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Children being impacted by Delta variant

By DAVID RUPKALVIS
The World

As the Delta variant of COVID-19 continues to make its way through Coos County, a segment of the population that has been mostly spared previously is facing a greater threat.

On Thursday, Coos Health & Wellness reported 105 people un-

der age 19 have been diagnosed with COVID in August alone. Contact tracing has revealed most of the cases are likely due to community spread.

The news came 10 days before in-person school is scheduled to begin across the county. Dr. Eric Gleason, assistant director of Coos Health & Wellness, said despite the debate about masking

children, the numbers show that masks in schools are needed.

"If we open our schools and our kids are not wearing masks, our schools will close," Gleason said. "We can't afford to let our children be a party to how we feel as adults. I really hope we get through this, and this doesn't impact our kids."

Gleason, who also sits on the

school board in North Bend, briefly discussed the district's plan to discuss mask mandates Thursday night.

"I think there is a split in our community when it comes to the mask mandate," Gleason said. "If you don't like masks, it's an OK opinion to have, but it doesn't make it less important for us to wear masks."

As the Delta variant has moved across the county, it has led to more cases, hospitalizations and deaths than at any other time during the pandemic. As of Thursday, Coos County had 511 active cases, the most at any time in the pandemic. There were 23 people hospitalized, with all

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Congressman Peter DeFazio talks with members of the Coast Guard while touring the Coos Bay North Jetty.

Cutlines: By David Rupkalvis/The World

DeFazio gets close look at jetty project

By DAVID RUPKALVIS
The World

Just month after he successfully got money in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund released, Congressman Peter DeFazio toured the Coos Bay North Jetty to get a close look at what the funding will do.

DeFazio visited Coos Bay on Thursday and members of the Coos Bay Coast Guard station

took DeFazio out to the jetty, which has lost more than 900 feet of rocks to erosion since it was built in 1899.

The congressman listened as local experts explained what work needed to be done to repair the jetty, which is used to keep boats coming into and out of the Port of Coos Bay safe.

Mike Dunning, who works for the Port of Coos Bay, said the \$32 million repair will add

between 130 and 170 feet to the jetty and will stabilize the structure so it will protect the port and boaters for decades to come.

The work will be done in two phases. Phase one will increase the length of the head of the jetty while also stabilizing it to prevent future erosion. Dunning explained as waves pound into the rocks on the jetty year after year, it slowly erodes the rocks and weakens the jetty.

"It continues to break apart," Dunning said. "They will come in and re-arm it. They'll put big rocks to re-arm it. We're losing 15 to 20 feet a year."

The second phase of the project will be on the root or the backside of the jetty, which is mostly gone due to erosion over the years. That work will protect the beaches in the area while also

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The median taxpayer can expect to receive a credit of \$420, while the average is estimated to be \$850, according to the latest state revenue forecast summary.

Oregon taxpayers to receive \$1.9 billion in kicker credit

By JEREMY C. RUARK
The World

Oregon taxpayers are in line to get a \$1.9 billion kicker refund credit in the coming months.

The kicker occurs if actual state revenues exceed forecasted revenues by 2 percent or more over the two-year budget cycle. The excess, including the 2 percent trigger amount, is returned to taxpayers through a credit on their following year's tax return, according to the

Oregon Revenue Department.

The following is the summary of the Oregon Revenue Forecast presented to state lawmakers today.

The economic outlook remains bright.

Strong household incomes, boosted considerably by federal aid during the pandemic, are the underlying driver. Consumers have no shortage of firepower if they want to and feel safe enough to spend.

The key to the outlook remains translating this firepower into actual consumer spending, particularly in the hard-hit service industries. Firms today are trying to staff up as quickly as possible to meet this increasing demand. The actual number of jobs created this year will be the largest on record in Oregon. The state's labor market is now expected to regain all of its lost jobs by next summer, or one quarter sooner

than in the previous forecast. While these dynamics remain intact, the risks are weighted toward the downside.

Growth in a supply-constrained economy is challenging. Firms are struggling with supply chains and a tight labor market. Wages are rising quickly to attract and retain workers. Prices are increasing as demand continues to outstrip supply.

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North Bend School District delays mask, CRT vote

By DAVID RUPKALVIS
The World

The North Bend School Board waded into two hot-button political issues Thursday and quickly waded right back out — at least for now.

After hearing from around a dozen members of the public, the board decided to wait before making a decision on opposing mask mandates in schools and banning the teaching of Critical Race Theory. The mask mandate issue was delayed so the board could discuss it in a work session, while the board voted to table discussion of Critical Race Theory at the beginning of the meeting.

The two issues are in the middle of political debates nationwide as right-wing politicians have taken issue with both.

In Oregon, Gov. Kate Brown issued a mandate that all teachers, staff and students at K-12 schools wear masks when school opens next week. That has led to some outcry from parents, some who have pulled their children from schools in favor of online schooling.

There has been no mandate regarding Critical Race Theory, and it is currently not taught in North Bend Schools, board chair Jim Jordan said.

A large crowd attended the meeting at North Bend Middle School and almost everyone who spoke was opposed to board action on either issue.

Christina Geierman, president of the North Bend Education Association, said if the district wants to change policy, their first move should be to include teachers in the discussion. She said the association opposed both resolutions.

"Your teachers did not create the pandemic or the policies around it," Geierman said. "None of my colleagues are excited about wearing masks again. But we're willing to do it if it means we can keep your children safe."

As far as teaching Critical Race Theory, Geierman said it's pretty much a non-issue.

"Nobody in the North Bend School District has been teaching Critical Race Theory," she said. "Your resolution to ban Critical Race Theory makes many of our teachers wonder why you don't trust them. We seek to educate your children, not indoctrinate them. Please trust us to do our jobs."

Critical Race Theory

Dustin Hood, a U.S. history teacher at North Bend High School, was the first member

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Photo gallery: Sights and sounds at county fair
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You Should Know: Rods N Rhodies' main event takes place Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Bay Street. The event also includes a classic Saturday night cruise in and around Old Town.

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local hospitals being forced to change visitation rules and several ending elective procedures due to limited space and staffing.

"It's definitely not where we want to be," Gleason said.

Gleason said 98% of the new cases in the state

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“It just helps reduce some of the impact of the current and waves,” Dunning said.

Dunning said with the funding freed up, the Corps of Engineers is taking bids on the work. He expects a bid to be chosen in the coming months with repairs beginning in the spring.

DeFazio has been working on getting the funding for close to 25 years. During that time, the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund was collecting money that sat unspent in the U.S. Treasury.

Last year, DeFazio received bipartisan support on a bill to release the funding, which had grown to \$10 billion, in the House. The House voted unanimously to approve the bill, but the Senate, then controlled by Republicans, refused to take it up.

“Every Republican in my committee, every Republican in the House voted for it,” DeFazio said. “We’ve been collecting the money since the Reagan era. The Corps has a backlog of projects, but they didn’t have the money.”

When the Senate refused to act, DeFazio looked for another way to get the funding released. After negotiating with Senate Republicans, he was able to get a bill approved in the budget cycle that allowed the \$10 billion to be spent over 10 years.

One of the largest projects in year one is fixing the jetty in Coos Bay.

“We’re losing a lot of the jetty every year,” DeFazio said. “That entry becomes more and more dangerous.

These things deteriorate at an accumulating rate. I got this one on the list with the Corps a few years ago, and they kept saying, ‘I don’t have the money.’ Well, now they have the money.”

In addition to the repairs on the North Jetty in Coos Bay, DeFazio also got funding for a wastewater plant at the Port in Brookings. The plant will enable Pacific Seafood, one of the top employers in the region, to keep its Brookings plant open.

“They’ll have to close on January 1 if they don’t have a plan for a wastewater plant,” DeFazio said. “For that community, it’s a huge deal. They’ll lose their fleet and their processor if they don’t get it.”

DeFazio secured \$3.5 million to fund the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant owned and operated by the Port of Brookings.

Getting the wastewater plant will save jobs and the fishing fleet, which supports 70 families, DaFazio said.

“Pacific Seafood is proud to be a part of the Brookings community and proud to partner with the local fishing fleet to produce locally-sourced, sustainably harvested seafood,” said Tony Dal Ponte, director of government affairs for Pacific Seafood. “Working waterfronts require infrastructure, and we thank Congressman DeFazio for his leadership in directing federal dollars to the Port for this new project. We look forward to continuing to work with him in the coming months to secure this funding and support continued economic development here in Brookings.”



By David Rupkalvis/The World

Top:The Coos Bay North Jetty has receded more than 900 feet due to erosion. Work to repair the jetty is expected to begin next spring. Left: Congressman Peter DeFazio talks to members of the Coast Guard while visiting the Charleston station. Right: While visiting Coos Bay on Thursday, Congressman Peter DeFazio took a ride to look at the Coos Bay North Jetty.



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Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area and North Spit Boat Ramp to close for repairs

The Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area and North Spit Boat Ramp will be closed for several days in September while the Bureau of Land Management completes pavement resurfacing and painting at the sites.

The North Spit Boat Ramp will be closed Sept. 1, Sept. 2, Sept. 3, and Sept. 10. All facilities at the site, including the restrooms, parking lot and boat ramp will be unavailable to allow the resurfacing and painting work to occur.

Pavement work will occur at the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area on Sept. 7, Sept. 8, Sept. 9, and Sept. 16. During construction, the BLM will close portions of the viewing area each day, which may make

the road, restrooms and viewing platforms inaccessible at certain times. The viewing turnouts located along Highway 38 will remain open.

“We appreciate everyone’s patience while we complete this needed maintenance work,” said Steve Lydick, Coos Bay district manager. “We recognize it is inconvenient to have these sites closed, but we are eager to make these repairs and get the sites in better shape for visitors.”

The projects are funded through the Bureau of Land Management’s deferred maintenance program, which allocates money each year for high-priority maintenance projects at facilities on public lands.

Merkley, Wyden announce over \$22 million to protect senior living facilities from COVID-19

Oregon’s U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden recently announced that over \$22 million has been allocated to the state of Oregon in an effort to combat the spread of COVID-19 through senior living facilities and fund other protective measures against the virus.

The grant will assist in providing medical shelter to residents who test positive for COVID-19 in order to reduce the number of affected individuals in nursing home communities, ensure that infected residents are able to safely isolate away from

other vulnerable seniors and provide targeted care to those who need it.

“While the pandemic continues to impact the lives of so many across the country, every step must be taken to ensure the health and safety of Oregonians in every corner of the state,” Merkley said. “This grant will help prevent the spread of the virus through our nursing homes and protect our elderly, who continue to be the most vulnerable to COVID-19. I look forward to seeing the results of this grant and I will continue

to push for every resource available to help get Oregon through this crisis.”

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GUEST COLUMNS

A shot in the arm for small business Advertising would boost local economies

By BRETT WESNER

A little-noticed initiative by Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-WA, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-OR and five other senators would boost local jobs, accelerate sales and improve economies. The Local Journalism Sustainability Act, S. 2434, is designed to help local news media support their newsgathering missions.

One provision goes far beyond offering aid to community newspapers, local news websites and other news-gatherers. It would help small businesses to dig out of the economic doldrums by supporting their advertising costs in local news outlets, which in turn will help publishers and broadcasters to hire journalists.

This provision would permit small businesses to claim a tax credit for a portion of their advertising purchases up to \$5,000 a year. Credits would remain, but in declining amounts, for five years.

The legislation, originally introduced in similar form by Reps. Ann Kirkpatrick, D-AZ, and Dan Newhouse, R-WA, would also help subscribers by providing them with a refundable tax credit up to \$250 a year. It provides financial support for hiring as well, assisting news organizations with journalists' salaries.

It is the advertising tax credit that is the unsung hero of this legislation. Like a pebble tossed into the pond of local economies, it will show the ripple effect of benefits in local jobs, enhanced spending, revenues to run local governments and a boost to get American small businesses back in the game after a very tough couple of years.

Every dollar of advertis-

ing spending generates \$8.77 in sales, according to a 2010 study by IHS Global Insight, a firm that periodically measures advertising's impact on economies. Advertising is directly responsible for about 20 percent of the American economy by directly generating jobs in media sales, creation of materials and collateral work but it does far more by juicing activity in other businesses.

No surprise to anyone on Main Street: after the 2008 recession small businesses cut way back on their advertising campaigns, dropping from their normal 3-5 percent annual increases to a stunning 6 percent cut in 2009. It is too soon to know what the COVID-19 pandemic has done to this spending, but it would be no great revelation to learn that the cuts equaled or exceeded those following the Great Recession. Expense cuts are what businesses do to stay afloat.

But when they are ready to climb back into the cockpit for a new takeoff, the spending needs to accelerate rapidly. Cash-strapped businesses may be in no position to fuel their journey though. That is why a little boost in the form of the Cantwell tax credit would be so timely. If the economy behaves as it usually does after economic retraction, the new spending will generate more sales and the public coffers will refill. The bill's benefits end after five years but the growth it generates will pay off for decades.

Brett Wesner is the chair of the National Newspaper Association, a community newspaper organization, and president of Wesner Publications, Cordell, OK.

Letters to the Editor

It's time for change

Where is the news? A doctor is killed. End of story. A bad wreck near Fred Myers not even in the news. What has happened to public interest? Even TV news is repeat, repeat, nothing new.

Well it's only a few who run this area. Like Ferry Road Park. Nature doesn't matter anymore. If the who's who wants disk golf in what was a beautiful peaceful nature area, that's what will happen. So many have complained, but

it won't matter what the citizens want. This area is going downhill.

I can't brag to my family in the east about our natural state here. Sad to say I don't enjoy the area anymore because of this attitude of only a few can decide what happens to our parks. Taxpayers don't matter. We need different people on the council in North Bend.

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GUEST COLUMNS

Antibiotic development: subscribing to new ideas

By FRANCESCA TOMASI, KEVIN MA AND MEGAN MCCURRY

With multiple highly effective vaccines against COVID-19, we have begun to round a corner on the current pandemic. But another crisis looms.

Bacteria and fungi are mutating to resist our current antibiotics. Soon, the world may have no effective antibiotics left to fight certain infections.

Already, strains of totally drug resistant tuberculosis and gonorrhea have been isolated from patients. The continued emergence and spread of such strains could result in a deadly pandemic of drug-resistant superbugs, which could kill millions of people a year by 2050.

To win the race against superbugs, we need more interventions, including antibiotics. However, accomplishing this in a lab is difficult, time-consuming and expensive. And because of their relatively short shelf life compared to drugs used to treat chronic illnesses, many drug companies have opted out of antibiotic research.

A proposal currently working its way through Congress offers a bold new solution.

An estimated 160,000 Americans die from antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections annually.

As PhD student-researchers studying antibiotic resistance in a variety of bacteria, we know this number will rise as antibiotics grow ever-less effective.

In our labs, we work to develop new ways to treat infections. But even if we invented the prototype for a wildly effective antibiotic tomorrow, it may never reach pharmacy shelves. That's because Medicare, Medicaid, the VA and private insurers all encourage doctors to prescribe inexpensive, older antibiotics - even though many types of bacteria and fungi are largely resistant to them. And since the typical cost of bringing a new drug to market ranges from \$314 million to \$2.8 billion, it would be extremely financially risky for most companies to invest in an experimental antibiotic that wouldn't be widely sold, even if it secures FDA approval.

The federal government and non-profit organizations have tried to combat this problem through increased funding for creative research initiatives. Still, most major drug manufacturers have closed their antibiotic research divisions, because the economics simply don't make sense.

But by changing how companies are reimbursed for antibiotics, the federal government may help generate a sustainable antibiotic development pipeline.

One option is for the government to pay for the right to access an unlimited amount of antibiotics, rather than paying for individual doses. It's essentially a Netflix subscription, but for life-saving drugs.

By providing drug makers a steady stream of income from their antibiotics, a subscription system would incentivize antibiotics R&D while reducing the overuse of current drugs that fuel antibiotic resistance.

A new bipartisan bill in Congress has adopted this approach. If the legislation, known as the Pioneering Antimicrobial Subscriptions to End Upsurging Resistance Act, passes, the federal government would contract with drug makers to develop and supply new antibiotics. Any beneficiary of a federal insurance program - including Americans covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and the VA - would be able to access these drugs as needed.

While we work to defeat antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections in the lab, we can't do it alone.

It's time for Congress to act on the superbug crisis. There's not a moment to waste.

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Letters to the Editor

Irresponsible behavior

Along with the privilege and benefits of living in a free society comes an enormous responsibility to behave in a way that is respectful and considerate of the rights and welfare of those around you. As of this writing Coos County has lost 50 souls to COVID and reached record numbers of infections. Absent from the rationales presented by Commissioner Bob Main and Sheriff Craig Zanni in their political stance against mask and vaccine mandates is any recognition of responsibility toward fellow citizens.

Neither Main nor Zanni is taking a brave stance for anything, much less freedom. Many professions, including medicine and the military, have for decades required masks and vaccines as a condition of employment.

Everyone already has the freedom to ignore best health safety practices and be as careless as they want with their own health. That freedom ends, however, when their choices put the rest of us at risk of being infected by their irresponsible behavior.

Main and Zanni should take their "freedom" ideology, resign and self-isolate.

Mary Geddry
Coquille

Thanks, President Joe

Jason Dempsey is a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and served as an adviser to Afghan forces in 2012. Those forces utterly collapsed in recent weeks faster than almost anyone expected.

Dempsey has argued that for decades, that "we built an Afghan National Army for a nation that simply doesn't exist. The U.S. tried to build the Afghan military in its own image without understanding all the things that make the U.S. military what it is: "That's functioning bureaucracies. It's a lack of corruption. It's a lack of sectarian conflict. It's a great educational system. It's access to technology and proficiency with those weapons. We wanted to put all that on the Afghan military to make it effective

instead of working with them as they were. What we needed to do was work with local powerbrokers and figure out how to build an army that worked for those who wanted to fight against the Taliban."

We didn't do it. It also mirrors what we didn't do in Vietnam. We fought an American war, not a Vietnamese war. In Afghanistan we fought an American war again, not an Afghanistan war. Vietnam vets are now leaders in our armed forces. Why did they repeat the same mistake?

The answer is simple. At the beginning Rumsfeld, Cheney and Bush refused to let the CIA capture Ben Laden. Rumsfeld wanted regular military forces to do it in the old-fashioned way. Failure.

The Afghan War continued for 20 years through Bush, Obama and Trump. No president except Joe Biden was willing to take the responsibility for getting out of Afghanistan and actually do it. Thanks, President Joe.

Ralph W. Mohr
Coos Bay

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OSAA offers options in redistricting process

THE WORLD

The committee plotting the Oregon high school sports landscape for the next four years offered two proposals as a starting point for input from the schools around the state.

The Oregon School Activities Association's Classification and Districting committee offered both a proposal with six classifications, as has been the format for the past 15 years, and one with five classifications after its meeting last week.

Now the committee is seeking feedback before its next meeting, scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sept. 13.

The proposals were the first since the OSAA Executive Board approved changes to calculate the enrollment of schools for the reclassification process, including counting just enrollment for grades 9 through 11 and including the students who live in the school district and attend schools that are not full OSAA members, such as Winter Lakes High School in Coquille.

In the six-classification proposal, major changes from the current high school landscape include that Coquille moves back up to Class 3A, as part of the Far West League, while Siuslaw drops down to Class 3A (though

in the Mountain Valley Conference Coquille was in for four years before the current four-year time block that expires at the end of the 2021-22 school year) and Myrtle Point drops from Class 2A to Class 1A as part of the same league as Pacific and Powers. Under the new formula, Myrtle Point's calculated enrollment is 70, the upper limit proposed for Class 1A.

North Bend would remain part of the Class 5A Midwestern League and Marshfield would still be in the Class 4A Sky-Em League in the six-classification proposal. Cottage Grove moves up to Class 5A in the proposal,

one of two schools in the classification smaller than North Bend, the other being Molalla. There are three schools in Class 4A bigger than Marshfield (Cascade, The Dalles and La Salle Prep).

The proposal with five classifications puts North Bend and Marshfield in the same league in Class 4A, while Coquille is in Class 3A, Bandon and Reedsport in Class 2A and Myrtle Point in Class 1A.

Because of the compressed timeline for this year's classification committee to come to its final proposal to the executive board, the committee is seeking feedback on the two proposals as

soon as possible.

Written suggestions on proposals can be emailed directly to either Brad Garrett (bradg@osaa.org) or Kyle Stanfield (kyles@osaa.org) and will be shared with the rest of the committee.

The committee is allowing people to participate in meetings either in person or through a webinar. The public portions of the meetings also are streamed live on OSAA's YouTube channel.

The complete proposals can be seen at www.osaa.org under the Governance tab — find the committees link and go to the Classification and Districting Committee.

SWOCC soccer teams go 1-1 in NWAC Friendlies

THE WORLD

The Southwestern Oregon Community College men's and women's soccer teams each went 1-1 during the NWAC Friendlies event in Washington last week.

The men beat Treasure Valley 5-1 and lost to Edmonds 3-1.

The Lakers scored the first five goals against Treasure Valley, including a hat trick by Toby Balaam. Duncan Blackman and Bryan Oliveira also scored for the Lakers and Aiden Sewall had an assist.

Balaam also scored the goal against Edmonds, tying the score early in the second half before the Tritons pulled away for the victory.

The SWOCC women beat Shoreline 3-1 in their opener. Giaan Langford, Niamh Taylor-Hughes and Lexis Canyete-Asato all scored goals for the Lakers. Katherine Davis had a pair of assists.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lakers lost all four matches at the NWAC Showcase, coming closest in a three sets to two setback to Everett on Saturday.

The Lakers fell to Skagit Valley 26-24, 25-17, 26-17 in the opener on Friday. Dianna Jorgenson had eight kills, Lauren Klapper seven and Madison Hinkley six. Emma Yazzie had 13 assists and Halen Riness 10. Emily Collie had 15 digs.

In the second match, SWOCC fell to Shoreline 25-13, 24-26, 25-21, 25-21. Hinkley had nine kills and Riness eight. Yazzie had 21 assists and Collie 18 digs. Riness had eight kills, 15 digs and 15 assists.

In the first match Saturday, SWOCC fell to Whatcom 25-8, 28-26, 25-23. Hinkley and Haley Loftis had five kills each, Yazzie nine assists and Gabriela Corrales 11 digs.

Details of the match against Everett were not available.

Pre Run for Kids set September 19



Contributed Photo

Runners line up for a previous edition of the Pre Run for Kids. This year's event is scheduled for Sept. 19.

Boys & Girls Club hosting run, summer sale

THE WORLD

The Boys & Girls Club is planning for the annual Pre Run for Kids, which is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 19.

Check-in for the run will start at noon on Second Street and the race will begin at 1:30 p.m.

All boys and girls in first through eighth grade are welcome to enter and there is no

participation fee.

As long as supplies last, runners will receive a shirt with their race number. Preregistration is highly recommended to ensure a shirt.

Registration is available at the Boys & Girls Club office, located at 3333 Walnut Ave. in Coos Bay, or online at www.great-futures.org.

Volunteers are needed to serve

as road guards along the 3-mile race route the day of the event. Anyone interested can reach out to Garrett Stout by phone at 541-267-6573 or email at gstout@great-futures.org.

Summer sale

The Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon will have a summer sale on Sept. 10 and 11. The sale will be held in the

William J. Sweet Memorial Tennis Center at the club, located at 3333 Walnut Avenue in Coos Bay.

Items will include home décor, seasonal decorations, sports equipment, crafts and more.

The sale runs from 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11.

For more information, call 541-267-3635.

Sunset Bay Trail Run scheduled this Sunday

The annual Sunset Bay Trail Run is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 5, starting and ending at Sunset Bay State Park near Charleston.

Events for the run include a half-marathon, a 1-mile fun run on the beach, a 4-mile race and a

15-kilometer run.

The longer runs utilize trails linking Sunset Bay with Shore Acres and Cape Arago state parks.

The half-marathon and 15K races both include a steep pack trail, with the longest race going

over the pack trail twice.

The half-marathon starts at 9:30 a.m., with the fun run at 9:50 and the 4-mile and 15-kilometer events starting at 10 a.m.

The cost for members of the South Coast Running Club is \$15 for those who sign up early and

\$20 on the day of the race.

The cost for non-members is \$25 in advance and \$30 on race day.

To join the South Coast Running Club or sign up for the run, or for more information, visit www.southcoastrunningclub.org.

Football season kicks off Thursday

THE WORLD

The high school football season officially kicks into action Thursday with a pair of South Coast teams playing road games.

Reedsport visits Monroe and Myrtle Point is at Waldport in a pair of games that start at 7 p.m.

On Friday, Marshfield hosts defending Class 4A champion Mazama at 7 p.m. at Pete Susick Stadium. Coquille hosts Oakland and Bandon visits Sheridan in two other 7 p.m. games.

The first game of the day is at 4 p.m., when Powers hosts

the combined Prospect/Butte Falls team in the Cruisers' return as their own six-player team. Powers has had a cooperative agreement with North Bend and Myrtle Point the past two school years while waiting for more boys to enter the high school so it could field its own squad again.

The final game of the opening week for the South Coast is Saturday afternoon, when North Bend opens its league play with a game against Crater at Pete Susick Stadium. The Bulldogs will be borrowing Marshfield's stadium for their opening home

game as they wait for the new turf to be installed at Vic Adams Field, a project delayed because new drains didn't arrive in time.

Local Sports Schedule

Tuesday, Aug. 31

High School Volleyball — Midwestern League: North Bend at Churchill, 6:45 p.m. Skyline League: Powers at Glendale, 6 p.m.; Riddle at Pacific, 6 p.m. Nonleague: Reedsport at Creswell, 6 p.m.; Coquille at Central Linn, 6 p.m.

High School Boys Soccer — North Bend at Marshfield, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

High School Girls Soccer — Marshfield vs. North Bend at SWOCC, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 2

High School Football — Reedsport at Monroe, 7 p.m.; Myrtle Point at Waldport, 7 p.m.

High School Volleyball — Midwestern League: North Bend at Eagle Point, 6:45 p.m. Skyline League: Powers vs. North Douglas at Camas Valley, 7 p.m.; Powers at Camas Valley, 8 p.m.; Pacific at Umpqua Valley Christian, 4 p.m. Nonleague: Brookings-Harbor at Marshfield, 5 p.m.; South Umpqua at Marshfield, 6:30 p.m.

Seely-Roberts jumps to Class 6A at Lincoln

BY JERRY ULMER

OSAAtoday

The Seely-Roberts clan is ready to take its game up a few notches.

Heather Seely-Roberts, who coached Yamhill-Carlton's boys basketball team to the title of the Class 3A culminating week tournament this year, has accepted the job at Class 6A Lincoln. And she will bring along her twin sons, Moroni and Malachi Seely-Roberts, the driving forces behind the Tigers as sophomores last season.

Heather not only will be the first woman to coach a boys team

in the big-school classification, but she will do it in the Portland Interscholastic League, widely regarded as the state's top league.

"It was a very, very hard decision," Heather said. "We really like YC. The twins' really good friends are there. But it came down to the chance for the boys to play against top quality competition and probably the best league in the state, night in and night out.

"They'd like to play at the next level, so we thought that playing in the PIL would prepare them better for that level. It will give them more exposure and also show what they can do."

Moroni, a 6-foot-6 point forward, averaged 29.3 points and 12.4 rebounds in being named the 3A player of the year last season.

Malachi, a 6-7 point guard, averaged 15.2 points, 7.0 rebounds and 6.3 assists and was named to the 3A first team.

"It's going to be a good challenge because we're used to 3A," Moroni said. "The competition is still good at 3A, but 6A is obviously bigger schools, bigger kids, better competition. Us being in the PIL, it's just the best league. It's going to be harder, which I think will help us down the road. During AAU, we play

against those types of kids all the time."

The Cardinals finished 2-15 last season under first-year coach Joel Lincoln. He resigned following the season.

"I'm very excited about the challenge to go into a program and kind of see what we can do," Heather said. "I like building. That's what I think I'm pretty good at."

Heather went 265-175 as the girls coach at Ashland (1996-2001), Lakeridge (2001-06), Canby (2006-12) and Sprague (2013-14) before spending four seasons as the women's coach at NCAA Division III Southern

Virginia University. She coached Yamhill-Carlton's boys the last three seasons, going 4-21, 16-11 and 13-4.

She said coaching a boys team "isn't something I think about anymore," but realizes that by jumping to 6A — and in particular, the PIL — she is walking into a spotlight.

"I wanted to make sure I was going to be somewhere with a chance to be successful, because I don't want to go and fall on my face, being the first woman there," she said. "I think there's a little bit of extra responsibility with that. So I am mindful of that."

TUESDAY

ACROSS

- 1 Miniblink part
- 5 Library sound
- 9 Zig's opposite
- 12 Polynesian image
- 13 Kitty starter
- 14 Wool supplier
- 15 Huron neighbor
- 16 Traveler
- 18 Darning
- 20 Not snug
- 21 Fabric meas.
- 22 Not against
- 23 What "I" is
- 26 Classified (2 wds.)
- 29 Uris hero
- 30 Swelled heads
- 32 North-40 unit
- 34 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
- 36 Scads
- 38 John, in Aberdeen

DOWN

- 1 Watch winder
- 2 Trevi Fountain coins, once
- 3 Related
- 4 Wild T-shirt (hyph.)
- 5 Chess pieces

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- 6 Hidden obstacle
- 7 Farm enclosure
- 8 Nonstick coating
- 9 Zip
- 10 Astonishes

- 11 Crawford's ex
- 17 Large artery
- 19 Not busy
- 22 Speedy
- 23 Big tub
- 24 — hygiene
- 25 Boundless
- 26 Planks
- 27 Roloids target
- 28 Wearisome task
- 31 Valley
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- 35 Sighed with delight
- 37 Kilt wearer
- 40 Bold
- 42 Network news VIP
- 44 Sooner oil city
- 45 Lhasa —
- 46 Europe-Asia range
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- 49 Do a personnel job
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- 51 Take a load off
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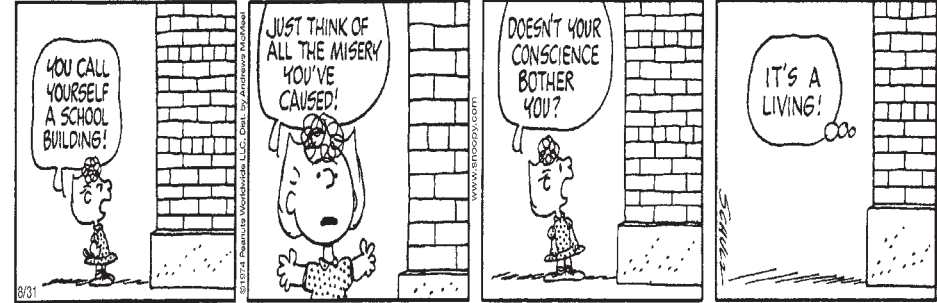
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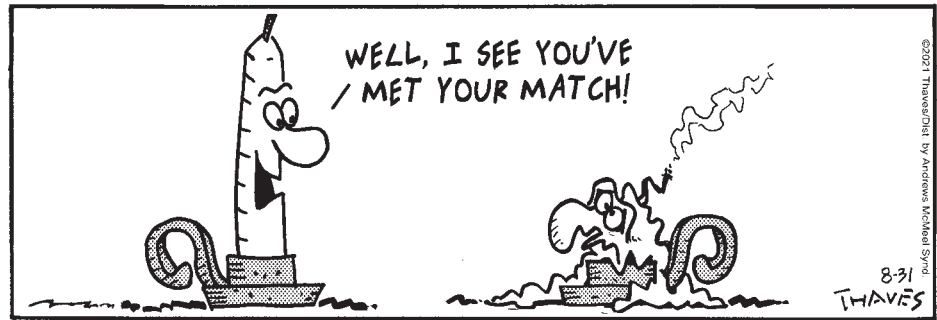
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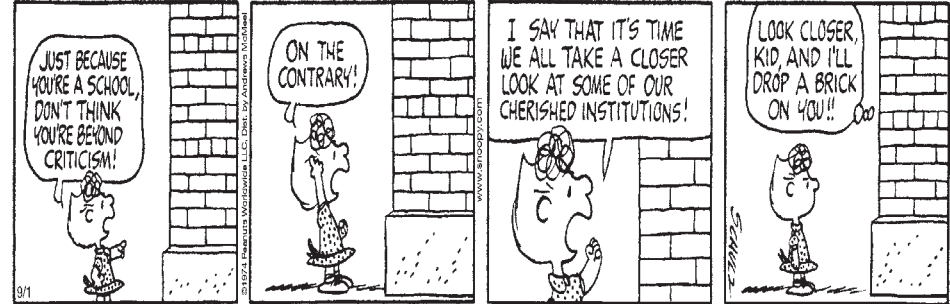


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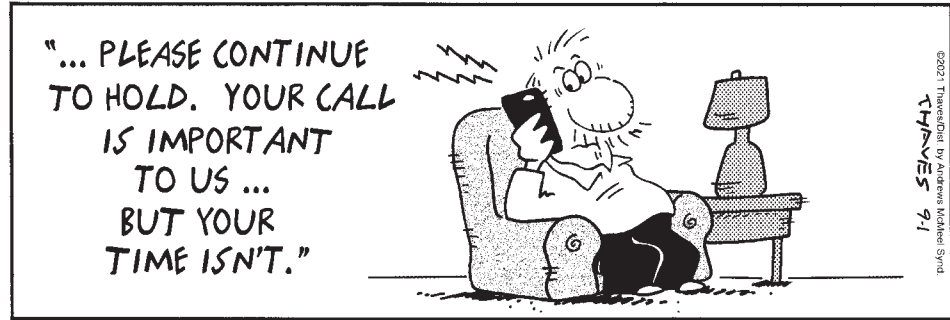
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



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ACROSS

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- 4 Rainbow band
- 7 "Egad!"
- 11 Chum
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- 15 Employ
- 16 Jet setter's need
- 17 Iodine source
- 18 Shuttle launcher
- 20 Proper
- 22 Unser and Gore
- 23 RSVP word
- 24 Robins' domiciles
- 27 Victorian garment
- 30 Black-and-white snack
- 31 Brownish-purple
- 32 "Drop — line"
- 34 Hamm of soccer

- 35 Nature preserve
- 36 Occupied
- 37 Massages
- 39 Actor
- 40 Plemons
- 41 "— be an honor"
- 42 Small fry
- 43 OPEC, e.g.
- 45 Unfair
- 49 Where Bryce Canyon is
- 50 Poet's black
- 52 Juice-based drink
- 53 Muscle quality
- 54 Descartes or Coty
- 55 Female principle
- 56 Kuwaiti leader
- 57 Poetic contraction
- 58 Adjust a watch

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- 2 Spanish step

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- 3 Obi-Wan actor
- 4 Makes merry
- 5 Freeway ramps
- 6 — Plaines
- 7 Hayseeds
- 8 Particular
- 9 Disagreeable person

- 10 Catch a glimpse
- 13 Priest's attire
- 19 Green
- 21 Blarney stone locale
- 24 — de plume
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- 26 Yoko's son
- 27 Mongrels
- 28 Rhea cousins
- 29 Harper of "Tender Mercies"
- 31 Canoeist
- 33 Mate's comeback
- 35 Goose liver delicacy
- 36 Greek letter
- 38 One of two
- 39 Social type
- 41 Steakhouse order (hyph.)
- 42 Adorable
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- 47 Ms. Falco
- 48 Slight progress
- 51 Hairy insect

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- ACROSS
- 1 Steady look

5 Part of a bushel

9 Funny Issa —

12 Shepard or Alda

13 Hard to come by

14 Spanish “that”

15 Tinny sound

16 Click-on item

17 Balloon filler

18 Chic

20 Himalayan country

22 Furnish guns

23 Marshy tract

24 Meal for Moses

27 Gentler

30 Like plow horses

31 Drink with scones

32 Carry with difficulty

34 Fetched

35 “Nonsense!”
- 36 Elcar or Wynter
- 37 Egg yolk
- 40 Penalized
- 41 Bran source
- 42 Final letter
- 43 Lintel
- 43 companions
- 46 When it’s lights-out
- 50 Spacewalk, to NASA
- 51 Half of seis
- 53 Rock star, maybe
- 54 Calendar abbr.
- 55 Iowa, to Jacques
- 56 Headland
- 57 Peeve
- 58 Say it’s false
- 59 Palace entrance
- DOWN
- 1 Breaks

2 Perched

3 Silly

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	P	A		R	E	D		Y	I	P	E		
P	A	L		E	X	E	C		O	T	I	S	
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T	O	N	E			R	E	N	E		Y	I	N
E	M	I	R			E	E	R		S	E	T	

4 Queen’s domain

5 Rainbow maker

6 One and all

7 —Magnon

8 “Hotel” for dogs

9 Enjoy, as benefits

10 Where Cambodia is

11 “Fatha” Hines

19 Tax shelter

21 Conclusion

23 Edict

24 Food additive, for short

25 Shout from the bridge

26 Observe

27 Tabby’s sound

28 Joie de vivre

29 Old Norse poem

31 Fast pace

33 Flit (about)

36 Slimming down

38 Easy toss

39 Held up

40 Gave supper

42 Tangy

43 “Star Wars” knight

44 Confirm

45 Big name in trucks

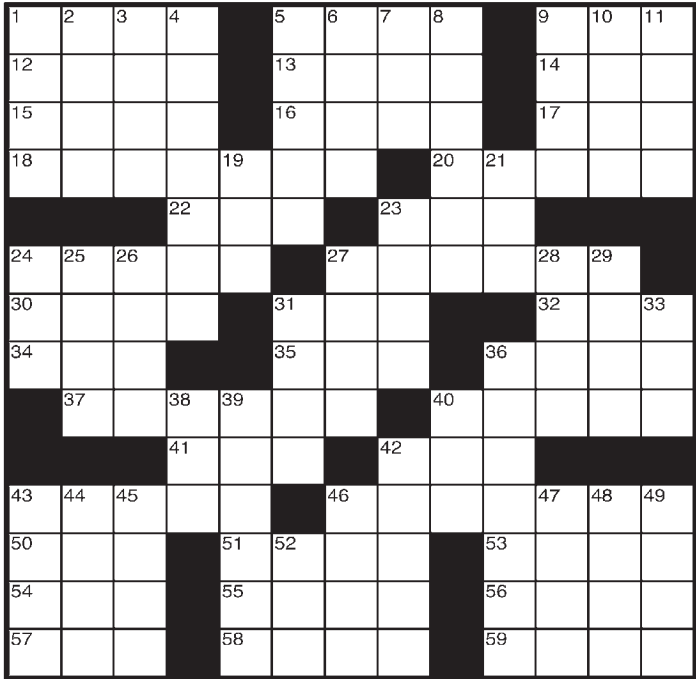
46 Legume

47 Sudden thought

48 Nearly all

49 “What — can I say?”

52 Road map no.

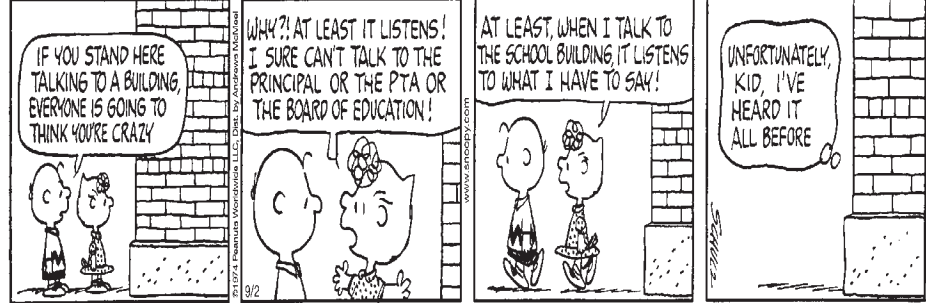


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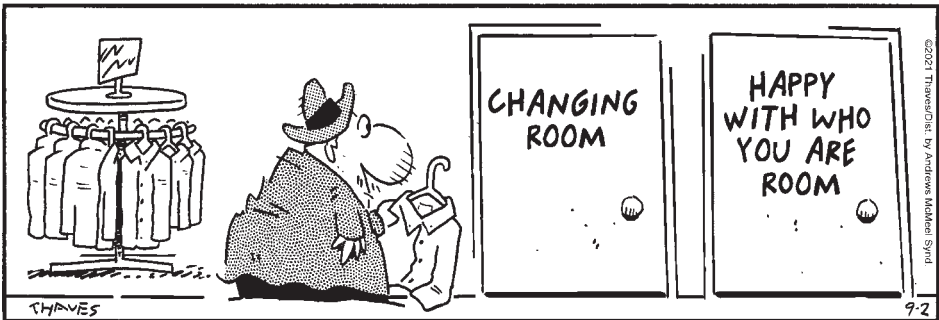
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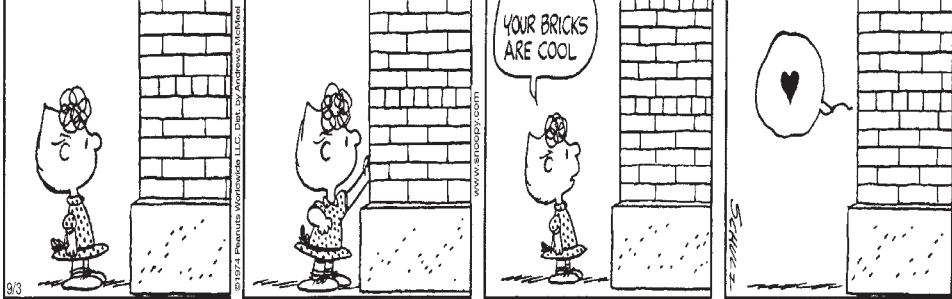


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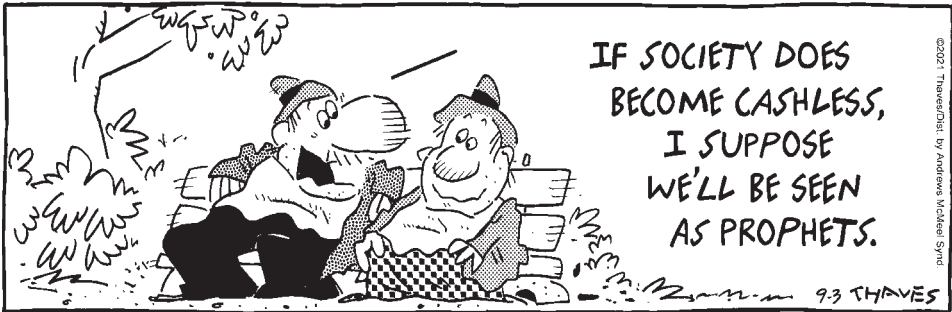
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ACROSS

1 Bad habit

5 Water power org.

8 Scold

11 Become acclimated

13 Longing

14 Pub order

15 Turn aside

16 Retiree’s income

18 Toledo locale

20 Immature raptor

21 Rhino snouts

23 Some whiskey

24 Scientist’s workplace

25 Shrink’s reply (2 wds.)

27 Anguished wail

31 Devoured

32 Check

33 Legendary archer

34 Motives

36 — — for keeps

38 In the past

39 Business encl.

40 Fiddling despot

41 Music genre

42 — out (relax)

44 Strong cord

46 Go right in

49 “After All” singer

50 Artillery fire

52 Slow train

56 College maj.

57 Put down grass

58 Boa

59 Cunning

60 Night before

61 Pirate’s booty

DOWN

1 Through

2 Bill: Abbr.

3 Stage prompt

Answer to Previous Puzzle

G	A	Z	E		P	E	C	K		R	A	E	
A	L	A	N		R	A	R	E		E	S	A	
P	I	N	G		I	C	O	N		A	I	R	
S	T	Y	L	I	S	H		N	E	P	A	L	
				A	R	M		F	E	N			
M	A	N	N	A		M	I	L	D	E	R		
S	H	O	T		T	E	A		L	U	G		
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	Y	E	L	L	O			F	I	N	E	D	
		O	A	T		Z	E	E					
J	A	M	B	S		B	E	D		T	I	M	E
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D	E	C		E	T	A	T		N	E	S	S	
I	R	K		D	E	N	Y		G	A	T	E	

4 Slip-up

5 Proofreader’s find

6 Chevron shape

7 Drive crazy

8 Travel preference

9 Sunburn remedy

10 Fellow

12 Cultural

17 Work long and hard

19 Flowing out

21 Kind of yoga

22 Follows the rules

23 New life

24 Regulations

26 Sea eagle

28 Acquire knowledge

29 Pond scum

30 Swill

35 Cut off

37 Bath items

43 Expunge

45 Wrinkle removers

46 Subsides

47 Hardware item

48 Helen of —

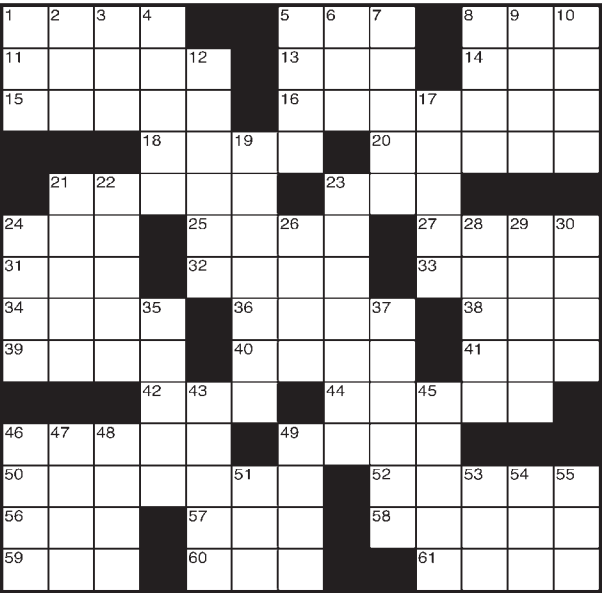
49 Grant, as land

51 State VIP

53 Cornfield sound

54 Wanted poster abbr.

55 Journey stage



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DIFFICULTY RATING:☆☆☆☆☆

		4				5	8			3	
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8						4			2		5
7						3			6		9
2		9				1					4
9						8	4				
			5	7							
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION											
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6	7	8	1	2	3	5	4	9			
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9	8	3	7	4	6	1	5	2			
4	2	7	5	1	9	3	8	6			
8	1	5	3	6	4	9	2	7			
3	6	9	2	7	8	4	1	5			

HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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2021 BEST

OF THE SOUTH COAST

Results will be published in a special “Best of the South Coast” edition on November 19th in The World.

FOOD & DRINK	LIVING	SHOPPING
1. Asian Food	35. Art Gallery	69. Antique Store
2. Bakery	36. Barber Shop	70. Appliance Store
3. Bar/Pub/Lounge	37. Golf Course	71. Auto Parts Store
4. Breakfast	38. Health & Fitness Club	72. Bait and Tackle Shop
5. Burger	39. Hotel/Lodging	73. Boat Sales/Supply
6. Chowder	40. Manicure/Pedicure	74. Dispensary
7. Coffee	41. Massage Therapist	75. Flooring
8. Deli	42. Salon/Spa	76 Flower Shop
9. Dinner	43. Tattoo	77. Furniture Store/Mattress Store
10. Dessert	44. Theater	78. Gift Shop
11. Fish & Chips	45. Employer	79. Hardware Store
12. Food Store	SERVICES	80. Jeweler
13. Italian Food	46. Accounting Office	81. Lumber Store
14. Lunch	47. Attorney/Law Firm	82. New Car/Truck Dealer
15. Mexican Food	48. Auto Repair	83. Nursery/Garden Center
16. Pizza	49. Computer Service/Repair	84. Pet Supply Store
17. Produce	50. Contractor	85. Resale/Thrift
18. Restaurant	51. Customer Service	86. RV Dealer
19. Steak	52. Electrical Repair Shop	87. Tire Shop
20. Catering	53. Bank	88. Used Car/Truck Dealer
21. Food Truck	54. Fishing Charter Service	89. Women's Boutique
HEALTHCARE	55. Funeral Home/Mortuary	BEST IN TOWN
22. Chiropractor	56. Heating & Air Conditioning Shop (HVAC Only)	90. Bandon
23. Clinic	57. Insurance	91. Charlestown
24. Dentist	58. Pharmacy	92. Coos Bay
25. Pediatric Dentist	59. Photographer	93. Coquille
26. Doctor	60. Personnel/Employment Agency	94. Myrtle Point
27. Optometry Center	61. Pet Groomer	95. North Bend
28. Hearing Aid Center	62. Plumber	96. Reedsport
29. Hospital	63. Real Estate Company	97. Lakeside
30. Orthopedic Care	64. Realtor/Broker	SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE - COVID
31. Pediatric Care	65. Roofer	98. Drive Thru
32. Physical Therapy	66. Service Club	99. Curbside Pick up/Delivery
33. Podiatrist	67. Transmission Shop	100. Home Delivery
34. Retirement/Assisted Living	68. Veterinarian	101. Vaccine Center/Location
		102. Outdoor/Social Distance Dining
		103. Cleanliness/Sanitized
		104. Indoor/Social Distance Dining

Name _____

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Bay Area Fun Festival canceled due to COVID regulations

A sharp increase in the number of COVID-19 cases has forced the Coos Bay Downtown Association to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Bay Area Fun Festival in downtown Coos Bay. State and local health authorities continue to report large increases of cases under monitoring, primarily in Coos and nearby counties. Out of concern for the health and well-being for the community, vendors, volunteers and festival staff, the decision was made to move forward with cancelling this year's event.

Executive Director Holly Boardman said, the event helps support many member businesses, nonprofit organizations and the Coos Bay Downtown Association

financially. So, we share in the disappointment of this important decision. But the overall safety and health of the community led us to this point.

The Bay Area Fun Festival, known to many as the last celebration of the summer season, was scheduled to take place September 18 and 19 in downtown Coos Bay. It has a mall market, parade, Cruz the Coos vintage car cruise and show n shine, Prefontaine 10K Run and Pre-Run for kids drawing thousands to the downtown core of Coos Bay. The board's decision affects the mall market and parade. Rotary officials have also canceled the Cruz the Coos events. Decisions regarding the Prefontaine Memorial Run and Kids Pre will be made by those organizations.

At this time, the promotions

committee will continue to work on ways to safely bring foot traffic to downtown. The CBDA will also continue the weekly Farmers Market, which operates as an essential service, providing farm to table food from local and regional farmers. Additional safety protocols for a safe market are already in place. The market will see additional measures in September based on government mandates. The Farmers Market takes place Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October. An official announcement on the safety protocols for a continued market is anticipated soon.

For information, contact Holly Boardman at (541) 266-9706 or follow the Coos Bay Downtown Association on Facebook. Information can also be found online, coosbaydowntown.org

Prefontaine Memorial Run still scheduled

With the recent cancellation of the Bay Area Fun Festival, the Prefontaine Memorial Run Committee affirms that the 41st annual Prefontaine Memorial Run is going forward as scheduled, on September 18, with a stand-alone high school 5K cross-country team competition starting at 9:45 a.m., followed by the 10,000-meter road run at 10:05 a.m. The 2021 Prefontaine Memorial Run has been designated as the Road Runners Club of America National Championship 10K race.

Due to the recent rise in COVID infection rates, the Prefontaine Run will be taking precautionary measures to minimize potential exposure, including a mask re-

quirement for all volunteers and participants, except when runners are competing on the race course.

Registration and packet pickup will be held at St. Monica's Catholic Church, in the courtyard adjacent to the Fellowship Hall, making the Prefontaine Run an entirely outdoor event. The event starts on the corner of 4th and Anderson in downtown Coos Bay and finishes at the Marshfield High School stadium.

The Prefontaine Run is moving toward online registration-only for future events. Participants are encouraged to register online to minimize exposure to other participants and speed up the registration process.

Kicker

From A1

On top of this the current delta wave of the pandemic complicates the immediate term outlook. What matters most economically are shutdowns. A modest pull-back in consumer spending in a few categories will not lead to mass layoffs.

If anything, any slowing in spending today will likely turn into stronger gains in coming quarters. This cycle is different. The current recovery will be faster, more complete, and more inclusive than recent experiences coming out of the tech and housing bubbles. As some of the pandemic-specific challenges fade, the underlying economy is

on solid footing due to the strength of corporate and household balance sheets. In September of odd-numbered years, the revenue forecast closes out the biennium than ended on June 30th.

At this time, the Close of Session forecast is calculated by folding any tax law changes made during the legislative session into the May 2021 outlook. This sets the bar for Oregon's balanced budget requirement and its unique kicker law. Changes to tax law were relatively small in the 2021 session, with a net revenue impact of -\$3.6 million to General Fund resources in the 2021-23 budget period.

The September forecast also reveals where revenues landed in the prior

budget period. In a typical year, there are few surprises, since tax collections are relatively small during the early summer. This year was different. Due to a delayed tax filing deadline, much uncertainty remained following the May forecast. When the forecast was developed, the peak tax season had just begun.

By the end of the fiscal year, the 2021 tax season turned out to be a very big one. Collections of personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, lottery sales and the new Corporate Activity Tax all surged. Recent withholdings of personal income taxes are up 17% relative to last year. Payments during the tax season were strong as well, led by collections from high-income taxpay-

ers. A \$1.9 billion personal income tax kicker credit is slated for tax year 2021.

The median taxpayer can expect to receive a credit of \$420, while the average is estimated to be \$850. The strong revenue growth seen during the 2019-21 biennium put a cap on a decade of unprecedented expansion in Oregon's General Fund revenues.

Over the past decade, General Fund revenues have almost doubled from around \$12 billion per year to around \$24 billion. Over the decade as a whole, kicker payments amounted to \$2.6 billion, reducing cumulative General Fund resources by 2.6 percent. Last biennium, kicker payments took away half of the General Fund growth.

Looking forward, the current \$1.9 billion kicker reduces 2021-23 revenues as well.

Reaction

Governor Kate Brown issued the following statement today on the state's revenue forecast:

"Today's revenue forecast is another sign that Oregon's economy is healthy, strong, and on the path for a rapid recovery. This is welcome news at a time that Oregonians continue to face immense challenges: from wildfire recovery to extreme drought to our worst surge of cases and hospitalizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"And we must never lose sight of the fact that, because of historic, structural inequities, the impacts of the pandemic and the natural disasters of the past year and a half have disproportionately impacted Black, Indigenous, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, and Tribal communities the hardest.

"My priority will be to continue to address the challenges facing Oregon families, including the disparities resulting from systemic racism, with a particular focus on ensuring our hospitals and

health care workers have the resources they need to continue to provide patients with life-saving care."

Senate President Peter Courtney issued the following statement after the release of the September 2021 quarterly economic and revenue forecast:

"Oregon's economy remains strong. We have more money to invest in pandemic relief, childcare and housing. We're still in a crisis. The Legislature will help out Oregonians who've hurt the most. I look forward to doing this as fast as we can."

Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek issued the following statement today after the release of the latest quarterly state economic and revenue forecast:

"The stable outlook of today's revenue forecast is welcome news coming off a legislative session where we invested strongly in programs to help Oregonians impacted by the pandemic, wildfires, the housing crisis and other challenges. We need to maintain this momentum to build a better future for everyone.

"Today is also a reminder that our economic recovery is linked to our ability to control the virus. Our hospital systems are on the verge of collapse in this moment. With 1,000 Oregonians hospitalized due to COVID-19, there is still too much suffering across the state. We will maintain our economic recovery if we all commit to protecting each other from the Delta variant."

Oregon Senate Republicans statement

Today, the Office of Economic Analysis presented the quarterly revenue forecast. It confirmed that Oregon taxpayers will receive a \$1.9 billion Kicker. The corporate Kicker will send an additional \$850 million to K-12 schools. The state budget will also have an ending fund balance of \$699 million.

"It's clear that Democrats raided \$15 million from the Kicker for no good reason. Unprecedented deficit stimulus spending by the federal government and Oregonians stepping up to support businesses during the Governor's shutdowns has given the state excess money."

"The legislature now has money to invest in COVID and wildfire response and recovery and preparing for upcoming unknown expenses in the next biennium. Most importantly, our kids need to be in school full-time to get caught up after a year of learning loss. This money can help our kids recover."

Background

The Oregon Economic Forecast provides information to planners and policy makers in state agencies and private organizations for use in their decision making processes. The Oregon Revenue Forecast opens the revenue forecasting process to public review. It is the basis for much of the budgeting in state government. The forecast reports are issued four times a year: March, June, September, and December.



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