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## Woman charged with manslaughter after infant dies

By DAVID RUPKALVIS  
For The World

A Myrtle Point woman is behind bars after a child she was caring for was seriously injured and later died.

District Attorney R. Paul Frasier reported Hayley Reanne Steele, 27, is facing charges of manslaughter in the first degree, assault in the first degree and criminal mistreatment in the first degree. Steele was arrested Thursday morning and transported to the Coos County Jail.

Frasier said Steele called 9-1-1 Monday and reported an infant she was caring for was not breathing and that the child's eyes were not responding in a normal manner. Coos County Sheriff's deputies and medical personnel immediately responded to the home near Myrtle Point.

When first responders arrived, they found 10-month-old Owen Nichols in critical condition and requiring CPR. The infant was immediately transported to Coquille Valley Hospital. In Coquille, Nichols was found to have a fractured skull and bleeding on the

brain. He was then flown to Emmanuel Hospital in Portland.

Despite around-the-clock care at the hospital, Nichols' condition deteriorated, and he died around 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Medical personnel at the two hospitals determined the injuries the baby suffered were not the result of an accident or natural causes, rather the result of abusive head trauma.

Even before the medical opinion, Coos County Sheriff's deputies and the Oregon State Police initiated an investigation, which included a search of the home where the

incident happened and the interviewing of multiple witnesses.

That investigation, along with the medical findings led to Steele's arrest Thursday morning. Frasier said Steele had been hired by the infant's parents to care for him in the Wilson's home.

Frasier said he officially filed charges Thursday and expected she would have her first court appearance Friday.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the Coos County Sheriff's Office.

## McGaughy keeps Golden Cart in Coos Bay



Photos by David Rupkalvis/For The World

All the participants in the shopping spree pose for a photo with the food being donated to Bus Jam.

By DAVID RUPKALVIS  
For The World

For the second straight year, the coveted Golden Cart trophy will remain in Coos Bay, but the real winner will be families in need at Christmas time.

On Wednesday morning, Coos Bay School District Superintendent Charis McGaughy and North Bend School District Superintendent Kevin Bogatin competed in the annual shopping spree at the downtown McKay's Market. The two superintendents were given 90 seconds to put as many non-perishable food items in their carts as possible. The winner was the superintendent who grabbed the most items.

All of the food was purchased by NW Natural, along with a large donation from McKay's, and was then donated the Bus Jam, which provides food and Christmas gifts for families in need at Christmas.

The shopping spree was part strategy and part chaos as McGaughy and Bogatin raced down

the aisles at McKay's, throwing as many items into their cart as possible. Left in their wake were boxes and cans strewn about the aisles as the school leader rushed to collect as much food as possible.

Each superintendent filled two carts that were rung up by cashiers. In the end, McGaughy kept the Golden Cart in Coos Bay by grabbing 704 items in 90 seconds, while Bogatin collected 574. Combined, the superintendents grabbed more than \$3,400 worth of food.

As McGaughy was given the Golden Cart trophy, she admitted she went into the shopping spree with a plan. She grabbed boxes of items to speed up the process and pulled ahead thanks to boxes of lollipops as well as boxes of chili seasoning and gravy mix.

The good-natured competition had a Coos Bay slant from the beginning, after members of the Marshfield High School band came to McKay's with Marshfield Principal Eli Ashton and played the Marshfield fight song as the

superintendent's prepared to shop. Tori Cox and Zoe Smith played their instruments, starting what could be another Bus Jam tradition moving forward.

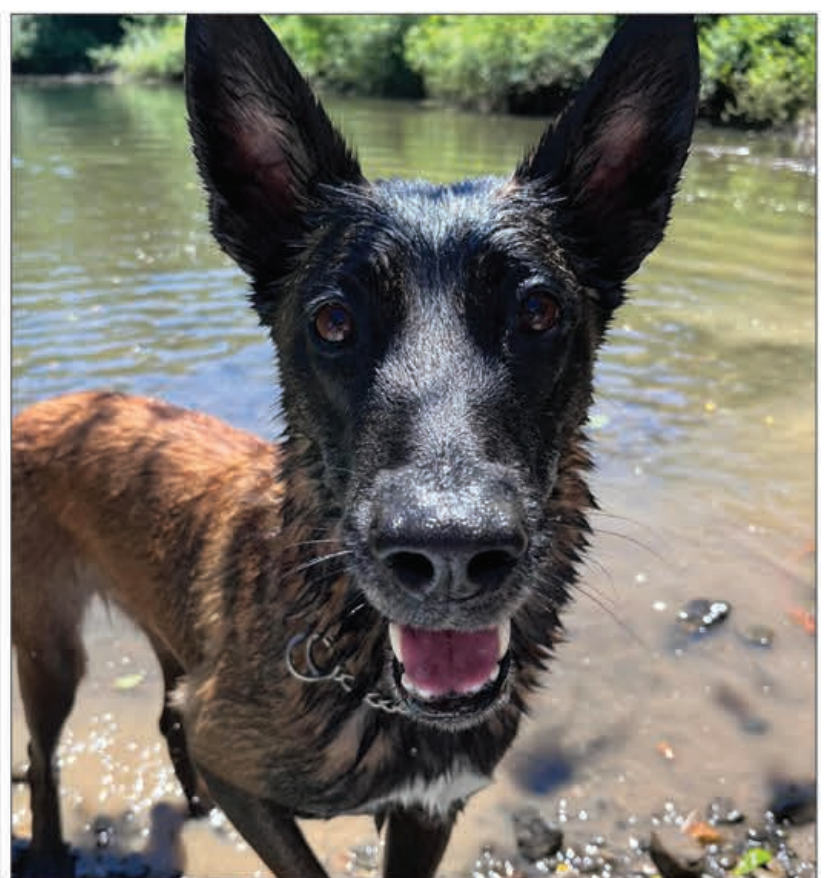
After the event, the superintendents hugged and urged those in Coos Bay and North Bend to support Bus Jam, which has been feeding and giving gifts to needy families in the region for 21 years.

Co-sponsored by K-DOCK and the Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary Club, Bus Jam helped close to 1,000 families provide a Christmas for their children last year. Since Bus Jam started 21 years ago, more than 11,000 children have received Christmas gifts thanks to the generosity of residents throughout the region.

Stephanie Kilmer with the Rotary Club has been involved with Bus Jam for all 21 years, and she said it makes the holidays bright for so many people each year.

"If you are somebody in crisis, all you're thinking about is feeding your family and putting a roof over

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## K9 deputy dies unexpectedly

By DAVID RUPKALVIS  
For The World

A Coos County Sheriff's Office K9 deputy died suddenly Thursday morning after becoming sick overnight.

The sheriff's office confirmed K9 Raven died while undergoing emergency surgery Thursday.

The sheriff's office K9 Facebook page, reported early Thursday that Raven had become sick overnight and was rushed to the vet. At Hanson-Meckins Animal Hospital, Raven was taken into surgery, but the K9 deputy died.

As word of Raven's death began

to spread, law enforcement agencies from throughout the region came to Hanson-Meckins Animal Hospital to escort Raven to Coos Bay Chapel.

Raven died at age 5 after a successful career with the sheriff's office. The K9 was responsible for more than 25 captures while working with Deputy Jon Boswell.

In January, Raven was rushed to the veterinarian after ingesting anti-freeze, but she was able to recover and continued working with the sheriff's office.

Raven's unexpected death leaves the sheriff's office with just one working K9, Deputy Cena.

## Salmon fighting back from the brink

By JULIE AKINS  
For The World

Back from the brink of extinction.

That's how the Coquille Indian Tribe describes the salmon fisheries for the Coos Bay region. It was so close to extinction that the number of breeding pairs in the Coquille were down to three according to Tribal Board Chair Brenda Meade. That number is now 150 breeding pairs, a record for the river and renewed hope for a healthy salmon run.

"We recognized that we have a crisis, instead of shame and blame we wanted to come together and solve it, so we reached out to all of you," Meade told the Coos Bay City Council in their business

meeting on Tuesday. That was three years ago.

Since then through partnerships with Oregon Fish and Wildlife, Tribal partners and others the fish runs are returning and she expects it to continue through their breeding and egg distribution process.

First to bring the fish population back, Meade said, they had to eliminate the causes of the salmon depletion by cutting back an over proliferation of predators, collecting salmon broodstock by hand fishing with nets, seal exclusion through building better traps to keep them out and ultimately by improving the habitat, which is still very much underway with a two million dollar grant to lower water temperatures.

In addition, a community tradition of the Bass Patrol continues

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Tribal Biologist Helena Linnell mixes sperm with eggs while working to increase the number of salmon in Bandon's Ferry Creek.

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North Bend School District Superintendent Kevin Bogatin sweeps items into his shopping cart.



Marshfield High School students play the Marshfield fight song during the shopping spree.



Coos Bay School District Superintendent Charis McGaughy throws food into her shopping cart during the annual shopping spree supporting Bus Jam.



Coos Bay Superintendent Charis McGaughy holds the trophy after winning the shopping spree.

# Bus Jam Facts and Figures

- 21st annual Sponsored by K-DOCK Radio, Coos Bay-North Bend Rotary, Bykes for Tykes, Southwestern Oregon Community College, First Student Bus Company, Bi-Mart, Bandon US Cellular, South Coast Food Share and ORCCA
- Held first Saturday in December (December 3 this year)
- Distribution is the following Saturday (December 10)
- 599,000 pounds of food has been collected since we started keeping stats.
- Nearly 11,000 children have been served
- 95,000 toys, stuffed animals, books, and stocking stuffers have been collected
- Over 500 Bikes along with toys and games have been donated by Bykes for Tykes
- The Toy Express collects toys along the route and at the visitor center when the Speeders “Ride the Rails” in October.
- Several businesses issue challenges or provide ways to participate through incentives, special collection efforts, discount and good-old fashioned competitions.
- The program provides a shopping experience for parents and helps reduce the stress families feel during the holidays.
- Rotary volunteers sort the toys to prepare for the distribution which is by appointment the following Saturday.
- ORCCA and South Coast Food Share assist with registration which can be done by getting onto the Bus Jam Website BUSJAM.org

## Bus Jam

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your head,” Kilmer said. “And then Christmas shows up. I’ve been there. It takes the stress out of that.” Kilmer said when Bus Jam first began, the idea of providing food wasn’t even considered until people started dropping off food to fill the bus. The first year, 1,600 pounds of food was collected. Last year, more

than 100,000 pounds of food was donated and given to families. Bus Jam also collects toys and clothes for children, and parents then get to shop for their children shortly before Christmas. But it takes people giving to make it a success. The Bus Jam Toy and Food Drive and Bykes for Tykes Toy Run is Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Coos Bay and North Bend Bi-Mart’s and Bandon US

Cellular. McGaughy and Bogatin urged residents of Coos Bay and North Bend to stuff the buses this year, saying both districts have families in need that will need assistance to have a merry Christmas. Until December 3, blue Bus Jam barrels will be at stores throughout Coos Bay and North Bend, including both Bi-Marts, McKay’s in Coos Bay, Empire, Lakeside and Reedsport as well as

Grocery Outlet, Pony Village Mall and many more. Toys and non-perishable food items can be left in the barrels any time before December 3. Families in need can sign up for Bus Jam by visiting busjam.org. Kilmer said the sign-up link is not active yet, but it will be soon as K-DOCK, Rotary and residents throughout the region work to make sure everyone has a reason to smile on Christmas morning.

## Hall named Bandon’s volunteer of the month



Christine Hall was named Bandon's volunteer of the month for November during the city council meeting last week.

Christine Hall was recognized by the Greater Bandon Association as Bandon’s Volunteer of the Month for November 2022 at the November 7 meeting of Bandon’s City Council. Christine was presented the award with a commemorative plaque and a gift certificate contributed by Farm and Sea. Christine joined the city’s Park and Recreation Commission in 2018 and served through the end of her term in 2022. During most of her term, she served as chairperson of the commission. In that role, Christine was instrumental in applying for and receiving grants to install new playground equipment, develop a new City Park Master Plan, install a new Story Walk program, get a mural painted in City Park and plant shrubs and trees throughout Bandon’s Park system. In serving on the com-

mission, Christine realized that the city did not have anywhere near the sufficient resources to meet all of the public demand for park and recreation services in the area. As a result, she formed and has led the non-profit Friends of Bandon Parks as a support group to raise funds and organize volunteers in the community for parks and recreation opportunities. That group has raised and obtained funding for new bike racks to be installed on public and private land. It also helped establish a pickleball program, adding an additional recreation opportunity for Bandon’s residents. Christine’s dedication to the community is immense and her energy to see change unending. The Greater Bandon Association will be honoring another one of Bandon’s many volunteers that are making a difference in the community each month. Nominations for the October award should be e-mailed to ninerharv2@msn.com or mailed to P.O. Box 161 by close of business on November 25th.

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# Despite record gas prices, more people to travel for Thanksgiving

As Americans prepare to hit the road for Thanksgiving, average gasoline prices will be at their highest seasonal level ever for the weekend according to GasBuddy, the leading fuel savings platform saving North American drivers the most money on gas.

The national average is projected to stand at \$3.68 on Thanksgiving Day – nearly 30 cents higher than last year, and over 20 cents higher than the previous record of \$3.44 set in 2012. But that won't slow many down, with 20% more Americans planning to hit the road this year.

2022 has been a challenging year for drivers, breaking several records thanks to less global refining capacity and sanctions brought on by Russia's war on Ukraine. The number of Americans traveling over the weekend

this year is up from 32% last year to 38%, a nearly 20% rise, with 62% of Americans not planning on road tripping for Thanksgiving. Twenty-one percent say they are choosing not to drive due to high fuel prices.

"It has been a dizzying year at the pump, with motorists likely feeling nauseous not from the eggnog, but from the roller coaster ride at the pump with record gasoline prices earlier this year, which have fallen significantly since mid-summer," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Americans, however, are proving that while we'll openly complain about high gas prices, most of us aren't deterred from taking to the highways to observe Thanksgiving with those that matter most to us, especially as precautions from the pandemic have eased."

Travelers can expect Wednesday afternoon between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to be the busiest on the nation's highways, and on Friday between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Twenty-three percent of respondents to GasBuddy's Thanksgiving survey say they'll spend one to three hours in the car, compared to 2021, when most indicated they'd travel less than an hour away. While 21% say high fuel prices are impacting their travel, surprisingly fewer are citing high gas prices this year (46% vs. 51% in 2021) for impacting their travel plans. Seventy-three percent of Americans traveling won't be crossing state lines to do so.

GasBuddy offers several money-saving tips for motorists on the road this holiday season:

- Shop around for the best prices. The first gas station you see isn't always the cheapest

and driving a few extra blocks can save drivers upwards of 30 cents per gallon. GasBuddy also offers a Search Along Route feature to help drivers plan stops on their road trip.

- Pay with GasBuddy. A free payments service that offers up to 25 cents off per gallon on every fill-up at hundreds of thousands of gas stations nationwide.
- Slow down on the road. Aggressive driving habits like speeding, rapid acceleration and hard braking can cost drivers hundreds of extra dollars per year in additional fuel consumption.
- Watch out for state lines. Differences in taxes can cause big differences between states. If traveling through multiple states, check the GasBuddy app to fill up on the lower priced side.

# SMART Reading seeking volunteers in Coos, Curry counties

Reading is a critical skill for kids, helping them start, and stay, on a path to success in school and beyond. With data from the Oregon Department of Education showing the devastating impact the pandemic had on student learning, children's literacy nonprofit SMART Reading is calling for volunteers to read with kids and enable the organization to ramp up service to students along the Southern Oregon coast.

Statewide assessment data released earlier this fall revealed that all students, across all groups, lost ground in reading and math achievement between 2019 and 2022 and the state as a whole saw passing rates on reading exams fall almost 10% points. This is a concern not only

for educators and parents, but for the entire community. "We all have a role to play in helping kids become strong, confident readers," says Della Harp, Area Director for SMART's Southwest region. "Given what children have faced with the pandemic, the personalized reading support and access to books that SMART provides is more important than ever."

This school year, SMART has reinstated in-person programming alongside some virtual reading options, allowing schools to select the models that best fit their students' needs.

In Coos and Curry counties, SMART is poised to serve more than 600 local students with two research-backed ingredients

for literacy success: shared reading time and access to books.

Now the organization is in need of volunteers for two important roles:

Readers are paired with the same child or classroom for hour-long weekly reading sessions, sharing the joy of reading, building confidence, and helping set students up for a lifetime of success.

Site Coordinators dedicate two to eight hours each week to acting as SMART's on-the-ground leads at each site, overseeing and implementing the weekly reading sessions.

To learn more and sign up to volunteer, please contact the South Coast SMART office at 541-266-7476, or visit our website at [www.SMARTReading.org](http://www.SMARTReading.org).

**About SMART Reading**  
SMART Reading is a statewide children's literacy nonprofit that serves kids in Oregon's highest need schools and communities with two ingredients critical for literacy and learning success: shared reading time and access to books.

SMART Reading mobilizes volunteers to read with PreK through third-grade children, building confidence, literacy skills and a love of reading.

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Visit [www.SMARTReading.org](http://www.SMARTReading.org) or call 541-266-7476 to learn more.

# Mussel harvesting reopens coastwide in Oregon

The Oregon Department of Agriculture and ODFW announce all mussel harvesting is now open along the entire Oregon coast. Two consecutive weeks of testing show levels of the marine toxin domoic acid are below the closure limit.

Oregon razor clam harvesting remains closed coastwide as domoic acid levels remain elevated. Razor clams are often slow to clear toxins from their tissues, especially during fall and winter.

Bay clam and crab harvest-

ing remain open along the entire Oregon coast.

ODA continues to test for shellfish toxins twice per month as tides and weather permit.

Reopening an area closed for biotoxins requires two consecutive tests with results below the closure limit.

For more information, call ODA's shellfish biotoxin safety hotline (800) 448-2474, the Food Safety Division at 503-986-4720, or visit the ODA Shellfish Biotoxin Closures webpage.

## Obituaries

### Patricia Ruth Lyons

December 12, 1924 – October 27, 2022

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great-grandmother, artist, Matriarch and Prayer Warrior, has gone to rest in the arms of her heavenly father. She reunites in celebration with her husband, Kenneth David Lyons and the many friends and family that have gone before her.

As we mourn her loss, we celebrate her life and the knowledge that she now rests in Him. We will miss her physical presence, her great counsel and wisdom, her constant and persistent prayers, her smile and laughter. For throughout our lives, we have had confidence that mom was always there, always present, always loving and always ready to share her biblical and spiritual wisdom, without judgement and regardless of circumstance or concern.

The house is now empty, the rocking chair quiet, the rooms are still... but yet the essence of her is all around and within us. Through the love and patience she provided; through the life instruction she supplied, by the spiritual gifts she apportioned she is vibrant in our lives, and we are thankful that she has found her rest.

Mom was born in Clarkston, Washington, to her parents, Walton Lightfoot and Nancy Lee (Annalee "Bubby") Saylor. She married Kenneth David Lyons on May 14, 1943, in Moscow, Idaho. Together they had six

children, Theodore, Sherryll



(Foord), Sandra (Thomas), Bonne (Hayes), Nancy (Eisenbeis), and Daniel. She is survived by her 6 children; 21 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; and 3 great-great grandchildren.

We miss her dearly and are profoundly aware that our lives on this earth will never be the same. A private burial took place on Monday, November 7, 2022 at Oceanview Memorial Gardens. A memorial service will be planned for the late spring or summer 2023.

Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440, [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com).

### Death Notice

**Cory R. Peterson**, 49, of North Bend formerly of Roseburg and Myrtle Creek died November 14, 2022 in North Bend. Cremation rites are under the direction of North Bend Chapel. 541-756-0440. [www.coosbayareafunerals.com](http://www.coosbayareafunerals.com)

## Salmon

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where those who catch the biggest bass receive cash prizes. She noted there's still a thousand dollar bass out there.

The tribal chair also thanked the hundreds of volunteers who worked on these projects to bring salmon back. But she didn't leave it there, "It's been amazing what happened. We say

blessings and prayers. That's how we got here."

Meade also identified issues with the state which she claims makes permitting for individual landowners to restore their habitats along the river difficult.

"It's very costly and you almost need a lawyer to help you which is hard for farmers, ranchers and landowners when they're working their property and raising their children." She asked for

continued support from the Coos Bay Council in discussing "cutting through red tape" with the state. And she credited the council's support in helping them make the progress they have in the last three years. "It's for cultural use, the areas economy and we're launching a study on how the fish affect our economy which I'll bring back to you, but also for our entire community."

Meade while expressing her gratitude also mentioned that not every agency understands the tribal way of taking only what you need and leaving the rest for the next generation and into the future. But she said the Coquille will continue the practice because, "In long range

planning we hope to return to a robust fishing industry on the south coast."

"How fortunate we are to have two recognized tribes in our region. On behalf of this community, I thank you for taking the lead on this important work," Councilor Stephanie Kilmer told Meade.

The council also approved the city's participation in the Oregon Mayor's Association request for funding from the state legislature to address homelessness and affordable housing. The request will ask for the equivalent of \$40 per resident to be paid by the state and additional capital request to build shelter space or other options for housing the unhoused.

## DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

### RELATIONSHIP WITH BOYFRIEND IS NOW A DANGEROUS NIGHTMARE

**DEAR ABBY:** I am in a relationship I can't get out of. I was told by my "boyfriend" that what he's doing is normal. He says it's what people who love each other do, and he loves me more than anyone has ever loved me. I have told him repeatedly that I don't love him.

He drives by my house and follows me to work. He has also watched to make sure I'm going where I said, like to the gym and the store. He tells me that every man wants to have sex with me, and that I dress too sexy (I mostly wear leggings and tank tops). He has monitored Zoom meetings that I go to.

All of the watching and following is without my permission or knowledge. He usually tells me about it later, saying he only does it "out of love." This has been going on for a few years. Why do I put up with it? I have tried to break up. It started after a few months together. But he guilted me into staying, saying he'd be all alone. Or he'd kill himself. Then I found out he filmed us having sex a few times, and he's threatening that if I don't stay, people will see it.

Please tell me what to do. I have no self-esteem left, and yes, I feel like the slut that I am made out to be. I'm not sure what you can do to help me. I have no one to talk to. -- ANONYMOUS PRISONER

**DEAR PRISONER:** This person doesn't "love" you. Your boyfriend is an abuser, a stalker and an extortionist. You are right that you need someone to talk to. Actually, I can think of more than one. Pick up the phone and call 800-799-7233. It's the toll-free number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline. A counselor there will be happy to offer suggestions on how to deal with your abuser. During

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### Guest Column

## Opinion: How Fair Voting Maps Turned Out Voters in the Midterm Elections

By KATHAY FENG  
InsideSources.com

Pundits who focused on Democratic versus Republican battles before the election missed the real story — that fairly drawn voting maps boosted turnout and elevated voter choices in places like California, Colorado and North Carolina. The inspiring turnout of young people, women and people of color in the midterm elections came because people’s interests, and not politicians, were put first in redistricting. We saw this in Michigan, where University of Michigan students stood in line hours into the frigid night because they knew their votes mattered.

But our democracy is fragile. On December 7, the Supreme Court will hear Moore v. Harper, which stemmed from Common Cause’s fight for responsive voting maps in North Carolina. The court will decide if state legislatures can rig voting maps and elections without facing the checks and balances of state courts.

But before we look toward Moore, we must peer behind the drywall of our elections process to look at the plumbing that is redistricting. Plumbing clogged by self-interest and hyper-partisanship fails to put voters first. But well-maintained redistricting pipes focused on ensuring we have equal voices make our government systems responsive.

Three states have top-of-the-line copper plumbing — that is, citizen-led independent redistricting commissions — California, Colorado and Michigan. Other states — including Alaska, New Mexico and Virginia — have politically appointed redistricting commissions or advisory commissions.

In California, where Common Cause advocated for impartial redistricting, the Citizen’s Redistricting Commission took input from tens of thousands of residents and delivered more competitive congressional maps this year reflecting the state’s diversity.

The new maps have 16 majority Latine congressional districts (up from 10,) two new Black-influenced districts, and hotly contested districts in places like the Santa Clarita area, where voters elected Republican Mike Garcia this past week.

In Colorado, an independent commission created a congressional district connecting Latino communities in the Denver suburbs and Greeley.

Voters there just elected Yadira Caraveo, a lawmaker, pediatrician and daughter of Mexican immigrants, ending the drought of Latinos in Colorado’s congressional delegation.

In Michigan, the voter-backed Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission created state House

District 2, where Detroit voters elected state Rep. Joe Tate, soon to be Michigan’s first Black speaker of the house. A congressional district centered on Detroit and its suburbs elected Shri Thanedar, an Indian-American entrepreneur and lawmaker. With two congressional races still too close to call a week after Election Day, these maps had the greatest number of competitive districts where every vote matters.

Our country still needs comprehensive voting rights reforms. But this year’s midterm elections showed how fair voting maps lead to a greater diversity of candidates and input from a broader universe of voters. In states such as Minnesota, North Carolina, New York and Pennsylvania, the courts were called in to replace voting maps rigged by partisan lawmakers, removing the toxic lead pipes that poison our democracy.

In Minnesota, Common Cause worked with communities of color to present proposed maps to the court that united the northern Minnesota tribes of White Earth, Leech Lake and Red Lake Nations in a congressional and state Senate district.

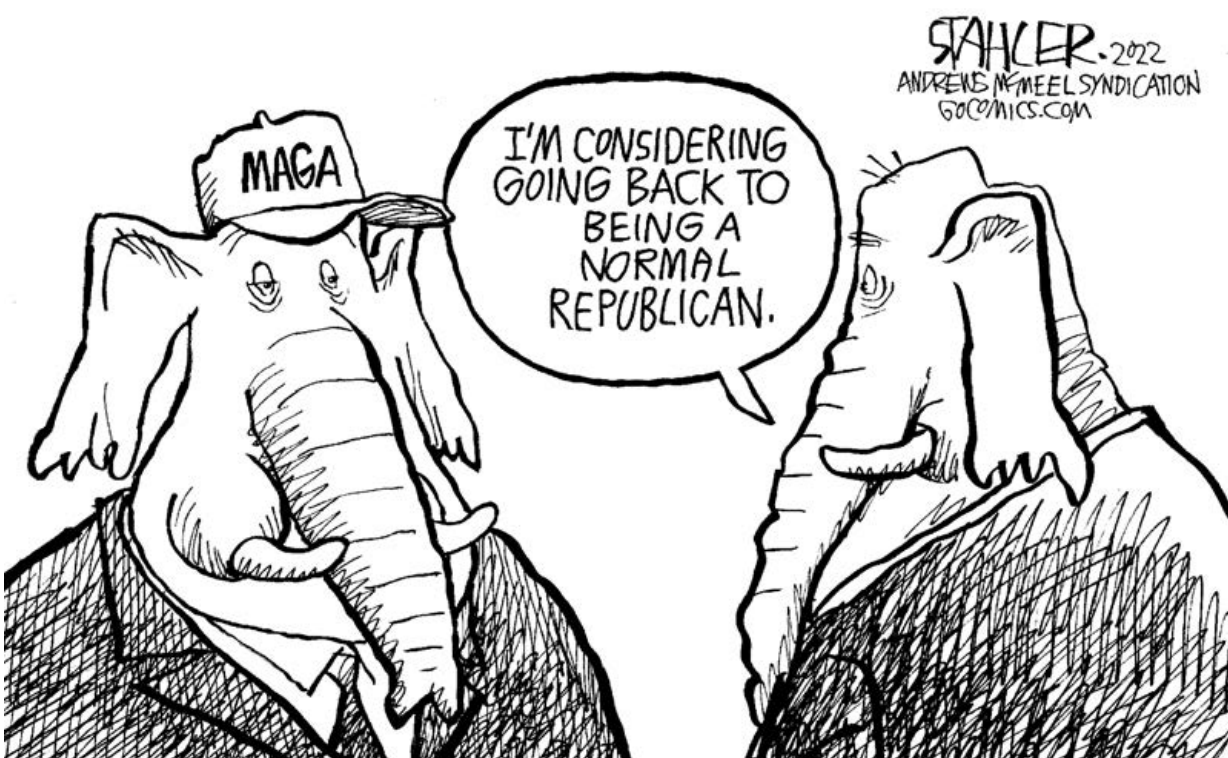
Two people of Native descent ran for state Senate District 2 this year, with Republican Steve Green, a White Earth enrollee, winning over Democrat challenger Alan Roy, a White Earth Nation leader.

In North Carolina, Common Cause and the Southern Coalition for Social Justice challenged in state court voting maps passed by state lawmakers as illegal partisan gerrymanders that hurt Black voters. The N.C. Supreme Court found the congressional maps were unlawful. In new congressional maps put in place by the court, Black communities in eastern North Carolina were reconnected, allowing voters to elect Don Davis, a Black Air Force veteran and lawmaker. North Carolina voters elected seven Republicans and seven Democrats to Congress last week, an accurate reflection of the state’s purple hue.

Everything hangs in the balance with the future of fair redistricting. Will people be able to vote freely in fair districts drawn by courts and commissions, with the checks and balances served by state constitutions and courts intact? Or will state politicians get a pass to manipulate elections to exploit these undemocratic power grabs?

We at Common Cause are on the side of American democracy and will stand up for people’s voting rights when Moore v. Harper goes before the Supreme Court on December 7.

**ABOUT THE WRITER**  
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### Guest Column

## HOLY COW! HISTORY: A Classic Turns 80



By J. MARK POWELL  
InsideSources.com

### It's still the same old story.

Eighty years ago this month, Americans first plunked down a quarter for a ticket at their local movie house and fell in love with a love story. The affair is still going strong four generations later.

What is it about “Casablanca” that won’t let go of our collective soul? Is it the “it’s complicated” aspect of Ilsa’s torn-between-two-lovers angst? Is it Rick’s alarmingly moral ambivalence? Is it lingering revulsion at the Nazi threat when a millennium of Western civilization was hanging in the balance?

It’s all of the above. And yet something else also keeps us watching the cheap toy plane coming in for a landing in the film’s opening scene as refugees gaze hopefully at the promise of freedom carried on its wings. We surge with admiration for Victor’s unsullied idealism and envy him for having a pure cause for which to fight. And yes, we even laugh at Louis’ reveling in the corruption he doesn’t bother to hide.

All that was unimaginable to the big brass at Warner Brothers back in 1942. To them, the movie was just another widget on the Dream Factory’s assembly line. After all, the studio system back then was famous for its “we don’t want it good, we want it Wednesday” approach to filmmaking.

Pearl Harbor had been attacked just months earlier, and Warner was eager to cash in on the massive public outpouring of support for the war effort. Two years earlier, it had shelled out \$20,000 — about \$365,000 today — for the rights to a play that had never been produced called “Everybody Comes to Rick’s.” (Why it never made it to Broadway is a story itself.)

Writers jumped into the script, overhauling and updating it with wild abandon. The setting was shifted from Lisbon, Portugal, to Casablanca in French Morocco. In fact, filming started before the writing was even finished. (More

on that in a moment.)

The movie features some of Hollywood’s most inspired casting, though it worked for reasons the producers didn’t realize at the time. Humphrey Bogart, for example, didn’t want to be in it and had to be dragged to the project, kicking and screaming. His sullenness was a perfect fit for Rick Blaine’s bourbon-blurred bitterness.

“Casablanca” was one of 27-year-old Ingrid Bergman’s early American films. Though she had become a box-office favorite in previous hits like “Intermezzo,” she wasn’t convinced her Swedish accent would work in this particular vehicle. Her hesitancy seeps through as her heart sways back and forth between the two men she loves.

Claude Rains was the only major star who wanted to be in the movie. His unfettered joy nearly steals the show as he romps through it as Louis Renault, the Free French prefect of police, unbothered by a conscience.

Shooting began on May 25 and wrapped up on August 3. The production schedule was moving faster than the writers, who hadn’t decided how the story would end. They discussed several possibilities: Ilsa leaves with Victor; Ilsa stays in Casablanca with Rick; even a third conclusion where the movie ends without viewers knowing what she did.

They started by filming the finale where she got onboard the plane, and that was it. Everyone knew they had the right ending.

Yet “Casablanca’s” remarkable story wasn’t finished. Fate decided to step in a lend a helping hand.

In early November 1942, American troops landed in French Morocco in Operation Torch. It was the first time U.S. troops took on the Nazis in direct battle. Interest in the fighting reached a fever pitch at home. And, Warner’s executives noted, it was happening near the scene of their coming feature film. It was a promotional bonanza the studio hadn’t seen coming.

Post-production went into overdrive, and “Casablanca” premiered to great fanfare in New York on Nov. 26.



J. Mark Powell

But Fate wasn’t finished with the film. As luck would have it, Casablanca was selected as the site of a high-profile meeting between President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The film went into wide release on Jan. 23, 1943, piggybacking off news coverage of the Allied leaders’ conference. The movie went on to win Best Picture and Best Director at the 1943 Academy Awards. And though it wasn’t a box-office smash, it made a respectable profit. In the end, television turned “Casablanca” into a beloved classic. It became a staple of afternoon matinees and late-night reruns on hundreds of local stations from the 1950s into the 1980s. The original moviegoers, then their children and eventually their grandchildren all fell in love with the timeless tale of star-crossed lovers swept up in the battle between good and evil.

Many experts consider it a masterpiece. And interest in it shows no signs of fading. Maybe we won’t always have Paris, but we’ll always have this cinematic treasure.

So, here’s looking at you, kid. Happy 80th birthday, “Casablanca.”

**ABOUT THE WRITER**  
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### Letters to the Editor

## Where is the postmark?

I am sure many of you have read where the county clerk lists what to expect with the votes as they come in. Talking about how they will release the counts on Election Day and how the mail in ballots will be collected up til the 15th.

The county clerk, on that page online, specifically says that mail in ballots that are POSTMARKED on or before the Election Day will be counted. Here is what the county clerk forgot to mention. All of our ballots were prepaid postage. The USPS does not postmark mail that is prepaid postage. Go online and

look it up for yourself.

So here is the question. If there is no postmark, then how does someone decide which ballots are legal and which ones are not? If ballots come in on the 14th, do they just assume all of them are legal? Our governments have talked about postmarks like they are some safety net for protecting the integrity of our elections, knowing that the postmarks do not exist. I also remember an article in the newspaper a while back where we were promised that it is impossible for fraud in our elections, how our elections

are safe and how we can trust the process. How are we supposed to trust the process when the clerk is lying to us about postmarks? When everybody in government has been lying to us about postmarks.

One final point. Why do they give mail in ballots until the 15th to be received? Everybody knows that you can mail a letter anywhere in the U.S. in 3 days. Is someone going to tell me it could take twice that long to mail a ballot across the county?

Perry Holman  
Coos Bay



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# Bobcats lose in eight-player football semifinals

## THE WORLD

Myrtle Point's run in the eight-player football playoffs came to an end Saturday when top-ranked St. Paul beat the Bobcats 46-22 at Cottage Grove High School.

The Buckaroos advanced to the championship game and a meeting with Lost River this coming Saturday at 1 p.m., also at Cottage Grove. Lost River beat Powder Valley 40-14 in a semifinal at Caldera High School in Bend.

St. Paul beat the Bobcats for the second time this season. Lost River is one of the other two teams to beat Myrtle Point — the other was Crane, which the Bobcats eliminated in the quarterfinals.

In the semifinals, Myrtle Point couldn't contain St. Paul's powerful rushing attack. The Buckaroos amassed 425 rushing yards and 30 first downs, effectively eating up the clock in the second half after taking a 40-14 lead into the break.

Clay Smith ran for 197 yards on 29 carries for St. Paul and scored two touchdowns. Ralph Pohlschneider also was over 100 yards with 126 yards on just eight carries and a touchdown. St. Paul quarterback George Pohlschneider passed for two scores — one to Ralph Pohlschneider and the other to Warren Rose, who stole the ball in the end zone from Myrtle Point defensive back Andreas Villanueva.

For Myrtle Point, Villanueva had two touchdowns on passes from Logan Backman, one covering 57

yards and the other 10 yards. Billy Reynolds had the other touchdown for the Bobcats, on a 6-yard run.

But several Myrtle Point drives stalled in St. Paul territory and in the second half the Buckaroos ate up more than 17 minutes of clock with just two drives, even though only one resulted in points.

Backman completed eight of 16 passes for 177 yards. Villanueva had three catches for 89 yards and Howard Blanton three for 40. Reynolds had a team-best 58 yards rushing on 12 attempts, while Troy Warner had six carries for 28 yards.

Villanueva also had 12 tackles to lead the defense, while Blanton had 10, Jacob Koser nine and Logan Clayburn eight.

**CLASS 1A SIX-PLAYER:** The combined Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler team won the first OSAA-sanctioned six-player title when it beat Triangle Lake 32-13 in the championship game Saturday at Caldera High School.

A week earlier, Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler eliminated Powers in the semifinals, handing the Cruisers their only loss of the season. Triangle Lake had entered the championship game unbeaten.

In the championship game, Carter Boise had three touchdown runs and a touchdown pass to lead the Rattlers, who scored the first 20 points before a defensive touchdown for Triangle Lake. Boise ran for 148 yards and completed 16 of 24 passes for another 162 yards.

**CLASS 2A:** Top-ranked Oakland

shut out Heppner 26-0 at Hillsboro Stadium on Saturday to advance to the championship game against the combined Weston-McEwen/Griswold squad, which beat Colton 31-30 at Barlow High School.

The championship game will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hillsboro Stadium.

Oakland, which won the district that also features both Bandon and Gold Beach, got two touchdown runs from Cade Olds, as well as scores from Silas Arscott and James Baimbridge, on a pass from Cole Collins.

In the other semifinal, quarterback Easton Berry scored the winning touchdown on a 2-yard run with just 9 seconds to go in the game.

Colton had gone in front on a 50-yard touchdown by Ben Behrens with 2:38 to go. Berry passed for 202 yards and ran for 81 for Weston-McEwen.

**CLASS 3A:** The top two teams in the state will meet for the title after No. 1 Kennedy beat Banks 15-7 at Hillsboro Stadium and Cascade Christian dominated Dayton 42-20 at Cottage Grove High School.

The championship game will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Cottage Grove.

Kennedy, one of two Class 2A schools that opted to play up to Class 3A so that it could play 11-man football instead of the new nine-man format in Class 2A, lost to Coquille in last year's championship game for the lower classification.

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The Trojans shut out Banks over the final three quarters, intercepting two passes. Elijah Traeger had two touchdown passes — to Owen Bruner and Brett Boen. The latter was the winning score, coming late in the third quarter.

Cascade Christian ran for 256 yards and passed for 202 to eliminate Dayton, which had earlier beaten both Coquille and South Umpqua in the playoffs.

Quarterback Keith Reed had two touchdown passes and two touchdown runs for the Challengers, who also kept Dayton out of the end zone on the Pirates' final five possessions after a touchdown early in the second quarter pulled them within 21-20.

**CLASS 4A:** Tillamook and Estacada will play for the state title at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Hillsboro Stadium after each won Saturday. Tillamook beat La Grande 28-21 at Barlow High School and Estacada beat Scappoose 14-7 at Hillsboro Stadium. Scappoose earlier had eliminated both defending champion Marshfield and top-ranked Mazama.

Judah Warner rushed for 100 yards and scored all four touchdowns for Tillamook in its win. Tyler Moncrief had a game-clinching interception with 1:35 to go. The Cheesemakers have won 10 in a row since a season-opening one-point loss at Marshfield and a loss to Banks the following week. Estacada used its punishing

ground game to roll up 366 yards against Scappoose. Cory James had the winning touchdown on a 4-yard run in the third quarter. He and Waylon Riedel, who had the other touchdown, both rushed for more than 100 yards.

**CLASS 5A:** Summit and Wilsonville will play for the title after each won Friday. The top-ranked Storm beat Thurston 41-14 at Willamette University and Wilsonville topped Bend 23-14 at Barlow High School.

The championship game will be played at 7 p.m. Friday at Hillsboro Stadium, part of a tripleheader that also includes two Class 6A title games.

Summit scored the first 41 points against Thurston, with quarterback Hogan Carmichael throwing three touchdown passes and running for two scores.

Wilsonville got a go-ahead touchdown by Jacob Ogden and game-clinching field goal by Greg Keswick in the fourth quarter against Bend.

**CLASS 6A:** West Linn beat Central Catholic 49-17 and Sheldon topped Tualatin 28-14 in the semifinals for the championship bracket to set up a 3 p.m. state title meeting at Hillsboro Stadium this week.

In the Columbia Cup, for the teams ranked No. 17-32, North Salem will meet Westview at 11 a.m. after North Salem beat Liberty 39-21 and Westview topped Lakeridge 35-14. The Columbia Cup is a new feature this year.

# Pirates sweep top honors for Sky-Em League in volleyball

## THE WORLD

Marshfield dominated the all-league honors for the Sky-Em League after winning the league title with a perfect mark and then going on to win its first volleyball state championship.

The Pirates took the major awards with coach of the year Tammie Montiel and co-players of the year Tatum Montiel and Bridget Gould.

Tatum Montiel and Gould were joined on the first team by both Kate Miles and Paige MacDuff.

Marshfield's Ava Ainsworth and Gracie Peach were both named to the second team, along with North Bend's Lennon Riddle, Mirra Riddle and Emma Spalding.

Marshfield's Alie Clarke and North Bend's Madison West were honorable mention selections.

**FOOTBALL:** Marshfield and North Bend both had multiple players on the first-team all-league squad for the Big Sky Conference.

Marshfield players on the first team offense included offensive lineman Toby Johnston, running back John Lemmons, receiver Drake Rogers and tight end Mitchell George.

Pirates named to the first-team defense were Johnston on the defensive line, Kavan Robinson at inside linebacker, George at outside linebacker, Johnny Calvert at defensive back and Robinson at punter.

For North Bend, lineman Kamren Thies and defensive back David Roberts were named to the first team.

Marshfield players named to the second team offense were lineman Gilbert Hernandez and kicker Qwentyn

Petty. Center Luke Parry, quarterback Landon Croff and receiver David Bouska were third-team picks.

Lucas Folau was named to the second team at defensive line and Austin Sause at outside linebacker. Line-men Sabastian Kutsch and Chantry Potter and defensive back Drake Rogers all were honorable mention.

For North Bend, Joshio Stevens was named to the second team on the offensive line, Cole Hansen was the second-team quarterback and Jason Padgett was named to the second team at receiver. Isaiah Dibella was an honorable mention pick at running back and Sam Mickelson was recognized at receiver.

For the defense, Stevens was named to the second team on the line and Peyton Forester at Defensive back. Clayton Wharton was an

honorable mention pick at outside linebacker and Daniel Jorge was recognized at defensive back.

The co-offensive players of the year were Mazama quarterback Tyson Van Gastel and Henley quarterback Shaw Stork. Mazama linebacker Trevor Anderson was defensive player of the year and Mazama's Vic Lease was coach of the year.

**BOYS SOCCER:** Marshfield had three first-team picks in the Sky-Em League after finishing second in the league standings.

Jose Yanez, Daniel Garcia and goalkeeper Gannon Frost were named to the first team for Marshfield. North Bend's Steven Lua also was on the first team.

Marshfield's Jonah Putman and Jacob Eastwood and North Bend's Henry Hood and Bryant Wicks were on

the second team.

Marshfield's Jonah Martin, Jake Bennet, Spencer Davidson and Spencer Petersen were honorable mention picks, along with North Bend's Finley Cheal.

Cottage Grove's Aldo Rea was named player of the year. Jonathan Rea of Marist Catholic and Cottage Grove's Vern Stewart were co-coaches of the year.

**GIRLS SOCCER:** Marshfield's Jose Perez was named coach of the year in the Sky-Em League after leading the Pirates to the playoffs for the first time in school history.

North Bend had four first-team picks and Marshfield two after both the Bulldogs and Pirates reached the Class 4A playoffs while finishing second and third, respectively, behind league and state champion Marist Catholic.

North Bend's Lauren Efraimson, Kyla Daniels, Erick McClintock and goalkeeper Brynn Buskerud were named to the first team, along with Marshfield's Milagros Perez and Kaleigh England.

North Bend's Jasmine Gregory and Angel Andrada and Marshfield's Isabell Perez, Izabel Perez, Mallory Edd and goalkeeper Rylinn Clark were named to the second team. North Bend's Jordyn Prince and Marshfield's Trinity Barker, Lucia Jimenez and Morgan Picatti all were honorable mention selections.

Marist Catholic's Sela Freeman was named player of the year. The Spartans were perfect in league play and ran through the playoffs with shutout wins over Mazama, Philomath, North Marion and Hidden Valley in the championship game.

# SWOCC men open with wins

## THE WORLD

The Southwestern Oregon Community College men's basketball team won its first two games over the weekend, beating Fraser Valley College 98-56 and the Simpson University JV team 92-57 at Umpqua Community College.

All 13 players scored for the Lakers in the win over Fraser Valley, with Merrick Sherwood leading the way with 16 points. Zach Jefferson had 13, Matthew Oryang 12, Onwaja Thomas 11 and Coquille graduate Ean Smith 10. Thomas also had nine rebounds.

In the win over Simpson, O'Shen Cazimero had 21 points on perfect 7-for-7 shooting from both the field and the line. Jefferson added 16 points and Sherwood 11. Joseph Shulkins had nine points and Thomas had 13 rebounds.

SWOCC also faced Pierce at Umpqua Community College on Sunday (results weren't available by press time) and the Lakers head to Kelso, Wash., for the Red Devil Classic this weekend, opening against Spokane on Friday.

Their lone home game in the preseason is Dec. 9 against College of the Redwoods.

**WOMEN:** SWOCC beat Pierce 61-49 to open the season Friday at the Titan Classic in Eugene, but lost to Lower Columbia 95-44 on Saturday.

Against Pierce, Kiana Quintero had 19 points and Gillian Roybal 17 for the Lakers, as each high three 3-pointers. Skylar Willey added eight points.

In the loss to Lower Columbia, Willey had 10 points and Kylie Monet Fletcher-Gilbert added eight. Kaelynn Teagle had eight rebounds.

SWOCC played Treasure Valley on Sunday and heads north this week for the three-day Clackamas Invitational, where they face Umpqua, Clackamas and Pierce again. The Lakers don't have any home games in the preseason.



Photo by John Gunther/For The World  
Marshfield's Tatum Montiel, third from left, and Bridget Gould, far right, were named to the all-state volleyball team after leading Marshfield to its first Class 4A state championship. Montiel and Gould also shared the Sky Em League co-player of the year award after leading the Pirates to the league title.

# Panthers and Tigers honored for football

## THE WORLD

Gold Beach and Bandon each had multiple players named to the first team while Oakland dominated voting for the Valley Coast Conference after winning the league title.

Gold Beach's first-team selections on offense included quarterback Jake Westerman, running back Nelson Wilstead, wide receiver Zane Gibson and lineman Korben Storns.

Westerman also was the first-team punter.

Bandon's Dylan Kamph also was named to the first team on the offensive line.

Gold Beach's Gibson was named to the first team at defensive back and Storns was named to the first-team defensive line, along with Zane Gray.

Bandon's Kamph also was on the first team at defensive line, while Conner Define was named to the first team at linebacker and Will Panagakis at defensive back.

Gold Beach players on the second team offense were center Austin Westerman, offensive lineman Tim Hamilton, wide receiver Tanner Wright and running back Landyn Miller.

Players on the second-team defense were defensive lineman Thomas Remy; linebackers Miller, Austin Westerman and Tanner Wright; and defensive back Nelson Wilstead.

Devine was named to the second-team offense for Bandon, while Stealth Franklin was named to the second-team defense at linebacker.

Reedsport's Micah Hill was a second-team pick on the offensive line and Landon Serrano was on the second team at defensive back.

Gold Beach tight ends Shase Sprinkle and Gray were named to honorable mention on offense along with running back Braiden Flynn. Thomas Remy was an honorable mention pick at defensive line and Jake Westerman at

defensive back for the Panthers.

Bandon center Been Brown was an honorable mention pick, along with tight end Colton Siewell, running back Eli Freitag and Panagakis at quarterback. Siewell was named honorable mention at defensive line and Brandon Wilson at defensive back. Logan Knapp, the team's lone player from Pacific as part of a cooperative agreement between the schools, was an honorable mention selection at kicker.

Reedsport players to receive honorable mention recognition were Jaden Morgan at tight end, Tristin Corrie at wide receiver, Hill on the defensive line and Ryan Davidson at linebacker.

Oakland running back and linebacker Cade Olds was named the offensive player of the year and defensive player of the year. Tucker Cozart of the Oakers was the lineman of the year and Oakland's Ben Lane was coach of the year.

**VOLLEYBALL:** Bandon's Makenna Vierck was named to the first team in the 12-school Coast Valley League. The sophomore was the lone South Coast player on the first team.

Bandon junior Katelynn Senn was named to the second team, along with Gold Beach's Gabby Clifford and Reedsport setter Bailey Ward.

Honorable mention picks included Bandon's Caitlyn Michalek and libero Brynn Hindman, Reedsport's Gaby Calan and libero Maddie Carter, and Gold Beach's Madi Allen.

Monroe swept the top awards with player of the year Bella Gamache and coach of the year Angie Thompson. Monroe lost the state championship match in five sets to top-ranked Salem Academy.

Bandon finished second and Gold Beach third in the league's south division, but both lost to Lowell and were denied a spot in the league tournament.







THURSDAY

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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9	6	8	1	7	2	4	3	5
4	3	7	6	9	5	2	1	8
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ACROSS

- 1 Impresses deeply
- 5 Long-faced
- 8 Singer — Rawls
- 11 Japanese clog
- 12 Southwest art colony
- 14 Web address
- 15 Rank below marquis
- 16 Hindu royalty
- 17 Keep off the air
- 18 Employ again
- 20 She played Jessica
- 22 Wrecker's job
- 23 Overseer
- 24 Sea eagles
- 27 Lendl of tennis
- 29 Tender pod
- 30 Belief
- 34 Book feature
- 37 Sushi morsel

DOWN

- 38 Actress Tracee Ellis —
- 39 Open up
- 41 Send forth
- 43 Mekong native
- 44 Make like a mouse
- 46 PC message
- 49 Molasses-based drink
- 50 Meter maid of song
- 52 Roulette color
- 54 Kind of dance
- 55 Affirmative votes
- 56 Still-active volcano
- 57 Pacino and Unser
- 58 Chevron shape
- 59 Do a fall chore

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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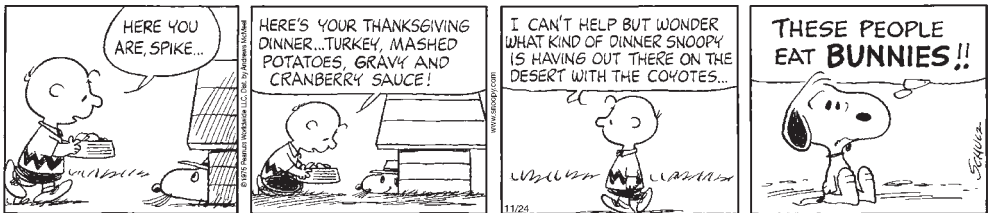
- 3 To be, to
- 4 Military greeting
- 5 Toss here and there
- 6 Road map org.
- 7 Spanish title

- 8 Grease jobs
- 9 Paperless exams
- 10 Radius neighbor
- 13 Storied sailor
- 19 Help letters
- 21 Used up
- 24 Pollution control org.
- 25 Gym iteration
- 26 Short snooze
- 27 Late spring flower
- 28 Torment
- 30 DJ's supply
- 31 Recent (pref.)
- 32 Corp. biggie
- 33 North Dakota state tree
- 35 Buffalo's lake
- 36 Witness
- 39 Thud
- 40 Borrowed car
- 41 Same
- 42 Childhood malady
- 43 Renter's agreement
- 44 Baja Ms.
- 45 Chicken —
- 47 Modicum
- 48 Join
- 51 — kwon do
- 53 Charlotte of "Bananas"

DILBERT



CLASSIC PEANUTS

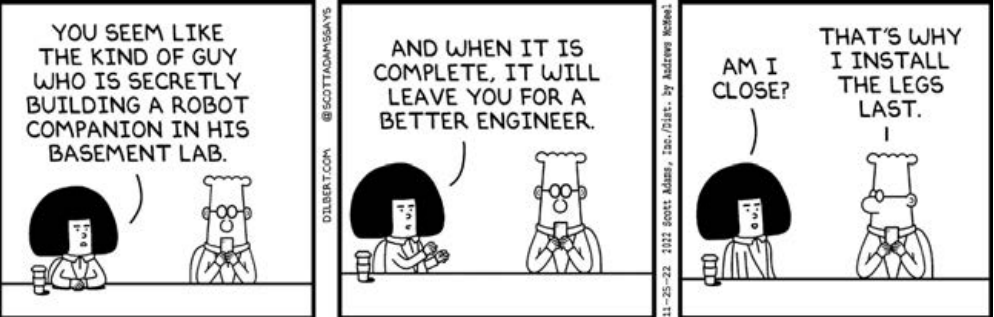


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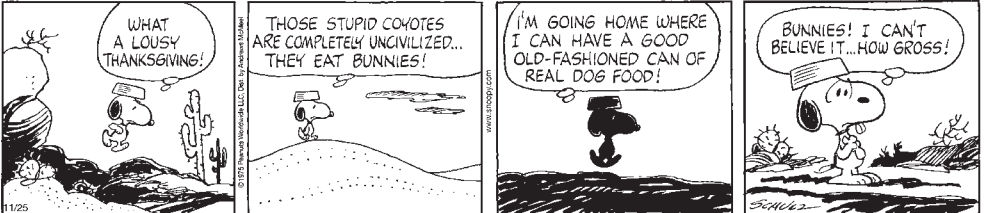


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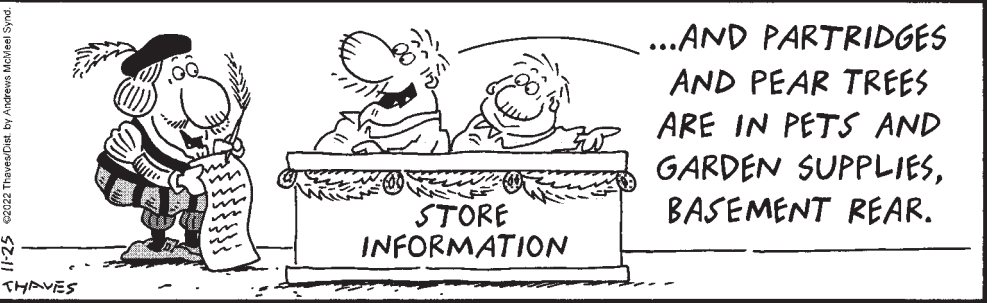
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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

ACROSS

- 1 Cotton pod
- 5 Freight amts.
- 8 Cut, as coupons
- 12 Soothing herb
- 13 Reaction to a mouse
- 14 Nylons
- 15 Astronaut Shepard
- 16 Literary compilation
- 17 Zest for life
- 18 — dinner mint
- 20 Fine-tune
- 22 Smoke detector output
- 23 Codgers' queries
- 24 Spinnakers and jibs
- 27 Set straight
- 30 "Waterfalls" group
- 31 Adder's cousin

DOWN

- 32 That, in Acapulco
- 34 — it up (have some laughs)
- 35 Boss, briefly
- 37 Well-chosen
- 38 Talking birds
- 40 Ranch animal
- 42 Spanish gold
- 43 Soup cooker
- 44 Brawl weapons
- 46 Earth color
- 49 Fashion length
- 50 Sunbathe
- 52 Monumental
- 54 Marathon or 10K
- 55 Ceiling
- 56 Change decor
- 57 Celebrity
- 58 Fabric meas.
- 59 Kernel

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 4 Kind of soup
- 5 Figure out
- 6 Stiller of "Zoolander"
- 7 Hockey team
- 8 Mousetrap bait
- 9 The Kinks' tune
- 10 Author Dinesen
- 11 Ink partner
- 19 Aurora, to Socrates
- 21 Senate leader
- 24 Pig's digs
- 25 Pickling ingredient
- 26 Gross
- 27 Paddle cousins
- 28 At hand
- 29 Bakers' meas.
- 33 Gulped down
- 35 Shopping plaza
- 36 Like a haunted house
- 39 More meddlesome
- 40 Ad — committee
- 41 Different ones
- 43 Bodies of water
- 44 Decree
- 45 Early Peruvian
- 47 Dueler's weapon
- 48 Go by horseback
- 49 Bride's title
- 51 Help out
- 53 New England cape

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# Federal funding legislation proposed for public defenders



**STAFF REPORT**  
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Oregon U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici has introduced legislation to support public defenders and address the public defense shortage.

The Ensuring Quality Access to Legal (EQUAL) Defense Act would improve access to counsel by providing \$250 million in funding for public defense grants. The bill will also help to address workload limits, establish pay parity between public defenders and prosecutors within five years, and more.

Currently, public defenders across the country are overwhelmed with massive caseloads. Many lack access to adequate resources, technology, and training programs, and they are not paid commensurate with their abilities and responsibilities. The American Bar Association estimates that Oregon’s public defense system alone is short nearly 1,300 attorneys.

“Public defenders are an essential part of our criminal justice system, and people accused of a crime have a right to counsel,” Bonamici said. “Right now, we have a dangerous shortage of public defenders and the public defenders we do have are struggling under burdensome caseloads and conditions. My former colleague, Congressman Ted Deutch, previously led this legislation to improve access to counsel nationally and limit unnecessary incarceration costs. I’m leading the EQUAL Defense Act to finally secure the resources that our public defenders and people in the criminal justice need and deserve.”

“Absent counsel, criminal prosecutions cannot move forward” Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt said. “Victim and defendant’s rights are equally essential to the administration of justice. When there is a lack of existing public defenders to handle cases, hollowed pipelines of new attorneys to enter the field due to both expense and long term financial stability, victims and the accused lose access to justice. The Ensuring Quality Access to Legal (EQUAL) Defense Act seeks to remedy all of these issues, for safer more just communities.”

The EQUAL Defense Act is supported by the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA), National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), Gideon’s Promise, National Association for Public Defense (NAPD), and Project On Government Oversight.

“We applaud the reintroduction of the EQUAL Defense Act, which is an urgently needed and transformative law that will help states to finally meet the promise of equal justice,” National Legal Aid & Defender Association President and CEO April Frazier Camara said. “People who have been accused of crimes have the right to representation. We essentially undermine due process and compromise the ability of people to seek true justice when public defenders are forced to handle too many cases with too few resources. The EQUAL Defense Act will ensure that public defenders have the resources they need to ensure that people receive the best representation possible. We are grateful to Congresswoman Bonamici for her leadership

in sponsoring the EQUAL Defense Act.”

“The right to counsel is the right from which all other protections in the Constitution flow,” Constitution Project at the Project On Government Oversight Director Sarah Turberville said. “The dramatic disparity in resources and capacity faced by defender systems throughout the country must be addressed and this legislation takes a very important step forward to close that gap. POGO is very grateful for Congressman Bonamici’s leadership on this critical issue.”

The Ensuring Quality Access to Legal (EQUAL) Defense Act would:

- Create a \$250 million grant program to help fund public defense, which will limit workload for full-time public defenders
- Establish pay parity between public de-

fenders and prosecutors within five years

- Collect data on public defender workloads, including the number of hours worked per month and the percentage of hours worked per month on a range of tasks
- Provide \$5 million for non-profit and government organizations to provide comprehensive training for public defenders
- Require Byrne-JAG recipients to provide data on the extent to which the state is providing public defenders for indigent people in the criminal justice system
- Reauthorize the student loan program, increase the overall authorization amount from \$25 million to \$75 million, and increase per borrower repayment limits

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Police Blotter

The police blotter is a public record of incidents as reported by law-enforcement agencies. All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty. The information printed is preliminary and subject to change.

Sunday 11/13:

North Bend

- 5:56 am, injured animal, 1500 block of Sherman Ave.
- 8:17 pm, threats, 2000 block of Everett Avenue.
- 10:19 pm, prowler, 1400 block of Union Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 8:00 am, 51 year old male cited for driving while suspended, Newmark and Norman.
- 9:30 am, civil problem, 1600 block of N 16th St.
- 11:10 am, water problem, 2400 block of Woodland Dr.
- 11:19 am, dog at large, 300 block of N 2nd Street.
- 11:19 am, graffiti calls, 200 block of D Street.
- 12:13 pm, probation violation, 2000 block of N 12th St.
- 12:19 pm, dog complaint, Coos Bay Boardwalk.
- 12:32 pm, disorderly conduct, 200 block of S Empire Boulevard.
- 12:42 pm, 29 year old female cited for driving while suspended, Mingus Park.
- 12:51 pm, criminal mischief, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 1:01 pm, fight, 400 block of Noble Avenue.
- 1:09 pm, traffic hazard, Ackerman and Life Change Church.
- 1:12 pm, 42 year old male cited result of traffic stop, Newmark and Ackerman.
- 1:47 pm, 39 year old male cited on Lake County Sheriff warrant, 2600 block of N 15th Street.
- 2:04 pm, 49 year old male arrested and transported to Coos County jail for disorderly conduct II and resisting arrest, 700 block of S Empire Boulevard.
- 2:47 pm, loud noise, 500 block of N 11th Street.
- 3:53 pm, dog complaint, 1100 block of Southwest Blvd.
- 3:54 pm, 60 year old male

- cited result of non-injury accident, Highway 101 and Golden.
- 4:53 pm, theft of backpack and wallet, N 10th Street and W Commercial Avenue.
- 5:01 pm, dog complaint, 1065 block of Crocker St.
- 5:35 pm, 39 year old male transported to Coos County jail for criminal mischief I, 1100 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 6:07 pm, disorderly conduct, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 8:19 pm, hit and run accident, 200 block of S Broadway Street.
- 9:29 pm, 43 year old female cited for criminal trespass, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 10:32 pm, dispute, 400 block of S 9th Street.

Coquille

- 7:35 am, shots fired, N Central.
- 11:31 am, dog at large, 500 block of N Collier Street.

Reedsport

- 3:58 pm, animal problem, Mill Avenue.
- 4:25 pm, disturbance, 900 block of Winchester Ave.
- 6:35 pm, phone harassment, Reedsport Police Department.

Monday 11/14:

North Bend

- 5:06 am, barking dog, 2100 block of 17th Street.
- 8:14 am, neighbor dispute, 2000 block of Everett Ave.
- 9:10 am, civil problem, 1600 block of Lincoln St.
- 9:15 am, threats, 3800 block of Vista Drive.
- 9:26 am, 18 year old female cited result of injury accident, Virginia and Safeway.
- 9:42 am, dog complaint, Montana and Union.
- 12:58 pm, criminal mischief/ disorderly conduct/damaging

- vehicles, 1700 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 2:53 pm, recovered stolen vehicle, 1500 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 3:07 pm, 35 year old male cited on Coos Bay Police warrant, 1500 block of 16th Street.
- 3:17 pm, theft, 3200 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 3:54 pm, dog complaint, 1900 block of Sherman Ave.
- 4:25 pm, 57 year old male arrested by Coos Bay Police on warrant, 500 block of Central Avenue.
- 5:07 pm, injured animal, 3200 block of Pine Street.
- 5:32 pm, phone harassment, 2600 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 6:58 pm, civil problem, 2300 block of Montana Ave.
- 9:43 pm, dog at large, 2300 block of Sherman Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 12:35 am, loud music, 1200 block of Commercial Ave.
- 6:18 am, disorderly conduct, 100 block of Central Avenue.
- 7:24 am, 29 year old female cited for criminal mischief III, 1100 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 7:32 am, disorderly conduct, 700 block of S Broadway Street.
- 8:07 am, missing person, 700 block of N 10th Street.
- 10:20 am, burglary, 200 block of E Lockhart Ave.
- 10:36 am, neighbor dispute, 1200 block of Minnesota.
- 11:38 am, 29 year old female cited for driving while suspended, S 7th Street and Anderson Ave.
- 12:02 pm, arson, John Topits Park.
- 12:50 pm, disorderly conduct, S 7th Street and Anderson Avenue.
- 2:03 pm, dog at large, Lakeshore and N Morrison.

- 2:32 pm, dog at large, John Topits and Ackerman.
- 2:35 pm, theft of tow dolly, 700 block of S Broadway St.
- 2:46 pm, fraud, 900 block of Salmon Avenue.
- 3:51 pm, North Bend Police served 35 year old male on Coos Bay Police warrant, 800 block of California Avenue.
- 4:04 pm, 57 year old male cited on North Bend Police warrant, N Wasson Street and Newmark.
- 4:20 pm, shoplifter, 100 block of N Cammann St.
- 6:58 pm, disorderly conduct, Empire Boat Ramp.
- 5:06 pm, injured animal, 1700 block of Thompson Rd.
- 5:09 pm, hit and run accident, 900 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 5:43 pm, dead animal, 2800 block of Ocean Boulevard.
- 6:26 pm, missing person, 900 block of S Empire Blvd.
- 7:40 pm, dispute, 500 block of S Empire Boulevard.
- 8:04 pm, dispute, 1700 block of Lincoln Road.
- 9:17 pm, traffic signal malfunction, 10th Street and Central Avenue.
- 9:17 pm, 48 year old female and 34 year old female cited for criminal trespass I, E Johnson Avenue and Safeway.

Coquille

- 5:44 am, disorderly conduct, 800 block of N Central Boulevard.
- 2:55 pm, 26 year old female cited result of pedestrian accident, 1100 block of N Baxter Street.

Reedsport

- 3:08 pm, juvenile problem, Reedsport Police Department.
- 3:24 pm, theft, 2700 block of Frontage Road.
- 4:48 pm, juvenile

- problem, Lions Park.
- 8:57 pm, theft, 2700 block of Frontage Road.

Tuesday 11/15:

North Bend

- 9:01 am, threats, 3600 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 9:56 am, threats, 1800 block of Sherman Avenue.
- 9:58 am, burglary, 3200 block of Ash Street.
- 10:36 am, recovered stolen vehicle, 200 block of N Baxter Street, Coos County Sheriff.
- 10:45 am, 52 year old male served on three Coos County Sheriff warrants also driving while suspended, Newmark Street and Chester Street.

Coos Bay

- 1:50 am, loud noise, 2000 block of Thompson Road.
- 8:42 am, phone harassment, 700 block of F Street.
- 8:50 am, traffic signal malfunction, Newmark and Walmart.
- 10:12 am, harassment, 1400 block of Ocean Boulevard.
- 12:10 pm, domestic harassment, 600 block of 9th Avenue.
- 1:22 pm, 43 year old cited for criminal trespass II, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 2:34 pm, 31 year old female cited on North Bend Police warrant, 500 block of Central Avenue.
- 2:40 pm, civil problem, 800 block of Johnson Avenue.
- 2:46 pm, threats, 400 block of 9th Avenue.
- 3:41 pm, neighbor dispute, 900 block of S Empire Boulevard.
- 6:20 pm, disorderly conduct, S 1st Street and Johnson Avenue.
- 6:26 pm, theft, 1100 block of Newmark Avenue.

- 7:15 pm, injured animal, Ocean Boulevard and Cascade farm.
- 10:25 pm, criminal mischief, 1900 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 10:44 pm, family dispute, 900 block of S 11th Street.

Coquille

- 8:22 am, unlawful entry into motor vehicle and theft of check, 1200 block of N Baxter Street.
- 2:49 pm, theft of mail, 200 block of S Irving Street.
- 3:28 pm, bicycle accident, E 2nd and N Elliott Street.
- 6:45 pm, 44 year old female cited for criminal trespass I, 100 block of E 1st Street.
- 7:52 pm, 44 year old female cited for criminal trespass I, 100 block of E 1st Street.
- 8:11 pm, 44 year old female cited for disorderly conduct II and criminal trespass II, 200 block of N Central Boulevard.
- 8:30 pm, disorderly conduct, 600 block of N Central Boulevard.
- 8:36 pm, 44 year old female cited for criminal trespass I, 600 block of N Central Boulevard.
- 8:54 pm, 44 year old female cited for criminal trespass I, 200 block of W Highway 42.
- 9:38 pm, 44 year old female transported to Coos County jail for disorderly conduct II and attempt to assault peace officer, 2nd Street and Adams Street.

Reedsport

- 3:56 am, fire, 100 block of Wilson Canyon Lane.
- 8:08 am, suspicious activity, 700 block of Evergreen Loop.
- 12:47 pm, littering, Public Works Department.
- 2:48 pm, civil dispute, Elm Street Apartments.
- 9:38 pm, disorderly conduct, 2900 block of Country Club Drive.

FIELD TEST Candidates Wanted

**URGENT NOTICE:** You may be qualified to participate in a special Field Test of new hearing instrument technology being held at a local test site.

*An industry leader in digital hearing devices is sponsoring a product field test in your area next week and they have asked us to select up to 15 qualified candidates to participate. They are interested in determining the benefits of GENIUS™ 5.0 Technology in eliminating the difficulty hearing aid users experience in difficult environments, such as those with background noise or multiple talkers. Candidates in other test areas have reported very positive feedback so far. Offer valid until November 24, 2022.*

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**FIELD TEST PARTICIPANTS**  
Will be tested and selected same-day.

In an effort to accurately demonstrate the incredible performance of these devices, specially trained representatives will be conducting testing and demonstrations during this special event.

In addition to an audiometric hearing evaluation, candidates will receive a fiber-optic otoscope exam, a painless procedure that could reveal common hearing problems such as excessive wax or damage to the eardrum, as well as other common cause of hearing deficiencies.

**Qualified Field Test Candidates:**

- Live in the local surrounding area
- Are at least 55 years of age or older
- Have experienced some level of hearing difficulty, or currently wear hearing aids
- Don't currently work for a market research company
- **Call BEFORE November 24, 2022**

We have a limited supply of the GENIUS™ 5.0 test product currently on hand and ready for testing. We have also been authorized to offer significant discounts if you decide to take the hearing instruments home. If you choose not to keep them, there's no risk or obligation of any kind.†

**TO PARTICIPATE:**

- 1) You must be one of the first 15 people to call our office.  
**Mention Code: 22NovField**
- 2) You will be required to have your hearing tested in our office, FREE OF CHARGE, to determine candidacy.
- 3) Report your results with the hearing instruments to the Hearing Care Specialist over a three week test period.  
**Qualified candidates will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis so please call us TODAY to secure your spot in the Product Field Test. Participants who qualify and complete the product test will receive a FREE \$100 Restaurant.com Gift Card\* as a token of our thanks. Exp. November 24, 2022.**

\*One per household. Must be 55 or older and bring loved one for familiar voice test. Must complete a hearing test. Not valid with prior test/purchase in last 6 months. While supplies last. Free gift card may be used toward the purchase of food at participating restaurants where a minimum purchase may also be required. See restaurant.com for details. Not redeemable for cash. Promotional offer available during special event dates only. †If you are not completely satisfied, the aids may be returned for a full refund within 30 days of the completion of fitting, in satisfactory condition. See store for details.