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Coos County sets another COVID record

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

COVID-19 cases in Coos County set another record last week as the number of cases reported in September easily broke the record set just a month earlier.

With one day left in the month, Coos Health & Wellness reported 1,154 cases of COVID were reported in September. In August, the county had 1,077 cases. The two months combined

almost equal all the cases reported in the previous 14 months of the pandemic.

Before the Delta variant sent cases skyrocketing in August, the highest number of cases reported in a single month was 492 in February of this year.

As of Thursday, the county had 4,546 total cases since the pandemic began with 76 people who died after contracting the virus. Coos Health & Wellness reported several outbreaks at

local senior assisted living facilities along with outbreaks and the Coos County Jail (7 cases), Shutter Creek prison (22 cases) and Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center (7 cases).

Every school district in the county has also had cases, with every individual school reporting either cases or impacts due to the virus.

"We've gone far and above our cases in August," said Dr. Eric Gleason, assistant director of Coos Health & Wellness. "We

do look like we're at a plateau."

Gleason said Coos County has been unusual during the pandemic as it seems to move up in cases when other counties around us do, but the county seems to hang on at high points much longer than others. Both Curry and Douglas counties have reported steep drops in the number of cases in recent weeks, although Douglas County has continued to see a high number of COVID-linked deaths.

"We've never been this high ever," Gleason said. "In our previous peak, from December through March, we were kind of at a plateau for a while. We had a four-month plateau. If this trends out like that and we have a four-month plateau, it looks like December before we start to come back down. I expect we're going to be in this for a few months."

With more than 2,200 COVID

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Coquille schools reopen

By **JULIE AKINS**
For The World

School is back in session at Coquille Junior and Senior High School after COVID-19 shut them down in September.

In person learning stopped two weeks ago when the virus spread through the school making it unsafe for students to attend, according to the district.

But after a school board meeting on Thursday, it was decided students would return on Tuesday, October 5.

"We're very excited to get going again. Kids need to be in school," said Coquille Assistant Principal Jeff Philley.

The re-opening comes with five basic conditions:

There will be a new weekly, optional COVID test, an optional student vaccine clinic will be offered at the hospital and there will be a "test to stay" so that students who have been exposed to COVID-19 can remain in school if they test negative.

And the school district will slow down COVID-19 related transfers to alternative high school Winter Lakes.

"The alternative high school isn't really for COVID-19 so we want to limit those kids requesting to go there due strictly to COVID considerations" said Philley.

Outside of school hours, the district is encouraging parents to transport their children to school related events, such as athletics, "because buses create close quarters" said Philley.

The schools are also short on bus drivers.

"Parents may transport student athletes to events, their child or another child, if they have permission. There just aren't enough bus drivers," said Armond Ruiz from Coquille High School.

Finally, the school is asking everyone with school aged children to be cognizant to limit large gatherings while COVID-19 rules are in place.

The school board upon hearing the plan voted unanimously to re-open the schools and to support the conditions, except for one.

Initially, the school district had suggested an optional vaccination clinic be located on campus, but board member Heather Echavarria objected strongly.

"I don't want this to be on our campus. Why not give out vouchers or encourage students to go to the vaccina-

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Photos by David Rupkalvis/The World

Officer Dustin Pankhurst stands next to the vehicle he will be driving as the school resource officer at North Bend High School. The vehicle will spread the message of stopping suicide.

North Bend police partner to stop suicide

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

Students at North Bend High School will see a strong reminder on campus every day - life is worth living.

On Wednesday, a partnership between the North Bend Police Department and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention was unveiled - a police car urging students and others to call for help if they are feeling suicidal.

Lance Nelson, chapter pres-

ident with the AFSP in Coos County, said the message on the car is one students need to see and hear regularly.

"As you probably know, Coos County has one of the worst suicide rates in Oregon," Nelson said. "We're trying to change this. We know that education is a huge piece of suicide prevention, and that's what we love to do here."

Nelson said the AFSP offers free classes for any group, large or small, about suicide prevention. He said classes are available for anyone, youth, teens, adults,

elderly or LGBTQ.

"Every person, every age group, every demographic has an opportunity to get educated on suicide prevention through AFSP," Nelson said.

Nelson said partnering with the North Bend Police Department was a natural move for both agencies.

"Almost all the time, folks that are actively suicidal or in a mental health crisis, one of their first contacts is with law enforcement," Nelson said. "Suicide is the second leading cause of death among adolescents. We thought

it was important for this to be parked out in front of the school. We want the message to be right in front of their faces."

Dustin Parkhurst, the school resource officer for the North Bend police, will drive the car. He said he hopes sending the message to stop suicide and offering a place to call will make a difference. In his role, he said he has seen mental health struggles among students increase.

"On a daily basis, I'm working

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Photo by David Rupkalvis/The World

A puppy rests in his home during an open house at Coalbank Village. The tiny-home village houses homeless in the community, many who have their pets with them.

Coalbank Village making a difference

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

Three months after opening to give the homeless in Coos Bay a place to call home, Coalbank

Village opened to the public briefly Thursday.

The Nancy Devereaux Center, which runs Coalbank Village, hosted an open house to allow the community to get a firsthand

look at the cluster of tiny pallet homes that house up to 19 homeless individuals temporarily.

Dozens of community members lined up to visit Coalbank Village, much to the delight of

Tara Johnson, the executive director of the Devereaux Center.

Johnson said the open house was a big moment for Coalbank

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thank you to Jones Dairy Farm for their sponsorship of the team.”

Having started in August, the team will be practicing together regularly as they perfect their entries for the 2022 Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg, Germany, and for the 2024 IKA Culinary Olympics in Stuttgart, Germany.

For more information about Southwestern and OCCI’s culinary programs visit: www.socc.edu/occi or call Shawn Warren at 541-888-7309.

“I’d like to see more people get vaccinated in general,” he said. “But I don’t see that happening.”

Coos Health & Wellness also reported 27 percent of all cases in September, or 299 cases, were in people 19 and under.

“Just think about where we’d be if we didn’t have masks,” Gleason said.

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Village, which has some ups and downs over the last three months. Days before it opened, the first setback occurred when someone cut and stole the electrical board at the location.

But even with that problem, Coalbank Village opened on time and has been serving the homeless since.

Johnson said Thursday there have been some successes, including a resident who moved out Thursday after finding a place to live. Several residents have left after securing jobs and housing on their own.

There have also been some who left because they didn't want to follow the rules at the village, rules such as no alcohol or drug use and a curfew.

But overall, Johnson said it has been a big success. Several residents currently have jobs and are working toward getting homes. And when they do, a waiting list of people is in place to replace them. In fact, the room that opened Thursday will be filled by the end of the week, Johnson said.

One resident at Coalbank Village sat outside her room talking to those visiting. She said the facility is a godsend for she and her dog.

North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke attended the open house, saying she supports the work being done by the Devereaux Center.

Coalbank Village came about as a result of a partnership between the Devereaux Center and the city of Coos Bay. The city provided the land and did a lot of site work before construction began. Originally planned as a tent village, the Devereaux changed plans to the pallet homes thanks to a grant from Oregon Coast Community Action, which paid for the homes and the first year of operations.

Johnson said Thursday she has secured funding for more than half the second year already.

DeFazio to Host 2021 Congressional App Challenge

Congressman Peter A. DeFazio (OR-04) is excited to announce that he will be hosting a Congressional App Challenge, an app competition for students in middle and high school.

The CAC accepts computer programs (or apps) written in any programming language, for any platform (desktop/PC, web, mobile, raspberry Pi, etc.).

The Challenge's submission portal is now open. Students are encouraged to register online at CongressionalAppChallenge.us. The deadline for app submissions is November 1. The competition is open to all students who meet the eligibility requirements, regardless of coding experience.

We strongly encourage students of all skill levels to participate and learn how to create their own apps. Winners will be selected by panels of judges drawn from the local community and honored by their Member of Congress. Their apps are eligible to be featured on display in the U.S. Capitol building, on house.gov and on the Congressional App Challenge website.

Recognizing disparities in the tech sector, the CAC also focuses on inclusivity and making the Challenge as accessible as possible to people from all backgrounds. Deliberate efforts will be made to include students from all backgrounds, including those traditionally under-represented in tech.

For further information about the Congressional App Challenge, please visit www.CongressionalAppChallenge.us



Photos by David Rupkalvis/The World
Top: Visitors line up to sign in during an open house at Coalbank Village.
Middle: A guest during the open house at Coalbank Village looks at one of the rooms that house the homeless.
Bottom: Visitors talk about the tiny-house homeless camp at Coalbank Village.

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This week in Coos County history: October 4-7

100 YEARS – 1921

Get two sharks in fishing net

Swanie Peterson makes an unusual catch in bay

Swanie Peterson, who has been fishing for salmon in the lower bay for the Coos Fish and Canning Co., last night caught two sharks in his nets in the lower bay. They were of the baby size, being about three feet long.

At North Bend, it was stated that a year or so ago, a shark about seven feet long was sighted in the lower bay by some fishermen during the run of salmon but it was not caught.

Reports along the northern California and southern Oregon coast this year have been that the warm currents have set in closer to the shore and this probably accounts for the presence of the two sharks here.

There is a big run of salmon on now and the easy pickings probably lured the young shark into the bay on the food tide.

Moonshine fatal to man at Bandon

Sam Anderson succumbs soon after arrival there

Was en route to Powers to take position — had relatives at Fresno

Acute alcohol poisoning, the result of drinking several bottles of moonshine, caused the death of Sam Anderson, a stranger, at Emergency hospital, says the Bandon World.

Anderson, a logger by occupation, arrived on the Elizabeth from the south. His home is at Fresno, Cal. He was on his way to Powers to work in the woods. En route on the boat he imbibed freely in a concoction of moonshine which had had with him, consuming several quart bottles. He was confined to his bunk on the vessel the greater part of the journey but upon arrival here found his way up from the wharf. He appeared to be in a semi-comatose condition when taken to the hospital. Doctors found that his system was completely saturated with the alcohol he had been drinking.

Explosives not allowed in city

State law prohibits keeping quantities within limits

Owners must keep fire chief advised as to location — Chief Davis advised

It is unlawful to keep any explosive other than gunpowder, within the city limits according to a letter containing a copy of regulations in regard to the storage of explosives and referring to local fire prevention matters received by J.W. Davis, chief of the Marshfield fire department, from the state fire marshal.

It is unlawful to store any explosives in excess of one pound within the city, unless such explosives are marked and stored according to law.

Anyone selling such explosives must inform the fire chief where such explosives are stored both during the day and at night.

The safe and advisable way to keep explosives, according to the fire marshal, is for the dealer to place them in a vault.

50 YEARS – 1971

Wettest month in 50 years

September of 1951 will go down in Bay Area weather annals as the wettest September in 50 years, chalking up 5.36 inches to claim third place in rainfall for the 30 autumnal days.

Greatest rainfall for the same period was 9.73 in 1914; second heaviest was 5.97 in 1920. Average rainfall for the month is 1.79; last year's total was 1.80.

This year is wetter than the average year, with a to-date total of 50.16 since Jan. 1 as opposed to last year's 42.04 and the average of 39.35 through the first nine months. If this pattern is followed the balance of this year, the yearly total will hit far above the 12-month average mark of 61.46 inches.

West coast dock strike becomes longest ever

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The West Coast dock strike became the longest in the region's history today after negotiators failed to meet a presidential deadline

to reach a settlement by the weekend.

The strike entered its 96th day. The previous longest West Coast dock tieup was in 1948 and lasted 95 days before agreement was reached.

Spurred by the possibility of a federal injunction, negotiators were expected to begin the process of nailing down final issues.

A source close to the talks said Pacific Maritime Association (PMA) negotiators today were expected to make final proposals on at least two issues. He refused to elaborate.

20 YEARS – 2001

Oregon sues owners of New Carissa

Trespass: Lawsuit in Coos County court seeks money, wreck removal COQUILLE (AP) — The state on Tuesday sued the owners of the Panama-registered freighter New Carissa, whose stern section remains stuck in the surf after a 1999 grounding on the Coos Bay North Spit.

The suit, filed in Coos County Circuit Court, charges trespass on the state's beach and seeks a court order to remove what remains of the 639-foot ship.

About a third of it, in two pieces weighing about 2,000 tons, is still on the beach.

The state also asks for "storage charges" from the date the New Carissa drifted ashore after dragging anchor during a storm — an amount approaching \$1.5 million.

It also asks the court to require the ship's owners to restore the beach to its original condition.

City council endorses tribal land restoration

Proposal: Councilors endorse shifting a portion of the Siuslaw National Forest to Indian trust land

A land restoration proposal that could return up to 100,000 acres of national forest land to the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw

Indians makes good business sense for the city of Coos Bay.

That was the City Council's rationale Wednesday night when it approved a letter endorsing the federal turnover of up to 100,000 acres from the Siuslaw National Forest to the Tribes.

The motion, which lends its support to introducing a bill in Congress to redesignate a portion of the Mapleton Ranger District of the Siuslaw National Forest as Indian trust land, was approved 4-0.

"As we've come to find out, when the tribes does well, we do well," said City Manager Bill Grile.

It has been estimated the tribes could generate between \$350,000 to \$1 million through thinning and cutting trees on the land, which has been out of production as federal forest.

"One of the things I see as a plus is that that timber land is tied up now and is not generating any money," Councilor Jeff McKeown said explaining his decision to support the move.

Bandon theater group pledges profits from play to relief fund

The Bandon Playhouse will donate all profits from its original production, "Check Please!" to the Fallen Firefighters and Rescue Workers Fund, according to Ed Orris, president of the theater group.

"With all the suffering and fear in the world today, it might seem frivolous to go see a play but not when you know your ticket money is going to help," said Anne Matingly, director of "Check Please!"

Rehearsals continued through the Sept. 11 tragedy, with the cast and production staff relying on each other for support and understanding.

"Being in a play allows you to go to another place. It helps you concentrate and let go of the unanswerable questions for a little while," said David Rabin, who in addition to producing "Check Please!" plays Benny in the "Benny's Place" segment of the show.

These stories were found in the Marshfield Sun Printing Museum newspaper repository stored in Marshfield High School.

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tion clinic that's already available?" she asked.

The district agreed to change their recommendation and support on offsite clinic at the hospital.

For students and parents who don't wish to comply with optional testing, mask mandates and other elements of the plan, the board confirmed students could use an at home online learning program called Odesseyware, which

numerous school districts use for students who cannot or prefer not to attend in person classes.

However, the Coquille School District is hoping most of their students return to school and stay on campus for the rest of the year.

"We don't intend on closing again," said Philley when asked if these measures will be adequate to keep the COVID numbers in check.

Coos Health & Wellness reports every school district in the county has been impacted by COVID.

ODFW, USFWS request wildlife habitat proposals

ODFW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are seeking proposals to restore or protect habitat for northwestern pond turtle, northern red-legged frog, foothill yellow-legged frog and/or American beaver and other wildlife in Douglas County's Umpqua River Basin.

Approximately \$100,000 in restoration funding is still available through the Yoncalla Creek Spill Restoration Fund during the fall award period. Restoration funds are from a settlement for injuries to natural resources resulting from the 1993 diesel spill near Yoncalla.

Preference is given to projects

within the area most impacted by the spill (Yoncalla and Elk creeks and the upper main Umpqua River). Projects can be on private or public land and must enhance or protect existing habitat, restore former or degraded habitat, or create new habitat in suitable areas for priority species. Restoration actions can also include administrative measures such as fee title land purchase, conservation easement, water right purchase and permanent instream water right transfer, or other formal conservation agreement.

Review the Request for Proposals for additional information regarding eligible projects and application

requirements. Proposals will be accepted through Dec. 1. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions in February 2022.

In response to the spring 2021 solicitation, YCSRF approved funding for two miles of amphibian habitat and water quality improvement in the Copeland Creek watershed by the National Forest Foundation; five acres of invasive species removal and pond habitat improvement on private property in Yoncalla; and five acres of turtle nesting habitat restoration by the Umpqua National Forest at Blue Bluffs Pond in the Tiller Ranger District.

GUEST COLUMNS

A Word, Please: Using apostrophes

By JUNE CASAGRANDE

When it comes to apostrophes, there are a lot of do's and don'ts. The least-understood and most crucial of all is: Don't use an apostrophe to form a plural. One luau plus another luau is not two luau's. It's two luaus. One Roddenberry plus another Roddenberry do not make up the Roddenberry's. They're the Roddenberrys.

The same is true for decades. The period from 1980 to 1989 is not the 1980's. It's the 1980s. You can use an apostrophe to stand in for the dropped l and 9: '80s. But it's still wrong to write 80's.

Simple, right? If you read fast through the first sentence of this column, it can seem that way. But if you did a double-take on "do's and don'ts," you know that apostrophe rules are anything but simple.

"Do's" defies the rule because it uses an apostrophe to make a plural out of "do." Plus, this expression contains its own double-standard: It uses an apostrophe to make "do's" plural, but it does not add an apostrophe to make "don'ts" plural.

Makes no sense. If we're following the rules, it should be "dos and don'ts." If we're going to defy the rules, we would have to make it "do's and don't's," with two apostrophes in "don't's," for consistency's sake, right?

Yes. If logic reigned supreme, we couldn't possibly use one rule for do's then another for don'ts. Yet I do. Why? Because this column conforms to Associated Press editing style, and in AP Style, that's the rule: do's and don'ts. Someone at AP decided years ago that this way is just easier on the eye. Publications that follow this style — that is, most print news outlets in the country — comply.

AP isn't the only sheriff in town. The Chicago Manual of Style, which book and magazine publishers tend to follow, disagrees. In Chicago style,

it's "dos and don'ts." No extra apostrophe.

On other apostrophe matters, the stylebooks agree. For example: Dot your i's and cross your t's. Both AP and Chicago agree that you can toss out the no-apostrophes-for-plurals rule here. You can see why. Without an apostrophe, I plus S spells a word: is. The apostrophe is the only way to make clear you're talking about the letter.

Both style guides agree that when you're talking about a lowercase letter, you add an apostrophe to make it plural: x's and y's. It's the only way to make your meaning clear.

Capital letters are another matter. AP says to use apostrophes to make them plural: She got all A's, B's and C's.

The Chicago Manual is a little fuzzier on this matter, but you can use those apostrophes in Chicago style, too, if you think they help the reader understand you don't mean the word "as" or the abbreviation BS.

In AP, multiple-letter combos like ABC and IOU don't get the same treatment as single letters like A and B. To make the combos plural, don't use an apostrophe: ABCs, IOUs.

You don't have to memorize all these rules. No one will think you're dumb for choosing "dos and don'ts" or "do's and don'ts." Your reader probably doesn't know the rules either. Nor will your reader judge you for how you write letter grades. If you write that Bobby got B's and C's on his report card, you'll be no worse off than if you write it Bs and Cs.

If you don't want to worry about complicated rules and competing styles, this simple guideline should get you through most situations: Never use an apostrophe to form a plural unless you think it will help your reader.

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Letters to the Editor

Reverse Vaccine Mandates for Oregonians

Honorable Governor Brown,

On behalf of thousands of my constituents and hundreds of thousands of Oregonians, I implore you to reverse your vaccine mandates on our state, healthcare and education employees in Oregon. As you know, I was vaccinated with my colleagues in April and contracted Covid from another vaccinated individual in August. Breakthrough cases are on the rise, OHA recently reported "that of the nearly 12,000 new cases in the week ending Sept. 18, nearly 2,800, or 23%, were among those who had been vaccinated against the disease." Recent CDC Data released showed even more breakthrough cases as published by Johns Hopkins, "469 COVID-19 cases were identified among Massachusetts residents who had traveled to the town during July 3-17; 346 (74%) occurred in fully vaccinated persons." Further, "Data from COVID-19 tests in the United States, the United Kingdom and Singapore are showing that vaccinated people who become infected with Delta SARS-CoV-2 can carry as much virus in their nose as do unvaccinated people."

There is also emerging data on the vaccines effectiveness over time, "Amid persistent concerns that the protection offered by COVID-19 vaccines may be waning, a report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finds that America's workhorse shot is significantly less effective at preventing severe cases of disease over the long term than many experts had realized." Further, the FDA panel recently, "first rejected, by a vote of 16-2, boosters for nearly everyone. Members cited a lack of safety data on extra doses and also raised doubts about the value of mass boosters, rather than ones targeted to specific groups. Then, in an 18-0 vote, it endorsed the extra shot for select portions of the U.S. population — namely, those most at risk from the virus."

Your administration's urgency of vaccinations was to limit the number of hospitalizations caused by severe illness from Covid, as Oregon has the least number of hospital beds per capita than any other state. However, more data continues to become available regarding those carrying natural antibodies due to prior infection and recovery of Covid, "a new study suggests that not all memory B cells are created equal. While vaccination gives rise to memory B cells that evolve over a few weeks, natural infection births memory B cells that continue to evolve over several months, producing highly potent antibodies adept at eliminating even viral variants." Further, data continues to mount on those with highly potent natural immunity or what scientist are calling hybrid-immunity, "a series of studies has found that some people mount an extraordinarily powerful immune response against SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes the disease COVID-19. Their bodies produce very high levels of antibodies, but they also make antibodies with great flexibility — likely capable of fighting off the coronavirus variants circulating in the world but also likely effective against variants that may emerge in the future."

Madam Governor, your vaccine mandates do not take into account any of this data! So, what exactly is the end goal? Emerging data of naturally acquired antibodies and immunity show far better results against severe infection, long term. The FDA is only allowing boosters for a small segment of the population, the majority of which are retired and not in the workforce. So why force a vaccine; which data shows that it continues to lose effectiveness after four months, on a majority of Oregon workers that are not eligible for a booster?

Our state, healthcare and education workers provide vital roles for all Oregonians, from our oldest to our youngest populations. As I told you in August, "Covid is here to stay. I and my family are vaccinated by choice. I have and continue to encourage Oregonians to be vaccinated against

Covid. I and thousands of others like me are proof however that you can still contract and spread Covid even if vaccinated. Forcing vaccines on Oregonians is wrong. Forcing vaccines on Oregonians based on their profession is worse."

Madam Governor, I urge you to change course on your vaccine mandates. If not for some of the emerging data I have outlined above, then for the freedom of choice for every Oregonian. I encourage you to provide all of the best scientific data to Oregonians and let them make a decision after consulting with their medical professionals. You shouldn't have to be in a Union to be afforded a delay from your forced vaccine mandates. Data continues to come in and I urge you to delay your vaccine mandates for all Oregonians.

Respectfully,

David Brock Smith

Oregon House of Representatives District 01
Curry, Coos, Douglas & Josephine Counties

NB Schools: Innovative and Supported

My wife and I, as well as our three children, are thankful graduates of the North Bend School system. We received an education that got us started on career paths as a teacher/coach, a librarian, a website designer, a marketing operations manager and a journalist. The North Bend School District has an outstanding history of progress and we support the current bond measure to keep alive the tradition of excellence.

The seeds of this innovation date back over 120 years when patrons of North Bend voted to fund Central Elementary School downtown and then expand to create the first four-year high school program in the county. Patrons voted to increase opportunities for students in the 1910s when a new three-story brick high school near Pony Slough was completed with the county's first indoor swimming pool, music program and an innovative science lab. They voted, in 1926, to build a new community building in downtown North Bend for athletics, drama and other school events and supported funding a new athletic field and gymnasium on campus in the 1930s. In the 1950s, the district worked with the city to create and manage the North Bend Municipal Pool — a facility ranked as one of the top three pools in the nation at the time — so that every student could learn how to swim.

A new junior high was constructed and an entirely new high school campus was rebuilt in the 1960s. In the 1970s, district patrons approved a bond to build new school (North Bay), passed a bond to build the current gymnasium and created teaching positions for science and physical education specialists. The 1980s saw the high school's forest products class win a national vocational education award, an English instructor named Oregon's Teacher of Year, and the school receive the "Excellence in Education Award" from the U.S. Department of Education. The North Bend Community Scholarship Fund was the first-of-its kind innovation supported by community members of the 1990s. Three years ago, the trades center building at NBHS bolstered the vocational arts.

Through it all, the district has provided countless opportunities to our youth because patrons kept up with the times, maintained or built new facilities and hired outstanding staff to lead its programs. Look on the district's website at the superlative list of graduates inducted into the North Bend High "Hall of Fame" (another South Coast first) to see the success stories. You can also see the particulars of this current bond measure at the website. Let's keep up with the tradition of excellence in North Bend. We owe the current young people of our district the same quality of innovative opportunities that existed for past North Bend students.

Steven Greif
North Bend



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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth “Peggy” May Kiste

August 3, 1933 - September 21, 2021



A family celebration of life for Elizabeth “Peggy” Kiste, 88, of Coos Bay will be held at a later date. Peggy was born August 3, 1933 to James McDonough and Neva Agnes Yockey in St. Paul, Minnesota. She passed peacefully at home with family members at her side. Her family moved from Minnesota to Portland, Oregon when she was eleven years old. She

attended Girls Poly in Portland. In 1947 she met the love of her life, Eddie. They were married September 18, 1948 in Vancouver, Washington. Soon thereafter, they moved to the Lakeside area on the coast and their first child (of four) was born in 1950. Peggy was a stay at home mom (as most mothers were in the 1950s) taking care of the household duties, volunteering as “room mother” in each of her three daughters’ classrooms, always baking goodies for special occasions at the school and being a 4-H Club leader. From 1967-1993 she and Eddie owned and operated Becky Lynn Charters in Winchester Bay, Oregon. They enjoyed hunting trips to eastern Oregon for deer and elk for many years. At home, Peggy loved reading, working puzzles, working in her yard and being with her grandchildren. Upon

Eddie’s passing in October, 2014, Peggy moved to Coos Bay to live with her youngest daughter, Becky and son in law, Jay Miller. Peggy is survived by her daughters, Jerri (Jim) Barr, Rita “Kay” Malcomb Kiste, Becky (Jay) Miller; grandchildren, Josh Barr, Jordan Barr (Elyce), Kelly Malcomb, Heather Malcomb, Holli Malcomb Tetreault, Chuck Tetreault, Jayson Miller and Andrew Miller; great-grandchildren, Layla Barr, Hunter Barr and Rye Tetreault. Peggy was preceded in death by husband, Eddie; son, James Edward (died shortly after birth); siblings, Mary, Bartley, James, Patricia and Bridgett. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com

DEATH NOTICES

Arthur V. Roy, 82, of Coos Bay, passed away September 19, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Darrell Aroz, 62 of Coos Bay, passed away September 22, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Kimberly Schmidt, 58, of Coos Bay, passed away September 16, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Emanuel W. “Trip” Howard, 63, of Coos Bay, passed away September 19, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are pending under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Dean A. Sales, 77, of Coos Bay, passed away September 21, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Janna Marie Norton, 44, of Myrtle Point, passed away September 15, 2021 in Coos Bay, Oregon. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Fire restrictions lifted in Powers

Effective immediately, Fire Chief Mitchell Allen has lifted outdoor burning restrictions within Powers city limits. Outdoor burn piles and burn barrels may be used without a permit through the winter season in city limits, unless conditions require otherwise. City staff and volunteers encourage you to follow all required safety guidelines to ensure your fire is managed safely. This includes:

1. Minimum 10 foot clearance between any burn barrel or pile and property lines, fences, buildings, trees, shrubs or combustibles. Burn barrels must have a wire mesh screen that covers the

barrel opening, with holes no larger than half an inch. Barrels must be placed either on blocks or on bare ground with minimum clearance between combustibles.

2. No unattended fires. A responsible individual must be actively monitoring the fire from no more than 20 feet at all times.
3. Active water service with a garden hose is required to be located within 10 feet of the fire at all times for emergency extinguishing. A fire extinguisher and shovel are also recommended.
4. Fires must be completely extinguished at dusk.

5. Field or open burning must have a fire lane enclosing the burn area prior to ignition.
6. If winds appear to scatter burning ashes, cease burning until the wind subsides.
7. If outdoor temperatures reach 90 degrees, cease burning until temperatures lower.

Residents outside city limits and those using Orchard Park campground and day use area must follow regulations from Coos Forest Protection Association. For information on fire regulations outside city limits, visit https://www.coosFPA.net or by calling CFPA at (541) 267-3161.

OSU study on African buffalo offers insights on persistence of highly contagious pathogens

By Molly Rosbach
Guest Article

A new Oregon State University study on foot-and-mouth disease among buffalo in South Africa could help explain how certain extremely contagious pathogens are able to persist and reach endemic stage in a population, long after they’ve burned through their initial pool of susceptible hosts. The findings, publishing in Science Magazine, are particularly relevant as the world’s human population is closing in on the two-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic, and researchers and policymakers are facing the reality that the virus is not going away anytime soon.

The study raises the same question that many are asking now about COVID-19, said lead author Anna Jolles, an epidemiology professor in OSU’s Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine with a dual appointment in the College of Science. After responding to the disaster situation, what happens next? “Is there any way of really limiting the infection after it becomes endemic?” she said. “A study in a lab can’t answer that, because this is a question at the population scale, and in the lab you don’t have whole animal populations and all the variation among hosts, pathogens or the environment. Looking in wild hosts is one way to get insights into how this can play out.”

Co-authors on the paper include OSU assistant professor Brianna Beechler and associate professor Jan Medlock. Foot-and-mouth disease does not cause serious illness in buffalo, though when it spreads to cattle and other cloven-hoofed species, it can cause painful sores in the mouth and on the feet. It does not infect humans.

The study looked at the transmission mechanisms of three main strains of foot-and-mouth disease virus among buffalo herds in South Africa’s Kruger National Park: SAT1, SAT2 and SAT3.

Researchers tested blood and tissue samples from a wild herd every two to three months from 2014 through 2017 and observed infection dynamics in a captive group of buffalo at tighter time intervals for six months.

“A lot of studies and a lot of press on very contagious pathogens focus on the ‘wildfire’ stage, when



Contributed photo

Oregon State researchers looked closely at African buffalo to learn about highly contagious pathogens.

the pathogen is running through the population and people try to predict how far it will go and what fraction of the population will become infected in the epidemic stage,” Jolles said. “But once that wildfire stage has passed, then where does that pathogen go? That’s what we’re focusing on.”

Researchers were essentially trying to think like a virus: What’s the best way for a pathogen to spread within a given buffalo population, and how does it survive the lean times when there are very few susceptible hosts to infect?

Because foot-and-mouth disease is so contagious, almost all buffalo in regions where it is present contract the local strains of the virus and achieve some level of immunity fairly early in life. But young calves are susceptible to infection after around 4-6 months of age when they lose their maternally derived immunity, so transmission among acutely infected young buffalo was the primary pathway researchers analyzed.

After buffalo recover from acute infection, some retain virus in their tonsils, where it can lie dormant for months. The second transmission route, which researchers hypothesized would be less effective, was via these carrier animals.

Buffalo birthing season lasts nearly six months, so it was previously thought that it might be possible for the virus to remain in the latest-born calves of the past year long enough to infect the earliest born calves the following year. However, results from this study showed that foot-and-mouth disease would not persist in buffalo

populations with only this “childhood infection” pattern of transmission. And contrary to past studies that found almost no evidence of carrier transmission, the OSU study documented carrier transmission among two out of three strains, SAT1 and SAT3 — albeit at a rate about 100 times less than the rate of acute transmission among actively infected animals. Researchers found that even this low rate of carrier transmission allows SAT1 and SAT3 to persist.

SAT2 appears to work differently. Even though it transmits quickly during acute infection, it performs “pathetically poorly” on carrier transmission, Jolles said. Researchers have yet to pin down exactly how the strain persists. It has a high mutation rate, so they hypothesize that similar to the flu in humans, it might change so much and so rapidly that buffalos’ immune system no longer recognizes the virus.

While buffalo herds can be geographically contained, the global human population is more interconnected than ever before, Jolles said, so it’s easier for pathogens to become endemic and persist long-term.

“This pandemic was not an unexpected thing to happen, in a general sense,” she said. “One would expect other pathogens to spill into human populations. We’re so wide open for it; there are so many of us and we’re so well connected, it’s really a giant pathogen playground.”

Due to population size, Jolles said it will be very hard to prevent persistence of a virus like COVID-19 globally, but public health interventions can help limit transmission and endemicity at the local level.

DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

FAMILY MEALS REPEATEDLY CAUSE DIGESTION ISSUES

DEAR ABBY: My husband was instructed by his doctor to avoid dairy due to a chronic condition that negatively impacts his daily life. Around the same time, his father and his girlfriend began implementing the keto diet into their lifestyle. We are often invited to their home for game night. She takes pride in preparing a home-cooked meal for everyone. We’ve been open about my husband’s dietary restrictions, but dairy remains a heavily used ingredient in these dishes, and it is often hidden or disguised by a different name depending on its preparation.

She seems to think that because my husband isn’t “allergic” to dairy, it’s OK for him to consume it. However, because we’ve both changed our diets to exclude dairy, these visits often end in stomach pains and, for him, other discomforts that may last for days. We enjoy the game nights, but fear a more direct approach will hurt our newfound relationship with his father’s soon-to-be bride. What would you suggest? -- RESTRICTED IN ARIZONA

DEAR RESTRICTED: I suggest you be VERY direct (and descriptive) with your father-in-law and his soon-to-be fiancée about the effect that dairy products have on your husband! Pain for days? That’s terrible. And if your husband’s dietary restrictions can’t be accommodated, either eat beforehand or bring your own food to the gathering.

DEAR ABBY: I am 55 and have waited for the right man. The only regret I have is that I didn’t find him earlier because I went into early menopause at 33. I wish my values weren’t so strict, but I have met

someone who seems to respect my desire to wait until marriage.

The problem is our relationship has many negatives. We live two hours apart. He loves to gamble. I am educated, and he has a learning disability. Most of the time, I feel like I am in fourth place in his life behind his family, his friends and his gambling. I don’t feel he really wants to be with me. I sometimes wonder if it’s because of the sex thing. However, I don’t want a relationship based on sex. I want him to want to spend his time with me, and I want us to become one and I don’t see it happening. I also don’t believe he can budget for anything more than paying his bills and gambling the rest of his money.

It doesn’t seem like he would choose to be with me rather than with his friends and family. Am I wanting too much? I’m afraid what he is after is security, not a loving relationship where you become one in life. -- WAITING FOR MR. RIGHT

DEAR WAITING: I don’t think you want too much. What you are searching for is what most people want -- a life partner who is considerate, loving and whose values are close to their own. Because you suspect this person is after financial security, please listen to your gut. If you really believe you are four notches down on his list of priorities, do not settle. End this “romance” now.

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SERVICE NOTICES

A celebration of life for **Steve Pepiot**, 72, of Reedsport will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Reedsport Community Charter School football stadium, 2260 Longwood Dr., Reedsport, OR. If it rains, the service will be held in the Reedsport Community Charter School gymnasium.

North Bend struggles in first volleyball loss

By JOHN GUNTHER

For The World

NORTH BEND — North Bend’s volleyball team picked a bad night for probably its worst match of the season.

The Bulldogs were off their game and Churchill played great as the Lancers beat the Bulldogs in four sets, 25-20, 25-22, 18-25, 25-16.

It was North Bend’s first loss of the season and dropped the Bulldogs into a first-place tie with the Lancers in the Midwestern League loss column, each with one setback to the other on its own court (Churchill has played one more match overall, so technically leads the standings at 9-1 to 8-1 for the Bulldogs).

“I don’t think our heads were in it,” North Bend coach Summer Sawyer said. “I don’t think we were mentally tough.

“We just got outplayed. We didn’t make the plays we needed to.”

North Bend was missing one of its key players due to COVID-19, but that wasn’t the only challenge.

“We were uncharacteristically messy,” Sawyer said, referring to, among other things, two players going for the same ball on multiple occasions.

“That’s not something we’ve done all season.”

Churchill, took advantage.

“They played a phenomenal game,” Sawyer said.

North Bend got off to a slow start in the first set and didn’t play well in much of the second, but still was in position for a possible win late in each set, with Churchill ultimately prevailing.

It looked like the match might end early when Churchill turned a 6-4 deficit into a 14-6 lead in the third set, but North Bend squad had its best stretch of the match and pulled ahead to take an easy win to extend the match.

The momentum didn’t last though, with Churchill pulling ahead early and keeping the lead.

As they did throughout the match, the Lancers vocally celebrated each big hit, block or ace.

North Bend wasn’t nearly as vocal in its celebrations.

“It was a down night,” said Olivia Knutson. “A lot of peoples’ energies weren’t high. It was off.”

Like her coach, Knutson gave the Lancers credit.



Photos by John Gunther/For The World

North Bend’s Emily West, left, and Bridget Gould attempt to block a hit by Churchill during their match. Below, North Bend’s Mya Massey follows through on a hit past Churchill defender Olivia Cole during their match Thursday at North Bend. The Lancers handed the Bulldogs their first loss of the year.

“They were together,” she said. “We were not.

“They were playing great.”

The Bulldogs got occasional big hits by Bridget Gould and Mya Massey and a few blocks at the net. The defense was good for portions of the night, including in several long points, but those often ended with the Lancers celebrating.”

Making matters tough in the final set, both Knutson, the team’s setter, and Sydney Wilson, its libero, had to leave the floor because of cramping in their lower legs.

Ultimately, though, Churchill was just better in the key district match.

North Bend had won its first eight league matches, and all but one of those (a five-set battle with Thurston) in a sweep.

Knutson said it’s important for the Bulldogs to bounce back quickly.

They have matches Monday and Tuesday.

“Moving forward, we need

to get our game going (again),” Knutson said.

The Bulldogs got off to their strong start in part because they are a lineup strong on seniors who have been playing together for years.

That should help the team rebound from its first loss.

“A lot of us are seniors,” Knutson said. “I know that we are a better team.

“We will come back strong.”

The Bulldogs can gain from their defeat, Sawyer said.

“I think we are going to use this,” she said. “It’s definitely a learning curve.

“It just shows we have work to do to get different players in the rotation.”

Sawyer noted that sophomores Lennon Riddle and Emma Spalding both played well filling in during the match.

The Bulldogs hope to grow as they head to the rest of the season.

“I am excited to look ahead to next week,” Sawyer said.



Bandon cross country teams sweep home invitational

THE WORLD

Bandon’s cross country teams posted perfect scores in the Tigers’ home invitational last week, the Fugate Farms Bandon Invite.

Bandon’s girls had the first five finishers and the boys had eight of the top 10.

Holly Hutton led Bandon’s girls, covering the 5,000-meter course in 20 minutes and 32 seconds. Dani McLain was second (21:02), while Cassie Kennon and Aunika Miller both crossed the line in 22:20. Analise Miller was fifth in 2:31.

Myrtle Point had the next four runners, who ran in pairs during the race — Bekah Nicholson (23:25), Sarah Nicholson (23:27), Tasha Robbins (25:23) and Allison Storts (25:24).

Reedsport’s Summer Smith rounded out the top 10 in 25:33, four seconds ahead of Bandon’s Makiah Vierck.

Bandon’s boys didn’t have the top five finishers, but did have a perfect score because the second-place finisher — Gold Beach’s Gianni Altman — was not part of a complete team.

Ansen Converse won the race for Bandon in 16:54.

Altman finished in 17:17 to just edge Bandon’s Patton Clark by a fraction of a second. Bandon’s Carter Brown (17:27), Damian Avalos (18:12), Daniel Cabrera (18:32) and Owen Brown (18:41) were next, followed by Brookings-Harbor’s Everest Abblitt (18:47) and two more Bandon runners, Andrew Robertson (18:52) and Orlando Avalos (19:07).

WOAHINK INVITATIONAL: Siuslaw’s boys won the team title in their big annual invitational Saturday near Florence while North Medford won the girls crown.

Siuslaw only had two boys in the top 15, but they were both out front, with Chad Hughes winning in 17:00 and his brother, Kyle, finishing third in 17:19.

Philomath’s Brody Bushnell was second in 17:18.

Cottage Grove had three of the top 10, but didn’t have the depth. Nampa, of Idaho, had four runners between 12th and 16th, but couldn’t quite match the Vikings. Siuslaw scored 62 points, while Nampa had 78, Philomath 85, Roseburg 88 and Cottage Grove 102.

North Bend was eighth with 201 points.

Siuslaw’s Dylan Jensen was 17th (18:27), Jacob Blankenship 21st (18:34) and Talon Ross 22nd (18:38), giving the Vikings all five of their scoring runners in ahead of Nampa’s fifth.

Gold Beach’s Gianni Altman finished in the top 20 at 19th (18:28) while North Bend was led by Aidin Wilson’s 29th-place effort (19:12).

In the girls portion of the meet, North Medford scored 43 points, with four of the top eight runners. Philomath had 51 and Siuslaw 75. Myrtle Point was sixth (152) and North Bend seventh (161).

Philomath freshman Adele Beckstead won the race in 20:04, just in front of Siuslaw’s Rylee Colton (20:05).

Addison McNeill was ninth for Siuslaw (21:19).

Myrtle Point’s Sarah Nicholson was 13th (21:40), with North Bend’s Sara Slade 19th (22:12) and Myrtle Point’s Allison Storts 25th (22:44).

Marshfield picks up another dominating win; Bandon edges Reedsport, 14-7

THE WORLD

Marshfield’s football team put up another dominant performance on both sides of the ball, celebrating homecoming while beating visiting Stayton 57-0 on Friday night.

The Pirates’ defense had its first shutout, though the starting defense didn’t give up any points in two other wins. Over five games, Marshfield now has scored 222 points and given up 40.

The offense, too, again soared against the Eagles.

Quarterback Dom Montiel had another incredibly efficient game, completing 19 of 24 passes for 369 yards and six touchdowns. DJ Daugherty was on the receiving end of three of those TDs, from 57, 15 and 15 yards. Maddux Mateski caught the first one, a 48-yard strike, and later added a 52-yard touchdown reception. The sixth TD pass went to Miguel Velazquez, covering 52 yards. Velazquez also had touchdown runs of 21 and 34 yards.

Marshfield limited Stayton to six total first downs and force two turnovers, including an interception by Lucas Ellsworth.

The game was Marshfield’s last scheduled nonleague contest, but the Pirates entered the new week looking for a game, with Cottage Grove not expected to be able to play for the second straight week due to

COVID-19 quarantine.

The Pirates have been ranked No. 1 for several weeks, while fellow Sky-Em League for Marist Catholic appears to likely be the Pirates’ top competition, at least before the playoffs. The Spartans also are 5-0 and have scored at least 40 points every week, including a 56-14 win over North Eugene to open league play.

BULLDOGS FALL: North Bend fell to 1-2 in league play, suffering a 51-0 loss at Churchill on Friday night.

The Bulldogs are at Springfield this week.

TIGERS EDGE BRAVE: Bandon bounced back from its first loss of the season to edge host Reedsport 14-7 on Friday night.

The teams have been part of different special districts the past few years, but are back in the same district this fall.

The Tigers were coming off a loss to Lakeview, which leads the district.

Bandon improved to 2-1 in league play and Reedsport fell to 1-1.

“They are highly improved,” said Bandon coach Jordan Sammons of the Brave. “It was a pretty competitive game.”

Bandon hosts Harrisburg in a nonleague game this week while Reedsport travels to Illinois Valley.

BOBCATS TOP PANTHERS: Myrtle Point beat host

Gold Beach 42-30 in an eight-man game on Friday.

Logan Backman had three touchdown passes for the Bobcats — two to Andreas Villanueva and one to Jacob Koser.

Backman also ran for two touchdowns and Billy Reynolds had the other touchdown, also on a running play.

Villanueva also had a key interception in the second half to help Myrtle Point stay in front. Gold Beach scored first, but Myrtle Point had a pair of quick touchdowns and never trailed again.

“Our defense really stepped up and held them multiple times from scoring,” Myrtle Point coach Ryan Miller said. “The difference in the game was we had a few more big offensive plays than they did and our defense came up big when they needed to.”

Myrtle Point improved to 3-2 overall heading into a home game against Days Creek on Friday night. Gold Beach is 2-2 and are scheduled to host Brookings-Harbor this week. The Bruins are playing an independent schedule after they canceled the full season.

CRUISERS WIN BY FORFEIT: Powers kept its record perfect without taking the field when Gilchrist forfeited their scheduled six-man contest.

The Cruisers are one of three unbeaten teams left in the six-man leagues this fall.

TUESDAY

ACROSS

1 Hankering

5 Inflatable item, maybe

9 “Bali —”

12 Ibsen woman

13 Mideast VIP

14 Have

15 High-five sound

16 Reporter’s pad

18 Seductive one

20 With great intensity

21 Pasture grazer

22 Terrier or poodle

23 Thin pancakes

26 Cry of discovery

29 Wire measure

30 Donated

32 Places

34 Garden intruder

36 Large lizard

38 Pro vote

39 Beneficial

41 Too exacting

43 401(k) cousin

44 Leader of the flock

45 Mantel

48 Eclipse

52 Before birth

54 Linear measure

55 Card game for two

56 Toy on a string

57 Dissolute fellow

58 Not hesitate

59 Nut, actually

60 Purposes

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ZOOBLABTUBA

INAYETIEMUS

NTHLOANSHARK

GOUDADEE

AWLMEND

JAILASTIORB

URGHRHOVIE

NILVATDABS

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SOAPDEN

BEABACON

ARMADILLOOHO

UTESDEANRID

FETE EASYMOE

5 Ms. Zellweger

6 Love, to Pablo

7 In good shape

8 Seismic event

9 Tough guy

10 MP prey

11 Pitch dark

17 Lox partner

19 Branch

22 Fencing match

23 Mercedes rival

24 Place

25 Seine aits

26 Malevolent

27 Starr and Kendall

28 Votes in favor

31 Water, to Pedro

33 Put into words

35 Condescend

37 At a distance

40 Flips (out)

42 Foul caller

44 Exercised power

45 Links org.

46 Clapton of “Layla”

47 Fender mishap

48 Cloy

49 Soon

50 Wind-driven mist

51 “— Like the Wind”

53 Even the score

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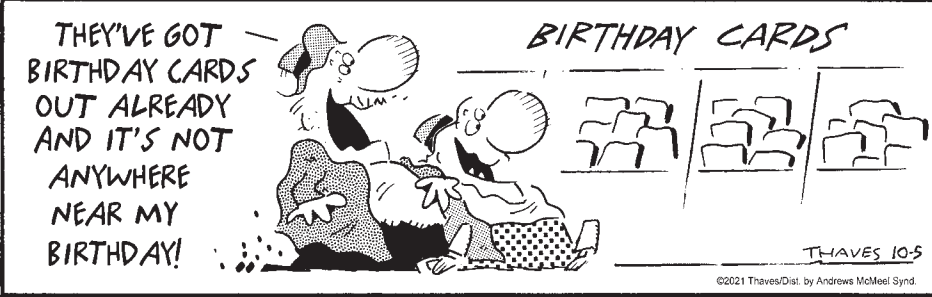
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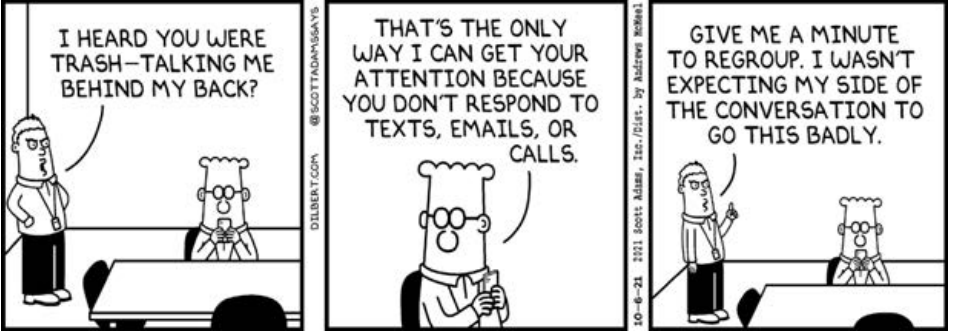


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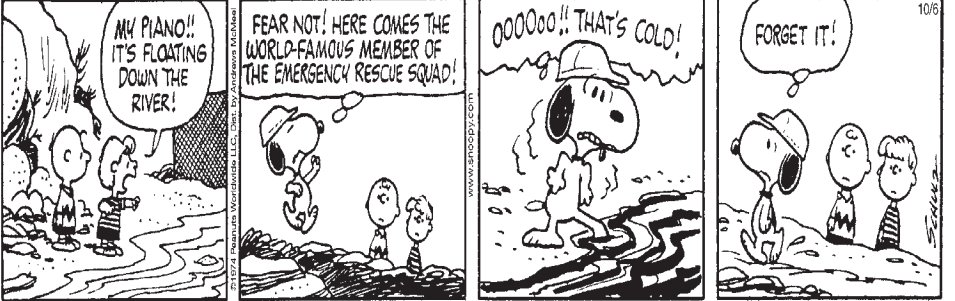


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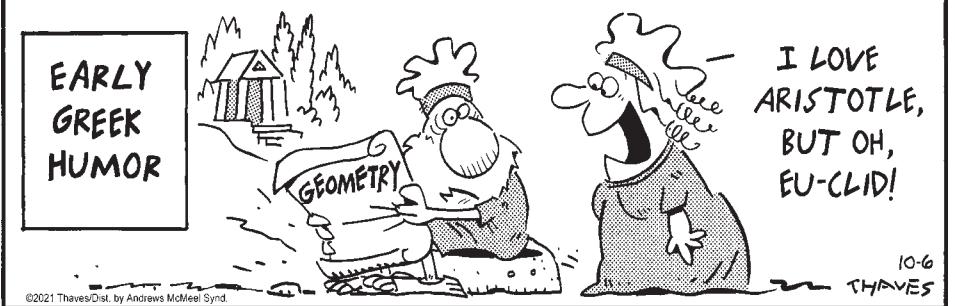
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ACROSS

1 Outshine

4 Expert pilot

7 Ladder type

11 Teahouse attire

12 Mashed potato serving

14 Antacid brand

15 So far

16 Asian princess

17 Sleeve fillers

18 Computer network

20 Like some milk

22 Agt.

23 Fast food chain

24 Lavish parties

27 Beat

30 Styptic

31 Leak

32 Channels 2-13

34 Some, to Yvette

35 Least of the litter

36 Hi or bye

37 Hymn-singing groups

39 Waste maker?

40 Explain further

41 Sports “zebra”

42 Soft color

45 Gazing at

49 Linchpin locale

50 Online auction site

52 Caesar’s lucky number?

53 Bard’s tragic king

54 Extinct bird

55 Visitor from Melmac

56 Shade trees

57 Provo inst.

58 Volleyball need

DOWN

1 Playthings

2 Follow orders

Answer to Previous Puzzle

| | | | |
|----------|---------|----------|-----|
| ITCH | | RAFT | HAI |
| NORA | | EMIR | OWN |
| SLAP | | NOTEBOOK | |
| TEMPTER | | MADLY | |
| | EW | DOG | |
| BLINI | | EUREKA | |
| MIL | GAVE | LAYS | |
| WEED | GILA | YEA | |
| USEFUL | FUSSY | | |
| | IRA | RAM | |
| LEDGE | SURPASS | | |
| PRENATAL | INCH | | |
| GINKITE | ROUE | | |
| ACT | SEED | ENDS | |

3 Sets against

4 Thinks the same

5 Gripping device

6 Many millennia

7 Attitude

8 Lawn

9 Ms. Peel of “The Avengers”

10 “Hey, you!”

13 Most embarrassed

19 Bloke’s streetcar

21 Switch positions

24 Ramble around

25 Guinness or Baldwin

26 Sumptuous

27 Rackets

28 “We try harder” folk

29 Not this

31 Took a fence

33 Ally opposite

35 Carnival attraction

36 Bistro

38 Wayne genre

39 “Yoi” (2 wds.)

41 All set

42 Whey-faced

43 Eddie Murphy’s — Foley

44 Door sound

46 Czar name

47 Giza’s river

48 Present

51 Mr. Newhart

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THURSDAY

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ACROSS

1 Volcano's output
5 Musical sign
9 Luau memento
12 Nonstop
13 Very large
14 W-2 collectors
15 Courteous chap
16 Borodin prince
17 Actress Issa
18 Trying experiences
20 Entertainer Della —
22 Hosp. scan
23 Folks
24 Poisonous
27 Feudal tenant
30 Iowa college town
31 Feel poorly
32 Pet shop cutie
34 Auric's creator
35 Namath or Pesci

36 "Fancy" singer
37 Type of tire
40 Used solder
41 Foul up
42 Light metal
43 Ruin
46 Capitol worker
50 Western treaty grp.
51 Osiris' sister
53 Relocate
54 Backtalk
55 Undiluted
56 Foretelling
57 Take wing
58 Strong, as venison
59 Superman, incognito

DOWN

1 Toy block brand
2 Say decidedly
3 Peddle
4 Goddess of the hunt
5 Hot pepper

Answer to Previous Puzzle

| | | | | | | | |
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| TOP | | ACE | | | | STEP | |
| OBI | | GLOP | | | | TUMS | |
| YET | | RANI | | | | ARMS | |
| SYSTEM | | | | | | NONFAT | |
| | | REP | | | | KFC | |
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| ALUM | | | | | | HISS | VHF |
| DES | | | | | | RUNT | CIAO |
| | | | | | | CHOIRS | HASTE |
| | | | | | | ADD | REF |
| PASTEL | | | | | | EYEING | |
| AXLE | | | | | | EBAY | VII |
| LEAR | | | | | | DODO | ALF |
| ELMS | | | | | | BYU | NET |

6 Carries with difficulty
7 The "I"
8 — wheel
9 Trevi Fountain coins, once
10 Bullpen stats
11 Shrink's reply (2 wds.)

19 Part of a circle
21 Printer's measures
23 Curly-leafed veggie
24 — chi
25 General — Bradley
26 Lucy Lawless role
27 Fat fiddle
28 Does a takeoff
29 Grease job
31 Barely open
33 Walk quietly
36 Go on a rampage (2 wds.)
38 Nov. follower
39 Annoying
40 Shark feature
42 Irascible
43 Dog's ancestor
44 Travel option
45 See
46 Thailand, once
47 Big book
48 Stove part
49 Find a tenant
52 Wave maker

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DILBERT

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ACROSS

1 Stew (over)
5 Dallas cager
8 Wood shaving tool
11 Kauai cookouts
13 Muhammad —
14 Neckline type
15 Traffic no-no (hyph.)
16 Uses a coupon
18 Punt
20 Orlando attraction
21 Harsh-sounding
23 Aurora, to Plato
24 Mammal's requirement
25 Recedes
27 Electrical units
31 Moo goo — pan
32 Pinhead
33 Tabby's sound

34 Delta guesses
36 Wished undone
38 ESPN feature
39 Zip
40 Developed
41 Pen point
42 Mensa data
44 Reward for bravery
46 Knee or elbow
49 Fjord port
50 Canyon maker
52 Stretchy fabric
56 Cure hides
57 Be nosy
58 Sailing vessel
59 Subway opposites
60 Chicago MLBers
61 Aquarius' tote

DOWN

1 Common ailment
2 Road hazard
3 Perfume label word

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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| LAVA | | | CLEF | | | LEI | |
| EVER | | | HUGE | | | IRS | |
| GENT | | | IGOR | | | RAE | |
| ORDEALS | | | | | | REESE | |
| | | | MRI | | | KIN | |
| TOXIC | | | VASSAL | | | | |
| AMES | | | AIL | | | PUP | |
| IAN | | | JOE | | | REBA | |
| RADIAL | | | | | | FUSED | |
| | | | ERR | | | TIN | |
| WRECK | | | | | | SENATOR | |
| OASIS | | | | | | MOVE | |
| LIP | | | NEAT | | | OMEN | |
| FLY | | | GAMY | | | KENT | |

4 Istanbul natives
5 Twain name
6 Yeasty brew
7 Former movie rental
8 With, to Henri
9 Showroom model

10 Relish
12 Made catty remarks
17 — Downs (racetrack)
19 Sci-fi characters
21 Gaucho's rope
22 Prima donna's solos
23 Regards highly
24 Got older
26 Become indistinct
28 Redhead's dye
29 Exxon merger partner
30 Mop the deck
35 Tibia settings
37 Lives
43 Cotton swabs
45 Arthur Conan —
46 Leap in a tutu
47 Kind of hygiene
48 Smoke detector output
49 Black gemstone
51 Gold, in Peru
53 Dairy animal
54 Future fish
55 Spring mo.

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SUDOKU

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Police

From A7

counselors and the administration and really getting the students’ resources,” Parkhurst said. “It’s just another way to show our support. It’s visible. They can see the number on the car.”

North Bend Schools Superintendent Kevin Bogatin said he, too, has seen an increasing concern on campuses, and he was thrilled the AFSP and North Bend police partnered to send a strong message.

“It has been an increasing concern,” Bogatin said. “I’ve been at the district oversight level for 10 years, and I’ve seen mental health issues and suicidal ideation is something we’re seeing weekly.”

Bogatin said the police car is on campus every day, and he hopes it sends a strong message to students.

“Anything we can do to say, he we’re here to help,” he said. “This is sending a message to say, make a phone call and we’ll have a team surrounding you.”

Bogatin said the district brought a mental health counselor to North Bend High School this year and hired another one that splits time between the junior high and elementary schools. He added having Parkhurst on campus is another tool that benefits students.

While September was Suicide Prevention Month,

Parkhurst said the message on his car was there to stay. “This is my ride,” he said. “I think it turned out nice.”

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention traditionally hosts a walk every October as a fundraiser to provide funds used locally for classes and other efforts to stop suicide.

Due to COVID, the walk was cancelled this year, but the AFSP is still holding a virtual event October 16, and teams are still encouraged to enter and walk on their own. To take part in the virtual event or to learn information about what is offered locally, visit afsp.org/cooscounty.

The Suicide Prevention Hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-273-TALK or 1-800-273-8255.



Above:LanceNelsonwiththeAmericanFoundationforSuicidePreventiontalksaboutthenewdesignoftheNorthBendpolicevehicethatwillbe oncampusatNorthBendHighSchool.Below:ApolicevehiclefromtheNorthBendPoliceDepartmentwillshareamessagetostopsuicide.



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Youth have more time to complete hunter education while still hunting this fall

As fall hunting seasons kick off, youth hunters will have more time to complete mandatory hunter education training while still being

able to hunt this year. Any youth (age 17 and under) who has completed an online hunter education class will be

able to hunt on their own tag, even if they haven’t completed the required in-person field day.

With fewer hunter education classes/field days offered this year due to COVID-19, ODFW will defer the field day requirement for youth hunters for the 2021 hunting season. The field day will still be required to get a hunter education certificate, but can be delayed until after hunting season.

“This will provide additional time for any young hunter to get their hunter education certification,” said Antonio Salgado, ODFW recruitment/retention/reactivation coordinator. “They will still have to complete a field day to be fully certified.

“Since fewer and smaller hunter education classes and field days have been offered due to COVID, we didn’t want anyone to miss the chance to hunt this year,” he added.

Any youth in this situation will need to carry a valid paper copy of the Hunter Education “Online Course” Completion as proof while hunting this year. This certificate is issued at the end of the online course and is valid for one year. Youth need to print one and carry it with

them on their hunt.

The rule will be in effect from until March 30, 2022, so through the end of all 2021 hunts. After that date, youth will need to complete the field day to be considered fully certified in hunter education and able to hunt on their own tag.

Youth are also reminded that they may purchase licenses and tags without completing hunter education but must complete the class (or the online version only for this year) before going hunting.

Youth hunters are still encouraged to complete the field day as soon as possible. Conventional classes and field days may be fewer and smaller now due to COVID, but classes are still offered. See this page for the latest list of classes <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-classes-field-days>

Hunters age 17 and under are required to complete hunter education before hunting on their own tag and license in the state of Oregon. This includes a classroom or online session and a hands on field day. The field day includes additional instruction and testing on topics like firearm safety, hunter ethics, outdoor skills and wildlife identification.

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Southwestern wins grant to renovate CTE program buildings

The U.S. Economic Development Administration has awarded Southwestern Oregon Community College a \$2.75 million grant to modernize two buildings on its Coos Bay campus.

With the funds, the college can modernize 18,000 square feet of space in Coaledo and Sumner Halls. Built in 1965 and 1982 respectively, the buildings house the college’s original science labs and former nursing lab. With the opening of Umpqua Hall, the new health and science technology building, SWOCC is able renovate these now-vacant labs to create modern, technology rich classrooms, faculty offices and flexible student collaboration space.

The project directly benefits Career & Technical Education programs, including forestry/natural resources, fire science, dental assisting and cybersecurity/computer science certificate and degree pathways.

“We know that with an aging workforce, increasing retirements and the impacts of COVID, our business partners are counting on us to train even more entry-level foresters, dental assistants, firefighters and programmers. This project will help us meet those needs,” said Ali Mageehon, SWOCC’s vice president of instruction. “Investments like this also help the college hire and keep the best instructors, who want to teach in modern environments that improve their efficiency and effectiveness.”

When SWOCC invests in programs, it creates a spin-off effect in the economy. In writing the grant, SWOCC and its business partners estimated the project will create 127 jobs, help retain 314 jobs and lead to \$160,000 in private investment.

“We also are preserving one of the college’s original buildings, Coaledo Hall. Over the past 56 years, thousands of people started their career training in Coaledo Hall. We are pleased to save it,” said SWOCC President Patty Scott. “SWOCC staff work hard to make effective use of public funds. Now, we can give this building a new life for decades to come.”

This is the second U.S. Economic Development Administration investment on the Coos Bay campus in the past five years. Previously, EDA provided grant funding for the new Umpqua Hall.

“It is very hard for community colleges in rural Oregon to come up with the money for projects like this. The state of Oregon generously provides 50% matching grants, and still many colleges struggle for years to meet those matches if at all,” President Scott said. “With EDA’s investments, SWOCC and other colleges remain competitive. We can build excellent facilities and continue to provide excellent training to our students.”



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9-1-1 Operators to Graduate from Oregon Public Safety Academy

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training recently announced the graduation of its 126th Basic Telecommunications Class.

The three-week course includes emergency call handling techniques, stress management, civil liability, ethics, criminal law, overview of fire-rescue and law enforcement operations, and a number of other topics. Upon completion of the course, students will return to their employing agency to continue their training for a number of months with a field training officer.

The 9-1-1 training program began in 1993 when the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted legislation which requires that individuals who receive emergency calls for assistance from the public, meet professional standards

for training and certification. There are approximately 950 men and women across the state who work in this profession in city, county, tribal, regional, and state public safety communications centers.

Basic Telecommunications #BT126 Graduation will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 8, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, in Salem. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, the graduation will be closed to the public

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Coquille Tribe uses wide net to capture brood stock

Tribe volunteering to increase spawning Chinook salmon at Bandon Hatchery

BANDON – A rarely used technique gave a welcome boost last week to prospects for successful salmon spawning in the Coquille River.

Coquille Indian Tribe employees and community volunteers gathered Tuesday in downtown Bandon, where Ferry Creek enters the Coquille River. Using a wide net, they corralled six adult Chinook salmon for delivery to the Bandon Hatchery.

“As we know, the numbers of returning fall Chinook have drastically declined to record-setting lows,” said Helena Linnell, the tribe’s biological operations and planning manager. “And so, the effort to secure brood stock is vitally important to making sure that this fishery continues into the future for the next seven generations.”

Last year, just 16 fall Chinook reached the Bandon Hatchery to spawn. Linnell called last week’s event “a great first step.” She and other officials hope the six captured fish are the vanguard of a more robust 2021 spawning season.

Fall Chinook salmon have grown so scarce on the Coquille River that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife allowed no Chinook fishing this year. The Tribe, alarmed by the salmon run’s decline, recently proposed to co-manage the salmon fishery, offering its own resources to augment ODFW’s budget.

The Tuesday night event was an example of increasing collaboration to save the fall run. The occasion attracted an assortment of tribal employees and community volunteers, including local port officials and members of the Oregon Anglers Alliance. ODFW provided a specially equipped boat, the net, and a truck carrying a holding tank.

The net, known as a seine, is long and narrow, with floats at its top and weights on its bottom. Linnell and a helper deployed it from a boat, and men in waders dragged it through the shallows. They formed a moving, flexible fence, slowly herding the fish toward shore.

With the salmon increasingly boxed in, team members gently caught each fish in a landing net. Then they hustled it up the beach to the truck. The six salmon were deposited in the Bandon Hatchery’s holding pond, about two miles upstream. They’ll wait there while their scales harden, their skin reddens and their bodies get ready to spawn.

Seining salmon for brood stock is an unusual



Photos courtesy of Coquille Indian Tribe
Helena Linnell hurries a netted salmon to a holding tank.

tactic in salmon management, and using it shows just how concerned biologists are about the Coquille River’s fall run. With increased water temperatures and predatory seals to contend with, fish that gather at the mouth of the creek might or might not reach the hatchery on their own.

“We had the opportunity to take some of those early returners and get them out of an inhospitable situation,” said tribal Chairman Brenda Meade.

Meade, whose ancestors regarded salmon as their own seagoing cousins, was delighted by the season’s hopeful start.

“It was the first sign of our relatives returning,” Meade said.

The bulk of the fall run is expected to arrive in early October. As the spawning season proceeds, the Coquille Indian Tribe plans to recruit and deploy more volunteers.

To volunteer, or to simply learn more about the Coquille River’s depleted fall Chinook, visit www.coquilletribe.org. (Look on the homepage for a picture of a Chinook salmon.)



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