

## Coos Bay City Council hears presentation from South Coast Development Council

By NATE SCHWARTZ  
Word Editor

In their regular council meeting on June 16, 2026, the City of Coos Bay heard a presentation from the South Coast Development Council (SCDC), one of the important cogs in the economic development apparatus of Southwestern Oregon. Serving Curry, Coos and coastal Lane and Douglas counties, the SCDC connects businesses and stakeholders, provides support for local entrepreneurs, and courts outside investments to their constituent communities.

During the presentation, SCDC Executive Director Lexie Woodward gave examples for how the non-profit goes about providing these services, much of which are done through partnerships with different bodies in the public and private spheres.

For 25 years, the SCDC has used grants, annual memberships and investments from those partners to accomplish their mission of business expansion, attraction and retention.

Partners come in many forms and are crucial to making the connections that SCDC relies on to provide businesses with the tools to succeed. The leading members include public entities like the Cities of Coos Bay and North Bend, regional economic drivers like Bandon Dunes and Southwest Oregon Regional Airport, and numerous businesses in diverse sectors.

"The whole goal is to keep the businesses we have here and happy, help them grow if they want to. And then to attract [businesses] in when we're able to," explained Woodward.



Stefani Eaton parlayed a top three finish in SCDC's 2026 Coos County Pitch Night into opening her first brick and mortar location for Coastal Photo Studio in North Bend earlier this year. Photos Courtesy of SCDC and BACC

Some of that work comes in the form of direct visits to local businesses. In 2025, SCDC conducted 37 of them, with Economic Development Manager A. Lamar Hoy speaking directly with employers to understand their various needs and challenges, and helping them to identify solutions and expansion opportunities.

As for recruiting business to the area, in addition to traditional outreach and marketing, the SCDC is responsible for maintaining the database for available sites in their service area. The state then uses that database when prospective businesses reach out for development opportunities. The SCDC can see those inquiries and propose South

Coast sites for investment.

Woodward gave an example of what the recruitment process looks like when there is a big fish on the line. In 2025, a clean energy company reached out to the Port of Coos Bay about developing on one of their sites. Wood byproduct, in this case chips, were an important part of their business model. It was estimated that the project could have up to \$1 billion in financial impact, and create 250 to 300 construction jobs and sixty to ninety permanent jobs.

The SCDC was a part of every step of the recruitment process. They put together reviews of the requirements and site needs, researched wood byproducts, facilitated large meetings of stake

holders and regional partners, and brought potential incentives to the table. While those meetings and materials were all well received, and contact over the project remains alive, the Trump administration eliminated clean energy incentives that stalled the project.

"When a lead like this comes in, we drop everything... This was the largest prospect that came into the area in 2025," said Woodward. "The prospect went under contract with the land, we we're all very optimistic that we were going to get it. Then the new federal administration

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## A new era for Oregon Seafood starts now

For the World

Oregon fishers, crabbers, clambers and shrimpers will greatly benefit from the newly established Office of Seafood, recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins in a move that signals a stronger federal commitment to support and revitalize America's seafood industry.

From Newport to Astoria to Coos Bay, Oregon's fishermen drive coastal economies and help feed the nation. The Office of Seafood will ensure they have the necessary federal programs and services needed to keep their legacy and livelihood alive and remain competitive in the global market for the next generation. Oregon's fishermen are essential to our state's economy and America's food supply. This effort is about putting these Fishermen First and cutting barriers through delivery of the support they need to stay competitive and profitable.

Local leaders and seafood business owners applaud USDA's Office of Seafood with widespread support.

"The creation of the USDA Office of Seafood is exactly the kind of bold, coordinated action our fishing communities have needed for years," said Oregon State Senator Dick Anderson representing Newport, one of Oregon's largest fishing ports. Senator Anderson further points out the huge disparity of foreign imports that flood local markets.

Restrictions such as low catch limits, selling fishing grounds for foreign countries, inaccurate and outdated fisheries data and delayed adoption of modern technology have prohibited Oregon's fish economy from fully realizing its huge economic potential.

"As large and important as Oregon's fishing industry already is, we must also recognize the tremendous, untapped potential ahead of us. The Office of Seafood will keep fishermen fishing," said Oregon State Senator Suzanne Weber.

Oregon's seafood industry already lands hundreds of millions of pounds annually, generating more than \$600 million in dockside value and supporting thousands of jobs tied to harvesting, processing, and distribution, according to NOAA Fisheries. For decades Oregon fishers have lost market share and the ability to make a family wage living due to Federal government overregulation.

"Providing sustainable food products for the people of America along with responsible natural resource stewardship for our nation will provide and nurture future generations," said Steve Fick of Fishhawk Fisheries, who runs boats out of Astoria, on the northern Oregon coast.

Oregon's shrimp fleet is thankful to Secretary Rollins. "USDA Office of Seafood will pave the way for our pink shrimp to be further implemented into the USDA food service programs," said Nick Edwards, from Jordani Pink

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## Bandon Cranberry Festival receives heritage designation

Staff Report

Ahead of its 79th installment this year, Bandon's famous Cranberry Festival received an Oregon Heritage Tradition designation from the state's heritage commission, becoming the 30th event in Oregon to receive the honor.

"The designation recognizes those traditions that have been ongoing for 50 years or more, add to the livability and identity of the state, and has a public profile that distinguishes it from other events," said Katie Henry, Oregon Heritage Commission Coordinator.

With the Bandon area producing nearly 90% of the

Oregon coast since the early 20th century," stated the official announcement from the Oregon Parks and Recreation department.

Since its inception, the Cranberry Fest has always had a Cranberry Court and a Cranberry Kitchen competition. The winners of both have been traditionally announced at half time of the Cranberry Bowl High School Football game ahead of Saturday morning's parade and a community dance. In addition to those long-standing events, the cranberry fest has grown to include loads of vendor markets, quilt and car shows, a cranberry eating contest and other fun happenings for the whole



Photos of Cranberry Fest's Past from the Bandon Western World

little red berry has meant a lot to me through the years," said Mary Schamehorn, Mayor of Bandon.

According to data from OPRD, Bandon sees anywhere from 10,000 to 16,500 visitors for the weekend of the September celebration, a huge influx for a town of roughly 3,000 people. Almost 60% of those visitors travel from outside Coos and Curry County for the event.

The Oregon Heritage Commission is made up of nine members appointed directly by the governor to represent a diversity of interests, including representatives from numerous organizations dedicated to the preservation of Oregon's historical and cultural institutions. The Cranberry Fest joins other traditions like the Prefontaine Classing, Oregon's State Fair, Medford's Pear Blossom Festival, and the Woodburn Fiesta Mexicana.

In addition to pre-festival happenings on September 10

and 11, this year's main event will take place September 12 and 13 with events and live music all throughout the town. A full schedule can be found online at [www.bandon.com/cranberry-festival-events-2026/](http://www.bandon.com/cranberry-festival-events-2026/). The celebration will include the Oregon Heritage Commission presenting the Heritage Tradition Designation.

*The World will have more coverage of this year's festival as we approach September.*



entire state's cranberry crop, the festival has become an emblematic celebration of community identity. Since being established in 1947, the Cranberry Festival has signaled the annual harvest, while honoring the hardworking growers that helped develop said identity.

"The Bandon Cranberry Festival emerged from the region's cranberry industry, a defining economic, agricultural, and cultural force on the southern

family.

"I think it is wonderful for us to be recognized for a festival that has endured so many ups and downs over the years, and celebrates an industry that has brought recognition to Bandon and supported so many families. When I was born, my parents lived on their cranberry bog, which my father built. For years, he was the manager of Ocean Spray cranberries, so that

# Opinion

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## Chamber Minute

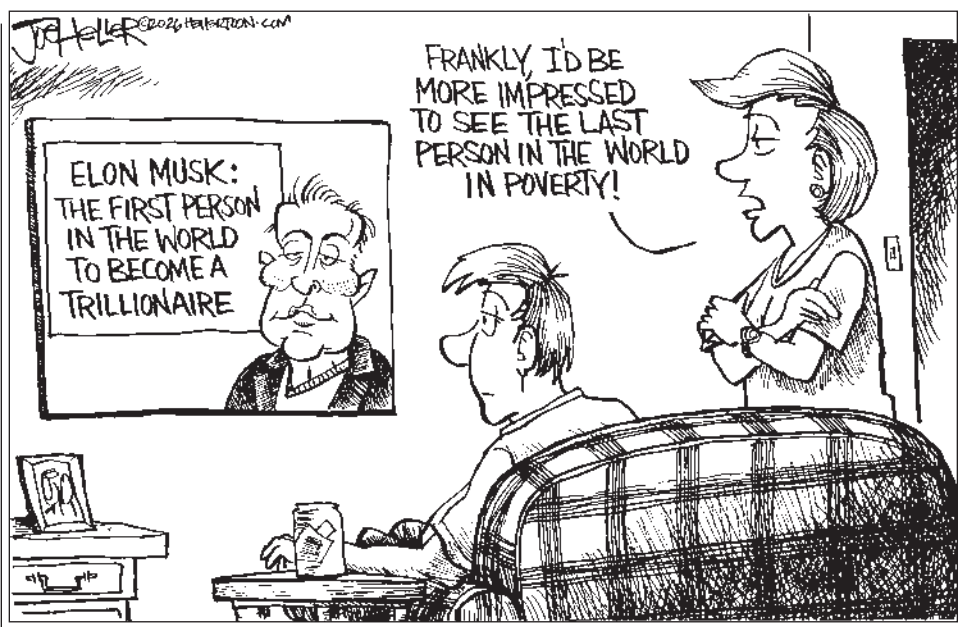
FROM THE DESK OF ROSEY THOMAS  
Executive Director, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Join the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce! The Chamber isn't just events and networking—it's business leaders, volunteers, and community members working together to strengthen Oregon's Bay Area. Through our Legislative Action Team, we advocate for policies that support local businesses. Through our new Education Committee, we're building stronger connections between schools, workforce development, and future career opportunities for our local students. Committee work matters. It helps shape the



future of our community, and we need engaged members who want to make a difference. While you're out enjoying summer, visiting the local farmers market, and exploring everything our area has to offer, stay connected through the Community Plus App. You'll find local business discounts, community

events, and Chamber updates all in one place. Simply search for Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and click the heart to follow us. Learn more about membership and upcoming events at oregonsbayarea.org. Hey Chamber Members, Business After Hours is Thursday June 25 at Bay-side Terrace of Cogir from 5-7 pm. Dress up for the Nineties themed Networking event, with Food and Fun at 192 Norman Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Prizes and Cash giveaways! The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce—our business is helping your business.



## Holy Cow! History

### Quiz: How Well Do You Know the Presidents' Dads?

By J. Mark Powell

Every president had one. Some were wealthy. Some were poor. Some were soldiers, preachers, tavern keepers and even Hollywood moguls. How much do you know about the men who raised America's presidents?

1. Which president had the wealthiest father?  
A. George W. Bush  
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
C. John F. Kennedy  
D. Donald Trump

Answer: C. Joseph P. Kennedy was one of the 20 wealthiest men in America in his prime. Banker, broker, movie mogul—but not, as he's often called, a bootlegger. Rather than smuggling illegal booze, Kennedy used his political connections to secure exclusive U.S. distribution rights for major British spirits just as Prohibition was ending.

2. Which president was born after his father died?  
A. James Garfield  
B. Bill Clinton  
C. Gerald Ford  
D. Barack Obama

Answer: B. William Jefferson Blythe Jr. died in a car accident three months before Bill Clinton was born. The future president was raised by Roger Clinton, whose surname he legally took as a teenager.

3. Which president's father was the youngest when his future-president son was born?  
A. Theodore Roosevelt's father  
B. Warren G. Harding's father  
C. John F. Kennedy's father  
D. Barack Obama's father

Answer: B. George



Tryon Harding was a young, 22-year-old farmer (and Civil War veteran) in Blooming Grove, Ohio, when his son—and future president—Warren G. was born. (Oddly, the G. doesn't stand for George. It's "Gamaliel." Go figure.)

4. Which president's father was the oldest when his son was born?  
A. John Tyler  
B. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
C. James Madison  
D. Dwight D. Eisenhower

Answer: B. James Roosevelt was 53 years old when Franklin was born. James was a 52-year-old widower when he met 26-year-old Sara Delano—the same age as his son Rosey from his first marriage.

5. Which president was the last whose father fought in the American Revolution?  
A. James Buchanan  
B. Andrew Jackson  
C. Franklin Pierce  
D. Abraham Lincoln

Answer: C. Benjamin

Pierce served in the Continental Army and fought at Bunker Hill. His son also served—as a brigadier general in the Mexican-American War before becoming president.

6. George Tryon Harding lived to see his son Warren G. Harding become president AND die in office. Only one other president was survived by his father. Who was he?  
A. Abraham Lincoln  
B. Franklin Roosevelt  
C. John F. Kennedy  
D. Ronald Reagan

Answer: C. Joseph P. Kennedy Sr. suffered the fate of seeing four of his children die. Two of them (John and Robert) were killed by assassins.

7. Which presidential dad was a professional cheesemaker?  
A. Jimmy Carter  
B. Herbert Hoover  
C. Calvin Coolidge  
D. Richard Nixon

Answer: C. John Coolidge was a farmer, the most common career of presidents' fathers. However, he was also a true "jack of all trades": blacksmith, bricklayer, wheelwright and, yes, cheesemaker. He founded the Plymouth (Vermont) Cheese Factory in 1890.

8. This president's father was a Baptist minister, though it appears to have had little effect on his son's

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## Letter to the Editor

### The fossil fuel industry's control of our government

The world as we know it today was built on the back of burning fossil fuels. Unfortunately, this process has come at a tremendous cost. Emissions from burning fossil fuels are rapidly warming our world at a rate that has never occurred in the history of our planet. Why, then, do we continue to burn planet killing fossil fuels?

One primary reason is the tremendous control the fossil fuel industry has over our government. The

industry spends approximately \$250 million dollars per year lobbying elected officials. The vast majority of this money goes to Republican officials and candidates. During the 2024 presidential campaign alone, oil interests gave more than \$75 million to Donald Trump's affiliated PACs.

This lobbying money serves as a highly effective financial instrument. It yields unparalleled returns on investment by securing multibillion-dollar taxpayer subsidies, rolling back environmental regulations, and aggressively stalling clean energy competition.

In addition, our federal government spends

between \$20 to \$35 billion a year on direct handouts to the fossil fuel industry. These perks primarily include special tax breaks, deductions, cheap access to drilling on public lands, and regulatory loopholes.

We cannot expect meaningful climate action as long as our representatives are financially beholden to the very industry driving this crisis. It is time for voters to demand absolute transparency and use their ballots to reject candidates who prioritize fossil fuel payouts over our planet's future.

Ron Sadler  
Coos Bay



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## Coos Bay

### June 11

- 6:22 am, N 7th St, criminal trespass.
- 8:13 am, N 7th St, criminal trespass.
- 8:47 am, N Bayshore and Teakwood Ave, disorderly conduct.
- 8:49 am, Michigan and S Wall, illegal camping.
- 8:53 am, N 10th St and W Commercial Ave M, dispute.
- 9:30 am, Spruce St, disorderly conduct.
- 10:01 am, Newmark Ave, dispute.
- 10:16 am, Central and N 4th St, illegal camping.
- 10:32 am, Holland Ave, disorderly conduct.
- 11:05 am, W Central Ave, criminal trespass.
- 11:07 am, Hall St, theft.
- 11:19 am, F St, criminal mischief.
- 11:53 am, Central Ave, accident.
- 12:02 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal mischief.
- 12:19 pm, Coos Bay Library, disorderly conduct.
- 12:37 pm, 4th and Anderson, disorderly conduct.
- 12:42 pm, S 1st St, warrant service.
- 1:16 pm, Se Jackson St, warrant service.
- 1:58 pm, E Ingersoll Ave, theft.
- 2:08 pm, S 7th St, criminal trespass.
- 2:14 pm, Ellensberg Rd, warrant service.
- 3:30 pm, N Bayshore Dr, non-injury accident.
- 3:30 pm, Laclair St, unauthorized use of vehicle.
- 5:25 pm, Hall Ave, criminal trespass.
- 6:10 pm, S 1st St, disorderly conduct.
- 6:10 pm, Thompson Rd, assault.
- 6:39 pm, S Wall and Michigan, illegal camping.
- 8:02 pm, Central Ave, theft.
- 8:26 pm, W 8th St, warrant service.

- 9:07 pm, Empire Blvd, illegal camping.
- 10:09 pm, Johnson Ave, harassment.

### June 12

- 3:08 am, H St, dispute, family.
- 7:00 am, Newmark Ave, harassment.
- 7:20 am, S 1st St, assault.
- 7:57 am, End Of Elrod, shots fired.
- 8:09 am, Ross St, criminal trespass.
- 8:38 am, Thompson Rd, driving while suspended.
- 9:50 am, Milligan Ave, harassment.
- 10:01 am, W Central Ave, disorderly conduct.
- 10:03 am, Anderson Ave, theft.
- 10:20 am, Hall Ave, criminal trespass.
- 10:21 am, 8th Ter, warrant service.
- 10:46 am, Barham Ter and W Park Roadway, illegal camping.
- 10:55 am, S 10th St, theft.
- 12:59 pm, Newmark Ave, hit and run.
- 3:34 pm, S Front St/Ingersoll Ave, criminal trespass.
- 3:38 pm, Newmark Ave, shoplifting.
- 3:45 pm, S Wall St, illegal camping.
- 5:19 pm, F St, assault.
- 5:47 pm, S 16th St, theft of mail.
- 6:33 pm, 9th Ave, warrant service.
- 7:40 pm, Vega Property, criminal trespass.
- 8:58 pm, Empire Lakes John Topits Park, illegal camping.
- 10:16 pm, Vine St, criminal trespass.
- 11:25 pm, Butler Rd, DUII.

### June 13

- 12:59 am, Market Ave and Front St, DUII.
- 3:33 am, Anderson Ave, assault.
- 7:10 am, S Broadway St, illegal camping.
- 9:03 am, W Anderson Ave, illegal camping.
- 9:54 am, Newmark and Ackerman, accident.
- 12:14 pm, S Broadway St, disorderly conduct.
- 12:38 pm, S 7th St, shoplifting.
- 12:45 pm, S 7th St, shop-

- lifting.
- 2:43 pm, Evans Blvd, criminal mischief.
- 2:49 pm, S 7th St, criminal trespass.
- 3:19 pm, S 7th St, shoplifting.
- 5:15 pm, S 7th St, criminal trespass.
- 6:11 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.
- 8:39 pm, N Cammann St, assault.
- 8:47 pm, S 1st St, shoplifting.
- 9:45 pm, Behind Pacific Ave, shots fired.
- 9:57 pm, Kruse and 1st, DUII.
- 9:57 pm, Kruse and 1st, warrant service.
- 10:17 pm, Elrod Ave, disorderly conduct.
- 10:52 pm, Curtis and 2nd, dispute.
- 10:54 pm, S 1st St, littering.

### June 14

- 12:46 am, D St, dispute.

### June 15

- 5:13 pm, Aumsville Hwy, warrant service.
- 7:28 pm, Sanford St, stalking.
- 9:39 pm, 2nd Ct, illegal camping.
- 10:56 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

### June 16

- 4:15 am, Central Ave, assault.
- 4:36 am, Empire Boat Ramp, theft.
- 6:54 am, Anderson Ave, disorderly conduct.
- 7:25 am, Anderson, illegal camping.
- 9:28 am, S Wall St, burglary.
- 10:01 am, N Broadway St, hit and run.
- 11:29 am, N 14th St, dispute, neighbor.
- 11:44 am, Newmark Ave, dispute.
- 2:07 pm, N Morrison St, criminal trespass.
- 2:23 pm, 4th St, warrant service.
- 2:58 pm, Oakway Dr, dispute.
- 3:07 pm, Elrod Ave, theft.
- 3:40 pm, W 5th Ave, warrant service.
- 3:43 pm, N Cammann St, criminal trespass.
- 3:58 pm, E Johnson Ave, shoplifting.

- 4:28 pm, Empire Area, theft.
- 4:39 pm, N Cammann St, criminal trespass.
- 6:48 pm, Anderson Ave, criminal mischief.
- 6:52 pm, S 1st St, shoplifting.
- 7:25 pm, S 2nd St, theft.

### June 17

- 1:53 am, Hwy 101 and Bay Park, DUII.
- 6:20 am, Anderson Ave, illegal camping.
- 6:35 am, Mingus Park, warrant service.
- 8:53 am, N Broadway St, harassment.
- 10:01 am, Thompson and Kinney, disorderly conduct.
- 10:04 am, S Broadway St, theft.
- 10:54 am, N Bayshore Dr, criminal trespass.
- 12:05 pm, Newmark Ave, hit and run.
- 12:06 pm, Liberty St, warrant service.
- 2:14 pm, S Broadway St, non-injury accident.
- 3:42 pm, Coos Bay Boardwalk Coos Bay, harassment.
- 8:25 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.
- 9:47 pm, E Johnson Ave, shoplifting.
- 9:52 pm, E Johnson Ave, criminal trespass.

### June 18

- 1:31 am, Maryland, burglary.

### Coquille

- June 11**
- 8:59 am, S Cedar St, threats.
- 10:52 am, N Adams St, criminal trespass.
- 4:56 pm, E 2nd St, dispute.
- 6:42 pm, N Baxter St, harassment.
- 7:02 pm, E 1st St, criminal trespass.

### June 12

- 12:04 am, 3rd and Collier, illegal camping.
- 12:19 am, Hwy 42, assault.
- 9:36 am, 4th St, warrant service.
- 12:45 pm, Central and 1st, disorderly conduct.
- 5:26 pm, N Central Blvd,

criminal trespass.

- 9:41 pm, N Baxter St, criminal trespass.

### June 13

- 11:53 am, E 3rd St, disorderly conduct.
- 12:46 pm, N Collier St, criminal trespass.
- 2:23 pm, N Birch St, criminal trespass.
- 2:35 pm, Hwy 42, criminal trespass.
- 3:14 pm, E 1st St, threats.

### June 16

- 11:54 am, Hwy 42, indecent exposure.
- 2:33 pm, W Central Blvd, harassment.
- June 17**
- 4:15 am, N Collier St, dispute.
- 5:30 am, N Folsom St, threats.
- 5:05 pm, N Baxter St, disorderly conduct.
- 7:21 pm, Coquille Riverwalk, criminal trespass.
- 7:29 pm, E 10th St, juvenile problem.
- 10:07 pm, E 1st St, dispute.

### Myrtle Point

- June 11**
- 6:01 pm, Bothwick St, harassment.

### June 17

- 3:42 pm, C St, juvenile problem.
- 5:16 pm, Herman St, dispute.
- 6:22 pm, Bothwick and 8th St, dispute.
- 10:50 pm, Kincheloe Ln, violation of restraining order.
- 11:22 pm, Kincheloe Ln, violation of restraining order.

### North Bend

- June 11**
- 6:17 am, Broadway Ave, criminal trespass.
- 7:03 am, Harbor and Washington, illegal camping.
- 7:10 am, Harbor and Virginia, illegal camping.
- 7:11 am, Harbor, illegal camping.
- 8:05 am, Virginia Ave, graffiti.
- 8:20 am, Sherman Ave,

criminal mischief.

- 9:01 am, Virginia Ave, burglary.
- 9:40 am, Brussels and Newmark, indecent exposure.
- 9:50 am, Harbor and Washington, illegal camping.
- 1:59 pm, Sherman Ave, illegal camping.
- 2:18 pm, Sherman Ave, missing person.
- 2:44 pm, Waterboard Property, warrant service.
- 3:12 pm, Tremont, accident, injury.
- 4:40 pm, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass.
- 5:11 pm, Broadway, criminal trespass.
- 5:13 pm, Broadway, criminal trespass.
- 10:11 pm, Virginia Ave, shoplifting.

### June 12

- 7:20 am, Mcpherson, illegal camping.
- 7:23 am, Harbor Ave, warrant service.
- 8:04 am, California Ave, criminal trespass.
- 8:22 am, Liberty St, criminal trespass.
- 8:41 am, Sherman and Montana, illegal camping.
- 9:16 am, Newmark St, criminal trespass.
- 11:25 am, Kinney St, dispute.
- 11:58 am, Monroe and California, accident.
- 1:45 pm, Connecticut Ave, criminal trespass.
- 2:47 pm, Madrona St, theft.
- 3:08 pm, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass.
- 3:35 pm, Bus Stop By Va Clinic, warrant service.
- 8:15 pm, Liberty St, disorderly conduct.
- 9:01 pm, Broadway Ave, driving while suspended.
- 10:30 pm, Pacific St, harassment.
- 11:47 pm, Tremont Ave, theft.

### June 13

- 10:03 am, Sherman Ave, criminal trespass.
- 11:53 am, Sherman Ave, criminal trespass.
- 2:49 pm, Marion Ave,

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Kyla Iveans women's bowler of the year



Kian Pryor Men's bowler of the year

## Fun Runs scheduled for July 4

A pair of fun runs are scheduled for the Fourth of July on the South Coast.

The annual Mayor's Firecracker Run will be held in Mingus Park in Coos Bay.

The event includes both a kids run on the paved path around the pond and a roughly 4-kilometer run that also includes steep dirt trails and neighborhood roads.

The kids run begins at 10 a.m. and is followed by the longer run.

There is no fee for the kids run and no charge for the longer run for members of the South Coast Running Club. The cost for the longer run for non-members is \$10.

Meanwhile, the annual White Cedar Days Run will be held in the Powers area as part of that city's White Cedar Days celebration.

The event includes both 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer runs, which start south of town and finish in town.

The races start at 9 a.m., but a bus to the starting line leaves from the registration area at The Code at 418 Second Avenue at 8:30 a.m.

This is the 50th anniversary of the first White Cedar Days celebration.

## North Bend Lanes crowns season champions

For the World

North Bend Lanes recently crowned its season champions and bowlers of the year for the 2025-26 season.

The men's bowler of the year was Kian Pryor while Kyla Iveans was the women's bowler of the year.

The senior bowlers of the year were Jan Seeger and Tim Griffearth.

Five different men bowled 300 games in league play — Robert Warrick, Rodger Craddock, Joey Huffman, Kelly Milburn and Trevor Sanne.

Kyla Stuhlmiller had a 299 game, the best among women.

The top series was by Kevin Manley, who had an 803. Karl Daniel had a 797, Rhett Bryant a 793 and Joey Huffman a 791.

The top series by women were

a 770 by Stuhlmiller and a 715 by Stacey Nelson.

League champions  
Bay Area Hospital — Yacky Ducks (Jim Fischer, Rhonda Fischer, Richard Dietzman)

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Jack N Jill — Smooth Bores (Analissa Reisenbigler, Aaron Reisenbigler, Yvonne Aton, Rob Aton Jr.)

Young at Heart — Bowl'n Boomers (Delos Devine, Laura Devine, Tim Coker, Scott Balogh)

Jersey — Sloppy Strikes (Mike Owens, Charles Wells, Kristin Wilkinson, Sam Gilmore)

Coast Guard — Corroded Pins (Andy Clark, Aaron McGauley, Jay Osslander, Brandon Heart)

Senior Boomers — Rolling Thunder (Georgine Fitzgerald,

Alex Becker, Bobby Dickens, George Leary)

Primers Too — The Pretenders (Diane Thaxton, Jake Jacobs, Tom Clark, Dale Knoll)

Cash Classic — Brown/Hess Group (Mary Phillips, Brian Griffearth, Justin Hess, Mike Hoyt)

Men's Varsity — Cabana Boys (Karl Daniel, Jeff Miller, Brian Griffearth, Justin Hess, Mike Hoyt)

Silver Tips — 4 Lost Souls (Mary Loss, Mike Weathers, Don Whiteck, Eric Ahlgrim)

Timber — Haunted Woods (Margie Nelson, Harold Bertrand, Maggie Bertrand, Brendan Struss)

Top Games

Men — Robert Warrick 300, Rodger Craddock 300, Joey Huffman 300, Kelly Milburn 300, Trevor Sanne 300, Karl

Daniel 299, Tim Griffearth 299, Jeff Miller 299, Trenton Johnson 298.

Women — Kyle Stuhlmiller 299, Anne Jelinek 2y9, Jodi Nelson 279, Stacey Nelson 278, Kay Nelson 268, Jan Seeger 257, Jessica Hines 247, Jordan Wales 246, Shyla Sanne 245.

Top Series

Men — Kevin Manley 803, Karl Daniel 797, Rhett Bryant 793, Joey Huffman 791, Kian Pryor 786, Konnor Jelinek 783, Jordan Clark 770, Nathan McSwain 770, Kelly Milburn 768, Trevor Sanne 767.

Women — Kyla Stuhlmiller 770, Stacey Nelson 715, Shyla Sanne 692, Anne Jelinek, 676, Kay Nelson 657, Jessica Hines 651, Jodi Nelson 649, Nicki Todd 648, Jennifer Trosper 648, Jan Seeger 636.

## Garcia-Silver wins South Coast Half Marathon

Alexander Garcia-Silver was the winner of the South Coast Half Marathon, part of Jennifer's Catching Slough Classic, held recently near Coos Bay.

The Marshfield graduate, newly returned from the mission for his church following his high school career and soon to leave for Brigham Young University, finished the race in 1 hour, 25 minutes and 32 seconds.

Ben Zuschlag was second in the half marathon in 1:29:14, followed by Ty Hunter (1:32:11), Mckay Jensen (1:33:19) and Charl Mattheus (1:33:47).

The top female finishers were Robin Loznak (1:43:54), Jennifer McGriff (1:45:41) and Lexie Jones-Ortega (1:49:41), who were seventh, eighth and 10th overall.

Women were the top three finishers in the 10-kilometer race.

Bandon graduate Annika Miller was first in 42:40, followed by her sister Annalise in 42:40 and Megan Rutherford in 47:11.

The top male finisher was Garcia-Silver's father, Moises Garcia, in 47:33. He was followed by the mother of the Miller sisters, Sara Groth (49:22) and Jeffrey Sperling (50:16). Coos Bay youth Dizzy Smith

was next (52:28).

Luke Padilla, who graduated from Del Norte High School the night before the race and then took part in a graduation party, won the 5-kilometer race in 20:04. He was followed by Dylan Hitner (20:55) and Braden Padilla (23:44). The top female finisher was Mindy Reeves, fifth overall, in 27:37.

Including the two walkers for the half marathon, a total of 90 people participated in the event.

The South Coast Running Club event is a fundraiser for an annual scholarship in memory of Jennifer Turman, who was a runner from Marshfield High School who died in a car accident in the 1990s.

Half Marathon — 1. Alexander Garcia-Silver, 1:25:32; 2. Ben Zuschlag, 1:29:14; 3. Ty Hunter, 1:32:11; 4. Mckay Jensen, 1:33:19; 5. Charl Mattheus, 1:33:47; 6. Jerry Roberts, 1:42:05; 7. Robin Loznak, 1:43:54; 8. Jennifer McGriff, 1:45:41; 9. Ethan Morton, 1:48:07; 10. Lexie Jones Ortega, 1:49:41; 11. Anthony Silva, 1:54:47; 12. Nicole Golding, 1:55:53; 13. Crystal Ramirez-Garcia, 2:00:11; 14. Bryce Record, 2:01:06; 15. Ash-

ley Merz, 2:02:12; 16. Shelby Osborn, 2:05:13; 17. Stacie Truitt, 2:05:14; 18. Casey Quayle, 2:08:28; 19. Ciera Gray, 2:10:36; 20. Anaiah Bowden, 2:11:11; 21. Tyler Suing, 2:12:29; 22. Teresa Baker, 2:13:06; 23.

Nicole Henderson, 2:15:03; 24. Monika Bachmann, 2:15:29; 25. Katie Ribble, 2:23:43; 26. Alison Green, 2:27:09; 27. Ingrid Valencia, 2:30:37; 28. Jason Baker, 2:30:56; 29. Ashley Walker, 2:31:04; 30. Abbie Kimble, 2:31:05; 31. Cameron Deyette, 2:36:21; 32. Alanna Cody, 2:37:23; 33. Ryan Mill, 2:37:35; 34. Aryana Mill, 2:37:35; 35. Taylor McNamee, 2:39:55; 36. Megan Johnson, 2:45:28; 37. Emily Farley, 3:07:21; 38. Selina Gallardo, 3:07:22.

10 Kilometers — 1. Annika Miller, 42:40; 2. Annalise Miller, 44:15; 3. Megan Rutherford, 47:11; 4. Moises Garcia, 47:33; 5. Sara Groth, 49:22; 6. Jeffrey Sperling, 50:16; 7. Dizzy Smith, 52:28; 8. Micah Kittel, 55:45; 9. Amanda Bettencourt, 56:01; 10. Kendall Qualman, 57:56; 11. Skylar Koehler Grover, 58:06; 12. Grayson Koehler Grover, 58:07; 13. Veronica Grave, 59:45; 14. Robert Forster, 1:00:48; 15. Kaleb Martin,

1:01:11; 16. Rachele Maxon, 1:02:10; 17. Haley Logan, 1:03:23; 18. Jennifer Martin, 1:03:59; 19. Wyatt Rutherford, 1:06:58; 20. Jimmy McNeil, 1:07:51; 21. Kristina Gale, 1:09:29; 22. Kennedy Woodworth, 1:09:34; 23. Dan Robertson, 1:14:59; 24. Jill Knight, 1:17:42; 25. Nicole Yi, 1:17:43.

5 Kilometers — 1. Luke Padilla, 20:04; 2. Dylan Hitner, 20:55; 3. Braden Padilla, 23:44; 4. William Reeves, 24:12; 5. Mindy Reeves, 27:37; 6. Jonn Greif, 31:31; 7. Cole Hitner, 33:25; 8. Kelliann Hitner, 33:29; 9. Jennifer Knight, 33:59; 10. Missy Lindeman, 38:37; 11. Gina Young, 39:15; 12. Patricia Harrington, 40:55; 13. Rachel Young, 41:06; 14. Boni Smith, 42:08; 15. Kinsey pierce, 42:13; 16. Alan Remele, 46:41; 17. Judy Remele, 47:33; 18. Donna Harry, 47:39; 19. Gina Los, 48:38; 20. E. Merritt, 1:01; 21. Sandra Merritt, 1:01:01; 22. August McKenzie, 58:39; 23. Nancy Clarke, 59:14; 24. Jim Clarke, 59:15; 25. Diana Harland, 1:10:43.

Half Marathon Walk — 1. Ted Mastoris, 3:21:14; 2. Awna Zegzdryn, 3:21:15.

## Officials needed for high school sports

Special program available for veterans who want to become officials

As more boys and girls turn out for their high school sports teams, the call for more officials always follows.

That's the situation along the South Coast, where the need for high school and middle school officials is great.

With the start of the new school year this fall comes the need for football, volleyball and soccer officials.

People need to be at least 18 years old to become officials, but the biggest need, according to Glenn Koepnick, the commissioner for the Southwestern Oregon Football Officials Association, is "a heart to give back to your prep sports community."

The best part, he said, is officials get to see the action unfolding right before their eyes, all while getting paid.

Koepnick also highlighted the Battlefields to Ballfields program for veterans.

The program, started by Mike Pereira, pays for all training, clothing and equipment for veterans who become officials. Pereira started the movement as a small pilot program in California and it has grown to include more than 2,500 veterans across 45 different states.

"Our mission remains unchanged: to honor military service by creating new opportunities for veterans to serve their communities," Pereira said.

For more information about becoming an OSAA-certified official, visit [www.osaa.org/officials/registration](http://www.osaa.org/officials/registration).

For more information about the Southwestern Oregon Football Officials Association, contact Koepnick at [sworfootballsigner@gmail.com](mailto:sworfootballsigner@gmail.com).

## Best best for weekend fishing from ODFW

Shad fishing will be hot until July 4, if you're new to shad fishing find some tips here.

Bag limits are lifted for Thief Valley, Pilcher Creek, and Wolf Creek reservoirs. See the news release for more information: Bag limits lifted due to drought

Fish for trout, see the zone reports for best bets.

Low tides make it easier to dig razor, butter, cockle and gaper clams.

**Southwest:**

This is a good time of year to look for cutthroat in the Chetco River estuary. The estuary has very little bank access. Please be mindful of out-migrating salmon and steelhead smolt. If you catch these young salmonids, consider switching to barbless hooks and/or moving to a new location.



If winds are light, Winchuck River and Sixes River estuary can be good places to target cutthroat.

Trotting at Lost Creek and Apple-

gate Reservoirs continues to be very good.

Howard Prairie and Hyatt Reservoirs have plenty of legal-size rainbow trout. Holdovers from last year are a good size.

Spring Chinook are moving through the Middle Rogue, and a few anglers are reporting success. Try plugs or plunking along current seams on the inside bends of the river to intercept them. Early morning or evening when sunlight is not directly on the water will be the best time to intercept migrating springers.

Cooper Creek Reservoir looks nice and clear. Go earlier in the morning or fish deeper for success.

Rain and cooler temperatures should make for good fishing conditions in Elk River.

Cooler weather at Floras Lake

with improve the bite.

Willamette:

Shad fishing is still productive in the Oregon City area, though catch will wind down soon.

Anglers are catching Spring Chinook in the Willamette at the "head of channel" between St Johns Bridge and Wapato Bridge. Target these fish early in the morning with 360 trolling methods.

Detroit Reservoir was stocked with 4,000 trophy trout this week and will receive another 8,000 next week. Anglers are reporting decent kokanee catch. Juvenile spring chinook are active this time of year, feeding and trying to figure out how to migrate downstream. Anglers need to be able to tell them apart from kokanee and release any chinook unharmed.

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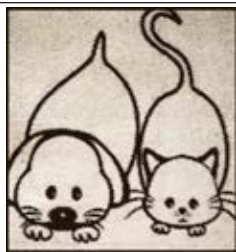
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS** In the Matter of the Estate of: GERRY DEAN VINYARD, Deceased. Case No. 26PB04695 INFORMATION TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT JASON VINYARD and JONATHAN VINYARD have been appointed personal representa-

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tives. All persons having claims against the estate of GERRY DEAN VINYARD are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representatives at 3473 Ash St., North Bend, OR 97459, 2722 Alder Ridge Dr., North Bend, OR 97459, or through their attorney, Nathan B. McClintock, at PO Box 1178, Coos Bay, OR 97420, or in person at 936 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Nathan B. McClintock. Dated and first published on June 23, 2026. /s/ Nathan McClintock Nathan B. McClintock, OSB #841520 Attorney for Personal Representatives 6/23/2026 World 428030

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS (Probate Department)** In the Matter of the Estate of: STEVEN ERIC BEKEBREDE, deceased. Date of Death: April 14, 2026. Case No. 26PB04892 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Southwest Portland Law Group, LLC, 8455 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, Portland, Oregon 97225 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims will be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or Southwest Portland Law Group, LLC, the lawyers for the personal representative. DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED ON June 23, 2026. /s/ VENDELA BEKEBREDE Personal Representative PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Vendela Bekebrede 1140 SW Washington Street #913 Portland, Oregon 97205 Tel: 503.867.7445 vendelabek@gmail.com ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Lea Achim, OSB No. 214407 Southwest Portland Law Group, LLC 8455 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy Portland, Oregon 97225 Tel: 503.206.6401 Fax: 503.214.8962 lea@swpdxlaw.com 6/23/2026 World 427980

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE On JULY 20TH, 2026,** at the hour of 10:00am at the front door of the Coos County Sheriff's Office, 250 N. Baxter St; Coquille, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 62911 SW 8TH ROAD, COOS BAY, OR 97420. The court case number is 25CV44261, where PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION is plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF PAUL W BUSH AKA PAUL WINN BUSH AKA PAUL BUSH; AARON BUSH; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Coos County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregon-sheriffssales.org/> 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, & 7/14/2026 World 427950

**PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87** Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be Sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 6/29/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by: Alder Acres RV & MH Park LLC 1800 N 28th Ct, Coos Bay, OR 2021 Keystone RV VIN = 5SFMG452XME463400 Amount due on lien \$873.05 Reputed owner(s) WILLIS, JUSTIN MARINE ONE AC-CPT. 6/16 & 6/23/2026 World 427907

**The We the People Party will be holding its nominating convention** to select its candidate for Oregon's 4th Congressional District at Tall Firs Café in Springfield, OR at 11:30 on Friday, July 10, 2026. 6/23/2026 World 428052

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE T.S. No.: OR-26-1036573-RM** Reference is made to that certain deed

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made by, ROBERT L. REIF-SCHNEIDER AND KAREN M. REIF-SCHNEIDER, HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to PACIFIC NORTHWEST COMPANY OF OREGON, INC., as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 2/6/2013, recorded 2/19/2013, in official records of COOS County, Oregon in book/reel/volume No. and/or as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number 2013 1571 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. APN: 4083000 25S1336-AC-02600 LOT 29 THROUGH 32, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 43, PLAT OF EASTSIDE, COOS COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 617 10TH CT, COOS BAY, OR 97420 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$16,511.61 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$197,204.31 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: The installments of principal and interest which became due on 10/11/2025, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned trustee will on 9/30/2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, At the Main Entrance to the Coos County Courthouse, located at 250 North Baxter Street, Coquille, OR 97423 County of COOS, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable

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charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest KAREN REIF-SCHNEIDER 689 W 15TH AVE TORRINGTON, WY 82240-3365 Original Borrower ROBERT REIF-SCHNEIDER 689 W 15TH AVE TORRINGTON, WY 82240-3365 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 800-280-2832 or Login to: [www.auction.com](http://www.auction.com) In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-26-1036573-RM Dated: 5/13/2026 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Jeff Stenman, President Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's

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Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0314948 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, & 7/7/2026 World 426945

**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 25-73482**  
Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by TED I. CHURCHILL as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INS. CO., as trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 10/31/2017, recorded 11/13/2017, as Instrument No. 2017-10856, in mortgage records of Coos County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit: A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE S 1/2 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE SOUTH 87° 26' 26" WEST A DISTANCE OF 383.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 87° 26' 26" WEST A DISTANCE OF 61.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2° 33' 34" WEST A DISTANCE OF 61.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87° 26' 26" EAST A DISTANCE OF 199.31 FEET; THENCE NORTH 49° 00' 06" WEST A DISTANCE OF 69.46 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE

NORTH 3° 37' 26" EAST A DISTANCE OF 115.67 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 24° 04' 13" EAST A DISTANCE OF 135.13 FEET TO AN IRON ROD; THENCE NORTH 82° EAST A DISTANCE OF 369.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED TO HARRY MCCREA ET UX, AS RECORDED IN MICROFILM REEL NO. 72-9-76548, RECORDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE NORTH 89° 31' 28" EAST A DISTANCE OF 259.46 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87° 26' 26" EAST A DISTANCE OF 420.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED TO THOMAS F. STIEGELER AND PAMELA S. STIEGELER AS RECORDED IN MICROFILM REEL NO. 79-2-7245, RECORDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE NORTH 0° 23' 32" WEST A DISTANCE OF 41.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87° 26' 26" EAST A DISTANCE OF 144.00 FEET MORE OR LESS, TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF ALDERWOOD DRIVE COUNTY ROAD; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID ROAD BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 112.00 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED TO GREGORY BARKER AS RECORDED IN MICROFILM REEL NO. 80-4-7720, RECORDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE SOUTH 87° 26' 26" WEST A DISTANCE OF 432.29 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ROSALIE C. DEVEREUX, IN INSTRUMENT BEARING MICROFILM REEL NO. 80-3-3039, RECORDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE SOUTH 0° 28' 32"

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EAST A DISTANCE OF 350.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4; THENCE SOUTH 87° 26' 26" WEST A DISTANCE OF 436.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described above is purported to be: 91788 ALDERWOOD RD COOS BAY, OREGON 97420 The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: 26S1218-D0-00501 / 26S1218-D0-00602 / 26S1218-D0-00603 Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS LAW, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys. The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 7/1/2024, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest. You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and

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costs, advances and late charges. Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance. Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents. The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows: From: 7/1/2024 through 3/28/2026 Total of past due payments: \$17,071.10 Late Charges: \$288.75 Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$1,917.00 Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$968.50 Total necessary to cure: \$20,245.35 Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS LAW, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$109,541.18 Said sale shall be held at the hour of 10:00 AM on 9/4/2026 in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place: Inside the main lobby of the Coos County Courthouse, 250 N Baxter St, Coquille, OR 97423 Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to

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the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: NONE Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is: ZBS LAW, LLP 5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 946-6558 In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been

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used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE : Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee's Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee's sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 ( https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-X/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320. If this trustee's sale qualifies as a "reportable transfer" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a "transferee entity" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or "transferee trust" under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law's designated representative. If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n)(10)-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury. If the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee's failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee's sale. Dated: 4/21/2026 ZBS Law, LLP By: Amber L. Labrecque, Esq., OSB#094593 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 47643 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, & 7/7/2026 World 426339

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Shrimp Fishery, Coos Bay, Or, who operates the second largest pink shrimp fishery in Oregon.

That's where the Office of Seafood comes in. The initiative marks a new era where Oregon, and American fishermen will be recognized by USDA as key part of the U.S. food supply that supports rural and coastal communities. The office will focus on infrastructure, marketing and trade, workforce development, and stronger risk management and disaster assistance.

Pacific Seafood, one of Oregon's largest seafood processors, is excited about the Office of Seafood. "We are thrilled about this opportunity that will give West Coast seafood communities a stronger voice and help connect local harvesters and producers to the families and students who rely on nutritious high-quality food," said Bella Johnson, Pacific Seafoods Spokesperson.

Standing up an Office of Seafood supports existing tools already

available to producers of farm-raised fish through USDA's Farm Service Agency, including farm loans for equipment and operations, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish, the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program offering risk management and disaster recovery, and the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program to support critical cold storage infrastructure.

In addition, the Office of Seafood is leading coordinated inter-agency efforts to reduce regulatory hurdles faced by American seafood producers, and leading efforts to discover and implement new practices that promote strong coastal communities.

With USDA working alongside Interior, Commerce, and Health and Human Services, this coordinated approach delivers the kind of support Oregon's fisherman have long needed, and deserve, bringing a holistic approach to federal government support that is much needed and long overdue.

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public behavior.

- A. Chester A. Arthur  
B. Andrew Jackson  
C. Bill Clinton  
D. Lyndon B. Johnson  
Answer: A. Although

William Arthur was a Baptist minister who preached abstinence, his son was a member of the corrupt GOP political machine that ran New York and a bon vivant known for his love of wine, women, whiskey and cigars.

ABOUT THE WRITER

*J. Mark Powell is a former television journalist. His nonfiction book "Witness to War: The Story of the Civil War Told by Those Living Through It" is available at [jmarkpowell.com](http://jmarkpowell.com). He wrote this for InsideSources.com.*

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was elected and eliminated a clean energy incentive which pushed back the urgency of expanding production... We still keep in touch with them, its not dead, but it's not moving forward."

While that big fish may not have landed, the SCDC does a huge amount of work assisting locals in fulfilling their business ambitions. They conduct numerous networking and learning sessions for folks to troubleshoot and develop skills. Their Co. Starters program helps entrepreneurs develop their ideas.

They put on "Pitch Nights", that allow those with entrepreneurial spirit to put those ideas in front of the South Coast business community. This has been a success for recent applicants. Two of those who pitched at the 2026 Coos County Pitch Night went on to open their first brick and mortar locations shortly after the event. Acting Up and The Hive, as well as Coastal Photo Studio, are now open in North Bend in

large part thanks to Pitch Night.

Looking forward, the SCDC is hoping to add on to the South Coast Accelerator, the business incubator they run in partnership with Southwestern Oregon Community College and the Southwestern Small Business Development Council. Through this they will house a business with office space at the Newmark Center, and provide developmental services directly until they are able to move onto their own site. There are currently two local businesses using those services. SCDC have been applying for numerous grants to expand a coworking space, having already secured \$20,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation for the expansion.

"The idea behind that is for entrepreneurs to move from their home office or their garage into the coworking space, which is temporary affordable space you can rent," explained Woodward. "After that, they graduate into the business incubator which is private, full-time space.

"They're allowed to stay in the incubator for up to

three years, and then they would work with Hoy to find normal or traditional commercial space outside of the Newmark Center. So, it's an entire ecosystem, and the coworking space is the last physical infrastructure piece we're trying to accomplish."

Lastly, with help from local partners SCDC has put together and submitted the census tracts for three areas in Coos County that they hope will be selected by the state for "Opportunity Zone 2.0" incentives. With the Empire/Charleston corridor the primary submission, they are confident one of those tracts will be selected to become eligible for federal development incentives.

They are also working with Southwest Oregon Regional Airport to put together feasibility studies for a cold storage facility at the airport, which would be an important infrastructural tool for enhancing supply chain access to local producers, processors, fishermen and distributors.

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# Bandon Fringe Festival Returns to Sprague Theater

**BANDON** -- The Bandon Fringe Festival is back: The second annual performing arts festival features 11 acts over four days, June 25, 26, 27 and 28. Catch performances by local and touring performers, including original plays, comedy, live music and more. All festival events are staged at the Sprague Community Theater, 1202 11th St. SW, in Bandon City Park.

Tickets are available for individual performances, or purchase a fringe festival pass for all shows. Tickets are available online and available at the box office during the festival. Seating is assigned for all shows, so advance ticket purchase is encouraged. Visit [BandonEvents.org/Bandon-Fringe-Festival](http://BandonEvents.org/Bandon-Fringe-Festival) for show details and ticketing information.

The festival had a robust start in 2025 with professional and emerging artists showcasing work in a variety of genres, and the 2026 festival follows suit.

An eclectic show list is a hallmark of Fringe festivals around the world. So, audiences can share a range of emotions, from heartfelt introspection, to laugh-out-loud humor, to edge-of-your-seat suspense.

The 2026 Bandon Fringe line-up features several original one-act plays, including "Hick to Hamlet," written and performed by Ty Boice; "Self Possessed," written and performed by Tyler Eickhoff; and "Murder at Two Mile: A True Bandon Mystery," written by Neal Davis and performed by Gaels Readers Theater. Author and storyteller Naomi Ulsted will share

"Glamour Shots" from her collection of creative nonfiction.

Henrik Bothe will entertain audiences with his physical comedy act "The Henrik Maneuver." Live music sessions include singer-songwriter Janessa Gabrielle, the Tidal Troubadors, and Danitza Galvan and guests. Bandon Open Stage will present a variety show of music, poetry and art. And, members of Bandon Playhouse will get the festival started with two sets: a preview of upcoming productions playfully titled "Goodbye to 6-7 in Iambic Pentameter" and "What Did Shakespeare Say?," a selection of Shakespeare scenes directed by Sandra Heinzmann.

Between performances, audiences can grab a bite or a beverage. In-house refreshments will be available Thursday and Friday with a complimentary ice cream social for ticket holders on Sunday. Local food and beverage trucks serving on Saturday and Sunday are Angelina's Mexican, B&B Burgers and Thirst Trap.

Behind the Scenes, Bringing Local History to the Stage

Bandon, Oregon, residents were shocked in 1923 by the sudden death of a healthy, young wife and mother named Ebba Covell. As details of the event unfolded, the murder at Ebba's Two Mile Lane residence captivated newspaper editors and readers throughout the country.

The Gaels Readers Theater will present a newly revised rendition of "Murder at Two Mile: A True Bandon Mystery" in the closing act of the 2026

Bandon Fringe Festival. The one-act play is written and directed by playwright and Gaels member Neal Davis.

The Gaels Readers Theater group was formed in 2017 by local writers and performers looking to explore original stage pieces in affordably priced productions that would appeal to a broad audience base, explained Davis. The group's first production, written by Davis, was "Bandon Burns!," adapted from a collection of survivor accounts of the catastrophic 1936 Bandon fire. The Gaels planned three performances in the Sprague Room of the Bandon Public Library, then added an encore performance when all shows were sold out and many would-be attendees were turned away.

The popularity of the show convinced the Gaels and Davis that local history is a fascinating topic for local and visiting audiences, so Davis went looking for more inspiration at the Bandon History Museum, where he found enthusiastic support from museum staff and volunteers.

"Murder at Two Mile" debuted in 2018. The primary source material for the script was historic news coverage from multiple publications.

"Using the different slants from various sources helped with the characterization of the people involved in this particular crime," said Davis.

Anticipating the 2026 Fringe Festival, Gaels member Corrie Gant invited the readers theater group to consider applying to perform in the festival. After some discussion,

Davis agreed to direct a revised rendition of "Murder at Two Mile."

The script revisions reflect source material discovered since the play's debut. With the new information, Davis says that the pivotal characters of the detective and the perpetrator are presented with more nuanced dimension than the first draft. And, he was able to highlight details beyond the facts of the crime to also share a story of individual and family resilience.

The cast for the 2026 Bandon Fringe Festival includes actors with a range of professional and community theater experience, including original Gaels members Corrie Gant, Amy Moss Strong, and Mike Dempsey, joined by Nameer El-Kadi and Grant Goodwin.

"We love what the

Fringe Festival is trying to do," said Davis. "To provide options to stage a show at little expense in a great venue, the Sprague Theater, and provide audiences with a buffet of performances to choose from."

Support for Performing Arts

The Bandon Fringe Festival is co-presented by the Sprague Community Theater and Bandon Playhouse. Along with event coordination by Sprague Community Theater manager Stephanie Jones, Bandon Playhouse members are providing much-needed support for the festival through promotional work, backstage and front of house staffing.

Support for the 2026 Bandon Playhouse season comes from Bain Insurance Agency, Bandon Dunes Charitable Foun-

ation, Robert Miller Attorney at Law, and Sharon and Wade Troxell, with a grant from the Coos County Cultural Coalition and state revenue sharing funds from the City of Bandon. Learn how to get involved and support the Bandon Playhouse community theater organization at [BandonPlayhouse.org](http://BandonPlayhouse.org).

The Sprague Community Theater is owned and managed by the City of Bandon with support from the Bandon Arts Council. All public spaces in the theater are ADA accessible and assistive listening devices are available at the box office. Find information about charitable support for the Sprague Community Theater at [BandonEvents.org/Support](http://BandonEvents.org/Support).

## Schedule of Events

**bandon fringe festival**  
June 25 - 28, 2026

**BANDON PLAYHOUSE PREVIEW SHOW!**  
Thu 6:30PM - Bandon Playhouse

**GOODBYE TO 6-7 IN IAMBIC PENTAMETER**  
Thu 6:30PM - Bandon Playhouse

**WHAT DID SHAKESPEARE SAY?**  
Thu 8:00PM - Bandon Playhouse

**HICK TO HAMLET**  
Fri 7:00PM - Ty Boice

**LIVE music**  
Fri 8:30PM - Tidal Troubadors

**MUSIC - ART POETRY VARIETY SHOW**  
Sat 1:00PM - Bandon Open Stage

**GLAMOUR SHOTS**  
Sat 3:00PM - Naomi Ulsted

**the HENRIK MANEUVER**  
A NOTFELIX COMEDY SPECIAL  
Sat 6:00PM - Henrik Bothe

**DEEP BLUE SEA**  
Sat 8:00PM - Janessa Gabrielle Music

**LIVE music**  
SPANISH & ENGLISH SONGS  
Sun 1:00PM - Danitza Galvan

**SELF POSSESSED**  
A ONE MAN PLAY  
Sun 3:00PM - Tyler Eickhoff

**MURDER at TWO MILE**  
READERS THEATER  
Sun 5:00PM - Neal Davis

**TICKETS**  
Early Bird Festival Pass Promotion Ends June 3rd

**TICKETS & INFO AT:**  
[BandonEvents.org/Bandon-Fringe-Festival](http://BandonEvents.org/Bandon-Fringe-Festival)

# South Coast Summer Fishing Outlook

By Jay Remy, ODFW

It's gonna be a hot one—for people and for fish this year. Oregon's snowpack is at a record-breaking low this year and most of the state is in moderate to extreme drought as of June 2026.

That will present challenges for cold-water fish, like trout and salmon. Warm and low water makes them more vulnerable to disease and may prevent migratory fish, like salmon and steelhead from reaching spawning grounds. Fish passage projects, habitat restoration work and other efforts that make migratory fish less susceptible to drought continue to be a high priority for the agency and partners. Projects are ongoing statewide.

On the other hand, Oregon's warmwater game fish can thrive in the summer heat. This means there is always something to fish for, no matter how hot and dry summer 2026 may get. ODFW has been working to improve warmwater fishing opportunities statewide through warmwater fish habitat projects in ponds, stocking of warmwater fish species in appropriate water bodies, and monitoring lakes/ponds around the state for the most up-to-date warmwater fish population trends.

Here are some things to keep in mind before fishing this summer:

Regulations could change so check before you go.

High water temperatures and low flows can be downright deadly to Oregon's trout and salmon. ODFW monitors conditions and makes changes to angling regulations as necessary.

So, this summer it's critical to not just check the regulations booklet. Be sure to check ODFW's in season regulation updates page for your zone before fishing or tap each zone below to find more details.

### On the South Coast

In the Umpqua District, all major water bodies are expected to remain open, with some caveats. In the recent past, Galesville Reservoir was drawn down low enough that only small watercraft could be launched at the boat ramp (kayaks, pontoons, etc.). It is possible this will happen again

this year. Diamond Lake has begun to get very warm in the summer making trout lethargic. North and South Umpqua rivers are being watched for water conditions and low fish returns. Remember fishing is closed at tributary confluences on the mainstem Umpqua from June 1-Sept. 30, a permanent regulation to provide cold water refuge for steelhead and salmon.

The Rogue Basin is experiencing high water temperatures and low flows earlier than normal. That, combined with low snowpack, has fishery managers concerned about a variety of fish populations. Hyatt Reservoir will be too low to launch boats. Applegate Reservoir may be difficult to launch a boat at the French Gulch low-water launch by mid-to-late summer. ODFW may propose emergency regulations on major rivers (Rogue & Applegate) due to the exceptionally low river levels and expected high temperatures. Most major/popular waterbodies should remain open, especially for warmwater species in lakes and reservoirs. Howard Prairie may be the best bet for boat anglers looking to target largemouth bass.

Fishery managers are anticipating an outbreak of columnaris disease in the Rogue River. Most mortality from this disease that occurs during the upstream migration of Chinook salmon is usually observed before the adults reach the area around Gold Hill, with the greatest losses in the Rogue Canyon downstream of Grave Creek, where anglers and other recreationists may see dead salmon. Angling in the Rogue Bay and below Agness should still be very good this year.

Record-low snowpack and dry winter and spring conditions contributed to Lost Creek Reservoir filling to only about 74 percent in May, which will limit ODFW's ability to provide good conditions for upstream migrating Chinook salmon through the rest of the summer, particularly if the weather in June and July is warmer than normal.

"We've been fortunate that May has been cooler than normal, which has allowed for lower than normal reservoir releases to

get most of the spring Chinook into the upper river," said District Fish Biologist Frank Drake. Columnaris outbreaks occurred with spring and fall Chinook as recently as the early 1990's and 2000's.

If an outbreak of columnaris does occur in the Rogue River, it is often not possible to slow the disease in spring Chinook. There is some evidence that columnaris can be slowed or stopped in fall Chinook with a release of additional water. ODFW biologists will be monitoring the situation as the adults enter the river and begin their upstream migration. If anglers or other river users start to see dead salmon, particularly in the Wild and Scenic section below Grave Creek, ODFW requests calling (541) 826-8774 to notify them.

The Southwest Zone has a big range of warmwater fishing opportunities from coastal lakes, reservoirs in the Rogue and Umpqua basins, to fishing rivers.

Tennmile Lake is one of Oregon's premiere largemouth bass fisheries with the potential of high catch rates and fish weighing up to six pounds. It also has lots of yellow perch with the potential of catching perch over 12 inches. There are also very large brown bullheads in Tennmile Lakes, with one fish weighing three and a half pounds during a recent fish survey. For anglers that like to explore, there are many small lakes in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area that have good numbers of largemouth bass with some fish weighing three pounds or more. Most dune lakes are relatively shallow with no boat launch, so anglers are limited to small pontoons boats or kayaks.

In the Umpqua basin, anglers should check out Loon Lake and Cooper Creek Reservoir for warmwater fishing opportunities. Loon Lake has lots of bluegills and largemouth bass. During the summer, anglers will want to get on the water early before the recreational boat traffic really picks up by late morning. Cooper Creek Reservoir has a good mixture of sizes of largemouth bass, bluegills, and black crappie up to twelve inches long. There are also brown and yellow bullheads with an occasional fish getting to



around two pounds.

In the Rogue basin, fish biologists recently stocked largemouth bass into Whetstone Pond on the Denman Wildlife Area to help improve catch rates for anglers. Agate and Emigrant reservoirs have some good warmwater fishing opportunities, but anglers will want to watch the reservoir levels before trying to launch a boat.

For warmwater anglers wanting to fish a river, check out smallmouth bass fishing on the mainstem Umpqua River. Smallmouth bass can be found throughout the mainstem river from the forks of the North and South Umpqua all the way down into the upper tidewater near Scottsburg. Another river option

is to fish for smallmouth bass in the Coquille Basin where fisheries managers are trying to remove as many smallmouth bass from the river system to benefit the extremely low population of Chinook salmon. Boat anglers can find plenty of water to fish in the tidewater section of the mainstem from above the Arago Boat Ramp downstream to the Riverton Boat Ramp. The South Fork Coquille has good locations for bank fishing for smallmouth bass or even floating the river in a kayak or small pontoon boat. Many of the riffles on the South Fork Coquille River will be shallow so any kayak or pontoon will need to be dragged over the shallow areas.

**Police Blotter**  
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- criminal trespass.
- 6:27 pm, Myrtle St, dispute.
- 7:25 pm, Sherman and Ferry, accident.
- **June 15**
- 5:16 pm, Everett Ave, theft of services.
- 9:53 pm, Meade Ave, disturbance.
- 11:10 pm, Monroe Ave, disturbance.
- 11:30 pm, Virginia and Marion, disorderly conduct.
- 11:56 pm, Madrona St, shots fired.

- **June 16**
- 8:34 am, Virginia and Harrison, non-injury accident.
- 9:33 am, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass.
- 10:38 am, Broadway St, threats.
- 11:37 am, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass.
- 11:55 am, E Airport Way, disorderly conduct.
- 2:14 pm, Garfield and Washington, criminal trespass.
- 2:22 pm, Laura Ln, dispute, neighbor.
- 3:35 pm, Virginia Ave, criminal mischief.
- 5:27 pm, Virginia Ave,

- assault.
- 5:29 pm, Tremont Ave, criminal trespass.
- 7:26 pm, Sherman Ave, warrant service.
- 10:04 pm, Tremont Ave, harassment.
- 11:41 pm, Broadway Ave, disturbance.
- **June 17**
- 5:29 am, Tremont Ave, disorderly conduct.
- 10:13 am, Cleveland St, disorderly conduct.
- 11:17 am, Washington Ave and Sherman Ave, dispute, family.
- 11:38 am, Harbor Ave,

- disorderly conduct.
- 2:22 pm, Virginia Ave, disorderly conduct.
- 4:13 pm, Tremont Ave, criminal trespass.
- 8:35 pm, Tremont Ave, criminal trespass.
- **June 18**
- 4:14 am, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass.
- **Reedsport**
- **June 12**
- 9:59 am, E Railroad Ave, theft.
- 1:21 pm, Mckays, theft.
- **June 13**

- 1:45 am, Woodland Apartments, disturbance.
- **June 14**
- 12:24 am, Greenbriar St, theft.
- 4:29 pm, Lower Umpqua Hospital, disturbance.
- 8:55 pm, 7-Eleven, trespass notice.
- 9:36 pm, N 18th St and Hwy 101 N, agency assist.
- **June 15**
- 6:00 pm, Leonas Restaurant, disturbance.

- **June 16**
- 7:23 am, Crestview Dr, juvenile problem.
- 8:56 am, E Railroad Ave, domestic disturbance.
- 3:38 pm, Ace Hardware, theft.
- **June 17**
- 5:24 pm, De Port Dock Rd and River Front Way, theft.
- 11:26 pm, Vista Ct, domestic disturbance.

# OSP braces for summer traffic challenges

## ◆ Driver behavior key

**JEREMY C. RUARK**  
Country Media

Law enforcement agencies in Lane County and across the state are bracing for the summer travel season.

Country Media reached out to Oregon State Police (OSP) Lt. Logan Denney to find out what type of driver behavior troopers are seeing, and how the troopers are dealing with traffic challenges along Interstate 5 in Lane County throughout Oregon.

**The World:** As we head into the summer travel season in Oregon, what is most concerning to you and OSP troopers about driver behavior?

**Lt. Logan Denney:** Summer marks the start of Oregon's annual travel season, when we welcome more visitors and see higher traffic volumes statewide. With increased travel and good weather, many people are eager to reach their destinations. Our greatest concerns relate to the Fatal 5 SOLID behaviors, which are statistically linked to serious injury and fatal crashes: Speed, Occupant Safety, Lane Safety, Impaired Driving, and Distracted Driving.

**SPEED:** Please drive the speed limit and give yourself plenty of time. Check Oregon Trip Check for travel distances, congestion, and delays, especially in areas expecting heavy event or holiday traffic.

**OCCUPANT SAFETY:** Always wear your seatbelt and ensure children are secured in approved car seats or appropriate passenger safety devices.

**LANE SAFETY:** Two lane corridors see a high number of dangerous passing attempts, especially during heavy traffic. These preventable actions can contribute to fatal or serious injury crashes. Following too closely also reduces reaction time and increases crash risk.

**IMPAIRED DRIVING:** For festivities and holidays, plan ahead for a sober ride home. There is no excuse to drive while impaired. Remember: If you feel different, you drive different. Fatigue or drowsiness also reduces focus. Take breaks or switch drivers if needed.

**DISTRACTED DRIVING:** Never drive distracted, especially with a cell phone (ORS 811.507). Hand your phone to a passenger and keep your attention on the road. Watching entertainment on in car screens or other devices while driving is also illegal (ORS 815.240).

**The World:** Are speeds along our state highways increasing and if so, why is that, and what are the higher speed ranges?

**Denney:** Speed limits remain the same as covered in ORS 811.111 and ORS 811.100. For speed related crash trends, we refer you to ODOT's statewide crash data.

Speeding increases crash severity by reducing reaction time, increasing the likelihood of losing control, and high impact momentum, all of which can be deadly or cause significant property damage.

**The Pilot:** As a driver, I have noted that often, other drivers tailgate and,

in some cases, drive quite close to other vehicles at high rates of speed. Are your troopers also noticing that type of driver behavior?

**Denney:** Yes. Following Too Closely (ORS 811.485) is a common violation, especially among drivers who are rushing or speeding. The statute reads: Drives a motor vehicle so as to follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of the vehicles and the traffic upon, and condition of, the highway.

This is a Class B violation with a presumptive fine of \$265.

**The World:** Are you also seeing more road rage incidents? If so, why is that?

**Denney:** Aggressive driving is more common during periods of high traffic and congestion. We encourage drivers to be patient, plan ahead, and understand that slower traffic is often unavoidable.

If you have a vehicle hazard, move over or out of the lane of travel to avoid blocking traffic lanes and providing safe passage in the active travel lanes.

**The World:** Are there any specific locations that troopers are finding the higher speeds, and what is OSP doing to enforce the speed limits in those areas?

**Denney:** We encourage all motorists to obey posted speeds on interstates, highways, secondary roads, and city streets across Oregon. When traveling through a new



Courtesy from OSP  
Oregon State Police report driver behaviors, which are statistically linked to serious injury and fatal crashes, include speed, occupant safety, lane safety, impaired driving, and distracted driving.

or unfamiliar area, always check posted speed limits and drive with care.

**The World:** What is the recommendation to drivers about avoiding confrontations that could lead to road rage?

**Denney:** For non-emergency driving complaints, call \*OSP (\*677). For crimes in progress, call 911 to reach the appropriate dispatch center. Drive with patience and awareness. Every driver is headed somewhere, and following speed limits and traffic flows accordingly helps safeguard our roadways.

If an aggressive driver is following or tailgating you, move to the far right lane, pull over, or take the next exit. If you feel unsafe, contact law enforcement.

**The World:** What are the presumptive fines for road rage, for speeding, for tailgating, and for reckless driving?

**Denney:** Fines can range from \$100 to more than \$1,000, depending

on the violation and circumstances. Relevant laws include:

- ORS 811.135 – Careless Driving
- ORS 811.100 – Violation of Basic Rule (Speed)
- ORS 811.111 – Exceeding Speed Limit
- ORS 811.485 – Following Too Closely
- ORS 811.370 – Failure to Drive Within Lane
- Reckless Driving (ORS 811.140) is a crime and may result in arrest, a vehicle tow, and a required court appearance.

**The World:** Would you say that a key driving defense is the need to anticipate other motorists' actions to stay safe?

**Denney:** We will refer you to ODOT DMV's Driver Handbook on safe and responsible driving.

The following is a link to the DVM Driver Handbook at: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/forms/dmv/37.pdf>

The handbook offers the following:  
Safe & Responsible

**Driving**

The key to being a safe and responsible driver is to be aware of your surroundings at all times and to be alert for potentially dangerous situations.

**Defensive Driving**  
Know how to adjust your driving to allow for problems with your vehicle, the type of road surface, poor weather, heavy traffic, poor lighting, and your own physical, mental, and emotional condition.

You must be able to see what is to the front, sides, and rear of your vehicle. Do not load or equip your vehicle in any way that blocks what you can see. Placing stickers or other objects on your vehicle's windows can limit your view of the road.

You will constantly make decisions every mile that you drive. A defensive driver is always aware of their surroundings and possible escape routes.

**Super Crossword**

*Answers*

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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**Americanisms**

*"If you retain nothing else, always remember the most important rule of beauty, which is: Who cares?"*

— Tina Fey

**The Garden Bug**

**Front door refreshing**

Plants, attractive decor and tidiness play an important part in welcoming your guests.

- Pressure-wash and paint your entryway walls, sidewalks and door, if needed. Make sure your walkway is visible and safe.
- Place healthy, seasonal plantings adjacent to the walkway to your door. Keep them pest-free and trimmed back, so they cannot obscure your walkway.

Source: [www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com)

**GO FIGURE!**

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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# Education officials recommend repealing compulsory school attendance rules

ALEX BAUMHARDT  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

To improve school attendance in a state with one of the nation's highest absenteeism rates, Oregon education officials have presented lawmakers with a plan to repeal existing attendance laws.

The high-level presentation and 20-page report presented to the Senate Interim Education Committee June 16, described a strategy to replace existing attendance laws "rooted in compliance" with new rules that measure "attendance as a performance growth indicator." It left lawmakers with many more questions than answers: State Sen. Courtney Neron Misslin, D-Wilsonville, almost immediately requested a follow-up meeting to get more clarity.

Senate Bill 315 passed during the 2025 legislative session required the Oregon Department of Education to produce by May 31 a report that outlined how districts are handling attendance policies, best practices for recording and improving student attendance and statutory recommendations that could apply in Oregon. Lawmakers will take up any recommendations during the next legislative session in 2027.

Oregon schools have among the highest absenteeism rates in the country, state data shows, and it's a problem that has persisted since students returned to school following the COVID pandemic nearly five years ago.

Roughly one-third of Oregon students in 2024 were considered chronically absent, meaning they missed 17 or more school days during the school year in a state with one of the shortest school years in the country. About one-fifth of students nationwide were chronically absent in 2024, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Repeal and replace  
Among the recommendations state education officials offered are to repeal 11 state statutes relating to compulsory school attendance and to replace them with statutes that "would include compulsory attendance requirements and exemptions," and also outline the responsibilities of guardians and school districts when it comes to

student attendance. The report described some state attendance laws as "outdated" and "duplicative," and said some homeschooling regulations are wrapped into attendance laws.

The State Board of Education would be tasked with coming up with the new statutes, and attendance would be wrapped into new legislatively mandated accountability measures.

"Oregon's current compulsory attendance statutes and rules are grounded in compliance-oriented definitions of attendance, static thresholds, and enforcement mechanisms. Maintaining compulsory attendance statutes rooted in compliance creates tension with this model, as they rely on fixed definitions of absence and enforcement responses that create conflict with attendance as a growth-based measurement," the report reads.

Notably absent is any recommendation for punitive action or a framework for accountability from students or their families when a student continues to miss school. Lawmakers in 2021 repealed an Oregon law that allowed schools to issue truancy fines to parents or guardians for a child's ongoing and unexcused absences from school.

"This represents a shift from enforcing attendance through prescribed sanctions to using attendance data as a continuous signal for improvement, support, and system effectiveness," the education department rec-



Rachel Alexander / Salem Reporter

**An empty classroom in Salem, Oregon has some of the highest rates of student absenteeism in the country, state data shows and among the shortest school years.**

"There's all these barriers and these challenges that our students and communities are facing, and compulsory policies can be helpful to some extent, but there is a broader system that needs to be in place in order to really support students," she said. "What we aim to do with this recommendation beyond that compulsory requirement is really to help the district build a system and build an approach that allows us to support the student needs, so that our students would want to be in

family need? — but we also can hold students accountable," she said. "I sometimes worry Oregon gets in its own way when we remove the accountability."

Other attendance policy recommendations

Education officials told lawmakers that there are major inconsistencies in how districts record student attendance, as well as how they record the reasons why a student is absent, making it difficult to collect accurate data on why so many students in Oregon are not going to school regularly.

The education department would create 17 possible codes districts could use to record students not as merely "excused" or "unexcused" but as "present" or "absent."

Under the new codes, a student could be marked "present" even if they are out of school for a debate tournament or sport, are temporarily getting remote instruction or are attending a tribal education program or event. A student would be marked "absent" if they are ill, working, can't find transportation to school or if their situation is unknown.

In their presentation, state education officials noted that merely recording a student as "excused" or "unexcused" lacks clarifying information and "places a value statement on absences and contributes

to a misconception about absences," while recording students as "present" or "absent" provides more context and "centers the loss of instruction for any reason and elevates root causes for appropriate interventions."

Education officials also recommended studying and revisiting Oregon's 10-day rule, under which students are automatically unenrolled if they miss 10 consecutive days without an excuse. The rule's intended to ensure districts are not double-counting students who may have moved between districts, but it can create barriers for students who eventually return to a school after a prolonged absence and require a school to resubmit enrollment information to get the student's per-pupil funding restored.

They also recommended the state provide more money for the agency's Every Day Matters program, which currently has just two full time employees, and to fund a statewide information and data collection system so the education department can more easily collect attendance information from schools and provide technical help.

The agenda for the three-hour meeting included more updates from education officials on the legislatively mandated accountability metrics and the rollout of Gov. Tina Kotek's recent

executive stopping school districts from cutting instructional time to save money.

"How does low instructional time and days contribute to a culture of non-attendance?" Sollman asked Castillo.

Castillo acknowledged Oregon's short school year, and research showing school attendance is one of the single most important indicators of student success.

"While there's always benefits for our students to have longer instructional time, we also know that, as we referenced earlier, it has to be a cohesive and holistic approach and system," she said. "Having additional instructional time will be important, but we're also creating the right conditions for our students."

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/06/17/state-education-officials-recommend-repealing-replacing-compulsory-school-attendance-rules/>

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## Fast Fact

The proposal from the Oregon Department of Education would 'shift from enforcing attendance through prescribed sanctions,' officials explained.

ommendations read.

Candice Castillo, deputy director of academics at the state education department, told lawmakers that some students who continually violate district attendance policies will unenroll from school or just stop showing up, disappearing altogether.

the classroom consistently."

State Sen. Janeen Sollman, D-Hillsboro, asked Castillo "what the teeth" of the proposal would be.

"I think you can have that level of the 'wrap around supports' — What supports does this student need? What supports does this

# Oregon governor declares state of emergency over wildfire threat

ALEX BAUMHARDT  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

While Oregon's first 2026 heat-wave eased Tuesday, June 16, heat and drought are expected to worsen through the summer and will heighten wildfire risks across Oregon, spurring Gov. Tina Kotek to declare a state of emergency.

Kotek made the declaration Tuesday in an executive order, which will make it easier for local and state fire authorities to access "all available resources" including various firefighting crews, aerial support, ground resources, and emergency personnel to prevent and respond to fires. The emergency will last until the end of the year or the end of the fire season, which is expected to last through October.

"Increasing heat, dry vegetation and shifting winds continue to align and create dangerous conditions that demand immediate action," Kotek said in a statement. "Throughout the summer, it will get hotter and drier. Oregon has record-setting low snowpack, and nearly half of our counties are facing persistent drought conditions. On average, 70% of wildfires in Oregon are human-caused. Prevention starts with every Oregonian — at home, at work and out and about enjoying our great state."

Kotek also advised Oregonians to sign up for the statewide emergency alert system OR-Alert, to have an evacuation plan and to have an emergency "go kit" ready.

Since March, Kotek has declared drought 17 of Oregon's 36 counties, mostly in southern and eastern Oregon. More than 400 wildfires so far this year have burned more than 8,000 acres, and several caused temporary evacuations.

The declaration directs state agencies and the National Guard to collaborate on wildfire response and prevention by sharing personnel, equipment and resources. It also directs those agencies and Guard troops to meet requests coming from the state's primary fire agencies — the Oregon Department of Forestry and the State Fire Marshal — and local and tribal governments.

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**A helicopter drops flame retardant on the Cow Valley Fire in eastern Oregon on July 12, 2024. Scientists expect wildfires to continue to intensify with climate change.**

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# Oregon lawmakers hint at major changes to school funding in 2027

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon lawmakers upset about persistently poor education outcomes for many students voted against several of Gov. Tina Kotek's new appointments to the commission that determines the resources needed to create a system of high quality schools.

The protest votes against three nominees to the state's Quality Education Commission weren't because the candidates weren't qualified, lawmakers said. Rather,

they criticized the effectiveness of the commission, hinting at the need for major reform in the 2027 legislative session.

The nominees were among 145 Kotek nominees the Senate confirmed on Wednesday to a slate of councils, boards and commissions.

Most appointments were speedily approved by the Democratic majority, with nearly no debate. Republicans, however, voted against every single appointment in protest of what they described as a lack of trans-

parency and time to vet the candidates.

Senators voted separately on the Quality Education Commission, which drew the most controversy in a 16-12 vote. Sen. Janeen Sollman, D-Hillsboro, joined all Republicans in voting against confirming Albany Public Schools teacher Dana Lovejoy, Salem-Keizer educator Tyler Scialo-Lakeberg and Coos Bay School District superintendent Gary Roberts.

"The question before us isn't whether these are good people, it's about process," Sollman said as she began debate by criticizing the commission's role in the state's education cost model.

She and Rep. Ricki Ruiz, D-Gresham, earlier this year unsuccessfully led an attempt to overhaul the state's education cost model. That effort contributed to her May primary loss: The Oregon Education Association gave her opponent and union member Myrna Muñoz more than \$75,000, much of it in the form of paid canvassing.

"I do not believe that these appointments, through the positions they hold, will build the Quality Education Commission Oregon needs to generate the data, the rigor and the analysis our school funding decisions deserve," Sollman said.

Oregon's 27-year-old Quality Education Commission has 11 members and is charged with researching best education practices and determining how much money is needed to meet state education goals, including a 90% graduation rate statewide. The commission presents its findings, known as the Quality Education Model, to the education appropriation committee and governor every two years to guide budget decisions.

But lawmakers recently began questioning if that framework is working. The Oregon Legislature

allocated \$11.4 billion for schools during the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, and yet recent national test scores show Oregon elementary and middle school students rank among the bottom of states in math and reading.

The Oregon Department of Education allocates money to school districts using a separate distribution formula that relies in part on U.S. Census Bureau data estimates to calculate how many students come from families living in poverty, despite state data often showing numbers much higher than the Census Bureau estimates. Oregon is the only state to follow this method, the Oregonian reported.

The formula undercounts the true number of students experiencing poverty, school superintendents say, which means districts who serve more of those students aren't receiving the funding needed to support them.

Several Republican lawmakers agreed with Sollman.

"It should not be hard to get this right," said Sen. Noah Robinson, R-Cave Junction. "We continually kick the problem down the road. We're planning to eventually have a plan to fix the problem, and we need more urgency. Our students are being educated now. They're not going to benefit from something that's done in 10 years or even five years from now."

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## Commentary

### A Word Please

By June Casagrande

Usually if you're unsure whether a term is one word or two, the best thing to do is look up the one-word form. Imagine, for instance, that you want to know whether to write "leg room" or "legroom." You don't have to look up "leg" and "room" to know they're in the dictionary or that you can use them together. But only by looking up "legroom" can you know whether it exists.

If it does (and it does), here's the final piece of the puzzle: Usually, when a one-word form is in the dictionary, you should opt for it over the two-word form. After all, it evolved for that very purpose. Publishers follow this system, too. So if you use "legroom" your writing will be more in line with the pros.

But in one instance, this strategy won't help. It'll hurt: "awhile" and "a while."

If you're wondering which form to use and you check the dictionary you'll see "awhile" exists. But unlike "legroom" and similar terms, that doesn't mean you should use it.

Correct use of "awhile" and "a while" require an expert-level grasp of subtle grammar dynamics which, luckily, you already have, though you may not know it.

You see, "awhile" is an adverb. That might surprise people who learned in school that adverbs are only those "ly" words that modify actions: quickly, sadly, hungrily, etc. In fact, adverbs are a bigger club. And because "awhile" modifies verbs like "stay," as in "stay awhile," it qualifies as an adverb. The dictionary considers it an adverb, too. So that's not just my interpretation.

"A while," however, is a noun phrase, which simply means a noun like "while"

plus accessory words like "a." Noun phrases work just like nouns, so we can think of "a while" as a noun. It's a span of time, not unlike "an hour" or "a day." And all these terms can work as nouns in a sentence, as in "Stay for a while."

But to understand why "Stay for" requires the two-word "a while," you need to know not just about adverbs and nouns but about prepositions, too. Prepositions like "for," as well as "at," "to," "with," "from" and many others, introduce nouns. So the preposition "for" can't introduce the adverb "awhile." It can only introduce the noun "a while."

So "Stay awhile" and "Stay for a while" are always correct choices. But there's a twist — one that requires an even more advanced knowledge of grammar. Though "Stay awhile" is correct, "Stay a while" is also acceptable. The reason: a concept called an "adverbial."

Unlike adverbs, which are a word category, "adverbial" refers to a job being done in a sentence. The job of adverbial is often performed by an adverb, but not always.

Different parts of speech can work adverbially, too, and that includes whole phrases. Compare the sentences "They'll visit frequently" to "They'll visit in the morning" and "They'll visit this week." The first uses an adverb, the second uses a prepositional phrase and the third uses a noun phrase. But they're all doing the same job. They're all functioning adverbially, which means they're all adverbials. In other words, a noun phrase can sometimes do the job of an adverb.

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Puzzle answers on page 9

## Super Crossword

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Sleep out in a tent
- 7 Nutrition std.
- 10 Fishing throw
- 14 Alpaca's kin
- 19 "Moonlight" actress Harris
- 20 Suffix of element names
- 21 Analogy words
- 22 Ancient Athens or Sparta, e.g.
- 23 Construction vehicles with tilting beds
- 25 Chooses a finger over a pacifier
- 27 Before, in verse
- 28 "The Raven" writer
- 29 German art songs
- 30 Qatari capital
- 31 1920s-'30s American mobster
- 36 Young lady
- 38 "Bali —"
- 39 Slugger Gehrig
- 40 Plant swelling
- 42 How food is often fried
- 44 Title dragon of a '70s kids' show
- 50 Silly sorts
- 53 French suffix with jardin
- 54 Neighbor of Venus
- 56 Fish-tailed males of myth
- 57 Hi-Tech "appt. book"
- 58 Radical type
- 60 1040 org.
- 62 Suffix with ball or bass
- 63 Roman 901
- 66 Northern French river
- 68 Roofing piece
- 70 Essential (to)
- 72 Stiff-bristled bath item
- 74 Dazed from a heavy blow
- 76 Incentive
- 77 GI no-shows
- 79 Small needle cases
- 80 Suffix with Canton
- 81 Turkey Day vegetable
- 82 GI R&R center
- 83 Racecar fuel
- 85 Articulate
- 87 River crafts
- 89 "Cool beans!"
- 91 Get weary
- 92 No-bake pie base
- 96 Some heirs' cash sources
- 99 Concerning kidneys
- 100 Brooklyn art institute
- 102 Granola bit
- 103 Big bush bird
- 104 Apiece
- 107 Brand of popcorn with peanuts
- 114 Part of UTEP
- 116 Deep and hoarse, as a voice
- 118 — de toilette
- 119 Hugs, in a love letter
- 120 "Painful to face the reality!"
- 122 Speechless from shock
- 126 Very mad
- 127 Actor Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
- 128 Mined matter
- 129 Scdance state
- 130 Stocking fiber
- 131 Padlock part
- 132 Cozy gunk
- 133 Alternatives to Cokes

**DOWN**

- 1 Stopped for short
- 2 Pacific island republic
- 3 Sky streaker
- 4 Band blaster
- 5 Sch. in Cambridge
- 6 According to
- 7 Big name in photocopiers
- 8 Blue Devils' sch.
- 9 Mornings, in brief
- 10 Inhabitant
- 11 Tennis great
- 12 Arthur
- 12 Seven-card poker variety, e.g.
- 13 Marisa of film
- 14 Vinyl albums, in brief
- 15 Booming
- 16 Liquor
- 17 Russia's Gorbachev
- 18 Tears into
- 24 Scannable ID in a market
- 26 "It's cold!"
- 29 U.K. "Inc."
- 32 Sleuth's aid
- 33 Great athletes get elected to it: Abbr.
- 34 54-Across orbits it
- 35 Headed out
- 37 Compared with
- 41 Daisy relatives, for short
- 43 Mother, e.g.
- 44 Place for a fanny pack
- 45 Censors, as part of a text
- 46 With 122- Down, rodent with a bark-like cry
- 47 Ready
- 48 Ankle bone
- 49 Eurasian mountains
- 51 Horse to bust
- 52 Suffocate
- 55 Homer, e.g.
- 56 Not for sale
- 59 Matt of "Friends"
- 61 Taken-back auto, for one
- 63 Village
- 64 Kind of roof with four sloping sides
- 65 Sort
- 67 Addition total
- 69 "Eureka!" moments
- 70 As originally placed
- 71 Minions' leader in "Despicable Me"
- 72 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
- 73 Gossipy tidbit
- 75 Pertaining to an arm bone
- 78 Got the gold
- 82 Gorbachev's fed.
- 84 How- (DIY manuals)
- 86 "Of course!"
- 87 Nashville awards org.
- 88 Great elation
- 90 Rebuke to "Brute"
- 91 Ballet attire
- 92 Entered stealthily
- 93 Wed again
- 94 Anomalous
- 95 Affixes to a corkboard, e.g.
- 97 Cargo weight
- 98 Relatives, informally
- 101 Test out
- 105 Frau's "Alas!"
- 106 Pulverize
- 108 Prefix with biology
- 109 Tiny role
- 110 Wheel middle
- 111 Verbs' counterparts
- 112 Spherical bacteria
- 113 Improves superficially, with "up"
- 115 Filmmaker
- 117 24/7 sources of \$20 bills
- 121 Cackling bird
- 122 See 46-Down
- 123 Inits. at Indy
- 124 Half of sei
- 125 Jay-Z's genre

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate   ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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# Community Calendar of Events

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## RECURRING EVENTS

### COOS BAY DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

EVERY WEDNESDAY, MAY-OCTOBER - 9 AM-2 PM  
CENTRAL AVE, COOS BAY SHOP FOR THE FRESHEST FRUITS, VEGETABLES, MEATS, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS, PLUS UNIQUE ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM NEARLY 90 VENDORS.

### TWEEN CLUB

THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 3:00-4:30 PM  
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE., COOS BAY  
A MONTHLY HANGOUT FOR TWEENS AGES 9-14, FEATURING A DIFFERENT ACTIVITY EACH MONTH. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ART PROJECTS, GAMES, CONVERSATIONS, AND SNACKS.

### DANCE AND FITNESS CLASS

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY (YEAR ROUND, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS)  
9:00-10:00 AM  
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### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

EVERY TUESDAY - 10:30 AM  
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MOVEMENT BASED MUSIC PROGRAM FOR TODDLERS AGES 2-3.

### FOCCAS ADOPTION SHOWCASE

EVERY SATURDAY - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM (OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT)  
PONY VILLAGE MALL, 1611 VIRGINIA AVE., NORTH BEND

MEET ADOPTABLE CATS AND DOGS FROM FRIENDS OF COOS COUNTY ANIMALS. ALL ANIMALS LIVE IN FOSTER HOMES.

### PEACEFUL DEMOCRATIC RALLY

FIRST & THIRD SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH - 12:00-2:00 PM  
COOS BAY BOARDWALK, 200 S. BAYSHORE DR.  
A COMMUNITY GATHERING TO EXPRESS VIEWS, SUPPORT DEMOCRACY, AND CONNECT WITH LIKE MINDED NEIGHBORS.

### BROWNIES & BOARD GAMES (TEENS)

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH - 4:00 PM  
NORTH BEND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1800 SHERMAN AVE.  
TEENS AGES 13-18 ARE INVITED TO PLAY BOARD GAMES AND ENJOY BROWNIES. GAMES AND SNACKS PROVIDED.

### FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION AT COOS ART MUSEUM

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
COOS ART MUSEUM, 235 ANDERSON AVE, COOS BAY

### CHM FIRST TUESDAY TALK

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH - 6:00-7:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM)  
COOS HISTORY MUSEUM, 1210 N. FRONT ST.  
COST: FREE FOR MEMBERS; \$7 ADULTS / \$3 YOUTH / \$5 ZOOM  
DESCRIPTION: MONTHLY LECTURE ON LOCAL HISTORY TOPICS. PRE REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED.

### FURRY FRIENDS THERAPY DOGS, INC.

MEETING FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (THIRD THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER)  
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LEARN ABOUT SHARING YOUR DOG'S LOVE THROUGH THERAPY VISITS. OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

### GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH - 12:00-2:00 PM  
KAFFE 101, 171 S. BROADWAY, COOS BAY  
A WELCOMING SUPPORT GROUP HOSTED BY PACIFIC HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE.

### WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT BOOK CLUB

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE.  
MONTHLY DISCUSSION CELEBRATING WOMEN'S RESILIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS.

### BUILD IT SATURDAYS (LEGO®)

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 12:00-1:30 PM  
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE.  
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### BUILD IT CHALLENGE (LEGO®)

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 3:00-4:00 PM  
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE.  
BUILD THEMED LEGO CREATIONS USING THE LIBRARY'S BRICK COLLECTION.

### PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 1:00-2:30 PM  
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, MYRTLEWOOD ROOM  
SUPPORT AND CONNECTION FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S AND CARE PARTNERS.

### OREGON BAY AREA BEAUTIFICATION

SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 9:45 AM VARIES (SEE 40BAB.ORG)  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL ACTIVITY LEVELS FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION.

### AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND - SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 11:30 AM MEETING: 12:00 PM  
VENTURE INN RESTAURANT, 2265 INLAND DR., COOS BAY  
ADVOCACY, SUPPORT, AND COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS.

### ASL PRACTICE PLACE (VIRTUAL)

THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 12:00 PM ZOOM  
CASUAL ASL CONVERSATION PRACTICE. NOT A CLASS; BEGINNERS WELCOME.

### CRAFT TAKEOUT

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 12:00-6:00 PM  
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE.  
PICK UP A FREE MONTHLY CRAFT KIT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST.

### SPANGLISH: SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 10:30-11:30 AM  
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE.  
INFORMAL SPANISH CONVERSATION PRACTICE FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS.

### COMMUNITY COOKING WITH THE CO OP (VIRTUAL)

FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 5:30 PM ZOOM  
LEARN SIMPLE, HEALTHY RECIPES AT HOME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COOS HEAD FOOD CO OP.

### AL ANON MEETING

EVERY WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM  
HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, COOS BAY  
PEER SUPPORT FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PEOPLE WITH ALCOHOL ADDICTION.

### STEAMTIME

TUESDAY MORNINGS - 11:00 AM  
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE.  
HANDS ON STEAM ACTIVITIES FOR AGES 4-8, GEARED TOWARD PRESCHOOLERS AND HOMESCHOOLERS.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**"Healing & Growing"**, a retrospective art exhibit of Bittin Foster Duggan  
June 5 - July 10, 2026  
So It Goes Coffeehouse, 190 Central Ave, Coos Bay  
A retrospective art exhibit of Bittin Foster Duggan will be on display at So It Goes Coffeehouse in Coos Bay from June 5 thru July 17, 2026. This exhibit reflects 48 years of Bittin's lifelong artistic journey as she approaches each day with curiosity and an openness to grow.

Join us for the Opening Reception on Friday, June 5, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Coffeehouse.

There will be a creative fundraising opportunity at the opening for GTI's WHOLE-istic Community Healing Program, a service of HRACC. For more information: 541-808-9333 (Coffeehouse). 541-217-4095 (Bittin).

### Sawdust Presents:

"Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery" or "Udder Confusion  
June 5 - September 6, Shows at 7:00 PM, Matinees at 2:00 PM  
Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille  
The melodrama is set on a dairy farm in the lovely Coquille Valley, where the evil villain Franklin Basher, "that terrible masher," and villainess Sylvia Silverthroat work their wiles against heroine Henrietta Holstein and her hero, Ferdinand Farmsworth. This year's play was written for the Sawdust Theatre by longtime Sawdusters Diana Amling, Gael Berhow and Cindy Robnett. Tickets are \$10 and are available at River Cities Realty, Inc., on the theatre's website [SawdustTheatre.com](http://SawdustTheatre.com) or at the theatre, 120 N. Adams St., before each performance, if seats remain unsold. More information is available by calling the Sawdust Theatre at 541-396-4563.

### OBOB Book Clubs at the North Bend Public Library

Book Club Schedule  
· OBOB Book Club (Grades 6-8) Mondays, June 15-August 3 from 4:00-4:45 PM  
· OBOB Book Club (Grades 3-5) Tuesdays, June 16-August 4 from 2:00-2:45 PM  
· Teen OBOB Book Club (Grades 9-12) Tuesdays, June 16-August 4 from 3:00-3:45 PM  
The North Bend Public Library is excited to host a series of Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) Book Clubs as part of its 2026 Summer Reading Program. These weekly book clubs will give students the opportunity to read, discuss, and prepare for the 2026-2027 OBOB season in a fun and welcoming group setting. Each week, participants will discuss one of the eight selected OBOB titles for their division. Students should attend the book club based on the grade they will enter in Fall 2026. Registration is required and can be completed online at: <https://tinyurl.com/5bspm3zw>. The first 10 participants registered in each book club will

receive copies of all the books covered during the program.

### Trash Club @ CAM Studio

Every Wednesday in July and August, 3:00-5:00 PM  
CAM Studio, 187 Central Ave, Coos Bay  
Come use your recyclable materials and make a different project with us each week. All supplies provided. Donations accepted.

### 2026 UTV Takeover June 16-21

Celebrate 11 epic years of UTV Takeover. From June 16 - 21, 2025, Coos Bay/North Bend hosts the ultimate Utility Terrain Vehicle event, drawing thousands from across the country. The edge of the stunning Oregon Dunes sets the stage for thrilling rides, VIP sand camping, and over 30 family-friendly activities. Tickets available at [utvtakeover.com](http://utvtakeover.com).

### Make Your Own Clay Stamps and Rollers

June 27, 1:00-4:00 PM  
Ceramic Studio at Coos Art Museum. 235 Anderson Ave.  
A workshop taught by Deb Schalla. Create your own stamps and rollers out of clay by making textures through carving and pressing found objects into the clay pieces. Pieces will be bisque fired and can be used over and over. Admission is \$60.

### Shakespeare in the Park - The Comedy of Errors

June 27-28, 3:00 PM  
Mingus Park, 725 N. 10th Street, Coos Bay  
In its 11th year of presenting free Shakespeare plays, Coos Bay Shakespeare in the Park will present The Comedy of Errors two consecutive weekends in June. The venue is outdoors and is lawn seating so audience members should provide their own chairs or blankets and dress appropriately for the weather. There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted to help cover costs of scenery, costumes, etc. The actors, director, and all those who are involved in the productions are volunteers and receive no compensation.

### Bandon Fringe Festival 2026

June 25-28  
Bandon Playhouse & Sprague Community Theater  
One Act Plays • Music • Movement • Poetry & Storytelling • Film & Mixed-Media  
Get tickets for individual performances -or- buy a Fringe Festival Pass for all shows.

For tickets and the full lineup of shows visit [BandonEvents.org](http://BandonEvents.org)

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### Charleston Seafood Festival

June 27, 2026  
Join us in Charleton, Oregon for the re-imagined and re-vamped Charleston Seafood Festival, Saturday, June 27, 2026. Seafood vendors, family and kid activities, live entertainment, educational activities, and more. This year promises even more seafood vendors serving up fresh, local flavors and highlighting everything that makes Charleston, Oregon so special. Admission is free.

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JOIN SALTY SISTERS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27 FROM 7 A.M. - 1 P.M. FOR A HALF-DAY OCEAN FISHING EXPERIENCE DESIGNED TO BE WELCOMING, FUN, AND ACCESSIBLE FOR WOMEN OF ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS. WHETHER YOU'RE BRAND NEW TO FISHING OR HAVE BEEN **OUT** ON THE WATER BEFORE, THIS IS THE PERFECT INTRODUCTION TO OREGON'S COASTAL FISHING. SIGN UP AT [SALTYSISTERSFISHING.COM/ROCKFISH](http://SALTYSISTERSFISHING.COM/ROCKFISH).

### FIREWORKS OVER THE BAY - JULY 3 & 4 JULY 3

THE COAST'S BIGGEST FIREWORKS SHOW LIGHTS UP COOS BAY. DON'T MISS BLAST BY THE BAY AT KO-KWEL CASINO RESORT WITH 20 SPECTACULAR MINUTES OVER THE WATERFRONT AT 10 PM (VISIBLE ALL AROUND THE BAY). ENJOY THE FOOD AND BEER GARDEN FROM 6:00 - 10:00 PM IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT FOLLOWED BY THE FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA. JULY 4 ROUND TWO! CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH WITH ANOTHER FIREWORKS SHOW OVER COOS BAY AT DARK (AROUND 10 PM). BEST VIEWS FROM THE COOS BAY BOARDWALK—THOUGH YOU CAN CATCH THE SHOW FROM NEARLY ANYWHERE ALONG THE BAY. PLUS, PLENTY OF

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# Bandon WESTERN WORLD

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## As I See It

By *Mary Schamehorn*

As the Southern Coos Hospital and Health Center studies the recently completed Master Facility Plan about how best to achieve additional space, my thoughts turned to the current hospital. The first photo, taken in February of 1999, shows where it all began on the East 11th Street site.

The second photo, taken at the dedication of the new hospital in September of 1999, pictures Jim Wathen, the CEO; George Barnes, former long-time CEO; local pharmacist John Fetterman and then board chairman, Steve Bowman.

A highlight of the dedication (third photo) was the unveiling of the Edie M. Beckner Nursing Pavilion, named after the Director of Nurses, who is pictured with Bowman, at left, and Wathen, at right. Beckner still lives in Bandon and recently was a patient at Southern Coos

Brown, Brooklin Elizabeth Kalulani Butts, Josie Lynn Couch, Tyler James Eickhoff, Hailey Joanne Felton, Rylee Jo Freitag, Juan Sabin, Adrian Albert Gonzalez, Lillianna Venessa Gonzalez, Jazmyn Marie Llewellyn, Jayde Lynne Harley, Liam Thane Helgeson, Madeline Rae Hennessee, Lillian Grace Iverson, Alessandra Marie Lalicata, Shane Allen McGuire-Korp, Sawyer Emerson Miller, Wyatt James Thomas Nelson, Rowan Cassia Reed, Benito Isaac Rodriguez, Emma Deann Roper, Viktorija Hermione Schlitzkus, Hayden Spratt, Rowdy Cassandra Cathrine Staatz, Jordyn Stewart, Benton Jozseff Vass and Matthew James Whitney.

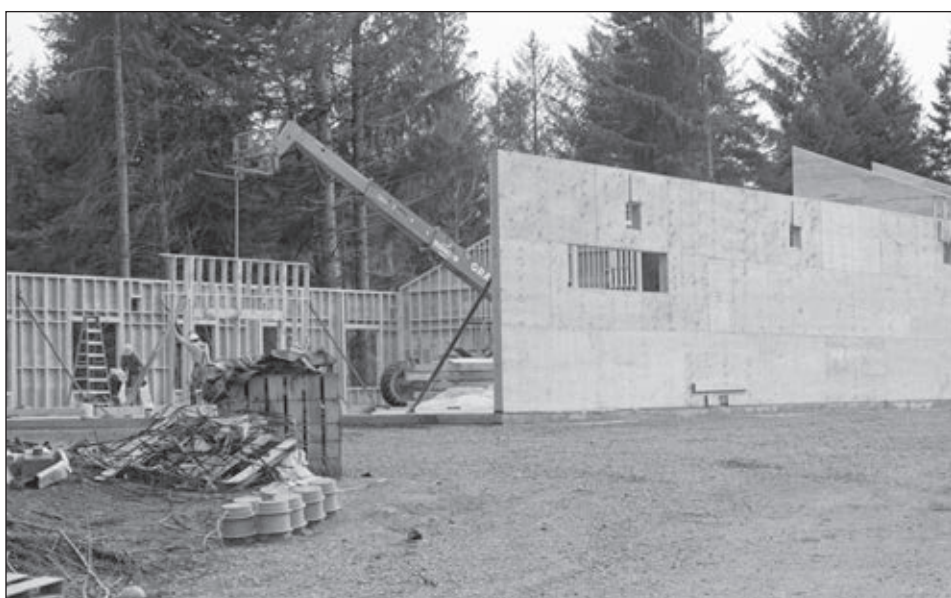
In the next couple of weeks, I will share the scholarships and honors received by this talented class.

The three members of the 2026 Cranberry Court have been announced by the

Apparently looking for “the smoking gun,” Mr. Chandler filed a page and half records request, seeking access to and copies of a myriad of public records, including contents of a directory on the desktop of former planning director Dana Nichols titled “interference emails.”

I was also interested in that file, and I was thrilled to see that it was a gift to me when I learned what the file contained. In 2018 the planning commission allowed Lori’s Osborne’s business to expand on port property. Three years later, in March of 2021, the codes officer sent an enforcement letter to the port, and in an email I reminded him that the use had been approved, and I pledged to get to the bottom of who complained ... three years later.

Another urged Dana and Dan to figure out a way to allow a fourth apartment in Duane Lindsay’s building at



Coastal Mist not being able to paint their building a beautiful seafoam green without planning commission approval because it was not on the city’s color chart. In my email to City Manager Torrey Contreras, I said I could not understand why the city would stop them while ignoring the Moore building next door which had fallen into disrepair with no enforcement. I added in the email, “I am ashamed to be any part of this kind of a rule/restriction. God help the business people of this community.” Interference ...maybe!

As part of my campaign, and with my own money, I plan to print out each of the 6 “interference” emails so you can see how many times I went to bat for the citizens, often expressing concern about our archaic rules, staff interpretation or in support of local businesses.

I have found a “smoking gun” of my own, which I will be sharing in coming weeks. I will also share info about “his team.”

I have already spent more than 8 hours going through 108,500 emails on my computer trying to satisfy Mr. Chandler’s public records request, seeking things like all communication between

sister Bonnie Widerburg and brother Jim Berry, as well as two children, Steve and Sonja, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Wednesday, June 10 at 1:16 p.m., Bandon Police received a report of a vehicle vs pedestrian crash in the parking lot of the Face Rock Creamery. A small SUV was reportedly backing up slowly when two pedestrians passed behind it. A woman was hit by the rear of the SUV and fell to the ground.

All parties cooperated. The woman was evaluated by medical personnel and chose to be transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

All Veterans were invited to the VFW Post’s recent Veterans Cafe, where they received updated information regarding veteran benefits, travel and health care.

The Post at 55352 Bates Road is home to the Medal of Honor VFW Post 3440, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion Post 26 and Bandon Veterans Honor Guard.

“All Veterans were invited to join us for some camaraderie, refreshments and information about available local veteran resources. Also they watched short videos of the Patton The Bandon Cranberry Festival approaches

Oregon manager of Ocean Spray Cranberries, so that little red berry has meant a lot to me through the years,” said Mary Schamehorn, Mayor of Bandon.

The Commission will be presenting the Heritage Tradition Designation to the Bandon Cranberry Festival during the event September 12-13 in Bandon.

At 3:30 p.m. Thursday, the scanner contained information about a white SUV speeding down Highway 101 into Bandon, running a fire unit off the road enroute. After the vehicle passed Seabird Drive at 82 miles an hour, and Beach Junction at 88 mph, between here and Langlois his speed was recorded at 111 miles an hour.

The driver, Joshua Allen “Josh” Cooper, 44, of North Bend was eventually apprehended at the Langlois Market and charged with felony elude, resisting arrest and multiple counts of reckless endangering. He was also wanted on a Lane County warrant. A check of his background indicated he had lived in Bandon on several occasions between 2002 and 2013. One Facebook poster said he had been manager of the North Bend BiMart



Hospital where she was once again reminded of the honor bestowed on her 27 years ago.

Forty-one members of the Bandon High School Class of 2026 graduated recently, led by their nine valedictorians and three salutatorians.

Valedictorians were Caitlyn Elaine Michalek, Marley Gray Petrey, Cody Charles Robinson, T.J. Charles Rhodes IV, Mariah Jodi Rodgers, Stella Rose Ryder, Bridger Wayne Schwenninger, Hayden James Thompson and Reggie Leo Turner.

Salutatorians were Safaa Nohara Dimitruk, Tyler Wayne Senn and Marlie May Carmack.

Other graduates were Tatiana Rose Aveni, Alivia Rose Bramhill, Georgie Marie

Chamber of Commerce. They are Katelyn Clark, Jessica Burg and Giada Moore. As soon as I can get it, I will let you know the names of their parents and a bit about each princess. The festival is the second weekend in September, the 12th and 13th.

Applications are now open for four positions on the Bandon city council, including mayor and three council seats, now held by Madeline Seymour, Chris Powell and Josh Adamson.

I have taken out paperwork to file for mayor, and former city manager Dan Chandler has taken out paperwork, apparently to file for mayor, but as of Thursday, he had not indicated which position he was seeking.

11th and Fillmore, because of the critical need for housing.

Another was to a developer which says I “was sick of rules that seemed more designed to prohibit rather than to help the kind of development (housing) desperately needed.” I added “thank you for understanding, Dana. I often vent my frustrations about zoning in general, and our ordinances in particular, but it has nothing to do with my respect and fondness for you.”

Chandler said, “that to allow another apartment in the LI zone would require an Economic Opportunity Analysis or at least evidence and findings as how this would impact our supply of employment land. Staff doesn’t have a position on this other than it should be placed in a work-plan with other housing issues that frankly will have far more impact on the city.” (I never did figure that out or see any evidence of the housing he was referring to.) I added: “the big difference between our plans and this apartment is it is ready to rent today. One ready-to-rent apartment is better than none.”

Another had to do with



Mayor Schamehorn and any city department director from June 1, 2025, to present.

And the real arrogance of all of this is that he wants a waiver or reduction of fees as “disclosure is in the public interest ....” Each of the multiple emails I am sending must be printed out by the city recorder and then gone through by the city attorney (at \$200 an hour), so I do not think it would be in the public’s interest to waive the fees.”

At last Monday night’s school board meeting, Dave Reed and Doug McKenzie were appointed to the two board vacancies. Reed, a planning consultant with a masters in architecture, owns Wayward R. Studio. McKenzie, who moved here from Medford, has spent 43 years in the field of education.

I learned that Marie Berry, a 1968 graduate of Bandon High School, died June 7 in a Medford memory care facility. She was born Dec. 31, 1949, to Fred and Irene Berry, and was raised on a dairy farm on the Coquille River. She is survived by her

its 80th year with an Oregon Heritage Tradition designation by the Oregon Heritage Commission. The festival is the 30th event in Oregon to receive the designation. Others include the Oregon State Fair, Medford’s Pear Blossom Festival, the Pendleton Round Up and the Woodburn Fiesta Mexicana.

“The designation recognizes those traditions that have been ongoing for 50 years or more, add to the livability and identity of the state and has a public profile that distinguishes it from other events,” said a spokesman.

The festival was established in 1947 as a way for the community to recognize the harvest, honor local growers and celebrate a shared agricultural identity.

“I think it is wonderful for us to be recognized for a festival that has endured so many ups and downs over the years and celebrates an industry that has brought recognition to Bandon and supported so many families. When I was born my parents lived on their cranberry bog, which my father built. For years, he was

at one time.

**COMING EVENTS:** Celebrating Fifty years of Bandon’s History Museum was the Meet and Greet program for June 16, at noon at Bandon Fisheries Warehouse. How did Bandon come to have a history museum, how has it kept going for 50 years, and what’s the plan for the future. Jim Proehl presented and I read a proclamation from the City. The June 23 program will feature the Coos County Radio Club, and the June 30 program will be presented by new Rotary president Anne McCaleb.

Amateur Radio field day, June 27-28, city park, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday.

June 25-28, Fringe Festival featuring one-act plays, music, movement, poetry, story telling, film and mixed media.

July 4, Fourth of July celebration, parade at 10, cardboard boat regatta at noon, cornhole tournament at 2, wine walk at 5, fireworks, dusk.



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# Obituaries

## Connie Jean Eslinger

1948 – 2026



Connie Jean Eslinger (Donason), a devoted nurse, dedicated mother and strong-willed community volunteer, passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 10, 2026 with family by her side. She was 77 years old.

Born August 13, 1948 and raised in Twin Falls, Idaho, Connie's compassionate spirit was evident early on. At just 14, she began her lifelong career in healthcare as a candy stripper at the local hospital. After graduating from Twin Falls High School, she pursued education at Bay City College in San Francisco. Determined to deepen her commitment to caring for others, Connie earned her Associate of Applied Science in Nursing from Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado. Far different from

today, to enter the program one had to pass a physical and her class was the first class that allowed male students to attend the nursing program. Passionate about education, she was always attending classes and programs, and while life got in the way, she ended up just two credits shy of her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Connie was a determined nurse, quickly becoming a licensed RN in Colorado, Idaho, California, and Oregon. In 1980, she moved to Coos Bay, where she began working at Bay Area Hospital. She fell in love with the area and called the Oregon Coast home from then on. She continued her work in hospitals, community health programs, and long-term care facilities, touching countless lives in and around Coos County.

Connie also had a gift for finding humor in her work, collecting many wonderful stories from her time in small rural hospitals. One of her favorite memories was discovering she had been designated as the night shift ambulance driver, only for everyone to quickly realize (while on a snow-covered road) that she didn't know how to drive a stick. Her laughter and good spirit in retelling moments like these brought joy to those around her.

Beyond her career, Connie loved music and performance, especially her time singing (lip-singing!) with The Lotta Dotts alongside friends Kathy Sexton and Pam Laurie. Her daughter has fond

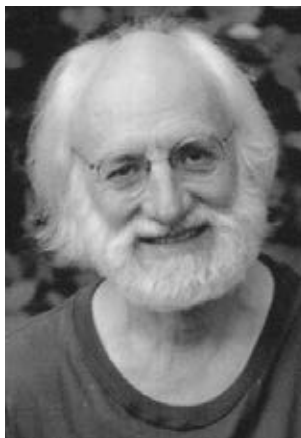
memories of sitting on Pam's floor watching them sew costumes and sneaking backstage to see them perform at the Pony Village Mall, Eagles and events around town. The three ladies made several costumes, all on a budget, and the least expensive fabric they could find was polka dotted. Standing in front of the mirror before their inaugural performance at a Bay Area Hospital Talent Show, they wondered what their trio should be called, one blurted out "oh dear, that's an awful lot of dots" and The Lotta Dotts name was born.

Connie is survived by her daughter, Ariann Lyons, and her mother, Jean Donason, both of Coos Bay, Oregon. She was preceded in death by her father, Jack Donason, and her beloved brother, Dude (Glenn) Donason.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the dedicated staff at Aidan Senior Living for their compassionate care for Connie and their wonderful support during her final days. In honor of Connie's lifelong dedication to helping others, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America in support of dementia research.

Her kindness, her laughter, and her unwavering spirit will be deeply missed. Remember Connie by putting on your favorite purple outfit and retelling one of her hilarious stories. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

## Donald C. Garwood, PhD



Donald Garwood, age 89, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 13, 2026 in Coos Bay, OR. Don was a caring person with a curious mind and an outstanding sense of humor. He leaves behind Diana Keller, his loving and devoted wife of 36 years and two brothers. Starting at a young age, Don had a passion and affinity for experimental chemistry. As a teenager, Don managed to acquire lab-grade chemicals and began performing

sophisticated experiments. As an undergraduate, Don studied chemistry on a full scholarship at Kalamazoo College, MI and subsequently completed a PhD in chemistry at Cal Tech. Don was a master at designing and synthesizing new molecules, especially polymers. In 1976, Don invented and patented a new casting material for splinting broken bones that would soon make plaster casts obsolete. The patent was licensed to 3M in the 1980s, and the resulting product known as Scotchcast would profoundly impact bone fracture patients by lessening associated physical distress during bone healing. Besides chemistry, Don enjoyed immersing himself in many other topics, including designing origami paper airplanes, math puzzles, and music. Don played clarinet in high school, and as an adult, taught himself

to play guitar by watching others play. He mastered the instrument and through in-depth study became an expert in fingerstyle blues guitar. In 1967 he published his book, "Masters of Instrumental Blues Guitar". Don was a prolific reader and kept himself informed of the latest developments in science. Even while in his late 80s, Don wrote computer programs to study and solve complex problems in science. As recently as 2025, he co-authored a scientific publication on the physics of MRI. He will be deeply missed.

At is request, no public service will be held. Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

## In Loving Memory of John Andrew



Fredrickson John Andrew Fredrickson passed away peacefully on June 13, 2026, at the age of 88. He was born on June 2, 1938, in North Bend, Oregon, to Alfred and June Fredrickson.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and June; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Preston and Beulah; his daughter, Susan; and his brother, Eddie.

John attended North Bend High School, graduating in 1956. In 1957, he married the love of his life, Betty James, beginning a remarkable partnership that would span 68 years. Together, they built a life centered on family, hard work, and a deep appreciation for the outdoors. They raised three children: Susan, Gary, and Sandra, and shared the joys, challenges, and adventures that shaped their family and future.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Gary and Sandra; his daughter-in-law, Loa;

son-in-law, Jeffery; his siblings, Ken, Larry, and Faye; his four grandchildren, Shane, Adrienne, Dena, and Dana; and his nine great-grandchildren: Hannah, Haylee, Alexus, Lily, Taylor, Hunter, Trinity, Eli, and Paisley.

Throughout his life, John worked in a variety of occupations. He was a millworker and a milkman, delivering milk to homes before continuing his career with Mel-O-West, Darigold, Umpqua Dairy, and Mayflower Farms.

John grew up in Charleston, Oregon, and later lived on the family farm known as the South Slough Sanctuary. The property held a special place in his heart throughout his life. When the land was designated as a natural habitat, he spent years trying to preserve his ownership. Although he eventually moved to another farm, his love for South Slough never faded, and it was his wish that his ashes be returned there. John also had a lifelong love of gardening and took great pride in maintaining the family tradition of cultivating the famous spud patches. Working the land was one of his greatest joys, and he cherished the connection it gave him to his family's heritage and the place he loved most.

An avid hunter, fisherman, horseshoer, accordionist, and gifted storyteller,

John found his greatest joy outdoors. Countless hours were spent in the woods, along the riverbanks, and around horseshoe pits, sharing adventures and laughter with family and friends. His son, Gary, and grandson, Shane, were among his closest companions, and the three could often be found debating who had harvested the biggest bull, caught the largest fish, or spotted the most game on their many outings together. To this day, the question of who truly holds those records remains unresolved.

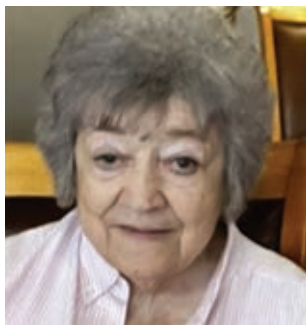
John will be remembered for his determination, his love of the outdoors, and the stories he loved to tell. He leaves behind a legacy of family memories, shared adventures, and enduring traditions that will continue to bring comfort and smiles to those who knew and loved him.

Per John's wishes, no formal services will be held. Cremation arrangements have been made, and his ashes will be returned to the South Slough Sanctuary, a place he loved throughout his life.

Though he will be deeply missed, John's memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends, in the stories they share, and in the places he loved most.

## Rose Marie Jacobson

August 29, 1939 – February 7, 2026



Rose was born August 29, 1939, to Albert Daniel Olin and Phyllis Virginia Odell in Elko, Nevada. She was raised by her father and her stepmother, Kath-

ryn Olin. She later moved to Colorado and attended Colorado Women's College, where she graduated.

She married Grant Turner and moved to San Jose, CA, and Portland, OR, before calling Coos Bay her home. She later divorced Grant and married Tom Jacobson in the 1980s. She worked for the Coos Bay School District and retired many decades later.

She loved her children more than life itself. She was passionate about animals and gardening. In her

younger years, she enjoyed skiing, both on water and snow. Family get-togethers were always a must, especially to celebrate birthdays and holidays. She was a very special lady and will be deeply missed.

Rose is survived by two of her children, Michael Turner of Coos Bay and Chris Turner of Mexico; stepchildren Eric Jacobson of Oregon, Kerrie (Brian) Moe of Idaho, and Jon (Becky) Jacobson of Washington; grandchildren Davey Beebe, Brittany Beebe, Mikey (Kaitlyn) Turner, Kama (Ben) Barnett, Kari Stephens, Brady Moe, Zane Jacobson, and Jackson Jacobson; and great-grandchildren Ezekiel, Leila, and Layla. She is also survived by her son-in-law, Joe Jacobson, and former daughter-in-law, Glenda (Miguel) Lanza.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Kathryn Olin; her son, Carl Turner; her daughter and best friend, Julie Jacobson; and her husband, Tom Jacobson.

Donations in her name may be made to the Coos County Animal Shelter.

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## Death Notices

**James "Jim" Edward Nelson**, 84, of Coos Bay, passed away June 10, 2026 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

**John "Steve" Stephen Cochran**, 79, of Lakeside, passed away June 11, 2026 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

**Donald C. Garwood**, 89, of Coos Bay died June 13, 2026 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

**Joshua L. St. Ives**, 75, of Coos Bay died June 13, 2026 in Coos Bay. Services will be announced under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

**Robert "Bob" Douglas Cummings Jr.**, 61, of Coos Bay, passed away on June 14, 2026 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

**David Mosby Dials**, 48, of Coos Bay, passed away on June 14, 2026 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

**Melvin Samuel Keating Jr.**, 95, of Dora, passed away on June 12, 2026 in Dora. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

**Jodi Ann Hill**, 64, of Coos Bay, passed away June 11, 2026 at Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541-267-4216

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# Joyce Jessie Clark

January 24, 1938 – June 7, 2026



Joyce was born January 24th 1938. She arrived in a little house that once stood near where Pancake Mill now does business on 101, in North Bend. Her parents were Jesse and Wreith Vandervort.

Joyce graduated in 1956 from Marshfield with the greatest group of classmates. She felt she grew up in the best of times. The Medical field was not so advanced yet, but people were more innocent, and greed was not so rampant.

She married Jack Clark from Birmingham, Alabama, in 1957. Sadly he was killed in a car accident by a drunk driver in March 1967.

Jack and Joyce were parents of Kendall Jean and Dennis Patrick.

Joyce's first job was with the North Bend district, cooking in the kitchens. She went from Hillcrest to Roosevelt, then to Jr. High as the head cook. She loved cooking for 'her' kids, but could not have done it without her crew. The kitchen's pizza, peanut butter squares, and hamburgers were legendary. While at the schools, she worked as a bundle dropper for the world. Filling racks and carrier bundles, from Coos Bay to Brookings. On weekends she worked at the Egyptian theater, for about ten years, and then moved over to the Pony Four. And she worked there for another 8 to 10 years. She got enjoyment out of helping people

decide which movie they wanted to watch. When they came out, and told her they really enjoyed the movie, she was so pleased.

After working for the school district for 15 years, she moved to the North Bend Post Office. And she worked there for 22 years. Joyce made fun work out of whatever she did, so she never 'worked'. She loved to carry wrapped candy for the kids, and dog biscuits for the dogs. She just knew the dogs were talking to each other, because every once in a while there would be a stray dog sitting by the mail box patiently waiting for a treat, wagging their tail. Joyce used to joke that if she had all the money she spent on dog biscuits and candy for the kids she would have retired earlier than when she did in July of 2000.

Joyce was also an offering counter, with Bev Cameron, for her church until COVID hit. That was a job she held for over 40 years.

In 2012 she started volunteering at S/Nipped, low cost spay and neuter for cats and dogs. A job she enjoyed very much. But she could not continue due to her allergies, though she continued to help them by donating and purchasing laundry soap. Joyce also purchased dry dog food and cat food to put in sandwich bags, and took it to the food cupboard.

In July of 2012 she started volunteering to do medical transport. That was a job that she thoroughly enjoyed. She met very nice people. Plus she also saw parts of the country side she never knew existed. The job lasted until 2020. After the COVID restrictions were lifted she began

driving for South Coast Business Assoc. Driving people to their appointments. She also worked for meals on wheels delivering meals to those in need. Both of those jobs she thoroughly enjoyed. She drove from July 2012 to May of 2026.

Joyce's hobbies were reading two daily newspapers, any magazine she could get her hands on, working crossword puzzles and playing solitaire with her great grandkids when they were little. She preferred older country music. Her favorite band was 'Highway 101' with Paulette Carlson. She enjoyed reading true crime, especially her favorite author Ann Rule.

When Joyce found a cute cartoon that reminded her of someone she would make a refrigerator magnet and send it to them. She was also a card sender; birthday, sympathy, thank you, get well, thinking of you, and sometimes she would send cards to someone she didn't even know.

Joyce passed away on June 7th 2026 in her home peacefully, surrounded by family and love. Her services will be Sunday July 12th 2026, 1:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend Oregon.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Kendall and Scott Dodson of Arkansas; her two granddaughters, E'Jonna Holden and Charlie Gerard of Idaho; her great grandchildren, Sophia, Katarina, Asher, Caris, Evy, Cassie, and Tiffany; granddaughter, Stephanie and Rob Wilson of Grants Pass; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Hailey, Daniel, Justin and Rainie; "son", Mike and Daniela Kellum of Coos Bay; "son", Tim and Anna Erickson of California; "grandson", Cazz

and Kat Kellum of Salem, "granddaughter", Chelsi Johnson and children of Roseburg.

She is also survived by her nephews, Bob Jungbluth of Coos Bay and Jess Jungbluth of Medford; nieces, Wendy Lewis Coos Bay, and Kathy Rimmer Arizona. They called her "Aj" because they had outgrown the "Auntie" stuff. Her friends and family of Faith Lutheran Church of North Bend, and dear friends, Linda Ruiz, Gloria Garret, Suzanne and Bob Adams, Cherie and Dave barns, Ann Tobiska, Tom and Dee Jackson, Colleen Wylie, Liz Stephens, Bingo and Ginger Sawyer, Gail Wahl, Mary Ann Hanlon, and Marka Turner for helping her keep her head on straight over the years, among others.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack; son, Dennis; father and stepmother, Jesse and Arlene Vandervort; mother, Wreith Renfrow and sister, Donna Vandervort. Her favorite cousins, Linda Levick, Betty Mobley, and Cindy Johnson. She was also preceded by dear friends, Sally and Judy Reichert, Martha Bauriedel, Edie and Tom Decoster, Diane Wylie, Joe Tobaska, Paula Langendorfer, Sonja and Richard Nute, and Lisa Pageler.

In lieu of flowers, Joyce's last wishes were to send donations to Faith Lutheran Church for the food cupboard, S/Nipped, 290 N Central Blvd, Coquille, OR 97423 or to Kohl's Cat House, 1431 Southwest Blvd, Coos Bay, OR 97420.

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# Death Notices

**Ralph Christopher "Chris" Hall**, 64, of Coos Bay passed away June 12, 2026 at Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

**John A. Fredrickson**, 88, of Coos Bay, passed away June 13, 2026 at Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

**Gerald Paul Washbaugh**, 60, of Port Orford, passed away June 14, 2026 at Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

**Jeffri "Jeff" Lee Kimerling**, 62, of Coos Bay, passed away on June 16, 2026 in Coos Bay. A private graveside service was held at Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos

Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

**Daniel S. Bell**, 66, of Coos Bay died June 16, 2026 in Coos Bay. At his request, no public service will be held. Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

**Meredith D. Evans**, 73, of Lakeside, passed away on June 17, 2026 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

**Doyle Gene Dendy**, 83, of Coos Bay, passed away on June 16, 2026 in Roseburg. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

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