State worker who uploaded sensitive information resigns

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE Capital Bureau

SALEM — A state employee who uploaded sensitive personal information on at least 15,300 Oregonians to a personal cloud storage account resigned this week, according

to the Oregon Department of

Revenue. The employee uploaded 60 spreadsheets containing more than half a million records, including names, addresses and Social Security numbers, to a personal account on Google Drive, Google's cloud storage service, Feb. 21.

The information was used by the department to reconcile accounts, but the employee sought to upload it to a personal account because he wanted to use the spreadsheets and queries "as templates for his work products at a future employer," the department said in a prepared statement in response to questions from the EO/Pamplin Capital Bureau this week.

The spreadsheets were the work product of a former department employee and used "complex queries" to gather data and do calculations, the department said.

The employee used a state computer to upload the information to Google Drive, which can be accessed from different computers with appropriate account creden-

The upload was detected by department officials in a routine review of system

During the investigation, the unidentified employee provided the department with his Google login and all agency files were deleted from the personal account, and IT security staff confirmed there were no backups, nor application data, left in the user's Google Drive account, the department said.

The Oregon State Police determined the incident was "non-criminal in nature" during the early stages of the state's investigation.

Department representatives said March 23 that the information of roughly 36,000 people could have been compromised by the act, but said Friday that the spreadsheets contained duplicate "numerous records." The department sent direct notifications by mail to about 15,300 people.

The department is also paying for identity theft protection services for those people whose information was included in the upload "on the off chance the files were accessed in a way we couldn't detect," Gasperini

The individual notifications and recovery services are costing the department

The department also says that there's no evidence to suggest that the personal information was shared beyond the employee's personal account.

The incident was detected Feb. 23, and the employee was placed on paid administrative leave three days later, but the revenue department didn't issue a public notice of the incident until March 23.

"The investigation into the incident itself was complete within a few days, but combing through what was removed from the drive to determine how many people could potentially impacted took much longer," Gasperini said by way of explanation.

"... As soon as we were relatively confident in the refined group of records, which was March 22, we finalized the press release that was issued March 23, the next day. We were also working on matching records with contact information so we could move forward with individual, direct notification through the ID recovery services vendor as soon as possible after the general public notification."

Former Navy captain setting his sights on governor's mansion

By JADE MCDOWELL East Oregonian

Greg Wooldridge is hoping to use his sterling military career to propel him into Oregon's highest office.

Wooldridge, one of 10 Republicans running for governor in Oregon, visited Hermiston on Friday. If elected, he said he hopes to heal the urban-rural divide, to heal the school systems, the PERS system and the lack of trust in Oregon's government.

The former Navy captain has never held elected office. But he points to his experience running a naval airbase in the San Joaquin Valley including services for thousands of families living on-base and billions of dollars in aircraft assets — that earned the Presidential Installation of Excellence Award for being "the best Navy base in the

"It was the same kind of span of control in working with people and trying to get good outcomes and managing a budget," he said.

He said he is also the only person to serve as flight leader of the Navy's Blue Angels three different times, working to elevate morale and performance until they were performing 400-mile-per-hour maneuvers 18 inches apart instead of 36 inches.

He later worked with FedEx to elevate the company's air freight operations and now trains companies on elevating performance. He hopes to elevate the state government's performance by setting clear expectations for department heads and "bringing the legislature together."

"I don't like the term 'drain the swamp' because I don't think there's a swamp," he said. "I think they're good people."

Wooldridge said beyond holding departments more accountable, he also believes that it would be good for the Democratic-controlled legislature to know that any legis-



Oregon Republican gubernatorial candidate Greg Wooldridge speaks at the 2018 **Dorchester Conference in Salem.**

lation they pass will be headed to the desk of a Republican governor.

"When they want to get something through, they're going to have to talk about it," he said.

At the same time, he said although he holds conservative ideals he is a "realist" about getting things done and doesn't feel bound to always follow the party line.

Infrastructure, the Public Employees Retirement System and education are Wooldridge's three main focuses.

He wants to provide the funding to decrease class sizes at the elementary school so that children don't get frustrated with school early, then follow up with getting more hands-on classes at the high school level that help motivate teens to stay in school and graduate with "labor-ready" skills like welding or computer programming.

Wooldridge said the state also needs to step up its investments in transportation infrastructure.

"You can't move commerce without working infrastructure," he said.

He also wants to tackle the growing PERS deficit.

"I want to take PERS from

a defined benefit to a defined contribution, more like — and this is a dirty word with some of the unions — but more like a 401(k)," he said.

When asked about immigration, Wooldridge said he understood that Oregon depends on immigrant labor for agriculture. But he said the government needed to find ways for those jobs to be filled without a system that encourages people to come into the country illegally and be exploited because of their status. He also said he would work as governor to end Oregon's sanctuary status.

"I think it's a public safety issue, because people are being let back on the street that shouldn't be on the street," he said.

He also said he's passionate about improving mental health services. He got choked up recounting a story when he saw a woman standing on the edge of a bridge, preparing to jump. Wooldridge and another passerby managed to pull her down and called the police.

"The Beaverton Police came and they were so good and handled things so well, but that was a wake-up call to me that these issues are out there," he said.

Wooldridge said despite choosing to settle in the Portland area after the Navy (he grew up in Illinois), he does want to look out for the interests of rural Oregon through supporting agriculture and better management of Oregon's forests.

"City folks want to enjoy the natural resources in our way and then say nobody else can touch them," he said.

Wooldridge's lack of experience as an elected official and his urban address might create some barriers toward winning over rural Republicans in Oregon, but he said he "absolutely" believes that a Republican can beat Governor Kate Brown this year and that he is the one to do it.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY AccuWeather **REGIONAL CITIES** AccuWeather Forecast Today Sun. **MONDAY TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY Seattl 57/47

Mostly cloudy, a Spotty showers in Occasional rain Mostly cloudy Sunny shower; breezy the afternoon PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST 60° 47° 38° 65° 45° 67° 62° 38° 64° 49° **62°** 40° 68° 43° 66° 40° Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 57/47 Wenatchee 54/41 **PENDLETON** Tacoma Moses

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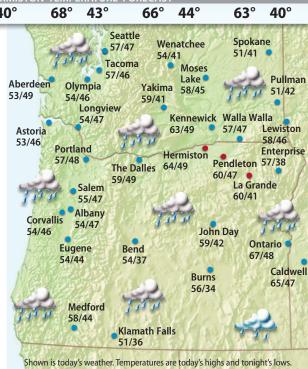
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REGIONAL FORECAST Coastal Oregon: Windy today and tonight

Eastern and Central Oregon: Windy today.

Periods of rain; only during the morning in Western Washington: Rain today and to night. Occasional rain and drizzle tomorrow Eastern Washington: On-and-off rain and

Cascades: Breezy today with rain. Intermittent snow tonight, accumulating 1-3 inches.

Northern California: Showers today; snow, accumulating 1-3 inches in the interior mountains.

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Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day 65/53 71/55 cold front warm front stationary front

National Summary: As rain and thunderstorms push across the Southeastern states, a narrow swath of snow will affect the mid-Atlantic today. A large storm will spread soaking rain over much of the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

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