

Look Who’s Making a Difference in Cottage Grove

Welcome to our tenth annual Cottage Grove Community Non-Profit installment. The idea behind this section is to get to know some of your local non-profit organizations. In this section you will learn what they do along with how you can get involved. Many of our non-profit agencies and service organizations depend on volunteers and donations to continue to offer their services to our community. If you are in need of help or are looking for a rewarding avenue for your time you may contact any of these organizations. We hope that with this section you will learn what helps make this community what it is.

Sincerely,
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FREE DIGITAL TELEVISION

South Lane Television, Inc.



In the early days of television, most TV stations serving Oregon were located in Portland. And reception from Portland was extremely poor in Cottage Grove.

With the hopes of devising a plan for better reception, a group of local television enthusiasts met over coffee to discuss how members of the community could develop a system that would provide better TV pictures in Cottage Grove. What emerged was a community non-profit they organized in 1957 as South Lane Television, Inc.

The new SLTV Board set out to raise money for an engineering study that determined Hansen Butte, located a mile south-east of Cottage Grove, was the ideal point to receive TV signals and translate those signals to new channels that could be easily picked up in and around Cottage Grove. A successful fund drive followed and the fledgling board was able to purchase the necessary equipment to put the first three stations on the air.

Over the years, SLTV has steadily improved and expanded its service. Today, the Cottage Grove system has grown to 36 channels, the London Springs system now has 14 channels, and Dorena/Culp Creek now has 8 channels – making South Lane Television one of the largest and most technically advanced translator operations in the Country. The best part is that the service is absolutely free! All viewers need is an antenna. In town, a good (never the cheapest!), indoor antenna may work fine, but for the best performance, a good outdoor antenna is recommended. For more challenged reception areas you may need an amplified set-top antenna or outdoor antenna. But once you have your antenna hooked up, the free TV just keeps on coming! The cost savings compared to cable or satellite services often amounts to more than \$1,000 a year!

South Lane Television and its volunteer board has been with you for over six decades and is always watching for new ways to improve our service to the community.

These messages are brought to you as a public service by South Lane Television. Our goal is to continue serving the community with the highest quality free television service possible.

Stay tuned!

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A non profit organization serving South Lane County since 1957.