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■ COMMUNITY KUDOS

- **Cottage Grove Genealogical Society Members** for the many months of research and community outreach to chronicle the 57 lives of servicemen from South Lane and North Douglas Counties who died during World War II. The culmination of all those hours was yesterday's "Military History Day" Open House at the Community Center. The Shepherd Room was filled with lots of memorabilia including full-size newspaper front pages announcing the beginning and ending of the war. A special thanks to Society President **Debra Monsive** for the countless hours she spent researching and interviewing families to create a custom poster of remembrance for each local soldier, sailor and pilot who lost their life during the war. And special thanks to **Casey Woodard** for his support in promoting the event and for the beautifully poignant poem he wrote for the exhibit to honor these fallen heroes. The hallway on the west side of the Shepherd Room is the Community Center's Art Gallery and the 57 posters line both sides of that hallway. It is well worth a trip to see it before it is taken down!

■ COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Calling all Quilters:** The CG Public Library wants to partner with community members to create a quilt filled with appreciation for all that Grovers do. Looking to offload some of your solid color quilting cotton stash? They can turn it in to pieces the community can decorate and turn into a celebration of The Grove in 2026. If you want to help assemble and quilt the final project call 541.942.3828
- **The Circus is Coming! Monday, May 18, Two Shows: 5pm & 7:30pm, Bohemia Park Southern Parking Lot on South 8th St.** The Coast Fork Kiwanis Club hosts the Culpepper & Merriweather One-Ring Big Top Circus featuring big cats, trapeze aerialist, daredevil duo on a tight rope and wheel of destiny, hand and foot juggling, performing canines and Leo the Clown. **Circus Day Schedule:** 9:30am - Tent Raising & Tour | 4:00 p.m. – Box Office and Midway Open with pony rides, moon bounce, giant slide, face painting, and food | 5:00 & 7:30 - Circus Performances (each show = approx. 90 minutes) **Advance Discounted Tickets are on sale now** at the Chamber of Commerce office at 836 Main St. Adults \$14, Child (2-12) & Seniors (65+), \$8 | **Box Office Tickets:** Adults \$17, Child (2-12) & Seniors (65+), \$10 For more info: www.cmcircus.com
- **Lane Community College in Cottage Grove:** LCC in Cottage Grove has several online credit classes and in person community education classes scheduled for this spring term, which starts March 30. We also offer study spaces, computer labs, and a testing center for local credit students. The Cottage Grove Center is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm. Find links for both credit and community ed classes at lanecc.edu/cottagegrove. Questions? Call 541-463-4202
- **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.
- **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>
- **Call for artists!** The Cottage Grove Public Market needs a log and Twinberry Commons invites artists and designers of all ages and experience levels to participate—students and youth are especially encouraged to submit their ideas. Winner receives a \$200 cash prize. Email a low-resolution image of your design to cgpublicmarket@gmail.com
- **Event Space for Rent:** The Cottage Grove Public Market offers several flexible spaces for meetings, special events and community gatherings. For more info send email to: cgpublicmarket@gmail.com
- **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.
- **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: visit its Facebook Page: Grover Pickleball-Cottage Grove or call/text 541-914-5937 or visit
- **Cottage Theatre 2026 Season Line-Up:** *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 Pemberley* (Dec 4-20) More information at www.cottagetheatre.org or call the box office at 541.942.8001.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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

- **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

- **SCAM ALERT:** Scammers Target Zoning Permit Applicants **The FBI warns that scammers are impersonating city and county officials in phishing schemes targeting people applying for planning or zoning permits.** Using publicly available details, attackers send emails that appear legitimate to trick victims into responding to or sharing sensitive information. Victims receive unsolicited messages referencing real permit data—such as property addresses, case numbers, and the names of actual officials—and are told to pay supposed permit fees. The emails direct recipients to send money via wire transfer, peer-to-peer payment apps, or cryptocurrency. Beware, according to the FBI, these messages often look professional and may include official-looking formatting and fake PDF invoices listing fabricated charges.
- **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.
- **Upcoming Budget Committee Meetings:** The committee will meet on Tu 4/21 + Th 4/30 +Tu 5/19 at 6pm in the Council Chamber to comment & deliberate on the proposed 2026–27 Budget. The City Council and Budget Committee Citizen Members will host a community Town Hall Meeting on Thu 4/30 at 6pm in the CG Armory. The 2026-27 Proposed Budget document is available on the City's website: www.cottagegroveor.gov
- **Parks & Facilities Available for Special Event Rentals:** With the arrival of spring and the coming of summer, the City invites the community to take advantage of these venues. Park reservations are free to city residents and \$25 application fee for non-residents and commercial events. Indoor facilities to rent include the community center and armory. For more information call 541.942.5501 or go to: www.cottagegroveor.gov
- **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
- **Main Street Grand Opening: Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 11am-2pm.** This event is more than just a ribbon cutting ceremony; it's a celebration of community and the revitalization of our beautiful downtown. Come enjoy delicious food, fun activities, exciting prizes, and live music. Bring your family, invite your friends, and be a part of this exciting milestone for Main Street.
- **Live Main Street Videos:** Access to the live camera is available on the City of Cottage Grove [website](http://www.cottagegroveor.gov). 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](#)
- **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.
- **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!
- **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 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.
- **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.
- **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
- **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.
- **Senior Center Pinochle Games**, Wednesdays at 1pm, Senior Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
- **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-2pm

LOCAL MUSIC VENUES

- **Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St. 541.942.5942** More info at: www.axeandfiddle.com
 - M 4/20: Monday Movie Night: *The General* [B&W/1926 Silent Film] 8-10pm
 - W 4/22: Game Night hosted by *Ayla*, 6:30-9:30pm
 - TH 4/23: Open Mic Night with *Bradly Shepherd & Urban*, 8-10pm
 - FRI 4/24: *JuJu Eyeball* (Beatles tribute band), 8-10pm Cover: Adv \$15/Door \$25
 - SAT 4/25: *Superball* (late 60s-mid 80s rock music), 8-10pm
 - SUN 4/26: *Sometimes Blind* (indie & alt rock), 6-8pm
 - M 4/27: Monday Movie Night: *Night of the Living Dead* [1968 Zombie Horror Film] 8-10pm
- **Bohemian Tavern, 48 N. 9th St. 541.649.1086**
 - TH 4/23: Karaoke Night, 9pm-Close
 - FRI 4/24: 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 4/20: Gardeners Meeting, 5:30-7pm All are welcome!
 - TU 4/21: Trivia & Games with *Gerald*, 6-8pm (Up to 7 players on a team)
Cribbage with *Ted*, 6-8pm (All players welcome)
 - W 4/22: Acoustic Jam with *Gregg Biller*, 6-7:30pm
 - TH 4/23: *Bradly Shepherd & Friends* (Americana), 5:30-7:30pm
 - FRI 4/24: *The Huckleberrys* (Americana), 6-9pm
 - SAT 4/25: *Rock n Rewind* (rock & roll), 6-9pm
 - SUN 4/25: *Bim Jean* (folk, country & blues), 1-3pm
 - SUN 4/25: *The Regulars* (Americana), 4-6pm
- **Cottage Grove Public Market, 912 E. Main St.**
 - W 4/22: *Bradly Shepherd* (blues, country, rock), 6-8pm
 - TH 4/23: Bread Club (5-7pm) featuring *Stone Hart* (acoustic rock), 6-8pm
 - FRI 4/24: "What the Devil" (Appalachian folk music), 6-8pm
- **Saginaw Vineyard, 80247 Delight Valley School Rd. 541.942.1364** More info at: www.saginawvineyard.com
 - FRI 4/24: Friday Night Live at the Vineyard, 6-9pm Call for performer information
- **CG Public Library Weekly Activities**
 - 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)

■ SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

- M (4/20): **Axe & Fiddle's Monday Movie Night, 8-10pm, 657 E. Main St.**
The General (1926), Buster Keaton's groundbreaking American silent comedy film released by United Artists. 100th Anniversary of local filming) The movie is set during the Civil War and stars Buster Keaton and Marian Mack.
- TUE (4/21): **Trinity Lutheran Church Free Community Take Out Dinner, 5:15-6:15pm, Seventh & Quincy Ave.**

- **WED (4/22): CG Genealogical Society Military Open House, 1-6pm, Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.**
Walk the Honor Gallery and read the stories of local men who died in WW2 & learn how to research your family's own military heritage. Honored Guests: Original (100+ year old) Rosies. Features refreshments and door prizes.
- **THU (4/23): City Council Town Hall Meeting, 6pm, CG Armory, 628 E. Washington Ave.**
The City of Cottage Grove leaders, Budget Committee members and City staff invite the community to attend this town hall meeting. There will be a presentation of the proposal 2026-27 budget and an opportunity for citizen feedback.
- **THU (4/23): Tappin' Talent Spotlight, Thursday, 6-8pm, Axe & Fiddle, 657 E. Main St.**
Tallman Brewing's Tappin' Talent Search is a 6-week showcase of local performers to find the best talent in the Northwest with \$1,000s awarded in cash & prizes! To Enter: complete entry form online at www.tallmanbrewing.com or send email to jenniferbreakingfree@gmail.com or call (541) 815-0574.
- **APR 23: Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, 6pm, CG Armory, 628 E. Washington Ave.** The City Council hosts a community Town Hall Meeting to receive citizen feedback on the 2026-27 proposed budget.
- **THU-SUN (4/23-26): Cottage Theatre Play *Cabaret*, Friday & Saturday, 7:30pm, Sunday, 2:30pm FINAL WEEKEND! 700 Village Drive, www.cottagetheatre.org** This second production of the 2026 season runs four weekends through April 26. **Plot:** This Tony Award-winning musical provides an invitation into the decadent world of 1931 Berlin, where the Kit Kat Club offers a glittering escape from a city on edge of a world war. **Tickets:** Adults, \$32 & Students, \$20 Available online or by calling the Box Office: 541.942.8001 Directed by Kory Weimer and sponsored by McCoy's Pharmacy.
- **FRI (4/24): Australian Shepherd Club Show, Friday, 9am, Western Oregon Exposition Grounds, 2000 N. Douglas Ave.**
A free, full-day sanctioned show featuring Australian Shepherds in conformation and performance classes.
- **SAT (4/25): Share Fair USA, 9am, 1133 E. Main St.** (Dirt Cheap Copies covered parking area next to Urban Kitchen)
Each Saturday local residents are invited to fill their vehicle with food and good quality stuff to offer to others for free. Organizer Ananda Reeves encourages people to downsize their stuff, load it up and offer it freely to your neighbors who are struggling in these difficult economic times. More information is available on the group's Facebook page.
- **FRI (4/24): CG Speedway, 2150 N. Douglas Ave. Info: 541.942.7561 Website: www.cottagegrovespeedway.com**
SPRING FLING NIGHT #1
Admission: Gates Open at 4:30pm | Qualifying at 5pm | Racing at 6:30pm
Tickets: Adults \$16 | Juniors (13–17) \$13 | Seniors (62+) & Military \$13 | Youth (6–12) \$6 | 5 & Under–Free
Racing Classes: 360 Sprints, Dwarf Cars
(Dwarf Cars are 5/8-scale vintage-style race cars powered by motorcycle engines — small, fast, and wildly competitive on the dirt.)
- **FRI (4/24) Last Friday Art Walk, 6-8pm, Participating businesses in the Historic Downtown District & South Sixth Street**
Spring has sprung and that means warm nights, longer days, sweet smells in the air, music along the sidewalks and a special treat – facepainters! Participating businesses this month: Garden of Ink, Imagine It Framed, The Brewstation, Cottage Groove Books & Music, Bookmine, Apple Pie Antiques, Goodbar Books, Paper Trails, POUR 818, Delight, Five Flying Monkeys, Opal Center, Odd Fellows-Cottage Grove, OR #68, The Bank Building, Cottage Grove Public Market, Bean There Done That Sponsored By: Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, Flower Basket & Gift Boutique, Territorial Seed, Cascade Hardware, and Kyle Dooley-Edward Jones
- **SAT (4/25): Watercolor Painting for Kids, 10-11am, Cottage Grove Public Market, 912 E. Main St.**
Organized by the Cottage Grove Art Collective and taught by Michelle Rose. Let your child's creativity flow in this fun & relaxed class for all skill levels. Fee: Make a donation
- **SAT (4/25): Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, 10am-Noon (CG residents) Noon-2pm (all Community Members), Coiner Park**
Sponsored by the City of Cottage Grove Urban Forestry Committee Help restore The Grove's beautiful tree canopy that was heavily damaged by the 2024 ice storm.
- **SAT (4/25): CG Speedway, 2150 N. Douglas Ave. Info: 541.942.7561 Website: www.cottagegrovespeedway.com**
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Racing Classes: 360 Sprints, IMCA Modified & Sport Compacts, Dwarf Cars

- **SAT (4/25): Community Forum: Freedom and Belonging in Oregon** , 6-7:30pm, CG Public Market, 912 E. Main St. Exploration of Latino, Asian-American and Pacific Islander experiences of freedom, belonging, and marginalization through the lens of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Free food and refreshments.
- **SUN (4/26): Elks Lodge Community Breakfast, 8-11am**, 775 N. River Rd. Info: 541.942.3554
Menu: Eggs (cooked to order no poached), sausage links, ham, hash browns, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, French toast, juice and coffee Cost: Adults \$9 Kids (12 & younger) \$4.50 (Get \$1 off with non-perishable food item)
- **SUN (4/26): Ricotta Cheese Making Class, 1-2:30pm, Cottage Grove Public Market, 912 E. Main St.**
Learn how to make fresh Ricotta Cheese with Vanessa Salvia. Fee: \$10 Seats are booked and paid in advance via contacting @vanessaatthetable
- **MON (4/27): Axe & Fiddle Monday Movie Night, 8-10pm, 657 E. Main St.**
Night of the Living Dead, a 1968 American independent zombie horror film.

■ MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- **APR 30-May 3: Metropolitan Rhythm & Blues Revue, Thu-Sat, 7pm | Sun 2:30pm, Cottage Theatre, 700 Village Dr.**
Annual fundraiser for Cottage Grove High School Performing Arts. Features student performers + professional community musicians. Features a high-energy mix of instrumental, vocal, and dance numbers. A beloved Grove tradition that saves students from selling “about 16,000 candy bars each year.” Budget cuts in this school year and additional reductions anticipated for next year makes this fundraiser significant for CGHS youth performers. Tickets on sale now: Adults: \$32 | Youth: \$20.
- **MAY 1-2: London Grange Annual Pancake Breakfast & Plant Sale, Breakfast served 8-11am, 72467 London Rd. (MP 10)**
The plant sale is from 8am-5pm both days. The event also features a raffle for various prizes.
- **MAY 1-2: Trinity Lutheran Church Annual Spring Garage Sale, Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday, 9am-3pm, Sixth & Quincy**
Shop a wide variety of items at great prices. Sponsored by Trinity Women in Mission with proceeds benefitting Creative Chaos, an organization that creates opportunities for individuals of all ages with disabilities (Half price sale May 9)
- **MAY 02: Humane Society of Cottage Grove second annual “Pins for Pets” Bowl-a-Thon, Saturday, Cottage Bowl, 740 Row River Rd.** Cottage Bowl is donating 50% of their revenue for every game bowled. The event features a silent auction, gift baskets, hourly prize drawings, karaoke, and a wine tasting fundraiser provided by Saginaw Vineyards.
- **MAY 02: “Bikes to Blooms” Wildflower Walks, Saturday, 8am-1pm, Bake Stewart Park (Row River Rd. near Dorena)** (Rain or Shine Event) 8am: Guided Bird Walk | 9am-1pm: Booths open & self-guided wildflower walk material available 10am-Noon: Hourly guided wildflower walks. Explore a rare, remnant prairie and oak habitat along Dorena Lake and the Row River bike trail. Bikes to Blooms is a free event featuring activities for families and nature enthusiasts. May is Bike month and car parking is limited so attendees are encouraged to bike to the event. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are allowed.
- **MAY 04: East Lane County Commissioner Candidates Forum, Monday, 6pm, Community Center Shepherd Room, 700 E. Gibbs Ave.** Presented by the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee, KNND Radio and the Cottage Grove Sentinel. Incumbent Heather Buch seeks a third term and is challenged by Jake Pelroy and Bob Zybach. Ballots will be mailed on April 29 for the May 19 election.
- **MAY 06: Elks Lodge Blood Drive, Wednesday, 10am-4pm, 755 N. River Road**
Schedule an appointment at www.BloodworksNW.org/giveblood
- **MAY 8-9: Trinity Lutheran Church Spring Garage Sale, Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday, 9am-3pm, Sixth & Quincy**
All items are half price. Sponsored by Trinity Women in Mission with proceeds benefitting Creative Chaos, an organization that creates opportunities for individuals of all ages with disabilities
- **MAY 09: Row River Sunshine Club Spring Rummage & Bake Sale, 9am-2pm, Row River Christian Fellowship (little white church), Dorena.** All rummage items are only 25 cents! Features BBQ's burgers, hot dogs and baked goods. All proceeds are used by the Sunshine Club to spread cheer to our neighbors in the Row River Valley.

- **MAY 14: “Reversing High Blood Pressure Naturally Workshop” Wednesday, 7-8:30pm, Seventh-day Adventist Church,**
Come at 6:30pm for a free blood pressure check. Dr. David DeRose draws practical, inexpensive insights from his best-selling book, “Thirty Days to Natural Blood Pressure Control.” If you are looking for ways to control your high blood pressure without medications—or are trying to keep a normal blood pressure from creeping into a dangerous range—this lecture is for you. (Dr. DeRose’s books will be available at discounted pricing.)
- **MAY 14: Mother’s Day Tea, Thursday, 5-7pm, Seventh-day Adventist Church, 820 S. 10th St.**
“Redeeming the Time with Tea and Flowers” is a free event is open to all women and daughters and hosted by Cottage Grove Women’s Ministries. Enjoy a good meal, learn how to arrange flowers and take home a bouquet for yourself or to give to someone special. For food planning purposes an RSVP is requested. Call Tawny at 541.401.2521 to register.
- **MAY 18: Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, Two Shows: 5pm & 7:30pm, Bohemia Park Southern Parking Lot on South 8th St.** A fundraiser for the Coast Fork Kiwanis Club that encourages circus lovers to purchase tickets by 15 at the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce Office. (See details in the Community Announcements)
- **MAY 19: Oregon Primary Election, Tuesday, Ballots due by 8pm.** (County ballot drop box at Community Center)
- **MAY 23: Clive “Mac” McDonald Celebration of Life, Saturday, 2pm, Elks Lodge, 775 N. River Rd.**
The family invites Clive’s friends and colleagues to come and remember this longtime high school teacher and coach. For more information contact Stacey McDonald at 541.206.0442.

■ SAVE THE DATE

- **JUNE 06: Gumbo Fest 2026, Saturday, 1-4pm, Saginaw Vineyard, 80247 Delight Valley School Rd.**
A flavorful outdoor fundraiser dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of organ donation featuring a variety of gumbo samplings prepared by local cooks. Tickets (at the door): Suggested donation \$20/person that includes gumbo samplings and one drink ticket. All proceeds benefit Donate Life NW. (Gumbo is a hearty, flavorful stew that serves as the official state cuisine of Louisiana, representing a blend of African, Native American, French, and Spanish cultures.)

■ BEYOND THE GROVE

- **MAY 10: Walterville Grange Mother’s Day Brunch, Sunday, 8-11am, 39259 Camp Creek Rd.** (east of Springfield)
Menu: Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Fruit, Coffee & Juice Cost: Free & donations welcome
Bring canned food donations for the Upriver Food Bank.
- **MAY 23: Listening Across Differences Community Circle, Thursday, 6-8pm, Bethesda Lutheran Church, 4445 Royal Ave. Eugene** Members of the Braver Angels Southern Willamette Valley Alliance invite the community to participate in discussion of differing political perspectives to help both sides understand each other better. Ideas will also be shared to shape future Braver Angels efforts going forward.

■ 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: Fourth Friday Fish Fry (cod & tilapia) a la carte menu/prices vary

SUNDAY

- **Elks Lodge Community Breakfast, 8-11am, 775 N. River Rd.** Info: 541.942.3554
Menu: Eggs (cooked to order no poached), sausage links, ham, hash browns, pancakes, biscuits & gravy, French toast, juice and coffee Cost: Adults \$9 Kids (12 & younger) \$4.50 (Get \$1 off with non-perishable food item)

■ LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **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.greatdaysed.org
- **Singing Creek Educational Center:** See website for specific details on upcoming events: www.singingcreekcenter.org or send email to Executive Director Karen Rainsong at director@singingcreekcenter.org
- **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
- **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.
- **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
- **Lane Community College in Cottage Grove:** LCC in Cottage Grove has several online credit classes and in person community education classes scheduled for this spring term, which starts March 30. We also offer study spaces, computer labs, and a testing center for local credit students. The Cottage Grove Center is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm. Find links for both credit and community ed classes at lanecc.edu/cottagegrove. Questions? Call 541-463-4202
- **Singing Creek Educational Center:** See website for specific details on upcoming events: www.singingcreekcenter.org or send email to Executive Director Karen Rainsong at 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

■ MEETINGS

- **Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, (Third Thursday), 5:30-7pm,** Monthly networking opportunity hosted by Chamber members.
- **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.
- **American Legion Post 32, (First Saturday), Noon, 826 W. Main St.** All veterans are invited.
- **Creative Chaos First Friday Craft Club 3-4:30 at the CG Public Market Main and Hwy 99.**

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.
- **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
- **Sunday Crafternoon**, (First Sunday) Noon-2pm, Bohemia Food Hub, 106 S. 10th St. (across from Bohemia Park) Enjoy an afternoon full of creativity and fun that builds community, welcomes laughter, teaches new skills and creates fun! Free admission but text RSVP is required. Contact: 541.357.6615 @sundaycrafternoon on Instagram
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.

■ 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>

■ COMMUNITY SHARING PROGRAM

1440 Birch Ave. | 541.942.2176 | www.communitysharing.org

Core Services

- Food Pantry — Tuesdays 11am–3pm; Thursdays 3pm–7pm
- Emergency Assistance — Utilities, rent, referrals (call for appointment)
- Community Showers — Wednesdays 11am–3pm; walk-up, first-come/first-served
- Clothing & Household Items — Available during pantry hours
- Case Management & Resource Navigation — By appointment

■ 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