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Voter participation on rise in Lane County

By Caitlyn May
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Voters in Lane County want their voices heard. At least, 81 percent of them do.

The latest data, released by the Ford Family Foundation in collaboration with the Oregon State University Extension Service, reported that Lane County has a voter participation rate of 81 percent, one percentage point higher than the rest of the state.

It's a large gap when compared to voters nationally; in 2016, 56 percent of the estimated 157.6 million el-

igible voters turned out to cast ballots in the presidential election according to the Pew Research Center — a non-partisan organization that surveys Americans in regards to social and political issues.

The most recent election in May saw just over 28 percent of Lane County voters participating, a rate that represented 90,329 individual ballots and one that is on par with national statistics concerning off-year elections, or elections that do not feature contests for president. And while voter participation is up na-

tionwide and Lane County, a large number of people who can vote, aren't.

A recent study by the Center for American Progress noted that 92 million Americans did not vote in the 2016 presidential election. It did not offer a precinct-by-precinct breakdown but 2018 numbers for Lane County are up.

In the race of East Lane Commissioner, which represents Cottage Grove, the state of Oregon tallied more than 16,000 votes distributed among five candidates.

Oregon's voting system was touted during the last election

cycle when the issue of ballot tampering arose due to the state's mail-in system. Voters do not go to the polls and the paper ballots are dropped at drop-boxes or mailed in and counted by computers not connected to the internet leaving little room for tampering.

This year, voters in Oregon will face several important decisions including the a possible bill on the state's "sanctuary" status in regards to undocumented residents, a possible abortion bill, school funding and a choice for governor.

MARINE BOARD TO ASSURE BOAT TAGS ARE 'SHIP SHAPE'

The Oregon State Marine Board, in partnership with 32 county sheriff's offices and the Oregon State Police, will be focusing their enforcement efforts on boaters with lapsed boat registrations during the weekend of Aug. 4-5, for "Operation Ship Shape."

"So far this year, marine law enforcement officers are reporting unusually high numbers of unregistered boats," said Randy Henry,

Boating Safety Program Manager for the Marine Board. "This means that those registered boaters who are playing by the rules are carrying the load for everyone else. Without adequate revenue, the agency is forced to cut funds to our law enforcement programs which ultimately mean fewer patrol boats on the water and longer response times in emergency incidents."

"We're at a five year high

for fatalities so far this year, and we cannot afford to reduce our agency's services, so we're simply making sure that all motorboats — any boat with any mechanical propulsion, whether gas, electric, diesel or solar, and all sailboats 12 feet or longer, are currently registered," Henry added. "The fine for lapsed boat registration is \$265, which is far more than the cost of the boat registration itself. Fines do not come

back to the Marine Board. When collected, those fines go into the state's general fund. It's better for all of us if you register your boat now than wait for a fine."

Motorboat registrations are \$4.50 per foot, rounded to the highest foot plus \$5 for the aquatic invasive species prevention program. For example: a 16-foot outboard motorboat would cost \$77.

Registrations are valid for two calendar years.

Boaters can renew their boat registration online at www.boatoregon.com/store, or can visit their local registration agent. Boaters can print off a temporary permit after successfully completing their transaction online or will be issued a temporary permit through an agent for an additional fee.

For assistance renewing online, contact the Marine Board at marine.board@oregon.gov or 503-378-8587.

For a list of registration agents, visit www.oregon.gov/osmb/title-registration/Pages/Where-to-Register.aspx.

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
Summer Service: 9:30 am
Christian Education:
Pre-K through 5th
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
700 Gibbs Ave. (Community Center)
Rev. Bobby Lee
Meets Sunday 3:00 p.m.
cslcottagegrove@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
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10:30am - Contemporary in the Auditorium

First Baptist Church
301 S. 6th st • 541-942-8242
Interim Pastor: Reed Webster
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 11:00am
Youth Wednesday 6:30pm
cgfirstbaptist.com

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
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541-942-3420
Father: Joseph Hung Nguyen
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Sun: 10:30am
Confession: After daily mass,
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment
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541-942-5213
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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 & Thur
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)
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