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Providence Christian Academy embraces faith, family and a new chapter

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

After eight years in Creswell, a small Christian school has found a new home on Mosby Creek Road in Cottage Grove —and a new name.

Providence Christian Academy (PCA), formerly Creswell Christian Academy, is now welcoming students from age 3 through high school into a building that formerly housed South Lane Christian School, which closed in 2010.

Last year, school officials began searching for another location to serve the increasing enrollment. That search led them to the former Christian school building at 77820 Mosby Creek Road, which is now owned by now owned by Mickey Pattingale and Barb Benston. They use the former school’s gymnasium to support their business, Captain Hook Towing and Recovery, but the classrooms have been empty for 15 years. Principal Jordan Sanders said they are strong supporters of Christian education and offered them a very affordable lease and “we are utilizing every square inch of it.”

“This building was perfectly preserved to be our home in His time,” Sanders said. “God’s timing is always interesting. The Lord provided a building for us the very month we were supposed to register for the next school year.”

In 2017, the school opened at New Hope Baptist Church and began with a handful of teachers and a mission rooted in faith.

The original staff chose the ram as their logo, inspired by the biblical story of Abraham and God’s last-minute provision. That symbolism carries forward in the new name—Providence Christian Academy—chosen to reflect divine timing and purpose.

Today, the school has a staff of 12, supported by parent volunteers. All teachers have been with the school at least one year, and most have taught since its founding. The academy offers before and after-school daycare at competitive rates, and maintains a low student-to-teacher ratio, aiming for one teacher per 12 students.

“We serve kids from three years old through high school,” Sanders said. “We want to be a home for our community—a place where kids feel safe and loved, where they look forward to learning.”

PARENT PERSPECTIVE

For Heather Boyce and her 10-year-old daughter, Holland, the school has been a blessing. Holland, now a fifth grader, began attending in kindergarten after starting her education in Bohemia Elementary’s Preschool Promise program. When the COVID pandemic forced public schools into remote learning, Providence continued in-person instruction with social distancing, thanks to its privately funded model.

“When Bohemia had to close the school building we moved Holland to Creswell Christian School because students were still going to class,” Heather recalled. “With the chaos she had in her early years, the



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Students in Mrs. Leslie’s first grade class raise their hands to respond to the question, “Do you love school?” See more photos with this story at cgsentinel.com

school gave her a great foundation by surrounding her with loving, caring people she’s kinda grown up with now. It’s so satisfying to see how well Holland thrives in a school atmosphere that feels like a tight-knit, loving and supportive family.”

Enrollment is open for all grade levels. The school currently has about 70 students and can easily accommodate up to 12 more this year. Holland is in a blended class of fourth through sixth graders and has had the same teacher for two years.

“I love my teacher,” the fifth grader said. “Since first grade I’ve had two best friends, and we love

Pizza Tuesdays. I also love helping out with the daycare kids and doing crafts with them.”

NEW CURRICULUM

The school updated its curriculum this year to Abeka, a comprehensive Christian program developed by educators at Pensacola Christian College in 1972. It emphasizes academic rigor, biblical values and character development, and is widely used in private Christian schools and homeschooling environments.

Subjects include phonics, reading, penmanship, math, science, history, language arts and foreign languages, taught through structured, teacher-led lessons. Students use

print textbooks, workbooks, DVDs and online video courses, with scripture and moral lessons woven throughout.

“Our teachers and parents love it,” Sanders said. “It emphasizes discipline, memorization and mastery. The materials are easy for teachers to implement and for parents to support at home. We adopted Abeka because it reflects our commitment to faith-based academic excellence and our mission to raise self-thinkers who are confident, well-rounded and grounded in Christian values.”

Each week begins with a Monday morning all-school chapel featuring

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73 lbs. of meth seized in traffic stop near Cottage Grove

JEREMY C. RUARK
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Two Mexican nationals illegally in the United States have been charged with trafficking 72 pounds of methamphetamine, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney’s Office - District of Oregon.

Alejandra Diaz-Alcantar, 45, and Juan Alberto Alvarado-Gonzalez, 31, have been charged by criminal complaint with conspiracy to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute over 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

According to court documents, an Oregon State Police K9 trooper stopped the white Chevrolet pickup on Interstate 5 in Lane County as part of an ongoing investigation.

A search of the vehicle pursuant to a warrant revealed two duffel bags under the rear passenger seat. They contained 56 plastic bags and bindles of suspected methamphetamine, collectively weighing approximately 72 pounds.

CLOSER LOOK

The Eugene Police Department provided additional details in a Facebook post.

With help from Oregon State Police Drug Interdiction Team, Eugene Police Street Crimes Unit officer’s work has led to the arrest of two Eugene residents on drug charges and seizure of approximately 73 pounds of methamphetamine being moved up I-5.

The SCU officer was investigating two Eugene residents who were living in the 1400 block of Railroad Boulevard and were suspected of moving approximately 50 to 80 pounds of drugs from California to Eugene. The officer found they had left Oregon and travelled to California. Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department confirmed they were in California after a vehicle description was provided.

On November 11, 2025, SCU was assisted by EPD Investigations and the Oregon State Police Drug K9 Interdiction team with intercepting their vehicle on Interstate 5 near Cottage Grove as the two involved were returning from Los Angeles.

An SCU officer and OSP drug K9 trooper conducted an initial interview roadside, and OSP deployed a K9 drug detection unit, which alerted to drugs being present in the vehicle. SCU applied for a search warrant for

the vehicle, and it was granted by a judge.

A search of the vehicle yielded 73 pounds of methamphetamine, estimated to be worth approximately \$50,000 in wholesale value, and more than \$1,000 in cash in the vehicle. A subsequent search of three residences in the 1400 block of Railroad Boulevard associated with the investigation yielded additional evidence of drug manufacturing and sales, to include approximately \$2,400 in cash.

The two involved suspects, 45-year-old Alejandra Diaz-Alcantar and 41-year-old Juan Alberto Alvarado-Gonzalez, were lodged at the County Jail for the Unlawful Delivery of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine (substantial quantity). The driver was also cited for Driving While Suspended – Misdemeanor.

The Drug Enforcement Administration is investigating the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Huynh is prosecuting the case.

A criminal complaint is only an accusation of a crime, and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.



Alan Cohen / Oregon Capital Chronicle

The Oregon Department of Revenue building in Salem on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025. State economists said the national economy was previously losing speed, but has seen some reacceleration, indicating “economic resilience”

‘Found money,’ economic resilience dramatically shrink Oregon’s budget deficit

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Like putting on an old winter coat and pulling an unexpected \$20 bill from the pocket, or getting a birthday check that covers a surprise bill, the \$373 million budget deficit Oregon faced Nov. 18, is being shrunk, for now, by what state economists call “found money.”

State lawmakers will now be contending with a \$63 million budget deficit in the two-year budget cycle

that ends in June 2027, about 83% smaller than the reality they faced just days ago.

That’s in large part because the state in recent weeks received adjusted corporate income tax receipts from several large Oregon corporations, and a few other state revenue sources have seen modest improvements in recent months.

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Police, preschool kids share a moment

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Cottage Grove Police Department (CGPD) officers and K9 spend time with children and teachers at a local preschool this past week.

“We had a great time visiting a local preschool during their snack time (that was Sabrina’s favorite). We brought several department members in all various roles to chat with the class. When they were finished with snack, they loved on Sabrina and explored the police cars, before passing out stickers and bracelets,” the CGPD notes on its Facebook page weekly update.

In other details from the CGPD post:

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- Sergeant Branstetter and Officer Callahan, our fire-arms instructors, attended a training at the Portland Police Bureau on Friday. The training was instruction on transition to red dot site systems. Thank you for having us, Portland Police Bureau!

- Officers witnessed and responded to a head-on collision between a semi and a passenger van at Gateway and Row River Road. A window was forced open, and the children were extricated, all of whom were okay with minor to no injuries. South Lane Fire and Rescue responded and extricated the driver, and she was transported to Riverbend for treatment. Lane County Sheriff’s Office responded and assisted, as well as Oregon State Police (OSP). Thank you to nearby agencies for the assist. This case is still under investigation.
- Officers responded to the bicycle path associated with East Regional Park regarding a report of a gunshot wound. Officers on scene rendered aid to the victim via tourniquet to the individual’s arm. Due to the incident occurring in Lane County Sheriff’s jurisdiction, they took over upon notification.
- A routine traffic stop was performed due to expired registration and illegal



Courtesy from the CGPD

CGPD officers and K-9 pose with kids and staff from during a local preschool visit.

alteration of a license plate. The displaying registration tags listed October 2025; however, the DMV return came back that the vehicles registration actually expired in 2017. It was discovered during the stop that tags were counterfeit, photocopied.

The driver was issued a Uniform Traffic Citation and arrested for Forgery in the First Degree (ORS 165.013) and Possession of Forged Instrument in the First Degree (ORS 165.022).

- Dispatch received a call regarding a disorderly

subject. Once officers arrived and upon identifying the subject, dispatch determined that the subject had multiple active warrants issued by the Eugene Municipal Court as well as a parole violation on a previous burglary charge. The subject was transported

to the Lane County Jail to be booked on his five (5) warrants which consisted of Failure to Appear on previous Disorderly Conduct charge and Criminal Trespass in the Second-Degree charges.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

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

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

Cottage Grove Police

Monday, Nov. 10

01:26: Suspicious condition, 1100 block S. 2nd. St.

04:10: Disturbance, 100 block North I St.

05:14: Suicidal subject, 100 block North I St.

05:48: Disturbance, 900 block S. 6th St.

07:40: Theft, 500 block Gateway Blvd.

10:36: Harassment, 1600 block E. Madison Ave.

11:59: Animal info, Lincoln/S. 11th

12:37: Assault, Elm/M St.

12:45: Welfare check, 1000 block E. Washington Ave.

13:36: Abandoned vehicle, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.

15:06: Dog at large, 900 block Lincoln Ave.

15:56: Dog at large, 200 block 14th St.

17:04: Agency assist, 1200 block N. Douglas St.

18:46: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.

21:40: Disturbance, 200 block S. River Rd.

22:22: Disturbance, 1700 block Bryant Ave.

22:48: Agency assist, 1300 block Ash Ave.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

02:20: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

08:50: Illegal parking, 10th/Harrison

08:59: Agency assist, 32000 block Sherri Ct.

09:44: Motor vehicle crash, 76000 block Martin Creek Rd.

10:33: Found property, 700 block E. Whiteaker Ave.

15:00: Dog at large, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.

15:19: Abandoned vehicle, Main/15th

16:49: Agency assist, MP 169 SB 15



20:58: Found property, 400 block E. Main St.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

02:38: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.

06:41: Disturbance, 900 block S. 6th St.

09:21: Criminal mischief, 500 block E. Madison Ave.

09:30: Assault, Adams/13th

09:44: Welfare check, 1000 block W. Main St.

12:02: Dog at large, Jackson/10th

13:26: Agency assist, 100 block Madison Ave.

15:12: Abandoned vehicle, Jefferson/13th

15:12: Illegal parking, Buttercup/Bluebird

15:48: Criminal mischief, 10th/Washington

18:12: Welfare check, 200 block S. 6th St.

19:03: Agency assist, 500 block Gateway Blvd.

19:22: Fire, 15NB MP 162

23:17: Business check, 100 block N. 9th St.

Thursday, Nov. 13

00:10: Citizen assist, 100 block N. 9th St.

00:33: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.

02:06: Alarm, 1600 block Gateway Blvd.

02:55: Barking dog, 1200 block S. 13th St.

04:44: Theft, 500 block Grant Ave.

06:59: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.

07:28: Illegal camping, 300 block Gateway Blvd.

08:06: Dog at large, R/ Jason Lee Ave.

08:38: Disorderly subject, 700 block South R St.

09:09: Warrant service, 100 block W. 5th St.

12:32: Suspicious condition, 1900 block S. 4th St.

13:07: Disturbance, 1600 block Curry Ave.

13:25: Found property, Main/16th

14:55: Welfare check, Row River Rd/Jim Wright Way

15:59: Harassment, 400 block North J St.

16:58: Disturbance, 1700 block Hwy 99

18:31: Reckless driving, 900 block Row River Rd.

19:52: Motor vehicle crash, Gateway/Row River Rd.

21:55: Theft, 90 block Row River Rd.

22:54: Disturbance, 78000 block Cedar Park Rd.

23:37: Menacing, 1200 block S. 4th St.

Friday, Nov. 14

04:29: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

07:31: Theft, 1000 block N. 11th St.

07:39: Abandoned vehicle, R/Main

08:38: Agency assist, 1100 block S. 2nd St.

08:43: Illegal camping, 100 block N. 6th St.

09:01: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.

09:45: Business check, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

10:23: Agency assist, 400 block E. Main St.

11:05: Abandoned vehicle, 10th/Harrison

11:58: Disturbance, 6th/ Goddard

14:29: Abandoned vehicle, 900 block S. 6th St.

15:35: Trespass, 200 block Gateway Blvd.

15:50: Agency assist, 100 block S. 10th St.

16:01: Alarm, 200 block Columbia Ct.

17:53: Death investigation, 600 block Lincoln Ave.

18:48: Harassment, 160 block Pritchett Pl.

21:35: Suspicious subject, 2200 block S. 8th St.

21:46: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.

Saturday, Nov. 15

00:26: Barking dog, 1200 block E. Harrison Ave.

01:41: Suspicious condition, 1000 block S. 10th St.

08:36: Found dog, 1000 block Ash Ave.

09:28: Motor vehicle crash, Shoreview/Garoutte

10:17: Abandoned vehicle, 900 block N. 19th St.

11:46: Welfare check, 100 block N. 7th St.

12:13: Hit and run, 1600 block E. Main St.

15:18: Juvenile problem, 600 block N. 10th St.

12:29: Juvenile problem, Hillside/Taylor

12:51: Order violation, 400 block South 1st St.

12:53: Theft, 80000 block Delight Valley School Rd.

13:32: Barking dog, 700 block S. 2nd St.

14:53: Abandoned vehicle, 15th/Main

15:18: Juvenile problem, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

16:11: Juvenile problem, 10th/Adams

16:15: Juvenile problem, 1400 block E. Madison Ave.

17:10: Fire, 900 block W. Main St.

17:30: Suicidal subject, 900 block S. 6th St.

18:17: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.

18:38: Fire, 33000 block Meyer Rd.

22:15: Assault, 1000 block Chestnut Ave.

Sunday, Nov. 16

02:51: Motor vehicle crash, 31000 block Gowdyville Rd.

03:33: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

04:18: Reckless driving, M/Dogwood

04:53: Suspicious subject, 900 block Hwy 99

08:51: Gunshot wound, 3200 block Row River Rd.

12:26: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.

17:05: Disorderly subject, 500 block Grant Ave.

17:49: Criminal mischief, 100 block Gateway Blvd.

17:59: Suicidal subject, 1300 block E. Monroe Ave.

18:37: Intoxicated subject, 200 block N. 14th St.

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Main Street project update

STAFF REPORT

Cottage Grove Sentinel

In February of this year the City of Cottage Grove and its contractor Wildish began a multi-million-dollar revitalization project for Main Street in the city’s Historic District.

The Sentinel has provided frequent updates as the project progressed. See that coverage online at cgsentinel.com and view the latest work from the city’s live cameras at Access to the live camera is available on the City of Cottage Grove’s website.

• (https://www.cottagegroveor.gov/) Click on the Main Street live button for access to the YouTube live footage.

Direct access:

• Main Street East: https://youtu.be/MjJOcjyeOBc

• Main Street West: https://youtu.be/6q-6qUTSAfU

The city of Cottage Grove’s Nov. 3 update listed the following details:

The 6th Street intersection is the first concrete complete intersection to open. Street signs and beatification will be coming soon. Traffic will remain on the south side of Main Street for the entire project length, from Highway 99 to the Main Street Bridge. The 5th and 7th Street intersections are open for crossing and are operating as four-way stops.

Plans could be altered due to weather or concrete trucks being pulled for other jobs, but the project remains ahead of schedule, the city states in its update.

NORTH SIDE PROGRESS:

• Sidewalks have been poured from 8th Street to the end of the project.

• The concrete work has started on the 8th Street bulb-outs and was to be complete by Nov. 5

• The first pour of the 8th Street intersection was scheduled for Nov. 7.

• The excavation on the north side of 5th Street has started.

• Lanz Electric will attach the electricity and work on installing the Acorn Bulbs to the street poles.

• Anderson Landscape will be working on the irrigation and plantings.

• Benches, trash cans, and landscape pots have arrived at the city shop.

BACKGROUND

The Main Street Revitalization Project includes street repaving, frontage improvements, and new water and storm sewer utilities. These improvements include new sidewalk; new



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

Wildish crews working at 7th and Main Street.

curb/gutter, pervious pavers in revised parking areas; water main; water services; storm sewer; storm sewer

manholes; double lamp poles; vehicular poles with signals; pedestrian poles at crosswalks; street trees; water

fountains; new pavement striping, and other improvements such as fiber network cable.

Oregon graduation rates reach record high, but poor attendance persists

ALEX BAUMHARDT

Oregon Capital Chronicle

The rate of Oregon ninth graders on track to graduate in four years hit record highs during the 2024-25 school year, according to new data from the Oregon Department of Education.

But nearly 35% of those students were chronically absent, generally meaning they missed at least three weeks of classes during the 160-day school year. Oregon’s school year is already among the shortest in the country.

Roughly 40% of Oregon high school sophomores and juniors and more than half of all high school seniors were chronically absent, according to the data. That problem has persisted for high schoolers throughout the state since students returned from school following the COVID pandemic.

The data is part of the state’s At-A-Glance report cards for each district and build on state assessment data reported in October showing Oregon students have made small gains in key subjects over the last year but are still lagging behind the proficiency levels of their peers before the pandemic.

“Ultimately, this data is not just something to report

— it’s an opportunity to respond. It’s a chance to continue implementing the strategies we know are effective and to adjust where needed, so every Oregon student can thrive,” Oregon Education Director Charlene Williams said in a statement.

Gov. Tina Kotek described attendance rates in Oregon schools as “unacceptable” in a statement, and said that the state has not rebounded from the pandemic quickly enough.

She pointed to initiatives at the Oregon Department of Education meant to encourage parents to send their kids to school and for schools to collect better data as moving the needle but offered little else for concrete solutions to Oregon’s persistently low school attendance.

Her housing security policies and statewide cell phone ban should help, she said, but she also cautioned next year could reveal more tenuous data because of President Donald Trump’s immigration policies and the fear they’ve sown among students and families.

“We can also not underestimate the fear that Black and brown families are feeling right now, regardless of their immigration status, which is resulting in children not coming to school,” Kotek said.

Marginal gains

Regular attendance in Oregon schools since the 2021-22 school year inched up roughly 2.5 percentage points, and less than 1 percentage point since the 2023-24 school year.

That means about 3,100 more Oregon students regularly attended school in 2024-25 than in the previous school year, said Dan Farley, assistant superintendent of research, assessment, data, accountability and reporting at the Oregon Department of Education, at a Tuesday news conference.

But it still puts Oregon among the bottom of state’s rebounding from Covid absenteeism among 27 states that have reported data from the last year, according to analysis by the FutureEd think tank at Georgetown University.

The 66.5% of Oregon students considered regular attenders, who are in class 90% of school days, was roughly 15 percentage points lower during the 2024-25 school year than it was a decade ago when more than 81% of students regularly attended school.

Nationwide, the absenteeism rate is about 21%. Before the pandemic, it was about 15%.

The relatively small Port Orford-Langlois, Riddle, Crow-Applegate-Lorane, Annex and Vale school districts all had double-digit increases in regular attendance last year from the year before.

Kindergarten regular attendance increased by 2.5 percentage points.

“Kindergarten attendance is one of our areas of systemic concern, so that is good news,” Farley said. “We also saw increases in regular attendance rates for some of our students who historically have felt least welcome in our schools including the American Indian Alaska Native and black African American students.”

Those particular student groups had the greatest increase in terms of racial and ethnic student groups with 1.3 and 2.6 percentage point gains, respectively.

On track to graduate

Nearly 87% of Oregon ninth graders are on track to graduate, meaning they’ve earned at least one-quarter of their required credits for graduation in their first year of high school.

It’s been a significant improvement — about 13 points — since students returned to school following the pandemic.

The Myrtle Point, South Wasco County, Riddle, Rainier, Glendale and Woodburn school districts have seen double-digit improvements since the previous school year.

Enrollment

Data includes students enrolled in a school district on the first day in May, who have been enrolled in that district for at least 75 days.

Enrollment is down roughly half a percentage point statewide. This is driven primarily by declining birthrates, Farley said.

Enrollment declines were sharpest in small, rural schools throughout the state, but large districts such as Portland, Salem-Keizer, Corvallis, Eugene and Bend-La Pine, West Linn-Wilsonville all experienced enrollment drops of nearly 2% to 2.5%, equating to roughly 3,300 fewer students across those districts from the previous school year.

Teacher experience

Oregon teachers are on the whole highly credentialed and most are licensed, but data show the state’s high poverty schools get the least experienced teachers.

The state’s 317 high poverty schools had twice as many inexperienced teachers as the 316 low poverty schools. Inexperienced

teachers are those with three years or less teaching under their belt.

Research from economists at Stanford University and Columbia University suggests that a teacher’s experience is more important than credentials. But qualified teachers tend to stay longer. Nationwide, teachers with the least pre-service preparation quit up to three times more than teachers with the most comprehensive preparation, according to research from the Learning Policy Institute, a nonprofit think tank in Palo Alto, California.

And low-income students, students with disabilities and students learning English as their second language are the most likely to be taught by underqualified teachers, according to the institute.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOV. 26

Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Coast Fork Kiwanis Club. Noon. Sol Azteca Mexican Restaurant. 3015 Row River Rd.

Senior Center Pinochle Games. 1 p.m. Senior Center. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6-7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner. 6 p.m. Calvary Chapel. Village Shopping Center. 1447 Hwy. 99

Members of Calvary Chapel and Celebrate Recovery host this free traditional holiday meal.

Axe and Fiddle Board Game Night. 6:30-10 p.m. 657 E. Main St. Hosted by Ayla. Offers a wide variety of games for all skill levels. Unplug and unwind with Board Game Night hosted by Ayla!

NOV. 27

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland Opens. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

NOV. 28

Oregon Aviation Museum. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Cottage Grove Public Library Storytime. 11:30 a.m. 700 E. Gibbs Ave. All ages welcome.

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.

American Legion Post 32 Bingo. 5-7 p.m. 826 W. Main St.

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

Art Walk. 6-8 p.m. Downtown Cottage Grove comes alive on the last Friday of each month with this free community event showcasing local artists, live music, and extended hours at participating businesses. Visitors can meet creators and enjoy a festive atmosphere that celebrates the city’s creative spirit.

The Huckleberrys (Americana). 6-8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St. Friday Night Live. 6-9 p.m. Saginaw Vineyard. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd. 541.942.1364. Featured performer: The Hipbillys (Americana).

Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m. Bohemian Tavern. 48 N. 9th St. Entry Fee: \$5 and BCA rules.

NOV. 29

Share Fair USA 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St. (Covered parking area next to Urban Kitchen). Reserve a space and share from your abundance with neighbors who are in need. Load up your

unwanted items to give away for free. No bartering. Details about the weekly event is on Share Fair USA Facebook page or send email to events-byananda@gmail.com

12th Annual Christmas Gift Boutique. 10 a.m. - 4

p.m. Shady Oaks Plants and Produce. 77380 Hwy 99S.

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OBITUARIES & NEWS

John Thomas Farkas

March 14, 1934 - October 25, 2025

John Thomas Farkas, born on March 14, 1934, in Elk Ridge, West Virginia, passed away on October 25, 2025, in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Born to Edward and Charlotte (Lomax) Farkas, John was a man whose life was defined by his unwavering faith and love for his family.

John's journey through life was shared for 71 wonderful years with his beloved wife, Pribble Lounetta Farkas, whom he married on May 15, 1954. Their enduring love was a source of strength and inspiration to all who knew them. Together, they raised their daughter, Denise Renee Farkas, in the Bay Area of California, where John was not only a wonderful father but also a guiding light and mentor. He is survived by Pribble and Denise, as well as his brother, Edward Farkas of San Antonio, Florida. John was preceded in death by his cherished sister, Violet (Tootsie) Taylor.

After graduating from high school, John dedicated 35 years of service as a supervisor at Owen's Illinois Glass Company, where his leadership and work ethic left a lasting impact. Outside of work, John was actively involved in his Christian faith, maintaining



a close relationship with Jesus and embodying the love of the Lord in his daily life. His faith-filled nature was evident to all who knew him.

John's interests were as varied as they were passionate. He was an avid sports enthusiast, enjoying basketball, golf, and bowling. His love for the great outdoors was expressed through his younger years spent snow skiing, camping, and embarking on memorable road trips to West Virginia, Ohio, and Florida. In his later years, John especially loved taking his daily two-mile walks along Cottage Grove Reservoir Road, finding peace and joy in the beauty that surrounded him. At home, he could often be found watching westerns, immersing himself in the tales of heroes and outlaws.

No service is planned, as his life will be celebrated privately by his family, who will continue to honor his memory by living out the values he embodied. John Thomas Farkas will be deeply missed, but his spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those he touched. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

Howard Paul Krutzler

February 17, 1952- November 14, 2025

Howard Paul Krutzler, "Mr. K's Lock & Key" 73 of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away November 14, 2025, of pancreatic Cancer. He was born on February 17, 1952, in Eugene, Oregon to parents Gerald and Betty (Parker) Krutzler.

After completing high school, Howard joined the United States Marines in 1969. He served during Vietnam as a Corporal and received the National Defense Service Metal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He married Julia Deeb on April 18, 1987. They celebrated 38 years of marriage.

Howard worked for Mr. K's Lock & Key as a locksmith in security for many years. He will be remembered around town in his red work truck. He also was a knife sharpener and handyman. Most of all he was a husband



and father.

His biggest joy was spending the day on the river fly fishing.

Howard is survived by his wife Julia, son Spencer Krutzler and brothers John and Terry Krutzler.

There will be no services at this time. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Death Notice

Richard Edward Stetson, 67, of Eugene, Oregon, passed away on November 7th, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Sunset Hills Funeral Home, Crematorium & Cemetery.

Obituaries online at:
www.cgsentinel.com

CALENDAR
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fire, with special guests Santa and The Grinch. Saturday only complimentary soup is served at 3 p.m., and from 3:30-5 p.m. enjoy a Live Nativity in the barn. Event also includes a Christmas tree giveaway.

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.

Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H Street

Axe & Fiddle Public House 19th Anniversary Celebration. 7:30-10 p.m. 657 E. Main St. A celebratory night of rock and roots, with two powerhouse bands on stage: The Winks (pop punk, power pop and classic rock and roll) Bake Club (string band). Cover Charge: \$5/person LB and Friends (rock, blues, country). 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

NOV. 30
WOEville Christmas Fair. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. W.O.E. Fairgrounds. 1000 N. Douglas St. Second day of holiday fun for the whole family! Feature local vendors with unique holiday gift, hot cocoa and apple cider, roast marshmallows by the fire, with special guest Santa and a Christmas tree giveaway.

Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H Street

Skip Jones (boogie wogie). 1-3 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H St.

VFW Post 3473 Bingo. 2-4 p.m. 3160 Hillside Dr.

South Valley Athletics Bingo Fundraiser. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St. Cards \$1/ea. 10 rounds.

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

Axe and Fiddle Solo Sunday Series with Ashtree (multi-genre singer-song-writer) 6-8 p.m. 657 E. Main St.

DEC 1
CG Senior Center Bingo. 12:30 p.m. Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Senior center members only. South Lane School Board Meeting. 5:30 p.m. District Service Center. 455 E. Adams Ave.

Coast Fork Brewing Garden Club. 5:30-7 p.m. 106 S.

6th St. Discover the joy of gardening with a passionate community of gardeners interested in cultivating vegetables, fruits, or flowers. Great place to learn and grow together through engaging discussions and expert advice. All gardeners are welcome. "Gem Tones" Community Choir practice. 6-8 p.m. Opal Center. 513 E. Main St.

DEC. 2
Ukulele Club 9 a.m.

Cottage Grove Public Library 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Free for adults of all skill levels.

Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Trinity Lutheran Church Free Community Dinner. 5:15-6:15 p.m. Seventh and Quincy Avenue. Take-Out Only.

Trivia Night. 6-8 p.m. 106 S. 6th St. Up to 7 players on a team. Trivia, Chess and Games with Gerald. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

Royal Rangers. 6:30-8 p.m. Living Faith Assembly. 467 S. 10th Ave. A Bible-based scouting-style youth program for K-12 students. Meets weekly during the school year and offers summer camps. For more information call Pastor Alex at 541-942-2612.

Dementia Support Group. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Magnolia Gardens Senior Living. 1425 Daugherty Ave. Provides assistance to navigate through the dementia process with your loved one and connect you with other caregivers and spouses supporting their loved ones.

DEC. 3
Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Coast Fork Kiwanis Club. Noon. My Boys Pizza. 96 N. Mill St. Creswell.

Senior Center Pinochle Games. 1 p.m. Senior Center. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

Legos for Kids. 2:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

The Rotary Club of Cottage Grove. Networking time 5 p.m. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. El Tapatio Restaurant Banquet Room, 725 E. Gibbs Ave.

Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6-7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

DEC. 4
T.O.P.S. Club. 9:30-11 a.m. Delight Valley Church of Christ, 33087 E Saginaw Rd. Weight loss support group.

Baby Lap Time. 11:30 a.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, Great socializing opportunity

for parents and babies birth to 2 yrs.

Oregon Aviation Museum Open. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2475 Jim Wright Way.

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.

Teen Gaming Thursday, 4 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Youth 11-18 are welcome to socialize and play games.

Table Tennis, 4-6 p.m. Community Center Reception Hall. 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Tables, paddles, and balls provided.

Bohemian Tavern. Football & Karaoke. Kickoff at 4:15 p.m. and Karaoke at 9 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery. 5:15 p.m. Calvary Chapel. 1447 Hwy 99N. CR is a Christian-based recovery program for any hurt, habit, or hang up that is based on 8 Principles and 12 Steps. A soup dinner is served at 5:15 p.m. and the large group begins at 6 p.m. For more details, call 541-554-8135.

AWANA. 6:30-8 p.m. Cottage Grove Bible Church. 1200 E. Quincy Ave. A mid-week discipleship ministry for youth from Age 3 thru 8th grade. Features Bible memorization and fun, structured activities. Info: 541-942-4771.

DEC. 5
Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Annual Winter Soiree. 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. Sixth St. Features Hawaiian-inspired menu and live music.

Friday Night Live. 6-9 p.m. Saginaw Vineyard. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd. 541.942.1364 Call for performer info.

Cottage Theatre Play: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Curtain Times:

Fri-Sat 7:30 p.m. and Sun 2:30 p.m. 700 Village Dr. Tickets: Adults, \$29 & Youth (18 & younger), \$15. Info: Visit www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541-942-8001.

DEC. 6
Share Fair USA 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St. (Covered parking area next to Urban Kitchen). Reserve a space and share from your abundance with neighbors who are in need. Load up your unwanted items to give away for free (no bartering). Details about the weekly event is on Share Fair USA Facebook page or send email to eventsby-ananda@gmail.com

Christmas in Cottage Grove Kick-off Celebration. All Day. Multiple Locations. Begins with Breakfast with Santa at the Firehouse and continues with Santa Claus lighting the community tree and lots of family-friendly activities in the Historic Downtown District and concluding at the WOE Fairgrounds and Cottage Grove Speedway's Winter Wonderland. The Chamber of Commerce hosts the tree lighting ceremony around 5:45 PM at All America Square. Soup, rolls, and cocoa served by local churches, Santa's Workshop set up inside the Armory.

Jingle Rush 5K Run/Walk. 9-10 a.m. CG High School Track. 1275 S. River Rd. Free Kids Events at 8:30 a.m.

Register at South Valley Athletic Office at Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. or online at www.runCGrun.com

Olaf and The Grinch. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cascade Home Center. 40 S. 5th St. Features free hot chocolate, coffee and cookies, Letters to Santa & Coloring Contest. Raffle for two Grinch-themed gift packages.

Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H St.

Holiday Wreath Making Workshop. 4 p.m. Seeds and Flint Warehouse. 8th Street and Whiteaker Ave. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$45/person. Includes all supplies and instructions needed to create your own custom winter wreath. Light snacks and drinks available. For more details, call 541-510-6063.

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

Stained Glass and Candlelight. 5:30-7 p.m. Cottage Grove Museum.

Corner of Birch Avenue and H Street Step back in time and explore local history in this unique octagonal building that was the original 19th century Catholic Church. Buildings open at 5:30 p.m. At 6:15 p.m. museum lights dim and the beautiful stained-glass windows are lit from the outside, with the tour guide offering a window by window presentation focusing on the beauty and symbolism of each one.

Triple Take Trio (Jazz, R&B, Pop). 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing. 106 S. 6th St.

Cottage Theatre Play: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. 7:30 p.m. 700 Village Dr. Info: www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541-942-8001

DEC. 7
Cottage Grove Museum Open. 1-4 p.m. Corner Birch Avenue and H St.

Cottage Theatre Play: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. 2:30 p.m. 700 Village Dr. Info: www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541-942-8001.

Cottage Grove Speedway Walking in a Winter Wonderland. 5-9 p.m. 2150 N. Douglas St.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Scholarship Opportunities

I am sharing some scholarship opportunities available through Lane Electric Cooperative.

Scholarships are available for high school students applying to Lane Community College or other accredited two- to four-year schools, and for those interested in becoming a line worker by attending the Vocational Outside Line Training Academy.

There is also a unique opportunity for high school juniors to attend the National Rural Electric Cooperative (NRECA) Youth Tour in

Washington, D.C. This student will join roughly 2,000 delegates and staff from electric cooperatives around the country and will meet their elected officials, tour Capitol Hill, visit America’s historic monuments and museums, and hear featured speakers discuss the important roles electric cooperatives play in our communities.

Anyone served by the cooperative is eligible to apply. Details are available on the website - laneelectric.com

*April Matson
Public Relations and
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Lane Electric Cooperative*

Missing mushroom picker found deceased

STAFF REPORT
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) Search & Rescue (SAR) located the body of 76-year-old Jean Fritz Pierre Louis, of Oakridge, at approximately 2 p.m. Nov. 19.

He had been reported missing in mid-October in the Salmon Creek area east of Oakridge.

“Volunteers and deputies devoted over 1,000 hours to the search for Louis, which began with an intensive search on Oct. 16 after he was reported missing. His vehicle was quickly located in the area,” LCSO Sgt. Tim Wallace said. “Searchers began tackling the incredibly

rugged terrain on foot and horseback and using drones, K9s, and high-angle rope teams to access difficult areas. Searchers rappelled into multiple areas to search.”

Louis was located deceased in the bottom of a steep drainage, which required rope teams to access and recover him.

Linn County SAR assisted with the search and recovery, as well as Eugene Mountain Rescue, which operates under Lane County Sheriff’s SAR.

“While not the outcome hoped for, we are thankful to our many dedicated volunteers and agency partners who continue to search for those missing in our county,” Wallace said.



Courtesy from LCDSO

76-year-old Jean Fritz Pierre Louis, of Oakridge, was located deceased in the bottom of a steep drainage, which required rope teams to access and recover him.

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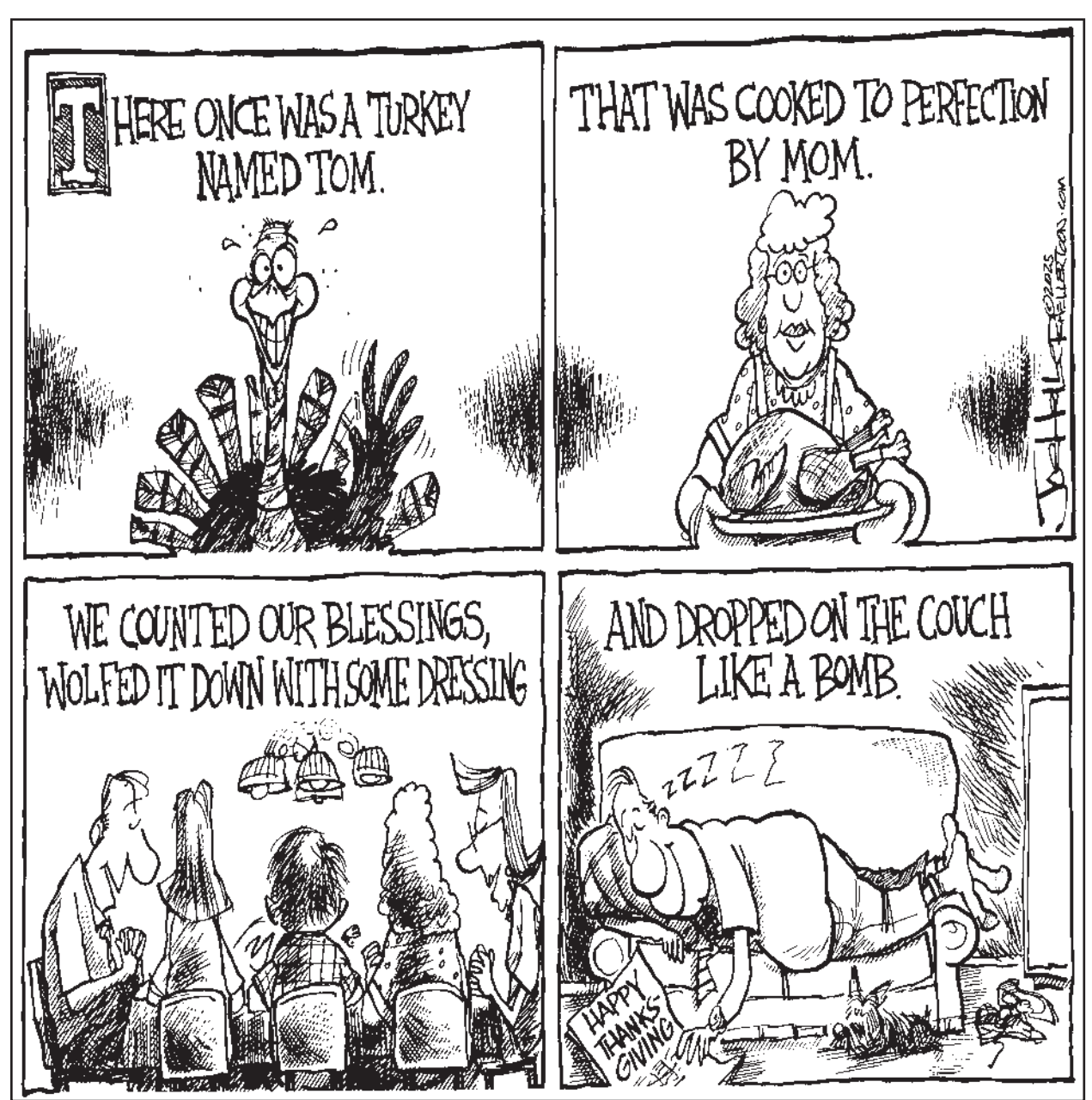


“You cannot correct an old person every time they say something offensive. You would never make it through Thanksgiving dinner.”

— Stephen Colbert

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

5 Tips for strengthening social bonds during holidays

DR. KRISTINA PETSAS
Sentinel Guest Column

For many, the holiday season provides a unique opportunity to pause from daily responsibilities and focus on the people who matter most.

While gift-giving and festivities are often the center of celebrations across Oregon, the true value of the season lies in nurturing meaningful connections with friends, family, and community. Research shows that strong social ties are associated with improved mental and physical health, making connection powerful and lasting gifts we can share in Oregon and beyond.

Additionally, UnitedHealthcare’s recent College Student and Graduate Behavioral Health Report found that 60% of college students reported that they or a peer encountered a behavioral health concern over the past year, far more than most parents believe. This gap underscores why intentional connection may matter now more than ever.

Here are a few ways to help foster connection during the holidays:

Engage in Intentional Conversations: High-quality conversations, actively



listening, asking open-ended questions, and validating feelings, may reduce stress and build resilience. Research finds that strong communication supports both emotional well-being and strengthens relationship quality. For young adults especially, data highlights that those who talk more frequently with their parents about mental well-being report feeling more supported, understood, and connected. Taking time to ask thoughtful questions and truly listen may make a lasting difference this season.

Revisit or Create Traditions: Shared rituals and traditions, whether large or small, may help promote belonging and strengthening of family bonds as routines and traditions may provide structure, enhance resilience, and support children’s mental health. Therefore, consider reviving old traditions or

creating new ones in Oregon, such as cooking together, storytelling or neighborhood walks.

Reach Out to Those Who May Feel Lonely: Loneliness and isolation are linked to increased risk of depression and anxiety. The holidays can be particularly difficult for those living alone or far from friends or family. A phone call, card or small gesture of inclusion may help someone feel remembered and cared for.

Move Together: Physical activity supports both body and mind, and it’s even more powerful with friends. Research shows that exercise in general reduces stress, boosts mood, and strengthens focus, while group activities, such as walking with others, may also sharpen memory and thinking skills. Whether it’s a walk, run, or casual game, shared movement creates space for conversation, laughter, and healthy connection during the holiday season.

Utilize Support Resources: If you or a loved one finds the holiday season overwhelming, remember that help is available. Talking with a primary care provider or a mental health professional can be an important first step in addressing stress, loneliness, or other concerns. For everyday support in Oregon, digital tools and virtual resources through your health plan may also provide convenient ways to help boost well-being. For example, some insurers such as UnitedHealthcare offer Calm Health, virtual behavioral coaching, and 24/7 in the moment support lines. Checking in with these resources can help you or your family members feel more supported and connected throughout the season.

The holidays are about more than gifts or busy schedules. They are a reminder of the power of human connection. Whether through meaningful conversations, family traditions or leaning on available resources, even small acts of connection can leave a lasting impact in Oregon and help make this season brighter for ourselves and those around us.

For more health and wellness information, visit UHC.com

Dr. Kristina Petsas is chief medical officer of UnitedHealthcare of Oregon.

Weekly Online Poll

Will you be shopping local this holiday season?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Previous Poll Results

What will be the main course for your Thanksgiving dinner?

☐ Turkey 60%

☐ Ham 20%

☐ Fish 20%

☐ Vegetables 0%

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Collectively, these streams have brought in an additional \$309.5 million since the state’s last revenue forecast in August, when a \$472 million budget surplus turned into a \$373 million deficit following the passage of the federal GOP tax and spending megabill during the summer.

Oregon’s chief economist, Carl Riccadonna, and senior economist, Michael Kennedy, presented the news and the state’s latest quarterly economic forecast Wednesday, Nov. 19, to House and Senate revenue committees and previewed some of their findings on a call with reporters Tuesday evening.

“Just think how often you hear a company is restating earnings, right?” Riccadonna said, explaining the volatility and unpredictability of corporate income taxes. “The auditors find something. The accountants find something. They restate earnings. So, then you go back and refile your tax returns. And all these corporations have different fiscal years as well.”

Kennedy made clear that getting more money than expected from adjusted corporate income taxes — taxes collected in previous

years — says nothing about the health of the economy or its relationship to corporate profits, describing it as “a separate part of the ledger.”

The state’s budget outlook will change over the course of six more revenue forecasts between now and the next two-year budget cycle, which begins in July 2027, but Riccadonna said he expects a moderate pickup in the economy in 2026 due to the Federal Reserve likely continuing to lower interest rates.

“While this forecast reflects the resilience of Oregon’s overall economy, my focus remains on the people who are struggling right now,” Gov. Tina Kotek said in a statement. “We must hold the line against President Trump’s attacks on working families through cuts to food assistance and health care. We must continue to lean in on what’s working to address the cost of living across the state. And Oregon’s long-term prosperity won’t happen by luck, so we must come together intentionally to ensure we create jobs and chart a path for a stronger economy.”

Republican leaders in the state House and Senate said the report signals that the Legislature should not pass new taxes.

“Despite the improvement in Oregon’s financial

standing, a deficit of any size is a problem, and Oregonians are feeling the pinch,” said Rep. Lucetta Elmer, of McMinnville, leader of the House Republicans, in a statement. “Oregon’s rising unemployment numbers and high taxes are harming families and forcing businesses to leave our state. If we want to see our budget grow, we must cut taxes and create an economic climate where businesses can thrive and grow — not fear loss and decline.”

Flying blind

State and federal economists have said the latest economic outlook should be viewed with caution — it’s complicated by a significant lack of employment data from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics since the record 43-day government shutdown began Oct. 1. The agency will put out its September jobs data on Thursday, and jobs data for October and November should be available by early or mid-December.

“They’re called vital economic statistics for a reason. They are vital to the forecasting process,” Riccadonna said.

Jobs reports and reports on private sector business growth going into September indicated sluggish job growth and persistent tariff-induced inflation.

While state economists believe Oregon has lost about 18,000 jobs since the same quarter last year — less grim than the 25,000 job losses between June, July and August of 2024 and the same period in 2025 — “we are flying blind to a degree,” Riccadonna said. Though hiring has slowed in certain sectors, many people are earning higher wages, he added.

Other indicators the state uses in the absence of federal data, such as looking at monthly personal income tax collections, show economic stress that’s related to slow, not stalled, jobs growth, he explained.

“This month’s federal government shutdown impacted our state in many ways: missed benefits, furloughed workers, closed national parks, canceled flights, and more. But it also delayed vital statistics that we depend on for revenue forecasts. We should take this forecast with a grain of salt,” House Majority leader Rep. Ben Bowman, D-Tigard, in a statement.

K-shaped economy

The economy, previously seen to be losing speed, has seen some reacceleration, Riccadonna said, indicating “economic resilience” to tariff-induced inflation. Wages on average have risen slightly, in some cases

due to inflation, and the stock market hit several records this year on the back of a handful of technology companies, though the stock market and the economy should not be conflated, Kennedy has warned.

At the end of 2024, the national economy was growing at about 2.5%. It has since slowed to about 1.6% — slightly above the 1% speed that signals a recession. Forecasters project that growth will reach about 1.9% next year.

Both state economists and the Federal Reserve say that growth makes a recession less likely, but risks are still higher than in a typical year.

Riccadonna acknowledged that Oregonians are experiencing the current economy differently based on their income bracket, creating a K-shaped economy where upper income-earners see their money grow while low-income households see theirs fall. This is in stark contrast to the post-pandemic economy that appeared to be lifting all boats, Riccadonna said.

“There is very much a two-track economy at the moment,” he said.

Tariffs wildcard

The Supreme Court’s impending decision on the legality of President Donald Trump’s tariff policy could “with the stroke of a pen”

completely change the U.S. and Oregon’s economic horizon in the first quarter of 2026, Riccadonna said. Because a tariff is a tax, and the average effective tariff rate under Trump’s policy is about 18%, if tariffs were dropped it would in essence be a big tax cut to currently tariffed goods.

While that’s good for consumers, without that tariff money, Congressional Republicans cannot pay for the billions of dollars of spending and tax cuts passed in their megabill this summer. The U.S. Treasury would need to borrow more money, causing ripple effects into global financial markets.

About 80% of those cuts were supposed to be paid for with tariff money.

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ACADEMY
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guest speakers from the community. Students study the Bible daily during the first half hour of classroom instruction, followed by traditional subjects.

Providence Christian Academy is accredited through the National Association of Private Schools, ensuring that

graduates are eligible for college admission. Tuition is tailored to serve middle-income families, with scholarships currently available. The school operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and accepts donations and sponsorships.

Heather said the school’s PTA meetings are well-attended and parents are active in fundraising and community outreach. A hot lunch option is available, and

Holland “really likes them,” her mother added.

“I think Providence is a great option for families with students who are not thriving in public school and for those families that want their kids to have a Bible-based education,” Heather said.

NATIONAL EDUCATION TREND

Providence’s expansion comes at a time of national change in education. According to

the National Center for Education Statistics, public school enrollment in the U.S. declined by 2.4-percent between 2019 and 2023, while private school enrollment—particularly in

Christian schools—increased by 6.4-percent. Analysts cite smaller class sizes, faith-based instruction and expanded access to school choice programs as key factors in the shift.

For more information and to schedule a tour go to creswellchristianacademy.com or contact Sanders at jsanderscca@gmail.com or 458-326-0907.

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end at 11:00am 12/4/25. All units must be cleaned out by 12:00pm 12/8/25. 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. Name Unit # Unit Size Gail Gailbreath B37 10 x 20 Kimberly Lane B64 10 x 10 Brian Voigt B94 10 x 10 Maxwell Velarde C56B 5 x 10 Daniel Hall C82 10 x 10 Andrew Cook D11 10 x 15 Gary Quimby Green Gables Mini Storage 541-942-0291-Office 541-653-2850-Cell greengablesministorage@gmail.com

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ACROSS
1 Covered decoratively.
8 Info to input
12 Rhythmic oval of Delta
15 Widespread
19 More
20 My turn now
21 Westside Flair
22 English prep school
23 Assuming this is
25 Very angry
27 Imitated
28 Large burden
29 Fastest
30 Chop to bits
31 Far enough
32 "not to be in danger"
38 Unluck
39 Hacked
40 "receptor, gene"
41 Turntables
42 Corp. VIPs
43 Coven org.
44 Easy victory
45 Bone barrel
47 Heats a little
48 Pricey plane
50 Pro at CPR

DOWN
1 Free pressure
2 "Wetness"
3 PalmPilot
4 e.g. in brief
5 Cloned for college nights
6 Sold to his
8 Whiggish wishes
9 Soft 3
10 Singers Ross and Kraft
11 Alvin's item
12 City south of Tazewell, KS
13 Beat out to both sides
14 Enrly
15 Pairance
16 "Hertz or Aves"
17 "GIF's it"
18 Flummy
19 Terminals
24 4/4 rhy bed
26 Virginia hrs.
28 Terminate
30 Trust unit
31 20th Greek letter
32 Splling
33 Hagg
34 Glen of the Gullies
35 Gaur releases perhaps
36 Key next to a period
37 Noun's country
40 Lawn bow ng wandly
45 Soft musical neighbor
47 Incantation
48 Falsely
50 Gawk
51 Farthered
53 Linking word
54 "Lenny"
54 Hathi
55 "That's sticky"
56 Debutant
57 "True red"
58 More crying
59 Co-drow
60 "But wait, more!"
61 Really veers
62 Japanese dance drum
64 "no selling"
68 Valued
69 Using logical operators
70 Using Morse's language
71 Kide of dooms
73 Nav officer
74 Bus, fms
75 Bygone L.K. vehicle
76 Old
77 Whole
78 Feet band
79 Sailing
80 Partner of SLM
81 Iron neighbor
86 Approx ng gradually, as
87 Ashen cool
89 Hie fast
93 Tery clothes
97 "True red"
98 More crying
99 Co-drow
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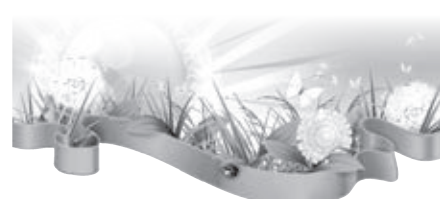
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We are incredibly proud to share that our Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams brought home State trophies to Cottage Grove, marking an outstanding accomplishment for our student-athletes and our entire school community.

For the first time in school history, both teams placed in the State Finals for 4A schools! The boys team rallied to bring home a 3rd place State finish and the girls team powered their way into a 4th place finish.

This achievement is about more than trophies and finish-line moments, as it reflects the qualities we strive to cultivate in every student. Determination, resilience, teamwork, and a commitment to growth were on full display throughout the season.

Our athletes pushed themselves, supported one another, and demonstrated what is possible when hard work meets heart. Crossing that finish line is the end goal, but these team victories were not simply won during that race,

they were won in the countless hours of training, practicing when they didn't want to, learning technique, mentally preparing, and the pain they endured to earn it along the way. It was also won thanks to the commitment of coaches, families, teammates and friends who supported them in this commitment.

Their success on the course mirrors the values we hope all our students carry with them, whether preparing for the State championship race, for a challenging algebra test, collaborating with peers on a project, memorizing lines for a play or notes for a performance, or pursuing personal goals beyond school. We all face struggles and challenges, and meeting them head on with determination leads to growth.

Both of our Cottage Grove teams went into the final State event not favored to place where they did, but this did not deter them and they preserved through the challenge. These teams have shown that when we stay focused, continually work hard, lift each other up, and



CGHS Boys Team.

believe in our potential, we can achieve remarkable things.

We extend our congratulations to the cross

country athletes, coaches, and families who supported them every step of the way. Thank you for representing our district with excellence



CGHS Girls Team.

and embodying the spirit of growth and achievement that defines our school community.

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Congratulations, Cross Country! We are proud of your hard work and accomplishments!

The disruption in federal food assistance has generated a wave of generosity from Oregonians

In just six weeks, Oregon Community Foundation and its donors have committed \$1.9 million to organizations that help get food to Oregonians who need it, including Food for Lane County.

The surge in giving between October 1 and November 17, 2025 happened when generous Oregonians stepped up to help through Donor Advised Funds, Corporate and Community Advised Funds and donations to the Stronger Together Fund of OCF.

Separately, the OCF Board of Directors has approved a \$250,000 special grant from OCF to combat food insecurity in Oregon and 18 grants totaling \$300,000 to food-related organizations through the OCF Community Grants program.

Donors Motivated by Disruption to Federal Food Benefits

Financial support for food and nutrition services spiked in mid-October when news broke that a federal government shutdown would disrupt federal food benefits known as SNAP

for 757,000 Oregonians. In response, donors began making grants to nonprofits that feed Oregonians as visits to those organizations increased sharply.

"Oregonians help their neighbors in times of need," Oregon Community Foundation CEO and President Lisa Mensah said. Mensah also serves on the board of Feeding America, a nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and programs.

"When our food bank system said, 'We have lines out the door and not enough food on our shelves,' our donors heard the call and said, 'Not on our watch,'" she said. "I'm so grateful to our donors, philanthropic partners and the nonprofit partners and volunteers who do the hard work of feeding our communities day after day."

The disruption to SNAP benefits began November 1. In response, Oregon Community Foundation called on donors to help stabilize and support the network of food banks, food pantries and other organizations that distribute food. Donors

responded with contributions flowing into the Stronger Together Fund of Oregon Community Foundation, which is giving all money raised between November 1 and December 5 to food-related nonprofits.

Hunger Touches Every Community

A vast network helps feed Oregonians experiencing food insecurity. The Oregon Food Bank partners with 21 regional food banks and more than 1,200 food assistances sites. In addition, many organizations operate food assistance programs outside of the Oregon Food Bank.

At an Oregon Community Foundation virtual briefing last week, food bank leaders and foundation partners described a system grappling with the twin challenges of a diminished food supply and unprecedented demand.

Cuts to the federal funding that helps fill food bank shelves reduced the flow of food into Oregon at the same time rising food, housing and energy costs caused more people to visit food banks to make ends meet. The disruption to SNAP benefits put that dynamic, "on steroids," NeighborImpact Executive Director Scott Cooper said. He said his Central Oregon food banks will see nearly 1 million visits this year in a region with soaring housing costs.

One regional food bank leader described parents parking blocks away from the food bank and arriving with



Donations are helping meet the need at Food for Lane County.

a child on their hip, towing a wagon to fill with food.

"They need to be fed," Klamath-Lake Counties Food Bank Executive Director Lori Garrard said.

Marion Polk Food Share President and CEO Rick Gaupo shared about a working mom who lost \$500 in food benefits at the start of November. She turned to her local pantry for the first time when she couldn't get more work.

Hunger More Common in Rural Areas

One in eight Oregonians experience hunger, and in rural and remote Oregon, residents face food insecurity rates nearly double those in urban areas.

Roundhouse Foundation Executive Director Erin Borla shared at the virtual briefing that the private family foundation will give \$6 million over the next three years to support rural Oregon food banks. Private foundations

including the Ford Family Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, the Lora & Martin Kelley Family Foundation and others are also giving generously to food and food-related organizations.

Borla offered stories of hope from rural communities. "I have heard specifically of community dinners in small rural places where they feed 160 people a week. We've got libraries that are showing up with meals on a weekly basis," Borla said. "There was a high school here locally, and instead of trick-or-treating, the high school students planned and picked up bags of donated food from everybody's porch. People are showing up in a way that really does build community."

OCF donors have seen the need up close.

"Food insecurity doesn't stop at the city limits," OCF donor Betsy Priddy said. "After visiting Eastern Oregon, I witnessed first-hand

the deep relationships forged even in our most remote communities. Local organizations are doing transformative work on modest budgets, proving that impact isn't measured in dollars alone. For me, it's simple: I support OCF in deploying resources where they will make the greatest difference."

About Oregon Community Foundation

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