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School Board refines new district vision

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The South Lane School Board continued work on its new district vision in its two September meetings, using both sessions to review community input, refine draft maxims and discuss how the developing framework will guide priorities for the year ahead.

The vision process began last spring when Superintendent Todd Miller introduced an initiative called “Setting the Two Anchors: Identity and Purpose.”

In a message to families, Miller described the work as a district-wide effort to strengthen belonging, improve engagement and prepare students for “career and life readiness” from Pre K through high school. He said the initiative aims to help students see how the skills they learn today connect to future success, while celebrating the varied strengths and unique talents of every learner.

The district has since published its mission and vision statements as part of an “Our Work” overview.

The mission reads, “In SLSD, we empower learning, ensure belonging and prepare every student to graduate college or be career ready,” while the vision states, “Every student graduates prepared, engaged and empowered with a vision for their future.”

During the Sept. 14 meeting, board members reviewed community feedback gathered through surveys and engagement sessions, along with draft maxims connected to the district’s ongoing vision work. Those maxims, now posted in district materials, summarize the values the board and staff are working to embed across schools:

- Dig Deep: “We work hard to build our strengths”
- Stay Rooted “We care for our community”
- Grow Strong “We prepare for the future”

At the Sept. 21 meeting, Miller outlined four superintendent evaluation goals that directly connect to the district’s developing vision and maxims. His first goal focuses on integrating the maxims across all

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Monuments, memories and healing mark local honor flight to D.C.

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Oregon veterans, including those from Cottage Grove and Creswell, are home following an emotional trip to Washington D.C.

It was a whirlwind weekend trip to the nation’s capital for the veterans who visited military memorials and museums built to honor them.

Aboard the Alaska Airlines direct flight were 60 veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars and their guardians from the Southern Willamette Valley, plus 22 Honor Flight support staff.

Flight Director Dan Buckwald, an Honor Flight board member, served as master of ceremonies at a celebratory send off from the Eugene Veterans Clinic on Thursday morning, Sept. 17. A large crowd filled the parking lot, many holding “Thank You Veterans” signs. Following several speeches, a prayer, a Native American blessing and two barbershop style songs sung by Eugene’s Cascade Chorus, the travelers boarded two charter buses bound for Portland for the next morning’s flight.

This was the ninth flight for Buckwald, who said the best part of each trip is being with the veterans.

“I am deeply honored to be with them and see the healing that happens to them and their guardians on these trips,” he said. “It’s just incredible to see all the emotions, especially among the Vietnam vets, when they finally feel the respect they didn’t get when they first returned home from the war.”

For Cottage Grove High School and motorcycle racing buddies Larry Watkins and Ralph Weeldreyer, their first visit to Washington, D.C., was even more than they



Courtesy from Ralph Weeldreyer
Oregon veterans and their guardians enter the Marine Corps Museum in Washington, D.C.

expected. Watkins served in the Air Force and Weeldreyer in the Army during the Vietnam War.

“It was fantastic!” Watkins said. “Everywhere you turned was a monument of some kind. The history is just enormous back there. My favorite part was watching the changing of the guard at Arlington. I wish the trip was longer because we were on a tight schedule and there was always more to see than we had time for.”

When asked about a favorite museum, nearly all said the National Museum of the Marine

Corps for its immersive exhibits, emotional storytelling, thoughtful hospitality and nationally acclaimed design that creates a powerful space for reflection, remembrance and pride.

Weeldreyer said he was surprised how much bigger the monuments are than in photographs and on television. He was especially moved by the Korean War Veterans Memorial.

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SLSD Superintendent responses to state student assessments

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The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) has released results from the 2025-26 Oregon Statewide Assessments, showing continued progress in student achievement across Oregon.

Statewide proficiency increased by 1.4 percentage points in math, 0.8 percentage points in English language arts (ELA), and 0.6 percentage points in science. The results mark the second consecutive year of statewide increases in proficiency in all three subject areas.

“These results give us reason to be encouraged but also reinforce how much more there is to accomplish,” Oregon Department of Education Director Dr. Charlene Williams said. “Our responsibility is to understand what is working, support educators and districts in



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implementing those practices well, and stay focused on sustained progress for every student.”

“The state report card shows areas of strength and growth, areas we need to improve, and areas

where our results do not accurately reflect realities,” South Lane School District Superintendent said. “Some of the strengths we see are continuing improved attendance rates for our elementaries, 9th grade on track (which tells how many of our freshmen are successfully passing courses and on-track to graduate), and we see some strong gains in our math growth at the elementary level. These are positive indicators for future growth.”

Along with positive data, Miller said the school district can identify areas that need to improve, many of which the district is already working on, including continued low attendance rates at the secondary level, still low from the pandemic era, subgroup disparities and growth, and graduation rates that could climb.

“Most concerning are our published academic scores, which highlight areas of growth, work we need to do, but also highlight a flawed state metric,” he said. “We respect parents’ rights to opt their child out of state testing, but this practice gives us data not representative of our students’ skills. Every opt equals a non-proficient score for our schools and district.”

According to Miller, the South Lane School District’s opt-out percentages are high.

“And our state testing engagement and enthusiasm is even worse. Nearly 50% of our high school students opt out, and even more who don’t give their best effort, making this data not reliable. We have been

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A Closer Look

Trip to park restroom leads to citations

The following is from the Cottage Grove Police Department's Weekly Update.

SEPTEMBER 14-20
Continued traffic enforcement occurred in the school zones this past week.
- While Public Works employees were cleaning an illegal camp, they located a male camping in the area. Officers arrived and identified the subject. He was issued a Citation in Lieu of Custody for Illegal Camping (Municipal Code 12.24.020) and Offensive Littering (ORS 164.805). The male was advised to gather his belongings and leave the area and was trespassed from the location.
- Officers assisted the Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) with a warrant arrest of a male subject. The male was located, detained, and transported to the Lane County Jail by LCSO deputies.
- Multiple calls were received regarding a fire under the bridge at E. Main Street and River Road. Officers arrived on scene and contacted a male subject with a warning fire. The male had three valid Cottage Grove Municipal Court warrants. He was Cited in Lieu of Custody for the three warrants and was additionally charged with Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree (ORS 166.025).

- An occupied vehicle was located at Coiner Park after hours. The vehicle had a male in the driver's seat, who stated his female friend was in the bathroom. Officers identified the female from previous law enforcement contacts, and dispatch was requested to conduct a records check on both subjects. The female had two active warrants out of Cottage Grove Municipal Court. She was issued Citations in Lieu of Custody for her warrants.
- An out-of-state law enforcement agency reached out, as they believed a missing person from their location was living in our area. Officers responded to the address provided by the out-of-state officer and located the missing female. The female was safe and was therefore removed from the system as a missing person.
SEPTEMBER 7-13
- A female subject was taken into custody and transported to the Lane County Jail where she was lodged on charges of Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree (ORS 166.025) and Offensive Littering (ORS 164.805). The incident occurred at the designated camp at 12th Street, where the female became upset, causing a public disturbance. She proceeded to throw various items, including trash, onto the roadway.
- Officers responded to a reported physical

disturbance at a nearby residence between a male and a female. Following an investigation at the scene, officers arrested a male subject on charges of Strangulation (ORS 163.187), Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree (ORS 166.025), Menacing (ORS 163.190), and Harassment (ORS 166.065). He was transported to the Lane County Jail where he was lodged on the above-mentioned charges.
- Walmart Loss Prevention informed officers that a female subject inside the store, had previously walked out of the store without paying for her items. Officers arrived and began interviewing her, where she initially provided a false name. Upon the arrival of the on-duty supervisor, who recognized the female from previous law enforcement contacts, he was able to provide dispatch with the correct name.
A records check then determined that she had an active warrant out of Florence Municipal Court on Theft in the Third-Degree charges. She was issued a Citation in Lieu of Custody for her Florence warrant. She was placed under arrest for Giving False Information to a Police Officer (ORS 807.620), as well as Theft in the Third Degree (ORS 164.043) for items that were taken from Walmart. Later she admitted to having Methamphetamine in her backpack. The substance



was tested with the Narc Ranger and confirmed to be Methamphetamine. Additional charges of Possession of Methamphetamine (ORS 475.894) were added, and she was then transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on the above charges.
- Officers responded to an active physical dispute. Upon arrival, officers located the victim near the residence and quickly began their

investigation. The suspect previously left the scene but had later returned while officers were still there. He was ultimately arrested for Assault in the Fourth Degree (ORS 163.160), The male was transported to the Lane County Jail and lodged on the above-mentioned charges.
- During a routine patrol check of the designated camp at 12th Street, officers noticed a tent was set up in

the parking lot in violation of City Code. It took several minutes to determine the suspects name and date of birth, due to the male providing the wrong information. After he was identified, dispatch determined he had an active warrant out of the Lane County Circuit Court of Failing to Appear on DUII charges. He was arrested and transported to the Lane County Jail to be lodged on his warrant.

Police Blotter

The police blotter relates to the public record of incidents as reported by law enforcement agencies.
All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty. Information printed is preliminary and subject to change.
For specific details about cases listed, contact the appropriate law enforcement agency.

COTTAGE GROVE POLICE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
00:06: Missing person, 72000 block London Rd.
10:18: Abandoned vehicle, 19th/Harvey
13:12: Harassment, 200 block N. 8th St.
14:24: Abandoned vehicle, Harvey/19th
14:55: Abandoned vehicle, 16th/Gibbs
15:08: Abandoned vehicle, 700 block E. Gibbs Ave.

16:39: Suspicious condition, 1500 block E. Main St.
16:56: Suicidal subject, 1100 block S. 2nd St.
18:18: Suicidal subject, 32000 block Cleveland St.
18:38: Theft, 800 block W. Main St.
21:08: Suspicious subject, Harrison/R
22:06: Disturbance, 800 block Gateway Blvd.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
01:26: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.
09:27: Theft, 800 block E. Whiteaker Ave.
09:48: Abandoned vehicle, 200 block S. 13th St.
10:31: Abandoned vehicle, 400 block N. 10th St.
11:19: Harassment, 200 block Gateway Blvd.
13:44: Juvenile trouble, 900 block Arthur Ave.
14:59: Theft, Walmart

17:15: Missing person, 1100 block W. Main St.
18:59: Motor vehicle crash, 6th/ Quincy
21:41: Suspicious condition, 1200 block Bryant Ave.
23:07: Fire, 600 block E. Main St.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
12:09: Agency assist, 32000 Picknell St.
12:49: Fraud, 900 block Arthur Ave.
13:20: Mental subject, 1700 block Taylor Ave.
13:41: Trespass, 1200 block Hwy 99
14:27: Repo, 700 block S. 6th St.
15:14: Disturbance, Harvey/Gateway
17:15: Juvenile trouble, 900 block Arthur Ave.
18:27: Criminal mischief, 700 block N. River Rd.
19:06: Theft, 1500 block Fairview Pl.
21:07: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
21:42: DUII ATL, 1500 block Gateway Blvd.

22:23: Suspicious vehicle, 1200 block Hwy 99
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
01:00: Suspicious vehicle, Harrison/1st
08:21: Agency assist, Harvey/Gateway
08:50: Illegal camping, 2700 block Row River Rd.
09:15: Juvenile trouble, 1500 block S. 4th St.
09:43: Trespass, 1300 block E. Jefferson Ave.
10:17: Agency assist, 500 block Adams Ave.
11:03: Warrant service, 1500 block Village Dr.
11:38: Illegal camping, 1300 block S. River Rd.
12:27: Abandoned vehicle, 100 block Palmer Ave.
13:56: Animal info, 100 block Gateway Blvd.
14:54: Missing person, 2300 block Washington Pl.
15:37: Warrant service, 400 block E. Main St.
16:38: Disturbance, 12th/Main

18:39: Juvenile trouble, 900 block Row River Rd.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
00:17: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 10th St.
03:25: Disturbance, 100 block N. 14th St.
07:08: Fire, 80000 block Territorial Hwy
08:36: Illegal camping, 200 block N. 12th St.
12:04: Motor vehicle crash, 76000 block London Rd.
12:25: Hit and run, 1000 block Hillside Dr.
12:35: Fire, Main/ River Rd.
13:07: Mental subject, 300 block Coop Ct.
13:26: Mental subject, 16th/Gibbs
16:53: Disturbance, Madison/13th
20:54: Disorderly subject, 3000 block Row River Rd.
21:04: Harassment, 200 block N. 8th St.
22:26: Suspicious condition, 1600 block Clark Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
00:30: Alarm, 100 block S. 10th St.
10:21: Motor vehicle crash, 79000 block Hwy 99
12:52: Found property, 600 block E. Jefferson Ave.
13:18: Abandoned vehicle, Pennoyer/99
16:57: Disturbance, S. River Rd/Bryant
18:07: Suspicious subject, Bluebird/Buttercup Lp
23:49: Suspicious vehicle, 100 block S. 7th St.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
00:24: Welfare check, 800 block Gateway Blvd.
09:50: Suspicious condition, 900 block Row River Rd.
11:17: Theft, 500 block Gateway Blvd.
16:03: Disturbance, 100 block S. 10th St.
18:34: Disturbance, 700 block N. River Rd.
23:18: Barking dog, Gibbs/16th

On-duty deputy struck by alleged DUII driver

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On September 18 at about 10:30 pm, a Lane County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) deputy driving his patrol vehicle was struck by another

motorist in the 5100 block of Franklin Boulevard in Glenwood, according to LCSO Sgt. Levi McKenny.
The deputy radioed the at-fault vehicle may have also struck

a third vehicle nearby. Springfield Police Department officers responded and investigated the crash.
The head-on collision caused front end damage to both the at-fault car and the Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle. The patrol vehicle was towed from the scene, according to McKenny.
During the investigation SPD officers arrested the alleged

at-fault driver, Ryder Lee Carlton, for DUII.
"Thankfully no one was seriously injured in the crash, and the deputy is back on duty," McKenny said. "Sadly, this is now the second time this deputy has been struck by an intoxicated motorist this year. On February 8, while patrolling on the McKenzie Highway, this same deputy was hit by another drunk driver"

McKenny added that OSP Troopers responded and conducted that crash investigation and ultimately the other driver was arrested for DUII.
The name of the deputy and where the alleged at-fault driver is from was not immediately available.
"The Lane County Sheriff's Office reminds everyone to stay sober behind the wheel," McKenny said. "Never drink and drive or drive after consuming a substance. Everyone needs to be cautious of people driving impaired on our

roadways. Even police can become victims with intoxicated persons behind the wheel."
In Oregon, a first-time Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) is typically a Class A misdemeanor carrying a mandatory minimum of 48 hours in jail or 80 hours of community service, a minimum fine of \$1,000, and a one-year driver's license suspension, according to an online post from the Oregon State Bar.

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Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER 30
• Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 3–5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
• Senior Center Pinochle Games. 1 p.m. Senior Center. 700 E. Gibbs Ave.
• Acoustic Jam with Gregg Biller. 6–7:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.
• Elks Lodge Bingo. Early Bird 6:30 p.m. Regular Games 7 p.m. Elks Lodge.
• Board Game Night with Ayla. 6:30–9:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

OCTOBER 1
• T.O.P.S. Club. 9:30–11 a.m. Delight Valley Church of Christ, Saginaw.
• Baby Laptime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.
• Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. 1–4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.
• Community Center Table Tennis. 4–6 p.m. Community Center.

• Bread Club. 5–7 p.m. CG Public Market.
• Celebrate Recovery. 5:15 p.m. Calvary Chapel. 1447 Hwy 99N.
• Stone Hart (rock). 6–8 p.m. The Public (CG Public Market).
• Joel Astley (blues). 8–10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle

OCTOBER 2
• Storytime. 11:30 a.m. CG Public Library.
• Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. 1–4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.
• American Legion Bingo. 5–7 p.m. American Legion Post 32. 826 W. Main St.
• Elks Lodge Fundraising Dinner: Country Fried Steak. 5–6:30 p.m. \$12
• Saginaw Vineyard Friday Night Live. 6–9 p.m. 80247 Delight Valley School Rd.
• The Regulars (Americana). 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.



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End of Summer at Dorena Lake.

• Weekly Pool Tournament. 7 p.m. Bohemian Tavern. \$5 entry. BCA rules.
• Blessed Relief (jazz). 8:30–10:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

OCTOBER 3
• Share Fair. 9 a.m. 1133 E. Main St.

• South Valley Farmers Market. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. 7th and Main Street.
• Harvest Festival. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Row River Grange. 34360 Row River Rd.
(League of Women Voters presentation, live music, cider press, chili, vendors)

• Cottage Grove Museum. 1–4 p.m. Birch Avenue and H Street.
• Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. 1–4 p.m. 308 S. 10th St.
• Rosa Lee’s String Band (bluegrass). 6:30–9:30 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery.
• Possible Human Origins (acoustic rock). 8–10 p.m. Axe and Fiddle.

OCTOBER 4
• Cottage Grove Museum. 1–4 p.m. Birch Avenue and H Street.
• Jeri James (roots). 1–3 p.m. Covered Bridge Brewery
• VFW Bingo. 2–4 p.m. VFW Post 3473. 3160 Hillside Dr.
• South Valley Athletics Bingo Fundraiser. 3:30–5:30 p.m. (Cards \$1/10 Rounds)
• Fluffalove (folk/rock). 6–8 p.m. Axe and Fiddle

OCTOBER 5
• Cottage Bowl Open Bowling. 1–5:30 p.m. 740 Row River Rd.
• Senior Center Bingo. 12:30 p.m. Cottage Grove Community Center.
• Gardeners Meeting. 5:30–7 p.m. Coast Fork Brewery

OCTOBER 6
• Ukulele Club. (for adults) 9 a.m. CG Public Library.
• Bilingual Story Time. 5 p.m. CG Public Library.
• Healthy Conversations. 5–7:30 p.m. Axe and Fiddle
Topic: Social Health and Aging.
• Trinity Lutheran Free Take Out Dinner. 5:15–6:15 p.m. 675 S. 7th St.
• Trivia & Games with Gerald and Cribbage with Ted. 6–8 p.m. Coast Fork Brewing.

Sports

Cottage Grove Cross Country continue building

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It’s the middle of running season, and Cottage Grove’s cross country team has been putting miles on their legs and shoe soles in early-season races.

Both the boys and girls have seen success in the first few races, and Head Coach Ricky Knutson has been pleased with the early returns on the 2026 season.

“It’s been fun from an overall team standpoint. The boys team and girls teams have been kind of switching back and forth. One week, the boys team will have a pretty solid finish and earn a trophy, and the next week it’s the girls,” Knutson said. “Last week when we were at the Country Fair Classic, the boys won the meet, and then this week at the Northwest Classic, the girls took second and got the podium finish. It’s been fun, you know, both teams alternating meets with recognition.”

One of the early challenges for the program, especially on the girls’ side, has been keeping everybody healthy. There haven’t been serious overuse or acute injuries, but the colds and illnesses that always seem to accompany returning to school and the fall season.

As a result, the Lions haven’t had their full complement of runners compete on the girls’ side, but a positive side effect of the absences has been the development of team depth.

“The fact that they finished 2nd at the Northwest Classic without Carly (Knutson) running, where on any given day, she’s our number one or two runner, was a big accomplishment for the girls team,” Knutson said. “We have a few girls that are really developing. Girls that started the season running JV;

Rachael Kincaid and Natalya Thompson, they ran varsity for the first time and ended up scoring for us. So that was pretty cool.”

Up and down the lineup, the girls have been stepping up to fill their teammates’ shoes when injury or illness arises. In their early contests, the Lions have proven to be one of the deepest programs in 4A, with Knutson pointing to the season that Scarlett Garcia has been putting together so far.

At the 5K Northwest Classic on Sept. 19, the girls took second with great performances from the whole squad. Rowyn Earl paced the pack, posting a lifetime best to finish 8th, while Hailey Ferguson took 29th, Cally Bickford 30th, Rachael Kincaid 33rd, and Natalya Thompson (43rd) each scored, finishing within 40 seconds of one another. Garcia was right in the mix, finishing 44th, but Knutson was thrilled with her performance. Garcia is the team’s number seven runner right now, but she posted times that have her as the second-fastest number seven runner at the 4A level.

It was a great display, with 16 of Cottage Grove’s 20 girls posting new records across varsity and JV.

“We have some of the best depth in the state in the 4A classification,” Knutson said.

On the boys side, building depth is also the focus. The boys have already seen some big successes in September, notably taking first for the second consecutive year in the Country Fair Classic. They finished ahead of 14 other schools, including larger 5A and 6A programs.

Jennings Albrecht led the charge for the Lions, taking 4th place finish with a 21-second personal best. Remington Sharkey fought his way to 13th despite losing a shoe and needing to put it back on during the race. Micah Hanke took 17th, Braeden Bomar 25th, and Jose Calvario 26th.

In the Northwest Classic the following weekend, the boys took fourth. They also battled sickness and adversity but made major strides during the competition.

Albrecht overcame illness during the week to run a personal best and finish 10th. Sharkey finished 11th, just behind, even though he was stung during the race. Calvario continued his remarkable freshman season, dethroning his previous PR by more than 50 seconds. His performance currently ranks him as the No. 4 ninth-grade runner in Oregon’s 4A classification.

Bomar added another personal best with a 37th-place finish, and Hanke placed 38th, running more than 30 seconds faster than

he did on the same course last year. Julien Renault took full advantage of his varsity debut, delivering an incredible 90-second personal best, followed by Sorin Sundsten, who knocked 60 seconds off his previous best.

“Julien Renault had a really big race. We ran him varsity for the first time this last week, and he basically skipped the 19-minute mark. He went from running over 20 minutes down to 18:43,” Knutson said. “That was a pretty big jump. So, that sixth spot on our team could

be really important when it comes down to the district meet. That’s gonna be a really tight one on both the boys and girls’ side, with Marist.”

Along with some trophy-winning performances, the vibe and support within the group has been “great.” One of the things Knutson loves to see is how the new athletes, and program as a whole, have bought into a positive team mentality.

“It’s just fun to hear the kids on the hard workout days. It’s where we really

start to see it the most. As kids are finishing last reps, other kids are clapping for them and cheering,” Knutson said. “It’s been a pretty awesome, uplifting environment with the kids.”

There are still a couple of spots up for grabs on both varsity squads, but the competition for those places hasn’t been a negative thing. Kids are pushing themselves

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Imagination Library expands

STAFF REPORT
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United Way of Lane County has announced the launch of Imagination Library of Lane County, a new entity – hosted by and housed within United Way of Lane County – to coordinate and expand access to Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library for families across Lane County.

Imagination Library of Lane County now facilitates Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library for families living in most towns and cities across Lane County, including early readers in Eugene, Springfield, and 25 rural communities.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a book gifting program – created by the late singer/songwriter, actress, and humanitarian, Dolly Parton – that sends free books each month directly to children until their fifth birthday. Books are available in bilingual Spanish/English as well as braille and audio

formats. There is no income requirement or registration fee for children and families to participate.

“We are so excited to make Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library available to even more families in our communities – and to make it even easier for families moving within Lane County to stay connected and keep their books coming,” Imagination Library of Lane County Executive Director Julia McMorran said. “Every month, we’re sending new books to over 8,000 children in Lane County. With this new program expansion, our goal is to reach even further so that every child born in our communities has access to books from their very first day.”

“Until recently, there were five local organizations coordinating Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library for families in Eugene, Springfield, and rural Lane County communities, including Eugene Public Library Foundation, Springfield Young Readers,



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Families seeking to sign up their child or children for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library within Lane County can learn more and register at www.unitedwaylane.org/dpil.

and United Way of Lane County, in partnership with the Early Childhood Hub of Lane County,” United Way of Lane County President

and CEO Alma Fumiko Hesus said. “This meant that, when families moved from one area to another within Lane County, they needed to re-register with whichever organization served their municipality.”

Several months ago, the leaders of these organizations came together to discuss how they could make it even easier

for local families, according to Fumiko Hesus.

“With the launch of Imagination Library of Lane County, we can now reach even more families and ensure that no matter where they move within Lane County, their free books will follow,” she said.

“It has been an honor over the past year to work

alongside other Imagination Library program leaders in Lane County to examine how we could better serve ALL of Lane County’s youth,” Eugene Public Library Foundation Executive Director Dana Fleming said. “The resulting expanded coverage increases access and simplifies the process for Lane County families while consolidating resources, making it a win-win. I believe Dolly would be very proud of us!”

Since 2014, thanks to the support of The Dollywood Foundation alongside local nonprofits, foundations, the State of Oregon, and individual donors, over 750,000 books have been sent directly to children across Lane County.

“Every free book that Dolly gave out, and will continue to give through local partners like Imagination Library of Lane County, is proof that her legacy lives on,” Hesus said. “In her memory, and with the generous support of local donors in our communities, we will continue to create a better future for every child, family, and community in Lane County.”

The mission of United Way of Lane County is to mobilize communities to action so all can thrive. www.unitedway-lane.org

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to earn their place, but it hasn’t stopped the team from forming a close-knit bond.

Heading into the upcoming races, Knutson said the focus is competing and positioning in races, rather than setting new personal bests. On top of that, what Knutson wants is to get everyone healthy and get the sickness bug away from the team.

“We’re getting a wave of illness that’s starting to hit. So, the next few weeks could be a little touch-and-go with who we have available to race. And the trick is just to try to make it through this time period. How can we keep the kids training a little bit without running them down?” Knutson said. “We have to be able to get to the end of the season healthy, and maybe the silver lining is that this is hitting us early. So, hopefully we can move past it by the time the more important meets come.”

The Lions raced at the Woahink Lake XC Invitational on Sept. 26, but results are unavailable at the time of press. The next race for Cottage Grove will be Flight 7 at Richardson Park on October. 3.

Knutson said that the work isn’t glamorous, but his team is committed to doing the little things so they can be in the best position possible when the district meet rolls around in late October.

COMMENTARY

Wildfires to come

RANDY STAPILUS
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon’s wildfires haven’t gotten their due this year. They’ve made some headlines and generated some discussion, but they deserve more. The condition of Oregon may depend on their getting it.

By some measures, Oregon has been the number one state this year for wildfires. While fire season won’t be over for another month or so, Oregon is likely to rank high for 2026.

As of Sept. 8, the National Interagency Fire Center reported nine active wildfires in Oregon, more than any state but Washington, covering 1.1 million acres so far, with at least two of enormous size, the Big Grass fire near Jordan Valley (578,637 acres) and the Rowe Creek Complex near Fossil (337,927 acres).

The overall state numbers are down in September. In late August KOIN TV in Portland counted 18 fires underway burning 1.3 million acres. Those acreage counts are enormous in absolute terms: Oregon in total has 61 million acres.

A Legislative Fiscal Office report out in September noted “The start of Oregon’s 2026 wildfire season was both early and aggressive, driven by record-low snowpack, record-high temperatures, and early-season drought conditions. The unseasonably dry landscape in March and April led to dozens of early-season fires. ... On July 22, 2026, Oregon’s landscape was reportedly inundated by 8,357 dry lightning strikes statewide, sparking at least eight new fires, including the Grasshopper Fire near Mount Hood. By late July, more than 150 wildfires were burning across the state.”

All this was projected at a relatively early point. Governor Tina Kotek in June issued a statewide fire emergency, which set directives for how agencies and responders would cooperate.

These wildfires have been expensive, and are blowing well past previous records. They have been costly to fight (an analysis by KOIN-TV estimated a grand total figure at \$842 million). The Fiscal Office report figured on a state level “gross large fire costs totaling \$236.2 million and net fire costs totaling \$157.4 million. For comparative purposes, this exceeds the fire season costs incurred as of August 20, 2024, by \$30.2 million gross and \$95.1 million net.

Beyond that, of course, they have damaged significant amounts of land and property.

And they have been responsible for a range of secondary costs. One of the

biggest: The cost of electric power, rising in part due to actual and preventative costs of wildfires.

And yet in much of Oregon, the fires seem a little off to the side, peripheral. Most people in Oregon live west or south of the Cascade Mountains, and nearly all of the large fires are well to the east of those mountains.

Many of the more populous parts of Oregon have had mellow summer weather this year — moderate temperatures in much of Oregon, few very-hot days — compared to much of the country. This hasn’t felt so much like fire season in the Willamette Valley.

Too, most of those parts of Oregon also caught only occasional smoke this year. Orange suns showed up from time to time, but outside the actual and more remote burn areas, they didn’t persist for more than a few days at a time.

One good-news aspect of the lower attention may be that — to judge from a range of on-scene reports — wildfire fighters seem to have been uncommonly effective this year.

But still another reason is where the fires were located. For most Oregonians, they were somewhere over there, far away and over mountain ranges from heavily populated areas.

For all that, in some ways Oregon dodged a fire bullet this year in terms of impact on large numbers of people and stocks of property.

But that’s this year. With just a little more than half a year till the start of the next fire season, which quite possibly could be worse, time has come for more intensive planning.

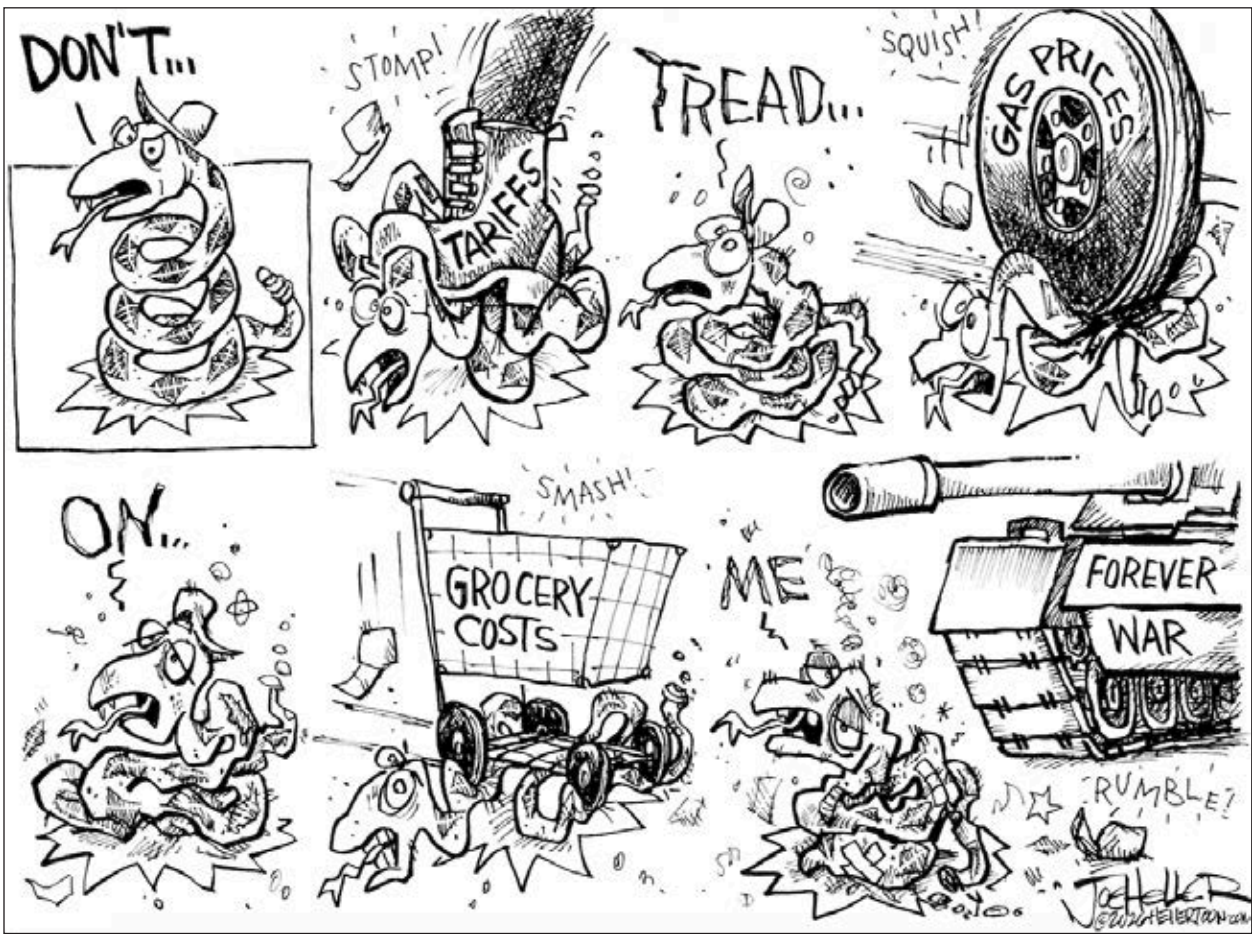
Oregon — and most of the West — has had ongoing small snowpacks. This year, the National Weather Service is projecting something like more of the same, a warm and relatively dry winter, which sounds like not a lot of mountain snow. Next year’s fire season may be a more unavoidable reality than this one.

We have the larger share of a year to prepare for what may be a rough fire season in 2027. We should use it wisely.

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GUEST COLUMN

Harnessing the Energy

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Sentinel Guest Column*

From October 26, 2025, through February 10–14, 2026, Buddhist monks walked more than 2,300 miles from Fort Worth, Texas to Washington, D.C. on a journey known as the “Walk for Peace.”

Their silent steps and message of loving kindness drew thousands of people to roadsides and town squares, inspiring millions across the country — including Cottage Grove resident Ananda Elyce Reeves, whose encounter with the monks set her on a new path of service.

I’m passionate about promoting peace.

For several years I worked with a local committee that designed and installed Coiner Park’s Peace Pole. I made a presentation to the School Board encouraging district leaders to incorporate greater peace awareness in schools. I’ve also led the planning of our local observance of World Peace Day on September 21, and I want to thank everyone who participated in this year’s event.

In my earlier professional life, I was a seminar producer. I’m now a Community Organizer for Peace in Cottage Grove. My focus was personal enrichment and inner peace. Life has

changed since then — I am older now, and I move through the world with a prosthetic leg and a powerchair — but the calling to help people discover peace has never left me.

That calling returned the day I witnessed the Walk for Peace. Watching the monks move with such intention, through all kinds of severe weather, stirred something deep within me. Their presence awakened something in every community they passed through. I felt compelled to continue that work in a way that honored their message and brought it directly to neighborhoods that want peace right where they live.

I approached the Huong Dao Temple with an idea: a follow up journey that would revisit the communities along the monks’ route and offer peace seminars designed for neighborhood engagement. What I expected to be a simple seminar plan grew into something much larger.

Over the next 108 days, I created a peace training system, a book concept, a documentary outline, and even the beginnings of a film. It felt less like I was inventing something and more like I was receiving it — ancient wisdom arriving exactly when it was needed.

Eventually, I reached a point where I needed

to present the work to Bhikkhu Pannakara, the monk whose leadership had inspired so many. Arranging a meeting proved difficult, so I simply decided to go. As an amputee traveling alone, taking a two day train trip from Eugene to Fort Worth was no small challenge, but nothing was going to stop me.

When I arrived, volunteers welcomed me and helped me inside. A wheelchair had been found earlier that day, and they rolled me into a carved meeting space where Bhikkhu Pannakara and the temple dog, Aloka, soon joined me. The most profound part of that meeting was not the slides or the program details. It was the experience of being listened to by someone whose mind was completely still. His presence was peaceful, attentive, and without interruption. When people feel truly listened to, they feel seen. They feel valued. They feel peace.

When I finished, he asked, “What do you need from me?” I explained that the system I created required no time or resources from the temple. It was designed to honor monastic life, allowing the monks to remain in their silence while communities practiced peace at the neighborhood level. All I needed was his blessing.

He was moved to tears. “You have my blessings,” he said. In that moment, every mile traveled and every day of work became worth it. His response gave me the confidence I needed to continue, knowing the heart of the Walk for Peace supported the work ahead.

In the days that followed, I explored the grounds, attended chants, and sat in silence. That quiet helped me understand what must happen next to bring peace training to the communities along the 2,300 mile corridor. A message from the monastery later clarified that I could not use copyrighted names or images from the Walk for Peace. Honoring their rules gave me unexpected freedom. I renamed the seminars “Rolling Peace Gatherings,” built a website, and finalized a system that can be used in any neighborhood the monks visited.

I am 77 years old, and I am dedicating the rest of my life to traveling this route, offering peace seminars and helping communities cultivate compassion and unity right where they are.

Peace begins with us. And it begins now.

Ananda Elyce Reeves is a Cottage Grove resident.

New Poll

Has the increasing price of gasoline made you alter your driving habits?

Yes

No

Last Week’s Poll Results

What Fall-time staple are you most looking forward to?

0% Sweater Weather

0% Homecoming Game

100% Halloween

0% Pumpkins... Pumpkins Everywhere

Quote of the Week

“The rise of powerful AI will either be the best or the worst thing ever to happen to humanity.”

Stephen Hawking



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ment the last two years in South Lane, which has been showing improved growth in reading and math for our students,” he said.

The state testing discrepancy in using the data to measure school achievement but not ensuring its consistent participation does create community impact, according to Miller, who added that the low scores create a negative narrative for his schools and district. The data is also used in real

estate apps and such, for parents to learn more about the community, which could impact livability concerns for incoming families and property values. Miller said the result has been a consistent concerning trend over the last few years that the district board and administrators hope to start to shift this year.

“We want to see our students persevere, work through challenging assessments and show pride in their learning and growth,” Miller said. “The current system allows for opt-out, but we love to see more students working through it, and we need to do a better job of communicating

the benefits. Along with that, we are continuing to focus our work on literacy and math instruction to improve skills from pre-k through high school. I am pleased with the work our staff and schools are doing to make headway in our academics, along with all the needed skills to have South Lane students future-ready.”

About State Summative Tests

“Most concerning are our published academic scores, which highlight areas of growth, work we need to do, but also highlight a flawed state metric.”

South Lane School Superintendent Todd Miller

Each year, Oregon students in grades 3-8 and 11 take statewide summative tests in ELA and math (students in grades 5, 8, and 11 also take a science test). The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) aid the tests help show how well the state’s education systems are supporting student learning. The 2025-26 results include students enrolled on May 1, 2026.

Test results are one source of information about student learning and are most useful when considered alongside other measures and sources of information about students and their experiences, according to the ODE).

“Oregon’s statewide assessment system continues to strive for balance by including a focus on culturally responsive practices, which requires a broad range of data sources in addition to academic assessments. For example, results from the Student Education Equity Development Survey help add valuable context to state test scores, building a more complete and meaningful picture of strengths

and areas for growth in our education system,” the ODE states in a release.

ODE has updated resources to help educators, students, and families understand and use assessment information. The Students and Families Assessment Resources webpage helps students and families understand state testing, interpret student score reports, and learn more about district and school performance. In addition, the Assessment Professional Learning webpage provides resources that support effective assessment practices, results interpretation, and continuous improvement.

HONOR
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“The Korean War Veterans Memorial was my favorite because the larger than life soldiers, captured mid patrol with strikingly human expressions, felt alive in a way no wall ever could,” he said.

Cottage Grove Air Force veteran Gary Rider said there are really no words to describe the trip. “It is indescribable, the emotions I saw different men have at the different monuments,” he said. “It was overpowering.”

Mail Call was a wonderful surprise to all the veterans at their last dinner together on Saturday night.

Family members discreetly collected cards and letters in advance, gathering heartfelt messages of thanks for their veteran. Each folder also

contained endearing drawings from Willamette Valley schoolchildren expressing their thanks and letters of appreciation from Governor Tina Kotek, Congresswoman Val Hoyle and U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley. Senators Merkley and Ron Wyden provided one of the most meaningful gifts each veteran received — a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol Building to honor them.

Each veteran is escorted by a “guardian,” who is a family member or friend. To keep all trip expenses free for veterans, each guardian pays \$1,500 for his or her own costs.

This was the second trip for Weeldreyer’s guardian, Howard Sunkler, who is also a veteran. Two years ago he escorted former Cottage Grove Mayor Tom Munroe and said it was an honor

and privilege to pay his own expenses to get Ralph back to D.C. “I especially enjoy my time with the veteran I go with and love hearing the personal stories of other vets on the trip.”

Everywhere they went, the bright blue Honor Flight T shirts were unmistakable and prompted strangers to sincerely acknowledge the veterans for their service. In the Portland airport, the vets walked through two lines of uniformed military and police officers saluting them and an enthusiastic group of well wishers holding “Welcome Home Veteran” signs.

“I felt such gratitude toward so many people who acknowledged me and thanked me for serving my country,” Weeldreyer said. “It is a great feeling that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.”



Ralph Weeldreyer, right, and his guardian Howard Sunkler at the WWII Memorial honoring Oregon.

All participants praised the Honor Flight staff for the impressive level of planning and coordination it took to provide such an amazing experience for veterans and their guardians. Until this year, the South Willamette

Valley Honor Flight Hub funded a spring trip in April and a fall trip in September. Not enough money was raised for two trips this year, so some veterans on the waiting list will have to wait until 2027.

“I want to strongly encourage the public to make a financial contribution to the Honor Flight program so more veterans can go back there,” Rider said. “If they hear about a fundraising event, please go.”

The South Willamette Valley Honor Flight program is part of the national Honor Flight Network of 133 hubs, and Oregon has three (Portland, Bend and Springfield). To make a donation to fund an upcoming trip or to put a loved one on the waiting list, visit www.svvhonorflight.org or call 541 246 9726.

VISION
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schools and departments to deepen engagement and belonging.

“Taking the work of the maxims and then using it to integrate across all our schools and departments... bringing

about cohesion,” he said, emphasizing that the work aims to help students, staff and families understand how the district’s values connect to daily operations.

Miller also described major changes to student surveys, including discontinuing the Youth Truth survey and reducing the number of annual



Learning (SEL) specialists, administrators and instructional teams to ensure alignment and avoid conflicting directives.

The third goal expands the district’s “future ready” work beyond traditional high school CTE programs.

“There’s true CTE and then there is ‘future ready’... that work is expanding out K thru 12,” he said, describing new tools such as Zello that help students explore interests, build portfolios and connect learning to future pathways.

Miller’s fourth goal focuses on budget sustainability, including efforts to recapture homeschool and online

students and reduce out of district placements by expanding in district special education programs. He said the district is monitoring enrollment closely as new housing developments open and is working to protect resources amid uncertain state funding.

The district plans to use the emerging vision, mission and maxims to guide decision making, strengthen student support and create a clearer, more unified direction for South Lane schools. As the work progresses, the board will continue reviewing feedback and refining the themes that will form the foundation of the final vision.

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student surveys from four to two. He said the district is working with staff and parents to develop more intentional questions that measure climate, belonging and employability skills.

“Students are actually going to go from four surveys down to two,” he noted, adding that

improved participation will make the data more meaningful.

His second goal centers on academic improvement, attendance strategies and reducing siloed work across departments. Miller highlighted the need for stronger communication between Social Emotional

Voters encouraged to verify authenticity of election mail

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As Oregon officials begin to send ballots out for the upcoming November election, the state’s top elections officer is encouraging voters to verify whether their election-related mail comes from an official source.

Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read’s office recommended in a recent press release that Oregonians look for an official election photo, consider that third-party groups creating fake mail often use outdated or incorrect data and make sure their

registration is correct using the oregonvotes.gov website. The office said the most accurate and up-to-date voter registration information will be with people’s local election offices.

“We’re already getting reports about misleading mail going out to voters, so I want Oregonians to have the tools to be able to tell fact from fiction,” Read said in a statement. “The good news is, it’s pretty simple: If you receive something in the mail about voter registration or your ability to participate in the upcoming election, look for

the official election mail logo to verify that it’s from an official source.”

A logo for official election mail will come with a note clarifying that it is authorized by the U.S. Postal Service, and it is used for materials such as ballots, voter registration cards and voter reply mail. It features the stars and stripes of the America flag and the words “Official Election Mail” and “Authorized by the U.S. Postal Service.” It comes in black or specific shades of blue or red.

Read’s office encouraged Oregon voters seeking more information about election-related mail to contact the Oregon Secretary of State’s Elections’ Division at elections.sos@sos.oregon.gov or by calling 1-866-673-VOTE. He also recommended people contact their local county clerks, who are listed on the secretary of state’s website.

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ACROSS
1 "Eat — eaten" (law of the jungle)
5 One prayed to during a drought
12 Laboratory substance
20 Schnitzel meat
21 Redenbacher of popcorn
22 Chevron motor oil brand
23 Manage to avoid the introductory music?
27 Look at
28 These last musical passages, in Spain?
30 Customary actions of a World War II coalition?
34 Agnus — (Mass prayer)
35 Potential picnic pest
36 Potential picnic pest
37 Politician DeSantis
38 Expected
40 Revise copy
44 Catch by luring
47 Advancement made by a ferocious female?
53 "Don't panic!" Like a 30-pound cat, say
56 Impel forcibly
57 Former rival of Pan Am
58 With life, musical director Gus Van —
60 Diving deck
61 Fill a bishop with joy?
66 Blasting stuff
68 Film director
69 Poru's capital
70 "— that the truth!"
71 Fishnet stuff
72 Previously
73 Let off steam
74 Father
75 Bury Johannes Gutenberg?
79 Homer epic
81 High schoolers, e.g., slangily
83 Long period
84 Apartment sharer, e.g.
86 — (Detoo (sch-f droid)
87 School-related
92 Fishing for large shrimps from atop a rooflike shelter?
95 2006 Olympics host in Italia
96 Hershey's toffee bar
97 Mariner's "Mayday!"
98 "Of course!"
100 Potential picnic pest
101 Vandalism of film
104 Poem variety
106 Give novelist Marcel the book?
107 Marine stuff with a hard, pinkish skeleton
118 The process of deciding how much the frosting should cost?
122 Many a pre-toast tale
123 Band tour follower
124 Allay
125 Emphasized
126 Baskers may acquire them from atop a familiarly
127 Some jeans, familiarly
DOWN
1 Really astonishes
2 Drug reducing muscle strain
3 "Guardians of the Galaxy" co-star Dave
4 Antiquity, archaically
5 Cow catcher
6 Amount of money owed
7 "— had it!"
8 Nothing at all
9 Epoxies, e.g.
10 Car make until '04
11 Bug spray ingredient
12 Selected
13 Less sad
14 At all times
15 "Encore!"
16 Dots in la mer
17 Big town, in Italian
18 Writer Chekhov
19 Minimum
24 Psychic skill
29 Port south of Kiev
31 Nimble
32 Motorola tablet introduced in 2011
33 Gerund suffix
38 Alternative to cash or credit
39 "I volunteer to help"
41 EPI worker
42 "— Rhythm"
43 Crime of some traitors
45 Ent —
46 Cat's "toe bean," e.g.
48 Novelist Jaffe
49 One stroking a cat, say
50 Off-target
51 Wall bracket for candles
52 "English" or "Irish" dog
54 Cow catcher
58 — rock (music genre)
59 How many troglodytes work
61 "Mistress of the Dark" of TV and film
62 Hide out, as a criminal
63 Mammalian enclosing an embryo
64 Japanese floor mats
65 Make lovable
67 Part of ENT
71 Spanish for "month"
75 Bisected
76 Glowing signs
77 Sci-fi empath Deanna
78 — Chinese
80 Rinky —
82 Wiped away
85 Psyche part
87 Matures
88 Therefore
89 Trivial details
91 Small, simple houses
93 Divide into fair shares
94 Sch. in Manhattan
95 Visit for a bit
101 Dunn and Ephron
102 Birth cert., e.g.
103 Sum finder
105 Meted (out)
106 Stellar hunter
107 Steal outlets
108 King, in Caen
110 Cicero's "Lo"
111 Cones' counterparts
112 Con's counterparts
113 Likes, slangily
114 Light beige
119 Trail mix bit
120 H.S.
121 Transcript stat
121 Toon frame

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- TEA
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