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Former owner of West Coast Game Park sentenced to 7.5 years on 47 charges

By NATE SCHWARTZ

Editor

After pleading guilty to 47 criminal charges, including 43 for animal neglect, the owner of West Coast Game Park Safari was sentenced on Tuesday, September 8 to seven and a half years in prison.

Under a plea deal, Brian Tenney will serve a further three years of post-release supervision, as well as pay over \$340,000 in restitution to offset the costs of caring for the 310 animals seized in a four-day operation at his roadside zoo in May of 2025. His sentence includes a ban on living with any domesticated animals, and a probation on owning multiple classifications of animals for 15 years.

Reports, complaints and citations from several state and federal agencies, as well as animal

rights organizations, stretched back years leading to the prolonged bust involving 8 different agencies. In addition to the appalling conditions the animals had been subject to, investigators found 44 firearms, some illegally modified, approximately 8 grams of cocaine, and roughly \$1.6 million in cash, cashier's checks, bonds and certificates.

Months prior, the United States Department of Agriculture handed 19 citations to the park for a variety of offenses, including a negligent lack of veterinary care for the animals, as their contracted vet only worked two days a week and with a limited purview



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An OSP Swat vehicle outside of West Coast Game Park Safari during the bust in May of 2025.

Reedsport

Emily Leidecker

Reedsport announces new Main Street Director

Staff Report

The City of Reedsport announced Emily Leidecker as the new director of the Reedsport Main Street Program, who would introduce herself through official communications on Tuesday, September 8.

Leidecker relocated from her native North Carolina in May after her husband, a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, was assigned to the Umpqua River Station in Winchester Bay. Previously involved with several Main Street programs in her home state, Leidecker expressed gratitude for that experience and excitement to apply it here on the South Coast.

"Through those experiences, I helped plan community events, volunteered my time, and gained a deeper appreciation for the work that brings people together and helps create vibrant, welcoming downtowns," wrote Leidecker. "Community involvement and volunteering have always been

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Coos County Emergency Management prepares to help others prepare

By DEAN BRICKEY

For the World

Coos County Emergency Management, a department of the Coos County Sheriff's Office, has scheduled a community outreach program Sept. 26 related to emergency preparedness.

Don "Chip" Delyria, Coos County emergency manager, said "Coos County Prepares 2026" will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pony Village Mall, North Bend, featuring indoor and outdoor exhibits. It's part of the county's observance of National Emergency Preparedness Month. County officials began the September fair in 2021, taking over from the previous organizers, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

"We have been having it every September," Delyria said. "We meet with other emergency professionals, and that could

be anything from "211" to the fire departments. It is more of a public outreach and education session. The Coast Guard usually brings a helicopter."

Among the fire departments Delyria expects to participate are Coos Bay, North Bend, Coquille, and Charleston. He also expects representatives from the American Red Cross and the Oregon Department of Human Services.

"211," he said, is a number to call for general information. "If you need to know something, you can dial '211,' and they have a pretty good repository of information."

Debbie Mueller, Coos County emergency coordinator, who



PREPARE

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Courtesy of Coos County Emergency Management

A first-responder's vehicle is part of a display inside Pony Village Mall at a previous Coos County Prepares event.

Coquille hospital plans Suicide Prevention Walk Thursday, Sept. 17

By DEAN BRICKEY

For the World

Coquille Valley Hospital has scheduled a Suicide Prevention Walk from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 17, at the hospital, 940 E. Fifth St.

"Come join Coquille Valley Hospital's Senior Life Solutions Team for a few laps around the hospital," said Susan Breuer, Senior Life Solutions' director.

Coquille Valley Hospital is supporting Senior Life Solutions for this walk to build more awareness within the community, she said, which suicide has greatly affected.

"We are not asking for donations," Breuer said. "If people come walk, they will receive a special dessert if they buy lunch in the hospital's Valley View Cafe. We are looking forward to sharing information and connecting with people who have been affected by suicide."

Coos County's recorded suicide death rate reached 39.5



Courtesy of Coquille Valley Hospital

Hannah Archer, Senior Life Solutions therapist; Dahnelle Hill, patient coordinator; Sunshine Kasper, patient coordinator, and Susie Breuer, director, in May when Coquille Valley Hospital conducted its Mental Health Awareness Walk.

per 100,000 residents in 2019, nearly double the Oregon rate at the time, which was 21.4 per 100,000. Nationwide, the rate was 14.7 per 100,000.

"Historically, Coos County has ranked among the top four counties in Oregon for its high suicide rate," she said, adding, "Local

health officials point to regional stressors like lower socioeconomic status, economic and job challenges on the coast, and struggles with access to housing as contributing risk factors."

"Oregon ranks roughly 24th to 17th highest in the nation for suicide rates," Breuer added.

"The most recent U.S. Centers for Disease Control data reminds us why it matters. In 2024, suicide was responsible for 48,824 deaths in the United States. The number of people affected by suicidal thoughts and behavior is even larger: an estimated 14.3 million adults seriously thought about suicide; 4.6 million made a suicide plan, and 2.2 million attempted suicide."

Across the nation, Senior Life Solutions programs provide professionals who care for people who may be carrying grief, isolation, trauma, hopelessness, substance-use concerns, serious mental illness, or thoughts of self-harm.

"We also support families and communities who are trying to recognize warning signs and respond with compassion, urgency, and skill," she said. "Connection matters. Evidence-based care

From the Coos County Sheriffs Office

On September 28, 2025, the Coos County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a 9-year-old male who had been stabbed with a spear at a residence off of Cape Arago Highway. It was reported to Deputies on scene that the boy's sister had accidentally stabbed him during play with a spear.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined that the boy had in fact been stabbed by his father, Levi Higgins-Green. Also uncovered during the investigation were instances of domestic violence involving the other adults and children who lived in the home which occurred over years. It should be noted that

Levi Higgins-Green

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Letter to the Editor

Spare a turkey’s life this Thanks-giving

Thanksgiving may still feel far away. For the turkeys destined for Thanksgiving tables, it is not.

The turkeys that many plan to eat on Thanksgiving have just been born. Long before families write shopping lists or debate who is bringing the mashed potatoes, millions

of turkeys are being raised by an industry designed to turn living animals into holiday products as quickly and efficiently as possible. They are only a few weeks old and they will be slaughtered before they’ve lived even six months.

By Thanksgiving, their story is already over. But ours does not have to follow the same script. Traditions evolve. We can keep everything we love about Thanksgiving—the crowded tables, family recipes,

gratitude, football, pie, and second helpings—without requiring any animals to die for it.

So, let’s start thinking about Thanksgiving earlier this year. There is plenty of time to plan a feast centered on abundance, connection, and compassion. What better way is there to give thanks than by sparing a life?

Carson Barnes
Coos Bay



Holy Cow! History

Unsinkable Sam, the world’s luckiest cat

By J. MARK POWELL
InsideSources.com

You’ve heard about the Unsinkable Molly Brown, the brassy, nouveau riche millionaire miner’s wife who made it safely off the sinking Titanic. As incredible as that was, she had nothing on a remarkably feisty feline. Because he survived not one, but three separate ship sinkings ... and in wartime, too, no less.

At least, that’s the story. Listen to it and then decide for yourself.

With that, get ready to meet Unsinkable Sam, the luckiest cat in the world.

It would be all too easy to make a lame reference to a cat having nine lives. Sam must have had at least twice that many.

Very little is known about his early life. He was likely born in Germany because he wound up on a German battleship in World War II. For centuries, sailors kept cats with them on the high seas, partly for the companionship, partly to go after mice and rat stowaways on board.

And he wasn’t on just any old battleship, either. It was one of the biggest, most ferocious, and potentially deadliest of all: the mighty Bismarck. She was such a grave threat that even the dauntless and determined Winston Churchill was deeply worried.

So when she steamed out of port in May 1941, the British made destroying her Priority 1, 2, and 3. Bismarck quickly sank the battleship HMS Hood, causing the Brits to dispatch dozens of warships to hunt her down. When



she finally went to the bottom of the Atlantic on May 26, almost 2,100 crewmen went with her. British and German vessels picked up around 115 survivors.

One of them, the destroyer HMS Cossack, spotted something clinging to a piece of debris floating in the water. On closer look, they found it was a “tuxedo cat,” black with white markings on its mouth and chest. (Think of Sylvester in the old Looney Tunes cartoons.) He was the only survivor the Cossack found.

The cat switched sides that day, going over from the Axis to the Allies. Since the Cossack’s crew didn’t know his name, they called him Oscar. It’s theorized that they called him that because in the International Code of Signals, “O” means “man overboard.”

Although his allegiance had changed, his luck hadn’t.

That fall, the Cossack was torpedoed by a Nazi

U-boat west of Gibraltar. She sank on October 27, almost exactly five months after the Bismarck went down.

Once again, a drenched cat was seen clinging to a piece of debris and was once more hauled aboard a British warship, the HMS Ark Royal. In a neat twist of fate, that aircraft carrier had played a key role in disabling the Bismarck the previous spring.

As word of the cat’s repeated ability to cheat death on the high seas spread, folks stopped calling him Oscar and gave him a new name: Unsinkable Sam. But the plucky feline had yet another rendezvous with Fate waiting right around the corner.

This time, it was the Ark Royal that was dispatched to Davy Jones’ Locker. Barely two weeks after the Cossack’s loss, another U-boat torpedoed the mighty carrier, also off Gibraltar.

A motor launch plucked a “quite angry but otherwise unharmed” Sam from the sea. He must have been thinking, “This is getting really old!”

That was the end of Sam’s adventures. The rest of his wartime serve was quietly passed as a mouser in the Governor General’s building on Gibraltar. He eventually wound up

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- Coos Bay

September 3

6:48 am, E Johnson Ave, assault.

7:58 am, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

9:22 am, D St, criminal trespass.

9:28 am, 11th Ave, theft.

10:09 am, N Bayshore Dr, non-injury accident.

10:39 am, Minnesota Ave, criminal mischief.

12:24 pm, Market Ave, juvenile problem.

4:35 pm, Newmark and S Wasson, assault.

5:18 pm, Applewood, juvenile problem.

6:40 pm, N Bayshore Dr, criminal trespass.

7:13 pm, Greenwood St, warrant service.

9:43 pm, E Johnson Ave, dispute.

10:48 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

September 4

1:10 am, Thompson Rd, criminal trespass.

1:12 am, S 10th St, dispute.

8:47 am, Ocean Blvd, harassment, phone.

8:48 am, S Empire Blvd, harassment.

9:01 am, S Schoneman St, disorderly conduct.

11:05 am, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

2:29 pm, High St, warrant service.

4:59 pm, S Empire Blvd, theft of mail.

8:14 pm, California Ave, theft.

9:26 pm, Newmark Ave, disorderly conduct.

9:52 pm, S Broadway St, warrant service.

11:36 pm, Newmark Ave, hit and run.

11:47 pm, S Broadway St, DUII.

September 5

1:38 am, Market and 2nd, DUII.

1:45 am, N Cammann, dispute.

7:36 am, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

7:41 am, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

9:16 am, Central Ave, dispute.

9:59 am, W Highland Ave, dispute.

10:13 am, Newmark St, threats.

11:40 am, Country Club Rd, warrant service.

1:16 pm, N 6th and Kingwood, criminal trespass.

1:35 pm, N 10th St and W Commercial Ave, disturbance.

3:19 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

5:22 pm, Park and 3rd, criminal mischief.

5:54 pm, Milligan Ave, criminal trespass.

6:38 pm, S Broadway St, disorderly conduct.

8:02 pm, Elrod Ave, dispute, neighbor.

9:15 pm, Milligan Ave, criminal trespass.

September 6

12:18 am, Newmark Ave, harassment.

12:31 am, Hemlock Ave, dispute.

2:07 am, N 10th and Hemlock, DUII.

10:39 am, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

10:40 am, Kentucky Ave, harassment.

1:02 pm, Pacific Dr, juvenile problem.

2:04 pm, S 10th St, disorderly conduct.

3:03 pm, Milligan Ave, disorderly conduct.

3:04 pm, Milligan Ave, criminal trespass.

3:49 pm, N 15th Ct, harassment.

4:13 pm, Minnesota Ave, disturbance.

7:52 pm, Bayshore and Cedar, warrant service.

9:18 pm, Newmark Ave, warrant service.

11:24 pm, Ferguson Ave, juvenile problem.

11:33 pm, Tremont Ave, DUII.

September 7

12:21 am, S 1st St, disorderly conduct.

12:28 am, Schetter Ave, dispute.

6:36 am, Myrtle and N 10th, criminal trespass.

7:26 am, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

9:19 am, N 15 Ct, assault, domestic.

9:59 am, S 1st St Ter, criminal trespass.

11:58 am, Ocean Blvd and Radar, warrant service.

12:00 pm, N Wall St, stalking.

1:00 pm, Evans Blvd, DUII.

1:16 pm, S Broadway St, criminal trespass.

1:35 pm, S 4th St, criminal trespass.

3:24 pm, Iowa Ave, assault.

3:32 pm, Colvin St, warrant service.

4:06 pm, N Cammann St, disorderly conduct.

5:06 pm, S 1st St, criminal trespass.

5:08 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

5:09 pm, 2nd and Johnson, indecent exposure.

6:41 pm, Airport Ln, warrant service.

11:29 pm, Ingersoll Ave, criminal trespass.

September 8

1:16 am, N Cammann St, threats.

9:26 am, E Johnson Ave, theft.

9:54 am, Newport and Harriett, warrant service.

10:13 am, Thompson Rd, disorderly conduct.

10:32 am, Ocean Blvd, harassment.

10:32 am, S Broadway St, criminal trespass.

11:16 am, S Broadway St, criminal mischief.

12:19 pm, S Broadway St, criminal trespass.

2:18 pm, Coos Bay Area, theft.

4:15 pm, S Empire, hit and run.

4:15 pm, Central Ave, dispute, family.

5:55 pm, S 4th St, hit and run.

September 9

12:57 am, N 8th St, criminal trespass.

8:06 am, S Cammann St, unauthorized use of vehicle.

8:24 am, S Broadway Ave, criminal trespass.

9:12 am, SE Douglas Ave, warrant service.

9:15 am, N Wasson St, dispute.

11:04 am, N 13th St, criminal mischief.

12:07 pm, E 2nd St, warrant service.

2:37 pm, Broadway and Kruse, accident.

4:28 pm, Newmark Ave, threats.

4:43 pm, Ingersoll Ave, weapons offense.

7:12 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.

8:52 pm, N 10th St, shots fired.

9:14 pm, N 8th St, violation of restraining order.

11:55 pm, Milligan Ave,
- threats.

September 10

12:21 am, Country Club Rd, warrant service.

12:46 am, Central Ave, threats.

2:17 am, NW Ocean Blvd, disturbance.

3:35 am, Marhsall Ave, harassment, domestic.

Coquille

September 4

10:47 am, Hwy 42S, dispute.

2:55 pm, N Cedar Point Rd, theft.

4:42 pm, N Adams and E 1st St, warrant service.

5:54 pm, E 5th St, criminal trespass.

September 5

12:49 am, N Baxter St, criminal trespass.

9:11 am, E 1st St, criminal trespass.

10:05 am, Hwy 42, criminal trespass.

12:18 pm, N Cedar Point Rd, criminal trespass.

8:08 pm, N Central Blvd, dispute.

8:52 pm, W 10th St, dispute, family.

10:29 pm, S Cedar St, harassment, phone.

September 6

1:56 am, Hwy 42, warrant service.

2:47 pm, N Elliot St, criminal trespass.

September 7

11:26 am, W 10th, dispute.

7:42 pm, W 10th St, assault, domestic.

9:17 pm, N Vernon St, dispute.

September 8

3:55 pm, N Elliott St, harassment, phone.

4:15 pm, N Cedar Point Rd, criminal trespass.

4:37 pm, Hwy 42 and W Central, disorderly conduct.

September 9

2:31 pm, W Central Ave, threats.

September 10

3:04 am, Hwy 42, disorderly conduct.

Myrtle Point

September 3

7:10 pm, Myrtle Crest Ln, warrant service.

September 4

10:56 am, Ash St, non-injury accident.

4:09 pm, 8th St, shoplifting.

6:05 pm, Cedar and Railroad Ave, juvenile problem.

September 5

6:19 pm, Terrace and 8th St, disorderly conduct.

North Bend

September 3

8:24 am, Union Ave, theft.

8:31 am, Sherman Ave, criminal trespass.

2:12 pm, Broadway St, accident.

3:56 pm, Newmark St, accident.

4:00 pm, Virginia, accident.

5:40 pm, Maple St, violation of restraining order.

6:37 pm, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass.

7:46 pm, Tremont Ave, warrant service.

8:20 pm, Sherman Ave, theft.

September 4

12:08 am, Lincoln St, juvenile problem.

1:21 am, Virginia Ave, DUII.

7:43 am, Connecticut and Union, dispute.

8:04 am, Inland Ct, criminal trespass.

8:25 am, Broadway Ct, threats.

9:34 am, Tremont Ave, harassment.

11:11 am, Hamilton Ave, warrant service.

11:51 am, Tremont Ave, disorderly conduct.

11:53 am, Sherman Ave, criminal trespass.

12:20 pm, Sherman Ave and Virginia Ave, non-injury accident.

1:25 pm, Sherman Ave, criminal trespass.

5:03 pm, Mcpherson Ave, disorderly conduct.

8:53 pm, Sheridan Ave, criminal trespass.

September 5

12:38 am, Meade and Virginia, dispute.

12:43 am, 11th St, harassment, phone.

2:22 am, Union Ave, dispute.

6:52 am, Sherman Ave, warrant service.

12:01 pm, Broadway Ave, disorderly conduct.

5:08 pm, California Ave, indecent exposure.

September 6

11:18 am, Hwy 101, violation of restraining order.

12:06 pm, Virginia Ave, threats.

1:58 pm, Mcpherson, harassment.

2:48 pm, Clark St, dispute, family.

3:03 pm, Newmark St, accident.

8:52 pm, Monroe Ave, disorderly conduct.

9:29 pm, Arthur St, assault.

September 7

5:40 am, Madrona and Virginia, dispute.

9:31 am, Clark St, criminal trespass.

10:44 am, Lincoln St, criminal trespass.

1:04 pm, California Ave, warrant service.

4:26 pm, Tremont Ave, assault.

8:49 pm, Everett Ave, criminal mischief.

September 8

12:31 am, Ferry Rd Park, criminal trespass.

6:27 am, Stanton Ave, dispute.

9:16 am, E 2nd St, violation of restraining order.

10:10 am, Spruce St, id theft.

11:27 am, Commercial and Sherman, disorderly conduct.

11:52 am, Virginia Ave, hit and run.

12:50 pm, Virginia Ave, juvenile problem.

2:31 pm, Virginia Ave, juvenile problem.

September 9

12:00 pm, Virginia Ave, disorderly conduct.

12:21 pm, Sherman Ave, criminal trespass.

1:11 pm, Clark St, criminal trespass.

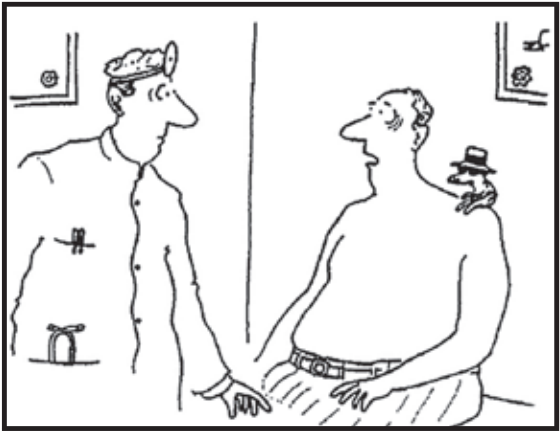
2:18 pm, Broadway Ave and 14th St, accident, injury.

4:32 pm, Virginia Ave, harassment.

4:55 pm, Sherman Ave, indecent exposure.

8:52 pm, Mcpherson Ave, warrant service.

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North Bend adds to hall of fame

JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

NORTH BEND — North Bend added to its hall of fame Friday with two standouts from the 1960s and the school’s first boys state champion swim team.

Jeff Richards, who has been part of the school’s hall of fame committee since the start more than two decades ago, was inducted along with Mike Rose and the 2011 swim team.

Richards, who graduated in 1966, was an all-league player in football, four-year starter in baseball and member of the basketball team and also found time to be president of the Key Club.

He went on to play baseball and football for Linfield College before embarking on a long career in education. He was a teacher and coach in Bandon for several years before returning to North Bend, where he served as athletic director, then dean of students and finally assistant principal. He continued on a part-time basis for a decade after retiring and is still a fixture at sports events in North Bend.

“I’m very honored and humbled to be standing here tonight,” Richards said, adding that he doesn’t remember specific accomplishments so much as the people along the way — the teachers who challenged him, the coaches and mentors who helped him develop as an athlete and the teammates.

“The lessons I learned in the hallways, on the field and in the classrooms stayed with my all my life,” Richards said. “Any successes I’ve had in life are due to my time here.”

He urged students in the audience to take advantage of the opportunities available to them.

Rose, who graduated in 1969,

was honored posthumously. He died in 2023 from Parkinson’s Disease and was represented Friday by his sister, former North Bend teacher Susan Beary.

Rose, called Rosey by his friends and teammates, was a standout in basketball and baseball, using his height to be a stellar rebounder and pitcher.

He was a Midwestern League all-star in basketball and went on to earn similar accolades at Southwestern Oregon Community College, where he was the team’s top rebounder and scorer and also team captain.

He studied dentistry after his sports career ended and he practiced that profession in British Columbia for many years before returning to practice briefly on the South Coast and on an Indian reservation in Wyoming, enjoying the outdoors opportunities at every stop along the way, Beary said.

“He loved fishing, he loved hunting and he loved playing golf,” she said.

When he retired from dentistry, Rose was a beloved caddie at Bandon Dunes for a decade before having to stop due to the Parkinson’s Disease.

“Thank you very much for honoring him,” Beary said. “He loved North Bend and he loved the people here.”

The swim team won the 2011 title in dramatic fishing, edging Cottage Grove by rallying for second place in the meet-ending 400 freestyle relay with a quartet of Kevin Waller, James Verger, Max Stuntzner-Gibson and Will Winfield that earlier also had finished second in the 200 freestyle relay.

Earlier in the day, Waller set meet records in the 200 and 500 freestyle, Verger placed in the same two events and



John Gunther Photo for The World
North Bend’s Hall of Fame class included, from left, Mike Rose, represented by his sister Susan Beary, Jeff Richards and 2011 swim team members Sean Esperance, James Verger, Kevin Waller, Will Winfield and coach Chris Richmond. Not pictured are swimmers Max Stuntzner-Gibson and Ryan Domshot, who were unable to attend the reception.\\

Stuntzner-Gibson placed in the individual medley and butterfly. Sean Esperance and Ryan Domshot also were on the state team.

“Honoring this team is very special because everybody looks at swimming as an individual sport,” said Chris Richmond, the coach of the squad. “You just can’t believe the amount of work these kids put in.”

He noted the team members that didn’t make it to state worked just as hard as the ones who were there, and had a special message for the parents of his athletes.

“I just want to thank you for sharing your sons with me,” Richmond said. “It was awesome.”

Verger, Waller, Winfield and Esperance were at the induction Friday and spoke fondly of their time on the swim team.

“I’m so honored to be up here,” said Waller, who already was inducted as an individual. “It was the team (that earned the championship). It came down to the team.”

While Waller, Verger and Stuntzner-Gibson were year-round swimmers, Waller said it was neat to see the others step up during the season.

Winfield recalled first learning to swim under Richmond as a 4-year-old and leaving the sport a few years later until midway through high school, when his basketball dreams fizzled out.

“Chris used to call me ‘Silly Willy,’” he said, adding that when Richmond questioned why he returned to the pool in high school he said, “I want to win a state championship.”

Richmond got a lot of credit from the swimmers Friday.

“He pushed us a lot,” Winfield said. “He definitely believed we could do it.”

Verger came to North Bend after starting swimming in Coos Bay with Gold Coast Swim Team coach Kathe McNutt. He praised both coaches.

“Kathe taught me how to love the sport and Chris taught me how to win the sport,” Verger said.

Esperance said the first time he got in the pool as a fifth grader “Chris had to rescue me.”

The team’s title, he said, was due to the perfect combination of coach and athletes.

“It’s a real testament to his coaching and the whole team working side by side to make each other better,” Esperance said.

Coquille inducts new hall of fame class

JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

COQUILLE — A standout wrestling team and a few top individual athletes highlighted the 2026 class for the Coquille Hall of Fame, which was inducted during a banquet Saturday.

The 2001 wrestling squad that placed third in the state tournament was honored, along with individuals James Granger from that squad and multi-sport standouts Joe Harris and Josie (Christiansen) Fishbaugher.

This year’s distinguished alumni honor went to Tanya Heikkila and the George Johnson Booster of the Year award went to the school’s sports broadcast team of Lee Taft and Dan Lyons.

Eight of the 11 members of the wrestling team were in town for the ceremony, including Granger and his older brother David, Chance Liles, John DeSoto, JD Dargis, Isidro Ledesma, Jesse Gardner and Nick Prescott. Dash Cannon, Ronny Fisher and Erim Gomez were unable to attend, along with the team’s assistant coach Michael Ayers.

Head coach John Breuer said the team had a strong early season and ultimately overcame heartbreaking dual meet losses to Brookings-Harbor and rival Myrtle Point to ultimately dominate the district meet with six champions and then earn the trophy at the state tournament.

“The ending was great,” Breuer said. “Like everything in life, you go through some turmoil and have to pick yourselves up. These kids did that. They stuck together through it.”

The wrestlers praised Breuer and Ayers for their role molding the group into the successful unit it became.

“The one thing we have up here are a lot of amazing men,” David Granger said, pointing to the other wrestlers. “This guy (Breuer) and Coach Ayers were the ones who got us there. They taught us hard work, dedication, teamwork and loyalty.”

Liles, the school’s current head coach, also noted the other wrestlers on the team who didn’t qualify for the state tournament,



John Gunther Photo for The World
Coquille’s Hall of Fame inductees include, back row from left, wrestlers Chance Liles, John DeSoto, JD Dargis, Isidro Ledezma, coach John Breuer, Jesse Gardner, Nick Prescott, James Granger and David Granger, and front row Dan Lyons, Joe Harris, Lee Taft and John and Jackie Christiansen, representing their daughter Josie (Christiansen) Fishbaugher. Not pictured are Tanya Heikkila, Dash Cannon, Ronny Fisher and Erim Gomez, who were unable to attend the banquet.

but pushed them every day in practice.

“We wouldn’t be here without the other guys in the (wrestling) room,” he said.

In a touching moment, Breuer noted that he had open-heart surgery two years ago and Dargis visited him in the hospital almost every day, helping lift his spirits.

“You talk about coaches inspiring players,” Breuer said. “These wrestlers inspired me (to recover).”

James Granger, who graduated in 2004, was recognized as an individual inductee and is the only wrestler in school history to reach the state finals four times. He won titles two of those years and also was a three-time state Greco-Roman and freestyle champion.

“I had a great team,” he said. “I had the next best wrestler in the state to practice with every day, Mr. Liles.”

Granger also credited his older brother, also a state champion.

“This means a lot,” he said. “Keep up the wrestling tradition. Coquille is awesome.”

Harris, who graduated in 2011, was an all-state football player and all-league basketball and baseball player, also played soccer, and was a state track

champion in the 200 meters and holds Coquille’s school records in both that event and the 100 meters.

Harris credited his coaches and his family.

“They never let me slack,” he said. “They always pushed me to do more.”

He went on to play football for four years at Western Oregon University and always made sure to let people know where he was from.

“This is somewhere I’m proud of,” he said, adding that he returns to Coquille often.

Fishbaugher, who graduated in 2004, was an all-state volleyball player and also played basketball and stood out in track and field for the Red Devils, earning runner of the meet honors as a senior after winning the 100 and 200 at the Far West League championships.

She went on to play volleyball for Seattle University and was unable to attend the event Saturday because of conflicts with her schooling to advance her nursing career. She was represented by her parents, John and Jackie Christiansen.

Fishbaugher did send a message reflecting on her time in Coquille.

She thanked her coaches, especially volleyball coach Suzanne Grami, “who believed in me, challenged me and helped shape the person I became.”

She also thanked her parents and the community as a whole.

“One of the special things about growing up in a small town is that the community stays with you long after you leave,” she wrote. “I experienced that in a completely different way during my breast cancer treatment and recovery. The love and support I received from people here reminded me that Coquille will always be home.”

“I’m incredibly proud to have grown up in Coquille and to have been a Red Devil.”

Heikkila, who graduated in 1988, also was unable to attend because of conflicts with her work at the University of Colorado-Denver, where she has won numerous awards for her work with graduate students.

At Coquille she was a basketball player and track athlete, a cheerleader in the fall, the student body president and one of four co-valedictorians who graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

“It is such an honor to be inducted into the Coquille High

School Hall of Fame as a distinguished alumni,” she wrote. “One of the genuine advantages of attending a small-town high school was having so many opportunities to participate outside the classroom, whether in sports, student government, clubs or other activities.”

“Those experiences taught me invaluable lessons about teamwork, resilience, persistence, listening to coaches and mentors, and being willing to step outside my comfort zone and try new things.”

Heikkila said her high school experiences helped lead to her long, successful career in academics.

“It is a privilege to represent Coquille High and I will always be grateful for the people and experiences that helped shape who I am today.”

Taft and Lyons have spent the past three years traveling throughout Western Oregon as broadcasters for Coquille’s football, volleyball and basketball teams — including 75 games last school year alone — on the school district’s Winter Lakes radio station.

They actually started working together 13 years ago for a regional radio station before retiring from broadcasting. Taft said after a few years, he missed the interactions with coaches and athletes and wanted back in.

They were able to find enough sponsors to cover the costs of travel and also fund annual scholarships for an athlete on each of the sports teams.

“We do it for the kids,” Taft said. “We do it because it’s the right thing to do.”

“Over the years, it’s been a wonderful thing,” Lyons said.

The two were pleasantly surprised with the Booster of the Year recognition.

“This is such an honor,” Taft said. “It means a lot.”

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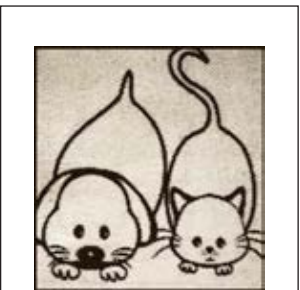
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS In the Matter of the Estate of Deanna Mae Green, Deceased.
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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

TS NO.: 26-79076
Reference is made to that certain Deed of Trust (hereinafter referred as the Trust Deed) made by ROBERT L GIVENS AND CRAIG OLSEN, NOT AS TENANTS IN COMMON BUT WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INS CO, as trustee, in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Beneficiary, dated 3/31/2012, recorded 4/3/2012, as Instrument No. 2012 2585, in mortgage records of Coos County, Oregon covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to-wit:

A tract of land located in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 35 Township 27 South Range 13 West Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point of the East line of that property described in deed recorded bearing Microfilm Reel No 68-06-29237 Records, Coos County, Oregon, said point being South 0 degrees 39' 00" East a distance of 308.02 feet from the true point of beginning of said Deed, bearing Microfilm Reel No. 68-06-29237, Records, Coos County, Oregon; thence South 80 degrees 30' West a distance of 120 feet; thence South 11 degrees 00' East a distance of 150 feet, more or less, to the Northerly right of way boundary of State Highway No. 42; thence Northeasterly along said road boundary a distance of 90 feet, more or less, to the East line of said deed bearing Microfilm Reel No. 68-06 29237, Records, Coos County, Oregon; thence North 0 degrees 39' 00" East along said East line a distance of 153 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. The street address or other common designation, if any for the real property described

above is purported to be: **1210 N PRIVATE DRIVE COQUILLE OREGON 97423**
The Tax Assessor's Account ID for the Real Property is purported to be: **27 S 13 W 35 DB 601 | 27S1335-DB-00601**

Both the beneficiary and the trustee, ZBS Law, LLP have elected to foreclose the above referenced Trust Deed and sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and a Notice of Default and Election to Sell has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). All right, title, and interest in the said described property which the grantors had, or had power to convey, at the time of execution of the Trust Deed, together with any interest the grantors or their successors in interest acquired after execution of the Trust Deed shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed and the expenses of sale, including the compensation of the trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of trustee's attorneys.

The default for which the foreclosure is made is: The monthly installment of principal and interest which became due on 10/1/2025, late charges, and all subsequent monthly installments of principal and interest.

You are responsible to pay all payments and charges due under the terms and conditions of the loan documents which come due subsequent to the date of this notice, including, but not limited to, foreclosure trustee fees and costs, advances and late charges.

Furthermore, as a condition to bring your account in good standing, you must provide the undersigned with written proof that you are not in default on any senior encumbrance and provide proof of insurance.

Nothing in this notice should be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the beneficiary under the deed of trust, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the loan documents.

The amount required to cure the default in payments to date is calculated as follows:

From: 10/1/2025
Total of past due payments: \$6,740.05
Late Charges: \$74.13
Additional charges (Taxes, Insurance, Corporate Advances, Other Fees): \$5,991.75
Trustee's Fees and Costs: \$956.00
Total necessary to cure: \$13,761.93

Please note the amounts stated herein are subject to confirmation and review and are likely to change during the next 30 days. Please contact the successor trustee ZBS Law, LLP, to obtain a "reinstatement" and or "payoff" quote prior to remitting funds. By reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the Trust Deed due and payable. The amount required to discharge this lien in its entirety to date is: \$79,753.85 Said sale shall be held at the hour of **1:00 PM on 11/25/2026** in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, and pursuant to ORS 86.771(7) shall occur at the following designated place:

At the main entrance of the Coos County Courthouse, 250 North Baxter Street, Coquille, OR 97423

Other than as shown of record, neither the said beneficiary nor the said trustee have any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the Trust Deed, or of any successor(s) in interest to the grantors or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: **NONE**

Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation(s) of the Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sums or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.778. The mailing address of the trustee is:

ZBS Law, LLP
5 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 400
Lake Oswego, OR 97035
(503) 946-6558

In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust

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deed, the words “trustee” and “beneficiary” include their respective successors in interest, if any. Without limiting the trustee’s disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee’s sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee’s sale. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Starting March 1, 2026, Federal Law may prohibit ZBS Law from issuing a Trustee’s Deed Upon Sale in connection with this trustee’s sale until information about the winning bidder is reported to the U.S. Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. See, 31 CFR § 1031.320 (https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-31/subtitle-B/chapter-XI/part-1031/subpart-C/section-1031.320 . If this trustee’s sale qualifies as a “reportable transfer” under 31 CFR § 1031.320(b), and you, as buyer, qualify as a “transferee entity” under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(1) or “transferee trust” under 31 CFR § 1031.320(e)(2), you will be obligated to provide information about the Beneficial Owner(s) of the transferee to ZBS Law or ZBS Law’s designated representative. If you qualify as an exempt entity or trust under 31 CFR § 1031.320(n) (10)-(11), you may be required to provide evidence of the exemption supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury. If the Trustee’s Deed Upon Sale cannot be issued due to a qualified transferee’s failure or inability to provide the necessary reporting information, the qualified transferee will be responsible for all fees and costs to re-notice the trustee’s sale. Dated: 07/02/2026 By: Dirk Schouten, OSB#115153 ZBS Law, LLP Authorized to sign on behalf of the trustee EPP 48507 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, &9/29/2026 World 428857 TS No. OR09000033-26-1 APN 6597600 0006597600 TO NO	4050288 TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, STEPHEN MITSON, AMARRIED MAN as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for QUICKEN LOANS INC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of November 3, 2018 and recorded on November 7, 2018 as Instrument No. 2018-10755 and the beneficial interest was assigned to ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC, FKA QUICKEN LOANS, LLC and recorded June 9, 2023 as Instrument Number 2023-03735 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Coos County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 6597600 0006597600 LOT 1, BLOCK B, SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1, 2 AND 3, BLOCK 9, FIRST ADDITION TO MARSHFIELD, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, TOGETHER WITH ANY PORTION OF THE VACATED ALLEY, WHICH WAS VACATED BY ORDER RECORDED MAY 6, 1954, IN BOOK 233, PAGE 658, RECORDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON, WHICH WOULD INURE BY OPERATION OF LAW. Commonly known as: 1211 MINNESOTA AVE, COOS BAY, OR 97420-1159 Both the Beneficiary, Rocket Mortgage, LLC, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor’s failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 5 Monthly Payment(s) from 11/01/2025 to 03/31/2026 at \$915.79 5 Monthly Payment(s) from 04/01/2026 to 08/10/2026 at \$973.27 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$217.47 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$78,482.28 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.12500% per annum from October 1, 2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee’s fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary	pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on December 23, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Main Entrance, Coos County Courthouse, 250 North Baxter Street, Coquille, OR 97423 County of Coos, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee’s or attorney’s fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee’s disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee’s sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee’s sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word “Grantor” includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words “Trustee” and “Beneficiary” includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective	March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 08/13/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0493476 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/2026 World 430338 NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE On OCTOBER 19TH, 2026, at the hour of 10:00am at the front door of the Coos County Sheriff’s Office, 250 N. Baxter St; Coquille, the defendant’s interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 357 N WALL ST, COOS BAY, OR 97420. The court case number is 25CV67630, where WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2019-RPL11 TRUST is plaintiff, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NORA ALLYNE PRATOWSKI AKA NORA A. PRATOWSKI AKA NORA PRATOWSKI; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JACK SHILO PRATOWSKI AKA JACK S. PRATOWSKI AKA JACK PRATOWSKI; TIANA LOUISE WALLACE AKA TIANA L. WALLACE AKA TIANA WALLACE; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES; OREGON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check, in hand, made out to Coos County Sheriff’s Office. For more information on this sale go to: http://oregonsheriffssales.org/ 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/2026 World 430499 TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust	Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: JENNIFERA A. MILLER Trustee: FIRST AMERICAN TITLE Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY Beneficiary: COOS BAY AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Lot 8, Block 87 of the First Addition to Empire, Coos Bay, OR, Coos County, Section 20CA, Township 25 South, Range 13 West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos Bay, Oregon 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: September 10, 2008 Recording No. 2008-9456 Official Records of Coos County, Oregon 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for the following defaults: Failure to preserve, maintain, and protect the property; Failure to prevent destruction and damage to the property; Failure to prevent deterioration and waste to the property causing a decrease in value; Failure to promptly repair, restore and remedy the deterioration and damage to the property; Allowing the accumulation of debris, trash, junk and a rodent infestation on the property; Failure to maintain and provide proof of insurance; Allowing the main access to the property to be obstructed creating dangerous conditions including fire and safety hazards that have come to attention of the city and that violates codes; Failure to maintain utilities on the property contributing to rot and decay and other structural damage; Failure to pay property taxes. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$60,000.00; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee’s Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official	Records of Coos County, Oregon. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: November 19, 2026 Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Coos County Courthouse, Front Entrance, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille, Oregon 97423 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee’s and attorney’s fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015.) Without limiting the trustee’s disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee’s sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee’s sale. You may reach the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to www.oregonlawhelp.org. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #47751.1). DATED: June 29, 2026, Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee, Hershner Hunter, LLP, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, OR 97440. 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/2026 World 430549

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of animals. Reportedly, the facility was generally understaffed. Several enclosures were not up to code and had conditions considered unfit for the animals. Trash, feces, and food waste filled many of the already small enclosures, some with exposed sharp points that endangered the inhabitants.

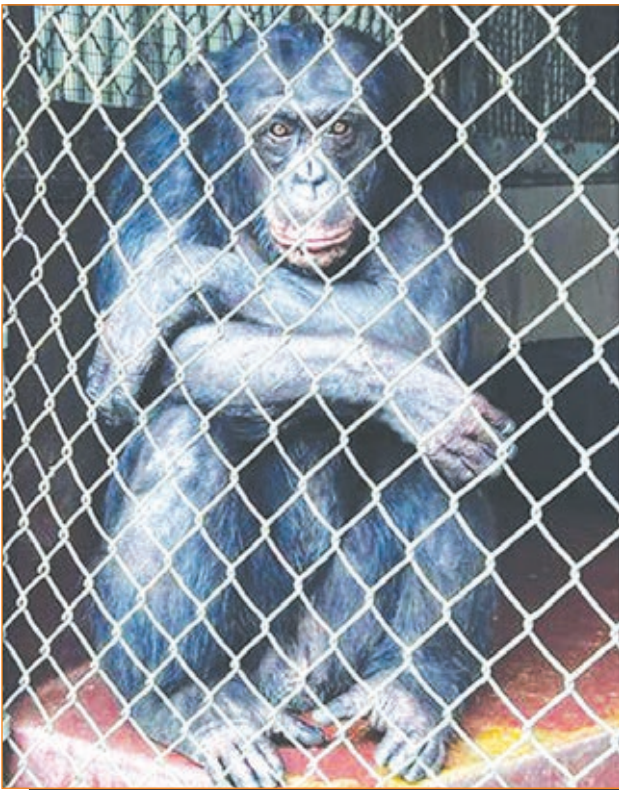
While many were successfully saved from these subpar conditions, a chicken, kinkajou, and camel had to be euthanized during the raid due to being in terrible health. A dead tiger was found in a freezer containing meals for other animals. The facility’s chimpanzee, George, was housed alone since 2023, causing great distress for what is known to be an incredibly social species. George has found a new lease on life at the Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest in Washington.

In addition to charges related to dealing methamphetamines, unlawful possession of modified firearms, racketeering and reckless endangerment, Tenny would plead guilty to 43 animal neglect charges during trial in April, 2026.

Following sentencing, Tenney’s attorneys insisted that Tenny did not intend for conditions to reach the point of criminal neglect, but instead described their client as having gradually lost control of the operation after inheriting it from his retiring parents in 2009. In a sentencing memo, attorneys Jason Short and Dan Olsen wrote, “this case has been unlike any other”, but ultimately agreed that the agreed sentence was “reasonable and fair.”

Animal rights organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) were one of the groups with longstanding complaints about the facility. Their Foundation Managing Director of Captive Wildlife, Debbie Metzler, had this to say on the sentencing:

“Brian Tenney deserves every day he spends locked in a cage, but his punishment is still nothing compared to the suffering he inflicted on the animals he starved, neglected, and exploited for his deadly operation... PETA commends Oregon State Police for acting on the evidence and helping place these animals at reputable facilities where they will finally get the care they need—and urges everyone to stay away from roadside zoos.



(Above) Eurasian Lynx (Oregon DOI); A Eurasian lynx clawing at the door of a tiny, windowless enclosure at West Coast Game Park Safari. (Left) The park's chimpanzee George was kept in isolation since the passing of its mate, Daphne, back in 2023. Chimps are known to be incredibly social creatures, living in huge packs in the wild. The isolation likely caused George great distress. He has since been rehomed to Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest in Washington.

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names have been omitted at the specific request of the surviving family.	the following crimes:	• Assault in the Third Degree (Second Count)	The Honorable Judge Martin Stone accepted the plea and sentenced Levi Higgins-Green to a combined sentence of 80 months (6.6 years) for the first six listed charges and an additional life sentence (minimum of 25 years or	300 months) for a total minimum prison sentence of 380 months or 31.6 years of prison. This case was investigated by the Coos County Sheriff’s Office with assistance from Coos Bay Police Department, Oregon	State Police, Kids Hope Center, Charleston Fire Department, Bay Cities Ambulance and Eugene Police Department. The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Jody Newby.
On August 31, 2026, Levi Higgins Green submitted a plea of Guilty to	• Strangulation – Constituting Domestic Violence	• Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree			
	• Assault in the Third Degree	• Criminal Mistreatment in the First Degree (Second Count)			
	• Assault in the Second Degree – Constituting Domestic Violence	• Murder in the Second Degree			

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a passion of mine, so I’m incredibly excited to continue that work here in Reedsport.”	ness owners, community members, volunteers and organizations that “make this community so special.”	the love.	plish together!” closed Leidecker.	For more information on upcoming events and projects at Reedsport Main Street, you can visit their official website at www.reedsportmain-street.com.	know for sure. Maybe this is just one of those stories that should have been true, even if it wasn’t.
Leidecker exclaimed her eagerness to touch base with all of the business owners, community members, volunteers and organizations that “make this community so special.”	The World joins the Reedsport community in welcoming and wishing luck to Leidecker. Thankfully, she mentioned already feeling	I’m grateful for the warm welcome I’ve already received and excited about the opportunity to work alongside all of you to support and strengthen our downtown. I can’t wait to get to know Reedsport and see what we can accomplish together!”			O. Henry and Rod Serling never wrote a better twist ending than that.

Oregon officials urge use of ballot boxes while defending mail voting

JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Top Oregon elected officials on Tuesday, Sept. 8, urged Oregonians to use ballot drop boxes, not mailboxes, to return ballots in November as newly released data showed thousands of Oregonians missed having their May primary votes counted because of postal delays.

Secretary of State Tobias Read, Gov. Tina Kotek and U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, all Democrats, held a press conference at the state Capitol in Salem to reiterate their commitment to protecting Oregon’s decades-long history of mail voting.

Read, the state’s top election official, is seeking \$1.25 million from the Legislature’s emergency board this week to add 20 drop boxes, expand a ballot tracking system used by five counties and cover other unanticipated election costs.

His funding request and the officials’ comments come as the U.S. Supreme Court weighs whether the U.S. Postal Service

can implement a rule that would upturn how states run elections weeks before states begin mailing ballots. Oregon is among the states that sued to block the Postal Service rule and President Donald Trump’s executive order that precluded it.

Read and others said they’re confident the court will block the rule, and that even if it didn’t, it’s too close to the election for it to practically take effect.

“School’s back in session now,” Read said. “You could go to any playground and ask kids, ‘Does it make sense to change the rules in the middle of the game?’ The answer is ‘no.’ It’s not practical. It’s not right. And we believe it’s not legal.”

His funding request, which the Legislature’s emergency board will consider Thursday, includes roughly \$150,000 to expand the BallotTrax ballot tracking system to all 36 counties.

Voters in Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Yamhill and Washington

counties have been able to sign up for text alerts to follow their ballot from when it’s first mailed to them to when election workers have verified the ballot envelope signature and sorted it for counting.

It also includes \$120,000 for 20 new ballot boxes at \$6,000 apiece and \$344,000 for operational support for ballot boxes, as well as 5 cents per voter, or about \$153,000, for county election support.

And Read is seeking \$480,000 to reimburse counties that have to mail notices to inactive voters, mostly people who moved without updating their addresses and who had their ballots returned as undeliverable. Inactive voters don’t receive ballots but officials must notify voters they’re inactive before removing them from voter rolls.

An official May primary election turnout report the Secretary of State’s Office released earlier on Tuesday showed a steep increase in the number of uncounted ballots over prior years. Since 2022,

Oregon has allowed the counting of ballots postmarked by Election Day that arrive within the next week.

But changes at the Postal Service that require all mail to be taken first to a Portland processing center mean that in most of the state, mail doesn’t receive postmarks until at least the day after an Oregonian mails it.

Of the more than 55,000 ballots that arrived at county election offices during the seven-day grace period after the May primary, more than 7,300 couldn’t be counted because they had a postmark after Election Day. That’s a rate of 13.1%, higher than any prior election.

Merkley, Oregon’s junior U.S. senator, said mail voting is safer and more trustworthy than other systems.

“On Election Day, it is easy to manipulate the outcome,” he said. “You simply move the locations where people vote, so they get confused. You put the locations where there’s no parking. You put out

misinformation about the election day. You put out misinformation about the location. You put in machines that don’t work and slow things down, so people have eight-hour waits to vote, like they did in Georgia. None of that can be done with vote by mail.”

Kotek said Oregon has spent decades building a voting system that works — the state routinely boasts the highest or near-highest turnout rates in the country — and will defend it.

“Vote by mail means a parent doesn’t have to choose between getting somewhere to vote or taking care of their child,” she said. “Vote by mail means a worker who can’t afford to take time off work can sit down at their kitchen table after work and participate in our democracy, and it means an older Oregonian, or a person with a disability, or someone who would live far away from a polling place can make their voice heard in an easier fashion. These are not abstract benefits.”

And Wyden, the first U.S. senator elected in an all-mail election in 1996, said constituents he spoke to in rural Oregon have been especially worried about maintaining mail elections. Some voters would face driving an hour to a ballot box or their county election office if they can’t rely on their mail, he said.

“To borrow a phrase from our wonderful letter carriers, I’ve got a special delivery message for Donald Trump: Keep the hell away from Oregon’s vote by mail,” he said.

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2026/09/08/oregon-officials-urge-use-of-ballot-boxes-while-defending-mail-voting/>

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Oregon small businesses deserve a break from steep credit card fees

FRANK SQUILLO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

A recent survey from Gov. Tina Kotek’s Prosperity Council found that most Oregonians believe high costs, taxes and regulations are making it harder for businesses to grow. The governor acknowledged the challenge plainly: “We have to be intentional here, to be competitive.”

One place to start is with the steep credit card processing fees Oregon businesses pay on nearly every transaction.

Credit card interchange fees, commonly known as “swipe fees,” typically take

2 to 4 percent of every credit card purchase. For a small business like ours, that means paying a fee each time a customer buys a cup of coffee, a box of pastries or even leaves a non-cash tip for an employee.

Those percentages add up quickly. Businesses across the U.S. paid a record \$157 billion in credit card “swipe fees” last year, \$9 billion more than in 2024. For small businesses already facing rising costs for food, labor, insurance and utilities, processing fees have become another significant expense with little ability to negotiate them.

That’s largely because Visa and Mastercard dominate the credit card payments market, leaving merchants with few alternatives.

Oregon lawmakers have an opportunity to provide some relief. One commonsense reform would be to prohibit credit card companies from charging “swipe fees” on gratuities. While Oregon businesses don’t face the additional challenge of paying processing fees on sales taxes, we still pay them on tips intended for our employees. Businesses shouldn’t have to pay a fee on money they don’t actually keep.

The credit card industry argues that separating portions of transactions would be difficult. But the payments system already identifies different components of transactions for accounting purposes. This small tweak would require an operational adjustment, not rebuilding the entire payments ecosystem.

Congress can also address the lack of competition in the credit card market. The bipartisan Credit Card Competition Act would require large card-issuing banks to provide a second processing network beyond Visa or Mastercard. Giving merchants a choice could create

natural competition over “swipe fees,” contributing to savings as high as \$17 billion annually for consumers and businesses alike.

Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley could support that effort federally, while state lawmakers pursue reforms that can provide relief here at home.

If Oregon is serious about becoming more competitive and helping small businesses succeed, reducing excessive credit card “swipe fees” is a practical place to start. Even modest reforms would allow more of every dollar spent at a local business to stay in

that business, as well as in the community it serves.

Frank Squillo is the co-owner of Wanda’s Cafe + Bakery in Nehalem, Oregon.

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Senator David Brock Smith commemorates the 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks

Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) today issued the following statement in solemn remembrance of the 25th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, honoring the victims, the heroes, and the enduring strength of the American people.

“Twenty-five years ago, our nation was struck by

an act of barbaric terrorism intended to shake the foundations of our Constitutional Republic. Nearly 3,000 innocent Americans were murdered in a single morning. Mothers, fathers, children, and patriots lives were taken simply because they lived in a free nation. In the face of unimaginable horror, Americans responded with courage, unity, and

resolve. First responders ran toward danger, service members stepped forward to defend our nation, and communities across the country came together in a shared commitment to liberty.”

“As we mark this solemn anniversary, we honor the victims and their families, and we pay tribute to the firefighters, police

officers, EMTs, and everyday citizens who became heroes on that day. We also recognize the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who have spent the last quarter-century confronting terrorism abroad and protecting our homeland from those who wish us harm.”

“The lessons of 9/11 remain clear: America must

remain strong, vigilant, and unapologetic in defending our values. We must secure our borders, support our military and law enforcement, and confront threats with clarity and conviction. Our national security cannot be compromised, and our commitment to American exceptionalism must never waver.”

“Today, we recommit

ourselves to the principles that define us: freedom, resilience, and unity. May God bless the families who continue to carry the weight of that tragic day, may God bless our first responders and service members, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.”

PREPARE

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works with Delyria in the Emergency Management office, said the operators at “211” can not only answer questions about government, but offer community information.

“If you’re needing to know where to take your pet — to a vet or to a groomer — you could call them,” she said. “It kind of reminds me of the Yellow Pages.”

Public servants planning displays include the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, which prepares tsunami maps, the Sheriff’s Posse and CERT.

Delyria said the event has been attracting more people each year since

the county began organizing it. Participants will be able to view emergency vehicles, such as ladder trucks and a helicopter. Food and beverages also will be available.

Northwest Natural Gas is providing free hot dogs, which members of the Coos Bay-North Bend Lions Club will barbecue beginning about 11 a.m., Mueller said, adding that Mojo’s, a restaurant in the mall, is offering canned beverages for \$1 each and Columbia Bank is providing ice cream.

Other businesses and



A “211” operator will be available to answer questions about the telephone and online information service, which is similar to using finding information in the “Yellow Pages,” when telephone directories were common.

government agencies will be on hand to demonstrate their services, such as Pacific Power, which is bringing backpacks that have preparedness materials in them. The backpacks will be among

items raffled at 2:30 p.m., Mueller said, along with 10 preparedness-themed gift baskets. People whose tickets are drawn need not be present to win. Prizes will be available at the Coos Bay Fire

Station after the event.

The goal is to empower the county’s 65,000 residents to be self-sufficient, because emergency responders may not be immediately available over the county’s 1,600-square-mile area.

“We go from sea level to 4,300 feet,” Mueller said. “We don’t have a lot of emergency responders to get to everybody, to help everybody. And so we really are trying to empower people to take care of themselves, to be self-sufficient, and to

know how to maybe help their neighbor.”

Another educational aid available at the event will be the South Coast’s “Are You Ready?” book, which the county developed in cooperation with Curry County.

Delyria and Mueller are busy this week preparing to help others prepare in advance of a variety of emergencies that can befall Coos County residents: wildfire, flooding and other weather-related damage, earthquakes and tsunamis, for example.

“It’s a great event,” Mueller said. “It really has grown. We’ve averaged between 350 and 400 people attending. And it seems to grow each year.”



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High School Recap: Myrtle Point tops Knappa

Myrtle Point topped visiting Knappa 24-13 on Friday to improve to 2-0 in the young football season.

The Bobcats are on the road Friday against Toledo. EUREKA 33, MARSHFIELD 27: The Loggers beat the Pirates at Cal State Polytechnic University Humboldt on Friday, handing Marshfield its first loss.

This week, the Pirates host South Umpqua in their league opener.

CASCADE CHRISTIAN 47, NORTH BEND 0: The Challengers shut out the host Bulldogs in North Bend's final nonleague tuneup.

North Bend is at Cottage Grove this week in a rare Thursday contest, following a volleyball match between the schools.

TOLEDO 34, BANDON 29: The Boomers came from behind to beat the Tigers in the annual

Cranberry Bowl. It was the first loss of the season for Bandon, which is at Bonanza this week.

PHILOMATH 34, COQUILLE 30: The Red Devils came up just short at home in their quest for their first win of the season. Coquille is at Creswell on Saturday this week.

CAMAS VALLEY 60, POWERS 14: The Hornets topped the host Cruisers, handing Powers its first loss of the season in a nonleague game Friday. Powers is home again this week against Days Creek.

BONANZA 62, REEDSPORT 20: The Brave fell to 0-2 on the season with the home loss. Reedsport is at Prospect this week.

VOLLEYBALL SKY-EM LEAGUE: Marshfield swept South Umpqua to open league play, winning 25-17, 25-10, 25-18. The

Pirates then swept Cottage Grove on the road. This week Marshfield hosts Junction City on Tuesday and visits Marist Catholic on Thursday.

North Bend beat visiting Elmira three sets to one to open its league season. The Bulldogs host South Umpqua on Tuesday and visit Cottage Grove on Thursday.

FAR WEST LEAGUE: Coquille opened league play with a pair of sweeps, beating visiting Siuslaw 25-6, 25-12, 25-17 and then sweeping Illinois Valley at home.

This week the Red Devils visit Brookings-Harbor on Tuesday and host Glide on Thursday.

SUNSET CONFERENCE: Myrtle Point won a pair of nonleague matches, sweeping both Glendale and Days Creek.

Bandon beat Elkton

three sets to one and won at Days Creek 25-18, 25-19, 25-9. On Friday, the Tigers outlasted visiting Toledo in five sets before the Cranberry Bowl.

Reedsport beat host Pacific 25-16, 25-10, 25-14. But the Brave fell to Elkton 25-13, 25-16, 18-25, 25-13.

League play opens Thursday, with Reedsport at Myrtle Point and Bandon at Oakland. League newcomer North Douglas opens league play at home against Gold Beach.

SKYLINE

LEAGUE: Powers fell to former league foe North Douglas 25-18, 25-14, 25-17. The Cruisers also lost at Gold Beach 25-16, 25-18, 25-22. The Cruisers also faced league foe Camas Valley in a non-league match, sweeping the Hornets. They will meet again in league play later in the season.

League play opens this week, with New Hope at Pacific on Tuesday, Glendale at Powers on Wednesday and Powers at Days Creek and Pacific at Elkton on Thursday.

GIRLS SOCCER PIRATES TOP LANCERS: Marshfield opened the Sky-Em League season with a 6-0 win over visiting South Umpqua, a newcomer to the Class 4A ranks this year. This week, Marshfield is at Cottage Grove on Tuesday and hosts Junction City on Thursday. Marshfield also visits Marist Catholic next Monday.

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WALK
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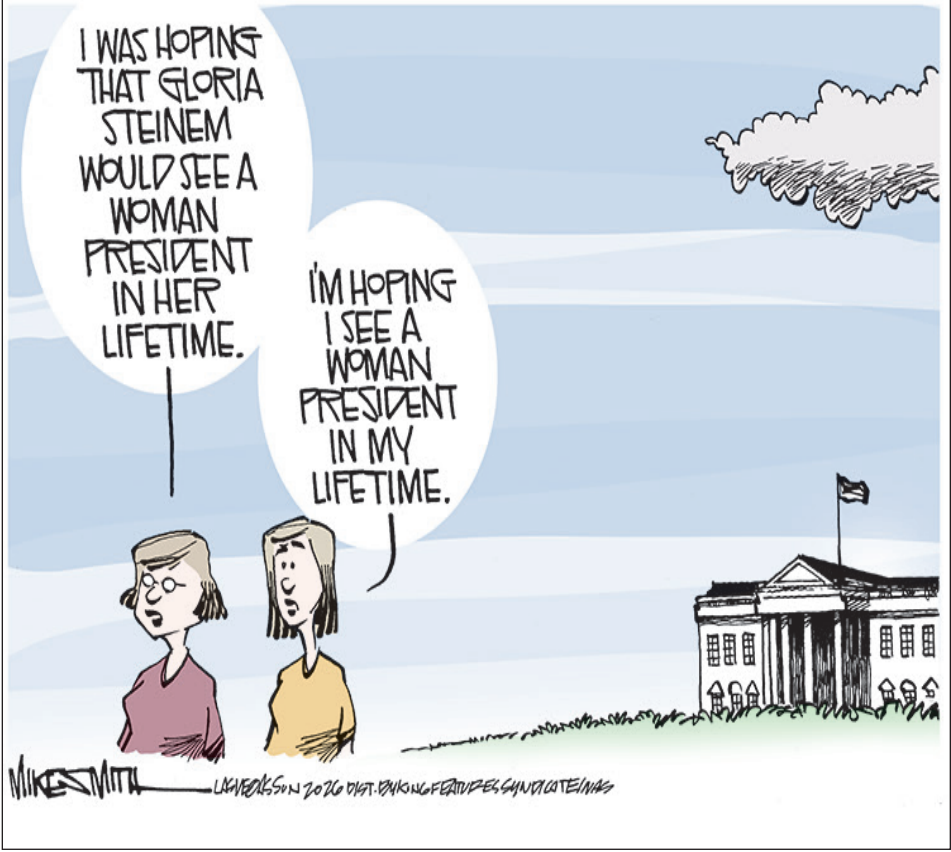
matters. Asking directly about suicide matters. Safety planning matters. Reducing access to lethal means matters. Following up after a crisis matters.

And the steady human work that is done with patients, families and communities matters.”

Breuer noted the “988” Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is always available by calling, texting, or chat for anyone experiencing emo-

tional distress, thoughts of suicide, substance-use concerns, or concern for someone else. It is free, confidential, and available by calling 988 or logging onto <https://988lifeline.org>.

Political Cartoon



Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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4	6	7	9	2	1	5	8	3
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Americanisms

“When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I’ll know I’m growing old.”

— Lady Bird Johnson

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The Garden Bug

Orchard mason bees

Shiny, dark-blue and smaller than a honey bee, the orchard mason bee can be encouraged to live in urban areas, as it is beneficial, non-aggressive and non-damaging to structures. Build it a bee house, by taking a 4x4 untreated block of wood, drilling smooth holes about 5/16” in diameter in a grid on one side, and at least 3” deep into the wood. Create an over-hanging roof, and hang it firmly at least 3 feet up.

Orchard mason bee

— Brenda Weaver

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GO FIGURE!

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

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Area Sports weekly Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 15
High School Volleyball — Coquille at Brookings-Harbor, 6 p.m.; New Hope at Pacific, 6 p.m.; Junction City at Marshfield, 6:30 p.m.; South Umpqua at North Bend, 6:30 p.m.
High School Boys Soccer — Coquille at Brookings-Harbor, 4 p.m.; Marshfield at Cottage Grove, 5 p.m.; Elmira at North Bend 5 p.m.
High School Girls Soccer — Coquille at Santiam Christian, 4 p.m.; Marshfield at Cottage Grove, 7 p.m.; Elmira at North Bend, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
High School Volleyball — Glendale at Powers, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17
High School Football — North Bend at Cottage Grove, 7 p.m.
High School Volleyball — North Bend at Cottage Grove, 5:30 p.m.; Glide at Coquille, 6 p.m.; Reed-sport at Myrtle Point, 6 p.m.; Bandon at Oakland, 6 p.m.; Pacific at Elkton, 6 p.m.; Powers at Days Creek, 6 p.m.; Marshfield at Marist Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
High School Boys Soccer — Coquille vs. Lost River at North

Valley High School, 1:30 p.m.; Junction City at Marshfield, 5 p.m.; South Umpqua at North Bend, 7 p.m.
High School Girls Soccer — Coquille vs. Lost River at Hidden Valley High School, 2 p.m.; Umpqua Valley vs. Pacific at North Bend High School, 2 p.m.; Junction City at Marshfield, 7 p.m.; South Umpqua at North Bend, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18
High School Football — Days Creek at Powers, 4 p.m.; Bandon at Bonanza, 6 p.m.; South Umpqua at Marshfield, 7 p.m.; Myrtle Point at

Toledo, 7 p.m.; Reedsport at Prospect, 7 p.m.
College Volleyball — SWOCC at Clark, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19
High School Cross Country — Marshfield, North Bend, Bandon, Coquille, Reedsport at Prefontaine Memorial Run, 9:45 a.m.
High School Football — Coquille at Creswell, 5 p.m.
High School Volleyball — Reedsport, Bandon at Brookings-Harbor tournament.
Women’s College Soccer — Lane at SWOCC, noon.

Men’s College Soccer — Klamath at SWOCC, 2:30 p.m.
College Volleyball — SWOCC at Mount Hood, 2 p.m.
College Cross Country — SWOCC at Jim Hunt Humboldt Invitational, Arcata, Calif.

Monday, Sept. 21
High School Boys Soccer — Marshfield at Marist Catholic, 5 p.m.
High School Girls Soccer — Marshfield at Marist Catholic, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
High School Volleyball — Coquille at Douglas, 6 p.m.; Myrtle Point

at Gold Beach, 6 p.m.; Oakland at Reedsport, 6 p.m.; North Douglas at Bandon, 6 p.m.; Pacific at Yoncalla, 6 p.m.; Powers at Umpqua Valley Christian, 6 p.m.; Marshfield at Elmira, 6:30 p.m.; Junction City at North Bend, 6:30 p.m.
High School Boys Soccer — Rogue Valley Adventist at Pacific, 4 p.m.; Coquille at Douglas, 4:30 p.m.; North Bend at Cottage Grove, 5 p.m.
High School Girls Soccer — Coquille at Douglas, 2:30 p.m.; North Bend at Cottage Grove, 7 p.m.

RECAP From page 9

BULLDOGS WIN: North Bend edged visiting Newport 1-0 last week. The Bulldogs also won at North Valley 4-0 in their final nonleague match. North Bend opens league play Tuesday at home against Elmira and hosts South Umpqua on Thursday.

DEVILCATS WIN: The combined Coquille-Myrtle Point squad got its first win, topping visiting South Umpqua 3-2 in a nonleague match. Coquille is at Santiam Christian on Tuesday and opens Class 3A-2A-1A District 3 play

at Hidden Valley High School in a neutral-site match against Lost River on Thursday.

BOYS SOCCER PIRATES BEAT LANCERS: Marshfield opened the Sky-Em League season with a 4-0 win over visiting South Umpqua. This week, the Pirates are at Cottage Grove on Tuesday and host Junction City on Thursday. The Pirates also visit Marist Catholic next Monday.

BULLDOGS FALL: North Bend lost to visiting Newport 2-0 in their final nonleague contest last week. The Bulldogs open league play at home against Elmira on Tuesday and host South Umpqua on Thursday.

UMPQUA INVITE: Bandon’s Jael Legutki won the Umpqua Invitational at Stewart Park in Roseburg, finishing the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes and 20 seconds.

North Bend’s Addison Horning was runner-up in 19:29. Horning had won the Marist Invitational the previous Saturday in Eugene.

North Bend’s Lauren Wolfe was sixth (21:09) and Bandon’s Jada Ryder ninth (22:05). North Medford had seven of the top 13 finishers and easily won the team title with 28 points. North Bend edged Bandon 51-53 for second.

In the boys race, Bandon’s Beckett Pahls ran a speedy 16:12 to easily win the race, almost a minute faster than runner-up Angelo Pedrini of North Bend (17:10). Bandon’s Eli Nicholson was fourth (17:21) and Noah Brown was 11th (18:05), but North Medford edged the Tigers 37-42 for the team title. Roseburg was third with 44 points.

Most of the South Coast’s runners will be competing in the high school division of the Prefontaine Memorial Run this week.

COUNTRY FAIR CLASSIC: Marshfield competed in the Country Fair Classic, a large meet near Elmira.

On the girls side, Kendall Qualman was 26th (22:47), Kindall

Wyatt was 29th (22:58) and Scarlett Devins was 33rd (23:33) in the 101-runner field. Marshfield finished eighth out of 14 complete teams. Philomath easily won the title, led by Cassidy Smart, who finished a fraction of a second behind winner Alexa Montgomery of Crescent Valley (18:29).

On the boys side, Marshfield’s top finishers were Donal Brice in 42nd (19:28), Ezra Kern in 48th (19:29) and Maddox Ferrell in 47th (19:35) out of 107 runners.

Sheldon’s Caleb Daniels won in 16:13 while Cottage Grove took the team title. Marshfield was 13th in the team race.

Puzzle answers on page 9

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 "May I talk to you briefly?"

8 Placed

12 Motor oil additive

15 TV character whom you "better call"

19 Certain outlet accessory

20 River of Aragon

21 Weeding tool

22 Singer Amos

23 Like a gallery that has five dozen paintings by artist Antoine?

25 Sort of

27 Shar — (wrinkly dogs)

28 What a hailstorm is doing when composer Jean-Philippe is caught in it?

30 Hawaiian for "appetizer"

32 Little League precursor

33 Calling device in a forest east of Paris?

41 Banquet, e.g.

45 Four eighths

46 Let borrow again

47 Monte —

48 Oil from flower petals

49 Wine enjoyed near a hearth?

53 Aliens, briefly

54 August hrs.

55 Guilty feeling

56 Garage oil

58 Hilo hellos

64 Giving the go-ahead for

68 Atmosphere

69 Raised, flat land that you are visiting today?

72 Flapa — (Easter Island)

73 Bookish sort

75 Giorgio of fashion

76 Apartment policy about animals

78 Island porch

80 Goat's cry

82 Application file extension

83 Festive antique hat?

91 Slanting

93 "Nay" says

94 Shower sponges

95 100-page story, maybe

97 Portland

98 That powerful essayist Henry David?

101 Sea's edge

102 Have — (lose it)

103 Flat-bottomed vessel sailing across the River Styx from Hades?

111 Notion, in Paris

115 An hour before midnight

116 Teasing tribute held at the Green Bay Packers' stadium?

119 Sold out, say

120 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1973 hit)

121 Leg, e.g.

122 Tom Cruise/ Dustin Hoffman film

123 Puts in place

124 Pastor's talk: Abbr.

125 Legs' counterparts

126 Iran neighbor

DOWN

1 ["I'm in shock!]

2 Comics dog

3 Metered car

4 Bldg. units in complexes

5 Pig's home

6 "lck!"

7 Deep-fried crustacean appetizers

8 Riga native, old-style

9 Aid in crime

10 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)

11 Gloomy

12 Tibias

13 Native of Nuku'alofa

14 Eye care chain

15 Fruit discard

16 Top-tier

17 — Major (constellation)

18 In — of

24 Tightly strung

25 Mineo of "Exodus"

29 — to Be You" (pop standard)

30 Bartlett, e.g.

31 "Friendly skies" carrier, for short

33 Python's kin

34 — -coated aspirin

35 Large central feature of the Astros' logo

36 — apso

37 Be mistaken

38 Singer Brenda

39 Chicago Loop trains

40 Luau paste

41 British bud

42 Previous to

43 Taking after

44 Singer Rawls

47 Chevy pony car

50 "Let's just leave — that"

51 Toy train, when repeated

52 "— Matata" ("The Lion King" song)

54 Part of FDR

56 Car tankful

57 Spreads out, as fingers

59 Meadowland

60 Crew tool

61 Engine noise

62 Org. for cavity fillers

63 It rises daily

65 Kicked out of a country

66 Chocolate spread brand

67 U.S. soldiers

70 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)

71 "Sands of Iwo —"

74 Basic trick for a skateboarder

77 Actor O'Toole

79 Baseless bit of gossip

81 Ditz relative of Samantha on "Bewitched"

83 Sharp punch

84 Singer Yoko

85 "Inc." relative

86 Orbiter with a tail

87 — polloi

88 Olympic code for Kabul's country

89 Oom- — band

90 "C— la vie"

91 State firmly

92 Fraternity "T"

96 "Well now!"

98 Flat, hollow sounds

99 Crested bird with black-and-white wings

100 Harvard rival

101 Submission encl.

103 Pleads

104 Balm plant

105 Camp shelter

106 Nights before

107 Stewpot

108 Impartial

109 "I wonder ..."

110 Recedes

111 Actress Skye

112 Accurse

113 Morales of film and TV

114 Volcano in Sicily

117 Egypt and Syrr., once

118 Crater's edge

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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Derelict Vessel removed from Coos Bay

Staff Report

A partially-sunken sailboat was removed from the federal navigation channel between the Empire District of Coos Bay and Charleston on Thursday, September 10, 2026. According to the Coos County Sheriff’s Office, deputies from the Marine Division coordinated with state agencies to organize removal from the bay.

The sailboat was first reported on Clam Island September 5, but could not be

towed until the water onboard had been pumped out. Marine Deputies and Search & Rescue personnel were able to get the vessel floating again. It was taken to the Charleston Marina and is now secured on dry land.

The CCSO said in their official release, “Derelict vessels are a continuing issue state wide and our local Coos County Sheriff’s Office Marine Division does everything they can to keep our waterways safe and navigable.”



COMMENTARY

Never Forget

CAPTAIN SEAN SANBORN
Coos County Sheriff Office

Students of history can tell you that for major historical events there is one, or many focal points which are a catalyst for major events. On June 28, 1914 the Archduke Franz Ferdi-

nand of Austria was assassinated. This one event was a major catalyst event for World War I. On December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor was attacked. An event which dragged the United States from a position of neutrality into an active role in World War II. September

11, 2001, four commercial air planes, American Air Flight 11, United Flight 175, American Air Flight 77 and United Flight 93, were hijacked by men with the intent to attack and wound this country in a horrid act of terror, an act they accomplished killing nearly 3000 American Citizens.

September 11, 2001 led to many events and sadly, the deaths of many more American servicemen and women in the conflicts which occurred as a result. It was a horrific day; one I will never forget and in my opinion our country should never forget. It was a day which highlighted the bravery which hallmarks

the fire and police services across the United States, but especially in New York and the Pentagon. Those Firemen and Police Officers rushed selflessly into burning buildings to save their fellow man, for many it was at the expense of their lives, for others, their health over the years.

Following the events of September 11, our country was truly united. It was awe inspiring and wonderful to see the true spirit of this country rise above all the negativity and political vitriol we see all around us. The nation seemed to become one in a common goal to seek justice for the people who died that day. Enlistment into the armed

forces grew exponentially, the country generally did what needed to be done as it was evident our way of life was under attack.

Every day patriots stepped up. Todd Beamer and the men and women of Flight 93 fought against the evil who had taken over their airplane. We will blessedly never know how many lives they saved due to their actions which ultimately ended in a Pennsylvania field.

Today, The Coos County Sheriff’s Office remembers and reflects. As we go throughout our day, let us not forget the everyday patriots like Todd Beamer. Let’s not forget the brave people of the New York

Fire Department, New York Police department, Pentagon Police and Arlington Fire Department who ran into crumbling buildings at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Let’s not forget the 2996 souls who got on a plane or just went to work that day who died at the hands of cowards. Let’s not forget the servicemen and women who signed a blank check and gave their lives or were wounded on foreign soil to ensure our way of life following this event. Let’s not forget September 11, 2001.

“Let’s Roll” – Todd Beamer



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

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

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

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

FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION AT COOS ART MUSEUM
FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
COOS ART MUSEUM, 235 ANDERSON AVE, COOS

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

FURRY FRIENDS THERAPY DOGS, INC. MEETING
FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (THIRD THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER)
CEDAR ROOM, COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY
LEARN ABOUT SHARING YOUR DOG’S LOVE THROUGH THERAPY VISITS. OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

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

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

BUILD IT SATURDAYS (LEGO®)
FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - 12:00–1:30 PM
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE.
OPEN LEGO BUILDING FOR AGES 0–14. KIDS UNDER 11 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

BUILD IT CHALLENGE (LEGO®)
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 3:00–4:00 PM
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE.
BUILD THEMED LEGO CREATIONS USING THE LIBRARY’S BRICK COLLECTION.

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

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

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Business Connection Luncheons, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
Every Wednesday starting Sept. 2, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Ko-Kwel Casino Resort, Salmon Room
The Bay Area Chamber of Commerce’s Wednesday Business Connection Luncheons return to

the Ko-Kwel Casino resort for another slate of informative forums and presentations pertaining to local businesses and politics. The opening slate of guests include: Sept. 9 - Travel with the Chamber “A Taste of Tuscany” Sept. 16 - Representative Court Boice and Bret Cecil Forum Sept. 23 - Sheriff Gabe Fabrizio and Mike Kinnaird Forum October 7 - Congresswoman Val Hoyle and Monique Despain

MUSIC ON THE BAY THE NIKKI JONES BAND
SEPTEMBER 17, 7:00 PM
MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATRE
THE NIKKI JONES BAND WILL PERFORM THEIR FUSION OF ROCK, BLUES, FUNK AND SOUL MUSIC AT THE MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATER AS PART OF MUSIC ON THE BAY’S COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT SERIES. THE SIXTH AND FINAL EVENT FEATURES THE 2025 MUDDY AWARD WINNER FOR BEST NEW ARTIST. ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING CHAIRS, BLANKETS, AND PICNIC PROVISIONS TO ENJOY THE PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS AND EXPERIENCE AN EVENING OF EXCEPTIONAL MUSIC. CONCERT BEGINS AT 7PM.

THE LIBERTY THEATRE: THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME
SEPTEMBER 18-27, 7:00 PM, MATINEES @ 2:00 PM
LIBERTY THEATRE, 2100 SHERMAN AVE, NORTH BEND
THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME IS A CAPTIVATING MYSTERY THAT FOLLOWS A BRILLIANT YOUNG MAN ON AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY AFTER THE DEATH OF A NEIGHBOR’S DOG. FILLED WITH HUMOR, HEART, AND SURPRISING DISCOVERIES, THIS ACCLAIMED PLAY OFFERS A UNIQUE LOOK AT FAMILY, COURAGE, AND SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH DIFFERENT EYES. PRESENTED BY LIBERTY THEATRE ON THE BAY, PERFORMANCES ARE SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 25 AND 26 AT 7:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 20 AND 27 AT 2:00 PM. TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE.

OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ACOUSTIC JAM
SEPTEMBER 19
ODD FELLOWS HALL, BANDON
THE OREGON OLDTIME FIDDLERS ASSOCIATION, DISTRICT

5, WILL BE HOSTING AN ACOUSTIC JAM ON SEPT 19TH AT THE ODD FELLOWS HALL IN BANDON. THE HALL IS RIGHT OFF 42S JUST AFTER TURNING ON 42S FROM HWY 101 COMING INTO BANDON. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO LISTEN, DANCE AND/OR SIT IN WITH US. WE USE ONLY ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENTS, NOTHING ELECTRIFIED, ALSO NO PERCUSSION, WOODWINDS, OR BRASS. HARMONICA ARE ALLOWED. EVERYONE IN THE CIRCLE MAY LEAD A SONG, OR SIMPLY PLAY BACKUP. WE ALWAYS HAVE A LOT OF TUN AND—REFRESHMENTS, TOO. SO PLEASE COME JOIN US. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (541) 297-3419 OR (541) 572-5532.

PREFONTAINE MEMORIAL RUN
SEPTEMBER 19, 10:05 AM
STARTS AT 4TH AND ANDERSON, COOS BAY
THE PREFONTAINE MEMORIAL RUN RETURNS TO COOS BAY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 AT 10:05 AM. CHOOSE BETWEEN A SCENIC 10K OR A 2-MILE FUN RUN/WALK THROUGH DOWNTOWN COOS BAY, STARTING AT 4TH AND ANDERSON AND FINISHING ON THE MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PREFONTAINE TRACK. EVERY FINISHER RECEIVES A COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL, AND AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED FOLLOWING THE RACES. CAN’T MAKE IT IN PERSON? VIRTUAL RACE OPTIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. COME RUN, WALK, CHEER, AND CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF OREGON RUNNING LEGEND STEVE PREFONTAINE!

CALTUCKY @ 7 DEVILS BREWERY
SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 PM
7 DEVILS BREWERY
THE 7 DEVILS BREWING CO. IS EXCITED TO WELCOME BACK, CALTUCKY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 FROM 7 - 9 P.M.
CALTUCKY IS A PROGRESSIVE BLUEGRASS BAND FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BLENDING TRADITION, IMPROVISATION, AND GRIT. WITH FIERY BANJO, SOULFUL FIDDLE, AND FEARLESS HARMONIES, THEIR SOUND SITS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS AND THE COSMOS — HIGH-ENERGY, HEARTFELT, AND IMPOSSIBLE TO STAND STILL TO.

LED ZEPAGAIN @ THE EGYPTIAN THEATRE
SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 PM
EGYPTIAN THEATRE
SONY RECORDING ARTISTS LED ZEPAGAIN HAVE BECOME HIGHLY REGARDED AS THE MOST ACCURATE AND AUTHENTIC REPLICATION OF LED ZEPPELIN IN THE WORLD TODAY. COME EXPERIENCE AN AWESOME LIVE SHOW ON SATURDAY, SEPT 19 AT 7 P.M., DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M. TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT THE BOX OFFICE FOR ONLY \$49.50. EXPERIENCE THE LEGENDARY SOUNDS AND VIBES OF LED ZEPAGAIN IN PERSON. IT’S THE PERFECT CHANCE TO ROCK OUT AND HAVE A BLAST WITH FELLOW FANS.

ANNUAL BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 19-20
THE BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL IS HAPPENING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20. SATURDAY’S EVENTS RUN FROM 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. AND SUNDAY FROM 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. AS SUMMER WINDS DOWN, THE SOUTH COAST TURNS UP THE FUN. THE BAY AREA FUN FESTIVAL, ALSO KNOWN AS THE GREATEST LAST PARTY OF THE SUMMER, TAKES OVER COOS BAY AND BEYOND EVERY THIRD WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER. THOUSANDS OF LOCALS AND VISITORS GATHER TO ENJOY THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, AND FLAVORS OF DOWNTOWN COOS BAY. FROM LIVE MUSIC AND THE LIVELY BAFF PARADE TO THE FAMOUS CRUZ THE COOS WITH NEARLY 500 VINTAGE CARS, AND THE SPIRITED PREFONTAINE MEMORIAL RUN—THERE’S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

JAY SI PROOF @ 7 DEVILS BREWERY
SEPTEMBER 25, 7:00 PM
7 DEVILS BREWERY
COMING TO 7 DEVILS BREWERY ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 FROM 7 - 9 P.M. -- JAY SI PROOF. JAY SI PROOF IS AN EXPLOSION OF FUNK WITH UNHINGED, AUDACIOUS, AND JOYOUS ENERGY. THERE ARE NO WALLS BETWEEN PERFORMER AND AUDIENCE AT A JAY SI PROOF SHOW, THERE ARE NO BOUNDARIES BETWEEN ACQUAINTANCES, FRIENDS AND STRANGERS. TEETERING BETWEEN FUNK ANTHEMS, ENTIRELY IMPROVISED DISCO BANGERS, AND



FLASH GORDON

DALE ARDEN

DR. HANS ZARKOV

FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE

8-29

AS FLASH DISAPPEARS INTO THE SPACE PORTAL...

...THE DAMAGE WROUGHT BY DUROK'S LASER CANNON TAKES FULL EFFECT!

KA-THOOM!

THE PORTAL... IT CLOSED!

THE LINK MUST HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED!

A CONDITION WHICH WILL BE YOUR JOB TO REMEDY, DOCTOR...

AT THAT SAME MOMENT, LIGHT YEARS AWAY...

IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR RENT, PERHAPS WE COULD WORK OUT ANOTHER "ARRANGEMENT!"

I'LL GET YOU YOUR MONEY...

...I JUST NEED ANOTHER WEEK.

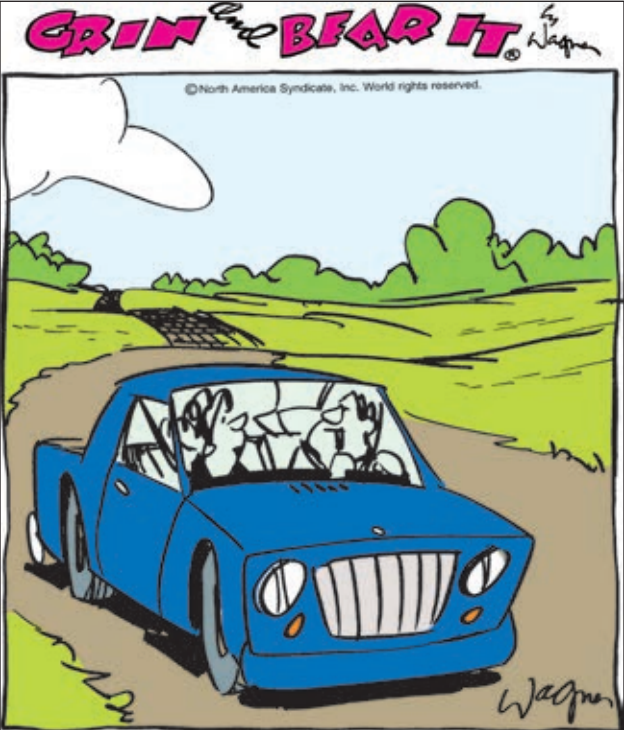
UNHEEDED, THE STRANGE OBJECT THAT HAD FALLEN INTO THE YOUNG WOMAN'S POSSESSION BEGINS TO GLOW...

...THEN EXPAND...

...UNTIL FINALLY...

ZASK!

NEXT: VISITOR FROM THE STARS!



GRIN and BEAR IT

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"I checked the GPS and we're right here!"



THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RINDY MILLERLAND

HEY, WIMPY! WHAT'S THE BEST WAY T' EAT A HAMBURGER? WELL-DONE? MEDIUM-RARE?

I'VE ENJOYED HAMBURGERS EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, OSCAR. WITHOUT QUESTION, THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO TRULY ENJOY ONE...

GRATIS.

POTATO HAMBURGERS? WELL, THAT'S JUST FANCY.



WHO ARE YOU? WHERE'S YOUR HOUSE?

HE I'M HAPPY! I WAS HIRED BY MR. ROUGH HOUSE! HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

AH, HAPPY, I'M J. WELLINGTON WIMPY, THE DINER'S BEST CUSTOMER.

MR. WIMPY? MY BOSS TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU.

OF COURSE, I'LL BE ON MY WAY, THEN.

OH NO! I HOPE NOT! THAT WOULD MAKE MY JOB HARDER.



BEG YOUR PARDON?

MR. ROUGH HOUSE SAID I NEED TO WATCH OUT FOR YOU. I GUESS HE'S WORRIED YOU'RE HAVING A HARD TIME.

I ASSUME HE WANTS ME TO MAKE SURE HIS FAVORITE CUSTOMER IS OKAY.

BIDINGS

ACHIEVEMENT UNLOCKED FOUND A NEW SUCKER.

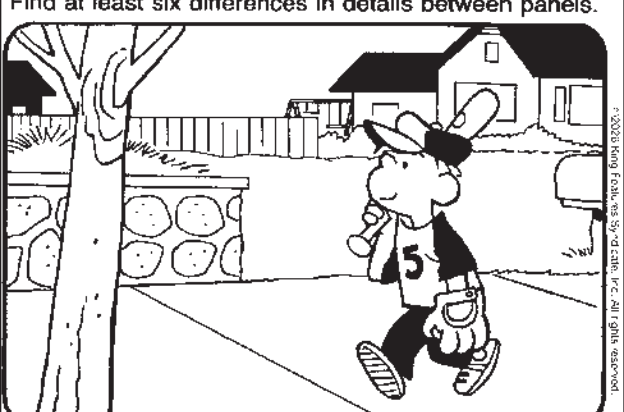
OH, YOU'RE SO LUCKY! I LOVE SUCKERS! DO THEY STILL MAKE THE ROOT BEER-FLAVORED ONES?

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



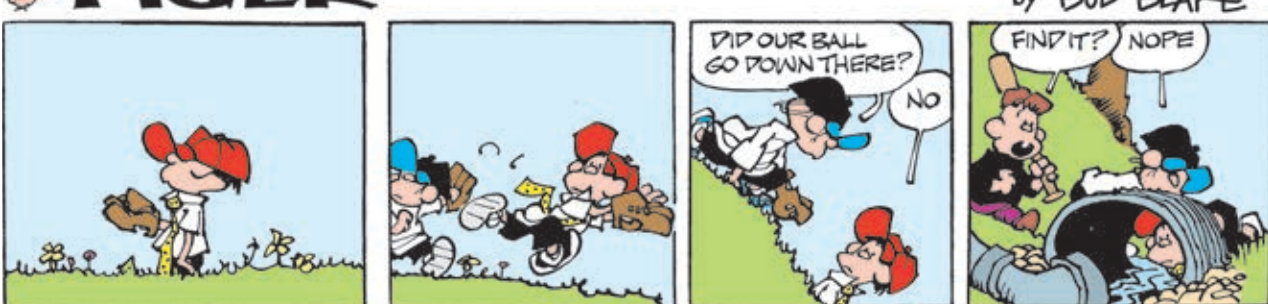
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TIGER

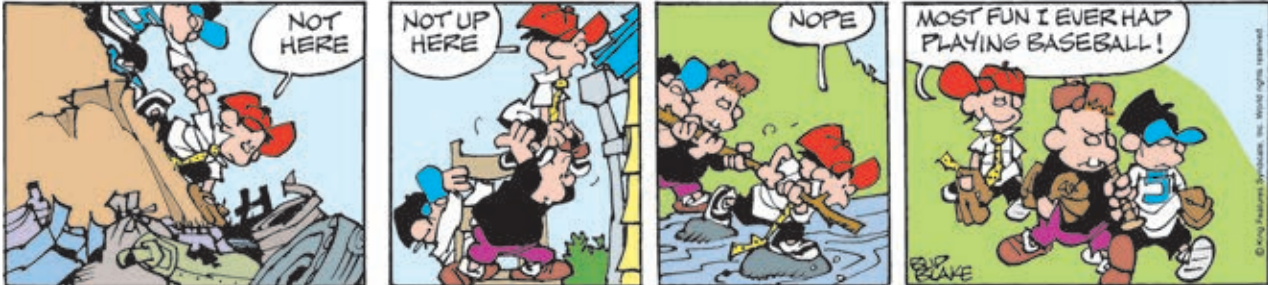
by BUD BLAKE



DID OUR BALL GO DOWN THERE?

NO

FIND IT? NOPE



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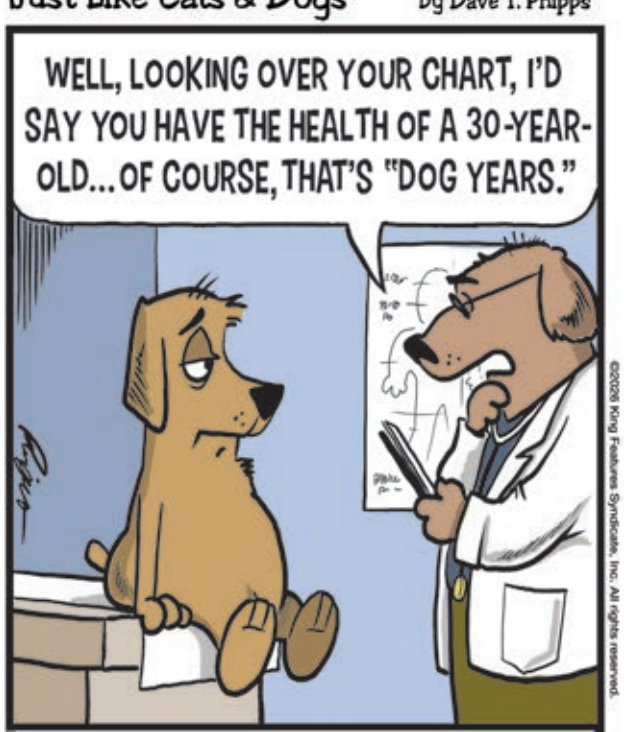
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NOPE

MOST FUN I EVER HAD PLAYING BASEBALL!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



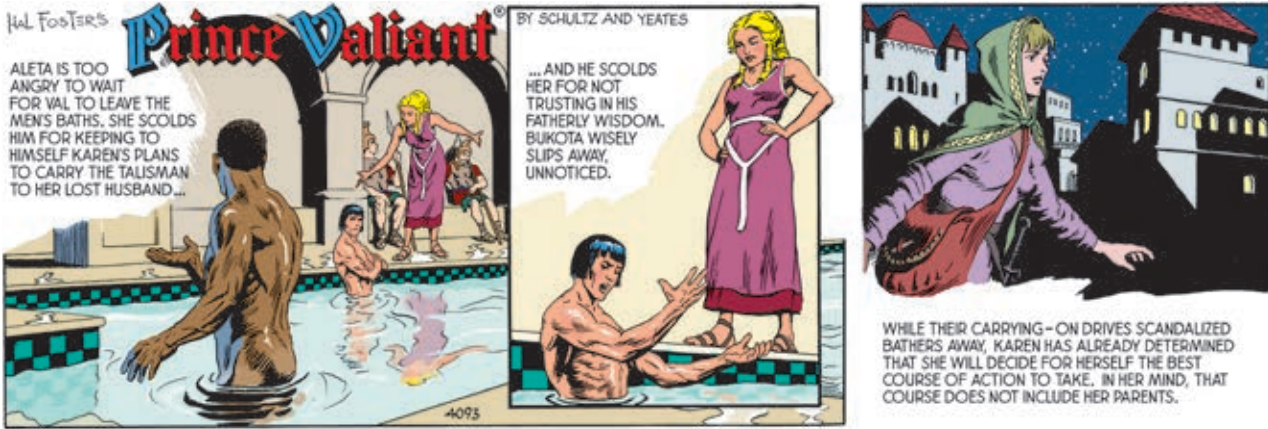
WELL, LOOKING OVER YOUR CHART, I'D SAY YOU HAVE THE HEALTH OF A 30-YEAR-OLD... OF COURSE, THAT'S "DOG YEARS."

Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

ALETA IS TOO ANGRY TO WAIT FOR VAL TO LEAVE THE MEN'S BATHS. SHE SCOLDS HIM FOR KEEPING TO HIMSELF KAREN'S PLANS TO CARRY THE TALISMAN TO HER LOST HUSBAND...

...AND HE SCOLDS HER FOR NOT TRUSTING IN HIS FATHERLY WISDOM. BUKOTA WISELY SLIPS AWAY, UNNOTICED.





ON A SHADY WHARF THAT SERVES FISHING VESSELS, SHE MEETS GURIAN AND THE OLD ARAB, WHOSE NAME IS MURSHID. THEY AVOID THE FEW OTHER FIGURES STILL ABOUT, QUICKLY BOARD A SMALL BOAT...

...AND QUIETLY SHOVE OFF. IT IS ALL VERY CLANDESTINE AND AN ALMOST ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE, BUT KAREN HAS NOT NOTICED THAT NATHAN HAS CURIOUSLY FOLLOWED HIS SECRETIVE SISTER TO THE HARBOR...

NEXT: Priorities



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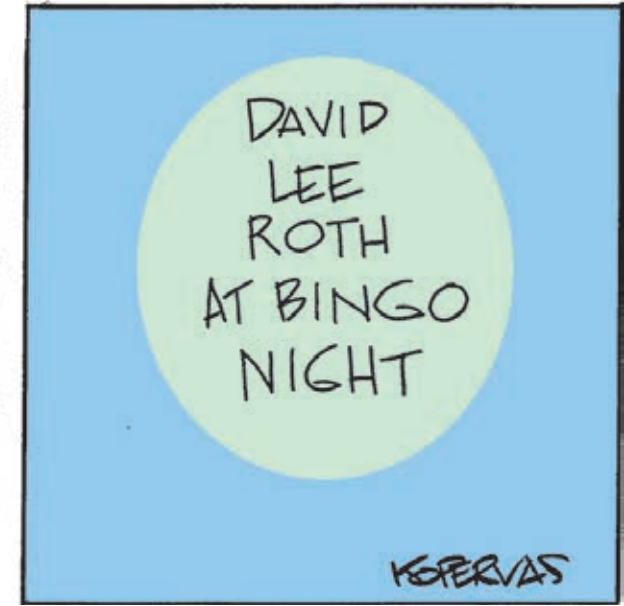
Joe Wlos

Out on a Limb



HUMMALA, BEBHULA, ZEEBUHLA, BOOBULA, HUMMALA, BEBHULA, ZEEBUHLA, BOP... G-11!

by Gary Kopervas



DAVID LEE ROTH AT BINGO NIGHT

KOPERVAS

Obituaries

Cassandra Quinn Smith

February 15, 1973 - July 23, 2026



Cassandra “Cassie” Quinn Smith (age 53) of Anchorage, Alaska passed away on July 23, 2026, after a short and very courageous battle with cancer. Cassie was born February 15, 1973, in Okinawa, Japan to Dr. Michael Quinn and Dr. Susan Bradley while her father was serving in the U.S. Army. Her family moved to Coos Bay, Oregon, in 1978, where Cassie grew up surrounded by the activities, friendships, and experiences that shaped her generous and determined spirit. Cassie was a dedicated and gifted athlete in cross-country running, swimming, cheerleading, horseback riding, training for a pentathlon, along with many other pursuits that captured her curiosity. She was a lifelong runner, which brought her peace, joy, and a sense of lightness, as well as a multitude of lifelong friendships. Cassie graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay in 1991 and went on to earn her BS in Biology from the University of Oregon in 1995. She later received a master’s degree in teaching from the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, preparing her for the work that would become one of her great passions. Cassie met her husband, Colby

Smith, while in Juneau, where they enjoyed their time outdoors boating, fishing, skiing, and living in a small rural community. They moved to Anchorage in 2001. Together they raised their twins, Payton and Quinn, age 22. Raising her children was always Cassie’s priority. She was their champion, coach, mentor, advocate, and steady source of love. She celebrated their accomplishments with pride, including watching them both graduate from Oregon State University in June 2026, despite remaining ever loyal to her beloved Oregon Ducks. Any football Saturday when the Ducks were playing Cassie would be watching and cheering them on. She enjoyed her time as a member of the Daisy Ducks Booster Club in Eugene in the 90’s. Cassie worked as a special education teacher at West High in Anchorage, Alaska. She loved teaching, encouraging her students, and watching them grow, learn, and build confidence in their skills. In the classroom, she was creative, encouraging, patient, and deeply committed to helping each student feel seen and capable. She also enjoyed her work at the Alaska Military Youth Academy. Cassie was loyal, strong-willed, and a caretaker to all who crossed her path. She was always thinking ahead, always looking for ways to do her best—or, as she would say, to do “the most.” She was fiercely protective of her friends and family, and she created a wide circle of love that

included family by blood and friends who became family. To those who knew and loved her, Cassie was the center. She even managed to convince her sisters and their families to move to Alaska in 2008, living within just a few miles of one another. She will be missed by many, and the difference she made in the lives she touched will continue to be felt. In her memory, please do something you enjoy. Be the most. Make the most of your day. Offer grace to those in your life for the silent struggles they may carry. Cassie is survived by her husband, Colby, her children, Payton and Quinn, mother Susan Bradley, father Michael Quinn, stepmother Lindi Quinn, sisters Corrie (Quinn) Dreher (Dave, daughter Hannah) and Kendra (Quinn) Bowman (Tim, son Bennett). She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dr. Amy Lipton and Dr. Edwin Quinn, and Helen Bradley. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Cassie Quinn Smith Memorial Fund - Bay Area Hospital Community Foundation, 1775 Thompson Road, Coos Bay, OR 97420 (denise.bowers@bayareahospital.org) Cassie’s parents and grandparents practiced medicine at Bay Area Hospital for many years. While in Coos Bay Cassie received kind, compassionate, expert care from many at Bay Area Hospital. A celebration of life for Cassie will be held at O’Malley’s Restaurant at the Anchorage Golf Course October 10th at 4 p.m.

OSU’s Newport gray whale symposium misses the point- gray whales must be federally listed as endangered

By Rick Steiner
Marine Conservation Biologist

The “Range-Wide Gray Whale Science Symposium” sponsored by OSU and the Marine Mammal Commission this week at OSU’s Marine Science Center in Newport, intentionally avoids the critical policy question before us all – what can we do to help gray whales survive? As some of the best of the best marine scientists convene in Newport to present their research findings on gray whale biology, astonishingly there is not one item on the agenda directly addressing this critically important policy question. Symposium organizers concede this is an intentional omission.

Gray whales barely survived extermination from commercial whaling in the 19th and 20th centuries, and now they face another human-caused calamity, climate change. In addition, they face new risks from ship strikes, oil spills, seabed mining, undersea noise, continued direct killing, entanglement, harmful algal blooms, pollution, and disturbance in nursery lagoons.

At this point in our environmental history, science has to do more than simply observe and report – it has to propose and advocate solutions. And that is where the Newport symposium falls short – it doesn’t directly address necessary policy responses.

A year ago, we petitioned the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to relist the Eastern North Pacific gray whale population on the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) list. Calf numbers have remained at historic lows for years, hundreds of adult whales have stranded ashore dead in the past two years (likely thousands more have died offshore), and the future prognosis for the whales is grim indeed. Arctic sea ice decline reduces the organic matter reaching the seabed, reducing the available gray whale food on the seafloor, amphipods.

The science on this is perfectly clear: as goes Arctic sea ice, so goes the gray whale. And Arctic sea

ice will continue its decline throughout this century. The gray whale population should never have been delisted in 1994, and it now needs to be relisted. Yet this singularly important issue is nowhere on the agenda at the Newport science meeting. In response to our Aug. 2025 petition, NOAA acknowledged its statutory obligations, and then simply ignored them. The agency ignored its 90-day deadline to issue a preliminary response, as well as its 12-month deadline to publish a final determination. No explanation, just silence. They know they are breaking the law, but this seems to be the administration’s playbook these days.

For the first time in the 60-year history of the ESA, the Trump II administration has added no species to the ESA list. Zero. And it has gutted the very tools used to implement the Act.

On Aug. 25, several conservation organizations (ours included) sent NOAA a Notice of Intent to file suit to force a required response to our 2025 listing petition. As the administration has failed to follow the law, we now have to rely on the courts.

Many scientists have remained conspicuously silent regarding the proposed ESA listing for gray whales. Perhaps they fear retribution from funders, peer pressure, political pushback, reputational risks, whatever. Regardless, the silence of scientists on critical policy questions is not helpful. As Al Gore once said: “science in lieu of action is unconscionable.”

Just last week, the U.N. admitted what we have long feared-- human civilization is not going to restrain its carbon emissions enough to limit global temperatures to the agreed danger threshold of +1.5 degree C above the pre-industrial. In fact, their “best case” scenario is that global temps hit at +1.8 degree C by the end of the century, and then slowly decline sometime later. Again, that’s the “best case,” which is still catastrophic.

But if current energy/emissions policies continue, we are headed toward

a +2.8 degree C world that would be apocalyptic for gray whales, millions of other species, and even H. sapiens itself. Given this, what then are we to do to help gray whales survive the human-caused climate bottleneck this century? First, we need to do everything possible to decarbonize the global economy. Every carbon atom left in the ground instead of emitted in the air and ocean will help in the long run.

Beyond this, we need to list the gray whale population as endangered on the federal ESA list, slow ship traffic in whale habitat, reduce coastal pollution, reduce risk of entanglement, prohibit offshore oil drilling and seabed mining, reduce undersea noise, end the gray whale hunt in Russia, and protect the whales from other identified risks.

But these fundamental policy questions are not on the agenda of the Newport symposium this week.

To many, the success of the symposium will ultimately be judged by whether participants are able to venture into the policy arena, and collectively advocate ESA listing for gray whales. Absent that, the meeting will go down as just another dry academic exercise. We’ll be watching.

Rick Steiner is a marine conservation biologist in Anchorage Alaska, retired professor with the University of Alaska School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, station in the Arctic, Prince William Sound, and Anchorage. He is founder/director of Oasis Earth (www.oasis-earth.com); advises governments, the U.N. and other stakeholders on marine conservation issues; and did his graduate research in the 1970s at OSU, operating a research vessel out of Depoe Bay studying reef fish ecology. And he served on the 2005 IUCN Independent Scientific Review Panel for the Western Gray Whale in the Sea of Okhotsk.



Death Notices

Sharan L. Thompson, 88, of Coos Bay died September 4, 2026 in Coos Bay. Services will be announced and held at a later date. Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Dale Alan Pennie, 76, of Bandon, passed away September 3, 2026 in Bandon. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Beth Ann Keenan, 47, of Coos Bay, passed away September 4, 2026 at Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541-267-4216

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Marcia Powers Hanson, 75, of North Bend, passed away September 5, 2026 at Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541-267-4216

Robert Gallagher, 61, of Coos Bay, passed away September 1, 2026 at Coos Bay. Cremation Rites are under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541-267-4216

Roxanne Lee McCready, 70, of North Bend, passed away September 4, 2026 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Robert G. Harris, 63, of Coos Bay, died September 6, 2026 in Coquille. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service - Coquille Chapel, 541-396-3846

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SENTIMENTAL LO-FI GROOVES, JAY SI PROOF IS AS MUCH AN EXPERIENCE AS IT IS A CONCERT.

MANHATTAN SHORTS PLAYING AT THE EGYPTIAN THEATRE
SEPTEMBER 25-26
EGYPTIAN THEATRE
ONE WORLD, ONE WEEK, ONE FESTIVAL. JOIN FILM LOVERS AROUND THE GLOBE

FOR THE 29TH ANNUAL MANHATTAN SHORT FILM FESTIVAL AT THE EGYPTIAN THEATRE. WATCH 10 OUTSTANDING SHORT FILMS FROM 10 COUNTRIES, THEN CAST YOUR BALLOT FOR BEST FILM AND BEST ACTOR. YOUR VOTE JOINS THOSE OF AUDIENCES AT MORE THAN 500 VENUES WORLDWIDE TO DETERMINE THE WINNERS. SHOWTIMES ARE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 7 P.M. AND SATUR-

DAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT BOTH 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M.. COST IS \$15.

DAHLIA DAY AT SHORE ACRES STATE PARK
SEPTEMBER 26, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
SHORE ACRES BOTANICAL GARDENS
COME OUT TO SHORE ACRES STATE PARK AND GET AN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL LOOK AT THE DAHLIAS THAT CALL SHORE ACES HOME. DAHLIAS FROM THE GARDEN AND

FROM THE PRIVATE GARDENS OF THE PARK RANGERS WILL BE ON DISPLAY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FROM 10 A.M. - 3 P.M. RANGERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ALL YOUR DAHLIA QUESTIONS. THE GARDEN HOUSE WILL ALSO BE OPEN AND SERVING REFRESHMENTS.

COOS BAY LIONS CLUB 36TH ANNUAL 8TH GRADE INVITATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER 9 – 10
MARSHFIELD JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL
THE COOS BAY LIONS CLUB IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF ITS 36TH ANNUAL 8TH GRADE INVITATIONAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT. THE ANNUAL TOURNAMENT BRINGS

TOGETHER MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAMS FROM COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE FOR A WEEKEND FILLED WITH COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL, SCHOOL SPIRIT, SPORTSMANSHIP AND FUN. TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN 1A, 2A, AND 3A BRACKETS, WITH POOL PLAY BEGINNING FRIDAY EVENING AND BRACKET PLAY CONTINUING THROUGHOUT SATURDAY.

Injured climber rescued near Melakwa Lake

JEREMY C. RUARK
Country Media

The Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team (SAR) responded to a report of a subject who had fallen and was injured on a lava rock butte near Melakwa Lake,

north pf Highway 242, just after 1 p.m. Sept. 5. Volunteers with Eugene Mountain Rescue and members of the Linn County Sheriff Search & Rescue team also responded to the incident. "SAR located the individual and provided

medical assistance until air resources arrived," LCSO Sgt. Levi McKenny said. The US Coast Guard dispatched a helicopter and transported the patient to a local area hospital for treatment. The name of the victim, the person's age,



A crew member holds onto the line as a Coast Guard helicopter carefully lifts the victim to safety during the rescue.



where the person is you don't plan to get and volunteers assist
Courtesy photo from the LCSO

This photo illustrates the challenging terrain facing the first responders.

from, and details about the subject's injury, were not immediately available.

McKenny said the LCSO wants everyone to recreate safely, so please remember:

- Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Know conditions before you leave - rain in the valley can mean ice up high!
- Be prepared to stay out overnight - even if

out of your car.

- Bring maps for offline navigation - cell service can be spotty!
- If you go on the water, ALWAYS wear a life jacket!
- If you become lost, STAY PUT! Find a way to signal or make your location visible. Always carry a whistle and flashlight in the outdoors – it just might save your life.

"Nearly every week, Lane County Sheriff's Search & Rescue staff

our residents and visitors in all types of environments," McKenny said.

To learn more about our Search & Rescue program or to donate to their work visit our website at:

www.lanecountyor.gov/government/county_departments/sheriff_s_office/lc_so_search_and_rescue

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