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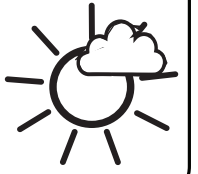
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Old bones, new vision on Main Street

Developer sees restoration as a decade's long investment

CINDY WEELDREYER
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Cottage Grove's downtown came alive last Saturday as a four block long celebration marked the completion of the many years in the making Main Street Refinement Plan, first adopted by the Cottage Grove City Council in 2015.

The event's ribbon cuttings and public remarks pointed toward a future shaped by continued investment in the Historic District. For downtown property owner and historic preservation developer Ryan Thomas, that future is grounded in patient restoration and a commitment to strengthening the district one project at a time.

LIFE IN LANE COUNTY

Thomas was born and raised in Springfield and has lived in Lane County his entire life. He has been in construction for more than 35 years and will mark 30 years of running his own company this October. His path into the trades was not planned. He went to the University of Oregon after high school but did not yet know what he wanted to do. He left school, helped friends who worked in construction, and discovered he enjoyed the work.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do when I was growing up," he said. "Back then the prevailing thought was that college was the only successful path. Since then that attitude has changed, and trades have become very good career options."

Historic restoration came later, when he realized it combined his interests in history, architecture, and construction. Project opportunities gave him experience in preservation work, and through his development company he began focusing his property acquisitions on historic districts. In downtown Springfield, his company served as the general contractor on a historic restoration project owned by a client.

Thomas sees a historic district as a living place shaped by the choices of each generation. He believes the work done today must honor the people who will walk these streets long after the celebrations have faded.

"Revitalizing a historic downtown takes time and includes many efforts," he said. "The results of such effort will be inherited by future generations. Today, if we can perform the heavy lift of preservation and revitalization it will breathe



Ryan Thomas owns a 30-year-old Coburg-based construction company that specializes in historical restoration.

Courtesy photo

new life not only into the structures but also into the district as a whole, returning it fully to the vibrant heart of Cottage Grove for decades to come."

He often reminds people that the decisions made now will shape Main Street for the next generation.

"Every decision we make today becomes part of someone else's

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Parking ordinance adjusted, enforcement challenging

JEREMY C. RUARK
Cottage Grove Sentinel

Even though city officials have adjusted the Cottage Grove Parking Ordinance following citizens concerns, there will be challenges in enforcing the revised restrictions.

Police Chief Cory Chase gives us this update in the following conversation with the Cottage Grove Sentinel.

Cottage Grove Sentinel: What are the changes in the city's parking ordinance, when do they take effect, and why are these changes necessary?

Chief Cory Chase: The following city code has been amended by the passage of Ordinance No. 3207 which was adopted by the City Council on March 23, 2026. The time limit has been changed from 72 hours to 24 hours. The ordinance took effect 30 days after it was adopted. The change was necessary to allow a more efficient process for the police department to better deal with chronic parking violations.

PREVIOUS CODE

10.20.050 Storage of motor vehicles on streets.

No person shall store, park or permit to be parked a motor vehicle, recreation vehicle, boat or trailer upon any street or public right-of-way for a period in excess of seventy-two hours. A motor vehicle, recreation vehicle, boat or trailer which is not operable due to flat tires, damage or other apparent condition under which a reasonable person would conclude that the property is inoperable or immovable may be considered abandoned and subject to the provisions of ORS 819.110 related to citation and removal. Moving of a vehicle within the same block or equivalent distance shall not extend the time limits for parking. (Ord. 3038 (Ex. A) (part), 2013)

10.20.060 Prohibited storage of personal property.

No person shall store or permit to be stored any personal property on any street or public right-of-way for a period in excess of seventy-two consecutive hours. (Ord. 3038 (Ex. A)(part), 2013)

NEW CODE

10.20.050 Storage of motor vehicles on streets

A. No person shall store, park or permit to be parked a motor vehicle, recreation vehicle, boat or trailer upon any street or public right-of-way for a period in excess of twenty-four hours. A motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat or trailer which is not operable due to flat tires, damage or other apparent condition under which a reasonable person would conclude that the property is inoperable, or immovable may be considered abandoned and subject to the provisions of ORS 819.110 related to citation and removal.

B. Once a motor vehicle, recreation vehicle, boat or trailer has been parked for the maximum parking time limit, that motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, boat or trailer must be moved at least two blocks

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Centennial events for 'The General' underway

CINDY WEELDREYER
Cottage Grove Sentinel

A community-wide celebration has started that marks the filming of the movie, The General in Cottage Grove.

The black box theatre at the Opal Center for Arts and Education hosted a special community screening of Buster Keaton's silent film "The General" as a fundraiser for Spirit of Bohemia Mining Days (SBMD) on May 16. The event marks the beginning of a yearlong recognition of the film's 100th anniversary for the nonprofit that produces the annual Bohemia Mining Days festival on the third weekend of July. The film was shot in Cottage Grove in 1926 and remains one of the most well-recognized movies ever made in the community.

Widely regarded by film historians as one of the greatest achievements of the silent era, "The General" continues to hold a prominent place in cinema history through the climactic train crash, which cost roughly \$42,000 approximately \$750,000 in 2026 money, making it the most expensive single shot in silent film history. The May 16 screening offered local residents a chance to see the movie as it was originally intended, on the big screen, while supporting the work of SBMD and the 2026 Bohemia Mining Days festival scheduled for July 16-18 in Coiner Park.

SBMD Executive Director Matthew Hewlett said the screening plays an important role in



supporting the organization's work throughout the year.

"Proceeds from the screening directly supports our year-round programming through not only the Festival, but also the Bohemia Academy and our media and storytelling projects," he said. "Support from the community helps us keep the festival admission free and we hope to keep it that way."

He said this year's festival theme, "Rivers, Rails, and Reels," was chosen to honor Cottage Grove's connection to "The General," making the screening both a fundraiser and an early celebration of the story the festival will highlight in July.

"The General is woven into Cottage Grove's identity," Hewlett said. "It was not just filmed here. This community helped create one of the most important movies of the silent era."

Hewlett said the centennial offers the community a chance to take pride in its contribution to film history and to highlight how small towns can leave a lasting cultural impact. As a filmmaker, he said he

admires the physicality of Keaton's approach.

"Keaton relied on practical effects, real risk in his stunts, and most of the time with no safety nets," he said. "A true master in his time and an inspiration to the cautious world we live in today."

Donations and ticket sales from the screening strengthens this year's fundraising efforts. All proceeds from the screening support SBMD's programs and the 2026 festival. Hewlett encourages lovers of Cottage Grove's largest event of the year for the past 67 years to go to the organization's website: www.spiritofbmd.com to learn more about the year-round heritage nonprofit organization.

Hewlett said, "Bohemia City is a beloved mythical place that appears in Cottage Grove each summer for only three days a year. We need greater community support to keep the festival free to attendees and to have the financial support we need to continue offering programs and activities for people of all ages to learn about our rich history."

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A CLOSER LOOK

Bus evacuated due to ‘disorderly passenger’

The following information is from the Cottage Grove Facebook's Weekly Update.

- An overdue but well-deserved swearing-in ceremony was held this past week to celebrate Derek Carlton's promotion from Officer to Sergeant. Congratulations, Sergeant Carlton!

- Thank you KZEL for including us as part of their First Responder Friday and delivering pizza from Coburg Pizza Company and sweet treats from Nothing Bundt Cakes.

- This past week, Officers Blalack, Israel, and Buckland traveled to Bend, to attend an 8-hour Bike Patrol Course hosted by the Bend Police Department.

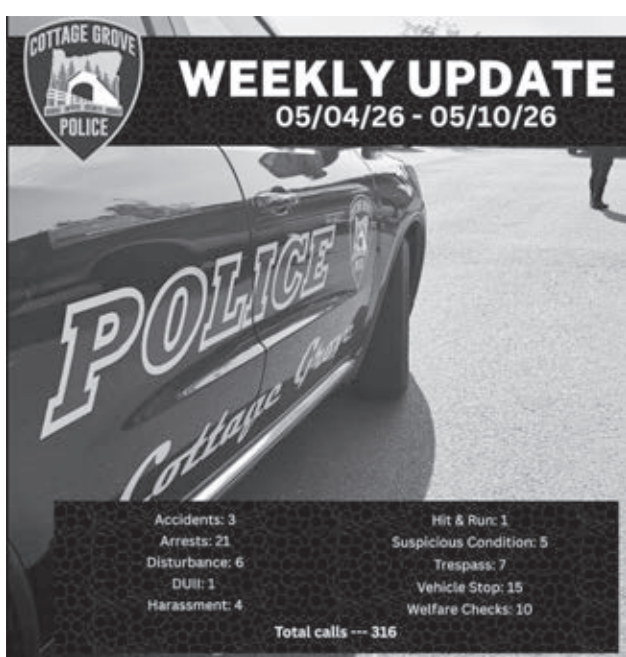
Officers trained alongside and were instructed by members of Bend Police Department, as well as personnel from Redmond Police Department - OR, Lincoln City Police Department, and the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Oregon while learning the skills needed for effective bike patrol operations.

Training included slow-speed balance drills, obstacle navigation involving stairs and curbs, emergency

braking, patrol tactics, dismounts, suspect contact techniques, and riding in high pedestrian traffic environments. Officers rode approximately 12 miles throughout the course and completed multiple multi-mile patrol rides through various areas of Bend, giving officers real-world experience operating bicycles in urban environments, parks, and traffic conditions similar to what they may encounter while on patrol in Cottage Grove.

This training marks the creation of the Cottage Grove Police Department's new Bike Patrol Program, with Officers Blalack, Israel, and Buckland serving as the department's bike patrol team. The program will help increase officer accessibility, improve community engagement, and enhance patrol capabilities in parks, downtown areas, community events, and other locations less accessible by patrol vehicle. Be sure to say hi when you see them patrolling this weekend during the Grand Opening of Main Street.

A big thank you to Bend Police Department for hosting the course and providing



excellent instruction throughout the day.

- Officers responded to the area of S 6th for a disorderly subject who was evicted from a trailer at the location, throwing paint on it.

When officers arrived, the female was on top of the trailer, refusing to come down, and becoming elevated and breaking items on top of the roof. Multiple commands were communicated to the female, which took approximately 30-45 minutes to safely get her down

from the roof. She was taken into custody immediately and transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on charges of Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree (ORS 164.245) and Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree (ORS 166.025).

- In the early morning hours, officers were patrolling the Gateway Plaza, where anyone who is in the area after business hours would be considered trespassing. A male subject was found behind the businesses,

well after regular business hours, and a person stop was initiated. Dispatch performed a records check and determined there was an active warrant for his arrest out of Eugene Police Department. The male was transported and lodged at the Lane County Jail.

- Officers responded to a single-vehicle motor vehicle crash on Row River Road near Downes Lane after reports a vehicle had left the roadway and crashed into a residential yard.

Initial information indicated the driver swerved to avoid an oncoming vehicle that had allegedly crossed into her lane of travel. Upon arrival, officers observed a heavily damaged vehicle that had gone through a fence and struck a tree, causing significant damage to both the vehicle and property.

Officers assisted South Lane Fire and Rescue personnel with gaining access to and extricating the driver from the vehicle. The driver was then transported by ambulance to Riverbend for medical treatment. Officers remained on scene assisting with traffic control and scene safety before briefly assisting Lane County Sheriff's

Office deputies with the investigation.

- Officers responded to Walmart near the LTD bus stop to assist LTD personnel with removing a disorderly male subject from a bus who was causing issues and refusing to cooperate with staff.

Officers contacted the male and learned he had two active Eugene Municipal Court warrants, including warrants related to Menacing and Disorderly Conduct with officer safety alerts attached, as well as an additional Cottage Grove Municipal Court warrant. During the course of the investigation, officers developed additional probable cause to arrest him for Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree and Interfering with Public Transportation (ORS 166.116) based on his disruptive behavior aboard the bus.

Due to the male subjects' actions, passengers were forced to completely disembark the bus. The subject was ultimately taken into custody without further incident and transported to the Lane County Jail, where he was lodged on his warrants and the newly developed 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, MAY 4

- 01:45: Suspicious vehicle, Cooper/10th
- 05:15: Suicidal subject, 800 block Gateway Blvd.
- 08:23: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 09:14: Illegal camping, 3300 block Row River Rd.
- 09:51: Abandoned vehicle, 1300 block Birch Ave.
- 11:21: Abandoned vehicle, Harvey/16th
- 11:46: Disturbance, 600 block N. Douglas St.
- 14:00: Sex crime, 1600 block Anthony Ave.

- 14:21: Suspicious subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 14:37: Trespass, 800 block N. Douglas St.
- 16:24: Abandoned vehicle, 1500 block Ash Ave.
- 21:10: Disturbance, 80000 block Hwy 99
- 22:23: DUII, 1200 block S. River Rd.
- 22:58: Unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 1600 block S. 6th St.
- 23:39: Criminal mischief, Harvey/19th

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 08:01: Criminal mischief, 1300 block S. 8th St.
- 09:23: Abandoned vehicle, 800 block S. 6th St.
- 10:22: Vicious dog, 1200 block S. 7th St.
- 11:12: Dog at large, 1200 block S. 7th St.
- 12:22: Hit and run, Gateway/Main
- 13:11: Motor vehicle crash, 34000 block Row River Rd.
- 13:34: Criminal mischief, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 16:50: Dog at large, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 19:18: Motor vehicle theft, 14th/Harvey



- 19:49: Trespass, 100 block Village Dr.
- 20:05: Disorderly subject, 900 block S. 6th St.
- 22:56: Nuisance, 1300 block Birch Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 05:48: Illegal camping, 400 block E. Main St.
- 09:05: Illegal camping, S. River Rd/Whitman
- 09:33: Abandoned vehicle, Jefferson/2nd
- 09:56: Theft, 1300 block S. River Rd.
- 09:59: Theft, 2200 block Ibsen Ave.
- 10:27: Disturbance, 1500 block E. Main St.
- 14:47: Criminal mischief, 600 block E. Main St.
- 14:55: Trespass, 1700 block Parks Rd.

- 18:10: Fire, 33000 block Molitor Hill Rd.
- 18:17: Nuisance, 1800 block Clark Ave.
- 19:11: Criminal mischief, 7th/Taylor
- 15:59: Disturbance, 1800 block Harvey Rd.
- 21:03: Suspicious condition, 1800 block W. Main St.
- 23:05: Warrant service, 1000 block E. Main St.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- 02:18: Warrant service, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 02:22: Agency assist, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.
- 09:33: Illegal parking, R/ Carnegie
- 11:37: Fraud, 1400 block Daugherty Ave.
- 12:50: Dog at large, 300 block Gateway Blvd.
- 14:21: Animal info, 1800 block Harvey Rd.

- 14:23: Criminal mischief, 99/Main
- 14:40: Mental subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 14:45: Disorderly subject, 1800 block Harvey Rd.
- 15:58: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 16:14: Dog at large, 1000 block E. Main St.
- 17:25: Harassment, 1300 block Ash Ave.
- 17:42: Juvenile trouble, 100 block S. 10th St.
- 18:13: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 18:49: Trespass, 1300 block Pennoyer Ave.
- 19:32: Fire, 700 block Hwy 99
- 21:19: Disturbance, Harvey/19th

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- 02:24: Suspicious condition, 1100 block E. Harrison Ave.
- 03:38: Nuisance, 200 block S. 11th St.
- 05:36: Repo, 500 block S. 15th St.
- 06:10: Motor vehicle theft, 500 block S. 15th St.
- 07:06: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 07:28: Warrant service, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 07:55: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 08:44: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
- 08:51: Juvenile trouble, 1500 block S. 4th St.
- 10:04: Found dog, 700 block South R St.
- 10:18: Abandoned vehicle, Harvey/19th
- 12:48: Alarm, 600 block E. Main St.
- 13:49: Harassment, 1100 block E. Harrison Ave.
- 13:51: Trespass, 200 block Palmer Ave.

- 13:54: Theft, 1200 block E. Main St.
- 15:09: Disturbance, 1000 block S. 4th St.
- 16:06: Abandoned vehicle, Pennoyer/99
- 17:36: Illegal camping, 1100 block E. Main St.
- 18:21: Trespass, 2400 block Bennet Creek Rd.
- 22:56: Harassment, 1300 block S. 8th St.
- 23:15: Suspicious vehicle, 1100 block Hwy 99
- 23:23: Barking dog, 1100 block S. 4th St.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- 00:46: Nuisance, 1100 block S. 4th St.
- 01:36: Dog at large, 400 block E. Main St.
- 01:46: Warrant service, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.
- 03:01: Suicidal subject, 1100 block S. 2nd St.
- 07:50: Warrant service, N.Douglas/Ostrander
- 09:52: Disorderly subject, 900 block Row River Rd.
- 09:58: Agency assist, 34000 block Row River Rd.
- 10:23: Abandoned vehicle, Gibbs/9th
- 12:53: Juvenile trouble, 1100 block Ostrander Ln.
- 14:12: Disorderly subject, 900 block W. Main St.
- 15:03: Juvenile trouble, 5th/Main
- 16:41: Suspicious subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
- 17:05: Found dog, 700 block South R St.
- 17:26: Juvenile trouble, 1700 block Hwy 99
- 18:17: Suspicious condition, 100 block N. 16th St.
- 18:21: Suspicious condition, 1100 block Hillside Dr.
- 18:21: Warrant service, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.
- 21:02: Fire, 600 block Hughes St.
- 21:09: Warrant service, 200 block N. 12th St.
- 23:18: Suspicious subject, 100 block Gateway Blvd.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- 03:13: Nuisance, 400 block North J St.
- 04:10: Repo, 1400 block W. Harrison Ave.
- 07:26: Motor vehicle crash, 200 block N. Douglas St.
- 11:10: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block N. 16th St.
- 16:41: Juvenile trouble, 1300 block E. Main St.
- 17:42: Barking dog, 800 block Pierce Ave.
- 18:35: Warrant service, Row River Rd/I5
- 20:26: Wanted subject, 2400 block E. Main St.

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 — Mindy Kaling

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 20

- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 3-5:30 p.m. 740 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.
- "Reversing High Blood Pressure Naturally Workshop" 7-8:30 p.m. Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- Jackson's Pub Games with live music by Bradly Shepherd. 6-8 p.m. Cottage Grove Public Market.
- 6:30-9:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.
- Elks Lodge Bingo. Early Bird 6:30 p.m. Regular Games 7 p.m. Elks Lodge, 775 N. River Rd.

MAY 21

- T.O.P.S. Club. 9:30-11 a.m. Delight Valley Church of Christ, Saginaw.
- Baby Laptime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Teen Gaming. 4 p.m. CG Public Library.
- Community Center Table Tennis. 4-6 p.m. Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
- Bread Club. 5-7 p.m. CG Public Market
- Celebrate Recovery. 5:15 p.m. Calvary Chapel. 1447 Hwy 99N.
- Bradly Shepherd & Friends (country, blues, rock). 5-7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery



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Splash of color on W. Harrison Avenue in Cottage Grove.

- Stone Hart (rock). 6-8 p.m. CG Public Market.
- Blessed Relief (Jazz) 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery

- Chasing Ebenezer (world folk/rock). 8-10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

MAY 22

- Storytime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.

- American Legion Bingo. 5-7 p.m. American Legion Post 32. 826 W. Main St.
- Elks Lodge Fish Fry Community Dinner. 5:30-7 p.m.
- Saginaw Vineyard Friday Night Live. 6-9 p.m. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd.
- Jackson's Pub Karaoke Night. 6:30 p.m. CG Public Market
- Hank Shreve Band (blues). 6:30-9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m. Bohemian Tavern. \$5 entry; BCA rules.
- GlitzKrieg & Callow Ruse (alt rock, glam, metal, hard rock) 8-10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

MAY 23

- Share Fair USA. 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St. (free stuff giveaway behind Dirt Cheap Copies)
- South Valley Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 7th and Main Street
- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 4-10 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Armed Forces Night (past and present free general admission) 6 p.m. CG Speedway.
- Skip Jones and The Spirit of New Orleans. (boogie woogie blues) 6-9 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- AlAnon "Courage to Change." 7 p.m. Sinclair Room. City Hall.

- Panda Conspiracy (grove, ska, roots) 8-10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

MAY 24

- The Regulars (Americana). 1-3 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- VFW Bingo. 2-4 p.m. VFW Post 3473. 3160 Hillside Dr.
- South Valley Athletics Bingo Fundraiser. 3:30-5:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
- Caveman Dave. (Americana, blues, jazz). 6-8 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

MAY 25

- Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 1-5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
- Senior Center Bingo. 12:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Community Center.
- The Regulars (Americana) 1-3 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.

MAY 26

- Ukulele Club (for adults) 9 a.m. CG Public Library.
- Bilingual Story Time. 5 p.m. CG Public Library.
- Trivia & Games with Gerald and Cribbage with Ted. 6-8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
- Science on Tap. Topic: "Planting by the Moon" 5-7 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.
- Trinity Lutheran Free Take-Out Dinner. 5:15-6:15 p.m. 675 S. 7th St.

City schedules annual Preparedness Fair

JEREMY C. RUARK
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The City of Cottage Grove is celebrating its 10th Emergency Preparedness Fair, which is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. August 1 at Coiner Park. "This marks a decade of efforts to educate the community of how to effectively prepare, react and recover from any potential disasters in our area," Cottage Grove Associate Planner Jeremy

Means said. "The Fair is an occasion to engage with the community, provide the public with opportunities to connect with vital service providers, and offer prizes that help them prepare for a multitude of disasters that may occur." The August event illustrates the 7th year of collaboration with Party in the Park. The partnership regularly draws over 2,000 individuals to this event and is educational and fun for all ages, according to Means. The

participating organizations and agencies provide free food and a children's entertainment area that includes additional games, prizes, free backpacks, and a bounce house! If you'd like to be a vendor, contact the City of Cottage Grove for an application. "If you'd like to donate an item for the raffle, we are looking for items that are geared towards emergency preparedness, resiliency, or

gift cards are also appreciated. If you can't participate or donate this year but you want to be involved next year, please send me an email so I can add your contact information to our master list." If you would like to participate this year, please contact

Associate Planner Jeremy Means, Associate Planner at the City of Cottage Grove. If you'd prefer to donate, you may call, email or text Means and the city will pick up the donation. You may also drop the donations off at Cottage Grove City Hall, located at

400 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove, "Please let us know if you'd like to participate or donate by July 17," Means said. "We look forward to another successful Emergency Preparedness Fair and hope that you will be willing to take part by participating."



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Cotton Candy went fast during the 2025 Fair.



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OBITUARIES/NEWS

Clinton W. Conley

12/25/1937 – 4/20/2026

Clinton William Conley, 88, was born in Thermalito, California on December 25, 1937, to parents Ray and Alyce. He died peacefully at home in Creswell, Oregon on April 20, 2026.

A lifelong artist, Clinton shared his passion for creative arts with high school, college, and adult education students throughout a rich, four-decade career. An artist of transparent media, he produced award-winning landscape watercolor paintings. Intrigued by the glorious impact of sunlight streaming through colored glass, he designed monumental stained glass window installations for churches, schools, hospitals, and homes across the US and beyond, well into his 80's.

A man of deeply held faith, Clinton was an avid gardener, savored experiencing new flavors, and loved people! A good-natured, eternal optimist, "why not?" was a favorite response to questions. A dedicated, tireless worker energized by projects and ideas, he



fully lived his colorful life.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 pm on May 30, 2026, at the Pleasant Hill, Oregon Seventh-day Adventist Church, 35549 Zephyr Way. Memorial donations may be made to Emerald Christian Academy. He is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Lavonne, sister Marlene, daughters Tamara and Teresa, grandchildren Vincent and Victoria, and four great-grandchildren.

Clinton "Ed" E. Dilbeck

August 25, 1955 - April 26, 2026

Clinton "Ed" E. Dilbeck, 70, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away on April 26, 2026. He was born on August 25, 1955, in Sherman, Texas, to Clinton Jr. and Margaret L. (Lewis) Dilbeck.

Ed worked as an irrigation and landscaping specialist, a job he enjoyed. His heart was filled with wonder and joy as he immersed himself in the serenity of nature and the great outdoors. Where he cherished hiking, fishing, camping, hunting and gold panning with his family and friends. With unbridled enthusiasm, he would share tales of conquering mountain summits and following elusive elk trails.



He also enjoyed working on vehicles, crafting homemade knives, bows and arrowheads.

He is survived by his life partner of 45 years, Clydena Bell; his parents, Clinton and Beverly, of Coleman; his children, Jason, Annette, April, and David; his siblings, DeAnn, Kevin, Rob, and Renata; and his adored 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild on the way.

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

DEATH NOTICE

A Celebration of Life for Angus "Mac" Clive MacDonald will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026 at 2:00pm at the Cottage Grove

Elks Lodge 755 N. River Rd., Cottage Grove, Oregon. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

As drought worsens, Western states brace for wildfires, water shortages

ALEX BROWN
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From the Rockies to the Sierra Nevada, mountainsides across the West are sparsely covered by the snow that usually blankets the high country well into the summer.

That snowpack is like a savings account that the West draws on when the hot, dry months arrive. It moistens the landscape as it melts, lessening the risk of severe wildfire. The runoff feeds into river basins, and the swelling waterways provide power to hydroelectric dams, irrigation to farmers and drinking water to cities.

This year, Western states are heading into the summer with a desperately low balance — threatening wildfires, drinking water, crops, electricity and more.

"This has been an extremely poor year," said Sharon Megdal, director of the Water Resources Research Center, a research unit at the University of Arizona. "This has gotten a lot of people concerned and alarmed."

While a late-season storm brought heavy snow to parts of the Rockies this month, the region remains in a deep snowpack deficit.

As warmer weather arrives, states are preparing for a dangerous wildfire season across the drought-stricken West. Farmers and cities are bracing for potential cutbacks in their water allocations from rivers that have less to give. Fisheries managers are watching for low river flows that could threaten vital salmon runs. And worsening conditions could threaten the supply of hydropower that provides cheap, clean electricity to many Western states.

A hot, dry winter Across nearly the entire West, states spent the winter

waiting for snow that rarely arrived. Ski resorts lost millions of visitors as they struggled to stay open. Then in March, a record-breaking heat wave settled across the region, shrinking the already paltry snowpack.

"It's unheard of," Megdal said. "Things were already looking bad in January, but if you follow the projections, they had to keep revising the numbers downward because the snow just never came and we had this hugely hot period in March."

The federal National Water and Climate Center produces a real-time map showing the snow water equivalent in river basins across the country — a measurement of how much moisture is being held in those mountaintop savings accounts.

The majority of the West is bright red, indicating that snowpack is at less than 50% of the median level for this time of year. Yellow and orange cover most of the remaining areas, showing regions that are still well below the median.

The most recent U.S. Drought Monitor map shows most of the country in abnormally dry or drought conditions, aside from the Great Lakes region and some other parts of the Midwest.

Wildfire For many Western states, the most imminent threat from the dry winter is the prospect of a dangerous wildfire season.

Already, wildfires in Nebraska have burned hundreds of thousands of acres, shattering records and setting the stage for a record wildfire year.

The wildland fire outlook maps produced by the National Interagency Fire Center show above-normal fire risk spreading across much of the West by June and July.

"There's a lot of red on the map," said Matthew Dehr, wildland fire meteorologist with the Washington state Department of Natural Resources.

Dave Uptegrove, Washington's public lands commissioner, said his agency is preparing for fire season as normal but with a heightened awareness that this summer could be demanding. He's focused on educating residents about the risks, noting that 90% of wildfires in Washington are caused by humans.

"What we're likely to see are wildfires moving more quickly through forests," he said. "When we do have a large fire event, it's likely to move faster, be more significant."

He also noted that this year is Washington's fourth consecutive year of drought conditions, making trees more susceptible to diseases and pests and compounding wildfire risk.

Dehr said spring rains could provide a bit of a buffer before the heat of July and August, but a recent stretch of sunny weeks has yet to provide relief.

Uptegrove noted that the challenging conditions across much of the West could make it more difficult for states to send wildfire crews to each other's aid, if many states are battling big blazes simultaneously.

"As the climate crisis pushes a forest health crisis pushes a wildfire crisis, it's going to stress the whole system, not just in our state," he said.

Low water supplies Many Western states also rely on snowpack to feed rivers that provide irrigation for farming and the water supply for cities. In particular, the Colorado River provides water for tens of millions of people across seven states, a region that has grown even as the river's supply has dwindled in recent decades. Reservoirs that were full at the turn of the century are now nearing critically low levels.

"There hasn't been enough flow in the river to meet all these expected demands, even in the good years," said Megdal, the water researcher. "We've used up our savings and storage, so now what do we do?"

Water allocations for states, tribes and farmers in the region are governed by a complicated and fiercely contested system known as the Colorado River Compact. In recent years, cutbacks due to the low supply reduced the water allocation for central Arizona, including all of the water for agricultural users.

Now, states are fighting over even less water and struggling to negotiate who should bear the cost. Last week, Arizona, California and Nevada submitted a proposal to federal officials that would impose further

cutbacks over the next two years in order to buy time for a longer-term deal.

"It's turning out to be very hard to get the states to agree on how to slice up a much smaller pie," Megdal said. "There are scenarios that are not zero probability that are catastrophic to the region."

If the states are unable to reach an agreement, allocation for the river's diminished water will be determined by federal regulators under the "law of the river." Cutbacks imposed by the feds could fall heavily on central Arizona, Megdal said, cutting the supply for Phoenix, Tucson and some tribal nations.

Such uncertainty in the Colorado River basin and elsewhere "leaves farmers making planting decisions now without knowing whether sufficient water will be available to carry crops through harvest," the American Farm Bureau Federation wrote in an April report.

The lack of water could force farmers to remove trees or vineyards, the Farm Bureau noted, or reduce cattle herds if the parched landscape does not supply enough forage.

Meanwhile, rivers running at a slow trickle could reduce the hydroelectric power produced by dams across the West. Across 13 Western states, hydropower accounts for nearly a quarter of electrical generation.

The Glen Canyon Dam in Arizona, which forms Lake Powell, produces about 5 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity each year, enough to power nearly half a million homes. But the lake level may soon fall below a threshold from which the dam can no longer generate power.

"Hydropower is so incredibly important because it has been the lowest-cost power for many in the West," Megdal said. "There are big implications for the energy grid and the cost of electricity."

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FOREST STUDY

Forest restoration, spotted owl conservation can work together, study finds

SEAN NEALON
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Restoring dry forests in the Pacific Northwest, shaped by frequent low-intensity fire and widely spaced trees, often means thinning dense stands that accumulated after decades of fire suppression.

This can make forests healthier and more resilient to wildfire, but it can raise concerns about protecting wildlife that depend on dense tree cover, including the northern spotted owl.

A new study by researchers at Oregon State University and the U.S. Forest Service and just published in Forest Ecology & Management, suggests that restoration of landscapes that historically burned frequently through planned, controlled fire does not have to conflict with spotted owl conservation.

The study, led by Jeremy Rockweit, a postdoctoral student at Oregon State, identified forest areas used by the northern spotted owl for nesting and roosting that were more and less likely to persist through fire. They have now incorporated their findings into maps that could help land managers decide what areas of the landscape would benefit from a light or heavy-handed approach to forest restoration.

“This research is important for land managers trying to better balance wildlife conservation and forest restoration, and shows that protecting spotted owls and restoring fire resilient forests don’t have to be competing goals,” said Rockweit, who prior to earning his doctorate at Oregon State spent 17 years monitoring spotted owls in California and Oregon.

Before European settlement, western U.S. landscapes adapted to frequent fire were shaped and sustained by repeated burning. At this time, areas that previously burned at lower severity tended to reburn at lower severity and areas previously

burned at higher severity tended to reburn at higher severity.

Historically, topography played a key role in determining fire severity levels. Sheltered locations near drainage bottoms often burned less frequently or at lower severity, supporting denser stands of closed-canopy, older forests. Upper slope areas, which are more exposed, burned more frequently or at higher severity.

During the last century, fire suppression has allowed dense, closed canopy forests to expand, including to these upper slope locations and today’s landscapes are less resilient and resistant to fire. This has happened at a time when fire seasons are getting longer, hotter and drier.

In the Pacific Northwest, northern spotted owls, a federally threatened species that for decades have been at the center of controversy over balancing conservation and timber production, tend to nest and roost in closed-canopy forest. Recent increases in wildfire activity in the spotted owl’s range has become the most significant threat to old forests used by spotted owls, research has found.

For the new study, researchers combined long-term spotted owl monitoring data beginning in the 1980s and data mapping fires from 1985 to 2022 to identify “fire refugia” for spotted owls. Fire refugia are locations within a burned landscape that burn less frequently or severely than the surrounding area because of their position in the landscape. They can be thought of as “islands,” where old forest structure can be sustained through multiple fires to help species and biodiversity survive.

The research focused on two regions: the eastern Cascades in Washington and the Klamath in southwestern Oregon and northwestern California. The research team modeled past fires that

occurred under what researchers called moderate and extreme fire weather conditions, with the different level determined by temperatures and wind speeds at the time of the fires.

They found that forest suitable for spotted owl nesting and roosting was more likely to persist through fire when it occurred in those sheltered locations, whereas nesting and roosting forest was least persistent when it occurred higher upslope, such as along ridgetops. These patterns were consistent across both regions.

“Our maps could be used by managers to plan restoration-based activities that benefit landscape resilience and spotted owl conservation because spotted owls in these regions appear to benefit from some amount of habitat heterogeneity,” Rockweit said.

Under extreme fire conditions, the study found that both regions are expected to lose suitable spotted owl nesting and roosting habitat.

“These insights have important implications for land managers and shift the focus from a desire to retain as much nesting and roosting forest as possible to one of recognizing the inherent value of ecologically and topographically diverse landscapes for spotted owls,” Rockweit said.

Co-authors of the paper are Meg Krawchuk, Oregon State College of Forestry; David Bell, U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station; Katie Dugger, Oregon State College of Agricultural Sciences; and Damon Lesmeister, Oregon State and U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station.

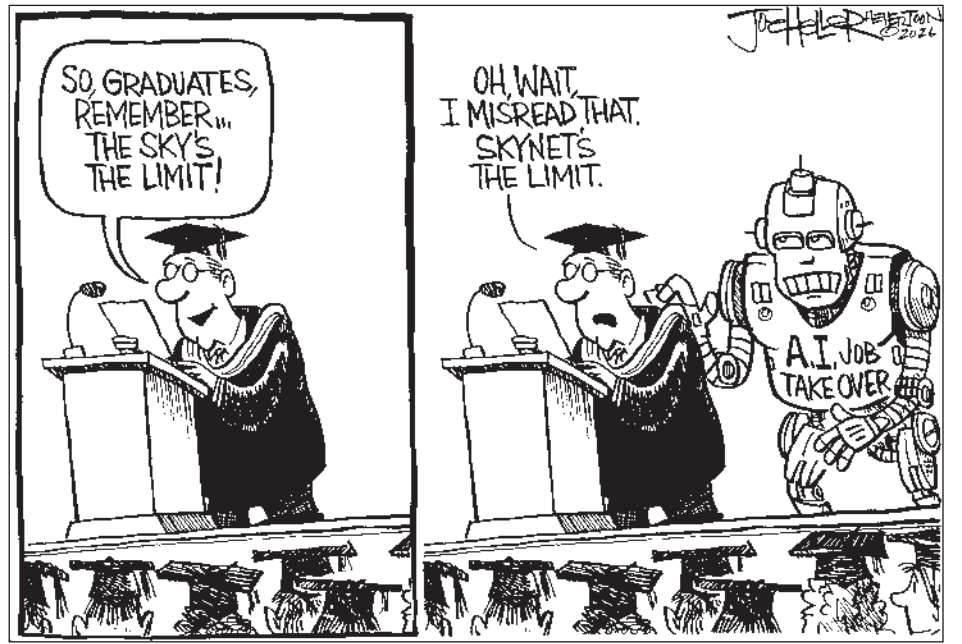
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Adult and juvenile spotted owls.

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COMMENTARY

On transportation funding, start with the problem

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Does anyone in Oregon think Measure 120, sustaining last year’s legislation on transportation taxes and fees, will pass? Anyone?

Anyone who does seems to be well hidden, just like any supporters of the measure, the substance of which passed just last year with majority support in the legislature and signature by the governor.

The state’s Democratic political leadership appears to have abandoned it completely. And the Oregon Department of Transportation, where most of the money raised is intended to go, likely isn’t one of the most popular in state government.

The only electoral curiosity left seems to be how few voters will opt to uphold the transportation funding package.

This month’s election will not end the story, of course. It already is beginning anew.

The real question now is whether Oregon leaders will try their same policy development process yet again, or approach transportation funding in a different way that might generate more public support.

Actually, passage of Measure 120 wouldn’t end the story either. During the 2025 session, this complicated round of transportation funding started with this base point (from Democrats at least): \$14.6 billion over 10 years is what was needed to meet the state’s transportation needs. The eventual passed legislation (now in the form of Measure 120), provided less than a third of that, \$4.3 billion over 10 years. That scale down doesn’t seem to be a result of revised estimates of need, but only of what number could clear the legislature (as that one did only barely). So Measure 120, even if passed, would be far from a panacea.

The question remains what should be done now, without

even the recent funding bandaid in place.

The essential problem underlying all this is not hard to understand. Inflation has hit road construction, maintenance and repair hard, and that has combined with a squeeze on the top source of revenue for the work: gas taxes, which are under downward pressure from higher-mileage and new electric vehicles and (especially recently) overall higher gas prices.

On April 30, a group called by Gov. Tina Kotek met to start considering what to do next. The committee is expected to meet monthly until around the end of the year.

At its first session, it heard reports from a variety of transportation professionals. An ODOT speaker warned that soon, without more funding, the agency may be reduced to paving interstate routes and not much else. An Association of Oregon Counties speaker said that, “Without new revenue over about the next five years, more than 4,500 miles of county roads will go without critical maintenance work and then will quickly deteriorate beyond repair.”

Presumably, the group will come up with a new set of numbers — some new collection of taxes and fees — for delivery to the 2027 legislative session. Its mission appears to include finding a new funding model for Oregon transportation, which means shifting but also increasing the state’s taxes, fees or other money sources.

At that point, once such a recommendation surfaces, the legislature presumably will try to do what it did in the last (special) session. After that, some groups of people in Oregon — especially those who might wind up paying more, as someone would have to — will mobilize against it.

That easily could result in another referendum in two years leading to another

dead transportation package. And Oregon’s transportation system will continue to deteriorate.

The best route to an answer — and the working group could help lead this — could be to first clearly and specifically, in detail, describe the problem and what will happen without more funding, and initially holding off on the solution.

It’s counterintuitive: The usual and often the best approach for governments — and for columnists too, for that matter — is to link the problem and the solution, lest the problem seem unsolvable.

The deterioration of Oregon’s roads may be an exception, because all of the funding solutions in view seem vulnerable to the same criticisms likely to doom Measure 120.

What if the transportation group were to focus exclusively, at the beginning, on defining the nature of the problem, and at first putting stabs at a solution on a back burner?

And then suppose they took that discussion around the state, from region to region, bringing the receipts: Here is what is likely to happen locally, over the next five or ten years, to roadways in this area if funding isn’t somehow increased significantly. Central to making this work would be conducting these efforts as high-profile and broadly inclusive, as possible, with local voices heard at length. The quarter-million petition signers who put Measure 120 on the ballot should be specifically invited.

Then — and only then — the group should pose the question: Given this situation, what do you want to do? Is it your choice to drive on deteriorating roads? If not, then how do you propose to fix them? Where should the money come from?

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Cottage Grove Sentinel: What area of the city does the parking ordinance cover?

Chase: The updated city code covers all areas in the city limits of Cottage Grove.

Cottage Grove Sentinel: What potential fines would violators face under the new ordinance?

Chase: If the vehicle is not moved after it has been tagged, it will be subject to citation and impound.

The fines could include a \$100 administration fee and a \$35 dollar-per-day storage fee. The parking fines include three offenses: A \$15 fine for the first offense. A \$30 fine for the second offense. A third and/or each additional repeat offense fine of \$45.

Cottage Grove Sentinel: How is your department going to enforce the new ordinance?

Chase: While the ordinance creates some efficiencies in our process, no additional staff have been added to enforce parking violations. We will be responding to complaints as they come in and as resources allow. During the hours when our Community Service Officer is working, there may be the ability to proactively enforce the parking code.

BACKGROUND
During the March 9 regular public meeting of the Cottage Grove City Council, discussion centered on a parking code amendment that would shorten the city's current



Courtesy photo

Several cities across the state have established enhanced parking ordinances to deal with long-term parking or even abandoned recreational vehicles like this one in Tillamook to address citizen's concerns.

72-hour parking limit to 24 hours, a change city staff said could help address neighborhood concerns but would come with significant legal and practical challenges, according to an earlier Cottage Grove Sentinel published report.

At that march meeting, Chief Chase presented the staff report, noting that both

residents and elected officials have raised concerns about long term vehicle parking on city streets. Staff evaluated several possible revisions to Cottage Grove Municipal Ordinance 10.20.050, which governs how long vehicles may remain parked in the public right of way.

Before recommending a path forward, staff considered

regulating RVs, boats, and trailers differently from other vehicles by shortening their parking limits or prohibiting them from parking on public streets altogether. Chase said those approaches were set aside because of legal limitations, enforcement impacts, and the burden they would place on property owners.

Staff also reviewed the city of Eugene's model, which bans RV parking near residences and hotels during overnight hours, but concluded it would not address Cottage Grove's complaints and would be difficult to implement in a smaller city.

Sentinel Reporter Cindy Weeldreyer contributed to this report.

EVENTS

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traveling specifically to recognize the community's connection to Keaton's work.

Hewlett described the May screening, the July festival, and the August convention, as chapters in the same larger story. "A century later, the film still brings people together," he said. "This year gives us a chance to celebrate our history and share it with the next generation."

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VISION

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experience twenty years from now," he said. "That is the responsibility."

A NATIONAL STORY

Across the country, communities are wrestling with similar questions. Remote work has changed commuting patterns, online shopping has reshaped retail, and many downtowns are working to fill vacant storefronts and upper floors. Some have struggled to recover. Others are finding new life by investing in walkable streets, historic buildings, and mixed use spaces that draw people for more than errands.

Thomas watches these national trends closely.

"Downtowns all over the country are trying to figure out what comes next," he said. "The ones that succeed are the ones that invest in their historic cores."

He believes Cottage Grove is positioned well because it still has its original buildings and street grid.

"We still have our bones," he said. "A lot of

communities lost theirs. That gives us a real advantage."

TWO BUILDINGS

Thomas owns two buildings in the Historic District. The first came through a property search and was fully leased when he purchased it. Its tenants are ATA Martial Arts, Rosebud Consignment, Seeds and Flint, Pour 818 and Blackett's Paper Trail.

"I ended up offering on that building because it was a good investment," he said. "But a primary reason was that it was in a historic district."

The purchase brought him downtown more often than ever before. When the second building on the northeast corner of Sixth and Main (the former Pandora's Box quilt shop) became available, his motivation shifted.

"That second property was not about a turnkey investment," he said. "It was a project I thought I would enjoy, would benefit from this great historic district, and would also be a benefit to it."

His fully leased building continues to house a mix of retail, service, and food businesses creating a mix

that "makes these places destinations".

THE BOHEMIA INN

Thomas's most ambitious project is the Bohemia Inn. The building is undergoing a multi-phase renovation that will eventually bring a boutique hotel to the district.

The two story building was constructed around 1901-1902 by local brick mason Charles Hamilton Wallace, replacing an earlier wood structure. That first brick building burned a few years later, and the current structure was rebuilt on the same footprint around 1908-1909 using salvaged materials. Tenants have ranged from the Dreamland Theater in 1909 to Safeway's first Cottage Grove location and other retail stores. Longtime occupants included Knickerbocker's Variety Store, Pandora's Box Fabrics, the Moose Lodge, and the Warren Daugherty Lumber Company offices.

"The Bohemia Inn project will provide a lot of information on local history and work with other area businesses to enhance the district's economic vitality," Thomas said.



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Developer Ryan Thomas is still working on his plans for the 117-year-old brick building on the corner of Sixth and Main, being redeveloped as a boutique inn with retail and a restaurant at street level.

The ground floor will include a restaurant, and the upper floors will offer lodging for visitors and for local families hosting guests.

The project has already seen significant restoration work. The storefront has been returned to a period correct design, and original transom windows have been exposed after being hidden behind a mid-twentieth century facade. Upcoming phases will reopen several historic window openings.

"Historic buildings bring common challenges like deferred maintenance, structural issues, and code

requirements," he said. "But I approach all my projects with the intent of exceeding historic requirements when possible."

Economic shifts since he purchased the building have slowed the pace of construction.

"The progress on the remodel will be slower than I like or had initially anticipated," he said. "The project continues, if slowly."

DOWNTOWN COTTAGE GROVE
Thomas joined the Downtown Cottage Grove board after purchasing both buildings. His decision came

from his belief in the Main Street America program and from a desire to contribute beyond his construction company.

"It coincides with a time in my life where I've branched out from dedicating my time mostly to my company," he said. "I want to serve in areas where I can learn, contribute, and support missions I'm interested in."

His appreciation for historic districts goes back to childhood road trips. He remembers driving through historic downtowns and being intrigued by what once had been. "There was a mystery to it all."

He later learned how mid-twentieth century shifts pulled business away from historic cores. Main Street America was founded to help communities reverse that decline.

"I think most people love historic districts and want to see them preserved," he said. "It's expensive though, and it often does not make the most business sense."

Still, he believes the effort is worth it.

"There is a charm to this place that cannot be replicated with anything new," he said. "These places are part of our collective history."

THE LONG VIEW

Thomas often speaks about the long arc of preservation and the responsibility each generation carries. He believes the work being done today should ensure that future residents can walk down Main Street and feel the care invested in the district. The Historic District has endured for more than a century, and he sees today's efforts as part of ensuring it lasts the next one.

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CGS26-125 NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING ROW RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT June 4, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m. A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Row River Valley Water District, Lane County, state of Oregon, to discuss the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, will be held at the Row River Christian Church, 37533 Row River Road, Dorena, Oregon.

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The meeting will take place on the 4th day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Budget Message, to receive comments from the public on the Budget, and to review the past year's budget vs. actual figures. A copy of the Budget document may be inspected or obtained after June 4th, 2026, by contacting the Row River Valley Water District at (541) 946-1250. This is a public meet-

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ing where the deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs. 5/20/26, 5/27/26

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General Fund	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget
	2024-2025	This Year 2025-2026	Next Year 2026-2027
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	55,523	56,000	38,500
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	80,415	32,450	45,500
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	111,165	110,000	115,000
Total Resources	247,103	198,450	199,000
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	110,943	106,000	113,000
Materials and Services	64,586	69,600	67,500
Contingencies	2,000	2,000	4,000
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expendi	0	19,900	14,500
Total Requirements	177,529	197,500	199,000
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FTE	2.50	2.50	2.50
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate of Amount Imposed	Rate of Amount Imposed	Rate of Amount Approved
	2022-2023	This Year 2023-2024	Next Year 2024-2025
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SPORTS

Cottage Grove competes at Stayton Invitational

WILL LOHRE
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Lions made the 90-minute trip to Stayton High School to compete at the Stayton Invitational on May 9, and they came away with strong performances, including podium placers and personal bests.

Competing with 20 or more teams in both the boys and girls divisions, Cottage Grove finished in the middle of the pack. The boys placed 13th of 22 teams, scoring 16.25 points, while the girls took 11th of 20, scoring 36 points.

Let's take a look at some of the standout performances from the trip to Stayton!

Headlining the results from the meet for Cottage Grove was Ella Cardwell's winning run in the 3000m. The senior ran a season-best time of 10:39.63, putting her well ahead of second place, who finished more than 30 seconds behind Cardwell. It was a well-deserved win in what is shaping up to be a great final season for her.

Also taking a podium spot at the meet was Makya Alsup in the javelin. Alsup posted a senior season best mark of 118' 9", grabbing silver in Stayton behind Stayton's Mila Morley. Cottage Grove's final top-three placer at the meet came

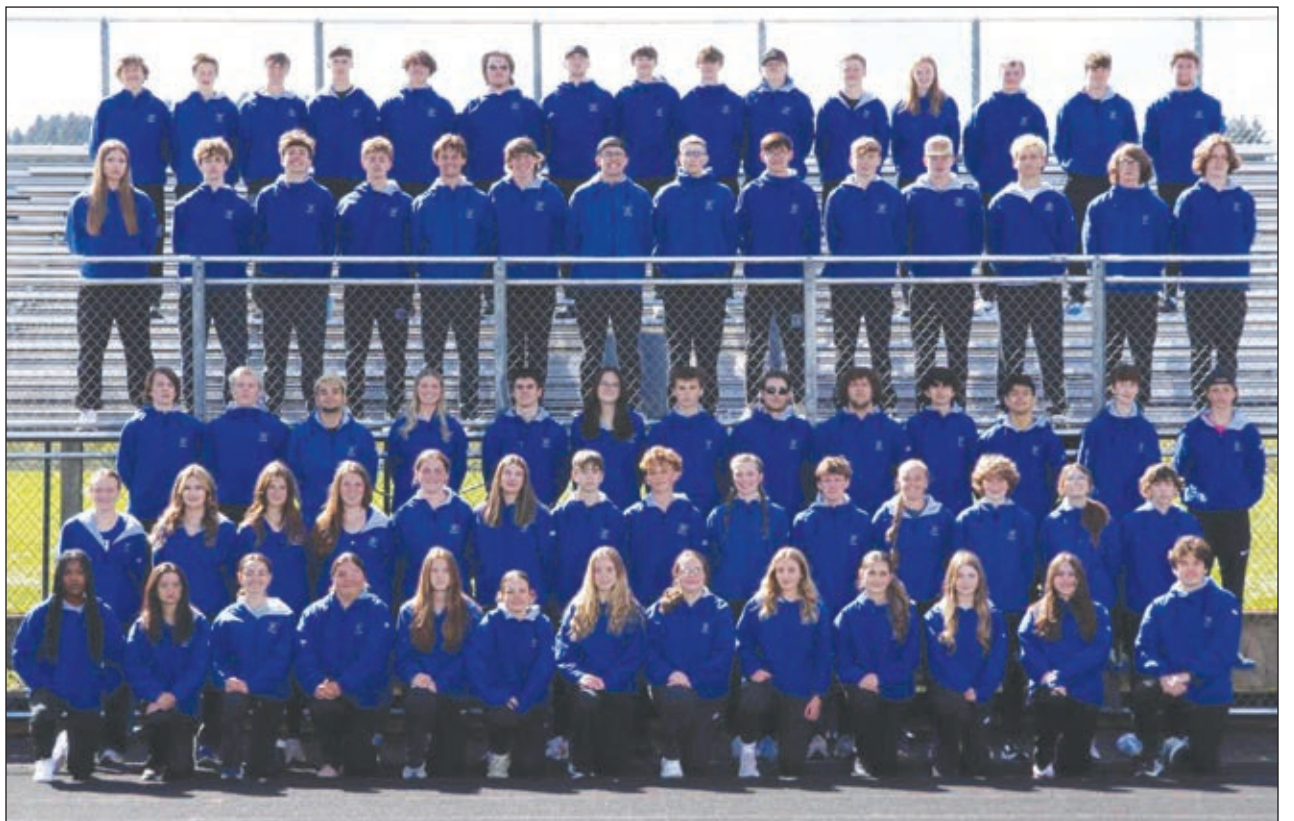
from Carly Knutson in the 800m. Knutson's sophomore season has been stellar, and it continued to be so at Stayton. Knutson took third with a time of 2:27.32, which was .17 off a season best in the event.

The top placements for the boys came in the 4x400 relay and the pole vault. The Lions' 4x400 team of Remington Sharkey, Bentley Livingston, Lucas O'Hara, and Micah Hanke put together a solid time of 3:36.35, good for fourth place, finishing four seconds off third, and eight seconds behind first place. In the pole vault, Griffey Dimock posted a personal best vault, clearing 11'0" for the first time in his career. Now in his junior season, Dimock's 11-foot vault at Stayton was a full foot higher than any of his registered marks this season, a testament to his hard work throughout the year.

In addition to these high-flying performances, there were plenty of personal bests for both the boys and girls programs.

For the boys:

- Sophomore Isiah Grogan posted a personal best in the 100m with a 11.69.
- Freshman Bentley Livingston outpaced himself in the 200m with a 23.56.



Courtesy from the OSAA

The 2025-2026 Cottage Grove Track and Field teams.

- Freshman Ezra Seiffert hurdled his previous best in the 110m hurdles with a 17.32.
- Freshman Aiden Warren finished with a new best in the 300m hurdle with a 45.38.
- Senior Jayden Davis threw a new best mark in the

javelin, throwing the spear 132' 8".

For the girls:

- Freshman Harmony Shepherd sped her way to a new best in the 100m, posting a 13.76.
- Junior Carolyn Reyna and freshman Harmony Shepherd each finished in personal record time in the

200m, with times of 28.33 and 28.79, respectively.

- Senior Jordynn Owens ran a new best time in the 800m, finishing at 2:57.43.
- Freshmen Kaliyah Ortiz and Dave Rowan each had new PRs in the 1500m, recording times of 5:27.28 and 5:39.50.

• Junior Addison Voelkel had a new best mark in the triple jump with a measurement of 29' 10".

The meet was another good step as the Lions approach the Sky Em League Championships on May 22-23. Follow results from the Cottage Grove Track and Field season at athletic.net.

OBI announces fourth 'coolest thing made in Oregon' contest

OREGON BUSINESS & INDUSTRIES

Oregon Business & Industry (OBI) has announced the fourth annual Coolest Thing Made in Oregon contest, in which Oregonians will vote for the coolest thing manufactured in the Beaver State.

Finalists will be chosen from a list of products nominated by the public. The nomination window is now

open and will remain open until July 10.

Learn more about the contest and nominate products on OBI's Coolest Thing Made in Oregon page at <https://oregonbusinessindustry.com/coolest-thing-2026/>

From the pool of nominated products, 16 finalists will be announced in September. The finalists will be placed in a tournament-style bracket, and

Oregonians will engage in four rounds of voting to identify a winner. The winning manufacturer will receive formal recognition and, more importantly, enjoy bragging rights for producing Oregon's coolest thing. The winner will be announced at OBI's Vision Oregon Event on Oct. 28.

Manufacturing plays a huge role in Oregon's economy. Nearly 180,000

Oregonians worked for manufacturing businesses in 2025, and the median manufacturing job pays roughly 17% more than jobs in other sectors, according to a 2024 ECONorthwest study. Manufactured goods accounted for a significant portion of Oregon's \$28 billion in exports last year.

Bullseye Glass won the 2025 Coolest Thing Made in Oregon Contest, following

Epic Aircraft's E1000 GX in 2024 and Freres Engineered Wood's Mass Ply Panels in 2023.

To qualify for the contest, products must be manufactured substantially within Oregon and be legal to buy in all 50 states. Anyone can nominate a product, and manufacturers are encouraged to do so. Nobody knows how cool a product

is more than the people who make it.

OBI is a statewide association representing businesses from a wide variety of industries and from each of Oregon's 36 counties. In addition to being the statewide chamber of commerce, OBI is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation.

Oregon Health Authority 'closely monitoring' cruise ship hantavirus cases

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Cottage Grove Sentinel

On May 2, the World Health Organization (WHO) was notified of a cluster of severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) among passengers and crew of a cruise ship in the Atlantic Ocean.

The cluster included two deaths and one critically ill passenger, whose laboratory

tests confirmed hantavirus. On May 6, WHO confirmed that the type of hantavirus responsible for this outbreak is the Andes virus. As of May 8, 2026, WHO has reported eight cases (six confirmed and two suspected), including three deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Jonathan Modie told the Cottage Grove Sentinel that OHA is "closely monitoring" the cluster of Andes virus hantavirus cases associated with the M/V Hondius cruise ship.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has notified Oregon Health Authority that one Oregon resident has been transported to the Nebraska Biocontainment Unit for risk assessment and monitoring," Modie said. "All passengers returning to the United States will be actively monitored for new symptoms by public health through 42 days following their arrival in Nebraska. No passengers have returned to Oregon at this time."

Hantaviruses can cause severe disease and typically infect humans through contact with rats and mice.

"The Andes virus is a type of hantavirus that is found in South America and can be associated with limited human-to-human transmission. The Andes virus is not found in Oregon," Modie said.

Media accounts said Central Oregon oncologist Dr. Stephen Kornfeld was reportedly on the quarantined cruise ship and helped to treat patients on the vessel.

The following information is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The cruise ship departed from Ushuaia, Argentina, on

April 1, 2026, and traveled across the South Atlantic Ocean, stopping at several remote locations, including Antarctica, South Georgia Island, Tristan da Cunha, Saint Helena, and Ascension Island. It carried 147 people (86 passengers and 61 crew) from 23 different countries. The extent of their contact with wildlife before or during the expedition is unknown.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is issuing this Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory to inform clinicians and health departments about the new cluster of hantavirus disease cases caused by infection with Andes virus.

CDC is working with partners (federal government, state and local and international) on safely repatriating American passengers from the cruise ship to a facility in Nebraska with specialized medical capabilities. On May 7, 2026, CDC sent a team to meet the cruise ship in the Canary Islands, Spain following travel from Cape Verde. The team is prepared to assess exposure risk among U.S. passengers and determine appropriate monitoring measures.

CDC is also coordinating with international partners to align public health guidance and has already issued health guidance to affected Americans via the State Department. The risk to the public's health in the United States is considered extremely

low at this time. As a precaution, CDC is working to increase awareness of the outbreak among travelers, public health agencies, laboratories, and healthcare professionals nationwide.

Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome
Hantaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause severe illness and death. They are most commonly transmitted (spread) to humans through contact with infected rodents (e.g., urine, droppings, saliva). Rarely, infection can occur from rodent bites or scratches. From 1993 through 2023, a total of 890 laboratory-confirmed cases of hantavirus were reported in the United States.

In the Americas, hantaviruses can cause hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS), a

severe and potentially deadly disease that affects the lungs. HPS can be life-threatening. Among patients who have severe respiratory symptoms, the case fatality rate has been estimated at approximately 38%.

Andes virus, confirmed as the cause of this hantavirus outbreak, is the only type of hantavirus that has been documented to spread from person-to-person. Although rare, spread between people has typically required close, prolonged contact with a symptomatic person. This could include direct physical contact, prolonged time spent in close or enclosed spaces, and exposure to the infected person's saliva, respiratory secretions, or other body fluids (e.g., kissing, sharing utensils, handling contaminated bedding).

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If the public (and Republicans) were more broadly and openly brought into this process, legislative candidates – during the upcoming campaign season – might be pressured to weigh in with answers as well. Out of all this, something approaching a solution with public buy-in just might emerge.

It's worth a try. For now, well-meaning efforts developed from the top down and

through committees all seem doomed to failure. Leadership of a different sort seems to be called for here.

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