

Year in Review Continued from A8

Football Champions

It was a year unlike any other for the Cottage Grove football team. For the first time in school history, the Lions completed an undefeated season and brought home the state football title. A year after falling in the state title game, the Lions capped off the season by defeating Marshfield 48-14 in the championship.

Cottage Grove was not just victorious throughout the year but dominated teams from the start of the season. The team averaged 48 points in each contest while giving up an eye-popping 13.6 points per game.

The championship team featured head coach Gary Roberts who was named OSAA 4A coach of the year for the second season in a row. The Lions also claimed offensive and defensive players of the year at the 4A level with wide receiver Jacob Woods and linebacker Cooper Ladd. In total, the Lions had six players named to first team all-state (Dylan Graves at quarterback, Woods and Hayden Glenn at receiver, Cooper Ladd at center, Nate Farrell as an offensive lineman and Erick Giffen as kicker) and three players on the first team all-state defense (Ladd, Woods and Glenn).

Swinging Bridge

After city engineers deemed the Swinging Bridge unsafe in 2016, the

city set on a course to find funding to fix it. A grant through the state parks department was denied. A group, Friends of the Swinging Bridge popped up at local festivals and fairs accepting donations and the city implemented a "round-up" program on water bills for residents to give to the cause. Several options for repair were presented to the city council with a heavy reliance on the public's desire to maintain the bridge's original design. Of the three choices laid out by the city, the council chose the option that preserved the movement of the bridge but did not meet state standards. Repairs are expected to range between \$200,000 and \$400,000. As of December, the community had raised just over \$2,000. However, according to city manager Richard Meyers, Cottage Grove is due for a transportation check from the state of Oregon than can be used, in part, to help fund the repair of the bridge as well as a re-submitted application for the state parks grant.

Wildfires

2017 was on fire. South Lane County Fire and Rescue crews were dispatched throughout Oregon and California last year as more than a dozen wildfires broke out between the two states. At the height of the season, 17 wildfires burned in Oregon alone and thousands were evacuated, losing their



Wildfires burned through Oregon and California. Photo courtesy of Inciweb.

homes. Horror stories emerged from California including tales of husbands holding wives in their backyard pools to try and escape the flames and entire families perishing in the disasters. Grabbing the most headlines was the fire started by a teenage boy from Washington that eventually engulfed the Columbia Gorge, burning nearly 50,000 acres and torching natural landmarks, closing the area to residents.

By late summer, air quality in the valley had diminished with Lane Regional Air Protection citing the air as unhealthy or dangerous for several days at a time.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal sent several strike teams from Oregon to our neighboring state for the first time ever under mutual aid agreements, garnering SLFR an estimated \$350,000 to \$450,000 in time and equipment.

The season was called the worst in Oregon's history and just as the last strike teams made it home to Cottage Grove in time for Christmas, Division Chief Joe Raade said California's Santa Ana winds paired with dry conditions had fueled the hard-to-contain fires.

brought to Cottage Grove in the '90s when Cash came into family money and pursued her dream of owning a carousel. She had said Cottage Grove reminded her of a 1950s town and deserved to have one of the attractions as its centerpiece. However, early efforts to restore the attraction and find it a home within the city failed. By 2017, Friends of the Cottage Grove Carousel had started tackling the project again. The group included Don Williams and several Cottage Grove notables with an agreement in place—the carousel would be gifted by the Cash family to the group if the project got off the ground.

Armed with the success of the Albany Carousel, the group continued fundraising efforts including a no-show banquet and members traveled to Florence to acquire an organ to accompany the carousel. High school students pitched in and restored the animals during art classes and donations came in from the community. Cash, who was diagnosed with cancer last year, passed away in the fall.

*Bonus story: HB3030

The Youth Advisory Council managed to get a bill passed during the legislative session. House Bill 3030 was the council's answer to an issue that sprouted up in Cottage Grove. Resident Karen Munsell came before the city council with a personal problem: her son had nearly lost his life after finding "whippets" or nitrous oxide cannisters. With the help of the mayor, city manager, community leaders and the youth council, Munsell saw the passage of HB3030 that prohibits the sale of the cannisters to those under the age of 21.

The Carousel

After more than 20 years, the effort to bring a carousel to Main St. fired up again. Originally owned by Judy Cash, the antique carousel was

Worship Directory

DRAIN:

HOPE U.M.C.
131 W "A" St. Drain, OR
541-315-1617
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Fellowship & Song: 11:30am
Potluck Lunch: 12:00pm
Worship: 12:30pm

COTTAGE GROVE:

6th & Gibbs Church of Christ
195 N. 6th St. • 541-942-3822
Pastor: Aaron Earlywine
Youth & Families Pastor:
Seth Bailey
Service times: 9am & 10:30am
Sunday School: 9am for all ages
Christian Education
Nursery for pre-k - 3rd Grade
www.6thandgibbs.com

Calvary Baptist Church
77873 S 6th St • 541-942-4290
Pastor: Riley Hendricks
Sunday School: 9:45am
Worship: 11:00am
The Journey: Sunday 5:00pm
Praying Thru Life: Wednesday 6:00pm

Calvary Chapel Cottage Grove
1447 Hwy 99 (Village Plaza)
541-942-6842
Pastor: Jeff Smith
Two Services on Sun:
9am & 10:45am
Youth Group Bible Study
Child Care 10:45am Service Only
www.cgcalvary.org

Center for Spiritual Living
Cottage Grove
700 Gibbs Ave.
(Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagrove@gmail.com

Church of Christ
420 Monroe St • 541-942-8565
Sunday Service: 10:30am

Cottage Grove Bible Church
1200 East Quincy Avenue
541-942-4771
Pastor: Bob Singer
Worship 11am
Sunday School: 9:45am
AWANA age 3-8th Grade,
Wednesdays Sept-May, 6:30pm
www.cgbible.org

Cottage Grove Faith Center
33761 Row River Rd.
541-942-4851
Lead Pastor: Kevin Prueett
www.cg4.tv
Full Children's Ministry available
Service: 10:00am

Delight Valley
Church of Christ
33087 Saginaw Rd. East
541-942-7711
Pastor: Bob Friend
Two Services:
9am - Classic in the Chapel
10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Presbyterian Church
3rd and Adams St
541-942-4479
Pastor: Karen Hill
Worship: 10:00am
Sunday School: 10:00am
www.cgpresbynews.com

Hope In The Grove
700 E. Gibbs • 401-855-5668
Pastor: Wayne Husk
Sunday services:
Worship: 9am
Coffee Fellowship: 10:15am
Bible Study: 10:30am

Hope Fellowship
United Pentecostal Church
100 S. Gateway Blvd.
541-942-2061
Pastor: Dave Bragg
Worship: 11:00am Sunday
Bible Study: 7:00pm Wednesday
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467 S. 10th St. • 541-942-2612
Pastor Rulon Combs
Worship & Children's
Church 10:00 am
Youth 180 Mondays 5:30-8pm

Non-Denominational Church of Christ
1041 Penoyer Ave
541-942-8928
Preacher: Tony Martin
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00am
Sunday Worship: 10:50am & 5:30pm
www.penoyeravecoc.com

Old Time Gospel Fellowship
103 S. 5th St. • 541-942-4999
Pastor: Jim Edwards
Sunday Service: 10:00am
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Catholic Churches
1025 N. 19th St.
541-942-3420
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen
Holy Mass:
Tue-Thu: 8:30am; Sat: 5:30pm
Sun: 10:30am
Confession: After daily mass,
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
St. Philip Benizi, Creswell
552 Holbrook Lane
541-895-8686, Sunday: 8:30am

St. Andrews Episcopal Church
1301 W. Main • 541-767-9050
Rev. Lawrence Crumb
"Church with the flags."
Worship: Sunday 10:30am
All Welcome

Seventh-day Adventist Church
820 South 10th Street
541-942-5213
Pastor: Kevin Miller
Bible Study: Saturday, 9:15 am
Worship Service: Saturday, 10:40
Mid-week Service: Wednesday, 1:00

Trinity Lutheran Church
6th & Quincy • 541-942-2373
Pastor: James L. Markus
Sunday School & Adult Education 9:15am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Comm. Kitchen Free Meal Tue & Thu 5:00pm TLC Groups
tlccg.com

United Methodist Church
334 Washington • 541-942-3033
Pastor: Lura Kidner-Miesen
Worship: 10:30am
Comm. Dinner (Adults \$5, Kids Free)
1st & 3rd Monday 5-6:00pm
umcgrove.org

"VICTORY" Country Church
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Pastor: Barbara Dockery
Worship Service: 10:00am
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