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■ COMMUNITY KUDOS

- **Rosita's Taqueria & Meat Market** officially opened a “bigger” door at 819 E. Main St. last Saturday to provide Grovers with high quality authentic Mexican food and meats. They are open Monday-Saturday from 9am-8pm and Sundays from 9am-7pm. Drivers have noticed the successful food cart on the southwest corner of Hwy. 99 and Main Street and now Rosita's has added a meat market in the former Hot Spot Café location. Social media is buzzing about it and one person wrote: “Let's show up for them not just today, but every day. Small businesses are the heart of a strong community, and Rosita's is already shaping up to be another local gem. Stop by, grab a bit, and help welcome them to the neighborhood!”
- **Tim Schweitzer** for being selected by “Groovers” on the Groovin’ in the Grove Facebook page as its February Local Legend. Tim describes his business as “a family-owned, independent, 1800s-atmosphere brick-and-mortar old-style mercantile, workwear, and western-wear outfitter.” For generations, the Schweitzer family has outfitted loggers and construction workers and supported countless nonprofit causes in town — a true pillar of Cottage Grove. Congratulations, Tim!
- **Cottage Grove Mat Club Wrestlers** traveled to Medford last Saturday to compete in RMN Wrestling’s “Most Wanted” tournament at Rogue X — a highly competitive regional youth folkstyle event drawing athletes from across the West, with divisions ranging from 6U (6-and-under) through 15U (15-and-under). They represented CG well with strong effort all around. Congratulations to our placers: **David Craig** – 1st Place, 8U & 3rd Place, 9U | **Lexi Houtz** – 2nd Place, 8U/10U | **Owen Houtz** – 2nd Place, 11U & 3rd Place, 12U | **Cael Uram** – 6th Place, 12U | **Jayden Stanley** – 5th Place, 10U & 6th Place, 11U | **Raegan Dunnavin** – 4th Place, 10U. Great job team! Best wishes for more wins at Reno and Freestyle Season. The Matt Club welcomes community donations to fund our kids' trips to elite competitions like these. For more info call 541.954.7727 or send email to: cottage.grove.wrestlingclub@gmail.com

■ COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Nominations sought for longtime Valentines:** The CG Genealogical Society wants to celebrate couples who are celebrating a 40th or 50th wedding anniversary this month with a special vintage gift for Valentine's Day – no strings attached! To nominate a couple email their names and contact information to: info@cggenealogicalsociety.org
- **Community Help Needed for CG Genealogical Society's New Book Project & Honor Display:** CGGS President Debra Monsive said the Society is creating a book that identifies all men and women who lived and attended school in South Lane/North Douglas Counties who served in the armed forces during World War II. The book is now up to 700 pages using available public information to create a valuable resource for future historians. The project has identified 42 servicemen who died in action. The Society created an honor poster for each person for the “Gave Their All” art gallery display at the Community Center through Memorial Day. If you have a loved one who served in the military during World War II, please call Debra at the CGGS Library 541.942.9570 to ensure your loved one is included in this project.
- **Lane Community College in Cottage Grove:** Scheduling Spring Classes Now! LCC in Cottage Grove is accepting proposals for spring term (April-June) for personal enrichment classes and activities. Submit your idea and resume to cg@lanecc.edu Ideas: Teach basic computer skills, share your sewing knowledge, instruct an art class, organize a book club, or submit your own idea. The Center is located next to CG High School at 1275 S. River Rd. Open Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm offers study spaces, computer labs, and a testing center for local credit students. Questions? Call 541-463-4202

- **Grover Pickleball:** Cottage Grove's only organized Pickleball group is now 11-years-old and invites players with all skill levels to join the local Pickleball community. For info call or text 541-914-5937.
- **Calling local history lovers!** The Cottage Grove Historical Society invites you to join its efforts to preserve and promote The Grove's unique and colorful history. To renew or become a new member, go to cghistory.org and click Membership. Membership benefits include receiving its quarterly newsletter and a 10% discount at its bookstore in the Historic Red Square Dance Barn (across from Bohemia Park). Membership dues support their many activities and the operation of the Marcia E Allen Historic Research Library. Help preserve and celebrate local history and become a member!
- **Looking for a cool job?** The Oregon Aviation Historical Society seeks a qualified, part-time Museum Assistant to conduct tours and carry out a variety of administrative tasks. Interest in aviation or general history and nonprofit experience is a plus, but not required. Hours: Tue-Fri, 10am-4pm, and some Saturday summer events. Pays \$19/hr with no benefits. Email resume & cover letter to oregonaviation.org@gmail.com Attn: Annette or Call 541.543.1068.
- **Do you love cats & kittens enough to start a Cat Rescue?** The Humane Society of Cottage Grove is redesigning its cat facility and rehoming program and looking for a volunteer to manage it. Stop by the This & That Shop at 33 N 8th St. Apply now and if selected you'll have a voice in the facility's design. Stop by the shop and ask for Jacqui or Mary for more info.
- **Veterans Service Officer Available, 10am-1pm, First Wed, VFW Post | Third Wed, 9am-Noon, American Legion Post** Lane County Veterans Service Officer assists with VA paperwork to obtain veterans benefits for vets and survivors.
- **Blackberry Food Cooperative Membership Drive:** Become a founding member of Cottage Grove's community-owned grocery store. Your membership is essential to the BFC's fruition -- help build a store—and a movement—that belongs to all of us. Lifetime membership fee: \$200 (pay in full or \$20/mo for 10 months).
To sign up: <https://www.blackberryfood.coop/become-a-member>
- **CG Historical Society Library Open for Research: Friday and Saturday 1-4pm (or by appointment), 308 S. 10th St.** The Marcia Allen Historical Research Library is located in the back of the Gold Mining Museum in the Big Red barn across from Bohemia Park. Volunteers are ready to help you locate resources and support your research. The collection of material gathered focuses on the history of the local area.
- **Cottage Theatre 2026 Season Line-Up:** *A Piece of My Heart* (on stage now), *Cabaret* (April 3-26), *Sunday in the Park with George* (June 5-21), *I Hate Hamlet!* (Aug 7-23), *The Addams Family* (Oct 2-25), *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberly* (Dec 4-20) More information at www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541.942.8001.
- **Interested in Beekeeping?** The Lane County Beekeepers Association (LCBA) meets monthly on the third Tuesday at the Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Dr. Doors open at 6:15pm and meeting starts at 6:30pm. Each month features a different speaker related to successful beekeeping management. To carpool with other Grover beekeepers send email to LCBAORECH@gmail.com to make arrangements. The group also has monthly fundraising and social events. Coming Up: Lane County Beekeepers 2026 Bee School, Saturday, March 14, 9am-4pm, Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive, Eugene
- **Missed a History Pub?** Cottage Grove has a unique and colorful past and the Partners in History volunteers offer monthly presentations by local historians on a wide variety of topics The 2023 and 2024 presentations are on the CG Genealogical Society's YouTube Channel (for the ones that were recorded) click [here](#). To view the 2025 presentations on the Partners in History YouTube Channel click [here](#).
- **Missed a Science Pub?** Thanks to Videographer Jim Lockhart, past Science on Tap programs are on the Coast Fork Watershed Council's YouTube channel. Click [here](#) to view these interesting environmental presentations.
- **Cottage Grove Museum** functions as Cottage Grove's "attic" and is filled with hundreds of items from our community's past. Volunteers, with a passion for history, spend many hours managing the collection and curating items into interesting exhibits. Consider taking your out-of-town visitors or spend a weekend afternoon introducing your children or grandchildren to our community's unique and colorful past, the museum is open Saturday and Sunday, 1-4pm – or by appointment. More info: cottagegrovemuseum.org.
- **Eugene Unity Church Bus:** Every Sunday a bus goes from Cottage Grove to the Unity Church in Eugene and has 6 seats available. Seats are \$5.00 each. A free lunch after the service, a great bookstore, and awesome music every week. The Unity message is always inspiring and metaphysical. Contact Ananda Reeves at 541-285-7329 if interested in riding along.

- **CG Genealogical Society Library** is a great place to begin your journey to discover your ancestors and to seek help when you reach a dead end. Library hours: Wed-Fri, Noon-5pm, CG Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Membership Fee: \$30/yr. For info call: 541.942.9570
- **Saginaw Vineyard Downtown Wine Bar & Tasting Room, Cottage Grove Public Market, 926 E. Main St.** Now open five days a week! Wed, Thu, Sun Noon-7pm | Fri & Sat, Noon-8:30pm (Live music Wed-Sat)
- **Café 60 Senior Meals Program:** The Café 60 Senior Meals dining room provides group dining at the Senior & Disability Services located at 700 E. Gibbs Avenue inside the Community Center. For more information, call 541.942.9261. The serving schedule is at 11:30am every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- **Food For Lane County Mobile Pantry:** **3:30-5:30pm, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7th & Whiteaker (near Umpqua Bank)** Open to the public & bring your bags.

■ CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW Hours of Operation:** (effective Feb 9) **Closed Sunday & Monday | Tue/Wed 11am-7pm | Thu/Fri 10am-6pm Sat/10am-4pm** , 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
- **Cottage Grove Police Department Weekly Recap:** Learn more about service call in the Cottage Grove Sentinel and on the Department's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/CottageGrovePolice
- **CGPD E-Bike Announcement:** Any electric bike that exceeds 28 mph or does not have functional pedals does not meet the legal definition of an e-bike. Instead, it is classified as an electric motorcycle or motorized dirt bike. These vehicles require registration, license plates, and insurance, and are not legal to operate on public roadways unless those requirements are met. Additionally, electric motorcycles and high-powered electric bikes are not permitted on sidewalks. Thank you for keeping our community safe.
- **New City Website:** The current platform is no longer supported by the provider, making this transition necessary to ensure continued reliability, security, and ease of use. The new website is scheduled to launch on Jan. 6. You may notice changes to the layout or navigation while staff works to create a more accessible and user-friendly experience.
- **Main Street Update:** Almost done!!! The street has fully reopened, the landscaping is complete and some directional signs still need to be installed. A formal community celebration is planned for this spring.
- **Live Main Street Videos:** Access to the live camera is available on the City of Cottage Grove [website](#). Click on the Main Street live button for access to the YouTube live footage. Or you can access directly using the following:
Main Street East: Click [here](#) | **Main Street West:** Click [here](#)
- **New Stop Signs and Traffic Pattern:** The new 4-way stop signs at the 5th, 6th and 7th Street intersections are in effect. Please use caution. Parking is now available on both sides of Main Street.
- **SCAM ALERT:** The Lane County Sheriff's Office warns county residents that it will never request money over the phone nor take bit coin as a payment. If you get a threatening phone call about warranty, missed jury duty, or unsettled legal matters. Hang up and call the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center at 541.682.4150 x1 and report it.
- **Grant Funding for Low to Moderate Income Home Repairs** The City of Cottage Grove and St. Vincent de Paul's Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program (RHRP) offers grant funding for low-interest or deferred-payment loans intended for critical home repairs that ensure the health and safety of owner-occupants. Typically, the loans are repaid when the home is sold and have a 3% interest rate and 1.720% APR.
- **TextMyGov:** City staff has set up a text messaging system to communicate information to Cottage Grove residents. The system provides text messages informing subscribers of items of importance taking place in the City such as, concerts, events, road work, water and sewer line repairs, emergency notices, etc. To sign up go to: www.cottagegrove.org and sign up using the widget in the lower right-hand side of the City's homepage.
- **Lane Alert - Sign up Now:** Public safety partners in Lane County are updating their emergency alerting service to the statewide alerting system OR-Alert, which will be called Lane Alerts locally, to send emergency alerts – including evacuation notifications – to residents and visitors. Residents should go to www.lanealerts.org to create a free Lane Alerts account and select where and how they would like to receive emergency alerts. Residents can also text their ZIP code to 888777

■ COMMUNITY CALLS TO ACTION

- **Give Blood & Save a Life** Every two seconds someone in America needs a blood transfusion and our local blood supply is running on empty. Save a life and schedule your donation visit www.bloodworksnw.org or call 800-398-7888. All blood types are needed and especially Type O blood that is needed most in emergency trauma situations and volunteer donors are the only source. If you haven't donated before it's easy to do and it feels good to help others – pay it forward!
- **Pay It Forward Co-Founder Mindy Joy needs community support** Her children are asking Grovers for financial support for her as bills pile up from a recent medical emergency. Mindy Joy is well-known for creating the Pay It Forward Facebook page to help folks get rid of something they don't need and for folks to find something they do need. To learn more or to make a donation visit the page "Come Together and Help Mindy" at www.gofundme.com or click this [link](#). A Taco Tuesday fundraiser is planned for Feb. 17 from 5-7pm at the Elks Lodge.
- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** Help Lincoln Middle School students raise money for their 2027 East Coast Trip to Washington DC and New York. One tub of dough yields 3-4 dozen cookies. To order online click [here](#) or call Casey Kerns 541.942.3316.
- **The Cottage Grove Public Market!** On the corner of Hwy. 99 and Main Street, at the entrance to our Historic Downtown District, a smaller, more rural version of the Eugene Public Market featuring small independent businesses, local farmers, artists & craftspeople and also serves as a gathering place offering a variety of food and live music. For more information on the new nonprofit organization visit www.twinberrycommons.com.
- **Community Warming Shelter** Community Sharing needs volunteers to operate an emergency warming shelter on Freezing nights this winter. For more information contact Executive Director Mike Fleck at 541.942.2176.
- **Community Sharing Food Pantry**: The inflationary economy has created greater need for food for local individuals and families. Pantry volunteers welcome donations of non-perishable, high protein food (ex. tuna, peanut butter). The pantry is located at 1440 Birch Ave. Call 541.942.2176 for current food needs and pantry hours.
- **Diapers Needed**: Since 2019, the Lane County Diaper Bank, a nonprofit organization, provides free diapers to families in need. Your diaper donation goes right into the hands of families struggling to afford diapers in our community. Sizes needed: 4,5,6, pull-ups (any brand) and wipes. For more info: www.lcdiaperbank.org

■ ENTERTAINMENT

- **Weekly Bingo Games** Food & drinks available for purchase at each venue (except Senior Center).
 - **CG Senior Center, Mondays, 12:30pm, Community Center**, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. (for senior center members)
 - **Elks Bingo, Wednesdays, 5pm, Elks Lodge**, 775 N. River Rd. Doors & Lounge open at 5pm
 - Early Bird Bingo begins at 6:30pm, (packs \$3 for first & \$1 for additional packs per person).
 - Regular games begin at 7pm (first packs \$5 and \$9 for additional packs).
 - **American Legion Post 32, Fridays, 5-7pm, 826 W. Main St.**
 - Cards: 50-cents. Payout is 75% per game Proceeds support veterans in our community.
 - **VFW Post 3473, Sundays, 2-4pm, 3160 Hillside Dr.** Cards: 50-cents
 - Free coffee & popcorn. Payout is 75% per game.
 - **South Valley Athletics**, (First & Third Sundays), **3:30-5:30pm, Coast Fork Brewing, 106 S. Sixth St.**
 - \$1/card | 10 rounds Fundraiser to support youth sports.
- **CG Public Library Weekly Activities**
 - **NEW Hours of Operation: (As of Feb 9) Closed Sunday & Monday | Tue/Wed 11am-7pm | Thu/Fri 10am-6pm**
Sat/10am-4pm , 700 E. Gibbs Ave. If you would like to schedule a curbside pickup, call 541-942-3828 or send an email to holds@cottagegrove.org.
 - **TU Ukulele Club (for adults), 9am**
Bilingual Story Time, 5pm
S.T.E.A.M., 3pm (second Tue)
 - **W Lego Club for Kids (First Wed), 2:30pm** Lego creations displayed for a month in the Children's Area
Craft Tutor (Last Wed), 2:30pm (make a fun craft to take home)
 - **TH Baby Laptime (birth to 2 yrs), 11:30am**
Teen Gaming, 4pm
Book Club (Third Thu), 4:30pm
 - **F Storytime, 11:30am (all ages welcome)**
Hi-Fi Friday, 4:30pm (First Fri)

LOCAL MUSIC VENUES

- **Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. 541.942.5942** More info at: www.axeandfiddle.com

M 2/09: Brushes & Brews Paint Party, 5-8pm,
TU 2/10: History Pub, 5-7pm Topic: Colorful 100 year history of the UO Art Dept. [1914-1924] - Free
W 2/11: Game Night hosted by *Ayla*, 6:30-9:30pm
W 2/11: Aurelia Anne Cohen (performance artist), 8-10pm Free
TH 2/12: Open Mic Night with *Bradly Shepherd*, 7-9pm
F 2/13: Kegs of Comedy: *Greg Beachler & Quinn Fitzgerald*, 8-10pm (Advance \$10 @ Door \$12)
SAT 2/14: *Pythias Braswell & Esmé Schwall* (Jazz), 5-7pm Free
SAT 2/14: *Jacob Camara* (Americana/Roots), 8-10pm Free

- **Bohemian Tavern, 48 N. 9th St. 541.649.1086**

THU 2/12: Karaoke Night, 9pm-Close
FRI 2/13: Weekly Pool Tournament, 7pm (Entry Fee: \$5 & BCA Rules)

- **Coast Fork Brewing, 106 S. 6th St, 541.942.8770** More info at: www.coastforkbrewing.com

M 2/09: Gardeners Meeting, 5:30-7pm (All are welcome)
TUE 2/10: Trivia & Games with *Gerald*, 6-8pm (Up to 7 players on a team)
WED 2/11: Acoustic Jam with *Gregg Biller*, 6-7:30pm
TH 2/12: *LB & Friends* (Americana), 5:30-7:30pm
FRI 2/13: *The Concrete Delta* (Americana), 6-9pm
SAT 2/14: *Gregg Biller's Valentine Plugged In Jam* (Americana), 6-9pm
SUN 2/15: *Bradly Shepherd* (blues, country, rock), 10am-3pm

- **Cottage Grove Public Market, 912 E. Main St.**

WED 2/11: *Bradly Shepherd* (multi-genre), 6-8pm
TH 2/12: *Stone Hart* (acoustic singer/songwriter)
FRI 2/13: *Joshua Thomas* (indie folk), 6-8pm

- **Saginaw Vineyard, 80247 Delight Valley School Rd. 541.942.1364** More info at: www.saginawvineyard.com

W 2/11: Wine-O-Bingo at the Cottage Grove Public Market, 6-8pm
FRI 2/13: Friday Night Live at the Vineyard, 6-9pm (Call for performer information)

- **Local Museums**

▪ **Bohemia Gold Mining Museum**, (Red Barn across from Bohemia Park), Thursday-Saturday, 1-4pm
▪ **CG Historical Museum**, Birch Avenue & H Street, Saturday & Sunday, 1-4pm
▪ **Oregon Aviation Museum**, 2475 Jim Wright Way, Tuesday-Friday, 10am-4pm

- **Senior Center Pinochle Games**, Wednesdays at 1pm, Senior Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.

- **Community Center Table Tennis**: Come play every Thursday from 4-6 pm in the Reception Hall at the Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Avenue. Tables, paddles, and balls provided. It's a fun way to meet other ping pong lovers.

- **Golf anyone?** Cottage Grove is blessed with two golf courses! Middlefield is our municipal course along Interstate 5. Our oldest course, Hidden Valley, on North River Road. Both offer unique course challenges & affordable green and rental fees. The City also has a Disc Golf Park in the North Regional Park on North Douglas Ave. next to the Water Reclamation Plant.

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- **Cottage Bowl Open Bowling Times: Tue, 1-5:30pm | Wed 3-5:30pm | Sat 4-10pm (Tue & Wed one lane after 5:30pm)**
740 Row River Road 541.767.2695 www.thecottagebowl.com

■ SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

- **MON (2/09): City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall Council Chamber, 400 E. Main St.**
Agenda: Department Reports, Vacating Rights-of-Way Process, Community Sharing's Purchase of Shower Trailer
- **FEB 10: History Pub, Tuesday, 5-7pm, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. Topic:** Kenneth O'Connell shares a lively look at 100 years of UO Art Department history (1914–2014), including the artists, ideas, and colorful characters that shaped the program. 5–7pm, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. Sponsored by Cottage Grove Historical Society.
- **FEB 12-14: PAWS Benefit Sale, Thursday & Friday 10am-3pm and Saturday 10am-1pm, United Methodist Church, 334 Washington Ave.** Donate gently used items and purchase some new treasures to support the Paws & Whiskers Society's spay and neuter program to prevent pet overpopulation. 25 dog coupons worth up to \$200 and 25 cat coupons worth up to \$150 and valid through May 30, 2026 at participating veterinary clinics in Cottage Grove, Creswell, Eugene and Springfield. They will be distributed at the sale on a first come-first served basis.
- **FEB 12: What's Your "Love Language"? Thursday, 5-7pm, 820 S. 10th St.**
Cottage Grove Women's Ministries hosts a workshop based on Gary Chapman's book, *The Five Love Languages*. Cost: \$5/person (includes dinner, class handouts and prizes) To register call 541.401.2521 & pay at the door. Find out your love language and those you are close to and learn to love others like Jesus does.
- **THU-SUN (2/12-15): Cottage Theatre Play: A Piece of My Heart, Thu-Sat, 7:30pm | Sunday, 2:30pm, 700 Village Dr.**
Plot: A drama about six women who served in Vietnam, tracing their experiences before, during, and after the war.
Tickets: Adults, \$32 | Youth (18 & younger), \$20 More info: www.cottagetheatre.org
- **SAT (2/14): Share Fair USA, 9am, 1133 E. Main St. (covered parking area next to Urban Kitchen)**
Each Saturday local residents reserve one of the 18 covered parking spaces and fill their vehicle with food and good quality stuff to offer to others for free. To reserve one of the limited spaces, send email to: eventsbyananda@gmail.com. More information is available on the group's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/2190836627990461.
- **SAT (2/14): Valentine's Day at the CG Public Market, 10am-8pm, 926 E. Main St.**
The all-day event features a workshop on herbs (10-11am), Family Fun that includes crafts and facepainting (11am-2pm), Salsa Dancing Instruction (5-5:45pm), Live music by indie folk musician Joshua Harrison Thomas and Forest Chorus (a vocal group in harmony) (6-8pm) All activities are free – bring a date or meet singles. Enjoy a variety of cuisine from on-site food trucks, and Saginaw Vineyard's local wines and cider, and satisfy your sweet tooth with New Zealand ice cream.
- **SUN (2/15: The Great Backyard Bird Count, 8-11am, Row River Nature Park (east of town next to BMX track)**
Join the Coast Fork Birders for this annual event. Parking is available at the weigh station. The first half of the walk is best for people with mobility issues. All levels and ages of birders are welcome. Sorry no dogs. For more info call Grace at 817.975.4936 or send email to: GraceLovesBirds1@gmail.com

■ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **Thru Feb 22: Cottage Theatre Play: A Piece of My Heart, Thu-Sat, 7:30pm | Sunday, 2:30pm, 700 Village Dr.**
Plot: A drama about six women who served in Vietnam, tracing their experiences before, during, and after the war.
Tickets: Adults, \$32 | Youth (18 & younger), \$20 More info: www.cottagetheatre.org
- **FEB 17: Taco Tuesday Mindy Joy fundraiser, 5-7pm, Elks Lodge, 755 N. River Rd.**
Some may not know who Mindy Joy is, but most are aware of her many years of community service here in The Grove. She co-founded the Pay It Forward Facebook page that has positively impacted thousands of our neighbors. A serious medical emergency and hospitalization has created a crushing financial burden on her and her children are asking for community support. Kudos to Duane Taddei and the local Elks for jumping in and organizing this benefit for her.
- **FEB 17: Poetry Night, 7:30-9:30pm, The Cottage Events Venue, 2915 Row River Rd.**
Doors open at 7:15pm and readings begin at 7:30. This free monthly event invites community members to share poems, stories and songs with a supportive audience or simply listen. Sign-ups are available at the door.
- **FEB 18: Mom's Book Club, Wednesday, 5:30pm, Wonderland Realty, 1324 E. Main St.**
Monthly meeting hosted by Sami Carlile & Amanda Davis. Currently reading: "Archer's Voice" by Mia Sheridan Kid friendly, reading all genres, snacks & drinks. All are welcome to join (not limited to just moms)

- **FEB 20: Spirit of BMD Wooden Nickel Society Launch Party, Friday, 6-8pm, CG Public Market, 926 E. Main St.**
As Spirit of Bohemia Mining Days grows from a festival committee into a year-round community organization, it needs new ways to support its mission and celebrate Cottage Grove's unique history. The Bohemia Wooden Nickel Society offers a fun, nostalgic, and meaningful way for supporters to keep the spirit of Bohemia alive, all year long. The community is invited to come learn about the new SBMD Wooden Nickel Society that strengthens the connection between local businesses, residents, and our shared legacy.
- **FEB 20-28 (also Feb 27-Mar 1) Opal Center Play: The Swan, Fridays & Saturday, 7:30pm | Sundays, 2pm | Tickets: \$20**
Playwright Elizabeth Egloff's story about Dora Hand, a lonely woman on the Nebraska prairie whose life is upended when a swan crashes through her window and becomes a mysterious, child-like man. His intense devotion pulls Dora into a surreal triangle with her married lover and forces her to confront her own longing, identity, and sense of self.
- **FEB 21: Saginaw Vineyard Crab & Wine Feed, Saturday, 6-8:30pm, 80247 Delight Valley School Rd.**
Enjoy fresh crab from Newport, delicious sides, live music, and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets: \$65 per person (Non-Members) Wine Club Members receive 10% off. One glass of wine, beer, or a non-alcoholic beverage included. Additional wine and drinks available for purchase all night. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are non-refundable. For reservations call 541-942-1364.
- **FEB 24: Science on Tap, Tuesday, 5-7pm, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St.**
Topic: "Our Drinking Water" **Speakers:** Laura Johnson, DEQ Drinking Water Protection Specialist and Faye Stewart, City of Cottage Grove Public Works Director Free entry and donations appreciated. Monthly fundraiser for the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council – 10 percent of food and drink purchases during the meeting are donated to the organization.
- **FEB 27-28: Cottage Theatre Youth Play: Junie B. Jones JR. the Musical, Friday, 7pm & Saturday, 2:30pm, 700 Village Dr.**
Features a cast of young performers ages 11 – 16 and culminates an eight-week after-school musical theatre program. Based on the series of books by Barbara Park, *Junie B. Jones JR.* features many lovable characters and fun-filled songs. The play is about one hour long with no intermission. Tickets are \$10 each for all ages. All seating is reserved and advance purchase is recommended. Tickets are available online at www.cottagetheatre.org or by phone at 541.942.8001.
- **FEB 27: Last Friday Art Walk, 6-8pm, Historic Downtown District**
A popular monthly downtown event celebrating local artists and businesses. Galleries, shops, and cafés in the district offer art displays, live entertainment, and light refreshments. It's organized by volunteers and has been a Cottage Grove tradition for more than a decade.
- **FEB 28: Author Event with Robert Leo Heilman, Saturday, 11am-1pm, CG Public Library, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.**
"While Librarians Wept, A Library System Dies 1997-2017" is an archive of writings by an award-winning author of his efforts to preserve the Douglas County Library System, an eleven-library county government-supported agency during twenty years of funding cuts. Beginning with the elimination of the rural county's bookmobile in 1997, the county government responded to its property tax loss crises with staffing cuts and reduced open door hours until eventually closing the system down entirely in 2017 after sixty-one years of public service. Two property tax measures in 2011 and 2016 that were aimed at providing independent funding for the Southern Oregon rural county's libraries failed to pass despite the efforts of dedicated library supporters. Heilman wants to provide encouragement and hope, as well as models and strategies, to library supporters in this time of national crisis for public libraries.

■ SAVE THE DATE

- **MAR 6-7: Downtown Flea Market, Friday & Saturday, 10am-3pm, 818b Main St. (inside warehouse behind Pour 818 Tea & Coffeehouse)** Calling those with "Spring Cleaning Fever" – turn your unwanted stuff into cash and discover the treasures of others you didn't know you needed.
- **MAR 13-14: Conversations on Parenting, Friday, 6-8:30pm | Saturday, 9am-4pm, Hope in the Grove Baptist Church 301 S. 6th St.** A two-day conference for raising your kids well, here and now. Registration: \$25/family (includes \$60 in books). Topics: Family Discipleship, Brain Development, Parenting Under a Microscope, Connecting with the heart, Wounds & Wounding, The Dangers of Technology. Call for more information & registration: 817-975-5722
- **MAR 15: Cottage Theatre Auditions for Sunday in the Park with George, Sunday, 6pm, 700 Village Drive.** This musical runs for three weekends from June 5-21. Directed by Jesse Merz, with vocal direction by Naomi Castro. Roles are available for approximately 15 singer-actors. Interested actors are encouraged to register in advance on the theatre website. Further details and registration form are available at www.cottagetheatre.org.

- **MAR 16: 2027 WallDogs MuralFest/Animal House 50th Anniversary Celebration Volunteer Roundup, Monday, 6pm, Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.** Mayor Candace Solesbee invites the community to attend this informational meeting to learn more about these upcoming events and sign up for one of the planning committees to bring this “once-in-a-lifetime” vision a reality. The Mayor says, “If you want to donate money, volunteer, host, help plan events, support artists, or simply lend a hand, there is a place for you.”
- **MAR 28: Cottage Grove Spring Scale Model Show, Saturday, 9am-3pm, CG Community Center, 700 East Gibbs Ave.** Free Admission | Scale Model Contest and Exhibition. Vendor tables-Buy Sell Trade (Auto, Armor, Aircraft, Mecha, Ship, Sci-fi & more) Contest Entries close at 12 noon. Awards at 3pm. Kids under 16 contest entry table. For more information contact: tnmc61s@gmail.com

■ BEYOND THE GROVE

- **FEB 14-15: Frontier Heritage Fair, Saturday, 9am-5pm & Sunday, 9am-4pm, Lane County Fairgrounds, 796 W. 13th Ave. Eugene** This indoor family-friendly event features booths, exhibits, crafts, artisans and live music showcasing goods and demonstrations relating to the Fur Trade, Civil War, Old West and pre-1898 period in general. Admission Fees: Adults \$5, Kids 12 and under free, when accompanied by an adult.
- **FEB 16: Modern Square Dance Beginner Class begins, Monday, 7:15-9:15pm, 2095 Yolanda Ave. Springfield.** No experience or partner required, and the first class is free. Instruction by nationally respected caller Randy Dibble. Call or text 503-908-9965 for details.
- **MAR 14: Lane County Beekeepers 2026 Bee School, Saturday, 9am-4pm, Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive, Eugene** The program splits into several lessons taught by experienced local beekeepers and provides all the basic info necessary to begin your first year as a beekeeper. Subjects include: honeybee biology, beekeeping equipment and setup, hive management techniques, obtaining and installing your bees – and more. Registration Fee: \$80/person (\$75 LCBA members) lunch is included. A 50% admission discount offered to those who receive SNAP benefits.

■ COMMUNITY MEALS & FOOD GIVEAWAYS

MONDAY

- **Seventh-day Adventist Produce & More Giveaway (3rd Monday)**, 1-3 pm, 820 S. 10th St. Walk-ups welcome. No qualification requirement. To reserve a box: text or call Judy at 541.228.5401

MONDAY - FRIDAY

- **Community Sharing Food Boxes Available** Monday, 1:30-6pm; Tue-Fri, 11 am-3:30 pm, 1440 Birch Ave.

TUESDAY

- **Trinity Lutheran Church**, 5:15-6:15pm FREE, Seventh & Quincy Ave. Take-Out Only

TUE/WED/THU

- **Meals on Wheels Home Deliveries** Call 541.682.3353 for information on the program.
- **Cafe 60**, 11:30am-12:30pm, CG Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Share a hot meal with other 60+ folks

WEDNESDAY

- **Food For Lane County Mobile Pantry: (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)**, 3:30-5:30pm, 7th & Whiteaker (near Columbia Bank) Open to the public & bring your bags.

FRIDAY

- **Elks Lodge Friday Night Community Dinner, 5-6:30pm, CG Elks Lodge, 775 N. River Rd.** Info: 541.942.3554
Menu: Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, salad, and ice cream. Cost: \$10/person

■ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Providence Christian Academy**: Creswell Christian Academy has moved to Cottage Grove and changed its name! Located at 77820 Mosby Creek Rd. (former South Lane Christian School), it offers small class sizes, non-denominational homeschool curriculum with a Biblical worldview. Students learn phonics, traditional math, cursive handwriting, and truth-based history and science. Parents are the stewards of their children’s education in partnership with the school. To schedule a tour call 458.326.0907 | Email: jsanderscca@gmail.com | Website: www.creswellchristianacademy.com

- **Great Days Early Education Center:** Celebrating 45 years of service to Cottage Grove families. It offers All-day Care, pre-school and Afterschool Care. For more info call 541.942.7460 or online: www.greatdayseed.org
- **Amazing Grace Preschool** A small, faith-based preschool that serves 3-year and 4-year-olds offering a half day private kindergarten focused on school readiness skills and the love of Christ. Located at the Cottage Grove Bible Church, 1200 E. Quincy Ave. For more info: Call 458.245.0739 Email: Amazinggracepreschool2024@gmail.com Facebook@AmazingGracePreschool
- **Royal Rangers, Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm, Living Faith Assembly, 467 S. 10th Ave.** A scouting-style youth program for K-12 students. Kids learn practical life skills, build positive healthy relationships, increase Bible knowledge, and develop leadership skills through Christian mentoring. Meets weekly during the school year and offers summer camps. For more information call Pastor Alex at 541.942.2612.
- **AWANA, Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, Cottage Grove Bible Church, 1200 E. Quincy Ave.** A midweek discipleship ministry for youth from Age 3 thru 8th grade that meets during the school year. Features Bible memorization, spiritual growth, and fun, structured activities. Meetings typically include large group teaching, small group discussions, and game time—all designed to help kids engage with Scripture and build lasting faith relationships. For more info call 541.942.4771.
- **Lane Community College Cottage Grove Center:** 1275 S. River Rd. (next to CG High School)
Winter Term registration is underway for 10 online and meet/zoom credit classes this winter term, which starts Jan 5. The local center offers study spaces, computer labs, and a testing center for local credit students. Winter community education classes include Cribbage Club, Fiber Arts Group, Tech Café, Pickleball Basics and Spanish for English Speakers. Open Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm
- **Singing Creek Educational Center:** During the winter, History Homeschool meets at the Shelton McMurphy Johnson House in Downtown Eugene on the first Friday of each month. SCEC offers Spring Break Living History Camps. Early birth registration deadline is Feb 15. The **Forest Path Nature Camp (March 23–27)**, Willamalane's Dorris Ranch Living History Village in Springfield is for ages 7-10. Focus on plants, animals, seasonal changes, edible/medicinal plants, and Indigenous traditional knowledge. **Old School History Camp (March 23–25)**, Eugene's Shelton McMurphy Johnson House for ages 6–10. Historical games and activities, indoors and outdoors. **"Los Pueblos" Camp (March 24–28)** at Dorris Ranch. Kids explore South American cultures through games, art, music, and hands-on activities. Space is limited. To learn more info & camp fees visit www.singingcreekcenter.org or send email to director@singingcreekcenter.org
- **South Lane School District:**
More Information on School District activities is available on its website and social media platforms:
Webpage: www.slane.k12.or.us; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/southlaneSD/>
Instagram: @southlane_sd & Twitter: @southlane_sd
- **Chair Assisted Yoga for Seniors, Wednesdays, 9-10:15am, CG Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.**
The class begins with seated warm-up followed by standing, balancing and lying on the floor poses. Bring a yoga mat and beach towel. Most insurance plans pay through The Health Hub 541-915-6349 or \$5/class. For questions call Patty at 715.939.9544
- **Modified Tai Chi Class for Fall Prevention, Saturdays, 10-11:30am, Health Hub, 1133 E. Main St.**
For more information call Patty at 715.939.9544.
- **Gentle Yoga Class, Tuesday & Thursdays, 10-11am, Row River Grange, 34360 Row River Rd.**
Build strength, improve flexibility and balance in warm & welcoming class taught by Courtney
To register before the first class: alignyourlifecoach@gmail.com Fee: Five class passes \$60

■ MEETINGS

RECURRING WEEKLY/MONTHLY MEETINGS:

▪ **Local Community Service Clubs Meeting Schedules**

- **Coast Fork Kiwanis Club** meets at Noon on the First Wednesday in Creswell at *My Boys Pizza*, 96 N. Mill St. and on the Third Wednesday in Cottage Grove at *Sol Azteca Mexican Restaurant*, 3015 Row River Rd.
- **Cottage Grove Lions Club** meets every 2nd & 4th Thursday at Noon, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St.
- **The Rotary Club of Cottage Grove** meets First & Third Wednesdays Social begins at 5pm & Meeting starts at 5:30pm in the back banquet room at *El Tapatio Restaurant* at 725 E. Gibbs Ave.

- **Coast Fork Brewing Garden Club**, (Second & Fourth Mondays), **5:30-7pm, 106 S. 6th St.** Discover the joy of gardening with a passionate community of gardeners interested in cultivating vegetables, fruits, or flowers. Great place to learn and grow together through engaging discussions and expert advice. All gardeners are welcome. For more information contact Evelyn at Echb8944@gmail.com
- **German Table Conversation Group**, **5:30-7pm, Jack Sprats, 510 E. Main St.**
Do you speak German? The community is invited to meet on the third Thursday each month for an evening of conversation. Students and all levels of fluency are welcome. For more info call Dana at 541.942.7037.
- **Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**, (Third Thursday), **5:30-7pm**, Monthly networking opportunity hosted by Chamber members.
- **American Legion Post 32**, (First Saturday), **Noon, 826 W. Main St.** All veterans are invited.
- **Dementia Support Group**, (Second & last Tuesday of the month), **6:30-7:30pm at Magnolia Gardens Senior Living, 1425 Daugherty Ave.** Provides assistance to navigate through the dementia process with your loved one and Connect you with other caregivers and spouses supporting their loved ones.
- **Community Strong-Cottage Grove Town Meetings**, The group hosts facilitated discussions on specific topics as needed. Meeting format: Networking at 6pm and program begins at 6:30pm. CG Community Center Shepherd Room, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. For info: communitystrongcg@gmail.com
- **Row River Grange**, (Third Monday), Meeting at 5:30pm & Potluck at 6:30pm, 34360 Row River Rd.
- **Celebrate Recovery, Thursday, 5:15pm | Calvary Chapel | 1447 Hwy 99N CR** is a Christian-based recovery program for any hurt, habit, or hang up that is based on 8 Principles & 12 Steps. A soup dinner is served at 5:15 pm and the large group begins at 6. For more information call 541.554.8135.
- **AlAnon, Saturday, 7pm | Sinclair Room | Cottage Grove City Hall | 400 East Main St.**
"Courage to Change" is an open meeting that welcomes visitors or people who are curious about AlAnon. It is a 12-step group for family members and friends of alcoholics/addicts offering mutual support and a design for living despite what the alcoholic may or may not do. For more information call Saunders at 541-255-7648.

■ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Bohemia Gold Mining Museum** needs volunteers who are interested in or curious about local mining history. Three-hour shifts Thu-Sat. Call Linda at 541.359.5704 and leave a message for more information.
- **Western Oregon Exposition** seeks volunteers year-round for variety of tasks. For more information visit www.WesternOregonExpo.com or call 541.942.6150
- **Spirit of BMD** seeks volunteers on year-round basis to develop history-focused programs for youth and seniors. For more information visit www.SpiritOfBMD.com or call Executive Director Matthew Hewlett at 541.999.9833 or send email to spiritofbmd@gmail.com
- **Community Sharing Pantry Front Counter** For additional information call 541.942.2176
- **Genealogical Library** needs volunteers to assist visitors seeking information on specific people. Hours: Wednesday-Friday, 1-4pm. For more information call 541.942.9570.
- **Cottage Grove Senior Center** needs volunteers to host 3-to-5-hour shifts. Training provided. Call 541-942-8751 for info.
- **Welcome Home Animal Sanctuary** a nonprofit organization in Creswell needs able-bodied people (16+) who are available from 10-Noon or 4-6pm to care for abused, abandoned, neglected, unwanted and special needs farm animals. For more info: www.patreon.com/welcomehome
- **CG Hospital/Medical Center Auxiliary** is an active, fun-loving group dedicated to raising money for local healthcare needs. For more info: 541.942.9264
- **CG Historical Society** needs volunteer research librarians on Fri & Sat. Training provided. Email: cghistoricalsoc@gmail.com
- **Senior Meals Program** needs Cottage Grove meal delivery drivers, kitchen assistants and substitutes. To learn more Contact Volunteer Coordinator at 541.682.1366 or email: sdsoutreach@lcog.org.
- **Cottage Theatre** needs ushers, set painters, office helpers, and more. Visit www.cottagetheatre.org or call 541-942-8001.
- **Opal Center for Arts & Education** needs a variety of volunteers. More info: www.opalcentercg.org

- **Friends of the Singing Creek Education Center**, a nonprofit organization seeks volunteers and board members to help shape, direct and grow this wonderful local non-profit serving kids and families. Volunteer at one of the children's or family events. The board meets once a month (usually online) for about an hour to fulfill the center's mission.
- **Vital Villages** needs "Community Villagers" to offer time, skills, shared experiences, or hobbies and "Grand Villagers" to serve as a grandparent to support families and break the cycle of hardship. <https://www.vitalvillagesor.org/volunteer>

■ CRISIS RESPONSE RESOURCES:

Public Health Information:

- **Oregon Health Authority:** Updates on public health alerts and info go to: www.oregon.gov/oha/PH
- **Lane County Public Health:** [Website](#) | 24-hour public health emergency reporting line: 541.682.4041

Call 2-1-1 for additional resources and the most up-to-date information.

Domestic Violence Crisis Line: 541-485-6513 or 800-281-2800

Oregon Suicide Lifeline: 800.273.8255 or call 9-8-8

Veteran Crisis Line: 541.273.8255 x1

Youth Crisis Line: 541.689.3111