

Fire danger increases to high, restrictions in place

By NATE SCHWARTZ
Editor

The Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) announced that the fire danger level would be elevating to high (yellow) as of last month. As fire season escalates it becomes all the more imperative to follow recommended guidelines for locals and visitors alike. This includes a greater level of caution from industry and private individuals.

In many places, Industrial Fire Precaution Levels (IFPL) was increasing to level three on August 4. This means that certain public fire restrictions must be followed on both federal, state, county, city, and private lands. That particularly includes forest and timber land which is currently at the greatest risk for combustion.

Most of the South Coast falls within the Oregon Department

of Forestry's (ODF) designated CS-1 area where for the time being, restrictions will stay at IFPL 2. Land to the east of Myrtle Point falls under the CS-2 designation and will be upgraded to IFPL 3, known as a limited shutdown.

Some of those restrictions are on recreational activities. For instance, campfires, cooking fires, and other types of open flames are only allowed at designated and managed campgrounds.

Industrial restrictions include much more specific guidelines:

- Non-Industrial power saw use allowed before 10AM and after 8PM.
- Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is allowed before 10AM and after 8PM.
- Mowing dried, cured grass is allowed before 10AM and after 8PM.
- Any other spark emitting

internal combustion engines not previously mentioned is allowed before 10AM and after 8PM.

Keep your eyes on the fire danger signs posted in communities throughout Oregon. At the time of writing, most in Coos County have at least gone from low (green), to moderate (blue).

According to the ODF's wildfire readiness guide (a link to which will be provided below), moderate level fire danger means that fires may start and can spread.

"Fires can start from sparks or embers, but they often need the right combination of wind and dry fuels to increase the rate of fire spread. Fires are not likely to become large and can be controlled relatively easily," states the official guide.

And remember, that there are some activities that are prohibited regardless of the fire danger



level, such as:

- Debris burning is prohibited at all times during fire season
- Smoking is prohibited while traveling in forestlands, except in vehicles on improves roads, in boats on the water, or at designated areas
- Use of fireworks is prohibited except for displays permitted by the Oregon State Fire Marshal
- Sky lanterns, exploding targets, and tracer/incendiary ammunition are prohibited
- It is common for the fire danger level to rise as the heat continues to cause more arid conditions in local forests.

Thankfully, coastal environments tend to mitigate more severe conditions, but caution is still necessary to make sure we keep our lands, forests, and communities safe. According to the ODF, two out of every three wildfires in Oregon are started by people.

For more information on how wildfires start, how to create more defensible spaces and harden your home, and tips for evacuation planning you can visit:

oregon.gov/odf/fire
Or the Coos Forest Protective Association's official website at: coosfpa.net

Lawmakers celebrate BAH victory with union reps and hospital staff

By NATE SCHWARTZ
Editor

South Coast representatives in Salem visited Bay Area Hospital (BAH) last week to celebrate the legislative victory for the hospital that will help to keep doors open and services intact for the foreseeable future. At the buzzer of the last short session in the capital, House Bill 4075 received the necessary votes to have a state-backed debt refinancing. Without the state's help, BAH would be facing a \$30 million balloon payment to their lenders at the Bank of Montreal which could have forced the hospital to reclassify its status, reducing bed capacity and jeopardizing local access to care.

"If you don't have a couple of larger hospitals in the healthcare ecosystem in your area, then you're without the full service that you need," explained Representative Rob Nosse, Chair of the Committee on Health Care in Salem. "If we let BAH downgrade to another A&B critical access hospital, we're not going to have what we need to have here and it's going to put stress on other parts of the state."

"It was just obvious to me that we had to do something. And when you're the chair of



Photo by Nate Schwartz
From left to right, UCFW Local 555 President Dan Clay, Representative Boomer Wright, Senator David Brock Smith, Representative Rob Nosse, and BAH CEO Gretchen Nichols celebrate their collective efforts and legislative success in passing HB 4075.

the healthcare committee, you're responsible for the ecosystem. So, I just thought it was the right thing to do, I really have no other answer than that... Helping Boomer [Wright] pass this bill is one of the top 10 accomplishments of my career."

It took a multi-pronged approach to get the bill over the line. Lobbying efforts from the United Commercial Food Workers (UCFW) Local 555, supportive lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, and the collective persistence of all involved turned an unprecedented piece of legislation into results that will save

lives. This was an uphill fight, as the bill did not carry high hopes at the start. Contingencies were planned but thankfully not needed.

"I called the state treasurer and she said, 'hell no'," described South Coast State Senator David Brock Smith. "Coos Bay is critical to the South Coast and this institution is the hub of medical care for tens of thousands of people on the South Coast... With the persistence of the union and those involved, it moved forwards."

UCFW Local 555 was critical to the process. With BAH a main

driver of employment in the area, the vested interest in protecting its workers fell well within the union's purview. The labor organization presented the lawmakers with signing pens from the bill and union challenge tokens to commemorate their fruitful collaboration on the bill. It's not often that labor, legislators, and executives come together for a common purpose.

"Coming together around BAH was natural because it made sense for everybody," said UFCW Local 555 President Dan Clay. "Whether you are a resident on the South Coast, whether you worked here, or whether you were running the hospital it was clearly the right thing to do."

"Everybody could see that and everybody acted accordingly. I am super grateful for the partnership, whether that is in the community, at the legislature, or here at the hospital, to make sure that when somebody is sick in Coos Bay, they have somewhere to go."

It was Representative Boomer Wright that initially sponsored the bill, which would be one of the last before his retirement. He

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Republicans propose hunting, fishing protections

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

To counter a failed ballot initiative from animal rights activists that attempted to ban hunting, fishing and animal slaughter in Oregon, the state's Republican leaders pledged to introduce their own constitutional amendment to guarantee fishing, hunting and farming rights.

State Sen. Christine Drazan, R-Canby and the Republican nominee for governor, is leading the campaign to enshrine the right to "hunt, fish, gather wild foods and raise animals or crops" in the Oregon Constitution.

She announced the proposed amendment Tuesday at White's Country Meats in Gresham, along with Senate Minority Leader Bruce Starr, R-Dundee, House Minority Leader Lucetta Elmer, R-McMinnville, Sen. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford, and Rep. Court Boice, R-Gold Beach.

Another lawmaker will need to introduce the 1.5-page proposal because Drazan vacates her Senate seat next January whether she wins the governor's race or not. If the Legislature approves the measure during the 2027 session that begins in January, it would go to Oregonians for a vote in November 2028.

"Oregon should not be the testing ground for extreme measures that threaten affordability, local food production, consumer choice and thousands of jobs that connect us with putting food on the table with our farms and ranches," Drazan said. "Activities like farming, ranching, hunting and fishing are all a part of our heritage, our economy and our everyday lives."

David Michelson, an animal rights activist from Portland who led the campaign for Initiative Petition 28, said even if the Republicans' ballot referral is successful, he and other petitioners could still try to put forth a ballot initiative in the future that would ban the killing of animals.

In late July, the Oregon Sec-

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Coos-Curry Electric Coop raises rates by 10.8% Board says rising power costs the reason

Staff Report

The Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative announced that their Board of Directors approved a 10.8% rate adjustment, effective September 1, 2026, following a cost service analysis conducted by the coop. The adjustment includes changes to monthly base charges, energy charges and, where applicable, demand charges.

According to CCEC, the coop purchases all of its wholesale power from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Earlier this year, the cooperative informed members that changes in Columbia River hydropower operations, including increased spill requirements at federal dams, were expected to increase BPA's wholesale power costs.

About one-third of the overall rate adjustment was attributed to higher wholesale power costs from BPA. The remaining two-



thirds reflects the continued increase in operating and maintenance costs for CCEC's electric system, including equipment, materials, labor, insurance and financing.

The member-owned, not-for-profit

cooperative, sets cost-based rates designed to recover the cost of providing electric service. According to CCEC, revenue collected through rates is used to purchase wholesale power, operate and maintain the electric system, and invest in infrastructure needed to continue providing safe and reliable electric service.

To support its regular rate review process, the cooperative completed an independent Cost of Service Analysis conducted by a utility rate consulting firm.

According to an official CCEC release, "The study evaluated the cost of providing electric service under each rate schedule, current and projected operating costs, planned capital investments, and the revenue required to meet the cooperative's financial and operational needs. The

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Letter to the Editor

Believe

Fans of the Apple TV show Ted Lasso are all too familiar with the word believe. It was used to inspire teammates to overcome whatever obstacle was put in their way. Some have the word tattooed on their bodies, others rely on the word for their faith. It is a powerful word.

In 2006, the Me Too, movement asked us to believe. Specifically, it asked us to believe women when they were telling us that they were being hurt in the workplace, in their homes, and any other place that they were being sexually, emotionally, or physically assaulted. They were right to ask us to believe them. One can sit back and watch reruns from the 80s and 90s and see that our

attitude towards women even on television was inappropriate at the time as well as in hindsight. This isn’t to say that every accusation during the Me Too movement was valid, but more often than not when women were speaking up, they were speaking to the truth.

One thing I do find interesting though is that many of the people who were telling us to believe women when they accused or told their stories of being harmed, either physically mentally or emotionally, are now turning a deaf ear towards women.

Many women today are telling us that when they play sports, and they are being matched up against biological males, they are afraid. They are afraid for their safety, they are afraid

for their opportunities, and they are afraid to participate in things that brings them joy and fulfillment.

So if we are going to believe women, as we should, then we get to believe them, even when it is not convenient to a narrative, ideology, or practice that any women should not have to abide.

The fact is, trans athletes in sports is not a major, pressing issue, just another divisive issue in our culture war. That being said, our reluctance to believe women when they tell us things that we don’t want to hear apparently still is a major issue.

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Myrtle Point



Holy Cow! History

That time Daylight Savings was moved up

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In an age when it seems Americans can’t agree on much, one thing — and maybe just one — enjoys broad popular support: scrapping the twice-annual clock change. Poll after poll shows a clear majority of Democrats, Republicans and independents think it’s time to stop the twice-annual pain in the neck.

Congress is considering a bill that would make daylight saving time permanent. While this column never concerns itself with contemporary issues, the current debate makes this the perfect opportunity to visit what happened the last time Congress changed the time change 50-plus years ago.

And believe it or not, it all started in the Middle East. No, really!

On Saturday, Oct. 6, 1973, a coalition of Arab nations unleashed a major surprise attack on the Jewish state of Israel. It happened on Yom Kippur, Judaism’s holiest day of the year. The Israelis were caught flat-footed, and initial Arab successes had them on the ropes. Things looked dicey until President Richard Nixon authorized a massive airlift to resupply the Jewish defenders.

The attackers responded by following up with a long-promised threat. On Oct. 17, the Arab members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries set in motion plans to cut oil output.

With that, a new phrase entered the American



Energy Conservation Act of 1973. Starting at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 6 of the new year, the nation moved its clock ahead one hour on an experimental basis. The theory was that an extra hour of daylight would save power with reduced lighting and heating. (The same argument had been made 30 years earlier when the United States was placed on year-round DST time during World War II, with the only difference being it was called War Time then.)

Then, an interesting thing happened. Americans changed their minds in bulk. In the closing weeks of 1973, when fear of empty gas stations and power outlets without electricity was at its peak, 79 percent of Americans told pollsters they supported year-round DST. However, when alarm clocks started ringing in January, and people were roused out of bed in pitch darkness, they began having second thoughts. Opponents pounced. They painted dark prospects in the minds of worried parents. Would little junior, now trudging to the local schoolhouse in near-total blackout conditions, be embarking on a Death March? Concerned civic groups even donated adhesive reflective strips crease

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Commentary

The genesis of Skynet

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It is a weird time for people of my generation and older. Those movies we watched way back when, such as “The Terminator” and “2001: A Space Odyssey,” seem to have been onto something. Today, in 2026, Artificial Intelligence, or AI, has become a thing. When we first started talking about AI a few years ago, I used to joke that it was all fun and games until Skynet became self-aware. Those who follow “The Terminator” franchise know that Skynet was the Artificial Intelligence that turned on humans and started a future war which bled into, and took place in the /past, our present.

The reality is that when I was growing up in the 80s and 90s, cell phones were not a thing, and electric cars were imaginative fiction. The fact is that technology is becoming prevalent in all of our lives, and law enforcement is no different.

When I started my career, I was provided a patrol car that was new

the year I graduated high school. It had this giant lightbar on the top with halogen lights. I recall being on a traffic crash directing traffic, and the lightbar ran my battery dead; the alternator could not keep up with the draw, and it killed the engine in my car. I had a radio, which is how we received calls for service from Dispatch, and a notebook to document my notes. I was issued a pager for call back purposes if the department needed to call me back to work.

Today, things are a lot different. Our cars are more akin to aircraft cockpits. LED lights are so bright that they look like UFO’s landing. In the digital age, we can take scene photographs on our phones and email them so they are at the office before we get there. There are

computers which interact wirelessly with the internet, and calls for service are on that screen where every detail that Dispatch has can be viewed prior to arrival. Maps are digitally transmitted from phones to the car, and it navigates to where one needs to go. It is amazing the leaps we have taken in the past twenty years.

We still have radios, which are heavily used in our county. And we still use our notebooks. Some things will never change. Now, however, we can document each incident with Body Worn Cameras. In a lot of ways, body-worn cameras have changed the landscape for law enforcement. Many in my profession expressed disdain for this technology when it emerged. What we have found, however, is that the number of complaints we receive has gone down. For the complaints that we do receive, one can readily view the video and determine what happened in fairly quick order.

Artificial Intelligence is on the horizon for law

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- **Coos Bay**
 - **July 30**
 - 7:58 am, Commercial Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 8:58 am, Evans Blvd, criminal trespass.
 - 9:30 am, Hemlock Ave, criminal mischief.
 - 9:57 am, W Olive St, warrant service.
 - 12:27 pm, N Bayshore Dr, shoplifting.
 - 12:59 pm, S Broadway St, criminal trespass.
 - 1:48 pm, S Empire Blvd and Fulton, indecent exposure.
 - 1:58 pm, Central Ave, disorderly conduct.
 - 2:23 pm, S 4th St, shoplifting.
 - 3:16 pm, S 10th St, juvenile problem.
 - 4:04 pm, S 2nd St, threats.
 - 4:26 pm, N 10th St, non-injury accident.
 - 4:33 pm, Anderson Ave, theft.
 - 6:29 pm, S Empire Blvd, disorderly conduct.
 - 8:15 pm, Newmark Ave and N Main St, arrest.
 - 10:03 pm, Newmark Ave, dispute.
 - 11:49 pm, Kruse Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 11:54 pm, NW 5th St, warrant service.
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 - **July 31**
 - 12:33 am, N 4th St, warrant service.
 - 2:00 am, California Ave, prowler.
 - 3:05 am, Thompson Rd, disorderly conduct.
 - 6:04 am, N Central Blvd, criminal trespass.
 - 7:20 am, Thompson Rd, criminal trespass.
 - 7:38 am, Holland Ave, disorderly conduct.
 - 11:19 am, S 4th St, non-injury accident.
 - 12:35 pm, D St, assault.
 - 1:11 pm, Coos River Hwy 1271, warrant service.
 - 1:20 pm, S Broadway St, criminal trespass.
 - 2:35 pm, Newmark Ave, dispute.
- 2:38 pm, S Kaen Rd, warrant service.
 - 3:49 pm, Anderson and S Broadway St, non-injury accident.
 - 4:29 pm, S 10th St, juvenile problem.
 - 4:34 pm, S 10th St, dispute.
 - 5:00 pm, 14th and Myrtle, theft.
 - 5:08 pm, S 10th St, assault.
 - 5:21 pm, W Park Roadway St, burglary.
 - 6:11 pm, Hemlock Ave, burglary.
 - 9:14 pm, Koosbay Blvd, dispute.
 - 10:08 pm, Newmark Ave, theft.
 - 10:57 pm, Beach End Of Fulton, shots fired.
 - 11:18 pm, Airport Ln, warrant service.
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 - **August 1**
 - 12:43 am, Augustine St, harassment.
 - 1:00 am, Lighthouse School, DUII.
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 - **August 2**
 - 6:32 am, S 14th St, criminal trespass.
 - 6:56 am, S Empire Blvd, criminal trespass.
 - 9:29 am, Commercial Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 10:10 am, Ocean Blvd, criminal trespass.
 - 2:00 pm, S 28th Ct, hit and run.
 - 2:29 pm, Newmark Ave, shoplifting.
 - 2:57 pm, S Broadway St, disorderly conduct.
 - 3:22 pm, Empire Lakes, indecent exposure.
 - 5:25 pm, S 4th St, theft.
 - 7:51 pm, S Morrison St, theft.
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 - **August 3**
 - 1:16 am, Thompson Rd, threats.
 - 1:54 am, Thompson Rd, criminal trespass.
 - 3:50 am, N 7th and Hemlock, criminal mischief.
 - 6:40 am, Thompson Rd, criminal trespass.
 - 8:52 am, Newmark Ave, disorderly conduct.
 - 9:07 am, N Broadway St, criminal mischief.
 - 9:28 am, 7th and Ingersoll, warrant service.
 - 10:33 am, Lakeshore and Chickses, accident.
 - 11:19 am, Lockhart and 4th, disorderly conduct.
- 1:48 pm, Southwest and 10th St, warrant service.
 - 3:19 pm, Salmon Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 3:41 pm, California St, unauthorized use of vehicle.
 - 3:57 pm, 8th Ave, threats.
 - 4:03 pm, Airport Ln, warrant service.
 - 5:16 pm, S 5th St, arrest.
 - 6:18 pm, Thompson Rd, disorderly conduct.
 - 6:50 pm, Newmark Ave, dispute.
 - 7:45 pm, E Johnson Ave, threats.
 - 9:17 pm, Newmark Ave, harassment.
 - 9:49 pm, S Wasson St, disorderly conduct.
 - 10:33 pm, N Broadway St, disorderly conduct.
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 - **August 4**
 - 8:52 am, S Broadway St, disorderly conduct.
 - 11:13 am, Newmark Ave, unauthorized use of vehicle.
 - 11:55 am, S 4th St, criminal trespass.
 - 1:19 pm, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 1:29 pm, Oakway Dr, assault, domestic.
 - 2:21 pm, Newmark Ave, theft.
 - 3:11 pm, 2nd Ave, dispute, neighbor.
 - 3:18 pm, S 4th St, shoplifting.
 - 3:35 pm, 1st and Johnson, accident.
 - 3:56 pm, Koos Bay Blvd, dispute.
 - 4:38 pm, Airport Ln, warrant service.
 - 5:20 pm, S Empire Blvd, criminal trespass.
 - 5:32 pm, S Broadway St, criminal trespass.
 - 6:23 pm, Newmark Ave, theft of services.
 - 7:44 pm, S 8th St, warrant service.
 - 8:09 pm, Airport Ln, warrant service.
 - 9:14 pm, Newmark Ave, theft.
 - 10:16 pm, N Bayshore Dr and Koos Bay Blvd, disorderly conduct.
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 - **August 5**
 - 12:44 am, Tremont Ave, warrant service.
 - 7:08 am, S 1st St Ter, criminal trespass.
 - 7:10 am, 8th Ter, warrant service.
 - 7:28 am, Golden and S

- 4th, probation violation.
 - 10:04 am, S 7th St, harassment.
 - 10:36 am, Newmark Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 10:44 am, Central Ave, disorderly conduct.
 - 10:44 am, E Johnson Ave, hit and run.
 - 11:38 am, S Broadway St, theft.
 - 11:43 am, Newmark Ave, theft.
 - 12:31 pm, Anderson Ave, unauthorized use of vehicle.
 - 12:33 pm, N Bayshore Dr, criminal trespass.
 - 1:42 pm, S 1st St, criminal trespass.
 - 2:11 pm, 16th Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 3:52 pm, S 7th St, criminal trespass.
 - 4:57 pm, Arago Ave, accident.
 - 5:56 pm, N Vine Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 6:40 pm, Ellensberg Rd, warrant service.
 - 7:48 pm, N Bayshore Dr, criminal mischief.
 - 9:56 pm, Woodland Dr, dispute.
 - 11:13 pm, S Broadway St, theft.
 - 11:49 pm, Country Club Rd, warrant service.
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 - **August 6**
 - 12:27 am, S 10th St, harassment.
 - 3:01 am, Ocean Blvd, accident.
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 - **Coquille**
 - **July 30**
 - 9:12 am, E 1st St and N Central Blvd, indecent exposure.
 - 10:29 am, N Cedar Point Rd, theft from vehicle.
 - 2:35 pm, 5th St and Elliott St, disorderly conduct.
 - 5:32 pm, N Central Blvd, criminal trespass.
 - 6:15 pm, Hwy 42, criminal trespass.
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 - **July 31**
 - 8:26 am, N Baxter St, criminal trespass.
 - 11:35 am, E 10th St, dispute.
 - 10:25 pm, Shelley Rd, criminal trespass.
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- **August 1**
 - 3:07 pm, Hwy 42S, hit and run.
 - 3:32 pm, W 1st St, disorderly conduct.
 - 6:00 pm, N Adams St, assault.
 - 6:40 pm, N Adams St, disorderly conduct.
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 - **August 2**
 - 9:57 am, N Central Blvd, arrest.
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 - **August 4**
 - 12:15 am, E 11th and N Elliott St, arrest.
 - 1:54 pm, N Birch St, criminal trespass.
 - 6:42 pm, 1st St Near Central Blvd, warrant service.
 - 9:20 pm, Hwy 42, dispute.
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 - **August 5**
 - 10:34 am, W 9th St, dispute.
 - 7:50 pm, E 3rd St, harassment.
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 - **Myrtle Point**
 - **August 1**
 - 3:24 pm, Roseburg Rd, non-injury accident.
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 - **August 3**
 - 4:19 pm, Reedsford Rd, dispute.
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 - **North Bend**
 - **July 30**
 - 8:58 am, Sherman Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 9:41 am, Newmark St, theft.
 - 10:34 am, Sheridan Ave, disorderly conduct.
 - 10:46 am, Harbor Ave, assault.
 - 11:27 am, Sherman and Virginia, disorderly conduct.
 - 11:41 am, Cedar St and Newmark, accident.
 - 12:16 pm, Virginia and Quality Inn, disorderly conduct.
 - 12:45 pm, Virginia Ave, juvenile problem.
 - 1:07 pm, E Airport Way, weapons offense.
 - 1:53 pm, Sherman Ave, theft.
 - 2:59 pm, California Ave, hit and run.
 - 4:41 pm, Harbor Ave, threats.
 - 4:53 pm, Virginia Ave,
- criminal trespass.
 - 5:04 pm, Tremont Ave, criminal mischief.
 - 6:29 pm, Sheridan Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 6:38 pm, Hamilton Ave, criminal mischief.
 - 7:57 pm, Chloe House, criminal trespass.
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 - **July 31**
 - 12:01 am, Monroe and California, disorderly conduct.
 - 5:37 am, Sheridan Ave, disorderly conduct.
 - 9:10 am, Harbor Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 12:58 pm, Madrona St, arrest.
 - 2:07 pm, Sherman Ave, arrest.
 - 2:37 pm, Virginia Ave, indecent exposure.
 - 5:08 pm, Airport Ln, criminal trespass.
 - 9:14 pm, Koosbay Blvd, dispute.
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 - **August 1**
 - 9:29 am, Tremont Ave, criminal trespass.
 - 9:59 am, Winsor Ave, assault.
 - 12:07 pm, D St, dispute.
 - 2:10 pm, Sherman Ave, dispute.
 - 7:46 pm, Union and Florida, disorderly conduct.
 - 8:53 pm, Virginia Ave, disorderly conduct.
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 - **August 2**
 - 5:34 am, Virginia Ave, warrant service.
 - 9:01 am, Washington St, criminal mischief.
 - 11:49 am, Oak St, warrant service.
 - 12:57 pm, Broadway and Virginia, disorderly conduct.
 - 3:45 pm, Virginia Ave, shoplifting.
 - 4:49 pm, Sherman Ave, disturbance.
 - 6:15 pm, Sherman Ave, theft.
 - 10:28 pm, 15th and Marion, dispute.
 - 10:29 pm, Tremont Ave, threats.
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 - **August 3**
 - 7:38 am, Mcpherson,

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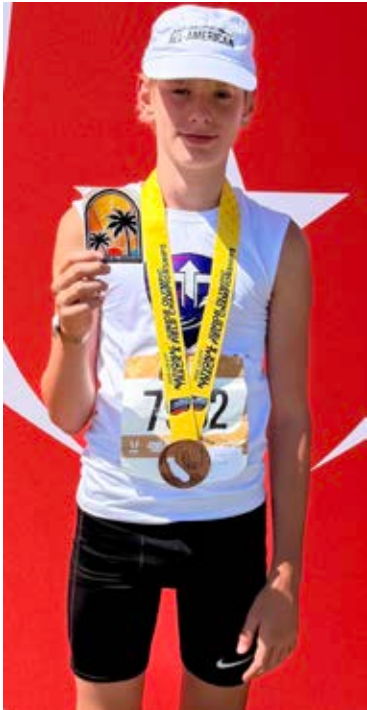
SCAT swimmers place at state championships

Five swimmers on the South Coast Aquatic Team qualified for the OSI Arena 13 & Over Summer State Championships. The event was held at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton in late July. Caitlin Abrahamsen (age 13), placed fifth in the final of the 1,500-meter freestyle, finishing in 22 minutes and 4.47 seconds. Abrahamsen also reached the finals in the 200 freestyle when she swam a new personal best of 2:27.32 in the prelims. In the final, she placed eighth in 2:27.81. Abrahamsen also competed in the 800 freestyle (11:11.38) and 400 freestyle (5:22.09). Evalynn Ryback (13) set a new personal best of 34.90 in the 50 backstroke to advance to the final, where she placed sixth (35.09). She also competed in the 50 freestyle (31.42), 100 backstroke (1:16.99) and 200 backstroke (2:48.60). Castle Schnabel Martin (13) had a new personal best in the 50 breaststroke (38.93) to advance to the final in that event and went on to place sixth with another personal best (37.68). He also competed in the 50 freestyle (28.76), 100 freestyle (1:05.02), 100 breaststroke (1:24.89) and 200 breaststroke (3:06.68). Payton Andrews (13) had new bests in all his events at the state meet, though he did



South Coast Aquatic Team members who competed in the summer state championships included Caitlin Abrahamsen, Evalynn Ryback, Melina Harbolt, Castle Schnabel Martin and Payton Andrews.

not place in them. He competed in the 800 freestyle (10:33.98), 400 freestyle (5:02.84), 100 backstroke (1:18.15), 200 freestyle (2:25.01), 200 backstroke (2:46.28) and 100 freestyle (1:08.28). Melina Harbolt (14) had a new best in the 400 freestyle, placing 15th (5:12.91). The team trained hard this summer with coach Jerry Johnston, working on cleaning up turns, underwater technique, pacing and finishing. That work culminated in the strong finishes at the state meet.



Logan Vinyard placed fifth in the high jump at the Junior Olympics National Championships.

Coastal Takeoff has strong debut season

The new Coastal Takeoff track team had a strong debut season, culminating in Logan Vinyard becoming an All-American in the high jump at the U.S. Junior Olympics national meet in California.

Coach Jonathan Vinyard, Logan's dad, founded the club to provide dedicated athletes on the South Coast more individualized coaching in an environment centered on development, accountability and competing at a high level.

"I decided to create Coastal Takeoff after recognizing how difficult it can be to provide meaningful individual instruction when a large number of athletes are sharing the attention of only a few volunteer coaches," Vinyard said. "Even with everyone working hard and doing their best, athletes can sometimes miss out on the one-on-one coaching needed to refine technique and reach their full potential."

Vinyard's goal was to create a smaller program for athletes serious about training, competing and continually improving.

"Keeping the group intentionally small allowed me to spend more time with each athlete, identify the technical details they needed to work on and build training around their individual strengths and goals," he said. "The results from our first season exceeded my expectations."

Logan Vinyard, Cooper Vinyard, Kaicen Turner, Paige Johnson, Titus Gill and Cohen Gill all qualified for the national championships and Roy Balcon and Orion Middlebrook showed big improvement through the summer.

"Each of these athletes helped establish what Coastal Takeoff is meant to represent," Vinyard said. "Throughout the summer, the athletes produced strong performances, set personal records and continued to improve through the state, regional and national portions of the season."

"More importantly, they showed a willingness to accept coaching, make adjustments and continue working through the challenges that come with competing at a high level."

Even though Balcon and Middlebrook didn't reach the national meet, "their work and progress mattered just as much to the foundation of our club," Vinyard said.

"Success cannot be measured only by who reaches the final meet of the season," he said. "Every athlete begins in a different place, faces different challenges and contributes to the team in a different way."

Throughout the summer, the entire group impressed Vinyard. "These athletes continued showing up, accepting coaching and competing through pressure, travel, fatigue and the normal

Reedsport's Watts is new OSU men's golf coach

Bandon star Quinn commits to join new coach in Corvallis

Reedsport native Brian Watts is the new head golf coach at Oregon State University, a post he previously held from 2001 to 2010. Watts followed his first stint with the Beavers as head coach at Army from 2010-2017 and most recently was the athletic director at Reedsport High School from 2022-2025. His team in Corvallis will include one of the top recent players from the South Coast. Sevren Quinn, who will be a senior at Bandon High School this fall, committed to play for the Beavers shortly after competing in the U.S. Junior Amateur Championships. Quinn, who has led Bandon to three state team titles and was individual Class 2A-1A state champion last spring, will join his biggest rival in the classification, Crosspoint Christian graduate Davis Hartwell, who edged Quinn for the individual state title in 2025 and will be a freshman in Corvallis this fall. Watts' return to the Beavers was announced by OSU Vice President and Director of Athletics Kevin Griffin. "I am excited to announce that Brian will be returning to Corvallis as our next head golf coach," Griffin said in a story on the school's athletics website, www.osubeavers.com. "He had significant success during a nine-year tenure at Oregon State, then seven years at Army West Point, and is a well-respected coach and mentor in the golf community. Oregon State is fortunate to have him return to lead this program."

Watts coached several standouts during his first tenure at Oregon State, leading the Beavers to NCAA regional appearances in 2003, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. The Beavers placed 16th at the 2010 NCAA Championships. He had three more postseason appearances at Army and was the 2015 Northeast Region Coach of the Year. "I'm humbled, honored and fired up to lead the Oregon State men's golf team," Watts said in the story on the school's website. "I want to thank Kevin Griffin for his belief in me and for the opportunity to repre-

sent this program on and off the course. "Oregon State is a special place and I know that finding the right student-athletes who embrace the everyday challenges of college life and collegiate athletics will be important. In doing so, we will be successful. I look forward to continue building on Jon Reehorn's success, as his teams were accomplished in the classroom and on the golf course. After my conversation with Kevin and the athletics leadership team, it was clear that Oregon State's vision and values align with my own."

Among the athletes Watts coached during his first stretch in Corvallis is Diego Velasquez, who had eight top-10 finishes and three tournament victories and had a then-school record 70.31 scoring average in 2009-2010. "Coach Watts was like my second father and the main reason I chose Oregon State over my other options," Velasquez told osubeavers.com. "He believed in me since day one and always cared about my well-being. He always made me go the extra mile and pushed me to be comfortable with the uncomfortable. He is a mentor and a great friend."

"Coach Watts is always willing to help others. He will do anything to help you be successful on and off the course. His charisma and personality are what sets him apart from other coaches."

Both Velasquez, who graduated in 2010, and James Allenby (2008) earned All-American honors while playing for Watts. Watts also was mentor at OSU for current pro Paul Peterson (2010), who recently finished fifth at the Puerto Rico Open and 11th at the ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic. "From the moment he recruited me all the way to present day, Coach Watts has wanted the best for me along with every other player I watched him recruit," Peterson told osubeavers.com. "He establishes a fantastic culture within the program. I wouldn't be the man I am today without the lessons I learned being a part of his team."

"The lessons he taught us are applicable

both on and off the course and I can't think of a better person to coach the current and future players who attend the Oregon State University men's golf program."

At Army, Watts coached Marcus Plunkett, another current professional, who was a three-time All-Patriot League selection while competing for the Black Knights. "Coach Watts played a pivotal role in shaping my career and development," Plunkett told osubeavers.com. "He excels at building disciplined, tight-knit programs rooted in hard work, accountability, and a genuine sense of family. His deep understanding of the game and elite coaching ability is unmatched. I place complete trust in him as a coach, mentor and lifelong friend."

Watts came to Oregon State as a football recruit and spent one season with the Beavers as a student-athlete before transferring to Western Oregon State College (now Western Oregon University).

As a student at Reedsport, he placed in the top 10 three times at the state tournament. His sophomore year (1980), he tied for eighth with rounds of 78 and 78 as Reedsport placed eighth. He was eighth in the 1981 state tournament with rounds of 84 and 72, helping the Braves place ninth. He tied for seventh at state as a senior in 1982 with rounds of 79 and 78 as Reedsport placed seventh as a team. He also participated in the state meet as a freshman for Reedsport, when the Braves finished sixth. Watts totaled 177 for his two rounds. Watts was an assistant coach for both the OSU men's and women's teams before being the men's head coach and played for four years on various professional tours. He and his wife Missy have four children — Brian, Madeline, Olivia and Alexandra. Reehorn left Oregon State to work as caddy for PGA pro Joel Dahmen. He had been coach of the Beavers since Watts left for Army and led Oregon State to seven trips to the NCAA Championships in his 16 years.

Prefontaine Memorial Run is Sept. 19

Race is 45th edition of event honoring Marshfield legend The Prefontaine Memorial Run marks 45 years this September, with the annual road race scheduled for Sept. 19. The run honors Steve Prefontaine, who grew up in Coos Bay and went on to set every American record from 2 miles to 10 kilometers before he died in a car accident. This year's event again kicks off with a 5-kilometer high school race that starts at 9:45 a.m. That is followed by the 10-kilometer run and 2-mile fun run/walk, which start at 10:05 a.m. All the races start at the corner of Fourth Street and Anderson Avenue

in downtown Coos Bay and finish on Prefontaine Track at Marshfield High School. Participants can register online until midnight on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at www.prefontaine.run. On-site registration and packet pick-up will be held at the St. Monica Catholic Church parish hall, 357 South 6th St. in Coos Bay, from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sept. 18 and 8 to 9:30 a.m. on race day. The entry fee for participants in the 10K and 2-mile races is \$45 through Sept. 5 and increases to \$55 thereafter. For runners 18 and under, the fee is \$25 through Sept. 5 and \$35 thereafter. All participants receive race T-shirts.

Every entrant who completes the race will receive a participation medal. For walkers and runners who wish to participate in the run, but have a conflict and are unable to travel to Coos Bay on race day, participating virtually is an option again this year. The entry fee for the virtual run is \$50 and includes the race shirt, race bib and participation medal. Virtual registration closes on Sept. 4 and is restricted to people with mailing addresses inside the United States. Also for the second year in a row, the Prefontaine Memorial Run will pay prize money to the top three male and female finishers in

the 10K race. First place receives \$500, second place gets \$300 and third place receives \$200. Area residents are encouraged to participate in the race by coming out to the course and encouraging the runners on race day. Residents should be aware the entire race route will be closed to vehicle traffic from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 11:15. The course includes Anderson Avenue from Broadway to Seventh Street, Central Avenue from Dairy Queen to Ocean Boulevard, Ocean Boulevard to Shore Pines Mobile Home Park, 10th Street from Central to Elrod Avenue and Ninth Street from Elrod to Pete Susick Stadium.

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Photo Spotlight

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Lincoln PUD will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 2129 N. Coast Hwy. Newport, Oregon. In addition to regular business, an Executive Session will be held in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(e), (f) and (h) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by governing body to negotiate real property transitions, to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. To review the meeting agenda, please go to clpud.org. Customers interested in attending the meeting virtually can email info@clpud.org to make a request. 8/11/2026 World 429645

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BUNKER HILL SANITARY DISTRICT - regular monthly meeting - Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the office of Dyer Partnership Engineers & Planners, 1330 Teakwood, Coos Bay, Oregon. 8/11/2026 World 429663

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: Mr. Richard David Hopkins, Decedent. Case No.: 26PB01485 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at 477 Bennett Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 97420, (mailing: PO Box 119, Coos Bay, Oregon, 97420) within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Stebbins & Company, LLC, 477 Bennett Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Dated and first published August 4, 2026. Dana Hopkins Personal Representative 8/4, 8/11, & 8/18/2026 World 429448

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PATRICIA REIFERS, as personal representative of the estate of NINA B. SAUER, Plaintiff, v. The Unknown Heirs and/or Devises of SAM BALLING, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, lien or interest in the property described in the amended petition herein. IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and answer the Petition filed against you in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30) days from date of first publication of this Summons, which was August 11, 2026. If you fail to so answer, for want thereof, the Petitioner(s) will apply to the Court for the

relief demanded therein. In the present matter Petitioner seeks a judgment quitting title in Petitioner's name to real property with legal description of: Lots Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17) and Eighteen (18), Block Seventy-seven (77), Western Addition to North Bend, Coos County, Oregon, according to the map and plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County clerk of Coos County, Oregon, (See Coos County Recorder vol 213, page 537, recorded November 7, 1951). NOTICE TO DEFENDANT(S): READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the Court a legal document called a "Motion" or "Answer." The "Motion" or "Answer" or "Reply must be given to the Court Clerk or Administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney or, if the Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the Plaintiff. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help finding an attorney, you may [call] contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service [at] online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll-free in elsewhere in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. Dated and first published on August 11, 2026. NATHAN B. MCCLINTOCK, OSB #841520 Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 1178; Coos Bay, OR 97420 Telephone: (541) 269-1123; Fax: (541) 269-1126; Email: nmclintock@puerto.com 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/1/2026 World 429669

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of LOYS PHILLIP PARRISH, Deceased. No. 26PB02466 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that ANNETTE J. TRINIDAD has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at 2647 SE Lake Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222 within four months after the date of first publication of the notice as stated below or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published August 11, 2026 ANNETTE J. TRINIDAD Personal Representative Annalise Oetken, OSB #151341 Hannah Brenner, OSB #254932 Oetken Law Attorneys for Personal Representative 2647 SE Lake Rd Milwaukie, OR 97222 Office: 503-659-4440 Fax: 503-659-8399 Emails: Annalise@oetkenlaw.com Hannah@oetkenlaw.com 8/11/2026 World 429662

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DIVISION In the Matter of the Estate of FAITH SCARLET ROSE ANDERSEN, Deceased. CASE NO. 26PB03554 INFORMATION TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached to the undersigned personal representative at 612 Hermann St, Myrtle Point, OR 97458, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Willow Hillman. Dated and first published on July 28, 2026. /s/ Donna Andersen Personal Representative PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Donna Andersen 612 Hermann St. Myrtle Point, OR 97458 LAWYER FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Willow Hillman (153514) Law Office of Willow Hillman, LLC 44 West Broadway, Suite 222 Eugene, OR 97401 (541) 735-3678 willowhillmanlaw.com 7/28, 8/4, & 8/11/2026 World 429227

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LEGAL NOTICE — NOTICE OF MANUFACTURED HOME ABANDONMENT Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 90.675 and/or ORS 446.626, and OAR 918-550-0200, that the manufactured dwelling described below appears to have been abandoned: Property Address: 1013 Scott Terrace, Reedsport, OR 97467 Home Description: 1977 Bendix Kozy, Serial/HUD No. SB1068A ORE 024691 / SB1068B ORE 024690 The home has been vacant and unoccupied since approximately September 4, 2025, with utilities disconnected or showing no usage since December 2025. Written notice was mailed via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, on July 10, 2026, to the following interested parties: Title Owners: Robert Leslie Cline and Paula Marie Rondeau Cline, last known address 3520 Ridgeway Dr, Reedsport, OR 97467 Lien Holder: Ramona Jane Rich, last known address 3520 Ridgeway Dr, Reedsport, OR 97467 Any person claiming a legal or ownership interest in this manufactured dwelling, including the above-named title owners and lien holder, must respond in writing on or before August 9, 2026 (30 days from the date of mailing) to: Jacqueline Stanley 1013 Scott Terrace Reedsport, OR 97467 Phone: (541) 214-4540 Email: raggedyanne111@gmail.com A response must include either (a) arrangements to remove or reclaim the home, and/or (b) payment of any outstanding amounts owed, if applicable. If no response is received by the deadline above, the undersigned intends to: file an abandonment affidavit with the Douglas County Clerk pursuant to ORS 90.675 or ORS 446.626; apply to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles for a new title to the manufactured home (DMV Form 6890), extinguishing the above parties' ownership interest and any liens of record; and dispose of, sell, or otherwise deal with the home and any remaining personal property as permitted by Oregon law. 8/4 & 8/11/2026 World 429429

Public Notice Regarding the estate of Beverly K. Hester, deceased. Kristy Lynn Harvey is the legal representative for her estate. Any and All claims must be submitted to Kristy Lynn Harvey at 2689 Everett Ave, North Bend, OR 97459. All persons having claims must present them, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, 8/4/2026 to the personal representative, Kristy L Harvey, at 2689 Everett Ave, North Bend or they may be barred. The first notice was published on Tuesday 8/4/2026 in The World Newspaper in Coos County. Any and all persons who rights may be affected by this notice can obtain additional information from the person representative, Kristy L. Harvey, at 2689 Everett, North Bend Oregon 97459. 8/4, 8/11, & 8/18/2026 World 429607

Public Notice Regarding the Transfer on Death Deed for property owned by Beverly K. Hester, deceased. Legal description of the property: Lots 9 through 12, inclusive, Block 4, Woodlawn Addition to the City of North Bend, Oregon. Death Certificate for Beverly Kay Hester was filed with Coos County on 7/30/2026 transferring ownership to Corinna Kay Nixon and Kristy Lynn Harvey as joint tenants. Kristy Lynn Harvey is the legal representative for the estate of Beverly Kay Hester. Any and All claims must be submitted to Kristy Lynn Harvey at 2689 Everett Ave, North Bend, OR 97459. All persons having claims must present them, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, 8/4/2026 to the personal representative, Kristy L Harvey, at 2689 Everett Ave, North Bend or they may be barred. The first notice was published on Tuesday 8/4/2026 in The World Newspaper in Coos County. Any and all persons who rights may be affected by this notice can obtain additional information from the person representative, Kristy L. Harvey, at 2689 Everett, North Bend Oregon 97459. 8/4, 8/11, & 8/18/2026 World 429608

PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 8/24/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by CAMP BLANCO RV PARK 2011 OREGON ST, PORT ORFORD, OR 2005 CHEV SLV PK VIN= 1GCH-

K23U15F939511 Amount due on lien \$2758.28 Reputed owner(s) > DURAND KEITH DEMLOW 8/11 & 8/18/2026 World 429687

PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87 Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 8/24/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by RE-TELL HISTORY LLC 703 PARK AVE LAKESIDE, OR 1990 HD MC VIN = ECLE253672 Amount due on lien \$2804.00 Reputed owner(s) UTL-OR-ADD 8/11 & 8/18/2026 World 429686

State of Oregon County of Coos Court Case# 26CV05205 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (Real Property) On AUGUST 31ST, 2026, at the hour of 10:00am, at the main entrance of the Coos County Sheriff Office, 250 N. Baxter; Coquille, Oregon 97423, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Coos County Sheriff's Office, subject to redemption, all of the right, title, claim and/or interest in the following described real property: Lots 4 and 5, Block 39, FIRST ADDITION TO EMPIRE, Coos County, Oregon. APN #: 1890200 The property is commonly known as: 961 Salmon Ave, Coos Bay, OR 97420 Said sale is made pursuant to a Writ of EXECUTION (SPECIFIC REAL PROPERTY) dated JUNE 5TH, 2026, issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Coos where COLUMBIA BANK FKA UMPQUA BANK; is plaintiff, and DOE 1 and DOE 2, being the occupants of or parties in possession or claiming any right to possession of the Real Property commonly known as 961 Salmon Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420; DOE 3 and DOE 4, being the unknown heirs and devisees of Nancy L. Herzog-Bottom, and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, lien, or interest in the property described in the Complaint herein; SPIRIT HERZOG-BOTTOM; FOREST J. LAMBERT; JENNIFER L. LAMBERT; WESTERN MERCANTILE AGENCY, INC.; STATE OF OREGON, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ESTATE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION; OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY; and STATE OF OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SENIOR AND DISABLED SERVICES DIVISION is defendant. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS, READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY Before bidding at the sale, a prospective bidder should independently investigate: (a) The priority of the lien or interest of the judgment creditor; (b) Land use laws and regulations applicable to the property; (c) Approved uses for the property; (d) Limits on farming or forest practices on the property; (e) Rights of neighboring property owners; and (f) Environmental laws and regulations that affect the property. NOTICE TO DEBTOR, READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY: You should be careful about offers to sell rights to surplus funds. You may have a right to surplus funds remaining after payment of costs and satisfaction of the judgment, as provided in ORS 18.950(4). If you transfer or sell your right to redemption, you might not have the right to surplus funds. Conditions of Sale: All potential bidders are subject to inspection of funds prior to or during participation in the auction to qualify as a bidder. Individuals without proof of sufficient funds, or that have not qualified before the start of the auction; will not be allowed to participate. Only U.S. currency and/or cashier's checks made payable to Coos County Sheriff Office will be accepted. Payment must be made in full immediately upon conclusion of the sale. Only the judgment creditor who obtained the writ may credit bid up to the Writ amount plus allowable costs. The judgment creditor must have cash in hand for any difference above the amount of the Writ and allowable costs. Interested parties can obtain additional information about this sale at: <http://oregonsheriffs-sales.org/> Dated: 7/20/26 Gabe Fabrizio, Sheriff Coos County, Oregon By Cindy Cade, Civil Clerk 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, & 8/18/2026 World 429222

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE File No. 25-00951OR Reference is made to that certain deed of trust made by Misty Rider and Joshua Atchison, as grantor, to Ticor Title Company of Oregon, as trustee, in favor of Mortgage

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Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as designated nominee for Summit Funding, Inc., beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, as beneficiary, dated February 3, 2021, recorded February 5, 2021, in the records of Coos County, Oregon, under instrument No. 2021-01442, and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to Freedom Mortgage Corporation, covering the following described real property situated in the above-men-tioned county and state: A parcel of land located in the S 1/2 of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 12 West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon and being described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 12 West of the Willamette Meridian; thence Westerly along the East lemdash West centerline of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 440 feet; thence North 205 feet; thence East 200 feet; thence South 15 feet; thence East to the East line of said Section; thence Southerly along said East line to the point of beginning. ALSO: A parcel of land located in the S 1/2 of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 12 West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon and being a portion of that property described in deed # 70-5-48296, Coos County Record of Deeds: Beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 18, said point being 190 feet Northerly from the Northeast corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 18; thence West 140 feet; thence North 20 feet; thence East 140 feet; thence Southerly along the East line of said Section, 20 feet to the point of beginning. ALSO: A parcel of land lying in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 12 West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon and being a portion of that parcel described in Volume 268, Page 624, Coos County Record of Deeds, said portion being described as follows: The North 140 feet of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 12 West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon. ALSO: That property acquired by Property Line Adjustment Deed recorded December 22, 2004 in Microfilm No. 2004-18286 and as Corrected by Correction Deed recorded April 21, 2005 in Microfilm No. 2005-5687, Records of Coos County, Oregon described as follows: Beginning at a 5/8" rebar from which the Southeast corner of the S 1/2 of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 29 South, Range 12	West of the Willamette Meridian, Coos County, Oregon, bears South 0° 12' 17" West a distance of 210.00 feet; thence North 0° 12' 17" East a distance of 45.24 feet to a point; thence South 86° 07' 29" West a distance of 2.59 feet to a 3/4" iron pipe; thence continuing South 86° 07' 29" West following an existing fence a distance of 166.69 feet to a 5/8" rebar in a fence corner; thence South 0° 00' 13" West following the existing fence a distance of 53.80 feet to a 5/8" rebar; thence continuing South 0° 00' 13" West and leaving said fence a distance of 2.62 feet to a point; thence North 84° 47' 08" East a distance of 28.77 feet to a point; thence North 0° 00' 00" West a distance of 20.00 feet to a point; thence East a distance of 140.07 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. APN: 1154101 Commonly known as: 94283 Pond Lane, Myrtle Point, OR 97458 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above-described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee 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. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$32,700.90 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$350,630.22 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to- wit: 1. The installments of principal and interest which became due on May 1, 2025,	and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents. Whereof, notice hereby is given that Affinia Default Services, LLC, the undersigned trustee will on November 17, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 AM (PST), as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Inside the main lobby of the Coos County Courthouse, 250 N Baxter St, Coquille, OR 97423, County of Coos, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in 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 and 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. For Sale Information, contact Xome at (800) 758-8052 or www.xome.com. In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by Affinia Default Services, LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10	days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. 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. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Affinia Default Services, LLC may be deemed to be a debt collector and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. File No.: 25-00951OR Dated: 06/26/2026 Affinia Default Services, LLC By: /s/ Phally Eng Name: Phally Eng Title: Foreclosure Processor Trustee's Mailing Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 16000 Christensen Rd., Suite 310 Tukwila, WA 98188 Phone Number: (503) 836-3799 Trustee's Physical Address: Affinia Default Services, LLC 10151 SE Sunnyside Road, Suite 490 Clackamas, OR	97015 Email: inquiries@affiniadefault.com NPP0490894 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, & 8/25/2026 World 429300 TS No. OR07000044-26-1 APN 6526900 25S1327-AA-07100 TO No 260096142-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, KAYLEE JO DARLENE SINGER as Grantor to TIICOR TITLE as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for FINANCE OF AMERICA MORTGAGE LLC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of July 28, 2021 and recorded on July 30, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021-08638 and the beneficial interest was assigned to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC and recorded December 5, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-08288 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Coos County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 6526900 25S1327-AA-07100 LOT 4, BLOCK 2, TOWN OF FERNDALe, COOS COUNTY, OREGON. EXCEPT THE EAST 25 FEET, HERETOFORE CONVEYED IN THAT CERTAIN DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 286, PAGE 367, DEED RECORDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON Commonly known as: 1356 N 8TH ST, COOS BAY, OR 97420 Both the Beneficiary, Lakeview Loan Servicing, 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): 11 Monthly Payment(s) from 08/01/2025 to 06/15/2026 at \$1,572.17 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$615.02 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 \$230,701.85 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.25000% per annum from July 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 October 28, 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: 06/04/2026 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 NPP0490195 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, & 8/18/2026 World 429157

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SKYNET From Page 2 enforcement as well. Technology exists which allows AI to access body camera footage and write a report based upon that footage. To put this into perspective, when I started my career in the military, we were still writing reports using paper and pen.	Drones are a huge tool in use in law enforce-ment now. In conjunction with K9 teams, drones are used to apprehend suspects, look for folks during Search and Rescue operations, and accurately map crash and crime scenes. All of this technology truly does make me wonder what the future will bring. However, with all this technology, the human el-	ement remains important. Machines cannot express feelings...yet. They cannot show compas-sion; they cannot listen to a story and express a true understanding based upon personal experience. They cannot exercise discretion outside of an algorithm, which would be akin to a slot machine hitting the jackpot. While humans are and will remain beings who are	imperfect, that need is there for a person to carry out effective policing, at least in my opinion. New toys are emerging all the time, but it comes at a price. Here at the Coos County Sheriff’s Office, we tend to look for relevant and afford-able technologies. Most of the new shiny stuff we get, we obtain on a grant, through fundraising, or through service contracts.
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HISTORY From Page 2 in child-related accidents. Yes, some children were injured or killed. But no more than before. Re-searchers have been unable to document the often-repeated claim that “many children were hurt” by the switch to DST.In the end, the whisper campaign’s unfounded claims, cou-	pled with mom and dad growling about waking up in the dark, swung public opinion against the change. By February 1974, only 40 percent favored permanent DST, a nearly 40 percent drop in just six weeks. The experiment died a quick and quiet death. Congress pulled the plug on it, and the country returned to standard time as usual that	Oct. 27. As for the Energy Crisis itself, it remained one of the great national boogeymen for the rest of the decade. No one can say precisely when it ended; it just sort of faded into the sunset sometime during the Reagan administration and was never heard from again.As if more proof that history repeats itself was needed, opponents of	the current push to make DST permanent are again putting forth the exact same “children will be endangered in the dark” argument heard a half cen-tury earlier. You can’t help wondering whether history would repeat even more should DST proponents wake up one cold, wintry morning soon and discov-er, just as their grandpar-	ents before them did, that getting up when it’s still dark outside really sucks. to place on kids’ coats as a safety precaution. Soon, people all around the country were whis-pering to one another, “Have you heard about all the kids killed walking to school in the dark?”Ex-cept, there weren’t. That is, there wasn’t a noticeable in	<i>ABOUT THE WRITER</i> <i>J. Mark Powell is a former television journalist. His nonfiction book “Witnes to War: The Story of the Civil War Told by Those Living Through It” is available at jmarkpow-ell.com. He wrote this for InsideSources.com.</i>
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BLOTTER From Page 3 warrant service. • 10:41 am, Johnson St, dispute. • 12:26 pm, Meade Ave, disturbance. • 5:07 pm, Newmark St, juvenile problem. • 8:18 pm, Mcpherson, warrant service. • 8:51 pm, Harbor Ave,	• dispute. • 9:10 pm, Johnson St, dispute, neighbor. • 10:04 pm, Harbor Ave, threats. • 10:10 pm, Newmark St, disorderly conduct. • 11:58 pm, Tremont Ave, theft. • • August 4 • 1:06 am, Tremont Ave, criminal trespass.	• 5:30 am, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass. • 1:59 pm, Sherman Ave, arrest. • 3:41 pm, Oak and Maple, indecent exposure. • 8:36 pm, Sherman Ave, criminal trespass. • 10:06 pm, Connecticut Ave, criminal trespass. • • August 5 • 12:21 am, Tremont	• Ave, dispute. • 12:32 am, Pine St, arrest. • 6:51 am, Virginia Ave, disorderly conduct. • 9:38 am, Cedar Ct, criminal trespass. • 11:06 am, Union Ave, criminal trespass. • 11:11 am, Marion Ave, warrant service. • 2:22 pm, Sherman Ave, disorderly conduct.	• 3:00 pm, California Ave, warrant service. • 3:54 pm, Virginia Ave, non-injury accident. • 3:59 pm, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass. • 4:27 pm, Inland Dr, hit and run. • 7:39 pm, Virginia Ave, criminal trespass. • 8:10 pm, Virginia and Sheridan, disorderly conduct.	• 9:21 pm, Sherman Ave, dispute. • 9:36 pm, Sheridan Ave, dispute. • 11:10 pm, Lombard St, dispute. • 11:22 pm, Tremont Ave, non-injury acci-dent. • • August 6 • 1:29 am, Madrona Ct, dispute.
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State agency issues well advisory

STAFF REPORT
Country Media

Residents experiencing dry wells during this summer’s drought – or anytime – are encouraged to report issues via the website owrd.info/drywell.

Dry well reports help the state track ongoing and emerging shifts in groundwater supplies, and impacts on people who rely on groundwater. Residents who provide reports contribute to a greater understanding of conditions specific to their area.

The Oregon Water Resources Department maintains the state’s Dry Well website, including an interactive map where reports can be tracked by county and basin, along with high-lighting hotspots with higher numbers of reports.

The website also includes valuable information for well

owners, such as maintenance tips, how to find licensed and qualified personnel to service their well, and links to poten-tial financial assistance.

“As Oregon continues to face constrained water supplies, understanding groundwater trends across the state becomes even more important,” said Ivan Gall, Director of the Ore-gon Water Resources Department.

Dry well reporting is required as part of qualifying for financial assistance through OWRD’s Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund (WARRF), except for wells damaged by fire. WARRF provides grants to low- to moder-ate-income homeowners or members of a Federally recog-nized Tribe to help with the cost of repairing or abandoning and replacing a dry well or a well damaged by wildfire.

The well must no longer provide enough water for es-sential in-home uses like drinking, cooking or bathing, and

the applicant must live at the property full-time. A major-ity of program funding is dedicated to applications from drought-declared counties or for wells impacted by wildfire. Find more information and apply at owrd.info/warrf.

With bipartisan support, the Oregon Legislature’s Emer-gency Board recently allocated \$1 million in additional state dollars to WARRF to ensure families continue to have access to water in their homes.

About the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD): The Oregon Water Resources Department works to assure sufficient and sustainable water supplies are available to meet current and future needs. The agency administers laws governing management and distribution of Oregon’s surface and groundwater resources.

For more information, visit oregon.gov/owrd.

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ups and downs of a long season,” he said. “Every athlete improved in some

way, whether through a personal record, stronger technique, increased con-fidence or learning how to compete at a championship level.

“I am incredibly proud of Logan, Cooper, Paige,

Kaiicen, Titus, Cohen, Roy and Orion for trusting me and Coastal Takeoff during our first season. They helped establish the culture, identity and expec-tations of this club.”

Vinyard said he wants

the club’s success to be measured by more than awards the athletes might earn.

“We want our athletes to develop discipline, humil-ity, perseverance, confi-dence and respect while

discovering what they are capable of accomplishing through consistent effort,” he said.

Vinyard looks forward to next summer and future years for the new program.

“I am excited to con-

tinue developing the club and creating opportunities for serious local athletes to receive focused coaching and compete at the highest levels available to them,” he said.

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Board reviewed the study, together with manage-ment’s financial analysis and recommendations, before approving the pro-posed rate adjustment.

The new rates will take effect on September 1, 2026. CCEC estimated that a typical residential

member using 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month can expect their monthly bill to increase by approximately \$15.17, from \$140.29 to \$155.46. Actual bill impacts will vary based on a member’s rate schedule and electric-ity use.

“We recognize that any increase in electric costs affects our members, and approving a rate adjust-ment is never a decision

we take lightly,” said Brent Bischoff, Gener-al Manager and CEO.

“The Board carefully review management’s recommendation, current financial projections and the results of the cost-of-service analysis before approving the adjustment. Our responsibility is to set rates that reflect the actual cost of providing electric service while maintaining the financial

strength of the coopera-tive for the benefit of our members.”

Before the new rates take effect, CCEC said it will provide updated rate schedules, bill impact examples, frequently asked questions and resources at ccec.coop to help members understand the adjustment and their monthly electric bill.

“Our goal is to make sure every member un-

derstands what changed, why it changed and how it affects their individual bill,” said Keith Buch-halter, Marketing and Member Services Man-ager. “Whether a member has questions about the adjustment or wants to better understand their energy use, our team is available to provide personalized bill reviews and practical tools to help them make informed

decisions.”

CCEC has encouraged members who would like to review how the adjustment will affect their account to contact Member Services at 541-332-3931 or schedule a 15-minute bill review on-line. A Member Services representative will call at the scheduled time to answer questions and dis-cuss how the adjustment affects their account.

PROPOSE
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retary of State’s Office announced the petitioners had less than 75% of the valid signatures needed from Oregon voters to make it onto the November ballot.

“We would still be able

to use the ballot initiative process to advocate for a world in which animals in Oregon are protected from being killed,” he said.

It was the third election cycle that animal rights advocates have introduced a version of the initiative, and the closest they’ve come to making the ballot. It faced widespread op-

position from Democratic and Republican political leaders, the farming, ranch-ing and fishing industries and Oregon’s federally recognized tribes, whose treaty-protected rights to hunt and fish in their traditional land would not have been exempted from the ban.

Drazan and Starr repeat-

edly talked about hunting and fishing protections as a bipartisan issue and said they expect the amendment to pass handily through the Legislature. Drazan said she invited Democratic state lawmakers from the Clackamas County area to the event but they did not respond.

“I think that that is not a big deal because the reality is all of them opposed IP 28. Nobody supported it, and the chief petitioner said: ‘We’re going to do this again and again and again,’ and so I think that

we will continue to estab-lish alignment,” she said.

Her Republican col-leagues, as well as the president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, Angi Bailey, and several farming and fishing industry representa-tives also used the event as an opportunity to stump for Drazan.

“With Governor Dra-zan’s leadership and both parties working together, we can send this constitu-tional amendment to the voter,” Starr said.

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BAH
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and Brock Smith, along-side Representative Court Boice, would work the red side of the aisle, and Nosse would work the blue to amass the votes needed for the bill to pass. That effort saw all 25 of the Republi-cans and 18 of the Demo-crats in the house to vote the bill into action.

“This funding is more than just dollars,” said

Wright. “It is about access to care. It’s about fami-lies that need emergency services close to home. It’s about our seniors, our workers, our parents, our children, and neighbors who deserve a stable hospi-tal serving the community they love.”

“While today is a celebration, it is also a re-minder of the work ahead. Rural hospitals across this state face real challenges. Stabilizing funding and meeting community needs

will require a collective effort from all hospitals, public servants, local leaders, and communities willing to work together. But we can do this. There are always people out there saying that you can do this. All you have to do is do it, it’s just that simple. You keep doing it until they say ‘yes’.”

This time last year, the hospital was exploring a private equity buy-out as the finances at BAH were dire. While they are not out of the woods entirely, the new board of directors have instituted a financial turnaround plan that has been successful so far. Though that work would have been for naught if the looming financial cliff remained.

“It came down to the last couple seconds, in fact I think we were the second to last bill of the session, and we got just the number of votes that we needed,” said BAH CEO Gretchen Nichols. “The [legislators] all understood what it takes to run a hospital, and they learned so much about us, about our region and ev-erything we’re trying to do down here, and you don’t see that.”

“Boomer Wright was our first champion, he said ‘I’ll take that bill. I will carry that for you guys’ ... It was a very dynamic process, one that I don’t really want to do again. It means the world to us, and it means that we have hope into the future. When the employ-ees in this hospital heard that we got a positive vote, they were crying. They were so happy that we were able to be successful, and this is the piece we couldn’t have done without you three [legislators].”

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CFTC must rein in wildfire bets on prediction markets

From the Office of Senator Jeff Merkley

Oregon’s U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley led U.S. Senators Alex Padilla (D-CA), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Adam Schiff (D-CA), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Ron Wyden (D-OR), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) to press the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) on its plans to crack down on prediction markets now offering event contracts for individuals to bet on wildfires.

As wildfires burn in Oregon and across the nation, the Senators are demand-



Jeff Merkley

ing action from the CFTC following public reporting that highlighted the public safety and insider trading concerns of allowing prediction market platforms to offer bets on natural disasters such as wildfires.

“Offering bets on destructive wildfires



Ron Wyden

threatens to minimize communities’ suffering all so the rich and powerful can profit,” the Senators wrote in a letter to CFTC Chair Michael Selig.

“There’s also the heightened risk—according to state and local fire

officials—that individuals could be tempted to commit arson in order to make sure their bets are successful. By offering contracts on fires, prediction market sites run the risk of encouraging people to influence fires that have already started, creating additional concerns around public safety and insider trading.”

The Senators pressed the CFTC to swiftly tackle unrestricted betting on wildfires and put in place common-sense guardrails to prevent gamblers from making a profit as wildfires threaten communities nationwide.

Merkley has long sounded the alarm over

the dangers that prediction markets pose to our democracy. Previously, he urged the CFTC to tackle insider trading and betting on elections, war, and government actions.

He also wrote the STOP Corrupt Bets Act to ban betting through prediction markets on issues that are against the public interest and have no economic value, such as elections, government actions, sports, and military actions. Merkley introduced the End Prediction Market Corruption Act to prevent the President, Vice President, Members of Congress, and other public officials from trading event contracts, curbing the potential for

insider trading and conflicts of interest.

The legislators opened their letter to Selig: “We write to express concern regarding the disturbing news that prediction markets are now offering event contracts for individuals to bet on wildfires. Prediction markets have been enabled to expand rapidly, increasingly inviting speculation on war, political violence, disasters, and public emergencies that raise ethical and public policy concerns. These markets risk creating perverse incentives, undermining public trust and commodifying human suffering in ways that warrant careful scrutiny.”

Political Cartoon



Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Americanisms

“People who love to eat are always the best people.”

— Julia Child

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The Garden Bug

Planting in early fall

When the earth is still warm but the air is getting cooler, leafy greens (such as spinach, kale, lettuce and arugula) and root vegetables (like carrots, radishes and beets) thrive. Later on, when the temperatures drop below freezing, the greens will have a noticeably sweeter taste, and the root crops will improve in flavor and tenderness. Early-fall planting of trees, shrubs and other perennials helps their roots anchor firmly, access nutrients, and prepare for winter dormancy. — 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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State/Regional News

Fishing vessel joins trained team to free injured humpback whale off Oregon Coast

For the WORLD

An Oregon team joined by experts from Washington and a local fisherman freed a severely entangled humpback whale about 20 miles off the Oregon Coast on July 26. While the team removed all of the gear from the whale, the entanglement left the young whale’s jaw permanently open, leaving it unable to feed and unlikely to survive.

Oregon State University research assistant Craig Hayslip spotted the whale from a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter surveying the coast for whales and fishing gear three days earlier. He reported the whale anchored by heavy fishing gear to NOAA’s West Coast Entanglement Hotline, which activates trained responders across the region.

Responders asked local fisherman Poggy Lapham to join the effort and help lift the gear with the hydraulic winch on his boat, F/V Michele Ann. That gave responders access to free the whale from the gear. An online photo catalog identified the whale as a young humpback previously sighted in British Columbia in 2024.

The fishing vessel recovered a tangle of more than 3,000 feet of line, five sablefish pots, and individual commercial Dungeness crab traps from Oregon and Washington. Responders and the fishermen worked together to analyze the gear and evaluate the entanglement. The condition of the gear indicated that it could be derelict or lost gear. NOAA Fisheries is following up with gear owners for more details.

Lapham said the entanglement should be a

wake-up call for the fishing industry to ask, “How can we better incentivize gear retrieval and tracking of lost gear to reduce this risk?”

“This is truly a heart-breaker because of the whale’s injuries, but we will learn so much from this case that can help us prevent future entanglements,” said Lauren Saez, who helped coordinate the response for NOAA Fisheries’ West Coast Region. “We disentangled the whale safely, got all the gear back, and had great collaboration with the fishing industry. Additionally, we got whale DNA samples from the gear to help identify which population it belongs to. All this information is crucial to understand what happened and what we can do to help prevent future entanglements.”

The team from Oregon State University’s Marine Mammal Institute and Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport had recently trained with entanglement experts from Cascadia Research Collective in Olympia, Washington, who also joined the response, said Jim Burke, Director of Animal Care at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, who was part of the team. The group readied their boats and gear for just such an incident. A recent grant from the Oregon Wildlife Foundation funded key safety, documentation, and response tools.

NOAA Fisheries has supported training to expand the capacity of the West Coast Large Whale Entanglement Response Program to respond more quickly to large whale entanglements that have increased over the last decade. Threatened and endangered humpback



The crew of the Michele Ann hauled up a dense tangle of lines and fishing gear that anchored the humpback whale to the sea floor about 400 feet below. The gear included commercial sablefish and crab traps and more than 3,000 feet of line from different fisheries. Photo collected in partnership with Oregon Coast Aquarium, Oregon State University Marine Mammal Institute and Cascadia Research Collective.

whales that feed off the West Coast in summer are the most affected species, with more than 30 humpbacks confirmed entangled last year.

Only trained and authorized teams should attempt to free entangled whales.

In 2025, NOAA Fisheries’ West Coast Region convened a West Coast Take Reduction Team of commercial fishermen, Tribal representatives, scientists, fishery managers, and conservation groups to recommend measures to reduce humpback whale entanglements in sablefish pot gear. Agency officials notified members that the group will meet to review the recent entanglement as well as a humpback whale found dead off Oregon July 7 after getting entangled in sablefish gear.

Responders reached the entangled humpback whale

exactly where the helicopter team had spotted it the day before shortly after 7 a.m. on July 24. They submerged a GoPro camera at the end of a pole to record video of a line through the whale’s mouth that stretched tightly into the depths and out of sight.

The whale’s jaw was “wide open beyond anything you would expect to see,” said Jim Rice, who manages the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network for Oregon State University and was on the team. “We could tell by the angle it was not natural.”

Doug Sandilands and Jenn Tackaberry, entanglement experts from Cascadia Research Collective, led the response. The line entangling the whale stretched so deep and tight the team could not reach it with cutting tools even after the U.S. Coast Guard

brought a smaller inflatable boat they used to get closer to the whale. They could not budge the gear on the sea floor about 400 feet below.

“We realized if a whale couldn’t move it, then we humans weren’t going to move it, either,” said Hayslip, who was also on the team. They returned to Newport to plan another attempt. Rough weather kept them ashore the next day, but the team returned to the whale on July 26.

Responders directed the crew of the Michele Ann as they winched in a line drifting behind the whale that also descended to the gear on the bottom. That lifted the gear enough for a team in a smaller boat to cut the line to the whale, which later swam free.

The crew continued to reel in line and gear, with Lapham and the crew sep-

arating the tangled lines, sablefish and crab traps, and smaller gear from other fisheries. Lapham said the sablefish gear could not have been legally set in such shallow waters and may have been inadvertently pulled into the area by passing vessels.

Lapham is a member of the Take Reduction Team working to reduce entanglements in the fishery. While crab traps must carry tags officials can use to identify the owner, sablefish traps are not required to carry tags, he said. That makes it more difficult to piece together what happened in whale entanglements like this one. He said after the entanglement that he ordered tags for his own sablefish traps.

Puzzle answers on page 9

Super Crossword

“OH, GO ON!”

ACROSS

1 Classic candy with a white, gooey center

9 “Don’t — step further!”

12 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be

15 What food is in a food fight

19 First-aid plant

20 Cyber-address

21 More lethal

23 Musical ensemble that likes taunting its audiences?

25 Brainstorming question

26 IRS form info

27 War horses

28 Identify the star of “The Godfather”?

30 Taint

31 Peripheral

33 Pistol, in slang

34 Speed of corporate employees?

39 Alexis I, e.g.

41 Move a little

45 Think ahead

46 Whale locale

47 Two-ply cotton twill fabric?

50 Outfielder

52 French for “weapon”

55 — -la-la

56 Sacred vows

57 Horse with color patches on one-fourth of its body?

60 Great delight

63 German conjunction

64 — polloi

65 Like’s initials

66 Yasser of Palestine

67 Popular crafts website

69 Publicity video made by 12th graders?

72 “Chiquitita” pop group

76 Pupils’ places

78 Galloped

79 Daiquiri liquor

81 Lil’ Jon’s music

82 Brief, tight shorts

85 Marx brother with extreme views?

88 Mammal with striped legs

89 — Paulo

91 Apple core bit

92 Olympic prize

93 Beatles drummer participating in a bout?

97 Tell tall tales

99 Big shopping center

100 “— From Muskogee”

101 “Puffball” director

103 Nicolas

102 Stringed instrument played by people in jail?

106 Water, in Vichy

107 — salts (bath supply)

109 Pewter metal

110 Moola earned by singer Jones?

115 Adds to a film, as music

118 Response to “Are you?”

121 Boa of South America

122 Small dance club?

125 Some chewy candies

126 RV hookup org.

127 Countertenor

128 Linear, briefly

129 Colorant

130 Many an heir

131 Most strict

DOWN

1 Antislip items

2 Bar brews

3 Bank offering

4 The, in Caen

5 Egg capsule

6 Middles, in London

7 Compulsion

8 Speed

9 Gets clogged with icky stuff

10 Celestial ball

11 Without help

12 Certain Dutch cheese

13 Dakar’s land

14 Uncover

15 “Paper Lion” star Alan

16 Outward appearance

17 Honey wine

18 Roughly

22 Inside dope

24 Former Laker

29 Pianist

30 Small-time

32 Beatriz

34 Not reflecting light

35 Display boldly

36 Units of capacitance

37 Most weepy

38 Sheriff Wyatt

40 Fast-food pizza chain

41 California mountain

42 A Jackson 5 brother

43 With a sharp image, briefly

44 Pinkish-red

48 Prefix with laryngology

49 Club in a Barry Manilow hit, for short

51 — degree

53 Longish skirts

54 Prefix with skeleton or spore

58 Lab slide dye

59 On — firma

61 Hobby with call letters

62 Into a state of conflict

66 Golfer Palmer, informally

68 Rebel like Abbie Hoffman or Jerry Rubin

70 Moniker of a loch monster

71 Paw parts

73 Of a wedding woman

74 Lauren of “The Fan”

75 Delphi deity

77 Parade ruiner

80 Roman 1,900

82 Drifting sort

83 “Enough. I get it!”

84 Cabbie’s car

85 Hitler Maris, for short

86 Toon pics

87 Macho sorts

90 Make furious

94 Fine, — wood

95 In the form of a circle

96 Photo —

98 Authorize

103 Dennis of hoops fame

104 “It’s my turn”

105 Remnant of a burned coal

106 Kingdom given to Esau

108 Some skin scars

110 Mexican treat

111 — even keel

112 Filly’s mother

113 Jack fish

114 Simplify

116 Comic thuds

117 “Shool”

118 Oahu, e.g.

119 Deeds

120 Irrelevant

123 Tic-tac-toe victory

124 Swimmer Thorpe

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Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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COMMENTARY

Let us help you preserve your summer bounty!

By JENNY BROWNFIELD
EMILY CHURCH
Coos Bay Public Library

Do you spend all year looking forward to the variety and flavor of summer fruits and vegetables? Store some of the summer’s bounty away for the rainy season by checking out our food preservation tools for free at the Coos Bay Public Library (CBPL).
Beginner and veteran canners alike will find what they need to get started in our Library of Things collection: a special collection of physical objects like tools, kitchen

appliances, and electronics available for check-out at CBPL. If you’re canning low-acid foods such as red meat, poultry, seafood, vegetables, and soups, you can rest easy knowing your preserves are pathogen-free by using our 23-quart pressure canner kit. Learn more by checking out Kenneth Oster’s book ‘The Complete Guide to Preserving Meat, Fish, and Game’ from CBPL’s nonfiction collection!
Whether you’re making sweet jams, savory chutneys, or tangy pickles, a water bath canner is the tool you need to preserve high-acid foods, sauces,

and toppings. Consider our boiling water canner or check out Marisa McClellan’s book ‘Preserving by the Pint’ to learn more about how to make and store flavorful sauces and spreads!
We also have other tools to help you process fruits and vegetables for canning, including our apple peeler, electric juicer, and steam juicer. The steam juicer is perfect for making large batches of juice to turn into syrups, jellies, or canned juice while the electric juicer is great for juicing smaller batches of produce that you plan to drink fresh or add to

smoothies or cocktails. Avoid waste and hand cramps while peeling this year’s apple harvest by using our apple peeler, perfect for making apple sauce or apple butter.
If canning isn’t your jam, consider checking out a food dehydrator. This amazing tool can be used to make delicious, dried fruit chips, fruit leather, yogurt drops, and so much more! Whether you prefer sweet snacks or savory jerky, dried herbs, or tasty treats for Fido, these machines are simple to use with inspiration and ideas aplenty online and in our collection. Check out

Julie Mosier’s book, ‘The Dehydrator Cookbook for Outdoor Adventurers’ or sample one of my personal favorite treats by dehydrating watermelon into a delicacy that tastes like sweet, chewy watermelon candy. Also consider drying citrus slices to make all-natural fall and winter decorations!
But we’re not done yet! The library also has specialty items like a fermentation crock and bread maker, perfect for making sauerkraut or kimchi to can or delicious homemade bread to freeze. If all these ideas sound like too much for your stove,

we also have a portable induction burner to give you some extra surface area to operate the water canner or steam juicer.
Make your dreams of juicy peaches, delicious jellies, or venison jerky a reality with food preservation equipment from CBPL’s Library of Things! This collection is available for free to anyone with a standard Coastline Library Card who signs a Library of Things agreement. We hope you make use of these amazing resources to savor your favorite summer flavors all year long!

Coworking coming to Coos

By LEXIE WOODWARD
Executive Director, South Coast Development Council

Launching this fall, the South Coast Accelerator Coworking Space will provide a shared office environment with flexible workspaces, meeting rooms, high speed internet, and other professional amenities for freelancers, remote workers, entrepreneurs, startups, and small businesses. Membership options will include daily, weekly, monthly, and other flexible plans.
Tonight is a community coworking space co design workshop, open to the public. Attend-

ees will have the opportunity to tour the facility and provide input on the space’s design, amenities, services, membership options, programming, and overall identity. The workshop will be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the future coworking space in the Newmark Building on Southwestern Oregon Community College’s campus, 2110 Newmark Avenue, Suite 204, Coos Bay.
The South Coast Accelerator Coworking Space is made possible through the support of Southwestern Oregon Community College, Oregon Community Foundation, the United States Department of Agriculture, and

eight additional community partners.
Community members who would like to support the project can donate directly to South Coast Development Council or attend the Coos Bay North Bend Rotary Wine Walk on October 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center, 50 Central Avenue. SCDC is this month’s beneficiary, with proceeds supporting the coworking space project. Staff will also have an information table in the lobby.
Those who would like to provide input on the coworking space are encouraged to contact

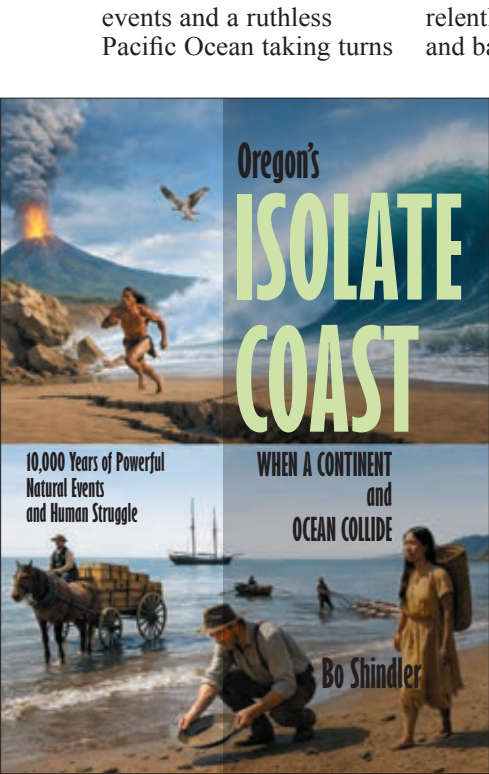
Entrepreneurship Manager Jude Anderson at jude@scdcinc.org. To learn more, visit scdcinc.org/entrepreneurship/sca-coworking-space.
Entrepreneurs, business owners, and startup leaders are also invited to attend Morning Grind Mastermind every fourth Tuesday from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the South Coast Accelerator. This peer driven group offers participants the opportunity to discuss business challenges, receive feedback from fellow entrepreneurs, and celebrate recent successes over coffee and breakfast. Morning Grind Mastermind is made possible through

the support of Business Oregon. To learn more, visit scdcinc.org/about-scdc/events.
Four private offices are currently available in the South Coast Accelerator Business Incubator. The incubator offers subsidized office space along with wraparound business support services, complimentary access to a technology equipped conference room, use of a commercial 3D printer, member discounts, and other resources designed to help businesses grow. To learn more or apply, visit scdcinc.org/entrepreneurship/south-coast-accelerator-sca.

Local author chronicles coastal history in 'Oregon’s ISOLATE COAST' When A Continent and Ocean Collide”

For the World

Local author Bo Shindler recently announced the completion and publishing of their book, which covers a story of powerful natural events and human struggle throughout Oregon’s Isolate Coast. Located in the heart of Curry County’s most rugged terrain, “Oregon’s ISOLATE COAST”, When A Continent and Ocean Collide” chronicles 10,000 years prior to 1910 as cataclysmic

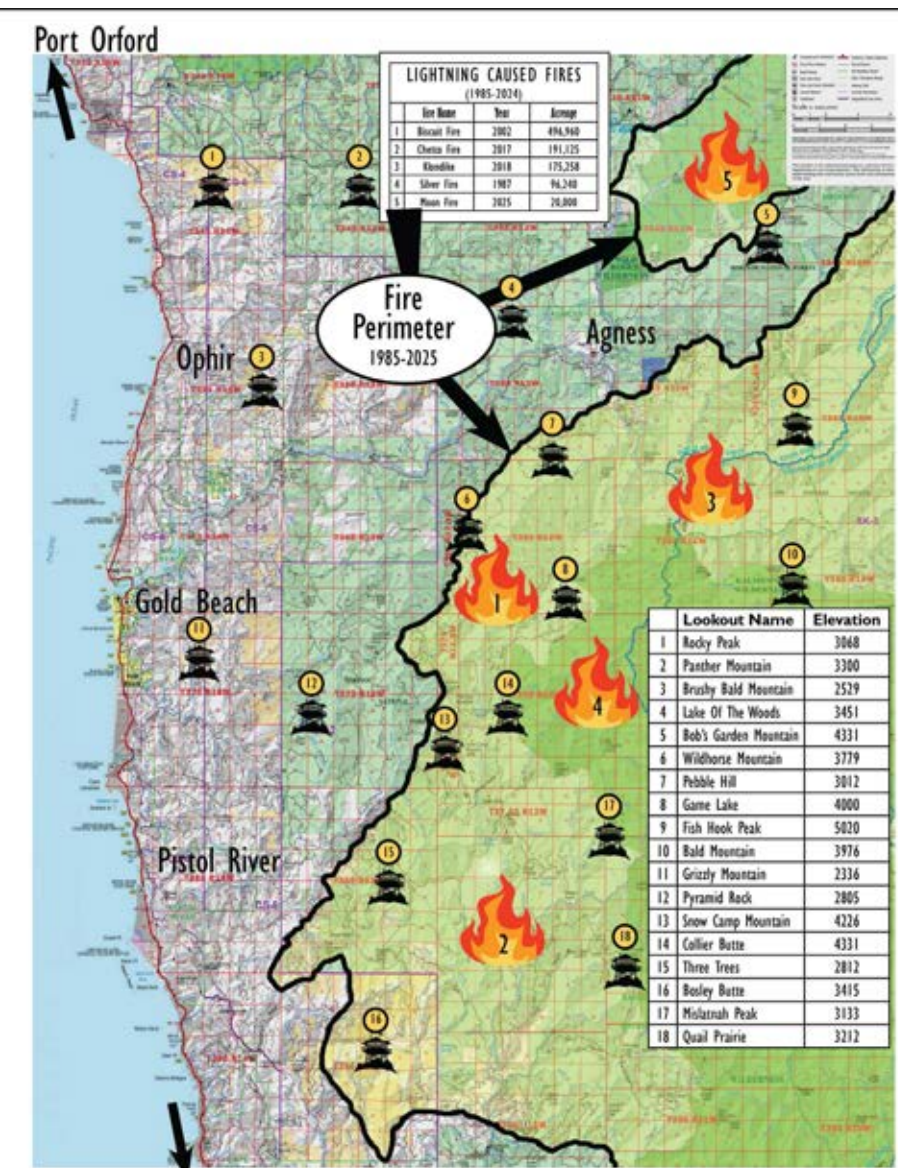


events and a ruthless Pacific Ocean taking turns

relentlessly tilting, tossing, and battering this part of the North American continent for thousands of millennia. If you’re interested in history or knowing more about this special part of the Southern Oregon Coast, this one’s for you.

The 294-page hard bound book is filled with more than 200 illustrations, maps, charts, and images, many that have never been in print or seen before. Shindler’s narrative is a colorful yet straight-forward

account of natural history, early inhabitants, conflicts caused by the advent of European-American expansion, and inevitable changes brought to the area and ushered in during the second half of the 19th century.
This is a first-of-its-kind book, a focused history of a remote part of the Southwestern Oregon coast that has intrigued people for years. The book details Cascadia, streams like Rogue River, Pistol River, Hunter Creek, and Euchre Creek, Native American life including the TUTNI bands of the area, forest fire, salmon fishing and its evolution, Rogue Indian Wars, Euro settlement, gold mining, early tramps and schooners that supplied most of the heavy coastal commerce, a fifty-year pandemic, and early trails/roads.
According to Kerry Tymchuk, Executive Di-



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Upcoming 2026 Performances

AUGUST

7 P.M. Saturday, August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
2 P.M. Sunday, August 9 & August 30

SEPTEMBER

Closing Weekend:

7 P.M. Friday, September 4

7 P.M. Saturday, September 5 (CLOSING NIGHT)

Ticket price: \$10

Can be purchased at the door (subject to availability)

Online ticket + service charge

Tickets can be purchased at:

Sawdusttheatre.com, or call 541-396-4563

OR

River Cities Realty, INC. 135 E. 2nd ST., Coquille 541-396-5516

TIX ON-LINE EVENT LISTING:

Tix - Ticket Sales

<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/tix/4691/>

120 N Adams Street, Coquille, OR 97423

rector of the Oregon Historical Society, "Nobody has researched the 10,000-year history of Oregon's Curry County and shared it in a more fascinating and compelling way than Bo Shindler. In 'Oregon's Isolate Coast,' Shindler is much more than a talented historian--he's also a raconteur, geologist, anthropologist, geneologist, and sociologist. Anyone who opens 'Oregon's Isolate Coast' will find it hard to

put down and will feel an urge to visit this special corner of the world."
Gold Beach, Oregon has been home for Bo since 1971 where he and his wife, Kathy, raised their family. Shindler co-founded a marine closure sales/manufacturing venture in the mid-1970s and enjoyed a more than 40-year professional journey that included extensive travel around the world. His career that started in a small Gold Beach shop on the Oregon coast included recognition by the State of Oregon and US Small Business Administration as an innovative manufacturer and exporter. Shindler has always been interested in factual human stories that detail and describe overcoming obstacles to drive great accomplishments.
His first book, "With

Barely TWO NICKELS To Rub Together", won an award in 2021 as the best non-fiction book of the year for North America. This book, "Oregon's ISOLATE COAST, When a Continent and Ocean Collide", is destined to be a classic.
The new book is initially available at Jerry's Rogue Jets Gift Shop, Gold Beach Books, Old Agness Store, Rogue Outdoor Store, Kris' Fresh Hair, Curry Museum, Chetco Museum, Bandon Museum, Book and Tackle (Port Orford), Books by the Bay (Coos Bay/North Bend), Tsunami Books (Eugene), Oregon Historical Society (Portland), and other outlets. The book can also be purchased on the Rogue Reef Publishing website at www.straight-forwardstories.com.

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The World Weekender

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Community Calendar of Events

Please email worldeditor@CountryMedia.net to submit an event

RECURRING EVENTS

COOS BAY DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
EVERY WEDNESDAY, MAY-OCTOBER – 9 AM-2 PM
CENTRAL AVE, COOS BAY
SHOP FOR THE FRESHEST FRUITS, VEGETABLES, MEATS, AND DAIRY PRODUCTS, PLUS UNIQUE ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM NEARLY 90 VENDORS.

TWEEN CLUB
THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH - 3:00–4:30 PM
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 525 ANDERSON AVE., COOS BAY
A MONTHLY HANGOUT FOR TWEENS AGES 9–14, FEATURING A DIFFERENT ACTIVITY EACH MONTH. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE ART PROJECTS, GAMES, CONVERSATIONS, AND SNACKS.

DANCE AND FITNESS CLASS
EVERY OTHER SATURDAY (YEAR ROUND, EXCEPT HOLIDAYS)
9:00–10:00 AM
357 S. 6TH STREET, COOS BAY
A FUN, WORLD MUSIC INSPIRED FITNESS CLASS FOR ALL LEVELS. NEW DANCERS WELCOME. FREE.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
EVERY TUESDAY - 10:30 AM
NORTH BEND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1800 SHERMAN AVE.
MOVEMENT BASED MUSIC PROGRAM FOR TODDLERS AGES 2–3.

FOCCAS ADOPTION SHOWCASE
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

Sawdust Presents:
“Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery” or “Udder Confusion
June 5 – September 6, Shows at 7:00 PM, Matinees at 2:00 PM
Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille
The melodrama is set on a dairy farm in the lovely Coquille Valley, where

the evil villain Franklin Basher, “that terrible masher,” and villainess Sylvia Silverthroat work their wiles against heroine Henrietta Holstein and her hero, Ferdinand Farmsworth.
This year’s play was written for the Sawdust Theatre by longtime Sawdusters Diana Amling, Gael Berhow and Cindy Robnett. Tickets are \$10 and are available at River Cities Realty, Inc., on the theatre’s website SawdustTheatre.com or at the theatre, 120 N. Adams St., before each performance, if seats remain unsold.
More information is available by calling the Sawdust Theatre at 541-396-4563.

TRASH CLUB @ CAM STUDIO
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN JULY AND AUGUST, 3:00-500 PM
CAM STUDIO, 187 CENTRAL AVE, COOS BAY
COME USE YOUR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND MAKE A DIFFERENT PROJECT WITH US EACH WEEK. ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED. DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957 REUNION
AUGUST 11-13
THE MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957 WILL GATHER IN COOS BAY ON AUGUST 11–13, 2026, TO CELEBRATE ITS 69TH GRADUATION ANNIVERSARY. CLASSMATES ARE INVITED TO RECONNECT AND REMINISCE, AND ALUMNI FROM ALL MARSHFIELD AND NORTH BEND GRADUATING CLASSES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THEM AND RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DOROTHY HOSKING AT DOT97479@GMAIL.COM OR 541-580-4596.

MUSIC ON THE BAY - MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD
AUGUST 13, 2026
MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD WILL BE PERFORMING THEIR SOULFUL TUNES AT MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATER AS PART OF MUSIC ON THE BAY’S FIRST OF SIX FREE CONCERTS. COME WITH YOUR CHAIRS, A BLANKET, AND SOME PICNIC FOOD TO SOAK IN THE LOVELY ATMOSPHERE AND ENJOY AN EVENING FILLED WITH OUTSTANDING MUSIC.

THE DOLPHIN PLAYERS: SALUTE TO AMERICA
AUGUST 14 – 23
IN CELEBRATION OF

AMERICA’S 250TH ANNIVERSARY, THE DOLPHIN PLAYERS ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THEIR UPCOMING LIMITED-RUN MUSICAL REVUE, SALUTE TO AMERICA, RUNNING AUGUST 14–16 AND 21–23 AT THE DOLPHIN PLAYHOUSE IN COOS BAY. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SHOWS START AT 7:00 PM. SUNDAY SHOWS AT 2:00 PM. THIS DYNAMIC VARIETY SHOW BRINGS THE AMERICAN STORY TO LIFE THROUGH A BLEND OF PATRIOTIC ANTHEMS, TRADITIONAL FOLK AND LABOR SONGS, THEATRICAL NUMBERS, AND DRAMATIC READINGS OF HISTORIC DOCUMENTS, ALONGSIDE A SELECTION OF CROWD-FAVORITE MELODIES. TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE.

SUMMER SCIENCE MOVIES IN THE PARK
AUGUST 14 AND 28, 8 PM AND 7:30 PM
MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATRE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY COOS WATERSHED ASSOCIATION AND CITY OF COOS BAY. COME ENJOY TWO OUTDOOR, WATERSHED-THEMED MOVIES WHILE SURROUNDED BY NATURE! ALL FILMS ARE FAMILY-FRIENDLY. VISIT COOSWATERSHED.ORG AND COOSWA SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR UPDATES AND SCHEDULE CHANGES.

SUNSET BAY STATE PARK GUEST SPEAKER SERIES WITH KYLE MOTLEY, ELAKHA ALLIANCE
AUGUST 20, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
SUNSET BAY INTERPRETIVE CENTER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 FROM 6 - 7 PM AT SUNSET BAY STATE PARK, JOIN KYLE MOTLEY, COASTAL COMMUNITY COORDINATOR OF THE ELAKHA ALLIANCE, AS HE SHARES EFFORTS TO RETURN AN ICONIC NATIVE SPECIES, THE SEA OTTER, TO THE OREGON COAST. FUR TRADERS OF THE 18TH/19TH CENTURIES WIPED OUT SEA OTTERS ALONG MOST OF THE PACIFIC WEST COAST. RUSSIAN TRAPERS CALLED THEIR PELTS “SOFT GOLD.” THE ELAKHA ALLIANCE – NAMED FOR THE CHINOOK WORD FOR SEA OTTER – WORKS TO REVERSE THAT LOSS AND RESTORE A HEALTHIER MARINE ENVIRONMENT. KYLE WILL EXPLAIN WHY REINTRODUCING SEA OTTERS MEANS MORE THAN SIMPLY RELOCATING ANIMALS HERE. MEET AT THE

INTERPRETIVE CENTER AT THE SUNSET BAY CAMPGROUND.

MUSIC ON THE BAY - JACQUIE ROAR
AUGUST 20
JACQUIE ROAR WILL PERFORM HER COUNTRY ROCK REPERTOIRE AT THE MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATER AS PART OF MUSIC ON THE BAY’S COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT SERIES. THE SECOND EVENT FEATURES THE FORMER VOICE CONTESTANT AND FOURTH-PLACE FINALIST, PRESENTING HER TALENTS TO THE OREGON BAY AREA COMMUNITY. ATTENDEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING CHAIRS, BLANKETS, AND PICNIC PROVISIONS TO ENJOY THE PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS AND EXPERIENCE AN EVENING OF EXCEPTIONAL MUSIC.

CAM KIDS 2-DAY SUMMER CAMP
AUGUST 21 & 22, 11:00-3:00 PM
CAM STUDIO, 187 CENTRAL AVE, COOS BAY
KIDS WILL LEARN WATERCOLOR, COLLAGE, AIR DRY CLAY, AND ACRYLIC PAINTING. \$75 PER STUDENT, AGES 8-13. SIGN-UP ONLINE AT COOSARTMUSEUM.ORG.

NORTH BEND DOWNTOWN DISCOVERY WALKING TOUR - INDUSTRY & ENTERPRISE
AUGUST 21, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
745 CALIFORNIA AVE, NORTH BEND
JOIN NORTH BEND MAIN STREET FOR THE SECOND DOWNTOWN DISCOVERY TOUR. INDUSTRY & ENTERPRISE AND EXPLORE THE BUSINESSES, INDUSTRIES, AND ENTREPRENEURS THAT HELPED SHAPE NORTH BEND. GUIDED BY LOCAL HISTORIAN STEVE GREIF, THIS WALKING TOUR FEATURES ENGAGING STORIES ABOUT THE CITY’S INDUSTRIAL ROOTS, HISTORIC BUILDINGS, AND THE PEOPLE WHO FUELED ITS GROWTH. PARTICIPANTS WILL ENJOY INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES, A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY THE COOS COUNTY MOUNTED SHERIFF’S POSSE WITH HORSES IN DOWNTOWN, COMPLIMENTARY ICE CREAM BARS, ADMISSION TO THE OREGON COAST HISTORICAL RAILWAY MUSEUM, AND A PASSPORT STAMP TOWARD EXCITING DOWNTOWN DISCOVERY TOUR. IT’S

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As I See It

By Mary Schamehorn

The first picture I am sharing was taken over a century ago, around 1913, from across the river. The large building top left is the high school, and the other building is the life-saving station. Below, left is the Breuer building which survived the Fire of 1936, and today is a vacation rental. East of it is the boat house which after the Fire became the site of the Coast Guard building, now owned by the Port of Bandon.

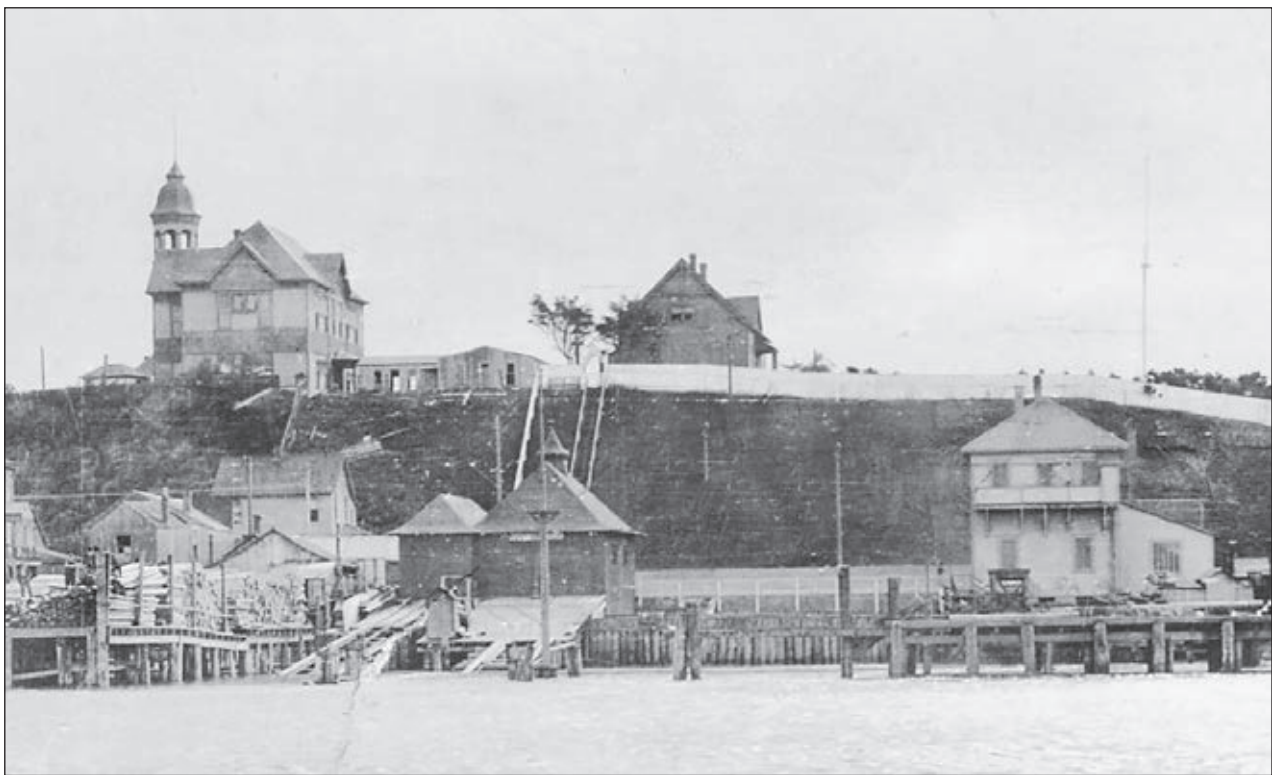
The second photo is Van Auken Real Estate, in April 1959, which today is being remodeled into an office for Juul Insurance on the corner of Highway 101 and 11th Street.

The third photo was on the front page of the May 15, 1958, Western World highlighting the opening of the new Coos-Curry Livestock Auction off Rosa Road, south of Bandon. The new livestock marketing building, 200-foot in size, was nearing completion, and would be managed by Roger Culver, at left,

a message for Special Deputy Fabrizio. Bandon area veterans are reminded that the next Coos County Veterans Stand Down will be Thursday, Aug. 20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the North Bend Community Center, 2222 Broadway Ave, North Bend, with representatives from the Bandon American Legion, VFW and VFW Auxiliary to be there to assist.

There will be a free breakfast for veterans and their families, Veterans Affairs and community resource booths, and medical and dental services.

I was sorry to learn the Bandon High School Class of 1957 graduate Wayne Campbell, 86, died July 25, in a Eugene care facility after suffering a blood clot near the brain in a fall at his Coos Bay home a week earlier. Among his survivors are his daughter, Cara Allen of Medford, his brother Don Campbell of Eugene, and numerous cousins, including Bruce, Emily and Maud Capps.



I talked with former chief Lanny Boston this week who explained that people in the rural areas should definitely see a reduction in their bill as the ISO protection class has dropped from an 8-9 to a 5. People inside the city limits are already at

to know you're running for office? Thus far, I am the only candidate who has turned in their signature sheets to qualify for the ballot.

In spite of receiving over 2000 documents from his public records request, Mr. Chandler is still convinced that something is missing. And that may be true since the city attorney asked both Josh Adamson (the council president) and I to meet in her office, and then copied both of us on important information pertaining to the situation at city hall. But he knows that is confidential. The city attorney made sure Josh was involved in the discussion from the beginning, and that's what made the ensuing chaos at city hall so hard to understand. By the way, I don't care what party you're in, I just want to see the City (and the School District) do better and they are!

And if councilor Madeline Seymour and I talked at length about city business, it was over the phone ... or over dinner. And sorry, Dan, you weren't invited!

62. Deputies responded to his residence where he was interviewed and later arrested on the charge of second-degree burglary. He was taken to the county jail and booked.

It was called to my attention the other day by our interim city manager, John Hutt, that the plaque in front of city hall, indicating Bandon is a tsunami-ready city, contained some important information.

In addition to showing that the nearest temporary assembly area was seven minutes away at Bandon High School, among the criteria that a community must meet to be recognized as Tsunami Ready is that they must 'have more than one way to receive tsunami warnings and alert the public.' It's clear that we need to pursue a new updated siren system to comply with our Tsunami Ready designation.

On Aug. 1 at 1:36 a.m., Oregon State Police and Bay Cities Ambulance reported a vehicle over the rail and into the water at approximately 100 miles an hour at milepost 240 on

"Wildfire smoke contains tiny particles that can travel deep into the lungs and even enter the bloodstream, even if you cannot smell smoke, unhealthy air quality cans still impact your health. We encourage everyone, especially those at higher risk, to monitor air quality conditions and take steps to reduce smoke exposure.

They also urge people to keep indoor air clean. Avoid burning candles, using fireplaces, vacuuming or frying foods when smoke levels are high

Coming events: SEA Guided Tidepool Walks at Coquille Point Marine Gardens, Aug. 12, 8 a.m.; Aug. 14, 7 a.m. Register at www.sea-edu.org/events.

Aug. 15, Coastal Memory Walk, annual fundraiser for Alzheimer's Disease, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., City Park. For information or to make a pledge, contact Kim Hicks at 541-347-7502.

Aug. 19, chamber mixer at Tru Furniture, 5 to 7; ribbon cutting, 5:30.

Friday, Aug. 21, wine walk, sponsored by GBA



with assistance from Vic Schricker Jr. Roger was the son of Frank Culver, who for many years operated a meat-packing plant on Bear Creek.

The remains of a skeleton found in Bandon off Highway 101 in 1972 have been positively identified as Armes Henry Lahti, who was born in 1909 and originated in Astoria. He was an avid fisherman and a Navy veteran, who served during World War II.

The Coos County Sheriff's Office, who has been working on the cold case for the last two years, is asking for the public's help. Once he was identified through advanced forensic genetic genealogy, investigators discovered that Armes had a dispute at a bar, immediately before he disappeared. While they don't have a name, he reportedly got into a dispute and walked away with a rifle one evening. This event likely occurred in 1965. While the case is as old as 60 years ago, they would like to bring justice to Armes and his family. If you or anyone you know might have info, no matter how small, please call 541-396-7800 and ask to leave

I had the opportunity to meet with the new interim school superintendent, Steve Sugg, who has signed a year's contract with the Bandon School District. Both he and his wife, Kelley, who is a retired teacher, graduated from Marshfield High School with the Class of 1982. His experience includes 11 years as a classroom teacher, 13 years as an administrator and 10 years as a superintendent. His leadership style is centered on clear communication, collaboration and building trust and he seems like the guy for the job. Joining him as the new 5-12 principal is Jeff Laff, who moved to Oregon in 1987 to attend Lewis & Clark College, where he earned a degree in English before completing his master of teaching. Most recently he served as Director of High School Services at Mt. Hood Community College. Jeff has a son in college, and he enjoys sailing.

Last week I quoted a man who had received a big reduction in his fire insurance premiums recently and mentioned that others may experience the same reduction.

a Class 4, so they won't see the same benefit. He mentioned that if you live in the rural area, and you don't see a reduction in our premiums, you need to check with your agent to make sure they are aware of the change in protection class. The class is based on your distance from a water source, how quickly the nearest fire department can respond in the event of a fire, and what equipment they have. The lower classification speaks positively about the Bandon Rural Fire Protection District, which the City contracts with for fire services.

A new speed limit has been established by ODOT for two sections of Fillmore Avenue and two sections of Rosa Road. The speed limit will remain at 25 mph from the highway up Fillmore to 11th, but will be reduced from 45 down to 35 mph from Fillmore out Rosa Road to Vine Lane. From Vine Lane to Chandler Road the speed limit will go back to 45 mph.

While looking at some info about someone selling photo paper on NextDoor I came across the latest post from Dan Chandler, who has indicated he is running for city council, but has not turned in his signature sheets yet. He says: "For people considering running for city office, if you want to just get the form without ending up in the mayor's column, you can get the form from the Secretary of State's website."

Not sure why you wouldn't want the public



The rainfall picture isn't getting any better, with the July rainfall barely over a trace, ranging from .02 to .08, compared to 1.16 inches for June. This means the total is down 7 and a half inches year to date for the last 10 years. All I can say is cut down the gorse and clear some defensible space around your house to be better prepared, and hope the wind lets up a bit.

On July 26, at 9:03 p.m., dispatch received a call about a burglary that had occurred in the 88000 block of Bill's Creek Lane near Bandon. A deputy responded and obtained surveillance video of the suspect, who was identified as Gregor B. Succi,

Highway 101. Requesting assistance from Charleston Fire for a swimmer. Deputies arrived on scene. Checked vehicle and it is empty. Cancelled the swimmer. Deputy located the subject walking near milepost 243 and gave him a ride back to the scene. OSP handled the case.

Coos Health and Wellness has issued a statement about wildfire season, explaining that even when fires are burning many miles away, smoke travels. Poor air quality can pose serious health risks, particularly for children, older adults, pregnant individuals, and people with heart or lung conditions.

and Bandon businesses, Old Town, 5 to 7, \$10 glasses at picnic shelter on dock.

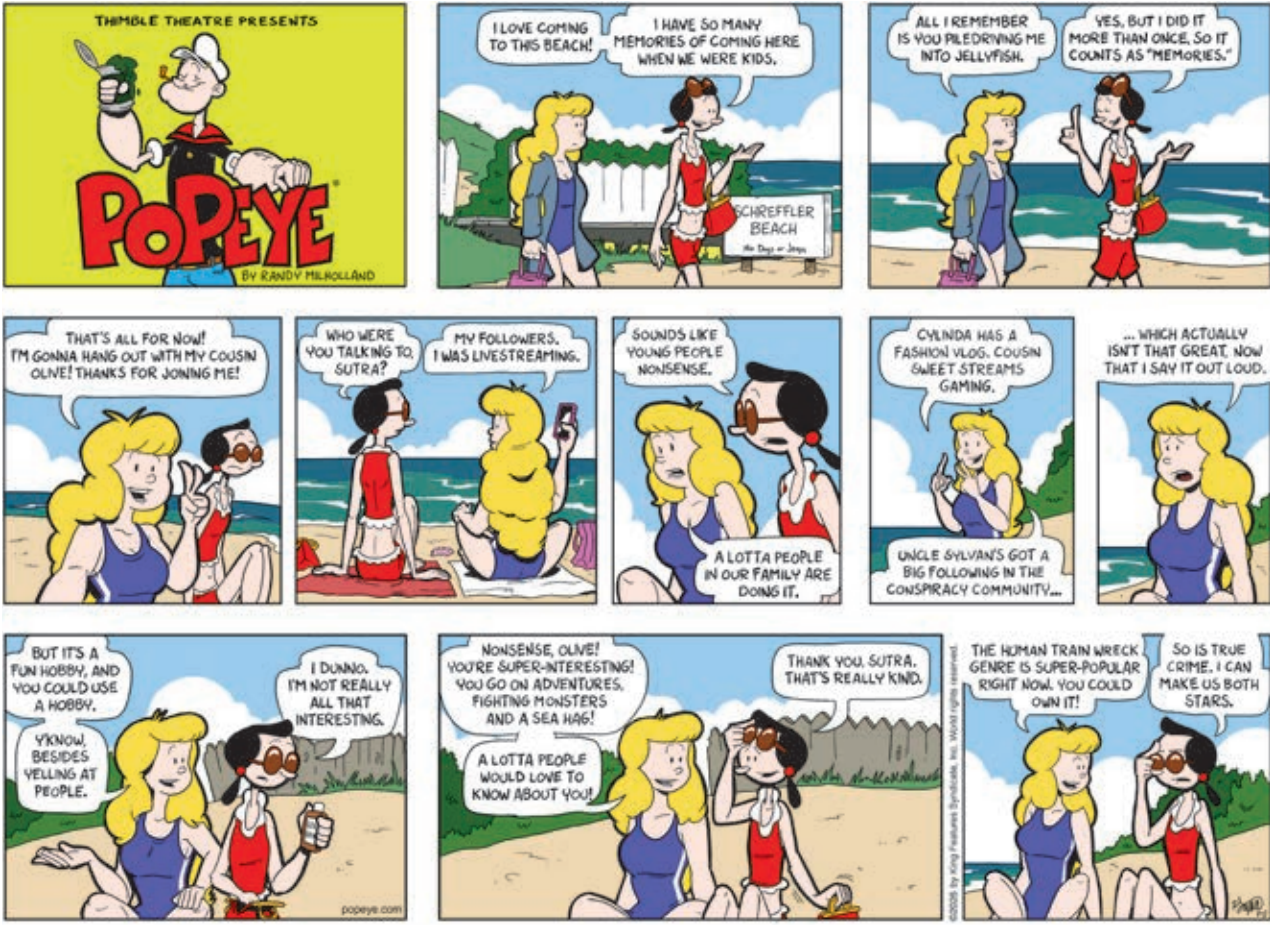
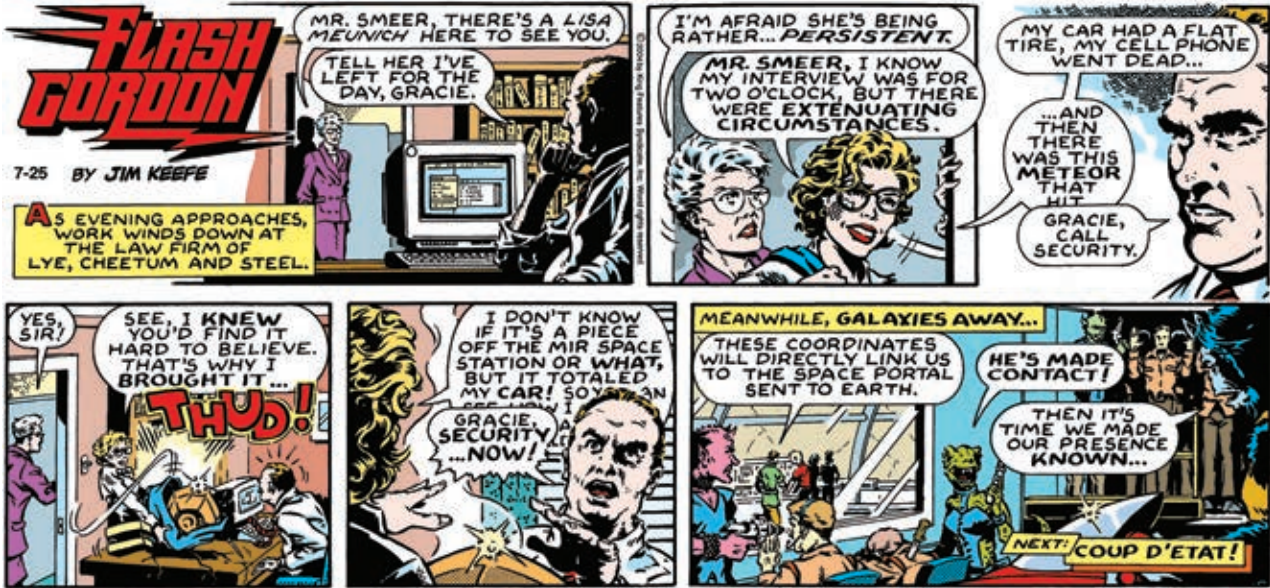
Sept. 1, Blood drive, sponsored by hospital, noon to 5 p.m., The Barn, City Park. Call 1-800-733-2767 enter: SouthernCoosCityofBandon to schedule an appointment.

Sunday, Sept. 13, all class reunion, during Cranberry weekend, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free to all BHS families and friends at Bandon Fisheries Warehouse. Good opportunity to see friends from 50-year-reunion (1976) and 60-year (1966) reunion, also in town Cranberry Festival weekend.

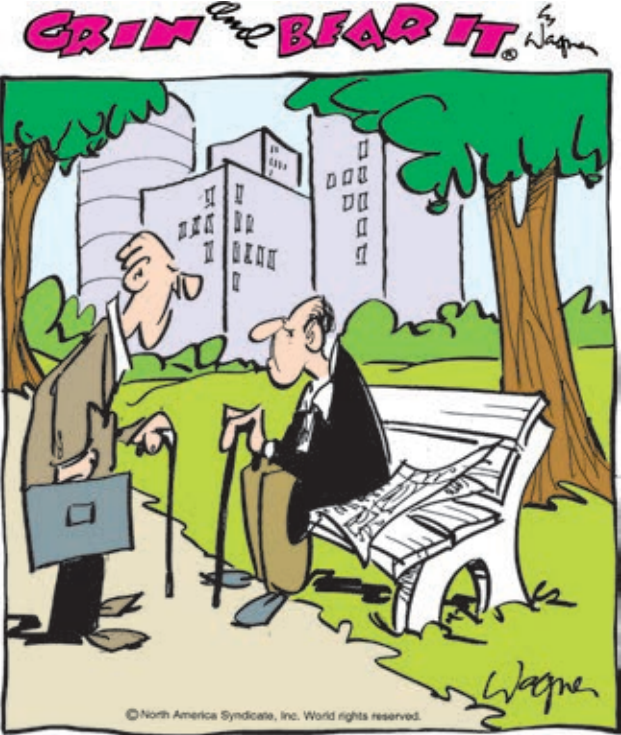
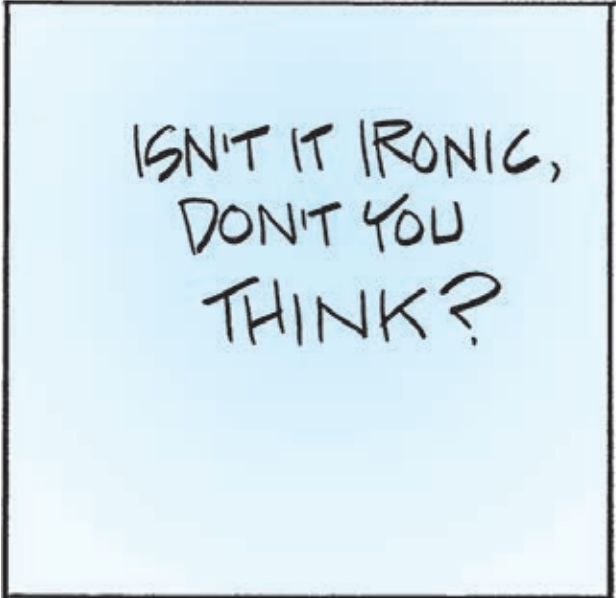
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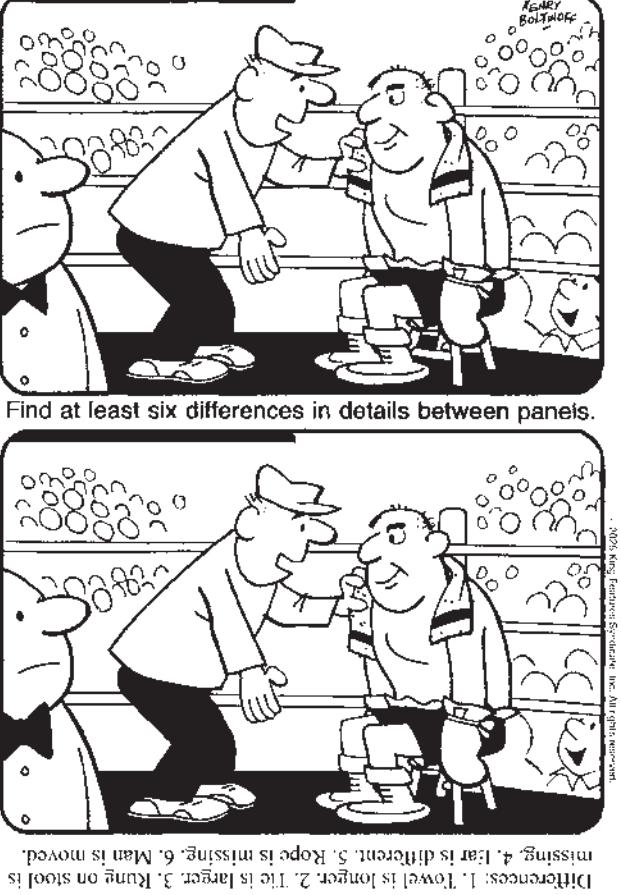
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Obituaries

Carol Lawhorn Oelke

June 15, 1941 - July 15, 2026



Carol Lawhorn Oelke, born June 15, 1941, in Louisville, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2026, at the age of 85. Carol was raised in New Albany, Indiana and was the oldest of three children. Carol graduated from DePauw University in Green Castle, Indiana, and was a proud member of the Phi Beta Pi sorority. Carol then met the love of her life, David Oelke, while he was attending medical school at the University of Illinois. They soon married and moved to the Oak Park neighborhood of Chicago, where she taught French and David completed his medical school residency. Following David's completion of his residency, they moved to Wertheim, Germany, where David served in the US Army. While stationed in Germany, Carol and David had the first of their two children, Christian in February of 1971, and the three of them explored most of Europe, including some extensive car trips throughout Russia and the Middle East. During their time in Germany, Carol and David met a wonderful couple from Portland who encouraged them to visit Oregon as a possible destination for David to begin his medical practice. After David's honorable discharge from the US Army in 1974, Carol and David explored Oregon and upon seeing the south-

ern Oregon coast and the Pacific Ocean, knew that North Bend, Oregon was going to be their home. In December of that year, they also welcomed their second child, Brooke. Carol quickly embraced the southern Oregon coast as her home and became an active member of the community in many different clubs and organizations. The incredible friends (and there are many) that Carol made were one of the most important things that she cherished and loved dearly about the southern Oregon coast. Carol was passionate about both the arts and education, and devoted extensive time to the Coos Art Museum, the Oregon Coast Music Festival and Southwestern Oregon Community College. She was a lifelong painter, with her primary media being watercolor, and many of her works are proudly displayed by friends and family. There was never a flower that didn't bring a smile to her face, and she loved gardening and creating beautiful bouquets for the enjoyment of herself and others. Carol and David loved to travel, by themselves and with family and friends, and routinely spent the first part of December visiting New York City, where Carol loved to take in a show, explore new restaurants, visit art museums and galleries, experience the latest fashions and trends, and of course, do a little shopping. Many June and July months were spent in France, where Carol got to experience and embrace her passion for all things French, which was on constant display from the moment you walked in her front door, as you were immediately introduced to her French decorative

style. Many of their visits to France included spending time and exploring the country with their lifelong French friends that they met while living in Germany. Carol was the consummate hostess and truly loved to entertain others. She was a great cook and routinely hosted small and large gatherings with friends at her home, including her favorite themed event, the celebration of Bastille Day. Regardless of whether she was hosting guests or feeding her family, one of her true joys was making certain that her table setting was just right, as she believed that a meal was not just about the food, but an occasion to enjoy the company and conversation of those with whom she was sharing the meal. Carol was an incredible wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and community steward and will be forever missed. She is survived by her husband David; her two children, Christian and Brooke; her daughter-in-law, April; her four grandchildren, Graham, Hayden, Jennings and Emery; her youngest brother Donald Bohannon and his wife Dee; her two nieces, Bridget (Henrik) and Amy (Rodney) and their children, and her nephew Jesse Bohannon. Her parents, Clyde and Frances Bohannon, and brother Kenneth Bohannon preceded her in death. A celebration of life will be held on Monday August 17th at 12pm at The First Presbyterian Church of North Bend, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Oregon Coast Music Festival or Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Raymond Ellsworth Manicke



Raymond Ellsworth Manicke, 82, of Reedsport, Oregon, passed away peacefully at his home on July 17, 2026. Ray was born on September 25, 1943, in Caldwell, Idaho, to Forrest and Atlanta Manicke. In the early 1950s, his family moved to the Southern Oregon Coast, where he attended school in the Langlois-Port Orford School District. He later proudly served his country in the United States Navy. After his military service, Ray returned to Oregon and married Jane

Kirchgesler in 1969. Together they shared 57 years of marriage and raised four children. Ray worked in the timber industry throughout his career, including several years owning and operating his own logging company, Manicke and Manicke Logging. In addition to his work in the timber industry, he spent many years farming and raising cattle on the ranch. He was known for his strong work ethic, generosity, and willingness to help others. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time outdoors with family and friends. Wickiup Reservoir was one of his favorite places, where many lasting family memories were made. Ray also enjoyed playing cards with family and friends. Whether it was Thirty-One, cribbage, pinochle, or poker, he always appreciated a little friendly competition. He was preceded in

death by his parents, Forrest and Atlanta Manicke, and his brother, Forrest "Rusty" Manicke. Ray is survived by his beloved wife, Jane; his children, Mark, Kevin, Eric, and Sheila; daughters-in-law, Sara and Rhiannon; son-in-law, Jon Hathaway; brothers Bruce Manicke, Richard (Jan) Manicke, James (Sandy) Manicke, and Pete (Brenda) Manicke; sisters Sharon Martin, Mary (Denny) Leiseth, Janice (Arnie) Polanchek, Roberta (Mike) McDonald, and Beverly (Jim) Moor; as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. Ray will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his love of the outdoors, and the kindness and generosity he showed throughout his life. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Virginia Marcella Hall

December 18, 1941 – July 2, 2026



Virginia Marcella Hall, 84, of Coos Bay, Oregon, passed away July 2, 2026 in her home surrounded by loved ones after a brief but courageous battle with Cancer. Born December 18, 1941 in Riv-

erside, California, Marcella was the child of Ernesto B. Contreras and Esperanza Hope Leyva Contreras. Marcella attended Fullerton Junior College and later built a fulfilling career as a librarian in Douglas County for 25 years. Known for her generous spirit and a nurturing heart. Marcella loved gardening, although she never had the time or energy to get it the way she wanted. She lived a life of profound kindness, nurturing both her family and the people around her. She was a beautifully selfless, generous and loving soul who always put the needs of others before her

own. Marcella is survived by her husband, Lloyd Hall; daughter, Christina Rimbeck; son, Ernie Rimbeck and step-sons, Larry Hall, Scott and Renelle Hall and Terry Hall; step-daughter, Cheri and Curt Bennett. A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm, Saturday, August 22 at Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Avenue in Coos Bay. 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

Service Notices

A Celebration of Life for William "Bill" J. Stevens, 82, of Coos Bay who died July 26, 2026 in Coos Bay will be held Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Shoreline Community Church 1251 Clark St. North Bend under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

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Death Notices

Sherrill "Sheri" L. Koivunen, 79, of Winchester Bay and Lakeside died July 30, 2026 in Springfield. 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

Michael Earl "Mike" Hammer, age 66, of Coos Bay, passed away June 19, 2026, at Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, 541 267-4216.

Cassandra Quinn Smith, 53, of Anchorage, Alaska, formerly of Coos Bay died July 23, 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 L. Collins, 87, of Coos Bay, passed away August 3, 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

Frank L. Bennett, Jr., 62, of North Bend, passed away August 3, 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

Kayanna Clock, 75, of Coos Bay, passed away July 30, 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

Maria Teresa Hilton, 66, of Crescent City, CA, passed away July 27, 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

Walter G. Doll, 82, of Coos Bay and San Jose, passed away July 22, 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

Patricia A. Landers, 80, of Coos Bay died July 29, 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

Paul A. Yeiter, 84, of Coos Bay died August 3, 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

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Community CALENDAR

A FUN EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES.

ANNUAL BLACKBERRY ARTS FESTIVAL

AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 23, SAT 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM SUN 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
THE ANNUAL BLACKBERRY ART FESTIVAL CELEBRATES ART AND OREGON'S FAVORITE BERRY ON AUGUST 22 AND 23. FOR 40+ YEARS, THIS JURIED FESTIVAL HAS SHOWCASED LOCAL AND REGIONAL ARTISTS DURING PEAK AUGUST BLACKBERRY SEASON. SHOP METALWORK, JEWELRY, QUILTS, CANDLES, HAND-PAINTED CLOTHING, CARVED WOOD, WINE, AND MORE. ENJOY FOOD VENDORS (YES, BLACKBERRY TREATS), PLUS LIVE MUSIC ON THE BLACKBERRY JAM STAGE ALL WEEKEND. ADMISSION IS FREE AND THE STREET FAIR AND VENDORS ARE LOCATED ALONG CENTRAL AVENUE IN DOWNTOWN COOS BAY, SATURDAY 9 A.M. - 6 P.M. AND SUNDAY 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

SALTY SISTERS ALL WOMEN TUNA ADVENTURE

AUGUST 22
JOIN SALTY SISTERS ADVENTURES FOR A FULL-DAY OFFSHORE TUNA FISHING ADVENTURE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 (YES- IT'S AS EPIC AS IT SOUNDS.) THIS WOMEN'S-ONLY TRIP DEPARTS FROM CHARLESTON, OREGON, HEADING OFFSHORE INTO THE PACIFIC IN SEARCH OF ALBACORE TUNA. WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED ANGLER OR SOMEONE WHO'S ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY OCEAN FISHING, YOU'LL BE IN GOOD HANDS WITH EXPERIENCED, LICENSED GUIDES WHO ACTUALLY WANT YOU TO CATCH FISH. BRING YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE, YOUR SEA LEGS, AND YOUR APPETITE FOR A SERIOUSLY GOOD DAY ON THE WATER. FISHING GEAR IS IN-

CLUDED. SPACES ARE LIMITED

BRAWL ON THE BAY

AT KO-KWEL CASINO RESORT AUGUST 22, DOORS OPEN 4:00 PM
KO-KWEL CASINO RESORT THE COQUILLE ATHLETIC COMMISSION PRESENTS THE FOURTH BRAWL ON THE BAY AT KO-KWEL CASINO RESORT IN COOS BAY SATURDAY, AUGUST 22 FROM 5:00 - 7:00 PM ON THE NORTH DOCK. GATES OPEN AT 4:00. THIS IS A 21 & UP EVENT. EXPERIENCE AN EXCITING EVENING OF LIVE MMA WITH STUNNING WATERFRONT VIEWS. LIMITED TICKETS GO ON SALE JULY 24, 2026, AT KO-KWEL GIFTS. GENERAL ADMISSION IS \$35, MIDDLE SECTION SEATING IS \$55, RINGSIDE SEATING IS \$85, AND AN EXCLUSIVE VIP TABLE IS \$800.

WILDER FRETS: CLASSICAL GUITAR IN THE WILDERNESS

AUGUST 25 - AUGUST 26, 2026 JOIN AWARD-WINNING CLASSICAL GUITAR VIRTUOSO AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR TYE AUSTIN FOR AN EVENING OF BEAUTIFUL SPANISH AND LATIN AMERICAN GUITAR MUSIC AT SHORE ACRES STATE PARK ON AUGUST 25-26 AT 5:30 PM. SEATING BEGINS AT 4:30 PM. WILDER FRETS TRANSFORMS OREGON'S BREATHTAKING NATURAL LANDSCAPES INTO UNFORGETTABLE OUTDOOR CONCERT VENUES, BRINGING WORLD-CLASS MUSIC BEYOND THE TRADITIONAL CONCERT HALL.

MUSIC ON THE BAY - HOT BROWN SMACK-DOWN

AUGUST 27, 7:00 PM MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATER
HOT BROWN SMACK-DOWN, A HIGH-ENERGY NEWGRASS FUSION BAND, WILL PERFORM AT MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATER FOR MUSIC ON THE BAY'S FREE CONCERT SERIES. AT THE

THIRD SHOW, EXPECT TRADITIONAL BLUE-GRASS MIXED WITH ROCK, JAZZ, AND FUNK FOR AN AVANT-GARDE YET CLASSIC SOUND. BRING CHAIRS, A BLANKET, AND PICNIC FOOD TO ENJOY AN EVENING OF GREAT MUSIC IN A PLEASANT SETTING. CONCERT BEGINS AT 7 P.M.

IN A LANDSCAPE: CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT AT SHORE ACRES STATE PARK

AUGUST 29 – 5:00 PM
IN A LANDSCAPE BRINGS A 9-FOOT STEINWAY GRAND PIANO ON A FLATBED TRAILER TO NATIONAL & STATE PARKS, URBAN GREENSPACES, WORKING RANCHES, FARMS, AND HISTORICAL SITES FOR CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERTS THAT CONNECT PEOPLE WITH EACH LANDSCAPE. TO MEET THE ACOUSTICAL CHALLENGES OF PERFORMING IN THE WILD, MUSIC IS TRANSMITTED TO CONCERT-GOERS VIA WIRELESS HEADPHONES. NO LONGER CONFINED TO SEATS, CONCERT GOERS CAN EXPLORE THE LANDSCAPE, WANDER THROUGH THE SHORE ACRES GARDEN, LIE IN SUNNY MEADOWS, AND ROAM ALONG THE RUGGED CLIFFS.

MUSIC ON THE BAY - THE DRUNKEN HEARTS

SEPTEMBER 3
MINGUS PARK
THE DRUNKEN HEARTS WILL BE PERFORMING THEIR ALT COUNTRY/ AMERICANA MUSIC AT THE MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATER AS PART OF MUSIC ON THE BAY'S FOURTH OF SIX FREE CONCERTS. BOTTLING OUTLAW COUNTRY GRIT, POETIC STORYTELLING, AND COSMIC ROCK ENERGY INTO A SOUND THAT IS GOING TO FILL THE PARK. COME WITH YOUR CHAIRS, A BLANKET, AND SOME PICNIC FOOD TO SOAK IN THE LOVELY ATMOSPHERE AND ENJOY AN EVENING

FILLED WITH OUTSTANDING MUSIC.

COOS BAY DOWNTOWN WINE WALK

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER 4, 5:00 PM
COOS BAY VISITORS CENTER
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SOPHISTICATED TO ENJOY THE COOS BAY WINE WALK... JUST COME, HAVE FUN, AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE! THE FUN STARTS AT 5 P.M. AT THE COOS BAY VISITOR CENTER, 50 CENTRAL AVENUE; OR CHECK-ERBERRY'S FLOWERS & GIFTS AT COOS BAY VILLAGE FROM FEBRUARY - DECEMBER. MAKE A \$10 DONATION AND GET A COMMEMORATIVE WINE GLASS (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST), WRISTBAND, AND THE MAP OF PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES. THIS IS A COOS BAY-NORTH BEND ROTARY CLUB FUND-RAISER WITH PROCEEDS BENEFITTING A DIFFERENT NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION EACH MONTH.

MUSIC ON THE BAY - J & THE CAUSEWAYS

SEPTEMBER 10, 7:00 PM
MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATER
NEW ORLEANS SOUL/ R&B POWERHOUSE ENSEMBLE J & THE CAUSEWAYS COME TO THE MINGUS PARK AMPHITHEATER AS PART OF MUSIC ON THE BAY'S SIX FREE CONCERT SERIES. THE FIFTH CONCERT OF THE SERIES BRINGS FUNKY SOUL AND R&B TO THE MINGUS PARK STAGE. COME WITH YOUR CHAIRS, A BLANKET, AND SOME PICNIC FOOD TO SOAK IN THE LOVELY ATMOSPHERE AND ENJOY AN EVENING FILLED WITH OUTSTANDING MUSIC. CONCERT BEGINS AT 7PM.

21ST ANNUAL SALMON CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 12-13
KO-KWEL CASINO RESORT
CELEBRATE THE 21ST ANNUAL SALMON CELEBRATION, A FREE OUTDOOR FESTIVAL HONORING NATIVE AND COQUILLE TRIBAL CULTURE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM, AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, FROM 11 AM TO 4 PM. THIS EVENT BRINGS A WEEKEND OF FAMILY FUN FEATURING TRIBAL CANOE RACES, NATIVE VENDORS AND HANDCRAFTED ART, CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, AND A TRADITIONAL SALMON BAKE MEAL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. ENJOY LIVE NATIVE AMERICAN DANCING, DRUMMING, AND FLUTE MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND. THE FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE IN THE SOUTH PARKING LOT OUTSIDE THE KO-KWEL CASINO RESORT HOTEL. ADMISSION IS FREE, SO BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND CELEBRATE CULTURE, COMMUNITY, AND TRADITION.

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.

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.

Ranked choice voting makes sense for Oregon

BLAIR BOBIER
Oregon Capital Chronicle

It's hard to imagine a scenario where ranked choice voting — or, more to the point, the lack of ranked choice voting — won't have an impact on this year's race for governor.

Ranked choice voting eliminates concerns about "spoiler" candidates and ensures that the winner has broad support among voters. Right now, we're teeing up a close gubernatorial election with at least one minor party candidate in the mix — with the potential for more to join the fray. Any time you have an election with more than two candidates in our current winner-take-all, first-past-the post system, you run the risk of the winning candidate being elected with far less than a majority of the vote.

Although ranked choice voting is used in Corvallis, Portland, Benton County,

and Multnomah County, it has yet to be used at the statewide level where winner-take-all reigns supreme.

Under the current statewide system, a candidate only needs to secure a plurality of the vote—meaning more votes than anyone else. At first blush, this sounds both sensible and fair, until you consider what elections look like with multiple candidates in the race. If, for example, you have a three-way election, a plurality of the vote could translate to a candidate winning with just 34%. That means that 66% of the voters would have preferred that someone else won.

We don't have to look far back in Oregon's history to see examples of this. In the recent May primary, the Republican candidate for U.S. Senate won that election with less than 30% of the vote. On the Democratic side of the equation, Chris Beck emerged victoriously

from the 2nd Congressional District race with a mere 34% of the vote.

One of the many beautiful things about ranked choice voting is how it eliminates the need for needless runoff elections. Ranked choice voting—which is also known as "instant runoff voting"—essentially combines two rounds of elections into one.

As voters in a number of Oregon jurisdictions have discovered, voters get to rank candidates in order of preference — 1, 2, 3, and so on — and if their preferred candidate can't initially muster enough support to win a majority, the voters' back-up choices come into play. Votes are counted in rounds until a candidate secures a majority and is declared the winner.

Both Washington and Clackamas County will have runoff elections in November between the top two candidates for two

seats on their Boards of Commissioners because no candidate secured a majority of the vote in the May primary.

That means eight candidates will have to campaign in two separate elections, just months apart. That seems like an incredible waste of time, money, and resources when a ranked choice/instant runoff election can produce a winner with candidates only having to run once.

So, while using ranked choice voting has many benefits — more choices for voters and elections which produce winners with broader public support among them — adopting its use might just come down to a matter of dollars and sense. Combining two elections into one, and the savings that would generate, could provide local jurisdictions with sufficient motivation to make the switch.

Oregon's use of ranked choice voting, for now, is limited to a handful of cities and counties. 2024's Measure 117, which would have established ranked choice voting for all federal and statewide offices, proved to be a bridge too far for Oregon voters, garnering just 42% of the vote.

Rolling out ranked choice voting at the local level, where voters will have more opportunities to get familiar with it, is a likely path for its continued adoption. Another route could be adopting it in bite-sized pieces and using it for specific elections—such as the governor's race—where multi-candidate races are common and the risk of electing a candidate without the support of a majority of voters is high.

There are many threats to the democratic process; some more overt than others. Winner-take-all elections may not seem

nefarious, but elections which thwart the will of the majority are incompatible with the basic principles of democracy. Ranked choice voting is a simple and elegant solution to this problem.

Blair Bobier is a co-founder of the Oregon Center for Voting & Elections. He initiated the campaign making Benton County the first in Oregon to use ranked choice voting.

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