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COVID beginning to impact schools

County reports 25% of cases in September among youth

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

With all schools fully in session, one thing that has become normal in recent days is getting notifications about COVID cases in the schools.

COVID cases in the county seem to be plateauing, but the case count remains in record territory midway through September. In August, the county reported 1,077 cases, equal to the worst three months of 2020.

In September, that number could be reached again as the county is averaging 37 new cases a day.

Midway through September, 25% of all new cases have been confirmed in those under 19, equaling 147 cases this month.

Dr. Eric Gleason, assistant director for Coos Health & Wellness, said the increase in children has been seen in local schools. Schools in Coos Bay, North Bend, Bandon and Coquille have reported cases that required students to quarantine. Last week,

North Bend was forced to cancel its rivalry football game with Marshfield after a student was confirmed to have COVID.

"There's definitely a concern about cases and the necessity to wear masks," Gleason said. "Everyone has seen letters from the different school districts. It's important we maintain the preventative measures."

Becky Fairhurst with Coos Health & Wellness said the organization works with every school

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Coquille closes junior/senior high campus due to COVID outbreak

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
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A COVID-19 outbreak at Coquille Junior/Senior High has forced the district to close the campus for three weeks.

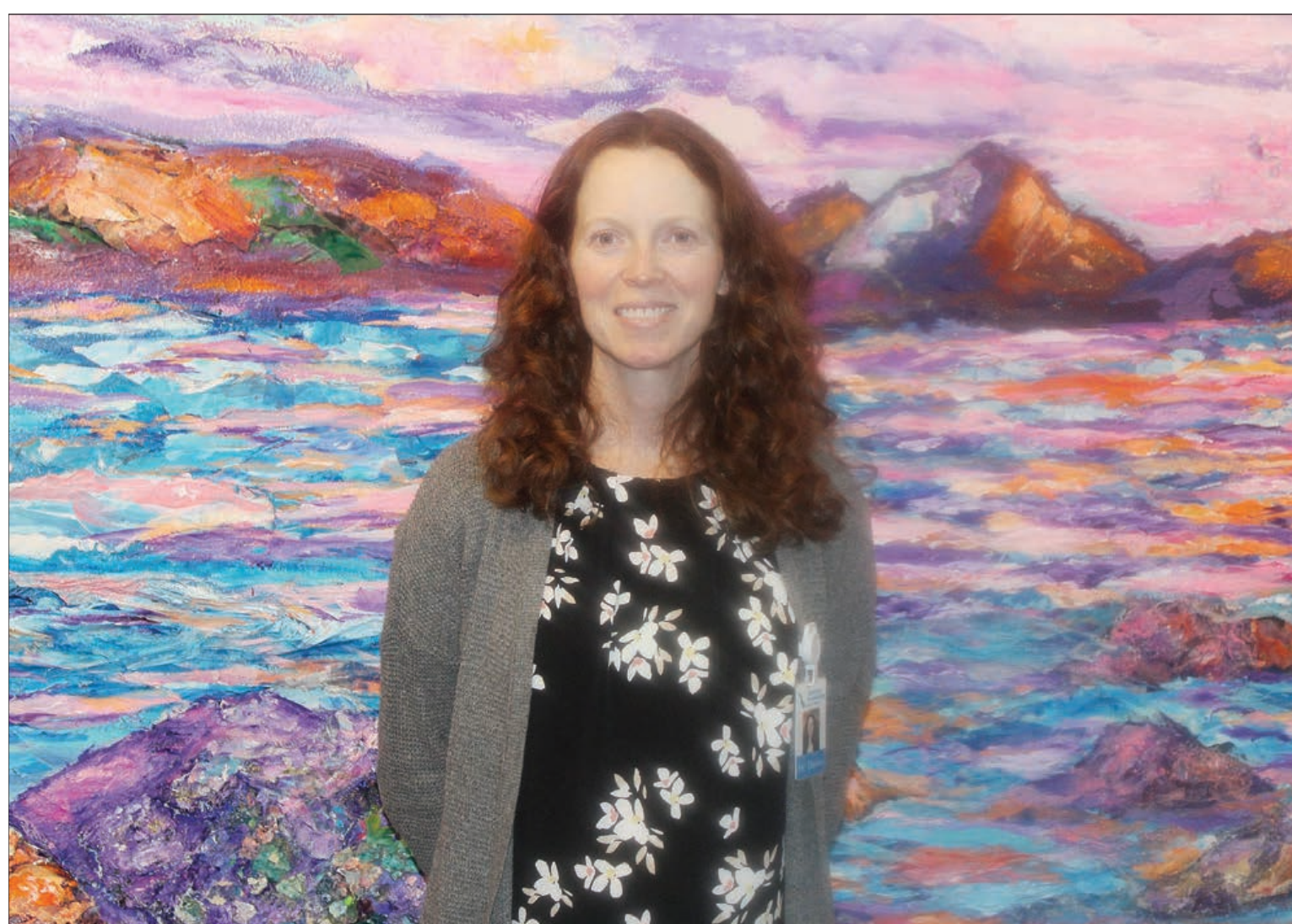
On Friday, Superintendent Tim Sweeney announced Coquille Junior/Senior High would be closed through Octo-

ber 8, with all students returning to distance learning.

Sweeney also announced all sports programs at the schools would be cancelled during the same three-week period.

Sweeney sent several letters to parents recently talking about COVID cases on campus.

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Dr. Rainy Davies recently joined the Waterfall Community Health Center and will begin seeing patients this week.

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Waterfall brings child psychiatrist to Coos County

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
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For the first time in many years, Coos County has a full-time child psychiatrist ready to help children.

The Waterfall Community Health Center announced last week that Dr. Rainy Davies has joined the practice and will be working full time at the Waterfall Clinic in Coos Bay.

Bringing Davies on board gives the county its only full-time child psychiatrist. Psychi-

atrists have been available in a limited fashion before, but having Davies on site, in person every day is a big step.

"She's certainly not the only child psychiatrist in the county, but the one that's most accessible," said Lance Nelson, a therapist and program manager for the Waterfall. "It's been a long time coming to have Dr. Davies here."

Nelson said he approached the board of the Waterfall Community Health Center with some improvements he hoped to make. Almost as an afterthought

he added bringing a full-time psychiatrist on board. Much to his surprise, the board gave its approval, and the search for a psychiatrist began. Nelson said getting an on-site child psychiatrist was the "miracle" he was hoping for.

Davies was equally excited about the opportunity to get to Coos County. After serving as a child psychiatrist for eight years, she said she and her family were looking for an opportunity to move to the region.

"I've been working for a

community health clinic for the last eight years in Grants Pass," Davies said. "We have a vacation home in Bandon, and we decided we wanted to live here."

Davies said after researching the work being done by the Waterfall Community Health Center, especially at the Starfish Youth Therapy Center, she knew she had found the right place.

"That's one of the reasons I came here because I really like helping with autism, but I lived

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North Bend to move slowly on camping ordinance

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

The North Bend City Council will take some time before approving a camping ordinance in an effort to get more feedback from the public.

The camping ordinance is being created to say when, where and how homeless people can camp in the city. The ordinance is needed after a court order and a new state law require cities to allow the homeless to camp on public property. Cities are allowed to control the time, manner and place camping is allowed as long as the rules are "reasonable."

The city of Coos Bay recently passed a similar ordinance that outlaws camping in residential

zones, along Highway 101 and in city parks but allows camping on public property in most commercial districts outside of downtown.

The North Bend ordinance has some similar proposals with camping forbidden in residential zones, public parking lots, parks, in the downtown district and along Highway 101. Camping would be allowed in commercial zones throughout the rest of the city once the ordinance is approved. As currently written, the ordinance would allow camping from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

City Planner Chelsea Schnabel said camping would be permitted on private property with approval of the property owners in all zoning districts.

Schnabel said the North Bend

ordinance does not cover the airport because that property is managed by a different governing board.

"Each individual public entity is going to be responsible to determine for themselves which of their properties are open to the public and, if not, to manage that," Schnabel said.

When the council began discussing the issue, Mayor Jessica Engelke recommended the council move slowly in an effort to allow the public to have more input.

"We're still in the middle of COVID, and we can't have citizens come to the meetings," Engelke said. "I think it's important to have public input. Do we have some time to not approve this and wait until we get out of COVID?"

The answer is yes and no. Without a city ordinance, the state law would kick in that allows camping on mostly any public property. To control when and where camping is allowed, the city would need to pass an ordinance.

"We need more feedback, and we're not able to get the community involved right now," Engelke said.

Engelke said the council is pretty much in agreement on the time and manner for camping, but that leaves the big question.

"It's the place, that's the elephant in the room," Engelke said. "Until we come up with some places in the community, I'm at a

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NB Council agrees to new council rules

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After repeated debates over council rules in the last 10 months, the North Bend City Council agreed to an updated set of rules that will govern the way the council runs meetings and operates in other aspects of the job.

The updated rules were created with the help of the League of Oregon Cities and were discussed during a work session last week.

"The goal was to come up with best practices, so it was a thorough review of the rules," City Administrator David Milliron explained.

Mayor Jessica Engelke and Council President Bill Richardson worked with Patty Mulvihill with the League of Oregon Cities to update the rules. Mulvihill said she used what she heard from the council while also looking at what around a dozen other cities do to come up with the council rules she presented.

"What I tried to do in building this was not only to look at comparable cities but was to include some best practices and really work off some of the comments you guys gave me when I visited your city," Mulvihill said.

Some of the changes in the rules include time limits for council meeting, limiting the time to three and a half hours, with council members having the authority to extend the time in one-hour increments with a majority vote.

The rules also change the format for considering issues on the agenda. Each item will begin with a motion and a second. If they get both, discussion on the items can begin. Without a motion and a second, the item will fail, and the council will move on. If changes are agreed to during the discussion, a revised motion can be made.

During the discussion, council members raised several questions and the council agreed to make some changes to the way the new rules were written.

Councilor Timm Slater questioned why the rules set a time limit for regular council meetings but had no limit for council work session. He suggested setting a two-hour time limit for work sessions, with the option to

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Photo gallery: Picking blackberries near home
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Community Calendar of Events

Don't Miss

Editor's Note: Due to rising COVID-19 cases, several community events have been cancelled. In the last week, the Blackberry Arts Festival, Cranberry Festival and Bay Area Fun Festival have all been cancelled. We are doing our best to keep only active events in these listings, but in a time when things are changing fast, events could be cancelled at the last minute.

What: Birding in Charleston
When: 10-11:30 a.m. September 21
Where: Meet at Charleston Visitors Center
You Should Know: Adventurous bird enthusiasts can explore the shores of Charleston in search of winged wildlife. Interpreter and binoculars provided. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather. Registered participants will meet at the Charleston Visitors Center. The event is free; however, registration is required, and the event is limited to six participants.
Information: Visit www.southsloughestuary.org

What: Coos Bay Farmers Market
When: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Wednesday
Where: Central Avenue, downtown Coos Bay
You Should Know: Dozens of vendors will sell a variety of wares ranging from fresh produce and plants to homemade soaps and clothes. Food trucks and other food items will also be available. The farmers market runs through October 27.

What: Storytime at Mingus Park
When: 11 a.m. each Wednesday
Where: Mingus Park Amphitheater
You Should Know: Babies, toddlers, preschoolers, parents and caregivers can enjoy rhymes, songs, movement and stories at an all ages interactive storytime. The program is part of the Coos Bay Library's efforts to support early literacy throughout the community. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 5 and



Liberty Quartet in concert

When: 4 p.m., September 26
Where: Shoreline Community Church, 1251 Clark Street, North Bend
You Should Know: Liberty is a gospel group based in the west, ministering for over two decades across this great nation and Canada at churches, conventions, retreats as well as prisons. They celebrate God's faithfulness and cherish the opportunity to connect with people wherever they go. They have had the privilege of sharing the platform with other groups such as: Gaither Vocal Band, the Hoppers, the Isaacs, the Collingsworth Family, Legacy Five, the Booth Brothers, Greater Vision and many more.

social distancing is required consistent with current statewide COVID guidelines.

What: UnBook Club
When: 1 p.m. every fourth Thursday
Where: North Bend Public Library
You Should Know: The UnBook Club is a book club without assigned reading. Come tell us what you've been reading and leave with new ideas for your next book.

What: Community Cooking with the Co-Op

When: 5:30 p.m., September 23
Where: Virtually via Zoom.
Register at: <https://is.gd/va3Wd9>
You Should Know: Coos Bay Library has teamed up with Coos Head Food Co-op's Outreach Coordinator Jamar to provide safe, easy and healthy recipes to create at home. For his September recipe, Jamar will be featuring Coos Head Bánh mì.

What: We Help Us! Food and Literature Distribution Drive
When: 6 p.m., September 25

Where: Egyptian Theatre Square, downtown Coos Bay
You Should Know: The Movement for a Peoples Democracy will host the event to distribute food and literature to those in need. They will have canned food with pull tops, water bottles, packs of nuts, and disposable masks. People can also donate items at the event, which is designed as a take what you need, leave what you can event.

What: Cornerstone Gospel Singers
When: 10:30 a.m., September 26
Where: Cornerstone Church, 886 4th Street
You Should Know: The Cornerstone began singing in 1979 and continues to perform southern gospel, inspirational and contemporary music in churches, fairs and other events. Cornerstone is a member of Pacific Gospel Music, where Gordon Kuryluk serves on the board of directors as co-chairman. Peggy Kuryluk is a gifted writer and speaks at women's conference and events. The Kurylks own and operate Kuryluk Music Company, a recording studio located in Junction City. Gordon produces projects nationwide, helping artist realize their dreams to share the gospel through music. There is no charge to attend. CDS will be available and a free-will offering will be taken.

What: Introduction to crabbing
When: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., September 29
Where: Meet at Charleston Visitors Center
You Should Know: Visitors are invited to learn about the amazing life cycle of crabs, their importance to the local economy and discover the various techniques for capturing this delectable crustacean. Attendees are encouraged to dress for the weather. Registered participants will meet at the Charleston Visitors Center. Registration is required, and the event is limited to six participants.

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Waterfall

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in a community that was too small for an autism program," Davies said. At the Starfish program, the Waterfall Community Health Center has an inclusive autism program designed to help children up to 18. The program opened last year and was full before it even began. While Davies is excited about helping children with autism, she and Nelson say it will only be about 10 percent of her work. With a growing number of children struggling with issues like depression and anxiety, Davies will also work with children who need a lift. As a psychiatrist, Davies said her primary job will be prescribing medication to go with the therapy services offered at the Waterfall Clinic. "I can help mainly with medications, but also with referrals," she said. "If someone needs to see a neurologist, I can help with that. Especially in teens, where they need to socialize, I've seen more depression coming up and substance abuse that comes with it."

Having Davies in Coos County will also benefit in other ways. Nelson said pediatricians actually prescribe more psychiatric drugs in Coos County than psychiatrists do. Having a doctor close by to consult with will put the medical doctors at ease, Nelson said. "There's no one more excited about Dr. Davies coming that the pediatric departments in Coos County," Nelson said. "The vast majority of psychiatric meds prescribed in Coos County are from pediatricians." Nelson said the Waterfall Community Health Center has been fortunate to be able to expand and add more services in recent times. He credits the non-profit company's board as well as a good relationship with Advanced Health, the insurance carrier that works with OHP in Coos and Curry counties. "They have told us if you can make this happen, we will support you and we will make sure the reimbursement is fair," Nelson said. "Waterfall has always put our programs that meet the needs of the community first and later on we will figure out how to pay for it." Davies joined Waterfall

late in August, but she has spent the last few weeks undergoing required training and getting used to the company's system. She expects to see her first patients this week, with a waiting list of more than 30 patients waiting to see the doctor. "I'm trying to read and educate myself, but I like patients," Davies said. "I'd like to start that." Davies said she views herself as part of the Waterfall team, saying for patients to do well, having access to medication and therapy are both important keys. "My expectation is if Dr. Davies is going to be prescribing, we're going to expect them to be with a therapist somewhere," Nelson said. "We want someone who's the eyes and ears for Dr. Davies." To make an appointment or for more information, call the Waterfall Community Health Center at 541-756-6232 or visit www.wfall.org. The services at Waterfall are open to anyone, regardless of ability to pay. "We will never turn anyone away for inability to pay," Nelson said. "We have a sliding scale. We have a prompt payment option. We have to stay true to the Waterfall mission."

Schools

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district in the county before and after cases are announced. "We work closely with the schools," she said. Fairhurst said if a student is confirmed to have COVID, the schools will contact parents of any student believed to have close contact with a confirmed case. She said the schools will make the first move, and Coos Health & Wellness will follow up. "If it's even questionable, we want them to quarantine," she said. "This school year is different." While cases have been seen in both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, Gleason said those who have not received the vaccine remain at the greatest risk. "It's significantly less vaccinated individuals

versus unvaccinated individuals," he said. "One thing that is noticed in the vaccinated deaths is they are primarily older individuals with severe underlying conditions. We are not seeing healthy adults who are vaccinated (get sick or die.)" Gleason said most of the breakthrough deaths have been in assisted living facilities. He said despite breakthrough cases, the vaccine has been highly effective. In Oregon, 2.4 million people are fully vaccinated, and there have been 16,000 breakthrough cases reported. "If you're watching the data, the data suggest the vaccines are doing a great job in what they were intended to do," Gleason said. "Minimal cases in general, minimal hospitalizations and minimal deaths. Our numbers could stay low if people would

just go get vaccinated. I don't know what more we could tell you. It's safe, it's free and its effective." Gleason said even those who are vaccinated should follow the COVID safety protocols by wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and washing hands frequently. "We should all be mindful that breakthroughs are a possibility," Gleason said. "We don't know what the next variant will do. We didn't know Delta was going to be as contagious as it was. We should all be mindful of preventative steps. If you aren't vaccinated, it's just a matter of time. So why get the vaccine? It's the same reason you wear a seatbelt. As long as a large portion of the population is not vaccinated, it will continue to spread."

North American Railcar Operators Association to return to Coos Bay Rail Line for Teddy Bear Toy Express

The Pacific Railcar Operators, an affiliate of umbrella organization North American Railcar Operators Association, will be returning to the Coos Bay Rail Line for an excursion and toy drive from October 8 to the 10. NARCOA is a non-profit group of railroad enthusiasts with a mission to preserve safe and legal operation of historical railroad equipment. Railroad motorcars, also called speeders or putt putt cars were utilized decades ago along railroads throughout the United States to assist crews in Maintenance of Way activities. Over the years, railroad motorcars have been largely replaced by more modern hyrail vehicles, which are standard roadway vehicles with retractable guide wheels that can operate on either road or rail. The Teddy Bear Toy Express is operated by the Pacific Railcar Operators under the direction of Bill and Nancy Andrews: railsnrods@msn.com. Members of NARCOA operate privately owned speeders and participate in railroad-sanctioned excursions throughout the United States and Canada. This year's run will begin on the north end of the CBRL starting the morning of October 8. It is anticipated that approximately 25 motorcars will participate in the October run. The group typically work with the port and the Coos Bay Rail Line to make up to three trips to the CBRL each year. PRO will be collecting new and unwrapped toys for children of all ages at three locations for distribution in partnership with the Coos Bay North Bend Rotary

Club. Pick up locations will include Mapleton on Friday, October 8, between 11 and 11:30 a.m. at the Mapleton Railroad Yard, North 13th Street in Lakeside on October 8 at approximately 3 to 3:30 p.m., and in Coquille at Sturdivant Park at approximately noon on Saturday,

October 9. Members of the community that would like to participate by donating to children in need are welcome at the drop off on the days of the event at the Railroad Museum during open hours of 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Council

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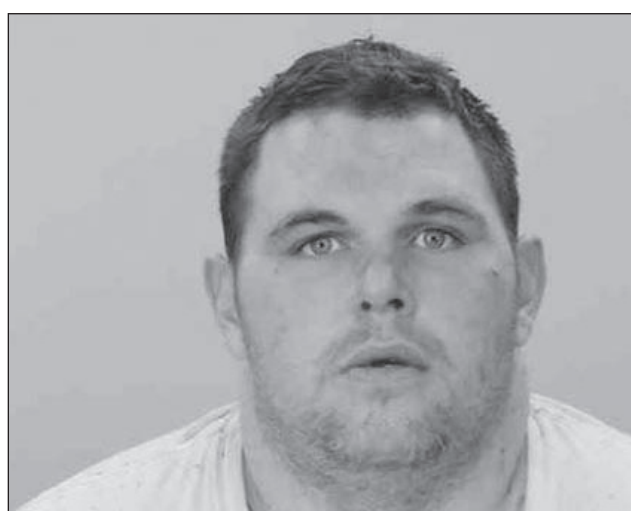
go longer with a council vote. Slater said if the council business was not completed in two hours, another special meeting or work session could always be called. "I've heard that concern from more than one council member," Milliron said. "You're starting to see some concerted efforts of staff to keep meetings under two hours. We're trying to be reflective of the will of the council." "I don't mind that at all if we do the two-hour things, and if we need more time, we vote on it," Councilor Larry Garboden said. Councilor Susanna Noordhoff also brought up a couple of points. "I think it's a good improvement," Noordhoff said. "I think it clears up some grey areas, and that's very helpful." Noordhoff questioned why action items

such as resolutions and ordinances require four council members to request for it to be put on an agenda while other items only require three council members. Mulvhill said those items tend to require more staff time as well as time of the city attorney, so generally cities try to avoid putting them on agenda without a consensus of the majority of the council. "I think with more time seeing this and how they'll evolve, I'll have a better understanding," Noordhoff said. She also raised how public comments are listed in the minutes, saying a little detail should be included. "I believe the minutes should include the substance of public comment," Noordhoff said. "You don't just say, so and so called in. You say so and so commented on this topic on this point." Mulvhill said most cities she works with include very limited information in minutes on public comment.

"I do not see most cities giving the substance on public comments," she said. "That doesn't mean it doesn't happen, but it's atypical." Noordhoff said she wasn't asking for much detail, just the name of the person, topic and one line about the view they expressed. The council members all agreed. The final change the council approved was an item that describes how council members can dissent if they object to a vote. The rules presented said the council members had two business days to submit a dissent that would be added to the minutes. Noordhoff asked for more time, and the council agreed to four business days. "Somebody put a lot of effort in this, and I appreciate it," Councilor Pat Goll said. "It's pretty cut and dry to guide us." Due to the changes, Mulvhill said she would rework the rules, which could come back to the council for formal approval at their second meeting in September.

Man arrested after K9 deputy finds him

On September 15 at approximately 5 p.m., a Coos County Sheriff's deputy responded to Linton Lane near Flanagan Road to a report of a wanted subject. Upon arrival, the deputy observed 35-year-old Leon A. Luck of Coos Bay seated in a vehicle at the location. The deputy was aware Luck had several outstanding warrants for his arrest and immediately attempted to place him under arrest. Luck fled on foot from the deputy before he could get close enough to make the arrest. Coos County Sheriff's K9 Cena was called to the location to conduct a criminal apprehension track for Luck. After an approx-



Leon A. Luck

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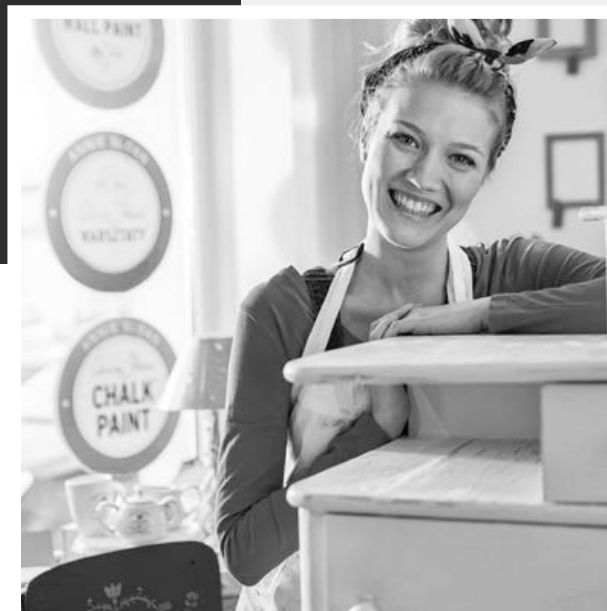
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GUEST COLUMNS

Welcome to Yosemite, the new Pyrocene Park

BY STEVE PYNE

The Pleistocene epoch that began 2.6 million years ago sent ice in waves through Yosemite.

Glaciers gouged out great valleys along the Merced and Tuolumne rivers, ice sheets rounded granite domes, cirques sculpted the High Sierra. John Muir traced virtually every landscape feature of Yosemite to its legacy of ice.

Now the residual ice is melting, the streams and waterfalls are drying and the living landscape is burning. In 1990, the A-Rock fire closed the park for the only time in its history, so far. The 2013 Rim fire burned around the Hetch Hetchy reservoir; the 2018 Ferguson fire burned along the park's Wawona Road. Where the fires didn't spread, their smoke did.

Add in the industrial combustion of fossil fuels, with its climatic impacts, and virtually every management issue of Yosemite today traces back to fire.

Humans have always used fire: It's our ecological signature.

The end of the last glaciation allowed us, a fire-wielding species, to interact with an increasingly fire-receptive planet. Our pact with fire was mutual. Fire allowed us to flourish; in return, we have taken fire everywhere, even to Antarctica.

The pact had to operate within boundaries set by living landscapes. After all, fire was a creation of life, which furnished its oxygen and fuel and established ecological barriers. Then we discovered an immense reservoir of combustibles buried in geologic time. It was as though we had found a new world – a fossilized, "lithic" landscape – we could work the way we did living landscapes. The only constraints were those people chose to impose on themselves.

Add up all the burning that people now do in living, and it would seem we are refashioning the Earth with the fire-informed equivalent of an Ice Age, complete with a change in climate, rising sea levels, a mass extinction, major shifts in biogeography and smoke palls. Little on Earth is unaffected.

Fire is driving off the last vestiges of the Pleistocene, from its ice to its mammoths. We have been creating a Pyrocene for millennia, but binge-burning fossil fuels put the process on afterburners.

Fifty years ago Yosemite recognized that its fire scene was out of whack. The problem then was not too much of the wrong kind of fire but too little of the right kind. The park sought to restore pre-settlement fire regimes. Among targeted sites was Illilouette Creek, an elevated basin southeast of Glacier Point.

The park recognized that suppressing fire had stockpiled fuels from the foothills to the crestline, caused Yosemite Valley and the



STEVE PYNE

Mariposa Grove to overflow with invasive conifers that blocked views, and prevented the fabled sequoias from regenerating. The park introduced prescribed fire and learned to loose-herd wildfires. The Illilouette basin shuffled toward something like its former fire regime.

No place has the fire program it wants, but Yosemite seems better positioned than the national forests and private lands around it to cope. The issue is no longer to restore natural fire but to find the right mix of fires suppressed and prescribed, and of wildfires managed, to ward off the megafires that are plaguing everywhere else.

Yosemite deals with fires that can threaten small and not-so-small villages. Its specialty is working with wildland fire.

By Aug. 20 of this year the park had coped with 54 fires, 43 from lightning and 11 from people. Some were put out. Some were confined within natural barriers. And a few burning in Illilouette Basin were tweaked as nature's invisible hand massaged them into five decades of layered burning. The legacy of past fires had altered the conditions for the fires that followed, softening the shock of tougher, meaner burns.

Yosemite has long been celebrated for distilling into near-crystalline state the magnificence of the Western landscape. As it moves from ice to fire, it is showing that it may also serve as a proxy for some of what the Earth needs to do to survive our deepening fire age. There is no way we can't not manage fire.

Steve Pyne is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, writersontherange.org, a nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively debate about the West. He is the author of the new book, *The Pyrocene. How We Created an Age of Fire, and What Happens Next*.



Letters to the Editor

My commitment to sustainable beef production

Cattle ranchers, like me, are dedicated to caring for our animals and the land every day of the year.

Today, people are more disconnected from the land and people who grow their food than ever before. They are often unaware of our dedication to the land, to both preserve our resources and hand down our business to future generations.

We employ a variety of sustainable practices to improve soil quality, manage weeds and invasive species naturally, use water efficiently and save energy. By investing in a state-of-the-art irrigation system, we are able to use one-third of the water of traditional systems. Additionally, rather than using chemicals to control invasive species, we have a goat herd that grazes and manages vegetation.

In addition to managing unwanted vegetation, we carefully plan and rotate the crops we grow to increase nutrients in the soil.

I invite people to visit my ranch to see firsthand the way our cattle are cared for and to show them how we tend to the land so it will be around for generations to come.

My family takes great pride in knowing that we are providing the world with high-quality protein in the most sustainable way possible.

Consumers should feel good about eating beef, knowing it is produced on ranches just like ours, by people just like us, all across America.

Bill Hoyt
Cottage Grove

I support the sheriff

I was pleased to read Sheriff Craig Zanni's comments recently when he said his deputies would not arrest anyone unless that person was breaking a law. That is what we elected him for, not to be a politician who bends with the wind to please everyone's personal agenda. These mandates by our governor are not laws for our sheriff's department to enforce.

I have been familiar with Sheriff Zanni's performance for over 20 years and have always found him to be honest, courteous and professional. If one is not breaking the law, he has nothing to be afraid of.

I support my local sheriff and hope you will, too.

Jim Johnson
Coos Bay

Your future leaders and first responders

As the country was remembering the tragic events of 20 years ago, our area mountain bike racers were being named winners in two different events in the state.

First, our area NICA Team, the "Lumberjacks" won the overall cross-country event in Bend with multiple kids getting to the podium. This event was held on Mt. Bachelor, but the high desert air didn't keep our team from dominating the field. This was the second of a four-race season with the final league championship happening in Klamath Falls, October 24. The Lumberjacks are comprised of 6th to 12th graders from North Bend to Port Orford.

At the same time further north up the Cascade Range on Mt. Hood, the 7 Devils Gravity Team was grinding it out against regional competition. The 7DGT competes in steep, technical downhill racing. Our two racers took first and second place in a packed category of 21 racers from all over the Northwest.

Both teams have the Whiskey Run Trails to thank for their existence and success. There would be no teams if not for these incredible trails. We have a great appreciation for all the supporters.

The Whiskey Run Mountain bike trail system in Coos County Forest has quickly become a major, regional destination for adventure travelers who spend tens of thousands of dollars at county businesses. It's one of the gems of Coos County, giving our youth and greater community a much-needed opportunity.

The trails are maintained by the Wild Rivers Coast Mountain Bike Association. Donations to the club can be made at any one of our four great bike shops in the area.

Notable achievements for the Mt. Bachelor Nica Race - Jacob Randle 1st, Maddie Pahls 1st, Beckett Pahls 1st, Harlan Morse 2nd, Knoll Gedaros 3rd, Aly Covey 3rd, Sierra Bell 3rd, Cooper Davis 4th, Brooke Day 5th Cascadia Racing, Full Tilt Gravity Race at Mt Hood- LJ Parra 1st, Raleigh Krainyk 2nd.

Brian Krainyk
Bandon

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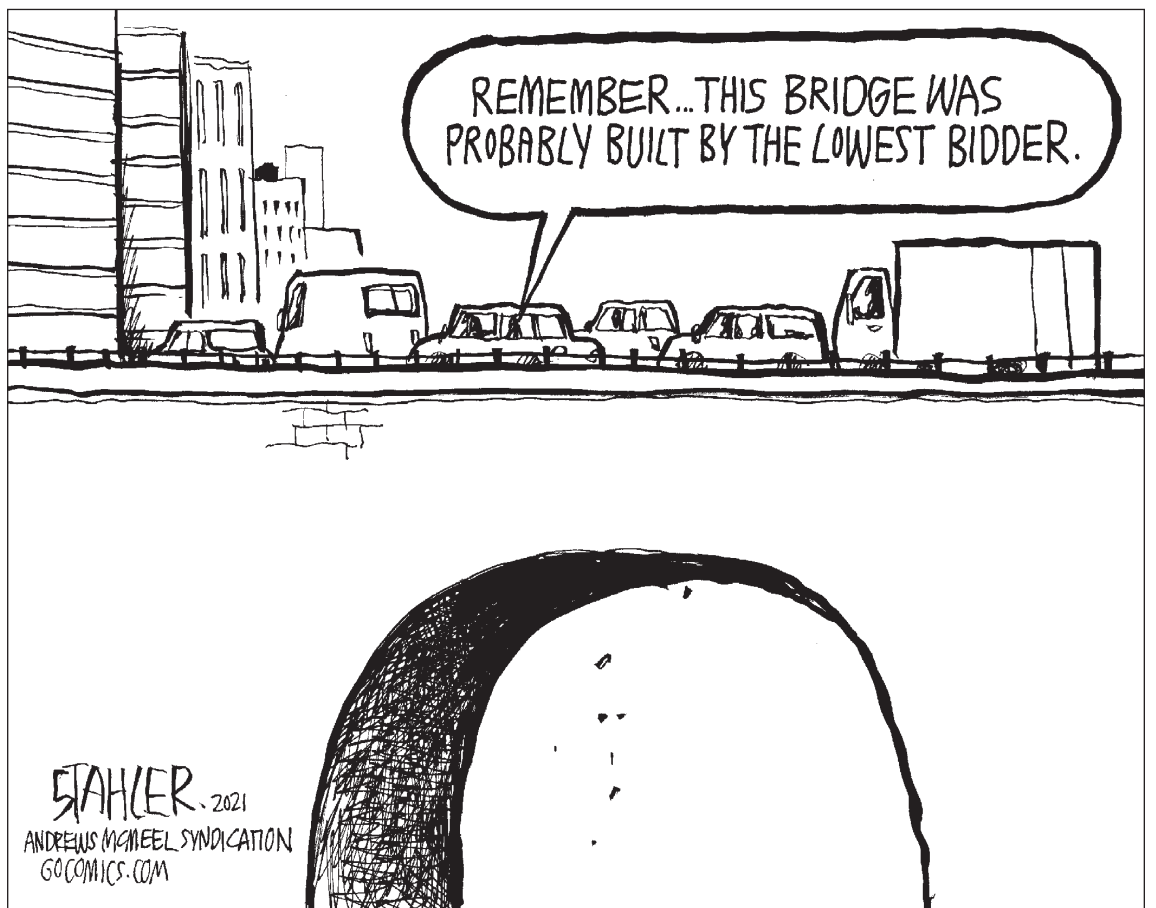
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OBITUARIES

Betty Lavern Osier

November 15, 1939 - September 7, 2021



A graveside service will be held for Betty Osier, 81, of North Bend, at 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 24, 2021 at the Ocean View Memory Gardens in Coos Bay with Pastor Trevor Hefner and Pastors David and Bridgette Whinery officiating. A public visitation will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Ave. in Coos Bay.

Betty was born on November 15, 1939, in a rural community near Hugo, Oklahoma. She was the youngest of four children to Joe and Mary (Furr) Neitch. When Betty was three years old, her mother, Mary died of Tuberculosis. After two years, her stepmother, Shirley and stepbrother, Jimmy joined the family. Betty moved to Coos Bay with her family in the spring of 1950 at just eleven years old, where she then spent the rest of her life. Betty died on September 7, 2021 from secondary complications

related to cancer.

Betty graduated from Marshfield High School in the class of 1957. That summer she met the love of her life, Roy A. Osier, who was a brother to her friend Dottie. The two of them were married on December 13, 1957. They celebrated fifty three years together until Roy, sadly, passed away October 17, 2011. Together they raised three children.

Betty wore many different hats in the world of employment. As a young girl out of high school, she worked as a nursing assistant alongside Roy's mother, Dorothy. Roy and Betty also owned several businesses; a 27-foot salmon troller fishing boat known as the "Jody"; and an ice business which grew too big to be an "at home" job. Arctic Ice was sold in 1990.

Betty was a devout Christian and worked many jobs in the churches she attended. She was glad to be a part of helping to bring the Trinity Broadcasting Network to the cable system in Coos Bay and monitored TBN's air station for many years. She loved to share the message of Jesus to others and brought many people to Christ through her own faith.

Betty also took care of and advocated for her disabled son Kenneth and others like him. She was active in organizations such as the Association for Retarded Citizen of Coos County and assisted in monitoring residential group homes. She was on the board of directors for

the Coos County Education Service District for four years and also served on the Board of the Pelican Harbor Food Bank.

Betty enjoyed taking care of others and was predominately known for her incredible hospitality and home cooked meals. She was always making a meal for the church or a family or friend in need. You rarely caught her without an apron on and in her kitchen. The door to her home was always open and so was a seat at her table.

Betty is survived by her three children, daughter, Jody and her husband, Bill McCaffree of North Bend; sons, David Osier and Kenneth Osier of North Bend; granddaughter, Mandy McCaffree of Coos Bay; sister, Violet Kulas of Colorado; and many nieces and nephews.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Osier; parents, Joe and Mary Neitch; stepmother, Shirley Neitch; brother, Vernon Neitch and his wife, Louise; sister, Vestel Storts and her husband, James; brother-in-law, Joe Kulas; and stepbrother, Jimmy Neitch.

Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com

A public memorial video to commemorate Betty's life will also be posted to YouTube under the title, "Betty Lavern Osier Memorial."

Arthur Julian Richards

January 28, 1933 - September 6, 2021



A Graveside Services will be held for Arthur Julian Richards, 88, of Charleston, at 1:00 pm Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Ocean View Memorial Gardens under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary. Pastor Steven Folsom will officiate.

Arthur was born January 28, 1933 in the oil fields near Midwest, Wyoming to John and Martha (Chapman) Richards, the youngest of nine children; he died September 6, 2021 at his home in Charleston, Oregon surrounded by family.

Art was 7 years old when his family moved to Coos Bay from Wyoming; they bought 5 acres, sight unseen, near Charleston and lived in a tent while building their house.

In 1951, Art was introduced to Dolly Wright by their good friends, Vernon and Doris; they were married October 27th of that year. Shortly afterward, he was drafted and served in Army during the Korean War. Art worked as a millwright and fabricator for Coos Head Lumber, Weyerhaeuser, International Paper Co., Bohemia and Georgia

Pacific over the years.

He loved to hunt and fish, enjoying time in the woods with his three sons. Art would load the boys up in the car early in the morning and take them to the river, then catch their breakfast and cook it up just in time to wake them, then go out and fish some more. Art looked forward to his annual hunting trip to Eastern Oregon to hunt mule deer with his brothers, Walt, Norm, and Floyd. He was a Boy Scout Leader, taking the boys and their pack mates out in the woods to teach them how to camp, hunt and forage; cooking over a campfire.

Art loved his family very much, he was a great father, grandfather and great-papa. He enjoyed woodworking and spent much of his retirement in his shop making little tables, chairs, rocking horses and toys for all the littles. In his later years, he found a lot of joy watching the kids play and listening to all the stories they had to tell him about their day.

Art was a member of the American Legion, and a deacon and longtime member of the Charleston Community Church. He and Dolly were founders and played a major role in the development of the Barview Area Charleston Area Park Association, developing a baseball park off of Libby Lane near Charleston. It was important to them that the neighborhood kids have a safe place to play and practice baseball.

Art was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life, Dolly (Wright) Richards; son, Joseph

Vernon Richards; special niece, Sidney Richards Chudy; daughter in law, Linda Richards; parents, John and Martha Richards; and nine brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his son, Arthur Michael Richards and daughter in law, Janet Bowden Richards; son, David Norman Richards and daughter in law, Teresa Richards; grandchildren, Allison Richards, John and Wendy Richards, Scott Richards, Christopher Richards and Kelsey Anglin, Michelle and Shane Hagler, Tyler and Julia Richards, Carly and Shawn Kjosa, Tiffany and Robert Elliott, Aimee and Brent Cleveland, Courtney and Luke Ruckstuhl, Trenton Richards, and Jake and Kristin Miller; great-grandchildren, Ryder David Richards, Macy Barbara Richards, Dax Arthur Richards, Lily Ann Richards, Trinity Rae Richards, Forrest Avery Hagler, Finn David Hagler, Rhett Miller, Rad Miller, Beck Miller, Alina Richards, Hunter Richards, Rocky Richards, Bellamie Lynn Cleveland, Grace Kjosa, Michael Nathaniel Elliott, Caleb Joseph Elliott, Collin Peter Richards, Lakona Mary Richards, Arthur Emrys Richards, Granger Call, Nash Call, Tenley Call; and Baby Boy Ruckstuhl and Baby Cleveland on the way; brother in law, Robert and Deanna Wright; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Michael Jay Hull

November 24, 1947 - September 6, 2021

Michael Jay Hull, 73, passed away quietly in the early hours of September 6, 2021 in North Bend, Oregon. He was born on November 24, 1947 in Bellingham, Washington. Raised in the Skagit Valley Area. He graduated from Sedro-Wooley High School and went into the Army shortly thereafter. He served in Vietnam and upon discharged, traveled to the Oregon coast to attend Southwestern Oregon Community College, where he earned two associate of science degrees in forestry and fire science. He was employed by International Paper, Weyerhaeuser

and Hallmark Fisheries. Mike made his home in Charleston, Oregon where he made many good, lifelong friends.

He leaves behind three children, Michaela of Ranier, OR, Blain of Layton, UT and Jamie of Florida; two grandchildren, Rebecca McVey of Charleston, SC, Emma McVey of Brighton, TN; a sister, Cheri (Tom) Caspell of Seattle, WA; brothers, Daniel Weathersby of Bellingham, WA and Raymond (Tina) Hull of Sedro-Wooley, WA. He also leaves several very beloved nieces and nephews and many special friends and relatives. He

was preceded in death by his mother, Doris Engle and his grandparents, Lee and Agnes Rice.

Mike was a gentle and kind man who loved sports and his music. He loved to play his harmonica and watch his beloved Seattle Seahawks. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Sunset Beach in Coos Bay, Or from 1-4 pm.

Internment and services will be held on September 21, 2021 at 2 pm in Ferndale, WA.

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

PRISON SENTENCE COMPLICATES

DEAR ABBY: I have a former high school classmate who, over the years, I've gotten pretty close to. He has been there for me when I was at my lowest, and I have been there for him as well. He lives several hours away, but we talked almost daily in addition to being on social media.

A few months ago I stopped hearing from him, and his social media profile went dark. I had a bad feeling, so I Googled him and was shocked to see he had been arrested! While it wasn't a violent crime, it was horrible just the same. He has called me several times from prison, declaring his innocence -- always requesting money. Abby, I live paycheck to paycheck. Even if I had extra money, I wouldn't feel comfortable giving it to him.

I feel hurt and used. Part of me says I need to end the friendship; the other part says he needs friends right now and it's not my place to judge him. I have refused to accept his last few calls because I really don't know what to do. Your thoughts are appreciated. -- BLINDSIDED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR BLINDSIDED: This person hasn't used you -- yet. The next time he reaches out, accept the call. When you do, make clear that you can offer moral support, but you cannot give him money because you live paycheck to paycheck. You may not hear from him after that. But if he continues to ask, take a giant step backward and recognize this friendship has run its course.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for three years. He recently went back to his home state 1,000 miles away for what I thought would be a two-day trip to grab some things from his late mother's estate. He has been unemployed for

most of this past year due to the pandemic, so I'm somewhat conflicted about something he told me when I called to ask when he was coming home. He said he found a job and decided he wants to stay there and work for some months to save up enough money to pay off the bulk of our debt.

He did not consult me before making this decision. He told me he has worked out a COVID-safe housing arrangement with his sister and his aunt. The type of work he will be doing there is something he could do here, where our home is. I don't want to discourage him, but it baffles me that he would take a job 1,000 miles away. What if something were to happen to me or our animals? When I told him I didn't agree with his decision, he told me I should be happy he's no longer unemployed. How should I handle this? -- FAR AWAY IN MISSOURI

DEAR FAR AWAY: Your husband shouldn't have taken a job 1,000 miles away without first talking with you. That said, what's done is done, and you need to let this play out. There's nothing to stop you from visiting. Fortunately, you and the animals are all doing well. If circumstances change, he can always quit the job and come back.

When the time comes, welcome your debt-free husband home. There will be plenty of time for the two of you to hash out IN PERSON what caused him to make such a disruptive decision if there were similar jobs available in your own community.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

More Obits can be found on page A10

DEATH NOTICES

James E. Martin, 72, of Coos Bay died September 9, 2021 in Coos Bay. At his request no public services will be held. Cremation rites will be 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

Teddi Ann Jones, 33, of Coos Bay died September 1, 2021 in Coos Bay. 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

Seth Pugmire, 45, of Myrtle Point, died September 13, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are pending with Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service - Coquille Chapel, 541-396-3846

Frank E. Mooney, 60, of Coos Bay, passed away on September 15, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Hideko "Sally" White, 91, of Coos Bay, passed away September 12, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are pending under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Jack Dale Murphy, 82 of North Bend, passed away August 14, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Mary F. Ward, 78, of Coos Bay, passed away September 5, 2021 in Springfield. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Merilyn Johnson Andrews, 78, of Coos Bay, passed away September 11, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Elizabeth Salo, 44, of Reedsport, passed away September 13, 2021 in Reedsport, Oregon. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Emma Copen, 80, of Coos Bay, passed away September 14, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Sharon Dukovich, 73, of Reedsport, passed away September 13, 2021 of natural causes at home surrounded by loved ones. Service plans and more details will be listed at a later date.



Sharon Dukovich

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Myrtle Point caps turnaround with 60-0 victory

By JOHN GUNTHER

For The World

MYRTLE POINT — It wasn't long ago that Myrtle Point's football team was on the wrong side of a lot of lopsided football scores as the Bobcats adjusted to the eight-man format while trying to rebuild their program.

They continue to make great strides and on Friday were on the right side of one of those blow-outs, topping visiting Glendale 60-0 to improve to 2-1 on the season.

"It's been a long time that Myrtle Point has been on the bottom," sophomore quarterback Logan Backman said. "It's nice to be on the right side of things."

"There's a lot of times we have been on the other side."

The Bobcats used a number of big plays on offense to blow the game open, but it's the defense that pleased coach Ryan Miller.

"It all starts with defense," Miller said.

The Bobcats didn't play up to their defensive standards in their season-opening loss to Waldport or early in their win over Bonanza.

"It started in the second quarter against Bonanza," Miller said.

"It hasn't stopped since then." Myrtle Point came from behind to beat Bonanza and then dominated against Glendale.

"It starts with Howard Blanton at defensive end," Miller said. "He's unstoppable."

The coach also said he is happy with Myrtle Point's tackling and that the defense has been swarming to the ball.

"We made so many big plays on defense," Miller said. "Defense is our strength."

But, he quickly added, "We



Photo by John Gunther/For The World

Myrtle Point's Billy Reynolds eludes a tackle attempt by Glendale's Aaron Martin on the way to a long touchdown run Friday.

have players at every position on offense who can make plays."

The Bobcats have a one-two punch at running back with speedster Troy Warner and power runner Billy Reynolds. Andreas Villanueva is a talented receiver and Blanton is a tough weapon at tight end.

Backman brings it all together. "He's a rock on the team," Miller said. "The players rally to him."

The fireworks started early against Glendale. Warner went

57 yards for a touchdown on the very first play from scrimmage.

After the Bobcats forced a safety when Glendale fumbled in the end zone, Warner scored on a screen pass from Backman. The quarterback then scored on a run of his own and Reynolds had a 5-yard touchdown run. When Warner raced 37 yards for a score and Reynolds added the conversion the Bobcats had a 40-0 halftime lead and the running clock was in effect for the entire second half.

The Bobcats added three scores in the final two quarters — a long run by Reynolds, to go with touchdown receptions by both Reynolds and Blanton.

The players said Myrtle Point has bought into teamwork as the key to success on Fridays.

"Being there for all your players and giving it your all in practice every day," Warner said.

The Bobcats also are benefiting from a growing roster — the team is up to almost 20 players this year — and a growing fa-

miliarity with the nuances of the eight-man game.

"The more players the better," Backman said. "Being able to have the team is awesome. How we are performing is even better."

Myrtle Point is home again this week, for a 1 p.m. game against Lost River on Saturday as they try to add to their recent success.

"I'm super excited," Backman said. "I feel like we can make it far."

North Bend remains perfect

THE WORLD

North Bend's volleyball team cleared another hurdle in its quest for a league title, winning its closest match of the season over Thurston in Springfield last Thursday and added a win over Willamette on Saturday to improve to 6-0 in Midwestern League play.

The Bulldogs, who are up to No. 2 in the Class 5A coaches poll, lost the first and third games at Thurston, but rallied to win the match, 22-25, 25-15, 21-25, 25-16, 16-14.

"I told the girls we needed that game and that it was those types of games that make champions," North Bend coach Summer Sawyer said.

"The way they persevered and fought all night was truly amazing and I was so proud that they pulled out the win."

The Bulldogs were missing three players for the match, but came through. Sawyer said after the Colts won the third game, she left them a simple message.

"I told the girls, okay, gut check time — how bad do you want it?" she recalled. "They came out fierce again and took the set."

North Bend trailed 6-0 early in the deciding fifth set, but rallied to take the lead. The set was tied at 14 when Thurston put a serve in the net and Adrianna Frank had an ace to clinch the match for the Bulldogs.

Bridget Gould had 13 kills and Mya Massey 12 for the Bulldogs in the win. Frank and Bria Hood combined for 15 more kills. Setter Olivia Knutson had 39 assists and 19 digs, while Sydney Wilson had 17 digs and three aces and Frank had 13 digs.

The match with Thurston was North Bend's first to go more than three sets, and they earned another sweep Saturday when they beat the visiting Wolverines 25-14, 25-19, 25-4.

Gould had 10 kills and four aces, Massey had nine kills and two blocks, Wilson had six aces and Knutson had 26 assists and four aces in that win.

North Bend entered the week 6-0 in league play. Churchill was 6-1, its only loss coming to the Bulldogs, while Thurston and North Eugene both were 3-2. North Bend hosted North Eugene Monday (results were not available by press time).

Montgomery captures season title at speedway

THE WORLD

Brody Montgomery earned the season title in the America's Mattress Super Late Models division at Coos Bay Speedway by a narrow margin after taking the final race of the season for the division last weekend.

Montgomery edged fellow Bandon driver Braden Fugate in the main event on championship night and in the final standings, prevailing with 1,274 points to 1,264 for Fugate.

Griff Smith, another Bandon driver, dominated the Junior Stingers division again and won the title with 1,116 points. Tallon Dubisar was second with 1,056.

Seth Christian won a pair of titles, taking the Street Stocks by edging Ken Fox (1,168 points to 1,144) and the Hornets in much more convincing fashion, with 920 points to 780 for Lily Metzgas.

The other division winners were Ryan Emry in the Sportsman Late Models and Scott Beaudoin in the Mini Outlaws, both by comfortable margins.

Final point standings and results from championship night are included below.

Coos Bay Speedway Oval Dirt Track

Final Standings (top five)

America's Mattress Super Late Models — 1. Brody Montgomery, 1,274 points; 2. Braden Fugate, 1,264; 3. Wayne Butler, 1,228; 4. Mike Taylor, 732; 5. Hannah Robison, 608.

Sportsman Late Models — 1. Ryan Emry, 1,028; 2. Tahlan Rogers, 918; 3. Dustin

Hitner, 738; 4. Josh Kralicek, 614; 5. Jacob Emry, 326.

Street Stocks — 1. Seth Christian, 1,168; 2. Ken Fox, 1,144; 3. Steve Dubisar, 936; 4. Toby McIntyre, 564; 5. Loren McIntyre, 504.

Mini Outlaws — 1. Scott Beaudoin, 1,004; 2. Matthew Emry, 820; 3. Nicole Emry, 814; 4. Tristen Davison, 682; 5. Jamie Daniels, 602.

Hornets — 1. Seth Christian, 920; 2. Lily Metzgas, 780; 3. Kris Parker, 754; 4. Isaac Stere, 740; 5. Steven Parker, 694.

Junior Stingers — 1. Griff Smith, 1,116; 2. Tallon Dubisar, 1,056; 3. Cameron Metzgas, 962; 4. Alex Butler, 942; 5. Tanner Dubisar, 888.

NASCAR Championship Night Sept. 11

America's Mattress Super Late Models — Heat Race: 1. Braden Fugate, Bandon; 2. Wayne Butler, Bandon; 3. Brody Montgomery, Bandon; 4. Mike Taylor, Reedsport. Main Event: 1. Brody Montgomery; 2. Braden Fugate; 3. Wayne Butler; 4. Mike Taylor.

Sportsman Late Models — Heat Race 1: 1. Dustin Hitner, Coos Bay; 2. Tahlan Rogers, Albany; 3. Jacob Emry, Corvallis; 4. Brandon Norton, Goshen. Heat Race 2: 1. Ryan Emry, Corvallis; 2. Mike Lavery, Waldport; 3. Josh Kralicek, Coos Bay; 4. John McNeil, Bandon; 5. John Player. Main Event: 1. Tahlan Rogers; 2. Mike Lavery; 3. Josh Kralicek; 4. Brandon Norton; 5. John Player; 6. Dustin Hitner; 7. Jacob Emry; 8. Ryan Emry; 9.

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Marshfield picks up another tough win, 18-6

By JOHN GUNTHER

For The World

Marshfield's football team added a third impressive win to its season resume Friday night, beating tough Washington school Prairie 18-6 in a game at Eugene.

The Pirates and Falcons met after North Bend was forced to cancel its game with Marshfield due to multiple players being in quarantine for close contact with a teammate who tested positive for COVID-19.

The Bay Area rivalry game is back on the schedule, though, with the teams planning to play on Friday or Saturday this week (the game time had not been decided by press time). North Bend had a bye in its schedule after South Eugene canceled its season and Marshfield was able to find another game for its scheduled opponent, Newport.

It's the second time top-ranked Marshfield has changed from facing a scheduled, likely overmatched (Newport is 0-3) opponent to what should be a tougher game.

The Pirates also changed from a scheduled game against North Valley to a game against Class 5A Churchill, the second of Marshfield's three wins following a season-opening victory over defending state champion Mazama.

Friday's win showcased the Pirates' tough defense against the Falcons, who would the equivalent of a Class 6A school in Oregon.

Prairie had just 150 total yards and eight first downs and committed two turnovers against the Pirates.

"Our defense played very well again," Marshfield coach John Lemmons said. "I'm very pleased with how they are playing and buying into the system."

"The defensive line, linebackers and defensive backs rose to the occasion."

Marshfield built an 18-0 halftime lead on the strength of three Dom Montiel touchdown passes — 3 yards and 16 yards to DJ Daugherty and 3 yards to Pierce Davidson.

Montiel completed 18 of 34 passes for 216 yards, with Daugherty on the receiving end of eight of them for 97 yards and Davidson catching five for 47 yards.

Marshfield managed just 77 yards out of the run game, led by Ezra Waterman, who had five carries for 36 yards.

"Our offense did some things well, but it was definitely not their best

performance," Lemmons said. "There are many fixable mistakes."

Aside from missing a pair of extra point kicks, Lemmons said the special teams played "pretty darn good."

Overall, it was another positive game.

"It was a big win against a 6A level school who were undefeated, big and pretty talented," Lemmons said. "It was a good win for the team."

CRUISERS WIN AGAIN: Powers improved to 3-0 in the six-man season with a 41-25 win at Yoncalla, when the Cruisers came from behind with a big fourth quarter.

The Eagles led 13-0 and 19-7 in the first half and 25-20 in the fourth quarter before the Cruisers rallied.

Alex Mahmoud had a 58-yard run to put the Cruisers in front and added a 22-yard scoring run before Rene' Sears scored an insurance touchdown on a fumble return.

Earlier in the game, Sears had touchdown runs of 57 and 49 yards and a short touchdown pass to Mahmoud.

The Cruisers did most of their damage on the ground, with Sears running for 190 yards and Mahmoud for 111, but Sears also completed six of his seven passing attempts for 67 yards.

Braden Bushnell had an interception for the Powers defense.

The Cruisers will try to keep their record perfect when they host Riddle on Friday, the first of three straight home games also including Gilchrist and North Lake.

BANDON STAYS PERFECT: Bandon won its league opener on Saturday, beating visiting Rogue River 51-6.

It was the third straight dominant win for the Tigers, who now have outscored their opponents 112-12 this season.

The Tigers host Lakeview on Saturday.

REEDSPORT GETS WIN: Reedsport got its first win in more than a year when the Brave topped visiting Douglas 20-14 on Friday night.

Aaron Solomon had the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter for the Brave, who didn't win any games in the short spring season.

Kennean Noggle had a 25-yard touchdown scamper for Reedsport in the first quarter and quarterback Gabe Foster had a 4-yard TD to give the Brave a 14-0 lead.

Reedsport plays its league opener at home Friday against Rogue River.

TUESDAY

- ACROSS**
- Bratty kid
 - Primate
 - Sweater letter
 - Estuary
 - Bear constellation
 - Horace's poetry
 - Harvest moon mo.
 - Lounge around
 - Kind of job
 - Popular cruise stop
 - Swoons
 - Kept out of sight
 - Santa — winds
 - Not working
 - Funny TV show
 - Mountain range near China
 - Marshy ground
- 32** Marino or Aykroyd
- 34** "Of course!"
- 35** Many, many years
- 36** Send a telegram
- 37** Preparing apples
- 39** Bean or horse mo.
- 40** Tax shelter
- 41** Raised railways
- 42** Pungent spice
- 45** Shove off
- 49** Salt Lake state
- 50** "Wool" on clay sheep
- 52** Debtor's letters
- 53** Thrilled
- 54** Flimsy shelters
- 55** Press for payment
- 56** Med. plans

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- 5** Arrogant
- 6** That, to Juanita
- 7** Sky chart
- 8** Shangri-la
- 9** Exam
- 10** Inquires
- 13** Brief romances
- 19** Feng —
- 21** Before
- 24** Jay successor
- 25** Baldwin or Guinness
- 26** El —, Texas
- 27** Tell all
- 28** Norse god
- 29** Trading center
- 31** Ruler
- 33** Recent (pref.)
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- 36** Trace of smoke
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- 41** Revises text
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- 47** Easy win
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- 1** Spinach is rich in it
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WEDNESDAY

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CLASSIC PEANUTS

FRANK AND ERNEST

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- Sourdough's strike
- Carry
- The Force was with him
- Russell or Olin
- "Now!"
- Blown away
- Light beam
- Wonder Woman, for one
- "Wellaway!"
- Help wanted abbr.
- Belief
- Overcharge
- Classify
- Landed
- Outlaw
- Do as told
- Oversaw
- Caustic solution
- Edge
- MS polishers
- Stunt
- Kiki or Joey
- Shrink's reply (2 wds.)
- Clumsy vessels
- Thick, flat piece
- QB objectives
- Stretch the truth
- Additional
- Must
- Jackie's second
- Microbiology gel
- Opossum's gripper
- Fortune 500 abbr.
- Harbor
- Actress — Hathaway
- Grassy field

DOWN

- Slimy vegetable
- Bona fide
- New Age singer
- Chores
- Big Ten sch.
- Knock gently
- Dueler's sword
- Internet search engine
- Be billed
- German "the"
- Hubbub
- Sack out
- Population center
- Breeding horses
- More skillful
- Type of canoe
- Marketed
- Stage awards
- Drive back
- Take on cargo
- Atlas closeup
- Beauty salon items
- Swift
- Sacred bird of the Nile
- Watchful
- Sherlock creator
- "Como — usted?"
- Flag down
- Flying piscivore
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- Swelled head
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- Fleming of spydom
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Speedway

From A7

McIntyre; 3. Toby McIntyre; 4. Ken Fox; 5. Steve Dubisar; 6. Jeff Thurman; 7. Tyler McIntyre; 8. Payton Reigard; 9. Joseph Wilson.
Mini Outlaws — Heat Race

1. Andrew Wright, Salem; 2. Mike Beaudoin, Portland; 3. Jamie Daniels, Coos Bay; 4. Kevin Black, Coos Bay; 5. Jim Van Loon; 6. Nicole Emry, Corvallis. Heat Race 2: 1. Jason Kellam, Coos Bay; 2. Tristen Davison, Coos Bay; 3. Scott Beaudoin, Portland; 4. Jayden Miller, Winston; 5. Matthew Emry, Corvallis; 6. Stephanie Nix, Coos

Bay. Main Event: 1. Tristen Davison; 2. Scott Beaudoin; 3. Jason Kellam; 4. Kevin Black; 5. Jim Van Loon; 6. Mike Beaudoin; 7. Jamie Daniels; 8. Nicole Emry; 9. Stephanie Nix; 10. Andrew Wright; 11. Jayden Miller; 12. Matthew Emry.
Hornets — Heat Race 1: 1. Seth Christian, Roseburg; 2. Dan Beaudoin, Portland;

3. Kris Parker, Florence; 4. Penny Moloso, North Bend; 5. Hannah Robison, Myrtle Point; 6. Isaac Stere, Cottage Grove. Heat Race 2: 1. Lily Metzgas, Myrtle Point; 2. St. Hill, Coos Bay; 3. Steve Nichols, Coos Bay; 4. Steven Parker, Florence; 5. Heather Burton, Coos Bay; 6. Alexis Baker, Myrtle Point. Main Event: 1. Seth Christian; 2. Steven Parker; 3. Steve

Nichols; 4. Kris Parker; 5. Isaac Stere; 6. Alexis Baker; 7. St. Hill; 8. Lily Metzgas; 9. Heather Burton; 10. Penny Moloso; 11. Dan Beaudoin. Junior Stingers — Heat Race 1: 1. Madilynn Hardy-Ashley, Jasper; 2. Tallon Dubisar, Coquille; 3. Cameron Metzgas, Coos Bay; 4. Tanner Dubisar, Coquille; 5. Tucker Dubisar, Coquille; 6. Eli Barrier, Lakeside. Heat Race

2: 1. Griff Smith, Bandon; 2. Alex Butler, Bandon; 3. Max Haga, Coquille; 4. Anthony Hoggatt, Bandon; 5. Hailee Tilton, North Bend. Main Event: 1. Griff Smith; 2. Madilynn Hardy-Ashley; 3. Tallon Dubisar; 4. Cameron Metzgas; 5. Alex Butler; 6. Max Haga; 7. Tucker Dubisar; 8. Tanner Dubisar; 9. Anthony Hoggatt; 10. Hailee Tilton; 11. Eli Barrier.



Contributed photo
Brody Montgomery earned theseason title in the America's Late Models division at Coos Bay Speedway.

Camping

From A1

loss. The good news is we do have time on our side.”
Councillor Eric Gleason said the COVID threat is not going away soon, saying the council may not be able to get in-person feedback.
“If you’re looking for public comment, there are a variety of ways to do it without putting a bunch of people in the room,” Gleason said.
Councillor Pat Goll said the state has left the city in a hard place.
“I think the further we’ve gotten on this discussion, more and more people have come to us and said that House Bill 315 was forced on us,” he said. “It’s the law. I don’t want to rush in anything. We have to come up with a plan.”
The council Schnabel is the city had a requirement to set aside a certain

amount of space for camping. The answer, again, is unclear.
“There is no set requirement,” Schnabel said. “I think a lot of these things will be worked out in the legal system. We just want to make sure we are being reasonable.”
Councillor Susanna Noordhoff said the city should look at different answers long-term.
“I wonder long-term, because our land is so restricted, if we can look at doing a shelter,” she asked. “It’s a difficult call, but it might be worth explaining.”
While the council agreed that could be an option in the future, Milliron warned a shelter would never be enough to outlaw camping. With an estimated 600 to 800 people expected in the city within five years, no shelter will be big enough.
Schnabel suggested the city do an on-line survey to get public comment, a

move the council agreed with. But Milliron said the survey needed to be specific because few people want homeless nearby.
“We’ve gone to newspapers, we’ve gone to TV, we’ve used our social media, and everything we’ve gotten back is not in my backyard, not at my business,” Milliron said. “I can’t tell you how many calls I’ve taken.”
The council agreed the key question in a survey should be about place, likely giving residents several options to consider.
Noordhoff then suggested creating an ad-hoc council committee, saying she and Councillor Bill Richardson would be willing to serve. Gleason said that was a good idea, but suggested the surely continue.
“You do the survey to inform the ad-hoc group,” Gleason said. “You won’t need a survey after that point. A good functioning survey does a lot to inform the committee.”

Coquille

From A1

In his letter to parents Friday, Sweeney said the case count was continuing to grow.
“Between the end of the school board meeting on September 16, and this morning September 17, at 10, we have had more cases at Coquille Junior Senior High — this time in the girls’ soccer and volleyball programs,” Sweeney wrote.
He said he spent Friday morning talking to school

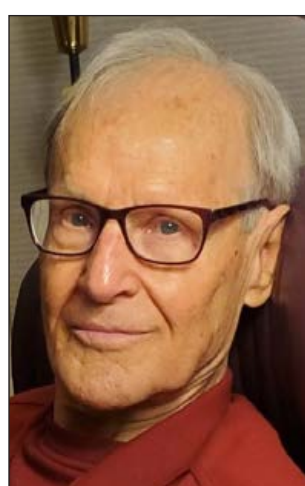
administrators, board members and local health officials. After those discussions, Sweeney made the decision to close the campus.
“It is in the best interest of our students and staff to close Coquille Junior Senior High campus for the next three weeks, so that this current outbreak can run its course,” Sweeney wrote.
“We will switch from in-person learning to distance learning for this time being only at Coquille Junior/Senior High.”
Sweeney said it would take a couple of days to

get Chromebooks to all students and to make the switch. The goal is to have lessons begin Wednesday morning through distance learning.
Sweeney said there have been verified cases in football, volleyball and soccer, which led to the decision to shut down all sporting events for the three-week period, too.
While Sweeney said the district is closing the junior and senior high, it is not closing any other school. Classes at all other Coquille campuses will remain open for in-person learning.

OBITUARIES

Paul Dean Rollins

October 28, 1942 – September 4, 2021



Paul Dean Rollins was born October 28, 1942, and died September 4, 2021. He earned a Bachelor’s degree at Pacific Union College and Master of

Social Work at U.C.L.A. in 1966. He worked at L.A.-U.S.C. Medical Center from 1966-1973. He married Barbara Jenkins in 1966. A conversion experience convinced them they needed to leave the city. Selling their home in three days, they knew God was leading. Paul accepted to be Program Manager at Coos County Mental Health, retiring in 1996. Active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as treasurer and head elder, he also helped build the new church. Paul was described as an anchor in this turbulent world, devoting himself

to the service of Jesus by example and voice. Paul is survived by his wife, Barbara; nephew, Roger; two nieces, Sheila and Dora; great nephew; and three great nieces. Preceding him in death are his parents, Earl and Wanda; and brother, Roger. Paul loved the Lord, and having the assurance of Jesus’ second coming, he was not fearful of death and is resting quietly until the resurrection. A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. at the Coquille Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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Southwestern to hold open house for the new Umpqua Hall Health & Science Building

Southwestern Oregon Community College invites community members to join them for an open house for the new Umpqua Hall Health & Science Building from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday, September 24, to celebrate this significant community accomplishment.

The 35,000 square-foot building features a state-of-the-art lab for the nursing program and technology rich labs for physics, chemistry, earth and biological sciences. Construction highlights the region's innovative and locally sourced wood products, with massive glulam beams

and cross-laminated timber supporting the structure.

Umpqua Hall also excels in energy sustainability, featuring passive heating and ventilation. Enrolled in Energy Trust of Oregon's Path to Net Zero program the building is powered by a 56 kWh solar, which supplies nearly 50% of the building's electricity needs.

During the open house, face masks will be required. Guests will be required to comply with COVID-19 safety protocols. The building is located on the College's Coos Bay campus at 1988 Newmark Ave.



Contributed photo

Southwestern Oregon Community College will host an open house to let the community get a look at the new Umpqua Hall.

Public comment requested on draft Dungeness crab fishery management plan

The public is invited to comment on ODFW's draft Dungeness crab fishery management plan that provides management transparency and facilitates continued good gover-

nance of Oregon's commercial and recreational Dungeness crab fisheries.

The FMP provides a status assessment of the Dungeness crab resource and describes ODFW's

harvest management strategy. The FMP also defines specific management goals and objectives to support the long-term well-being of the Oregon Dungeness crab fishery, coastal communi-

ties, and larger ecosystem. The full draft FMP is posted on ODFW's website at <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/>

MRP/management/dungeness.asp commencing a 30-day public comment period ahead of a plan review for

the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission at their Oct. 15 meeting. People may provide input through an online form.

Lakeside to receive \$14 million for sewer plant

The city of Lakeside has received notice from Business Oregon that it will receive a \$14,628,685 grant to replace its existing wastewater treatment plant.

The funds were approved as a part of Oregon House Bill 5006 which allocates American Rescue Plan Act funding for the project. The city of Lakeside's existing wastewater treatment plant is located in a floodway and has been subject to flood insurance premiums currently costing approximately \$40,000 per year. The plant

is over 40 years old and has been experiencing declining mechanical components. A feasibility study concluded it was more cost effective to relocate and build a new treatment plant than rehabilitate it in its existing condition.

"This funding couldn't have come in at a better time since the city is preparing for sewer revenue losses from the upcoming Shutter Creek Correctional Facility closure," said Mayor James Edwards.

The grant will reduce the need for larger rate increas-

es to pay for a wastewater treatment plant loan.

This opportunity is largely possible due to the efforts of State Rep. Boomer Wright coordinating with Mayor James Edwards and City Manager Loree Pryce. The Dyer Partnership provides contract city engineering services and was instrumental in providing key technical data to support the city presentation.

For information, visit www.cityoflakeside.org

Coos Bay closes crab dock in Empire

The city of Coos Bay has decided to close the city crab dock located at the west end of Michigan Avenue in Empire. This closure is for safety purposes while the city has the dock evaluated for structural integrity.

City staff was alerted to lateral

movement of the structure during strong winds last week. Upon investigation by city staff, it was found that several cross members were broken or missing. Staff will be reaching out to a marine engineer to evaluate the stability of the structure.

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Towards a 21st Century Abstraction opens soon at Coos Art Museum

From October 8 through December 4, Coos Art Museum will be featuring Towards a 21st Century Abstraction, a traveling exhibition highlighting the works of seven leading abstract painters from around the country. The artists include: David Bailin of Wellfleet, Massachusetts, Connie Connally of Santa Barbara, California, Brad Ellis of Dallas Texas, Jeri Ledbetter of Memphis, Tennessee, Katherine Chang Liu of Westlake Village, California, Sammy Peters of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Wosene Worke Kosrof of Berkeley, California.

“Abstract art has been a viable form of visual creation for over a hundred years. Its meanings and manifestations have multiplied over those years, resisting or avoiding the whims of fashion to provide artists an increasingly vast range of language and meaning. Why, then, do we worry about – or, alternatively, glibly dismiss – the survival of abstract art? Is abstraction dead? Is it die-able? Does abstract art need to be defended at this point, or simply re-averred? And in either case, by whom?” Peter Frank, art critic and the exhibition’s curator.

This exhibition comes to Coos Bay from the Westmont Ridley-Tree Museum of Art and will be headed for the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts in 2022. More information on the exhibition and the participating artists can be found on the website <https://www.abstraction21c.com/>.

Coos Art Museum has been a cultural focal point of Oregon’s scenic Southern Coast since 1966. It occupies an historic 1936 Art Deco U.S. federal building in downtown Coos Bay. The museum offers a wide range of art activities

including exhibitions, art classes and lectures.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m.

Saturday. Museum admission is \$5 general, \$2 students, veterans and seniors and free to museum members.



Above: Portrait of the Artist III by Wosene Worke Kosrof. Below: Chatter by Katherine Chang Liu.



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