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## County moves back toward extreme risk

Coos is up to 13 deaths after 49-year-old man dies this week

**ZACK DEMARS**  
The World

Another Coos County resident has died with COVID-19 as the county teeters on the edge of stricter pandemic restrictions. A 49-year-old man with underlying conditions died with the virus, Coos Health & Wellness announced Tuesday. He was the 13th person in the county to die with the virus.

Another virus outbreak was reported at Coos Bay's Bayside Terrace assisted living facility, the second nursing facility to report an outbreak in the past month. State officials reported a total of three cases associated with that facility as of Wednesday.

Cases have been continuously on the rise in recent weeks, and after a brief stint in the "high" risk category of COVID-19 restrictions, Coos County could return to stricter rules as soon as next week.

The back-and-forth of virus restrictions has to do with the county's case count, according to Coos Health & Wellness Assistant

Director Dr. Eric Gleason. Since the county had just under 200 cases per 100,000 in population for the two-week period ending Jan. 4, it qualified for a lower level of precautions than before.

"We honestly had an anomaly that knocked us down to 199.1," Gleason said Tuesday.

But now, as of the data state officials released Jan. 5, that number is back up to about 213, putting the county into a "warning week" in the state's framework.

"Unless that number drops below the 200 next Monday (Jan. 11), we will go to extreme (risk restrictions) the following Friday," Gleason said.

The "extreme risk" level of restrictions would revert the county to where it was in late December, with indoor dining closed and indoor gyms shuttered.

While it's impossible to predict the future, cases have continued to trend upwards in recent weeks. December saw over 350 cases of the virus in the county, and the first four days of January added 52 more.

County health officials didn't see the post-Thanksgiving spike they expected, but Gleason said that cases still rose in correlation with the holidays. It can be a challenge to connect cases

to sources and to one another because that process relies on self-reported information, according to Gleason.

"Our cases have been pretty steady on average," Gleason said. Fortunately, COVID-19 vaccinations have been continuing in the county. Coos Health & Wellness vaccinated a handful of first responders and emergency service workers, and 1,050 total county residents had been vaccinated as of Tuesday, the third-highest rate per capita of Oregon counties.

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## Congress confirms Biden victory

Trump pledges orderly transfer of power after long day that includes mob storming U.S. Capitol and delaying Electoral College tally

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress confirmed Democrat Joe Biden as the presidential election winner early Thursday after a violent mob loyal to President Donald Trump stormed the U.S. Capitol in a stunning attempt to overturn America's presidential election, undercut the nation's democracy and keep Trump in the White House.

Lawmakers were resolved to complete the Electoral College tally in a display to the country, and the world, of the nation's enduring commitment to uphold the will of the voters and the peaceful transfer of power. They pushed through the night with tensions high and the nation's capital on alert.

Before dawn Thursday, lawmakers finished their work, confirming Biden won the election.

Vice President Mike Pence, presiding over the joint session, announced the tally, 306-232.

Trump, who had repeatedly refused to concede the election, said in a statement immediately after the vote that there will be a smooth transition of power on Inauguration Day.

"Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there will be an orderly transition on January 20th," Trump said in a statement posted to Twitter by an aide.

The Capitol was under siege Wednesday, as the nation's elected representatives scrambled to crouch under desks and don gas masks while police futilely tried to barricade the building, one of the most jarring scenes ever to unfold in a seat of American political power.

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Miguel De La Torre died in November from COVID-19.

Photo contributed by Hunter De La Torre

## Oregon's 894th Local family recalls father lost to virus

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Miguel De La Torre would always offer visitors food, even if they weren't hungry. "He was just the happiest person," his daughter Hunter De La Torre said.

Some of her brightest memories with him came on birthdays — even when he lived in North Bend while she remained in Coquille, her father would never miss a birthday. Often, she'd get two birthday cakes: one from family and friends in Coquille, and the other, a tres leches cake her father brought her.

Now though, that's changed. This fall, Miguel endured a long battle with COVID-19, and early on Thanksgiving morning, became one of millions worldwide to die from the virus. After spending most of his life in the area, he left behind family, friends and coworkers when he became the fourth — and youngest at the time — person in Coos County to die with the virus.

Originally from Durango, Mexico, Miguel came to the United States as a teenager in pursuit of the American dream, according to Hunter.

That brought him to Southern Oregon. For almost three decades, Miguel worked as a lathe operator at the Roseburg Forest Products mill in Coquille, living in North Bend with his wife and three of his sons and seeing his other children regularly.

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## Bryan's Home is close to housing veterans

Nonprofit founder Patrick Wright thanks community for support

**JILLIAN WARD**  
For The World

NORTH BEND — Within the first two months of 2021, construction on Bryan's Home will be completed and some homeless veterans will be brought in from off the streets.

"If everything goes according to

plan, then we should be completely done mid-January," said Patrick Wright, U.S. Marine veteran and founder of Operation Rebuild Hope, the umbrella nonprofit over Bryan's Home. "Then we will get our final inspections."

Bryan's Home, located on Sherman Avenue in North Bend, has been in the making since 2018. Its goal is to house homeless veterans and get them back on their feet by teaching them skills to become independent.

"Considering we had to stop (construction) for six months and

are only three months behind, I think we are doing really well," Wright said of where the project is now.

According to Wright, Bryan's Home was intended to open in October, but progress slowed due to the pandemic. At the start of 2020, the siding had just been put on and the next step was to complete the interior framing. As of the end of December, Wright said Bryan's Home has most of its flooring finished and all its paintwork, drywall and fire suppression done, stating, "We've really come a long way."

"... We installed all the vinyl plank flooring and tile," Wright said. "We have a little work to do on the original flooring to the house, which is from 1870. There is some work to restore that to its original luster...."

Otherwise, the big push now is to put furniture together.

Even though Bryan's Home has not officially opened yet, Operation Rebuild Hope has been working with Oregon Coast Community Action to operate emergency hous-

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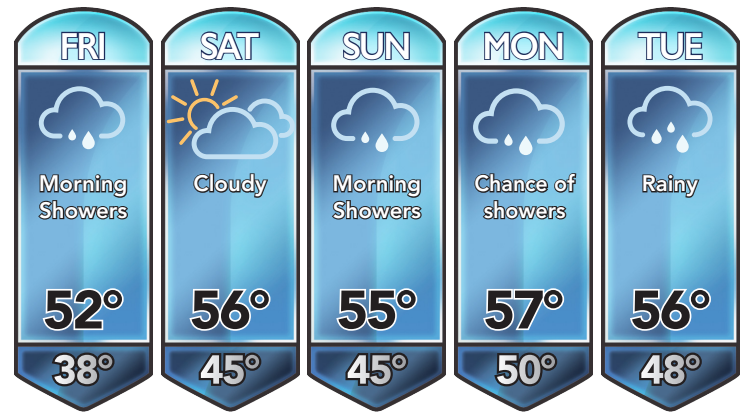
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Nike	141.61	142.37	S&P 500 opened at 3,754.86
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# Coos Bay council drops wastewater contractor

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After months of negotiation, the Coos Bay City Council finally moved to part ways with its wastewater contractor Tuesday, opting instead to operate the system itself.

The move means city staff will begin operating the whole system, from the collection pipes and pumps underneath the city to the operations and maintenance of the city's two treatment plants.

"It's time to say it was good while it lasted and it's time to move on and take this on ourselves," said Mayor

Joe Benetti during a council meeting Tuesday. "Taking the whole thing on is just the right step for us to do."

The city has had a two-decades long relationship with Jacobs, the wastewater treatment contractor, and its predecessor companies. Much of that time was productive and beneficial, Benetti said — but the agreement grew challenging in recent years.

Failures in the system caused environmental quality permit exceedances, which the city is ultimately responsible for whether they're caused by the contractor, the city or something else.

City staff and councilors have had a laundry list of

other issues with the contractor, saying there have been challenges with deferred maintenance, staff turnover and transparency.

New efforts by the company improved some of those issues — but city leaders agreed that the ship had already sailed.

"It's too little too late for me," said councilor Drew Farmer Tuesday. "From what has been presented to us, both by Jacobs' performance and by staff reports, I don't see there being an option to continue on with Jacobs."

Through much of last year as the city renegotiated its contract with the company, representatives from Jacobs asked the city for significant increases in wastewater fees as costs rose to meet city performance expectations.

Those increases came to be too much for city leaders, who moved in the latest agreement with the company late last year to take over the collection portion of the

system and provide the city the opportunity to opt-out of the contract all together.

The opt-out option is what city councilors exercised Tuesday in a 6-0 vote.

"Staff wants to ensure council, if they decide to self-perform the (operations and maintenance) of the entire asset, staff is up to the challenge, and feels strongly they have the right resources and support in house, and external consultants currently in place to make this transition successful," Public Works Director Jim Hossley told the city council.

What's not exactly clear about the move is how much it'll cost the city, and whether or not it'll be cheaper than keeping Jacobs would have been.

A cost analysis prepared by the city estimates that the raw cost of the city operating the whole system could be \$80,000 to \$300,000 more than keeping service with Jacobs.

But that might not paint

the full picture.

"While initially it appears the operations and maintenance costs may be more if managed by the city, there are other costs that are difficult to calculate that may compensate for the increased self-performance costs," Hossley told the council.

One of the costs that's difficult to calculate is the value of city staff time spent working with Jacobs under the current contract due to permit exceedances and other performance issues.

Hossley said the figures also don't take into account some of the values inherent to city staff takeover of the system, including the possibility for increased transparency, the vested interest of city staff in the maintenance of the system and the fact that more of the money spent will remain in the city.

In spite of the possible increased costs, city staff recommended councilors move to take over the system.

"I think it's unfortunate

that we're at this point. And my problem is change is always kind of scary. Because the unknown is fearful," said Councilor Phil Marler.

"But I concur with Councilor (Robert) Miles and Councilor (Stephanie) Kilmer, we're kind of at a point now where we got backed into a corner. And I place a lot of trust into what staff is telling me."

For Miles and other councilors, the decision was a matter of trust in Jacobs.

"I feel like the writing's on the wall. We can't keep putting our trust in a company that's not performing," Miles said.

The move gives the company 180 days' notice of the city's intent to drop the contract. The city's already hired a consultant to help take over the system and hire key city staff.

"This is probably one of the most difficult decisions, and hardest decisions, this council is going to have to make, and it hasn't been an easy one," Benetti said.

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**COVID**

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"Our vaccine numbers that we're seeing cause some optimism," Gleason said. "That being said, we're still in the midst of a pandemic."

He added that continued caution is still necessary to slow the spread until more people can get the vaccine, since doses have been limited to health care workers and nursing home patients and staff thus far.

"We can't just leverage everything on the vaccine. We

need the vaccine, and we also need to still be mindful of the preventative measures," Gleason said.

**Oregon's weekly report**

According to data released by the Oregon Health Authority Wednesday, Oregon saw an increase in daily cases between Dec. 23 and Jan. 3

compared to the last week, the first week of a decrease in three weeks.

Hospitalizations increased slightly of the same time-frame, and daily deaths decreased over the previous week.

People between ages 20 and 49 have accounted for over half of the state's virus

cases, though 77% of virus deaths have been attributed to people over 70.

In Coos County, Coos Bay saw the largest increase in virus cases, with 40 new cases bringing its total to 389. The North Bend ZIP code reported 18 new cases for a total of 223, and Bandon reported 4 for a total of 47.



Contributed Photos

Before and after pictures show all the work that has been completed on Bryan's Home in North Bend.

**Home**

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ing for homeless veterans. The emergency housing apartments are known as the Timberwolves Den. Just in the past year, Wright said over 20 veterans have been housed there with a 90 percent success rate from being homeless to permanently housed.

"So that's nine out of ten times we were able to get someone off the street into their own affordable, permanent housing," he said.

"That is our pilot program for Bryan's Home and once Bryan's Home is open, we know it will work."

There are eight rooms at Bryan's Home. Two are designated as family units, two for disabled veterans, two for female veterans and then two for male veterans.

"We already have people waiting to move in," Wright said.

One of the later phases of Bryan's Home included a small home community. Wright said the grant to build that community was denied recently, though the nonprofit was encouraged to

apply again in the summer. He hopes to get that project started in 2022.

"I want everyone to know we received no major state or federal funding (for Bryan's Home)," Wright said. "Everything we've been able to do is a direct result of our community ... and we're extremely grateful. We are one of the poorest counties in the state, but we made this happen."

To donate to Bryan's Home, visit www.operationrebuildhope.org. Donations can also be mailed to Bryan's Home at 1520 Sherman Avenue in North Bend.

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# Georgia sweep gives Democrats control of Senate

ATLANTA (AP) — Democrats won both Georgia Senate seats — and with them, the U.S. Senate majority — as final votes were counted Wednesday, serving President Donald Trump a stunning defeat in his turbulent final days in office while dramatically improving the fate of President-elect Joe Biden's progressive agenda.

Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock, Democratic challengers who represented the diversity of their party's evolving coalition, defeated Republicans David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler two months after Biden became the first Democratic presidential candidate to carry the state since 1992.

Warnock, who served as pastor for the same Atlanta church where civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. preached, becomes the first African American from Georgia elected to the Senate. And Ossoff becomes the state's first Jewish senator and, at 33 years old, the Senate's youngest member.

This week's elections were expect-

ed to mark the formal finale to the tempestuous 2020 election season, although the Democrats' resounding success was overshadowed by chaos and violence in Washington, where angry Trump supporters stormed the U.S. Capitol to stop Congress from certifying Biden's victory.

Wednesday's unprecedented siege drew fierce criticism of Trump's leadership from within his own party, and combined with the bad day in Georgia, marked one of the darkest days of his divisive presidency.

Still, the Democrats' twin victories in Georgia represented a striking shift in the state's politics as the swelling number of diverse, college-educated voters flex their power in the heart of the Deep South. They also cemented the transformation of Georgia, once a solidly Republican state, into one of the nation's premier battlegrounds for the foreseeable future.

In an emotional address early Wednesday, Warnock vowed to work for all Georgians whether

they voted for him or not, citing his personal experience with the American dream. His mother, he said, used to pick "somebody else's cotton" as a teenager.

"The other day, because this is America, the 82-year-old hands that used to pick somebody else's cotton picked her youngest son to be a United States senator," he said. "Tonight, we proved with hope, hard work and the people by our side, anything is possible."

Loeffler, who remains a senator until the results of Tuesday's election are finalized, returned to Washington on Wednesday morning to join a small group of senators planning to challenge Congress' vote to certify Biden's victory. She didn't get a chance to vocalize her objection before the violent protesters stormed the Capitol.

Georgia's other runoff election pitted Perdue, a 71-year-old former business executive who held his Senate seat until his term expired Sunday, against Ossoff, a former congressional aide and journalist.

"This campaign has been about health and jobs and justice for the people of this state — for all the people of this state," Ossoff said in a speech broadcast on social media Wednesday morning. "Whether you were for me, or against me, I'll be for you in the U.S. Senate. I will serve all the people of the state."

Trump's false claims of voter fraud cast a dark shadow over the runoff elections, which were held only because no candidate hit the 50% threshold in the general election. He raised the prospect of voter fraud as votes were being cast and likened the Republicans who run Georgia's election system to "chickens with their heads cut off" during a Wednesday rally in Washington.

Gabriel Sterling, a top official with the Georgia secretary of state's office and a Republican, said there was "no evidence of any irregularities."

"The biggest thing we've seen is from the president's fertile mind of finding fraud where none exists," he said.

Both contests tested whether the political coalition that fueled Biden's November victory was an anti-Trump anomaly or part of a new electoral landscape. To win in Tuesday's elections — and in the future — Democrats needed strong African American support.

AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 3,700 voters in Tuesday's contests, found that Black voters made up roughly 30% of the electorate, and almost all of them — 94% — backed Ossoff and Warnock. The Democrats also relied on the backing of younger voters, people earning less than \$50,000 annually and newcomers to the state.

The Republican coalition backing Loeffler and Perdue was the mirror opposite: white, older, wealthier and longtime Georgia residents.

The coalition closely resembles the one that narrowly handed Georgia's Electoral College votes to Biden in November, making him the first Democratic presidential candidate to win the state in almost three decades.

## Biden picks Garland for attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Joe Biden will introduce Merrick Garland as his pick for attorney general on Thursday along with three others he has selected for senior Justice Department positions to "restore the independence" of the agency and faith in the rule of law.

In picking Garland, a federal appeal judge, is turning to an experienced judge who held senior positions at the Justice Department decades ago, including as a supervisor of the prosecution of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Garland's nomination will force Senate Republicans to contend with someone they spurned four years ago — refusing even to hold hearings when President Barack Obama nominated Garland for the Supreme Court. Biden is banking on Garland's credentials and reputation for moderation to ensure his confirmation.

Garland and three others

Biden has picked for Justice Department leadership posts are being introduced at an event Thursday afternoon in Wilmington, Delaware. They include Obama administration homeland security adviser Lisa Monaco as deputy attorney general and former Justice Department civil rights chief Vanita Gupta as associate attorney general, the No. 3 official. He will also name an assistant attorney general for civil rights, Kristen Clarke, now the president of Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, an advocacy group.

"Our first-rate nominees to lead the Justice Department are eminently qualified, embody character and judgment that is beyond reproach, and have devoted their careers to serving the American people with honor and integrity," Biden said in a statement. "They will restore the independence of the department so it serves the interests of

the people not a presidency, rebuild public trust in the rule of law, and work tirelessly to ensure a more fair and equitable justice system."

Garland was selected over other finalists including former Sen. Doug Jones, D-Ala., and former Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates. His confirmation prospects were solidified as Democrats on Wednesday scored control of the Senate majority by winning both Georgia Senate seats.

Garland would confront immediate challenges on the job, including an ongoing criminal tax investigation into Biden's son Hunter as well as calls from many Democrats to pursue inquiries into President Donald Trump after he leaves office. A special counsel investigation into the origins of the Russia probe also remains open, forcing a new attorney general to decide how to handle it and what to make public.



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New Bandon Crossings Head Pro Anthony Ulloa, left, poses for a photo with former Head Pro Jim Wakeman and Bandon Crossings owners Carla and Rex Smith this week.

## March, Freitag honored at SCHHC

Shawn March, RN, and Chelsea Freitag were voted employees of the year by their peers at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center.

March was voted the Clinical Employee of the Year. He is the manager of the SCHHC Surgical Services Department and Chief Information Officer Scott McEachern said March received several notes of support from his colleagues, including:

"He is one of the best working managers in our Surgical Services Department."

"He is the most progressive and thoughtful supervisor. Shawn has been a leader and advisor to all of us in our department."

"He has a kind heart and is instrumental in looking for new ways to bring surgeons and surgical procedures to SCHHC."

Freitag was voted Non-Clinical Employee of the Year. She received the Employee of the Month Award in July, 2020, as the Patient Access Specialist III in the Patient Access Services Admitting Department.



Shawn March



Courtney Freitag

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## Passing the torch at Bandon Crossings

**JOHN GUNTHER**  
Bandon Western World

BANDON — Anthony Ulloa has big shoes to fill, but he's thrilled about the opportunity as the new head pro at Bandon Crossings Golf Course.

Ulloa started this week as Jim Wakeman, who has been the head pro for the past decade at the course south of town cut back on his work schedule.

"It was a great transition for me," Ulloa said. "I'm a first-time head professional and he's sticking around. He will be a mentor for me."

Wakeman, who recently celebrated 30 years as a PGA professional, said he is excited about the transition.

"I'm really happy about it," he said. "I felt I had run my race. I wanted somebody younger, more ambitious, with new ideas."

That's something that Rex and Carla Smith, who own Bandon Crossings, are excited about.

"We can always use someone with marketing expertise and he has that in his last occupation," Carla Smith said.

Rex Smith said Ulloa is filled with potential.

"We are thrilled to have him," he said. "I have spoken to many people who know Anthony and I have never heard one word of reservation."

"I look forward to him stepping

into Jim's footsteps and becoming everybody's favorite pro."

Ulloa comes with experience at a number of golf courses, most recently two in Medford — Centennial Golf Club and Rogue Valley Country Club.

He served as an assistant golf pro for three years among his 10 years at Centennial, where he also was tournament and outings coordinator.

At Rogue Valley Country Club, he was membership and marketing director until the COVID-19 pandemic hit and his position was eliminated.

"That turned out to be a blessing in disguise," he said.

Ulloa got to spend the past nine months as a stay-at-home dad for his two children, 6-year-old son Hunter and 3-year-old daughter Lily.

As fun as that was, Wakeman's position became open at a time when Ulloa was ready to return to the golf industry.

"I was itching to get back to work and find something," he said.

Ulloa's wife, Laura, works in the health care industry and she and the kids will stay in Medford until the end of the current school year, with the family getting together on his days off.

Wakeman, who will cut back to a few days a week, will focus on golf lessons, something Ulloa also is looking forward to.

"At Centennial, I worked for

two or three years as the lead golf instructor," he said. "I do enjoy it. When I got away from it and focused on tournaments and events, I just wanted to get back to that."

He particularly enjoys working with youth golfers.

"That's how I got into the game," he said.

Ulloa grew up in Medford, but would travel to Grants Pass with his father a couple days a week, and at Grants Pass Golf Club took lessons from Brian Sackett. Ulloa years later worked with Sackett at Centennial, where the latter is general manager.

"If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be here having the best job in the world," Ulloa said.

While he enjoys teaching, it's his other skill set that should prove particularly valuable at Bandon Crossings.

He's been in the industry about two decades, working at several private and public courses.

"I am able to pick from each of those experiences and put something together here to increase the rounds and the customer experience," he said.

Ulloa plans to "think outside the box" to bring new tournaments and events at the course, possibly including some form of night activity or events that use just the driving range. He also hopes to see more use for the events center that is part of the clubhouse at the course.

"I am not going to be afraid to reach out and try new things," he said. "How can you do anything you can to get people to set foot on the property?"

That's because once people experience Bandon Crossings, he envisions them coming back for more because of the quality of the golf course.

He's played the course in several different seasons and said it has always been in fabulous shape, a tribute he said to the Smiths and to head pro Brant Hathorn.

"Rex and Carla have put their soul into it, and I can tell Brant does, too."

So Ulloa plans to make marketing the course a top priority.

"It really is a gem of a course," he said, comparing it favorably to famed Bandon Dunes Golf Resort just north of town. "This should be a destination as much as the resort is. It's just as enjoyable as any of the courses at the resort."

Ulloa looks forward to getting to know the regulars at Bandon Crossings and also the many supporters of the course in the community.

Wakeman, meanwhile, looks forward to more time on the golf course and less time in the pro shop.

The Smiths are excited both will be around.

"It's been a great ride with (Jim) and he's not going anywhere," Rex said. "It's great to have him here."

## Youth Center ponders change to bylaws

Proposed change will be discussed by board at meeting on Jan. 12

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The Bandon Community Youth Center will be considering an amendment to its bylaws at the organization's regular meeting, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The amendment is required to reflect changes to the youth center adopted in 2014 to expand services to include students from grade school through high school.

The youth center was established in 1998 as The Bandon Teen Center, with a focus limited to serving at-risk teens.

Under new board membership, the business name was changed to Bandon Community Youth Center, Inc., in 2014, with the mission statement: To provide opportunities for youth and families to learn, grow and experience success.

The proposed amendment to the bylaws will reflect the business name change, as well as the expanded ages served. The increased age range was implemented to reach more students with a combination of after-school academic support, recreation, family events and mentoring opportunities for older students, in a supervised environment.

Youth center programs have since been tailored based on student and family needs, as well as grants received.

In 2015, the youth center re-

ceived a \$10,000 Oregon Community Foundation grant for the Math Mentors program held at Harbor Light Middle School, with high school mentors working with middle school students. That sparked an ongoing community partnership with the Bandon School District.

In 2017, a larger three-year recurring grant was received from the Oregon Community Foundation, enabling a variety of after-school workshops at Harbor Lights Middle School with paid mentoring opportunities for older students, as well as after-school programs for younger students at the Bandon Community Youth Center facility.

In 2019, a community partnership between the youth center and the city of Bandon expanded with the youth center accepting the

opportunity to operate the Bandon Summer Rec Program.

The youth center is a School Age Recorded Program under ORS 329A.225 and ORS 239A.257 through the Oregon Department of Education and Early Learning Division Office of Child Care. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, these programs were required to complete emergency child care registration in order to remain open, following masking, social distancing, sanitation and youth cohort requirements until further notice.

For information about the youth center, visit <https://byo.bandon-youth.org>.

For information about the amendment, contact Board Secretary Kim Russell by email at [kim@bandonyouth.org](mailto:kim@bandonyouth.org).

## Bandon photographer featured

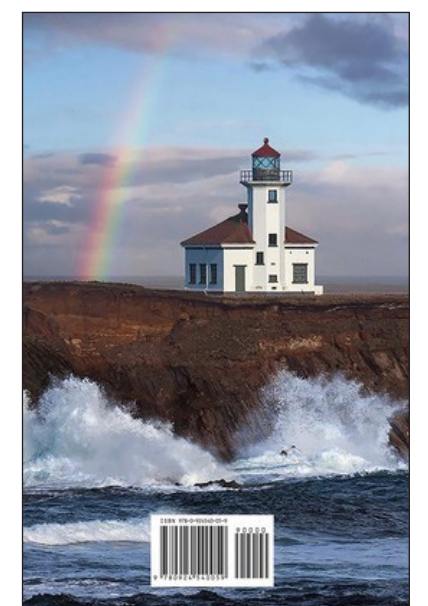
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A Bandon photographer is featured on the back of the 2021-2022 Oregon Blue Book, the secretary of state announced on Dec. 31.

Sandy Vilahu took a photo titled "Rainbow's End, Cape Arago Lighthouse," that will be featured on the back cover of the book.

The theme for the Blue Book is 100 Years of Oregon's State Parks. The state parks display Oregon's natural beauty and embody Oregon

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Contributed Photo

This picture by Bandon photographer Sandy Vilahu appears on the back cover of the Oregon Blue Book.

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## AS I SEE IT The Bullards Ferry

By MARY SCHAMEHORN

The first picture I am sharing this week comes from a small snapshot so it's pretty blurry, but it more closely depicts what it was like to ride across the Coquille River on the Bullards Ferry.

People who lived across the river had to depend on the Ferry to get "to town," but unfortunately it wasn't always available when they needed it, and that is what prompted the front-page Western World article of Oct. 16, 1941, headlined "Bullards Ferry Seen as Local Bottleneck to Lower River Folks."

"In this day of modern transportation, no one ever thinks of time when they start out to go somewhere unless, perhaps, they live on the North Bank Road and want to come to Bandon, or live in Bandon and want to go to the North Bank Road."

"Although the people of the Bullards area have commercial, social, educational and religious interests identical with the people of the Bandon area, they are restricted in their opportunity for intercourse by limited ferry service. And vice versa, Bandon people who have interests on the Bullards side of the river must likewise time their activities to suit the restricted schedule of the ferry service."

"The Bullards Ferry has been the bottleneck for years between the two sides of the lower Coquille river, and now that conditions are on the up and up, it is believed by the people of the two sides that this bottleneck should be removed and that Bullards Ferry should be operated 24 hours a day, or that the county should sponsor the construction of a bridge."

"Acting upon the assumption that a bridge might be inopportune at this time of high prices and shortage of materials due to the defense program, the people of the lower river are preparing to ask the county budget committee to provide means for 24-hour ferry service. A petition is being circulated at this time."

I do think the ferry operated 24 hours a day for a few years, and I do know that it was 13 more long years before the new Bullards Bridge officially opened on April 1, 1954. The ferry had been operating for 45 years, having begun in 1909.

The bridge was financed by federal, state and county funds. The county's share was financed by a \$300,000 bond issue, which was estimated at the time that it would be repaid in 20 years from savings realized by discontinuance of the coun-

ty-owned ferry.

Regarding the second photo, I knew that the Gant Brothers (operated by Elmer) had a clothing store on Second Street after the fire, but I was never exactly clear where it was located, until I found an item in the July 17, 1941, Western World.

The article described what was taking place at the Bandon Medical Center building, which housed Fuhrman & Shindler drug store, and the offices of Dr. E.F. Lucas and Dr. Floyd Dodds. (Today that building is occupied by Winter River Books.)

"The new building, with an attractive front, will remain of one-story construction, but will include the Elmer Gant clothing store and the medical and dental offices. (The picture that I have shared of what was then Kronenberg & Waldrop Insurance was the spot that Elmer's clothing store occupied in 1941. Today it is the home of Sassy Seagull.)"

The article talks about the single recessed entrance (visible in the photo) which had three doors. "One on the east side leading to the clothing store, a center door leading to the alleyway between the clothing store and the drug store, and one at the west side leading to the drug store and the offices of the medical men." By the 1960s that configuration had changed somewhat, with the door to the doctors' office separate from the door that entered the pharmacy.

The photo I am sharing was taken later, probably in the early '60s, but it clearly shows the part of the building where Gant's clothing store was located as well as the alcove and the doors leading into the pharmacy and the doctors' offices.

The article ends by saying that the concrete sidewalk in front of the building, which was badly damaged by the fire of 1936, will be torn up and replaced. In case this isn't clear, it was the sidewalk that was damaged. The buildings on that street, except for the concrete First National Bank (now Masonic) building, were destroyed.

According to my extensive research, which involved poring through hundreds of pages of old Western Worlds, Gant Bros, Inc. (which included Elmer and O.T.) opened a store in Bandon in the summer of 1928.

In March of 1932, an article indicates that Elmer Gant had opened a new store in the Bandon Medical Building on First Street, under the name of Elmer Gant, the Clothier. He is quoted as saying that "the new enterprise has no connection whatever with the

ment run so smoothly and efficiently," McEachern said. "With a friendly and welcoming style, Chelsea provides kind and caring help to every patient, taking the time to answer questions and complete all required paperwork effectively to ensure a smooth process. "She has a wonderful rapport with all of our local physician's offices as well. She is the go-to person when our coders need questions answered about order issues." Freitag also learned quickly in her brief time in

the SCHHC human relations department.

"She is a very versatile employee who can be put in any area of work within this department and be successful in accomplishing all her tasks," McEachern said. "Chelsea always goes above and beyond to help others every day."

As employees of the year, March and Freitag will each receive a commemorative plaque at the next Southern Coos Health District board meeting on January 28.



The Bullards Ferry before construction of the Bullards Bridge.

Photos from the Mary Schamehorn Collection

former one."

So before the Fire, Elmer's business was on First Street; after the Fire, he was on Second Street. It appears that he may have gone out of business in December of 1943. He was in the cranberry business for many years.

The third picture was taken in July of 1966 when the winners of the club championship at the Westmost Golf Course celebrated at the clubhouse. The club champion was Ray Baird, center; runner-up was Bill Burgher, at left, while Joe Turner was runner up for the first flight. Not pictured was Bill Hopson, first-flight champion.

I love this photo for another reason: the two watercolors on the walls of the clubhouse were painted by my grandmother, Grace Felsheim, an ardent golfer. Four years earlier, in 1962, my beloved grandfather, L.D. Felsheim, had died on the golf course after suffering a heart attack while climbing the hill to reach the 9th green.

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Tony Chatman, spokesman for CERT, wanted me to let readers know that he will be distributing free N-95 masks and hand sanitizer to residents and businesses during January, while supplies last. He said he would be setting up a trailer at either McKay's or Ray's, and he will post on Facebook when he will be there so people can stop by.

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Former Bandon teacher and long-time resident Jim Curran was honored on his 96th birthday last Monday with a drive-by party in Coquille, where he now makes his home. His daughter-in-law, Patti Curran, posted a neat video that showed the many cars driving by to wish

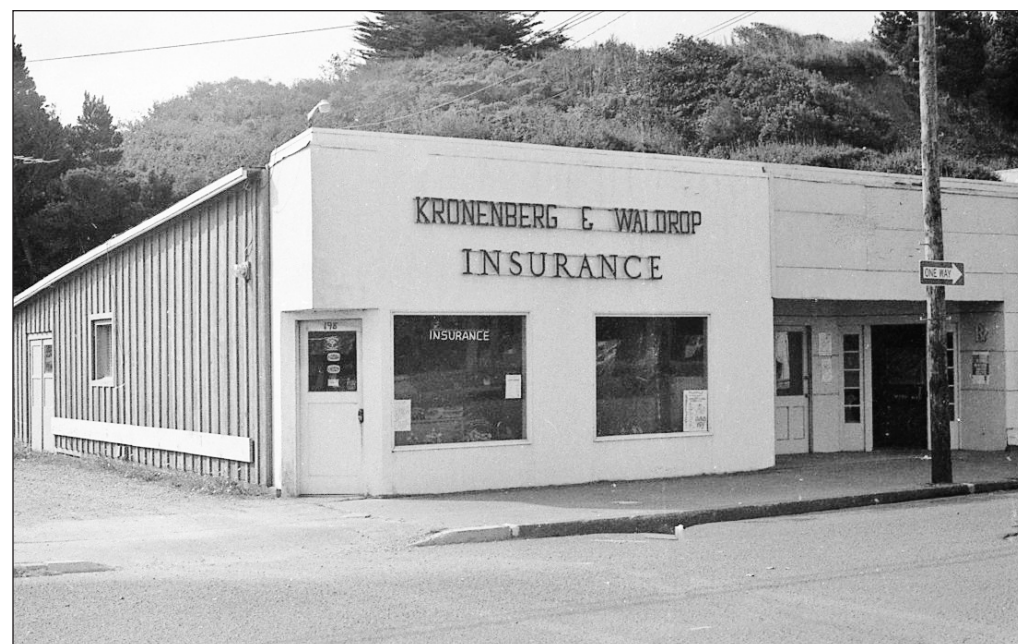
their favorite teacher good wishes on his birthday.

Jim and his late wife Flo were big supporters of our museum, and Jim never missed a Bandon Fire program and the opportunity to share his story of being a 12-year-old paper boy in Coos Bay at the time of the fire.

I didn't know about his party until after it was too late to make it to Coquille, but I have talked on the phone with him recently, and I do know how much he misses being around people, so I am sure the party gave him a big boost.

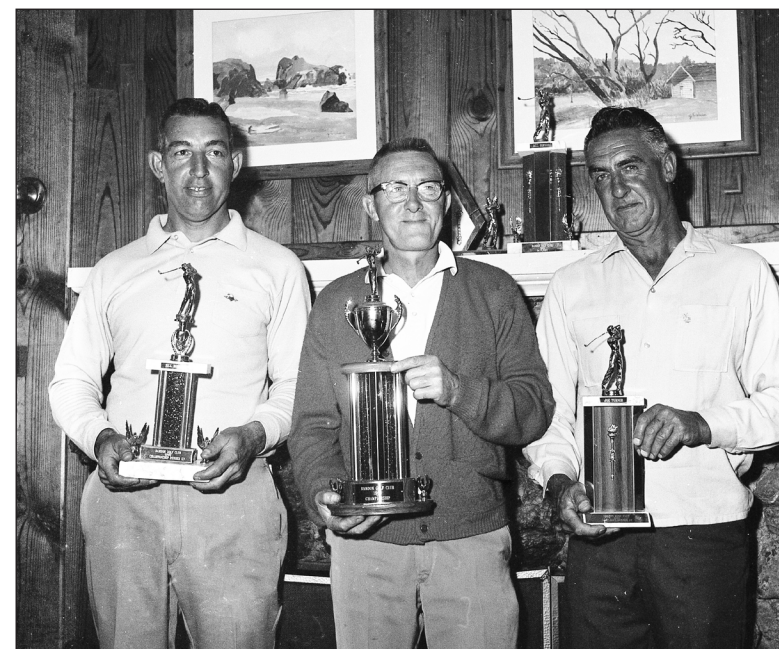
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The calendar year rainfall for 2020 totalled 52.79 inches, compared to 61.66 inches the previous year and 67.13 in 2018. It's hard to predict the average annual rainfall since, in the last 16 years, it has ranged from a low of 34.19 inches in 2013 to a high of 86.59 in 2017.

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Rainfall for December was 9.83 inches, compared to 12.01 inches in November.



The Kronenberg & Waldrop Insurance building in the 1940s.

Bill Burgher, left; Ray Baird, center; and Joe Turner, right, were winners in the 1966 Club Championship at Westmost Golf Course.



Bill Burgher, left; Ray Baird, center; and Joe Turner, right, were winners in the 1966 Club Championship at Westmost Golf Course.

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I was glad to learn that the board of the Southern Coos Health District had recently given Eugene F. Suksi, who had been serving as interim CEO, a three-year contract.

I met him not long after he arrived here, and was impressed with his knowledge of the health care industry. I am glad to hear that he is no longer the interim ... and that they would not be going through another CEO search.

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I was sorry to hear that Sara Duvall, a former planning commissioner (1992) and city councilor (1993-1997), had died last week in the local hospital at the age of 92.

Sara was also a founding member of SEA (Shoreline Education Awareness).

She was born in Richlands, N.C., in 1928, married Owen E. Duvall in 1970 and had lived at Pacific View since 2017. Owen died in August of 2019.

## Awards

From A8

"Chelsea was nominated because she is a key player in making the admitting depart-

## Blue Book

From A8

values of caring for and protecting the state's natural wonders, outgoing Secretary of State Bev Clarno said in a news release announcing the winners of the contests for the front and back cover photos and student essays that are spread throughout the book. In 2022, the state will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first state park.

The photo for the front cover was taken by Nomeca Hartwell of Grants Pass and titled "Whaleshead Beach under the Stars." It was taken at Whaleshead Beach State Park north of Brookings. The student essay contest winners include two highlighting parks on the South Coast. Aidan Lin wrote about Honeyman State Park near Florence and Ivy Elseth wrote about Harris Beach State Park in Brookings. The other student essay winners were Emma Arvin (Silver Falls State Park), Halle Krom (Wallowa Lake State Park), Luther Lawson (Tumalo State Park), Jacob Hurd (The Cove Palisades State Park) and Lucas Hurd (Fort Stevens State Park).

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# Carnival season subdued this year in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A subdued Carnival season began Wednesday after the coronavirus pandemic put an end to the crowd-heavy balls and street parades that draw thousands of people to the city every year.

The Mardi Gras season always starts on Jan. 6 and ends on Fat Tuesday, which this year falls on Feb. 16. The season is usually marked by extravagant balls and parades where costumed riders throw trinkets to the mobs of people packed along the parade routes.

The coronavirus has put an end to those large events. But that has not stopped notoriously creative New Orleanians from coming up with socially distant ways to celebrate.

The Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc is a club that annually pays homage to the fallen French hero with a parade through the French Quarter on the official start of the Carnival season. This year, the krewe hosted a "Tableaux de Jeanne d'Arc," where onlookers drove by various "tableaux" — a French term for

"living pictures" — that included stations of costumed revelers sparring as knights, sharpening their swords and feasting at a grand fireplace with a pig roasting in the background.

"Life as usual is gone, so we had to look for different ways of doing things this year," said Antoinette de Alteriis, one of the club's captains.

The Phunny Phorty Phellows, a group that usually gathers Jan. 6 to mark the beginning of the season with a costumed party on a street

car, also altered its plans. Usually throngs of people gather at the facility where the street car starts its journey to see the group off, but this year people were asked to disperse along the street car route and watch from there instead.

But people can still eat cake — king cake that is. The sweet cakes, which are decorated with the official Carnival colors of purple, green and gold, are only to be eaten starting on Jan. 6.

In Mobile, Alabama, dozens of parades, balls and other events also

have been canceled. The city on the Gulf of Mexico calls itself the birthplace of Mardi Gras since celebrations began there a few years earlier than in New Orleans.

Coastal Alabama typically begins its observances later in January than New Orleans, meaning the current coronavirus surge could be easing by the time events were set to start. But multiple organizations began announcing cancellations last month to protect the health of members and revelers.

# COVID-19 forces delay of Grammy Awards to March

NEW YORK (AP) — The 2021 Grammy Awards will no longer take place this month in Los Angeles and will broadcast in March due to a recent surge in coronavirus cases and deaths.

The annual show would shift from its original Jan. 31 broadcast to March 14, according to a joint statement released Tuesday from the Recording Academy and CBS, which broadcasts the ceremony. The statement said the decision was reached "after thoughtful conversations with health experts, our host and artists scheduled to appear."

"The deteriorating COVID situation in Los Angeles, with hospital services being overwhelmed, ICUs having reached capacity, and new guidance from state and local governments have all led us to conclude that postponing our show was the right thing to do. Nothing is more important than the health and

safety of those in our music community and the hundreds of people who work tirelessly on producing the show," read the statement from Recording Academy interim CEO Harvey Mason Jr., CBS executive Jack Sussman and Grammys executive producer Ben Winston.

"We want to thank all of the talented artists, the staff, our vendors and especially this year's nominees for their understanding, patience and willingness to work with us as we navigate these unprecedented times."

The Grammys will be held in Los Angeles at the Staples Center. Los Angeles County, the epicenter of the crisis in California, has surpassed 11,000 COVID-19 deaths and has had 40% of the deaths in California. It is the third state to reach the 25,000 death count.

An average of six people die every hour from COVID-19 in Los Angeles

County, which has a quarter of the state's 40 million residents. County health officials fear the incoming Christmas and New Year's surge.

The new Grammys date coincides with the scheduled hosting of the Screen Actors Guild Awards, which is typically held at another downtown Los Angeles venue, the Shrine Auditorium. That show honors the best performances in film and television.

"The Daily Show" host and comedian Trevor Noah is set to host the 2021 Grammys, where Beyoncé is leading contender with nine nominations. She scored nominations for song and record of the year with "Black Parade," which she released on Juneteenth, while "Savage" — her No. 1 collaboration with Megan Thee Stallion — picked up bids for record of the year, best rap song and best rap performance.

Beyoncé's "Black Is King," which aired on Disney+, is nominated for best music film while "Brown Skin Girl," a song dedicated to dark- and brown-skinned women, is nominated for best music video. Her daughter Blue Ivy Carter sings on "Brown Skin Girl" and also earned a Grammy nomination.

Taylor Swift, Dua Lipa, Roddy Ricch, Jhené Aiko, Post Malone, Renée Zellweger, Billie Eilish and her producer-brother Finneas also scored nominations. First-time nominees include The Strokes, Megan Thee Stallion and Harry Styles.

Since the pandemic, a number of awards show were postponed and later revamped due to COVID-19 restrictions. The BET Awards was the first major awards show during the pandemic and was a success thanks to its artsy, highly produced, well-crafted pre-taped performances. The MTV Video

Music Awards featured Lady Gaga winning awards and performing onsite in a mask, and the Latin Grammys pre-taped several performances the week of the show, hand-

ing out some of its awards to the winners who attended the show.

Performers at the upcoming Grammys will be announced at a later date.

# Controversy continues over the estate of singer Prince

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The ongoing controversy over the money left behind by Prince when he died without a will is heating up again after Internal Revenue Service calculations showed that executors of the rock star's estate undervalued it by 50%, or about \$80 million.

The IRS determined that Prince's estate is worth \$163.2 million, overshadowing the \$82.3 million valuation submitted by Comerica Bank & Trust, the estate's administrator. The discrepancy primarily involves Prince's music publishing and recording interests, according to court documents.

Documents show the IRS believes that Prince's estate owes another \$32.4 million in federal taxes, roughly doubling the tax bill based on Comerica's valuation, the Star Tribune reported.

The IRS also has ordered a \$6.4 million "accuracy-related penalty" on Prince's estate, citing a "substantial" undervaluation of assets, documents show.

Prince's death of a fentanyl overdose on April 21, 2016, created one of the largest and

most complicated probate court proceedings in Minnesota history. Estimates of his net worth have varied widely, from \$100 million to \$300 million.

With Prince's probate case dragging on, his six sibling heirs have grown increasingly unhappy, particularly as the estate has doled out tens of millions of dollars to lawyers and consultants.

Comerica and its lawyers at Fredrikson & Byron in Minneapolis maintain their estate valuations are solid. Comerica sued the IRS this summer in U.S. Tax Court in Washington, D.C., saying the agency's calculations are riddled with errors.

"What we have here is a classic battle of the experts — the estate's experts and the IRS' experts," said Dennis Patrick, an estate planning attorney at DeWitt LLP in Minneapolis who is not involved in the case. Valuing a large estate, Patrick added, "is way more of an art than a science."

Comerica, a Dallas-based financial services giant, has asked the tax court to hold a trial in St. Paul.



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**"Tiger" premieres Sunday on HBO.**

## 'Tiger' - The man, the legend, the flaws

### coverstory HBO's 'Tiger' a warts-and-all portrait of a golf great

BY GEORGE DICKIE

Tiger Woods was the type of singular talent that was preprogrammed for greatness seemingly from birth. He gripped a golf club at two months old, was hitting drives on "The Mike Douglas Show" at two years and was repeatedly told by his father Earl that through golf he could make a difference. And, of course, he did. His story is told in the two-part HBO Sports documentary "Tiger," airing consecutive Sundays, Jan. 10 and 17. Directed by Matthew Heineman ("The Trade") and Matthew Hamachek ("Meet the Patels"), the three-and-one-half-hour film follows the rise, fall and return to the game of the golf icon through never-before-seen footage and interviews with those who know him best, including former caddie Steve Williams, golf legend Nick Faldo, Earl Woods' biographer and close friend

Pete McDaniel, Woods' first true love Dina Parr and Rachel Uchitel, the woman at the center of the sex scandal that would alter the course of Woods' life. Jeff Benedict and Armen Ketyeyan's book "Tiger Woods" served as a resource for the film, which was made without the participation of the Woods camp. Of course, the accolades on the links speak for themselves: 82 PGA Tour wins, 15 major championships (including five Masters titles), 10-time PGA Tour top money winner, 11-time PGA Tour Player of the Year and a host of other laurels. And the driving force behind that success, at least at the outset, was Earl Woods. He was easily the biggest influence of Tiger's childhood and young adulthood, putting all his resources

into molding his son into a champion. The documentary details Earl's love of the game and how that was passed on to Tiger. But as Tiger's career took off and he matured as a man, he grew away from his father. Part of that was due to Earl's womanizing. One scene in the documentary tells of how he didn't bother to hide his indiscretions from his son, which disgusted Tiger. Of course, the apple didn't fall far from the tree and Tiger himself had some very public carnal escapades. The film goes into his "unchained" behavior in Las Vegas and the relationships that resulted, as well as the dalliance that would eventually end his marriage to wife Elin Nordegren, with Rachel Uchitel, a New York nightclub manager, in 2009.

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KEZI ABC	KEZI 9 News at 5:00 (N)	ABC World News	KEZI 9 News at 6 (N)	KEZI 9 News at 6:30 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	To Tell the Truth	Shark Tank	The Good Doctor "Fauli" A patient has a ruptured cyst.	KEZI 9 News at 11 (N)	Feel As Good As You Look	KCBY2 TBD	Animals Unscripted	Animals Unscripted	Animals Unscripted	
KCBY CBS	NCIS: Los Angeles	Fatima is caught and held for ransom.	48 Hours	48 Hours	To Be Announced	KVAL News at 11pm (N)	America This Week (N)	KOAC PBS	This Old House	PBS NewsHour Weekend (N)	I'll Have What Phil's Having	Sampling food in Los Angeles.	Rick Steves' Europe	Rick Steves' Europe	
KEVU MNT	The King of Queens	Funny You Should Ask	Access Hollywood	"Top Entertainment Stories of the Week"	Major Crimes	Half-naked man in a viral video.	Family Guy	Nightwatch	"Not Today" A drug overdose causes hallucinations.	Bloodline Detectives	"Sheeps Flat Murder Mystery"	Seinfeld	"The Bubble Boy"	American Ninja Warrior	
AMC	** The Matrix Revolutions	(2003, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. Neo, Morpheus and Trinity battle vicious machines.	*** The Matrix	(1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.	The Watch	"A Near Vimes Experience; Ook" A figure from Sam Vimes' life returns. (N)	BRAVO	(:15) ** It's Complicated	(2009, Romance-Comedy) Meryl Streep, Steve Martin, Alec Baldwin. A divorcee is caught between her ex and an architect.	(:7:48) ** Sweet Home Alabama	(2002, Romance-Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. A New York fashion designer has a secret in the South.	(:23) ** Sweet Home Alabama	(2002) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey.		
COMEDY	** Rush Hour 2	(2001, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, John Lone. Detectives battle a Hong Kong gangster and his henchmen.	** Expedition Unknown	World War I treasure in Lake Oljokoto.	** Expedition Unknown	America's first missing-persons case.	** Expedition Unknown	The hidden treasure of Erwin Rommel.	Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch	"Eyes on the Prize" Duane gains access to a cave system. (N)	Expedition Unknown	An iconic creature of the Ice Age.	Expedition Unknown	Josh retrieves bone samples.	
DISNEY	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Big City Greens	Gabby Duran & the Unsittables	Gabby Duran & the Unsittables	Gabby Duran & the Unsittables	Gabby Duran & the Unsittables
ESPN	(4:00) College Basketball	Clemson at North Carolina. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	UCLA at Arizona. From McKale Memorial Center in Tucson, Ariz. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter	(N) (Live)	NFL Rewind	SportsCenter	(N) (Live)	SportsCenter	(N) (Live)	SportsCenter	(N) (Live)		
FREEFORM	*** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire	(2013, Science Fiction) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth. The 75th Annual Hunger Games may change Panem forever.	*** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1	(2014) Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson. Katniss fights for Peeta and a nation moved by her courage.	*** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2	(2015)									
FX	(3:00) *** First Man	(2018, Biography) Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Jason Clarke.	*** The Martian	(2015, Science Fiction) Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain, Kristen Wiig. A stranded astronaut tries to survive on Mars.	** Jurassic World	(2015, Adventure) Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, Irfan Khan. Man-made dinosaurs go on a rampage at an island resort.	Baskets	"Cat People"							
HBO	(4:50) * Swimfan	(2002, Suspense) Jesse Bradford, Erika Christensen. A teenager learns to regret his tryst with a new classmate.	(:20) * Walk of Shame	(2014, Comedy) Elizabeth Banks, James Marsden. A one-night stand leaves a woman stranded in downtown L.A.	*** The King of Staten Island	(2020, Comedy-Drama) Pete Davidson, Marisa Tomei, Bill Burr. Premiere. An aimless slacker lives with his single mother.	(:20) 30 Coins	"Cobwebs" Priest's troubling past comes to light. (Subtitled-English)	(:41) 30 Coins	"Ouija" (Subtitled-English)					
NICK	The Loud House	The Loud House	Side Hustle	Side Hustle	Side Hustle	Side Hustle	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
TNT	(3:00) ** Suicide Squad	** Justice League	(2017, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot. Batman, Wonder Woman and other heroes unite to battle evil.	*** Wonder Woman	(2017, Action) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine, Connie Nielsen. Wonder Woman discovers her full powers and true destiny.	*** Batman Begins	(2005) Christian Bale, Michael Caine.								
TOON	Teen Titans Go!	Teen Titans Go!	World of Gumball	World of Gumball	The Amazing World of Gumball	of Elmore search for the meaning of love.	American Dad	American Dad	Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty	Family Guy	Family Guy			
USA	*** Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2	(2017, Science Fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. The team unravels the mystery of Peter Quill's parentage.	(:45) *** Avengers: Age of Ultron	(2015, Action) Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark Ruffalo. The Avengers reassemble to battle a technological villain.	*** Ant-Man	(2015) Paul Rudd. Ant-Man uses his shrinking skills to battle Yellowjacket.									
WGN-A	NewsNation	NewsNation	NewsNation	NewsNation	NewsNation	NewsNation	NewsNation	Person of Interest	"Pilot" Investigating a young prosecutor.						
WTBS	(3:00) ** The Replacements	** The Equalizer	(2014, Action) Denzel Washington, Marton Csokas, Chloë Grace Moretz. A former commando champions the helpless.	(:15) ** Fast & Furious 6	(2013, Action) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson. Hobbs offers Dom and crew a full pardon for their help.	Full Frontal	Go-Big Show								





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Legal Notices

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing of the Reedsport Planning Commission will be held on **Tuesday January 26, 2021 at 6:00 pm**, and a public hearing of the Reedsport City Council will be held on **Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm**. The meeting may take place via phone, videoconference, and/or in person at Reedsport City Hall; please call (541) 271-3603 or email [planning@cityofreedsport.org](mailto:planning@cityofreedsport.org) for location details, which are subject to change based on Covid-19 restrictions. The purpose of these hearings is to consider two separate text amendments to the Reedsport Municipal Code Title 10 Land Usage:

(1) An update to § 10.76.010 Flood Hazard Area, to (a) adopt the most recent National Flood Insurance Rate Maps and (b) update the requirement for the elevation of manufactured homes, in compliance with current National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and state specialty code standards. (2) An update to § 10.76.035 Marijuana Dispensaries, to remove the prohibition of exterior signage which contains "photos or illustrations of any parts of the marijuana plant," and replace with language requiring those signs meet applicable OLCC and OHA regulations.

Testimony may be submitted in writing prior to the hearing. Written or oral testimony may also be presented at the hearing. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the applicable criteria. Failure to raise an issue by the close of the record at or following the final evidentiary hearing in person or by letter precludes appeal to Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) based on that issue. Failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to an issue that is raised precludes appeal to LUBA based on that issue.

Please submit testimony and evidence to the Planning Department at [planning@cityofreedsport.org](mailto:planning@cityofreedsport.org) or Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Avenue, Reedsport, OR. 97467, no later than 5:00pm on Monday, January 25, 2021.

For additional information concerning the proposals contact the Planning Department at (541) 271-3603 or e-mail [planning@cityofreedsport.org](mailto:planning@cityofreedsport.org). Documents related to the proposals may be requested by contacting City Hall; documents are available for inspection at no cost and copies are \$0.25 per page. Staff reports regarding the proposals will be available January 19, 2021. Published: January 8, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:306306)

**City of North Bend Public Hearing Notice**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Council of the City of North Bend in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 835 California Street, North Bend, Oregon on January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider updating the Master Fee Schedule for the City of North Bend. The meeting will be held remotely and interested parties may submit a Remote Public Hearing Comment request form, or watch the live streamed meeting by visiting [www.northbendoregon.us](http://www.northbendoregon.us)

KayLee Marone  
City Recorder  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DEPARTMENT  
**In the Matter of the Estate of: LUANN MARIT SPENCER, Decedent. Case No.: 20PB08675**  
**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 P.O. Box 1006, North Bend, Oregon 97459, 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 attorneys for the personal representative, Stebbins & Coffey, P.O. Box 1006, North Bend, Oregon 97459. Dated and first published January 8, 2021. Kellene M. Allred Personal Representative  
Published: January 8, January 15 and January 22, 2021. The World & ONPA (ID:306311)

**SECTION 00-1113**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for **Coos County Beaver Hill Disposal Site – Roof Structure** project, will be received by the office of the Coos County Commissioners, Coos County Courthouse, 250 N. Baxter Street, Coquille, Oregon 97423, until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2021**. The actual bid opening shall be conducted in the Coos County Commissioners Conference Room immediately following the bid closing, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Work on this Project shall consist of the construction of an approximately 20,730 square foot pre-engineered metal building structure. The building is partially open/partially enclosed with walls and overhead coiling doors. The structure free spans a large solid waste dump pit at the Coos County Beaver Hill Transfer site. Site improvements include existing building demolition, concrete paving and site restoration as required. Refer to specifications within the Project Manual and the Drawings for complete description of the Work.

No bid shall be considered by Coos County unless the bid acknowledges that the provisions required by the ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 concerning payment of the prevailing rate of wages is included in the Contract.

Contract Documents for this work, including Instructions to Bidders and Bid Form, may be examined at the Coos County Commissioners office, 250 N. Baxter Street, Coquille, Oregon 97423, or the office of the Architect, HGE Architects, Inc, 333 South 4th Street, Coos Bay, Oregon, phone: 541-269-1166, email: [general@hge1.com](mailto:general@hge1.com), various Plan Centers, and on the HGE website at <https://www.hge1.com/bidding-area>. General Contractors are encouraged to contact HGE ARCHITECTS, INC., by phone or email and register their interest in submitting a bid and to be included in the plan holders' list.

One set of drawings, specifications and contract documents may be obtained by prime bidders from HGE ARCHITECTS, INC., upon refundable deposit of \$100.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk-through of the project will be held at the job site at **1:30 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021**. Contractors and subcontractors are encouraged to attend. General contractors are required to attend to qualify to submit a bid.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any technicalities or informalities in connection therewith. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the hour set for the opening thereof until the lapse of thirty (30) days from the bid opening. By: Nathaniel Johnson, Coos County Counsel  
Published: Jan. 8, 2021 & Jan. 12, 2021. The World & ONPA (ID:306295)

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Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS  
In the Matter of the Marriage of **JASON RATLIFF**, Petitioner, and **CRYSTAL C. RATLIFF**, Respondent. Case No. 20DR19534  
**AMENDED SUMMONS DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUIT- TO: CRYSTAL C. RATLIFF**, Respondent.

The Petitioner has filed a Petition asking for dissolution of marriage and sole custody of the parties' two (2) minor children. If you do not file the appropriate legal paper with the court in the time required (see below), your spouse may ask the court for a judgment against you that orders the relief requested.

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT. READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!**

You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear", you must file with the Court a legal paper called a "Response" or "Motion". Response forms may be available through the court located at: Coos County Courthouse, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille, Oregon 97423. This Response must be filed with the court clerk or administrator within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and you must show that the Petitioner's attorney (or the Petitioner if he/she does not have an attorney) was served with a copy of the "Response" or "Motion". The location to file your response is at the court address indicated above. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at [www.oregonstatebar.org](http://www.oregonstatebar.org) or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll free elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636.

If special accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act is needed, please contact your local court at the address above; telephone number: (541) 396-7500. Dated and first published on January 8, 2021. s/Karen L. Costello  
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**Bridge**

George C. Marshall, who was a soldier and the third secretary of defense, said, "If man does find the solution for world peace, it will be the most revolutionary reversal of his record we have ever known."

Hasn't happened yet! But one word in that sentence gives you the key to the way to make seven hearts in today's deal. What would you do after West leads the club four? Did West have a more effective lead?

After the transfer bid and natural re-bid, hearts were agreed by South. Then North's four clubs and South's four diamonds were control-bids. Note that

the king in partner's side suit is usually as useful as the ace. North then used Roman Key Card Blackwood to learn that his partner had two aces and the heart queen. Finally, he plunged into seven hearts.

South saw that he had seven side-suit winners: one spade, five diamonds and one club. So he needed six trump tricks. That would require taking three tops and three spade ruffs on the board.

Declarer won with the club ace, played the spade queen to his ace, ruffed a spade, crossed to hand with a trump, cashed his other high heart, ruffed a spade, led a diamond to the king, ruffed the spade 10 and, when that passed off safely, cashed the heart king and claimed.

The 13 tricks were one spade, three hearts, five diamonds, one club and three spade ruffs. It was a textbook dummy reversal.

A diamond lead is lethal, removing a vital hand entry.

North 01-08-21			
♠ Q			
♥ K 6 5 4 3			
♦ A Q 10 7 6			
♣ A 6			
West		East	
♠ K 7 3 2		♠ J 9 6 4	
♥ 8 2		♥ J 10 9	
♦ 5 4 2		♦ 9 8	
♣ 10 7 5 4		♣ K Q 9 8	
South			
♠ A 10 8 5			
♥ A Q 7			
♦ K J 3			
♣ J 3 2			
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♦	Pass
3♥	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♠	Pass	7♥	All Pass
Opening lead: ♣ 4			

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Photos courtesy of Marshfield Key Club

Students worked two hours every Friday from October to Dec. 18 to complete Phase 1 of Marshfield High School's new Cottage Garden.

## What to know about vaccines

By Dr. Charles Hurbis

My public battle with COVID took a personal turn last month. My 87-year-old father, who lives at home in Ann Arbor, Mich., was diagnosed with COVID. As I write this column, I am having him admitted to the University of Michigan Hospital. Just this morning, nearly two weeks into his infection, his condition abruptly changed, that's COVID. It's very unpredictable. I don't think that any single person will get through this pandemic without some personal toll. I was hoping to be an exception, clearly that won't be the case.



Dr. Charles Hurbis

Here's an eye opener for you. Historically, we've had some pretty horrific days on our continent, The Civil War, Pearl Harbor, The Trade Towers, etc. Still, the statistics from these tragedies are soon to be buried by COVID data. Listed are the 12 most deadly days on our continent (and these will be beaten come press time):

- 1) Galveston Hurricane (August 1900) - 8,000 deaths
- 2) Battle of Antietam (September 17, 1862) - 3,600
- 3) Trade Centers (September 11, 2001) - 2977
- 4) Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941) - 2404
- COVID:
- 5) Dec 16 - 3,611
- 6) Dec 17 - 3,293
- 7) Dec 22 - 3,239
- 8) Dec 23 - 3,411
- 9) Christmas Eve - 2824
- 10) Dec 29 - 3,629,
- 11) Dec 30 - 3,809
- 12) New Year's Eve - 3,460

I've been writing a monthly column on COVID now since March. I've given very specific safety guidelines to my family members. Still, families always feel safer around each other (which makes any situation even more dangerous). This virus does not allow you to let your guard down, not for a second. It takes only one mistake to change the course of your, or someone else's life, possibly forever.

Seemingly safe behavior is now even more necessary since the new, much more infectious strain of COVID from the UK has reached our shores. This new variant of the coronavirus can spread much more quickly than prior strains of the virus. The mutation represents a variation in the virus spike protein which controls viral replication.

Please see **Doc H**, Page B6

## Marshfield students build cottage garden

Project received \$1,000 in grant money

By JILLIAN WARD  
For The World

COOS BAY — For the first time, Marshfield High School has a student-run garden on campus and there are plans for expansion.

Stacy Gulseth, MHS educational assistant and Marshfield Key Club advisor, described the new retaining walls and over 75 fresh-planted flowers as a "cottage garden." Of course, when she initially heard about the grant that might make the project possible it was before the COVID-19 restrictions and during a time where she hoped the entire student body could be involved.

In January of 2020, Gulseth learned of an Oregon State University School Garden Grant. Gulseth announced it to the Marshfield Key Club, a student-run group that organizes projects within and outside



The Marshfield Key Club received a \$1,000 grant over the summer to put in gardens on campus. Phase 1 can be seen outside of the main building.

the school. "They thought about it, mulled it over and we walked around the campus," she said. By the next week, three students

expressed interest in taking hold of the venture. From there, students drew up a picture and came up with a PowerPoint presentation with their ideas.

At first, students envisioned bringing life to the lawns outside of Marshfield High School's main building.

"The kids used to play football on the grass and tore it terribly, so they wanted bench seating there," Gulseth described. "They wanted to put a two-foot retaining wall all around, take out the juniper trees, and on the retaining walls have planter boxes. Then we were going to cut down the shrubs, add flowers."

Adjacent to that would be a pollinator garden. The students also hoped to repaint the anchor in the area.

Gulseth calculated how much this version of a school garden would cost and discovered it totaled \$7,000.

"...So we knew we had to fundraise," she said, not knowing how much of the grant they might receive - if any.

Please see **Garden**, Page B2

## Nature Guide Journal: Ruffed grouse and windows

By MARTY GILES  
Wavcrest Discoveries

"Thud!" The sound brought my neighbors to the sliding glass door to see what had caused the noise.

A good-sized bird was crumpled on the decking just outside the door.

When I saw it a short while later, the bird's body was nearly cold, but not yet stiff.

The bird's demise was an opportunity for us to see how gorgeous the animal was. Basically warm red-brown, the

back was speckled: up close we could see that each feather had a tiny white fringe and an "eye" with an elongated white heart inside a black spot. The feathers on the shoulders had short white stripes instead of eyes. The tail had irregular lighter-brown bars and a nearly black tip. The breast was tawny with brown speckles that merged into dark, irregular bars on the white belly. From its crumpled position, the ends of the wing flight feathers looked sooty gray. The corpse's head featured a strong, sharply pointed beak and a few inch-long, narrow feathers trailing back

off the top of the head to form a weak crest. The most distinguishing identification characteristic was striking — a loose ruff of fluffy black feathers on either side of the neck.

Yep: a "ruffed grouse" had flown into their window. A male, as only the males have ruffs. When defending their territory or attracting a female, male ruffed grouse fluff up their ruff, pull their tail erect and fan it out, and "drum" the air with their wings. (Who could resist?)

Please see **Giles**, Page B6



**Shana Jo Armstrong**  
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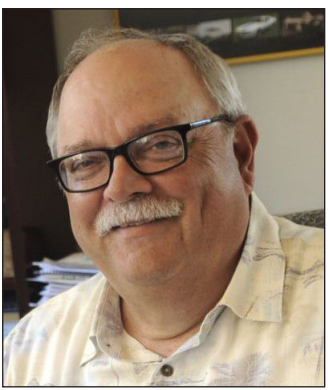
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# The Chamber Minute: Committee opportunities



**TIMM SLATER**  
Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Often you have heard me say that the chamber's strength comes from utilizing the vast collective experiences and energy of our diverse membership of over 530 businesses. So how do we do that? In many ways, it's through their participation on one of our teams. While the COVID response impacted all operations in 2020, let me re-introduce you to those committee opportunities we expect to be active in 2021.

**Ambassadors** — Are the red-coated welcoming team that greets dignitaries, cuts ribbons at grand openings and hosts Business after Hours each month.

**Business Development & Support** — works for a positive business climate which promotes retention, expansion and recruitment activities throughout Oregon's Bay Area.

**Natural Resources** —helps to educate the public on timber and fishing issues and other natural resource opportunities which affect our coastal community and economy. This team works in concert with the LAT.

**Legislative Action Team (LAT)** — Serves as an advocate for chamber members and the business community in local and state issues impacting quality of life, growth and business viability.

**Wednesday Business Connection** — hosts a weekly business or community related forum from September through May, which provides folks networking opportunities and current issue information.

**Leadership Coos** — A tuition based program, which gives an in depth introduction to all aspects of our community, one day per month, from September to May each year, while encouraging personal investment of time and effort into making a difference. We are looking for the next class to start in September 2021. Chamber members can be part

of any of these teams. In fact that is the only way we are successful. So give us a call and we will set you up. Oh, there are even a few more hard working groups to introduce you to, but, since I'm out of space, that will have to wait for another day.

Remember our business is helping your business. And like us on Facebook!

*(Timm Slater is executive director of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information on your Chamber, email [timmslater@oregons-bayarea.org](mailto:timmslater@oregons-bayarea.org).)*

## Garden

From B1

Then on Friday, March 13 2020, the three students leading the project took school administrators on a tour of the area.

"And we learned hours later that the school would close due to COVID, but only for a week," Gulseth said. And as that one-week shutdown began to stretch, she prepared the remaining grant application and had it done and turned in before the March 31 deadline.

They expected to hear whether they received it or not by the end of April, but as the pandemic continued the announcement was delayed.

"We went through the summer and it wasn't until the end of July that I got a phone call that we received some money," Gulseth said. "Because there weren't fundraisers, due to COVID, their funds were short. But we still received \$1,000."

Which meant the student's initial grand vision had to be scaled down and broken into phases. But getting started — and when — was still a bigger issue.

"School started in September, but we didn't know what we would do," she said. "Teachers were still learning how to do the ... curriculum online."

On Oct. 8, schools received word from the Oregon



Students and staff stand by the finished Phase 1 of the new gardens at Marshfield High School.

Department of Education that there could be no more than 250 students on campus per week. That meant there had to be two separate cohorts, or groups that don't intermingle, in addition to only having 10 people per gathering. This directive included staff members as well, Gulseth said.

"We were limited," she said. "We wanted the project to include the whole school and now..."

She reached out to her Marshfield Key Club members, but transportation was difficult for her students during the lockdown when parents were hesitant to have their children gather "even though we were social distancing and wearing masks," she

said. Gulseth reached out to other groups, including the Science National Honors Society, National Honors Society and the ZClub. From there she was able to get students in for two hours every Friday starting Oct. 9. Phase 1 of the garden was worked on every Friday from then to Dec. 18, when it was finally complete nearly one year after the idea began.

Phase 1 included the retaining walls, put in by her husband Brad Gulseth. The students worked on removing roots, edging the lawn and choosing which plants would go in first.

Phase 1 also included the pollinator section, meant to

attract bees and butterflies. Gulseth said a pollinator hotel and birdhouse were added "for a whimsical look."

Gulseth anticipates more flowers will be purchased in the spring for added color.

"The kids will take care of the garden," she said. "...Right when we finished (Phase 1), they wanted to know what they can do next. They learned so much about gardening, came in clean and left with dirt stains all over. I'm hoping that school comes back and we can maybe tackle (Phase 2), or at least a portion of it."

"At the end, I think (the students) have a new sense of pride for their school," she said.

## Goldstein is January featured speaker in SWOCC lecture series

**COOS BAY** — Jeff Goldstein of the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education is the next featured speaker in the Southwestern Oregon Community College 2020-21 Physics and Astronomy Lecture Series.

Goldstein will give a talk at noon on Saturday, Jan. 16, titled "Human Exploration — It's Not a Book of Knowledge ... It's a Journey."

The talk will be livestreamed to the public and can be accessed at <https://livestream.com/swocc/physicsandastronomy2020-21>, and through the college's Facebook page.

Goldstein's lecture will investigate the inquisitive nature of humanity and how educators and citizens can support innate human curiosity through education.

"Every parent remembers that magical time when our children first began to speak, that moment marking the beginning of an unending stream of questions," Goldstein wrote in a release promoting the lecture. "In our children we can see our humanity — our innate curiosity — and recognize the obvious ... that we are born

to explore!"

Goldstein said science, and more generally the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) concept, despite all its seeming complexity, "is nothing but a means to organize curiosity.

A way to empower one's self to ask the gift of a question, and to hone the art that allows navigation through the noise of the universe around us in quest of an answer.

"It is an emotional, joyful and wondrous journey that hopefully allows the traveler to pull back the veil of nature just a little, see how she operates and celebrate the accomplishment."

In the lecture, Goldstein provides an informative and insightful discussion of curiosity and inquiry-based learning in both education and science exploration.

For information on the lecture, contact Aaron Coyner, associate professor of physics at SWOCC, by email at [aaron.coyner@socc.edu](mailto:aaron.coyner@socc.edu) or by phone at 541-294-5992.

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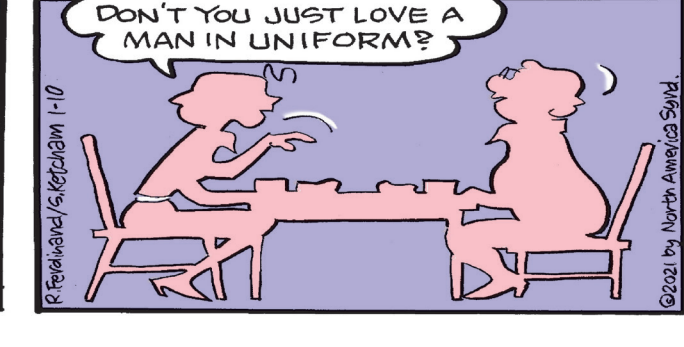
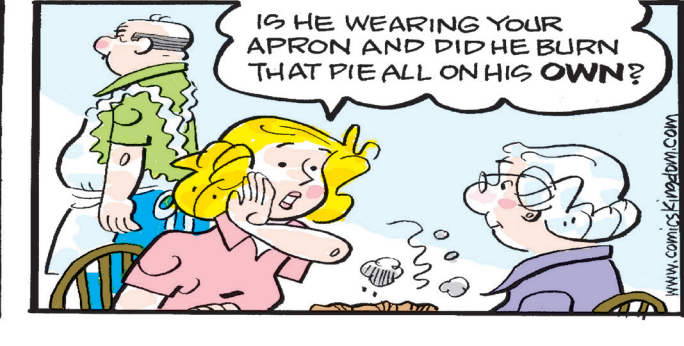
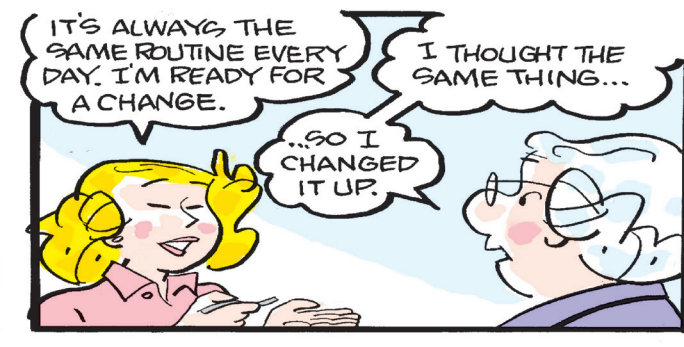
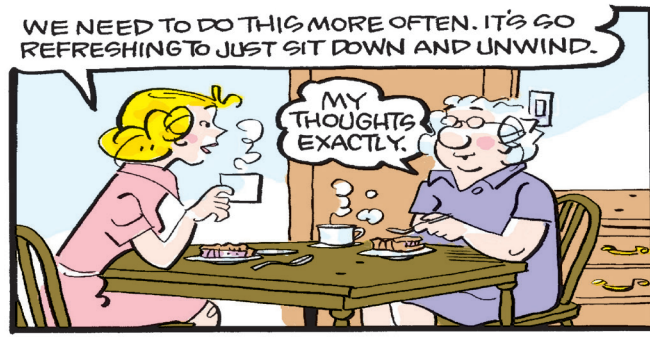
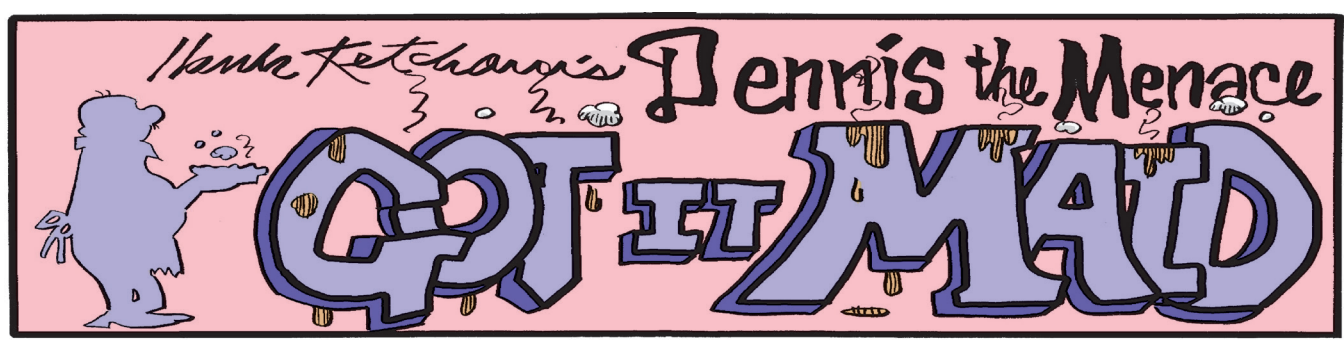
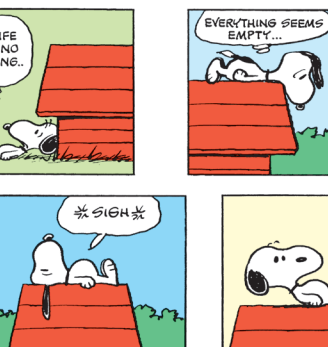
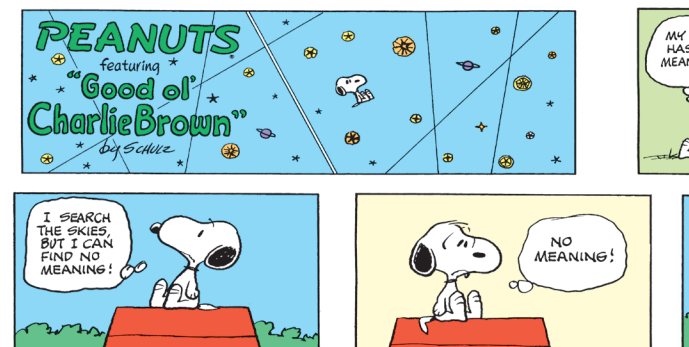
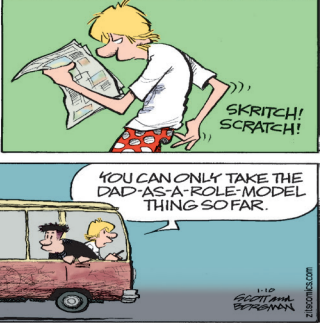
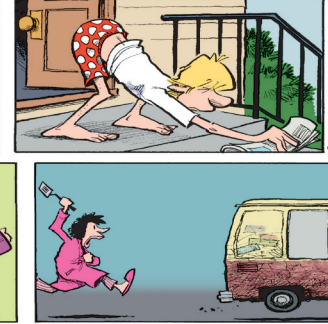
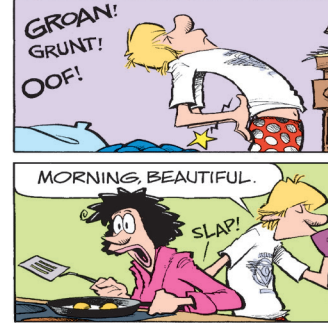
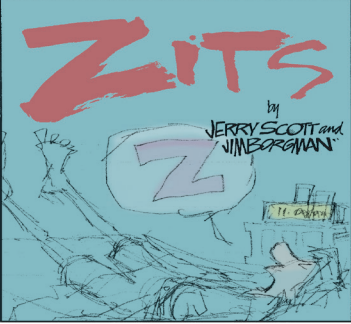
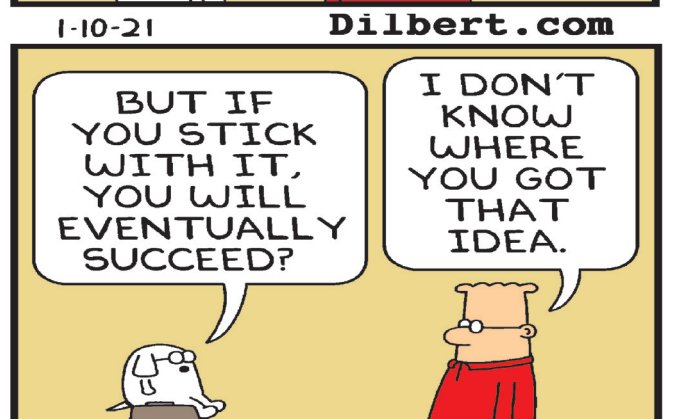
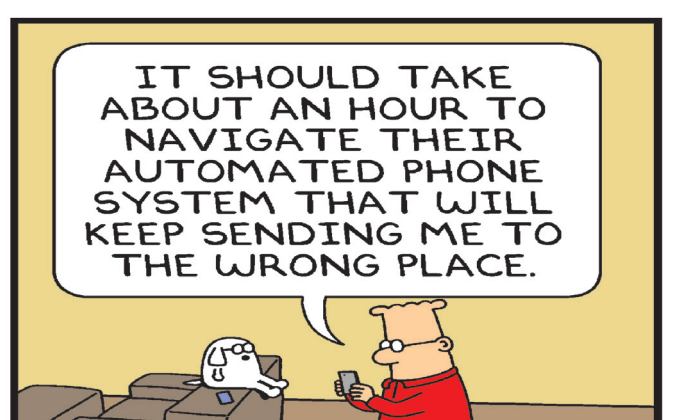
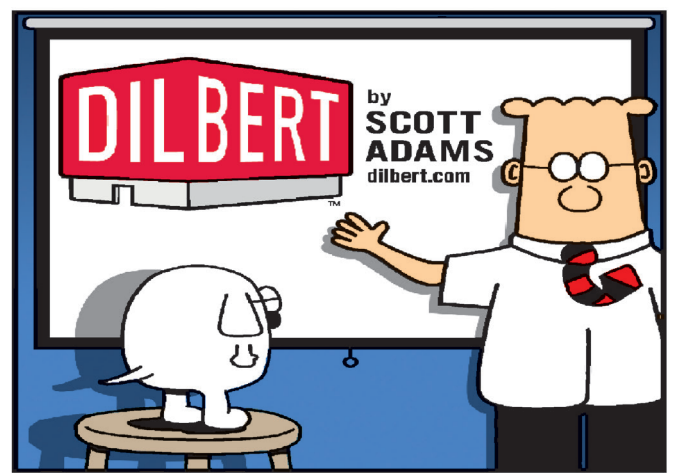
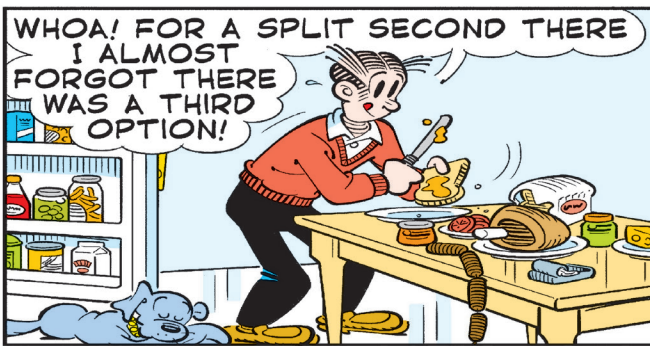
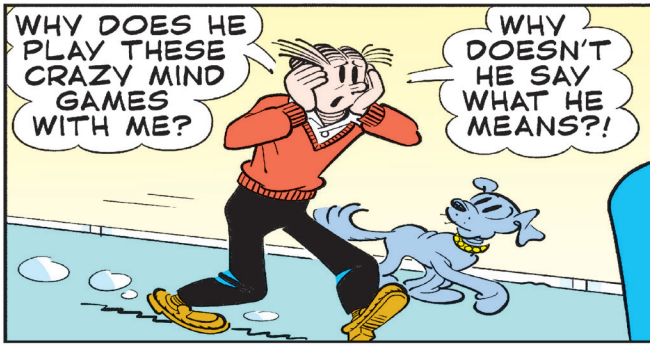
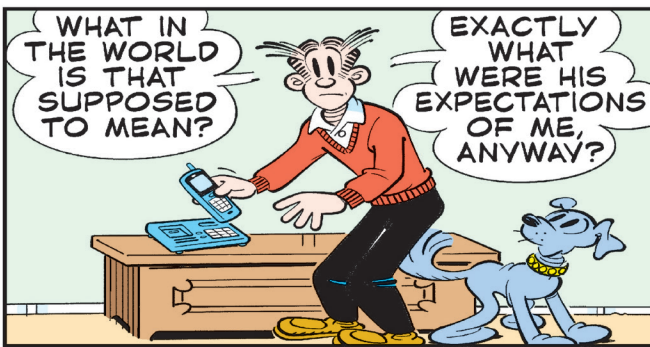
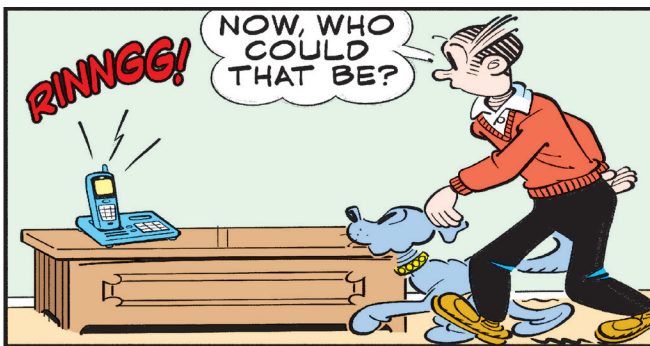
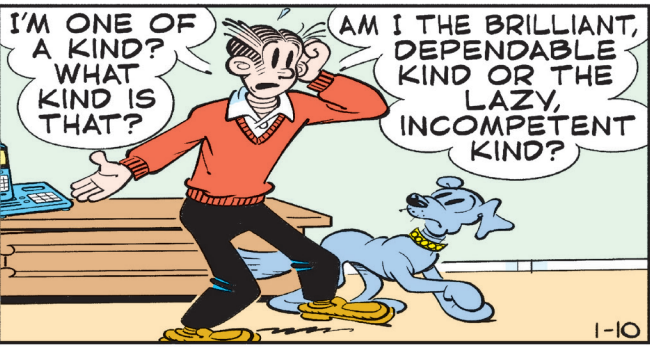
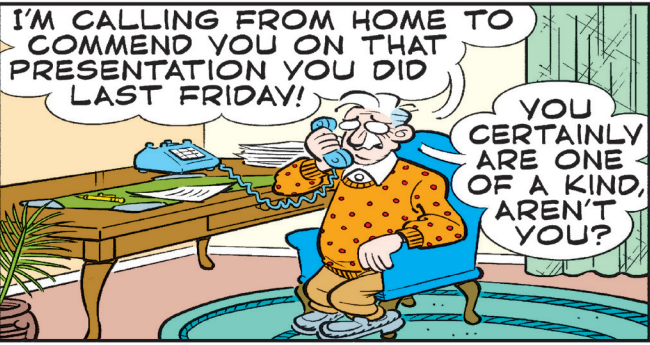
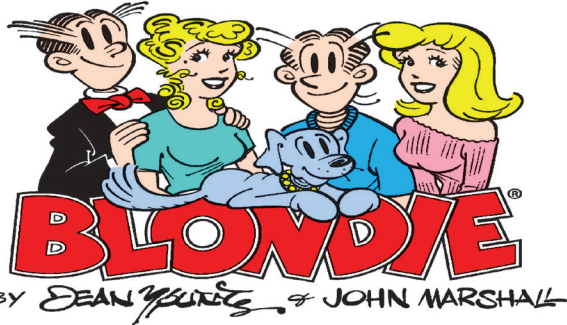
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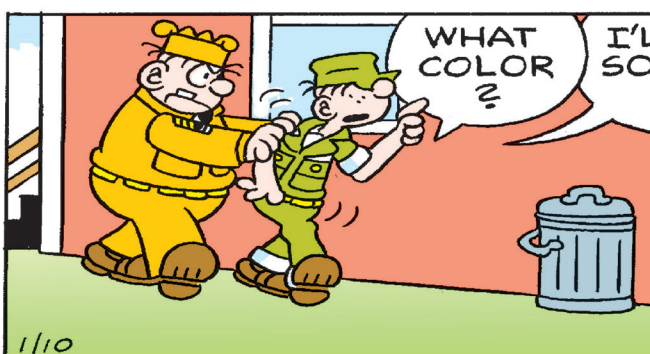
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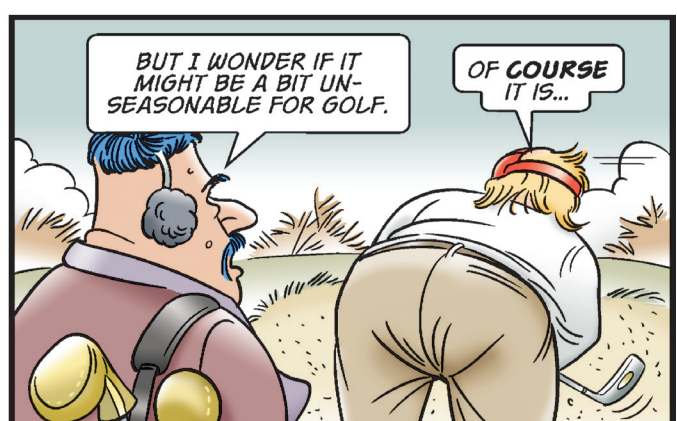
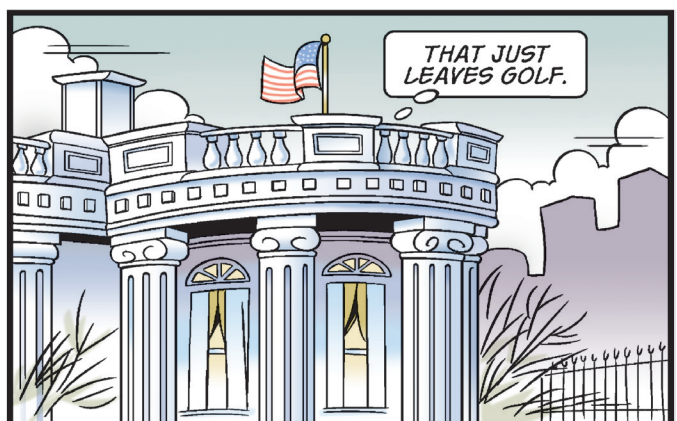
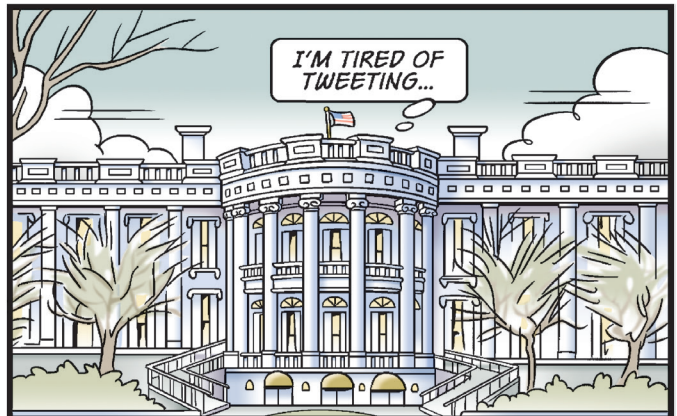
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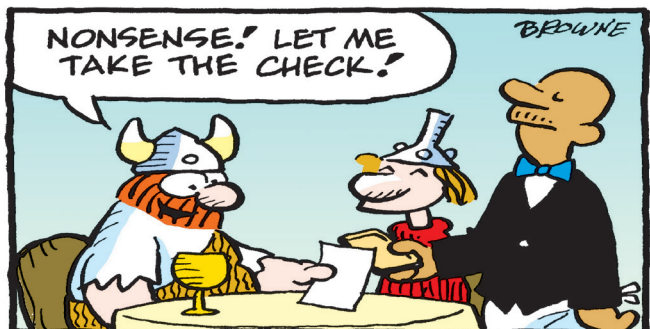
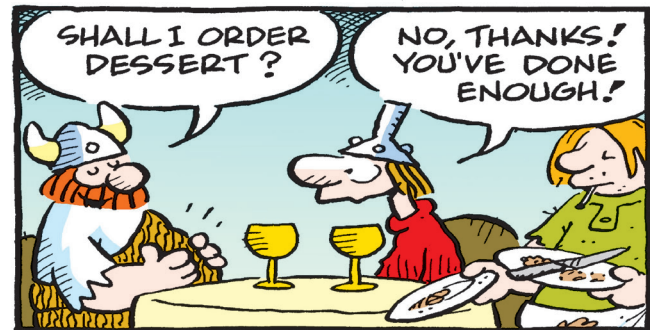
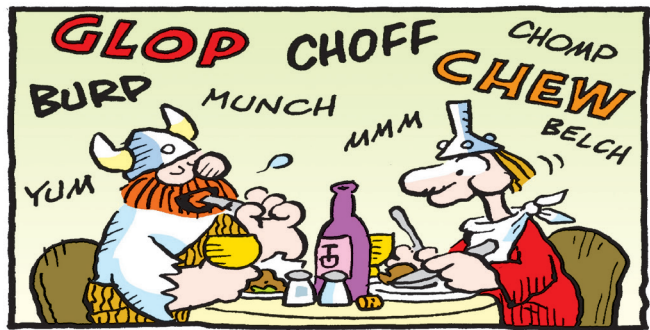
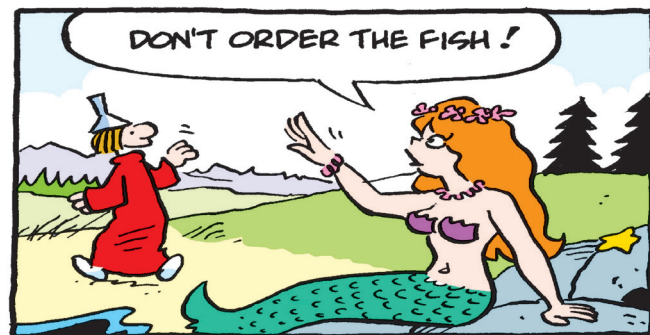
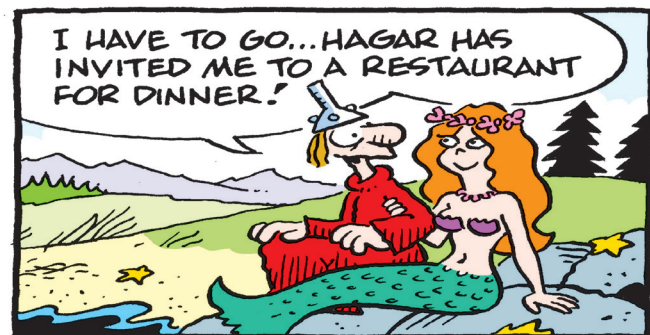
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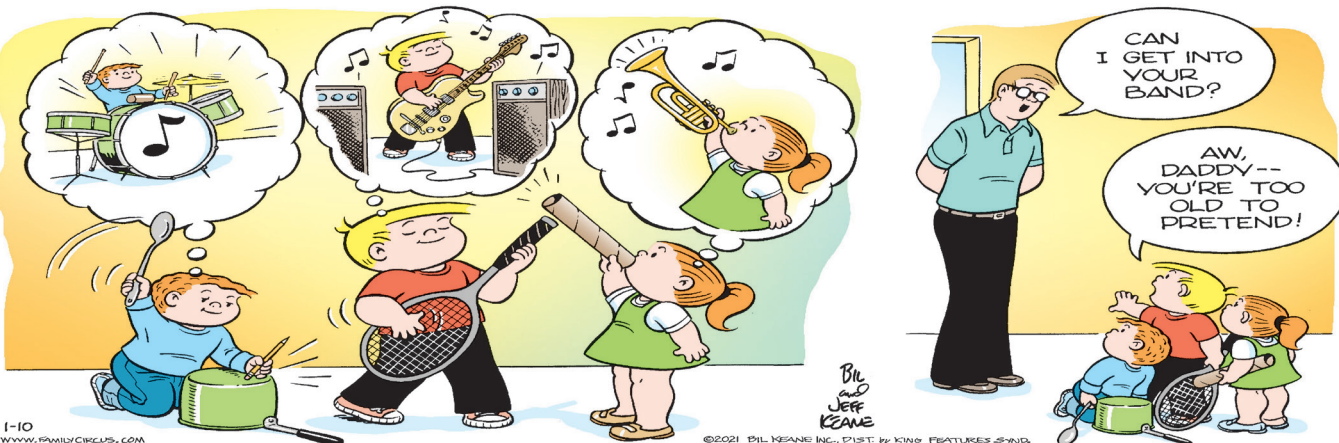
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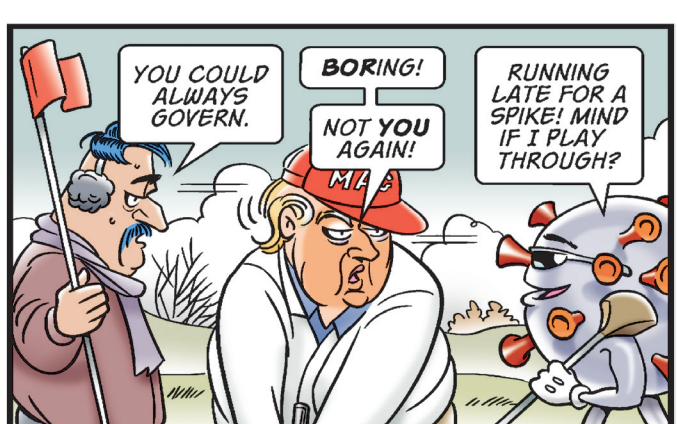
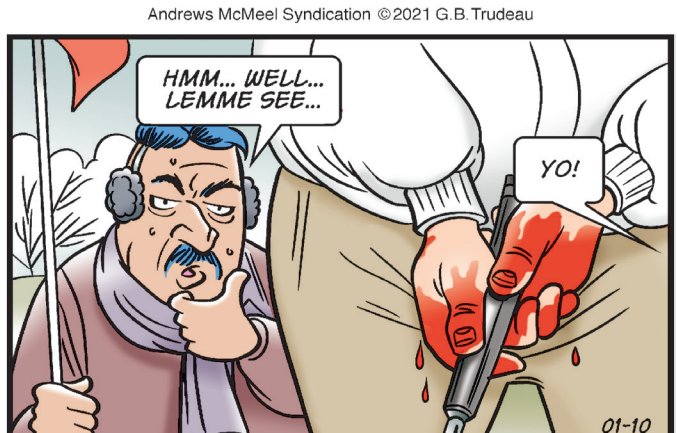
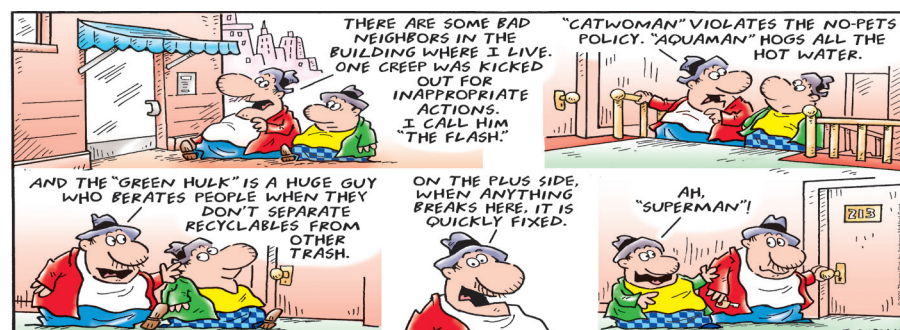
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From B1
Common throughout western Oregon and in parts of eastern Oregon, ruffed grouse are "forest gleaners," favoring mixed forests and their edges, and forested streambanks, where they feed on vegetation. Certainly, a house on the edge of the woods could be pushing into ruffed grouse habitat. Why do birds fly into windows? They do so usually because they see the reflection of the foliage or the sky in the window, rather than the glass; perhaps they see the dark space as a "hole" in the building they can fly through. Birds sometimes bang into windows because they see their reflection and think the reflection is an interloper.

(Since this was late December, the neighbor's grouse was seeking to feed or roost in the "forest" hole he saw in the window.) This summer, I had a chickadee spend several days attacking its reflection in one of my office windows. The defender would hit the glass feet first and bounce off, then it would rest a few moments in the adjacent tree to catch its breath, then try again to persuade the apparent trespasser to leave. The bold chickadee eventually gave up. These kinds of encounters are rarely fatal, however. Less common, a sick bird, or one drunk on fermented fruit, may also stumble into a window. According to Portland Audubon's research, between 54-76% of the birds that fly into windows die from their injuries — which could add up to a billion birds a year in the U.S. If you find a window victim that seems merely dazed, you can protect it from predators, but do leave it alone

Dead birds are state property

In case you're wondering, birds that die flying into windows are still technically Oregon State property: since you didn't legally hunt the animal, you cannot keep the carcass without a special use permit. Instead, carefully dispose of the body where other animals can't get to it (to reduce possibility of spreading disease). https://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/health\_program/dead\_bird\_reporting\_protocol.asp

to recover in peace. Portland Audubon's website recommends putting the injured bird in a small cardboard box and checking on it an hour later to release it. (Always wash your hands well after handling any wildlife.) Such accidental bird-kills are a consequence of having both windows on our houses and vegetation outside our houses. The danger for the birds can be mitigated through interrupting the windows' reflection by placing decals, tape or dabs of paint no more than 4 inches apart on the window, or by adding screens or reflective film. (For more information, visit https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/how-can-i-keep-birds-from-hitting-my-windows/) Such tasks are easy ways to preserve your wildlife: A live bird is always a good trade for a dead one — even a gorgeous grouse. For information on how you can arrange your own exploration of our fascinating natural history, contact Marty at 541/267-4027, mgiles@wavecrestdiscoveries.com, or www.facebook.com/wavecrestdiscoveries.

Doc H

From B1
A collection of evidence suggests the new strain "has a significant, substantial increase in transmissibility," says Professor Chris Whitty, England's chief medical officer. "But, there's no evidence so far to suggest it causes more severe disease, a higher risk of hospitalization or limits coronavirus treatments and vaccines", he said. This new strain has already been detected in places as far flung as Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Iceland and Australia. Now it has also surfaced in Colorado, San Diego and New York. So how do we protect ourselves at this juncture in the Pandemic? At the risk of being horribly repetitive the old safeguards are masking and social separation. We know these can be almost 100% effective when used properly. Doctors and nurses work daily with COVID patients. Their properly fitted high quality masks (no you cannot wear it under your nose), eye protection and strict hygiene protocols keep the risk of infection relatively low, even with the huge exposure. Also, consider Melbourne, Australia. Melbourne (a city of five million) underwent an economically painful prolonged shutdown, enforced masking with teeth and had a vigorous contact tracing program. The results, near the end of 2020 Melbourne had a 50-day stretch without one single case. Ponder that for just a second, not one case. Yes, it is possible to control a pandemic. But, we live in America, right? We can't be expected to sacrifice, give up our civil liberties or have our rights restricted like the Aussies. Unfortunately, because of who

we are, we'll clearly never control the virus the same way. Our only option out of this is mass vaccination. Here's what you need to know about the available vaccines: 1) Current U.S. population survey: 4 of 10 Americans are not planning on being vaccinated (that's not going to work). 2) Four companies are currently producing a COVID vaccine: Moderna, Pfizer, AstraZeneca and Novavax. 3) Vaccines function by targeting the virus spike protein, a surface protein which determines how contagious the virus is (depending on its stickiness to target cells). All COVID variants are similar enough to allow vaccines to still be effective thus far. 4) Vaccination protocol - the currently available vaccines require 2 doses separated by 4 weeks to be effective. Interestingly though there are thoughts of switching to a one dose regimen because of overall shortages. Two is better. 5) Time to immunity will be about 2 weeks after the second dose or about 6 weeks. 6) Side effects - as with all vaccines we can expect some mild immediate side effects. These include fatigue 36%, headache 36%, muscle aches 20% and chills 10%. These tend to be worse after the second injection and are not as bad in the elderly. There have been rare severe allergic reactions. These have occurred in people with a propensity for anaphylaxis and are more common with severe shellfish allergies. There have been reported cases of Bell's palsy (or temporary facial paralysis) at a rate of 1/7000. There was some initial concern about the vaccine temporarily affecting fertility due to similarities between the

spike protein and placental proteins. This has not panned out. Serious side effects would occur within the first few weeks. So far, the safety profile has been better than other vaccines of the same type over a similar time period. 7) The vaccine is currently designed for those over the age of 16. Those with the following conditions shouldn't be vaccinated: pregnancy, during lactation, people with severe allergies (OK with monitoring), HIV or other forms of immunosuppression. Also, there should be no other simultaneous vaccines given. 8) The vaccines are known to impart a 95% protection to COVID infection. They produce a strong IgG antibody and cellular immunity response, but less of an IgA response. IgA is the antibody secreted by mucus membranes which protects against initial viral surface colonization. Without IgA induction, the vaccine doesn't necessarily prevent people from carrying and spreading the virus even though they personally are protected. The vaccination may protect only the vaccinated. Therefore, masks will still be needed initially to prevent spread. The vaccine is another arrow in our quiver towards controlling the pandemic, but not likely the bazooka we'd hoped for. One question that arises is: Should I refuse inoculation now hoping for a better vaccine in the future? The answer is no, at 95% effectiveness to you it's unlikely anything better will be developed in short order, and with this new strain out there you need protection. During this pandemic many COVID treatments have been touted as "effective," but in reality, only a

few have any real value. I'm listing these below: Within the first 14 days Antivirals: Remdesivir +/- Baricitinib (an anti-inflammatory) - reduce recovery time and accelerate improvement in clinical status among patients with Covid-19, notably those receiving high-flow oxygen or noninvasive ventilation. Monoclonal antibodies: REGN-COV2 antibody cocktail Casirivimab/Imdevimab (Regeneron), Bamlanivimab (Eli Lilly) - reduce viral load. These have a greater effect in patients whose immune response had not yet been initiated or who had a high viral load at baseline. After 14 days Decadron - steroid treatment, modulates excess immune response lessening complications. Convalescent Plasma - plasma pooled from blood type matched donors that have recovered from COVID and show high antibody titers. These extrinsic antibodies speed overall resolution in more chronic cases. I have a very good friend who is a professor of cardiology at the University of Michigan. In the early days of the pandemic he volunteered to work as an intensivist in the understaffed, expanded intensive care units during the last peak. He said that all of his patients were elderly, exceptionally sick and most with multiple co-morbidities. Many required intubation with ventilator assist at some point. During those 2 months, every single one of his patients eventually walked out of the hospital. Here's where luck may have a place. Also, you need a damned good doctor and a good dose of faith. Doc H

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