insurance and existing defensible space and fire hardening improvements, the release states. Oregon Senate Bill 82 prohibits insurers in Oregon from using this map, or any statewide map, for making decisions on whether to extend coverage or determine rates. Oregon’s Division of Financial Regulation has investigated concerns and confirmed that even prior to passage of Senate Bill 82, no insurance company in Oregon has or will use these maps for insurance purposes. Additionally, some property owners

shared a belief that their hazard rating should be lower due to implementation of defensible space strategies. By law, the map’s hazard assessments are based on weather, climate, topography and vegetation on a broader environmental scale than just an individual property. If a property owner has implemented appropriate defensible space already, there is likely nothing that a designation of high hazard and being within the wildland-urban interface will require of them when future code requirements are adopted. *Find more information at the ODF’s wildfire hazard web page.*



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**CGS 25-100**  
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Green Gables Mini Storage will be conducting an online lien auction for the following storage units due to non-payment. Auction will be posted at Bid13.com and will begin at 11:00am on 01/15/25 and end at 12:00pm 01/23/25. All units must be cleaned out by 4:00pm 01/25/25. Minimum charge for all units will be \$50.00. The following list of units will be sold to highest bidder and are all subject to current tenant paying past due amounts in full prior to end of sale on auction end date. 1. Roger Marquez A30 10 X 30 2. Kent Waller B8 10 X 20 3. James Jordan B41 10 X 20 4. Debbie Whetha B81 10 X 10 5. Joshua Jackson C107A 5 X 10 6. Wendi Hilgendorf C109A 5

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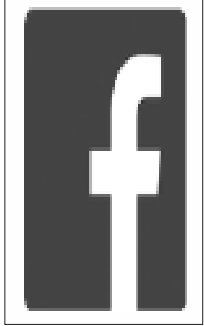
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**CGS 25-103**  
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO: 24-70686 Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by TONY L. GALUSHA as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE CO, as trustee, in favor of COUNTRY-WIDE BANK, FSB, as Beneficiary, dated 2/15/2008, recorded 3/5/2008, as Instrument No. 2008-012205, in mortgage records of Lane County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: BEGINNING AT A POINT 19.0 CHAINS AND 98 LINKS EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE WILLIAM G. SIMPSON DONATION LAND CLAIM NO. 55, IN TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN; RUNNING THENCE SOUTH 5.0 CHAINS EAST 4.0 CHAINS, NORTH 5.0 CHAINS, WEST 4.0 CHAINS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING IN SECTION 24 AND 25, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. EXCEPT THEREFROM THAT PART WHICH LIES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WILLIAM SIMPSON DONATION LAND CLAIM NO. 55, IN SAID TOWNSHIP AND RANGE IN LANE COUNTY, OREGON. SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF LANE, STATE OF OREGON. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 88837 FAULHABER RD ELMIRA, OREGON 97437-9714 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 0514743 /17-06-25-20-00800 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

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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 5/1/2024, 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: 5/1/2024 Total of past due payments: \$4,196.22 Late Charges: \$81.50 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$606.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$2,130.00 Total necessary to cure: \$7,013.72 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: \$73,143.00 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 11:00 AM on 4/4/2025 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: At the front entrance of the Courthouse, 125 East 8th Ave., Eugene, OR 97401 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the

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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 obligations 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 "lessee" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. Dated: 11/19/2024 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee A-4829594 01/15/2025, 01/22/2025, 01/29/2025, 02/05/2025.



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# Cottage Grove High School sports update

JEREMY C. RUARK  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

It's midway through the winter sport season for Cottage Grove High School athletes and their coaches. Let's take a look at where the Lion teams stand.

### BASKETBALL

The CGHS boys team picked up a win against Newport 63-53 in non-league play Jan. 7. The Lion boys lost 54-73 against Phoenix Jan. 3. The boys had assembled a 6 win - 6 loss record as of Jan. 9.

In league play, the Lions were scheduled to host Marist Catholic Jan. 10 and Marshfield Jan. 14, and travel to Junction City for competition Jan. 17. See game results at osaa.org. The CGHS girls team was scheduled to face Junction City Jan. 17, following competition against Marshfield Jan. 10. See game results at osaa.org. In non-league play the Lady Lions beat Newport 52-39 Jan. 7 and lost to Phoenix 38-56 Jan. 3. The girls have assembled a 7 win - 5 loss record as of Jan. 9.

### SWIMMING

The CGHS boys and girls swim team is preparing for competition against Sheldon at the Cottage Grove Dual BSW Meet at the Warren H. Daughter Aquatic Center Jan. 17. The team travels to Mingus Park Pool to face Marshfield in a Dual BSW Meet Jan. 24.

### WRESTLING

The CGHS boys wrestling squad is preparing for the Nick Lutz Invitational at Siuslaw High School schedule for Jan. 18 and

will compete at the Newport Dual BWR Met at Newport High School Jan. 21. The CGHS team has 17 meets scheduled this season, including the Oregon West Conference Districts Feb. 22. The Lady Lions wrestling squad is set to compete Jan. 17 at the Nick Lutz Invitational at Siuslaw High School and Jan. 21 at the Newport Dual GWR Meet. The Lions have an 11-game schedule this season, including the Special District 2 Championship at Cottage Grove Feb. 14-15.



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The Cottage Grove High School winter sports include basketball, swimming and wrestling.

# Public to review Forest Plan amendments



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The meetings are designed to will allow the public to learn about and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) released in November 2024.

JEREMY C. RUARK  
*Country Media, Inc.*

The USDA Forest Service will host a series of public meetings across northern California, Oregon and Washington to discuss the proposed amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP). The meetings will allow the public to learn about and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) released in November 2024, according to a release from the USDA Forest Service. "The public meetings will provide information on the proposed amendment, which aims to address wildfire resilience, economic opportunities, improved forest stewardship, adapting to a changing climate, and tribal inclusion," the release states. Topics of discussion will include an introduction to the Northwest Forest Plan, an overview of the proposed amendment to land management plans, key details about the proposed action and alternatives outlined in the DEIS, and information on how to engage during the 120-day public comment period. Sessions will be hosted by the local Forests and members of the NWFP

team will be onsite to answer questions. These meetings represent a crucial opportunity for the public to engage with the Forest Service and contribute their perspectives to shaping the future of forest management across the Northwest Forest Plan area.



“WE’RE AMENDING THE PLAN TO ADDRESS TODAY’S CHALLENGES IN WAYS THAT HONOR THE PLAN’S ORIGINAL GOALS, WHILE ADAPTING TO CHANGING CONDITIONS AND ENHANCING WILDFIRE RESILIENCE.”  
~ JACQUE BUCHANAN, FOREST SERVICE’S PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGIONAL FORESTER

The meetings will be held at various locations, including Corvallis, Springfield and Roseburg, throughout January and February 2025. Details and updates

regarding the schedule and locations can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r6/home/?cid=fseprd1172301>. "Much has changed in society and science since the Northwest Forest Plan was created nearly 30 years ago," the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Regional Forester Jacque Buchanan said. "We're amending the plan to address today's challenges in ways that honor the plan's original goals, while adapting to changing conditions and enhancing wildfire resilience." The public comment period for the DEIS will remain open until March 17, 2025. The Forest Service is encouraging interested parties to attend these meetings to learn more about the proposed amendment and to provide input during this time. Comments can be submitted at <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?Project=64745>. The Forest Service will review and incorporate feedback to develop a final environmental impact statement, anticipated later in 2025. To view the DEIS and learn more about the proposed amendment, visit the Project Page.

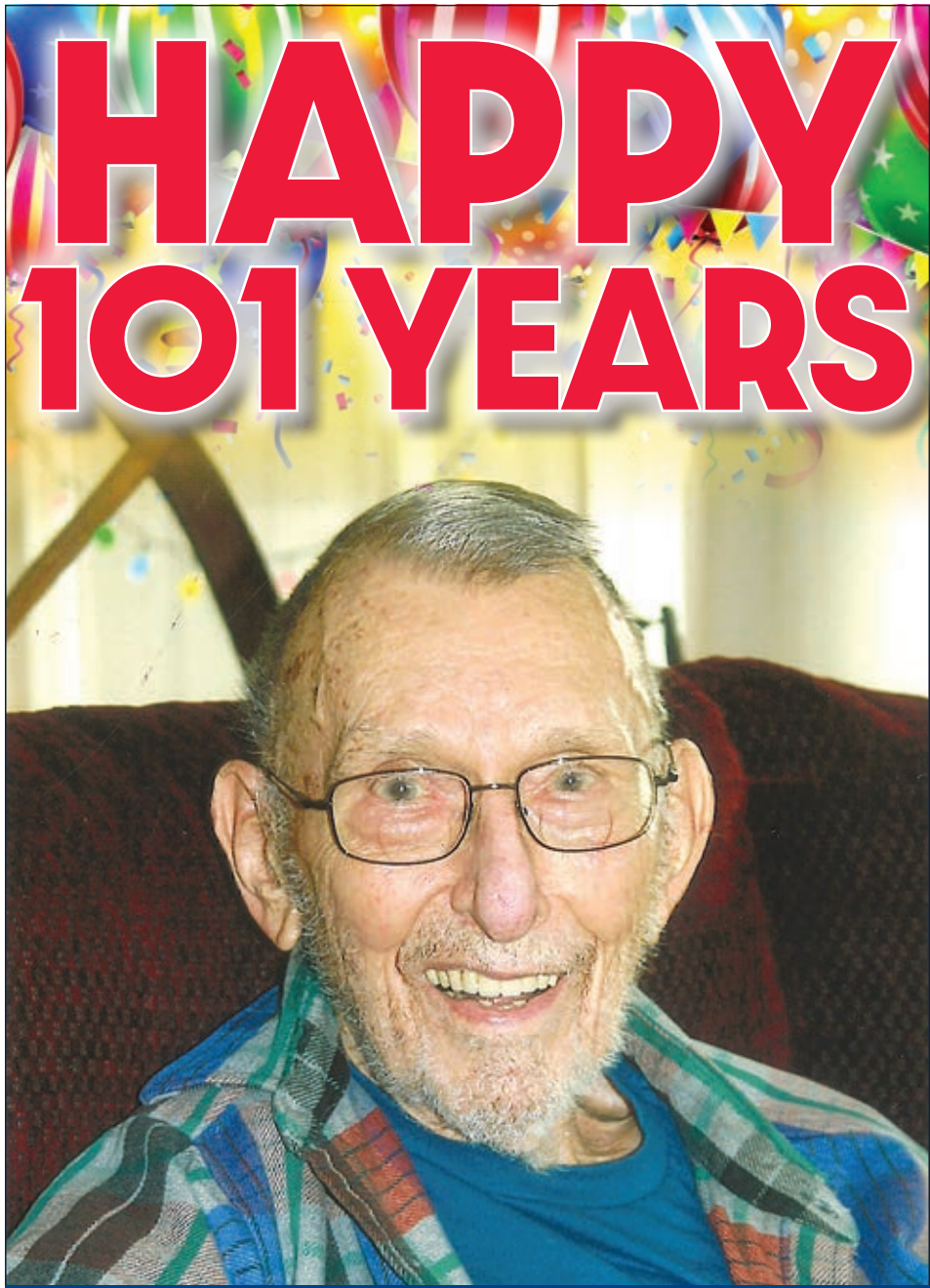
### REGIONAL MEETINGS

*Umpqua National Forest*  
6 p.m. Jan. 27  
*Roseburg Public Library*  
Ford Road  
1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.  
Roseburg  
*Siuslaw National Forest*  
5:30 p.m. Feb. 11  
*Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor's Office*  
320 SW Jefferson Way  
Corvallis, OR 97331  
*Willamette National Forest*  
5:30 p.m. Feb. 12  
*Willamette National Forest Supervisor's Office*  
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For more information, visit:

• *Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee:* <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r6/nwfpfac>  
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For more information about the USDA Forest Service, visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov>.

For additional news about National Forests in the Pacific Northwest, visit the agency's news page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/news/r6/news-events>.



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