





# Three arrests following burglary investigations

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Three people have been arrested following two burglaries at a rural Lane County store.

At approximately 2 a.m. April 27, the Blue Sky Market in McKenzie Bridge was burglarized by three males, according to Lane County Sheriff’s office Sgt. Tim Wallace.

“Surveillance video showed one of the suspects threw a large rock through the glass front door to gain entry,” Wallace said. “The same suspects returned at about 10:45 p.m. and again forced their way into the store.”

Surveillance video, shared widely on social media by the victim, generated several tips.

“Based on the information shared, deputies located the suspects at a campsite at the south end of Cougar



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## The investigation began following two burglaries at the Blue Sky Market in McKenzie Bridge.

Reservoir. on April 28,” Wallace said. “They were still wearing the same clothing shown in the videos.”

All three suspects were arrested. Two were determined to be juveniles and were lodged at SERBU on the below charges. The third, identified as 18-year-old Anders Miley Disla, of Blachly, was lodged at the Lane County Jail on the below charges:

- Two counts of Burglary in the 2nd Degree
  - Two counts of Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree
  - Theft in the 1st Degree
- Deputies contacted five additional teenagers at the campsite and located numerous items with Blue Sky Market price tags on them. “Thanks to our community for providing information to our deputies to solve this case,” Wallace said.

# Incident with armed suicidal person peacefully resolved

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Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) deputies join law enforcement members across the state and the nation in specialized training to deescalate potentially life-threatening situations not just in crime-related calls.

One such incident occurred locally over the past weekend.

At approximately 8 a.m. April 27, at the LCSO received a report of a suicidal subject in the Creswell area who was likely armed with a handgun.

Deputies soon located the subject on the second floor of a warehouse in the 33400 block of West Lane in Creswell. The person was confirmed to be armed with a handgun and made suicidal statements, according to LCSO Sgt. Tim Wallace.

Deputies and officers assigned to the Lane County Sheriff’s Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) responded and spoke with the subject over the next several hours. Deputies assigned to the Lane County Sheriff’s Special Response Team (SRT) also responded.

“The call was unique as the person had committed only a low-level misdemeanor crime, but was armed and on someone else’s property,” Wallace said. “At one point the subject fired a round from the handgun toward an area inside where SRT deputies had staged earlier in the incident. Deputies remained calm and continued working towards a peaceful resolution.

It was later determined that the round was fired on accident. No one was injured.”

After approximately 9 hours of negotiation, the subject followed instructions to be safely detained, according to Wallace. The person was then transported to an area hospital for further assistance. The name of the subject is being withheld by authorities, Wallace said, because no criminal action was taken.

The incident ended without any injuries following the de-escalation efforts by the law enforcement agency.

According to Wallace, all LCSO deputies are trained in de-escalation training and the agency’s crisis negotiation team receives additional ongoing in-depth training. The LCSO crisis negotiations team was called in early during the event because responding deputies determined the highly trained unit was needed. Law enforcement from LCSO, Junction City and Coburg Police make up the team.

“It comes down to bringing a person down to a level where we can communicate with that person,” Wallace said. “Understanding that we aren’t there to hurt them, even in a situation where something criminal may have occurred, our goal is to safely resolve that situation without having to use force is our preference. Sometimes force is a de-escalating tactic, but if there is no crime involved and it’s just a person in crisis, using force is less likely to have the desired result.”

Wallace added that the county’s mobile crisis

services handles many of the suicidal incident calls, but he said the training is very different for a crisis responder as opposed to someone in crisis who needs, in this case, to surrender the gun and leave the building.

“We are not only trained to get them not only to not do something, and not harm themselves, we also have training to have that person do something, in this case, leave the building that they weren’t supposed to be in,” he said.

Each law enforcement agent in the team is trained through specialized FBI courses to use a calming demeanor to help resolve the situation without harm and violence.

“By yelling at someone in crisis is not generally helpful,” he said. “Part of that training is just calm, clear communication and establishing respect and they understand that we want them to do something. We also want to work with them and help bring that peaceful resolution.”

Wallace said it’s not a matter of tricking the subject. It is a matter of building trust.

“Once you lose that trust you aren’t likely to get it back,” he said. “Essentially whatever you are left with is whatever force option that may be open.”

If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide, there is help available. Call the Lane County Crisis Line at 541-682-1001, call or text 988, or call 911.

## 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, APRIL 21

02:43: Welfare check, 200 block N. Lane St.  
08:11: Abandoned vehicle, 200 block Davidson Ave.  
08:16: Abandoned vehicle, S. River Rd/Girard  
08:25: Abandoned vehicle, Grover/10th  
08:58: Dog release, 400 block E. Main St.  
09:17: Welfare check, 900 block Kristen Way  
10:28: Fraud, 1000 block N. Douglas St.  
11:02: Citizen assist, 400 block E. Main St.  
11:11: Mental health issue, 1000 block Hwy 99  
11:51: Citizen assist, 1300 block S. 8th St.  
12:47: Welfare check, 700 block Row River Rd.  
12:53: Suspicious subject, 100 block N. 6th St.  
14:23: Suspicious condition, 2400 block E. Main St.  
14:24: Suspicious vehicle, 3200 block Row River Rd.  
14:27: Disturbance, 600 block Birch Ave.  
15:09: Disturbance, 8000 block Hwy 99  
15:20: Suspicious condition, 77000 block Layng Rd.

15:30: Illegal camping, Elm/Dogwood  
15:46: Alarm, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
18:22: ATL/DUII, Pennoyer/9th  
18:56: Illegal camping, 300 block S. River Rd.  
19:49: Unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
20:31: Info, 1100 block Villard Ave.  
22:41: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

00:53: Suspicious condition, Hwy 99/Withycombe  
01:31: Suspicious condition, 200 block N. 10th St.  
05:29: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.  
08:22: Theft, 900 block Row River Rd.  
08:26: Warrant service, 1700 block S. 5th St.  
08:48: Criminal mischief, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
08:52: Abandoned vehicle, 500 block Grant Ave.  
09:06: Citizen assist, 1200 block Jefferson Ave.  
10:09: Found drugs, 1700 block S. 5th St.  
10:15: Welfare check, Hillside/Cambria  
13:45: Abandoned vehicle, 1500 block Edison Ave.  
15:03: Hit and run, 100 block S. 6th St.  
15:54: Abandoned vehicle, 300 block South S St.  
16:12: Alarm, 300 block S. 6th St.  
18:01: Theft, 500 block E. Main St.  
18:21: Wanted subject, 1700 block S. 5th St.  
18:29: Wanted subject, 32000 block Pickenell St.

18:38: Wanted subject, 1400 block S. 6th St.  
18:48: Juvenile problem, 1000 block N. 11th St.  
18:54: Reckless driving, I-5 NB ramp/Row River Rd.  
19:21: Disorderly subject, 700 block Row River Rd.  
19:25: Illegal camping, 1400 block E. Main St.  
19:44: Warrant service, 7th/Main  
21:07: Drug overdose, 2000 block S. 8th St.  
22:24: Criminal mischief, 500 block N. River Rd.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

00:37: Disturbance, 80000 block Hwy 99  
00:48: Motor vehicle crash, 15 NB Gettings Creek  
02:16: Business check, 900 block E. Main St.  
07:53: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.  
09:04: Trespass, 1400 block E. Main St.  
09:05: Welfare check, Woodson Pl/N. 9th  
09:20: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
09:47: Theft, N. Lane/Chadwick  
09:55: Agency assist, 800 block S. 1st St.  
10:42: Animal info, 1400 block Birch Ave.  
12:50: Abandoned vehicle, 1700 block Harvey Rd.  
12:55: Minor in possession, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
15:06: Suspicious condition, 6th/Latham  
15:41: Order violation, 400 block E. Main St.  
16:37: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block E. Main St.  
18:02: Theft, 200 block N.12th St.  
18:40: Citizen assist, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.  
18:52: Theft, 100 block Village Dr.  
19:22: Suspicious condition, 600 block Arthur Ave.  
19:41: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.  
19:56: Welfare check, 200 block E. Harrison Ave.  
20:33: Illegal parking, Ostrander Ln/St. James Pl.  
20:46: Found dog, 100 block South M St.  
21:02: Suspicious subject, 1100 block Holly Ave.  
21:20: Found property, 600 block E. Main St.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

00:11: Suspicious vehicle, 800 block Row River Rd.  
00:32: Suspicious vehicle, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.  
01:56: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block Gateway Blvd.  
02:37: Citizen assist, 900 block E. Main St.  
03:07: Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
03:40: Fire, 36000 block Shoreview Dr.  
04:02: Fire, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
06:23: Welfare check, 8th/Benjamin  
06:50: Paper service, 200 block E. Harrison Ave.  
06:56: Mental problems, 1100 block S. 2nd St.  
08:01: Found property, 2nd/Harrison  
08:25: Order violation, 900 block Cooper  
10:30: Warrant service, 100 block N. 14th St.  
10:48: Mental problems, 1500 block Hillside Dr.  
12:30: Theft, 900 block S. River Rd.  
12:32: Paper service, 1500 block Village Dr.  
15:00: Found property, 1300 block E. Main St.  
15:05: Suspicious condition, 900 block Geer Ave.  
15:50: Fire, Row River Rd.  
16:36: Business check, 100 block S. 5th St.  
17:09: Theft, 900 block S. River Rd.  
20:10: Harassment, 100 block N. 9th St.  
20:32: Citizen assist, 400 block E. Main St.  
21:00: Illegal camping, 900 block Row River Rd.  
21:12: Suspicious condition, 300 block Waukeena Way  
22:23: Warrant service, 1200 block Hwy 99

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

00:54: Alarm, 700 block E. Whiteaker Ave.  
02:55: Welfare check, 1300 block Ostrander Ln.  
09:57: Alarm, 100 block E. Madison Ave.  
12:33: Assault, 900 block Row River Rd.  
13:25: Motor vehicle crash, 10th/Main  
13:32: ATL DUII, 3200 block Row River Rd.  
13:56: Disorderly subject, 700 block South R St.  
15:02: Found property, 700 block Hwy 99  
15:36: Dog at large, 2000 block Clark Ave.  
15:52: Dog at large, 100 block S. 1th St.  
16:44: Juvenile problem, Grant/4th  
17:16: Business check, 1700 block E. Main St.  
17:27: Trespass, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
18:05: Alarm, 300 block S. 6th St.  
18:10: Suspicious condition, 100 block Palmer Ave.  
18:36: Animal info, S. River Rd/Girard  
18:57: Wanted subject, 1700 block S. 5th St.  
22:11: Suspicious vehicle, 1300 block S. River Rd.  
22:21: Mental problem, 600 block N. 10th St.  
23:02: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 1th St.  
23:09: Juvenile trouble, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

00:02: Disorderly subject, 200 block N. 12th St.  
00:05: Barking dog, 700 block S. 3rd St.  
00:46: Suspicious vehicle, 3200 block Row River Rd.  
03:25: Suspicious vehicle, 700 block S. 3rd St.  
09:37: Disturbance, 700 block E. Main St.  
10:44: Traffic hazard, Gateway/14th  
12:06: Welfare check, 1300 block E. Main St.  
13:07: Death investigation, 1000 block Hwy 99  
17:23: Assault, 1000 block E. Main St.

20:16: Warrant service, 900 block Row River Rd.  
21:42: Citizen assist, 400 block E. Main St.  
22:34: Suspicious vehicle, 2700 block Row River Rd.  
23:15: Juvenile trouble, 1100 block S. 10th St.  
23:44: Disturbance, 200 block N. 12th St.

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

00:30: Suspicious condition, 700 block S. 8th St.  
02:41: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.  
06:15: Assault, 200 block S. 11th St.  
06:38: Illegal camping, 100 block S. 10th St.  
08:46: Fire, Hwy 99/Abbott Ln.  
10:38: Hit and run, 1500 block Samuel Dr.  
10:59: Trespass, 900 block Row River Rd.  
14:20: Alarm, 1500 block S. 4th St.  
15:39: Welfare check, 1300 block E. Main St.  
16:23: Suspicious condition, 600 block Lincoln Ave.  
16:53: Trespass, 900 block E. Main St.  
17:13: DUII ATL, Exit 174, NB Off ramp  
17:23: Agency assist, 900 block South T Court  
18:01: Welfare check, 1100 block S. 2nd St.  
18:12: Business check, 1200 block Gateway Blvd.  
18:34: Disorderly subject, 200 block Gateway Blvd.  
19:00: Harassment, 100 block S. 10th St.  
19:06: Suspicious subject, Harrison/1st  
19:20: Motor vehicle crash, Row River/Gateway  
21:11: Found property, 100 block Village Dr.  
21:18: Wanted subject, 1000 block N. 9th St.  
22:34: Suspicious vehicle, North M/Birch  
22:44: Criminal mischief, River Rd/Madison  
23:23: Welfare check, 200 block N. Lane St.  
23:33: Trespass, 2100 block South R St.  
23:39: Alarm, 1400 block Gateway Blvd.

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# Public Market Festival draws a crowd

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An estimated 200 plus visitors attended the new Cottage Grove Public Market’s Spring Festival offering a wide variety of activities, live music, foods, and beverages offered throughout the day, Saturday, April 26,

Twinberry Commons Executive Director Rebecca Allen Lamptey described the sold out evening fundraising dinner as “delicious, inspiring and profitable”. The high point of the evening was the Woodard Family Foundation’s announcement of a \$30,000 challenge grant. If \$30,000 is raised by June 28 the local foundation will donate its matching amount.

Twinberry Commons serves as the “nonprofit umbrella” to support charitable and educational programs - including supporting the development of a framework to ensure the long term survival of the Coast Fork Farm Stand, supporting the



Cindy Weeldreyer / Cottage Grove Sentinel

**Students from the Wandering Wolves School were among the performers on the Cottage Grove Public Market stage during its Spring Festival on April 26. See more photos at cgsentinel.com**

development of a community gathering space for local growers and makers, artisans and creatives, children and youth, as well as supporting the development of a

hybrid Public Market space and a small business incubator space.

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# Rare book displayed at Bookmine celebration



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**Steve and Karen Williamson use white gloves to show Julie Marchini the inside pages of the rare book, "The Fairyland Around Us."**

CINDY WEELDREYER  
Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Bookmine’s 50th Anniversary Celebration was a highlight of April’s Last Friday Art Walk.

The event attracted hundreds of well-wishers to the store alone Main Steet in Cottage Grove’s Historic District.

Three artists were at the store. Harpist Mary Grace, Artist Evelyn Pruse and the Singing Creek Educational Center.

Opal Whiteley Historian and SCEC Board Member Steve Williamson and his wife, Karen, brought a first edition of the famous local author’s childhood diary, “The Fairyland Around Us” which was published in 1920.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- MAY 8-JUNE 12**  
Seed to Supper LCC Course” Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at LCC Cottage Grove Center, 1275 S. River Road. A free 6-week class offered by OSU Extension, Lane County Master Gardeners and Lane Community College to teach novice gardeners to grow nutritious food on a limited budget. Outdoor garden activities accompany class time. Participants get a gardening book, seeds, and other
- goodies as available. Pre-registration is required, and seats are limited. To register: call 541-344-5859 or email chrisha.favors@oregonstate.edu or register in person at LCC CG Center

**MAY 9**  
Elks Lodge Friday Night Community Dinner, from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Elks Lodge, 775 N. River Road. Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, and Baby Carrots Cost: \$10 For more details, call 541-942-3554.
- MAY 10**  
The Oregon State University Extension Small Farms Program’s Rural Living Day offers a full day of workshops for rural landowners and stewards, or anyone who is considering a move to the country. Classes include weed management, bigleaf maple syruping, soils, tree identification, septic systems, chainsaw safety, food preservation and more. The event from 9 a.m. – 3

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OBITUARIES & NEWS

Patricia Beth Cooper

February 22, 1941 - March 31, 2025

Patricia Beth Cooper, 84, of Cottage Grove, Oregon was born on February 22, 1941, in Berkley, California. She was the beloved daughter of Gerald and Elvis (Argo) Flenniken. On March 31, 2025, in Cottage Grove, Oregon, Patricia's journey came to a peaceful end as she passed away due to Alzheimer's Disease, surrounded by the love of her family.

On September 5, 1959, Patricia married Stanley S. Cooper, and their union was celebrated for 65 years. The couple's love blossomed into a beautiful family, including daughters Kellye Cooper and Erin Mathews, ten grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her son Tim Cooper, sisters Lilian Speas, Geri Smith, grandson Garrett Deardorff and great-granddaughter Abigail Pruitt.

Patricia's early educational pursuits culminated in her graduation from Cottage Grove High School, after which she found her calling in the service of others as a certified nursing assistant at the old Sacred Heart in PCU. She poured her heart into her work and genuinely loved caring for her patients, touching countless lives with her compassion.



Her creativity knew no bounds, and Patricia was an extraordinary seamstress, knitting sweaters and stockings that would wrap her family in warmth and love. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family and grandchildren. She also found joy riding across the United States on the back of their Harley motorcycle with her husband Stanley, a shared passion that saw them join the Retreads Motorcycle Club, adding a dash of adventure to their storied love. Patricia carried treasured memories from her younger years square dancing and as a Cottage Grove Rodeo princess.

Those who knew Patricia will remember a spirit both funny and adventurous, coupled with a creative spark that illuminated the lives around her. Though she has left this world, her laughter will echo through the generations of her family and the multitude of friends whose lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 17, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Living Faith Assembly, 467 S. 10th St., Cottage Grove, Oregon. A private inurnment will be held at Fir Grove Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

Lester R. Bangle

July 7th, 1932 - March 17, 2025

Lester R. Bangle of Cottage Grove, OR passed away on March 17, 2025. At his request, no funeral service will be held. His remains are pending interment at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

He was born in San Bernardino, CA on July 7th, 1932, to Charles F. and Opal (Bishop) Bangle. He married Ila (Sims) Bangle in Pasadena, CA on November 14, 1953. She passed away on December 4, 2010.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1952 and retired 24 years later as a Senior Chief. During his Navy time, he served on three ships in the Korean and Vietnamese waters. He served in numerous overseas locations, including Japan, Formosa, Thailand, Philippines, and Hawaii. Lester loved music, particularly



the organ, and was an organist for a large church in Honolulu, HI. He also played for numerous weddings for many service members in chapels and onboard ships in Hawaii.

Lester is survived by his daughter, Cauleen Massingale of Cottage Grove, OR, his brother Charles E. Bangle of Cottage Grove OR, 3 grandchildren, Shawna Spear (husband Jeremy) of Cottage Grove, OR, Steven Massingale (wife Micah) of Eugene, OR, and Justin Chapman (wife Brooke) of Klamath Falls, OR, serving in the U.S. Air Force, 7 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Bertha Hudson.

Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel of Cottage Grove is in charge of arrangements.

Death Notices

Christopher "Chris" Blaine Winslow, 66, of Creswell, Oregon passed away April 25, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Linda Shorey, 75, of Cottage Grove, Oregon passed away April 30, 2025. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel and Crematorium.

Hearings officer blocks CleanLane project

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Lane County officials had until May 5 to appeal a decision by a hearings officer denying a special-use permit for the construction of a trash and recycling facility in Goshen.

In a 27-page opinion, Lane County Use Hearings Officer Joe Turner ruled that "the proposed facility is, in whole or in part, a 'waste-related' use that is prohibited in the LI zone." The ruling reverses the Lane County Planning Director's December 6, 2024

administrative approval and grants the appeal in its entirety. According to Lane County Garbage & Recycling Association (LCGRA) President Jake Pelroy, the county attempted to re-label what Peroy described as a

massive waste-processing and gas complex "as a benign 'government facility.'" "Officer Turner saw through the spin and protected our community, its wetlands, and rate-payers from an ill-conceived and

dangerous \$178 million experiment," Pelsoy said. The stakes, according to the LCGRA are: \$178 million price tag. Lane County planned to finance the project through a 25-year contract with Bulk Handling Systems (BHS) and

\$59 million in bonds plus interest, backed by an 11 % tipping-fee hike in both 2024 and 2025. Wetlands at risk. If the trash facility were approved, the county had planned to fill

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CALENDAR

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p.m. is at Junction City High School. Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m. The fee is \$20, and scholarships are available. Advanced registration is required as there is limited capacity. To register or learn more, visit <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/smallfarms/>

southern-willamette-valley/events/rural-living-day, or contact Carrie Mack at 541-237-6808, or [carrie.mack@oregonstate.edu](mailto:carrie.mack@oregonstate.edu). **Bikes to Blooms** Wildflower Walks, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bake Stewart Park, Row River Road in Dorena. 8 a.m. Guided Bird Walk. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. educational booths open and self-guided walk materials available. 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and Noon:

Guided Wildflower Walks. For more information, call the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council Office at 541.767.9717. **Row River Sunshine Club** Spring Rummage Sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Row River Church in Dorena. All rummage items are only 25 cents! Features BBQ's burgers and baked goods. All proceeds are used by the Sunshine Club to spread cheer to our neighbors in the Row River Valley. **Bohemia Mine Owners Open-to-the Public Day**, Saturday, Time TBA, Sharps Creek, Bohemia Mining District. Event Features: Open claims with miners demonstrating how to pan for gold. Cottage Grove Gold Mining Museum plans to have bags of paydirt on site for purchase for a few bucks for the kiddos. All claims will be easy to access with any vehicle with normal clearance. Bring your own equipment and play in the creek or learn from the member on site. Some of members have been playing in these creeks for over 60 years and there is a lot they can teach. For more info call Nancy at 541.767.9800. **Cottage Grove Speedway, "Mom's Night Out"** gates open at 6:30 p.m. Qualifying at 5:30 p.m. Racing at 6:30 p.m. at the speedway at 2150 N. Douglas Ave.

Tickets: Adults \$16Juniors (13-17) \$13Seniors (62+) & Military \$13Youth (6-12) \$55 and Under-Free Racing Classes: Late Models, IMCA Modifieds, IMCA Sport Mods, IMCA Sport Compact, Street Stock & Junios. Information at **541-942-7561** UFC Title Fights, 7 p.m., Bohemian Tavern, 48 N. 9th Street in Cottage Grove. Two fights Cost is \$5 cover after 7 p.m. **MAY 13** **History Pub**, 5 p.m. Tuesday, at Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove. Topic: The History of Bohemia Mining Days Presented by Spirit of BMD Executive Director Matthew Hewlett **Trinity Lutheran Church Free Community Meal**, Tuesday, 5:15-6:15 p.m. at the church, Seventh and Quincy Avenue in Cottage grove. Take-Out Only. **MAY 14** **Cottage Grove High School Hiring Fair** from 8 a.m.- to 12 p.m. Noon, Cottage Grove High School, 1375 S. River Road. College and Career Counselor Emma Ly is organizing this important event for the Class of 2025. If you are an employer who can provide job opportunities for these seniors please send an email to: [emma.ly@slane.k12.or.us](mailto:emma.ly@slane.k12.or.us) or call 541.780.2099.

**MAY 16-17 and 30** Storybook Theatre (SBT) Dorena School Production at 6 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday at 37131 Row River Road. Play to be announced. SBT is designed to provide a safe and nurturing space for young people to build confidence, cultivate creativity and discover their unique voice through the magic of theater. **MAY 17** **Cottage Grove Historical Society Presentation** at 10 a.m. at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Avenue. Free, hour-long presentation. This month's topic: The Bookmine 50th Anniversary Celebration. **South Lane Mental Health "Treat Yourself to Mental Health"**, Saturday, 9-11 a.m. at the Bohemia Park Pavilion. Features a Bake Sale, Free Yoga begins at 9:30 a.m. Self-Care Raffle Basket. All ages and abilities welcome. **MAY 23** Kids Heritage Fair, from 1-7 p.m. at the Family Relief Nursery, 720 N. 14th. Co-sponsored by Spirit of Bohemia Mining Days and the Family Relief Nursery and features family fun, local history, arts and crafts. Vendors wanted. Contact Executive Director Matthew Hewlett at [www.spiritofbmd.com/partnerships](http://www.spiritofbmd.com/partnerships)

**MAY 24** Wind driven wildland fires and safety zones presentation from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Shepard's Room at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Avenue. No pre-registration needed. Presenter is Diane Braun who is not affiliated with any entity or organization. Braun is sharing her knowledge based on many years of fire-fighting experience, including, class one fire team (Hot Shots), Helitack, Helibase operations, and incident command. The presentation is to build awareness about staying safe in the event of a wild-land fire. **MAY 31** Hospital Auxiliary Fashion Show at 2 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E. Washington Avenue. Enjoy a fun afternoon of fashion and food. Tickets \$25 (includes show & appetizers) Fashions provided By Carol Reeves and The Flower Basket. Catering by Sheilagh & Wine by Saginaw Vineyard (available for purchase). Basket Raffle & Silent Auctions. Tickets available at The Flower Basket, Auxiliary Members and CG Hospital front desk. Proceeds used to provide needed medical equipment and supplies for the Hospital and Clinic.

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# SLSD Board Candidates Profile

*Editor's Note: The Sentinel is presenting profiles of the South Lane School District (SLSD) Board candidates running in the May 20 Special Election.*

**BACKGROUND**

In 1961, Cottage Grove's Union High School District and several elementary districts consolidated to form the South Lane School District. It is governed by seven local citizens who serve four-year terms that alternate every two years. This year, four of the positions will be on the May 20 ballot. While candidates must live within a specific geographic area they are elected district wide.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, in the 2023-24 school year, the large 672 square mile rural district supported 150 teachers and 277 staff, specialists and administrators who served 2,680 students in nine schools with a \$48,264,000 budget.

Each candidate responded to three questions:

1: Why do you want to serve on the school board?

2: What do you see are the biggest issues facing the school district?

3: What qualities, skills, experience and perspectives do you have to address those issues effectively?

**POSITION 5 CANDIDATES**



**Colleen Valley**

Colleen Valley is a small business owner who is the incumbent completing her first four-year term. Tony Lefler is the Brad's Cottage Grove Chevrolet Service Manager. Both candidates have been actively involved parents with students who are or have been students in the district and Tony has five grandchildren who are current students. Both are actively involved as community volunteers including South Valley Athletics.

1. I want to keep the focus of the school district on improving our kids education both academically, thinking critically, and becoming ready to take whatever their next step is after graduation.

2. I am concerned about the budget moving forward. We have solid programs in place

to support kids and want to be able to keep those programs as well as have the ability to offer new options for kids. All that takes money.

3. Starting your first term on the school board is a steep learning curve. I feel that the experience on the board, in the community as a volunteer, and experience as a small business owner allow me to have a unique perspective and offer that to my fellow board members as well as the new superintendent. During the search, the current board was able to keep our focus on supporting kids and teachers. We worked well together as we chose the new superintendent, and I hope to be able to continue that positive momentum forward.



**Tony Lefler**

1. I want to serve on the South Lane School Board to help build the trust of the community with the schools in our district. I am committed to refocusing this district so our children can achieve the academic success that they need and deserve.

2. The biggest issues facing our district today are the distractions our kids encounter every day. Our district needs to refocus the direction our kids are being taught. The South Lane District is struggling with test scores. Our test scores are below an already failing state average. We need to let our teachers teach. Hold everyone accountable and encourage parental involvement.

3. The qualities I have to address the issues are something I deal with every day at my job. I am the service manager at Brad's Chevrolet. We encounter problems all day long with vehicles having issues. I have learned to take the problems straight on. Deal with the problem, get it handled, and move on to the next one. This is the mind set I intend to bring to the board. No one person will be able to fix all the problems the board encounters, it will take a team to work together to make a positive impacts for our kids.

*Look for SLSD board candidate profiles at cgsentinel.com and in the Wednesday print editions of The Sentinel.*

## PROJECT

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21 acres or more of sensitive Goshen wetlands.

Zoning mismatch. The Light Industrial (LI) zone expressly prohibits waste-related uses, a protection designed to keep these dangerous types of facilities away from established neighborhoods and waterways.

County staff have acknowledged that absent an appeal, they may recommend the Board of Commissioners abandon the Goshen site and search for a compliant location, according to Pelroy.

The Lane County Garbage & Recycling Association represents the county's locally owned waste-collection and recycling companies.

*Read a series of Sentinel special reports about CleanLane with this story at cgsentinel.com*

EDITORIAL CARTOONS

## COLUMN

# All hands-on deck in a crisis

**DICK ANDERSON**  
*Sentinel Guest Column*

You have heard time and time again that Oregon is in a housing crisis, but we didn't get here overnight.

There is a combination of factors that have created a severe imbalance between housing supply and demand, driving up costs and making it difficult for many residents to find affordable places to live.

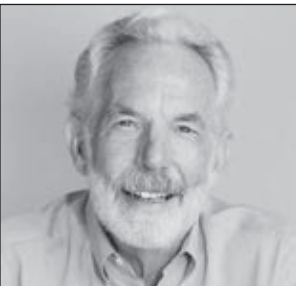
**FACTORS**

One major driver is Oregon's chronic underproduction of housing. Estimates suggest Oregon is short anywhere from 87,000 to 140,000 homes to meet current demand. This gap didn't happen overnight and has been decades in the making. New construction lagged behind population increases, particularly between 2015 and 2019, when the state added three residents for every new housing unit built- double the national average.

The lack of supply, and the large demand for homes has pushed home prices and rents to skyrocket. As of 2023, the typical home in Oregon cost around \$528,000, significantly higher than the national average. Rental costs jumped 17% from 2020 to 2022 alone. For a minimum-wage worker, affording a two-bedroom apartment requires working 82 hours a week, an impossible burden for most. Even if you aren't a minimum-wage worker the burden of rent is hard to ignore.

Oregon's land use policies, which date back to the 1970's, particularly the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) system, play a significant role in this crisis as well. In 1973 Senate Bill 100 established the UGB system that Oregon has. Designated to curb sprawl and protect farmland, UGBs limit where new housing can be built- concentrating development within designated urban areas. These preserve Oregon's natural beauty, a draw for many residents, restricts the supply of buildable land.

Developers often face a shortage of "shovel-ready" lots due to permitting delays, high fees, and financing



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**State Sen. Dick Anderson**

chronic homelessness nearly doubling over the last 15 years. These are major problems!

Finally, zoning and regulatory hurdles exacerbate the shortage. Single-family zoning dominates many areas, limiting multifamily housing that could serve moderate- and low-income residents- 95 % of the housing deficit targets these groups. Efforts to relax zoning, like legalizing accessory dwelling units or duplexes, face resistance from "NIMBY" (Not in My Backyard) sentiments, while infrastructure funding lags, delaying large-scale projects. Even with recent investments- like Governor Kotek's \$376 million housing package in 2024, production (around 12,000 units annually) falls short of her 36,000-unit goal.

In short, Oregon's housing crisis is a perfect storm of insufficient supply, restrictive land policies, rapid demand growth, and economic pressures, all colliding to make homes unaffordable for too many. Solutions exist- more construction, smarter zoning, targeted subsidies. Overcoming decades of underbuilding and entrenched interest remains a steep challenge.

**SO, WHAT IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE?**

Construction is a mixed bag. Oregon is still short a lot of homes- and while Governor Kotek is pushing for 36,000 new units annually, the state's only hitting about 12,000. Her 2025 legislative efforts are gaining traction with some cities already doubling their middle housing permits. However, rural areas and smaller cities lag, some

even dropping to zero permits as well. Red tape, high land costs, and prevailing wage laws- which add an addition 10-20% to project costs, are slowing things down.

Senate Bill 974 is a bill I put forward this legislative session that has bipartisan support. This bill streamlines engineering, planning and review processes to speed up housing developments within Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB's). This bill cuts the red tape to build homes faster. In some areas of the state, it can take cities up to 8 weeks to get a permit approved to be able to even start building, and this is only if the permit is complete- missing documents, unclear plans or failure to meet code requirements trigger revisions, restarting the review clock.

Many building permits require review by multiple different agencies, each with its own review timeline, causing bottlenecks. This bill will require a city, or county to complete a review of a land use application for a single-family dwelling in 45 days. Where the law currently stands there is no time limit for engineering or final platting and design reviews. This can't be the case when we are in a crisis and time is essential. This bill will be up for a vote on the Senate floor Monday.

Like Senate Bill 974, Senate Bill 6 ensures building homes and middle housing can happen fast in Oregon. Senate Bill 6 is a "shot clock" bill which requires building departments to approve or deny building applications

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Weekly Online Poll

It's been 100 days since President Trump took office. Rate his performance.

☐ Excellent

☐ Pretty good

☐ Not so good

☐ Poor

Previous Poll Results

As Cottage Grove city leaders prepare the new city budget, what should be the spending priorities?

☐ 47.3% Public safety

☐ 26.3% Streets and roads

☐ 21.1% Economic development

☐ 5.3% Library

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# Lane County Sheriff announces retirement

JEREMY C. RUARK  
*Cottage Grove Sentinel*

Lane County Sheriff Cliff Harrold has announced his retirement effective May 16, 2025.

Harrold has served in the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) for 35 years and was appointed sheriff in 2019 before being elected in 2020 and re-elected in 2024.

"It is with much thought and consideration that I have decided to retire from the Lane County Sheriff's Office effective May 16.



Courtesy photo from LCSO  
**Lane County Sheriff  
Cliff Harrold.**

After 35 years, I am ready to step back and contemplate what the future looks like for myself and my family," Harrold said. "It has been an honor to work with all the incredible men and women who make up the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Their dedication to serving our community is unparalleled and I could not have asked to serve alongside better people."

**BACKGROUND**  
Harrold began his career in law enforcement as a cadet in the Lane County

Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 35 years ago and briefly served as a dispatcher for the Cottage Grove Police Department. He was hired as a full-time deputy in 1995. During his career, Harrold served in nearly every assignment available at the LCSO, including the Corrections Division, Court Transport, Traffic Safety Team, Patrol, Field Training Officer, SWAT operator, Marine Patrol, and many more, according to a release from the LCSO.

**REACTION**

"I congratulate Sheriff Cliff Harrold with tremendous appreciation and admiration for his decades of service to Lane County," Lane County District Attorney Chris Parosa said. "Sheriff Harrold's sound and steady leadership has made our community safer, modernized our local jail, and improved the lives of countless Lane County residents. His charm, thoughtfulness and collaborative nature have been a powerful model for a new District Attorney.

Congratulations Sheriff Harrold, friend."  
Harrold announced his retirement with a letter to the Lane County community that was shared online Thursday, May 1.  
**NEXT STEP**  
Chief Deputy Carl Wilkerson will fill the role of Sheriff until the Lane County Board of Commissioners determines the process to appoint the next sheriff. The Board was expected to begin that discussion Tuesday, May 6, during its regular business meeting.

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## ANDERSON

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in 45 business days or less. This clock only starts when the application is deemed complete. This bill will only apply to residential homes and middle housing in subdivisions (no commercial and large scale).  
This bill passed unanimously out of the Senate Housing Committee and was moved to Joint Ways and Means because of an indeterminate fiscal element. We got that removed so this bill could be sent to the senate floor for a vote. Other states are currently passing similar bills like this currently-California is passing a bill with a 30-to-60-day building permit requirement and

Arizona is passing a bill with a 15-day requirement.  
If other states can do it, there is no reason that Oregon can't do this as well. It's entirely possible. It is also worth noting that Texas and North Carolina passed legislation that requires approval in just a few weeks. In Texas, a developer can now move forward with construction if a municipality takes more than 30 days to review a completed application.  
A bill that has passed the Senate with strong support is Senate Bill 1086. This bill creates a statewide apprenticeship program to train more building inspectors and speed up housing construction. With Oregon short 115 inspectors annually, this bill breaks the logjam to get homes built faster while ensuring safety. This bill will now go to the House and if it passes, will make its way to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.


We didn't get into this housing crisis overnight. Some could argue that it has been decades in the making with the passing of Senate Bill 100 in the 1970's. However, there is one thing that we can all agree on-something needs to be done now to fix this! When you are in a crisis that means all hands-on deck.  
We need to cut the red tape, expand UGB's, streamline the application process and start building homes today, not tomorrow or next year. These bureaucratic delays are inflating construction costs and driving up the costs of homes.  
*State Senator Dick Anderson serves District 5, Lincoln City. He may be reached at State Capitol phone 503-986-1705. Capitol address: 900 Court St NE, S-303, Salem, OR, 97301. Email: Sen.DickAnderson@oregonlegislature.gov. Website: http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/anderson*

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