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North Bend pool to remain closed for repairs

Grant funding to make all major repairs before pool reopens

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

There is good news and bad news for those who enjoy swimming at the North Bend Municipal Pool.

The bad news is the pool will not open as predicted January 1. The good news is when it opens later in the year, all the infrastructure upgrades needed at the pool will be complete. In another bit of good news, the city announced when the pool opens, it will remain free for all users through the end of June.

In a notice of the city's website, the city announced the delay in opening while work on repairs to the aging infrastructure continues.

City Administrator David Milliron explained a grant from the Judith Ann Mogan Foundation will be added to funds from Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal



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A family enjoys the water at the North Bend Municipal Pool when the pool reopened after being closed more than a year due to COVID.

Veteran gets more than expected

Operation Rebuild Hope, Samuel's Automotive give Anderson a vehicle

By **JULIE AKINS**
For The World

Dennis Anderson, 66, speaks with a calm smile from his temporary place at Bryan's Home, a veteran's shelter in North Bend.

He's not known for getting too excited about things. You'd have to lean in to hear what brought Dennis to a home for unhoused veterans.

"We'd just moved in. He was only 62. No one saw this coming," Dennis says with a far away expression to his voice.

His younger brother, Mike with whom he'd just rented a house, suddenly and unexpectedly died of an aneurysm. Dennis was left with nothing but bills which he'd plan to split and now owed entirely on his own.

"We lost him 17 months ago..." Dennis pauses then stops.

A retiree who served in the Navy, Dennis has a decent retirement income but it still wasn't enough to manage on his own.

"I never thought I'd live longer than him. My dad died young, too," he says with a tinge of bright sadness.

He wound up in his car, an old Durango, with his chocolate lab



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Dennis Anderson smiles in front of a Ford Explorer that Operation Rebuild Hope and Samuel's Automotive worked together to repair to give to Anderson just before Christmas.

"Hoots" which means Brown Bear in Tlingit. Then the car stopped running.

He reached out to Operation Rebuild Hope. They offered him a spot at Bryan's Home straight away.

"He's got a lot to be proud of. Dennis is a great guy," said Case Manager Levahna Denichenko.

He appreciates the hand up. "I've received a lot of help from a lot of people," he said.

A registered member of the Tlingit Nation from Sitka, Alaska, Dennis credits his faith in people to his father who chose love over title.

"He was in line to be the chief, but he gave it all up to be with

my mom. When he married outside the tribe his opportunity to be chief ended," Dennis said.

When asked if he too is a romantic, Dennis grins, "Yeah, I guess so. I believe in loving people and it's worked out in my own life."

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Coos Bay looking at more cannabis regulations

By **JULIE AKINS**
For The World

In the city of Coos Bay, it's clear where cannabis businesses can be: processing or indoor grows go in the commercial and industrial areas and dispensaries are allowed in retail with some restrictions about how close they

can be to each other.

While the city code says where these businesses can be, it's not as specific about where they can't exist.

So city staff is bringing this to the city council to make regulations more clear. The recommendations include no marijuana based businesses in the Water-

front and Heritage District, none in the hospital area and several other small plots owned by the city.

According to City Manager Rodger Craddock, this isn't coming up because of any pending permits or complaints.

"We say where businesses can be, but not where they can't

and this will make things more clear," said Craddock.

Additionally, On January 18, the Coos Bay City Council will consider annexation language at the request of the city's planning commission. Annexation is rarely used in Coos Bay, according to

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Omicron likely to reach Coos County soon

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

The Omicron variant is creeping closer to Coos County, and local public health officials expect the new COVID variant to start impacting Coos County's early as this week.

Dr. Eric Gleason, assistant director of Coos Health and Wellness, reported Thursday that the first Omicron case had been confirmed in Douglas County. That news came after Oregon began seeing a spike in cases, most in the Portland area.

"It's going to get here," Gleason said. "It's going to get here in a few days. When it hits, there's not going to be a whole lot we can do other than what we've done in the last 22 months."

Gleason also warned when the variant does arrive, it will likely have a big impact on local health-care providers.

"I think when you look at the national reports, you look at New York and pediatric hospitals are up 395%, we are going to see a surge," Gleason said. "The small hospitals are going to get overwhelmed quickly. That's a problem, and that's going to be a problem in rural areas like this. Hopefully people will take it seriously."

With reports from the Northeast of hospitals being overwhelmed with people rushing to the hospital, Gleason had another warning for local residents - don't go to the hospital unless you are

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He’s been sober for 22 years and hasn’t smoked a cigarette in 17.

“I let people lead me by the hand,” he says in a methodical way which lets the listener know he’s going to say something important. “My way wasn’t working. There were people willing to help and I finally listened.”

So when Dennis got the money together to get his Durango towed to Samuel’s Automotive in Coos Bay, he had hopes they’d be able to fix it for a good price. He figured he and Hoots would be independent once more and looking for a place of their own.

But the rig was too far gone. Samuel’s said it wouldn’t make sense to fix it.

“I was disappointed but I try to be nice to everybody and trust everybody at first too. It’s a lot easier that way,” Dennis said.

And that perspective

paid off.

The crew kept thinking about Dennis and wanted to help.

“We got a call from Samuel’s. They really wanted to help. We had this old Explorer and Samuel’s said they’d fix it up for free but it had to go to Dennis,” Denichenko tells the story excitedly. “We said terrific, that’s no problem.”

Denichenko describes Dennis as a self reliant, quiet kind of man.

“He rarely asks for help so when they offered to do this for him, we were delighted,” she said.

So Denichenko had the Explorer taken to Samuel’s and kept her secret until it was time.

“I kind of told a little lie and said we had to go the shop and deal with his old Durango,” she said.

Dennis had no idea.

“I figured I’d owe them money and I’d have to get my old car to the scrap heap. They’d already told me I’d need to have it towed away, so I was going there to deal with it,” he said.

So when he walked into



Contributed photo
Dennis Anderson, right, reacts as he realizes Operation Rebuild Hope and Samuel’s Automotive rebuilt a Ford Explorer so they could provide him with a working vehicle.

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the shop and saw a detailed and completely refurbished white Explorer with a big red bow on it, he had no idea it had anything to do with him.

That’s when they told him the car was his - no questions asked and no money needed.

“I couldn’t believe it. I kept asking questions like it wasn’t real,” he said.

“Then they even gave me

money, \$396 dollars for the scrap money from my old car. A new car and money? It took me awhile to understand it. I’m used to everything going wrong at once. This was a nice change.”

So now he plans on taking his dog to the “forest and beaches. He loves to get out and run and now I can take him.”

And since things are

working out pretty well right now for Dennis, he has another hope.

“I’d like to find a nice little one bedroom home for Hoots and me. We’re clean and quiet and I can pay the rent. Something around \$1,200 a month would be perfect,” he said.

Denichenko vouches for him. “He’s responsible and independent. He’d be a great tenant in a little

house, maybe with a small yard for Hoots. We hope he finds the right place. He really just needs a home.”

“It’s hard to find a house but there’s a lot of good people here. I think something can happen. I’m hopeful.”

Dennis smiles and then goes quiet imagining his home and for just a minute everyone around him imagines it, too.

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Craddock. The last annexation occurred roughly 20 years ago when the Old Wireless Lane area was annexed to provide sewer services. That area was eventually wiped out by flooding and cannot be rebuilt.

While some communities consider expanding city boundaries as a way of generating more revenue through property taxes and extension of ser-

vices, other such as Coos Bay have generally felt that the costs of expansion outweigh potential revenue.

However, a review of annexation policy may have an impact on buildable lands policy and capacity.

“Buildable lands inventory is due, so this helps us to make sure all the city’s documents are in order and policies consistent,” said Craddock.

Reviewing current housing inventory and where new homes could be built is likely to be discussed as the city considers annexation and inventory. Housing fell behind, said Craddock, after the last recession when

new home construction substantially slowed.

Coos Bay is among the list of housing challenged communities where rent burdened residents pay half or more of their income for housing, according to Oregon’s housing studies.

The city council has considered this in other discussions about vacation rentals and partnerships to create more affordable housing such as the project soon underway on the site of the old Englewood School on Pennsylvania Avenue where more than 40 family housing units will be built.

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The City of Bandon's Public Works Department will be flushing fire hydrants and the water distribution system. Flushing will begin on Monday, January 3rd, 2022, at the North East side of town and continue until completed. At times, you may experience low to no pressure and at times discolored water. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Any questions, please contact City of Bandon's Public Works Director Tim Lakey at publicworks@cityofbandon.org Thank You!

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The Coos County Circuit Court, is looking for a new Treatment Court Coordinator (Program Coordinator 2). To find out more and apply, please follow this link by January 4, 2022: <https://tinyurl.com/y7u39m7d>

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v.
Defendant/ Respondent:Nick Martisko

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500 Central Ave in the City Council chambers

The Coos Bay City Council will hold a public hearing on a Municipal Code amendment to add standards in the code for vacation rentals and homestays and refine land use allowances in residential districts to allow homestays. (187-19-0000051). A second amendment would prohibit marijuana businesses in the Waterfront Heritage, Hollering Place, Urban Public and Medical Park zoning districts. (187-21-0000103) Amendment(s) staff reports will be posted at coosbay.org on January 11, 2022 by 5:00 PM. Comments for Council consideration and further information may be sent to Carolyn Johnson, Community Development Administrator by calling 541-269-1181 extension 2287; emailing to cjohnson@coosbay.org; or a letter by US mail or in person delivery to the Community Development Department, City Hall, 500 Central Ave, Coos Bay. The City Council's final decisions may be appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals pursuant to ORS 197.830. Published: January 4, 2022
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS, PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of: CINDY ANN BARKLEY, aka CINDY ANN COLEMAN-BARKLEY, aka CINDY ANN COLEMAN, Decedent.
Case No.: 21PB10041
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rosanna R. Forderer has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Amy L. Muenchrath, attorney for the Personal Representative, at MuenchrathLaw, LLC, 280 N. Collier St., Coquille, Oregon 97423, 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 probate clerk's office at the Coos County Courthouse, Probate Department 250 N Baxter, Coquille, Oregon 97423, Monday through Friday between 8 am and noon, and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Amy L. Muenchrath, MuenchrathLaw, LLC, 280 N. Collier St., Coquille, Oregon 97423. Dated and first published this 21 day of December, 2021.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS
Case No. 21CV48807
SUMMONS

ABOVE ALL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, v. DAVID L. FITZHENRY, WORLDWIDE ASSET PURCHASING, LLC, ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN 93768 TROY LANE, COOS BAY, OREGON, Defendants.
TO: All Other Persons or Parties Unknown Claiming Any Right Title Lien or Interest in 93768 Troy Lane, Coos Bay, Oregon.
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In the Matter of the Estate of BETTE ELOISE NELSON, Deceased.
Case No. 21PB11029
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lori E. Nelson has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, c/o Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, OR 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- Probate Department, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille, OR 97423, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Dated and first published: January 4, 2022.
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PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of BEVERLY JEAN ST. CLAIR
Deceased
No. 21PB10254
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that PAMELA ANNE DAILEY filed a Petition for Probate of Testate Estate and Appointment of Personal Representative in the estate of BEVERLY JEAN ST. CLAIR. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned, STEPHEN H. MILLER, PO BOX 5, REEDSPORT, OR 97467, within four months of 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, or the attorney, STEPHEN H. MILLER.
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Short-handed Bandon girls win tournament

By JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

Bandon's girls bounced back from their first loss of the basketball season in style, winning the Oakland holiday tournament despite being short three regular players from their rotation.

"I was so proud of how our whole team stepped up," coach Jordan Sammons said after the Tigers beat Oakland in the championship game. They beat Glide a night earlier to advance to the final.

In the 68-19 win over Glide, Katelyn Senn scored 30 points and Olivia Thompson 17, with neither player being on the court in the fourth quarter.

Oakland employed a triangle-and-two zone defense in the championship game, focusing on Senn and Thompson.

"We needed girls to step up and score and they did a great job," Sammons said of the 48-38 win over the Oaks. "It was a great team win, especially being down three girls out of our normal seven-player rotation.

Thompson led the Tigers with 13 points, but Oakland held Senn to six. Angie Morones and Carlee Freitag picked up the slack, scoring 12 and 11, respectively, and Trinitie Long-Hindman added seven.

Like Bandon, Oakland entered the game with just one loss on the season.

The Tigers improved to 11-1 heading into the Sunset Conference opener Tuesday at Coquille.

BOYS

Bandon won one of its two games at the Oakland tournament, struggling with a poor shooting night while losing to Glide 43-38 before pounding Rogue River 62-15 in the consolation game.

Against Glide, Bandon had a "bad shooting night and had a lot



Contributed photo

Despite missing three of the top seven players, the Bandon girls basketball team went unbeaten to win the Oakland Tournament last weekend.

of good looks," Bandon coach Vince Quattrocchi said. "I give Glide credit. They played hard and hit some open shots."

Josh Ranger, in particular, shot well for the Wildcats with five 3-pointers, including four in the

fourth quarter, during a 21-point night.

Trevor Angove had 10 points and Cooper Lang and Andrew Robertson added eight each in the loss, with the Tigers making just two 3-pointers after pouring

in nine from long range while beating Lakeview to win the annual Bandon Dunes Holiday Invitational.

The Tigers had plenty of, and balanced, scoring against Rogue River. Angove had 18

points, Robertson 11, Lang 10 and Owen Brown and Eli Freitag eight each.

"The boys rebounded (from the loss) well and are looking forward to next week for the start of league," Quattrocchi said.

Sunset Conference hoops season starts Tuesday

THE WORLD

The Sunset Conference basketball season opens Tuesday with an emotional game at Myrtle Point and rivalry contest in Coquille.

The league's seven boys teams and six girls squads (Reedsport is not fielding a team this year) begin their quest for one of the league's two guaranteed spots in the upcoming Class 2A playoffs.

The emotional game involves Myrtle Point's girls, who are playing for the first time since a tragic car accident took the life of team member Makiah Gilkey. Another student at the school was injured in the accident.

The Bobcats host Waldport, and the team will honor Gilkey and her family during the evening.

All proceeds from the game will go to the newly created Makaia Gilkey Memorial Scholarship and community members are encouraged to "come out to support Makaia's family and friends."

For the first half of the Sunset Conference season, boys teams will play first, at 5:30 p.m., followed by the girls at 7.

The other games Tuesday include defending girls champion Bandon at Coquille and Gold Beach hosting Toledo.

Reedsport's boys have a bye to open league play — each game date one team has a bye because of the odd number of schools in the league.

Bandon, which hasn't lost a league game in two seasons, has the top preseason record for the girls at 11-1, with Myrtle Point 7-4, Coquille 4-2, Waldport 5-3, Gold Beach 5-6 and Toledo 2-7.

Bandon is the only boys team with a winning record in boys play heading into league play at 9-3. Toledo is 5-5, Waldport 5-7, Gold Beach, Coquille and Myrtle Point all 4-7 and Reedsport 2-4.

Marshfield girls pick up win in Astoria

THE WORLD

Marshfield's girls basketball team won one of its two games in the storm-hampered Astoria tournament last week.

The Pirates had been scheduled for three games, but got in just the two, with several

teams unable to travel to Astoria because of the state's winter weather.

Marshfield fell to host Astoria 39-31 and bounced back to beat Seaside 28-26.

In the loss to the Fishermen, Charlie Dea had 12 points and Kate Miles 10.

Miles led the way in the win over Seaside, with 15 points.

Marshfield, which also had a tournament trip to Cascade earlier in winter break canceled, is 4-3 heading into a home game Tuesday against Newport.

The Pirates also play Friday and Saturday in the Sky-Em/Sky-

line crossover event at Siuslaw High School.

Marshfield's boys, who top the Class 4A coaches poll, also host Newport on Tuesday before playing in the Sky-Em/Skyline Crossover Friday and Saturday at Hidden Valley High School in Grants Pass.

NWAC delays league basketball season

THE WORLD

The Southwestern Oregon Community College basketball team will have a delayed start to the NWAC South Region league season after NWAC announced late last week that the entire season will be pushed back nearly two weeks to the week of Jan. 17.

The league, in consultation with the men's and women's basketball committees, representatives from the NWAC Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

and the NWAC Executive Board, decided to delay the season, the league announced.

"We believe this decision is beneficial to our student-athletes, coaches and the athletic support staff, as the cancelation of games within the NWAC and across the athletic landscape continues," said NWAC Executive Director Marco Azurdia in a release on the conference website. "Our goal is get our league games played, as they are the most important games on the schedule, give our student-athletes a sense

of normalcy as they work toward a championship opportunity, while being a safe as possible."

In making the decision, NWAC noted how many college and professional games have been postponed because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, especially with the surge in new cases due to the omicron variant. January looks concerning before a drop (in new cases) in February and March, NWAC noted.

Region games that are canceled because a team has COVID-19 issues result in a

forfeit loss for the effected team and a win for the team that is able to play.

Delaying the season may help reduce or eliminate such canceled games.

SWOCC's men's and women's teams will have the first three games of league play — against Clark and at Lane and Portland — rescheduled.

The league season now is scheduled to open with a game on Monday, Jan. 17, against Chemeketa in SWOCC's Prosper Hall.

Annual Bullards Run is Sunday near Bandon

The South Coast Running Club's first event of the new year is the annual Bullards Run, scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 9, at Bullards Beach State Park near Bandon.

The event starts at 2 p.m. and includes a kids fun run, as well as 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer races.

The entry fee for those who sign up in advance at www.southcoastrunningclub.org is \$15 for members of the running club and \$25 for non-members. Race-day registration is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

The entry fee for students is \$5.

Both the 5K and 10K races start and end in the day-use restroom parking lot located near the beach past the main picnic area on the road toward the Coquille River Lighthouse.

Both races take runners out to the lighthouse and back, and the longer race also takes runners to the park's campground for scenic views.

For additional information, visit www.southcoastrunningclub.org.



Photo by John Gunther

Former North Bend standout Gabby Hobson runs with the Coquille River Lighthouse in the background during the annual Bullards

Guest Columns

Why remove all the airport trees?

By JOHN MEYNINK

The Coos County Airport District is supported by the taxpayers of Coos County. Those taxpayers deserve some answers. The Airport District is planning to clear cut the standing timber on the land it owns surrounding the airport. It plans to start this project as early as January 10. Some questions:

Why is the district clear cutting these trees? Various answers have been given. A flier left on some of the homes in the area stated that a forester had determined that 90% of the trees were “mature, diseased, dying and/or already dead.” I requested any written reports prepared by this forester, but none have been provided. What percentage of the trees are mature and what percentage diseased or dying? I am not a forester, but I walk in this area almost every day. The vast majority appear to be healthy trees as you would see in any coastal forest. So why is it necessary to cut the whole forest? Why is it necessary to remove mature trees?

The forester who made the assessment that 90% of the trees are in need of cutting is apparently the forester who will do the clear cutting. And if the forester who will be doing the clear cutting is the same person who decided that the trees were diseased or dying why is that not a conflict of interest? Why has there not been an independent assessment by someone who does not have a financial stake in the outcome?

Has there been any assessment of the effect of this clear cutting on the wildlife

in the area? Deer and numerous species of birds inhabit the area. Their habitat will be wholly destroyed. Does that have any significance for the district? Or is that “Oh well”?

There is also a human community that will be affected. The neighborhood in the Airport Heights district be severely affected aesthetically, resulting in the reduction of property values, especially along Arthur street and parts of Connecticut and Colorado streets. Those who use this area for walking, bird watching and bike riding will also be affected. More “Oh well”?

The district has said its purpose is to develop the property in order to derive income from it. I have no issue with that, but clear cutting the entire forest does not advance that goal. If there is a development that is proposed and is shovel ready, remove whatever trees are necessary for that development.

Another rationale was that the proposed plan was necessary to remain in compliance with FAA regulations. What FAA regulation requires clear cutting the trees that are nowhere near any aircraft operation?

The Coos County Airport District is governed by its elected board. The board members are Helen Mineau, Mike Collins, Brent Pahls, Joe Benetti and Jason Bell. Public comments can be given at info@flyoth.com or 541-756-8531. The public deserves answers.

John Meynink is retired and lives on Arthur Street in the Airport Heights district of North Bend.



Letters to the Editor

No representation

Of the 21 new laws listed in a report in the January 1 Oregonian, 16 were approved by an overwhelming majority in both the state Senate and the state House of Representatives. The new laws address everything from public meetings law to affordable housing, racial equity to police reform and more. It is encouraging to see that our legislators in Salem could put aside partisan differences for the benefit of the people they serve.

With at least one glaring exception. While there are 30 state senators, the vote tally for that legislative body never reached that number. As we in Senate District #1 are well aware, the person who was elected to represent us in the state Senate, Dallas Heard, refused to vote. Consequently, our voice was never heard.

In Senate District #1, in round numbers, there are 38,000 registered Republicans, 21,500 registered Democrats and 36,000 non-affiliated voters. One must conclude that our lack of representation in the Oregon senate lies squarely at the feet of the local Republican parties. It is also clear that only the local Republican parties have the means to call for Mr. Heard’s resignation, and to find a person to replace him who will show up and vote.

Pat Sherman
Roseburg

and understand, from repeatedly claiming the position of anti-fascist and anti-anti-racist, to bringing QAnon and Patriot Prayer into Bandon and Coos Bay for events, to choosing to stand with some well-documented bigot – all of which would rather overshadow pretty words about valuing justice, acceptance, etc.

Those who can demonstrate the practice of such values may find local connections on Facebook through Southern Oregon Coast Pride and/or What’s Really Happening Coos County - Now Without Xenophobia.

Ru Khalsa
Bandon

No time to waste

Only recently it’s been announced by the Coos County Airport Authority that they intend to develop airport property along Colorado Avenue, Arthur Street and Connecticut in Airport Heights. The authority wants to clear cut 90% of the trees, scrape the land, surround it by a chain link and barbed wire security fence and develop in accordance to an unannounced plan.

While nobody is opposed to development in principle, there are many ways to go about that process. Selective cutting can be done as new buildings are approved in a manner that invites public input, preserves the essential forest character and wildlife habitat, minimizes the carbon footprint and complies with community standards. The buildings can be designed to complement the forest and vice versa for an aesthetic minimally intrusive coexistence respectful of natural values and the character of the adjoining neighborhoods. Area residents can be invited to inform the authority what is important to the neighborhood’s wellbeing and sense of place.

Or one can pursue a ‘Scorched Earth’ policy. Apparently, that’s what the Coos County Airport Authority prefers. Never mind the Airport Heights neighborhood. Trash the beauty of the place. Scrape the forest, put up barbed wire, destroy the wildlife habitat. Eliminate the wind break that protects adjacent residences. Forget about the carbon footprint wipe out property values and trash a neighborhood’s quality of life.

The authority knows their plan will devastate the area. Otherwise, they wouldn’t have announced it just before the holidays to a bare handful of homeowners. They held a brief, hardly noticed ‘comment session’ just before Christmas. And their response to those few neighbors who managed to show up: “No Comment.”

The Airport Authority’s deforestation plan is a travesty in the making. It demonstrates a profound disrespect for North Bend citizens and makes a mockery of environmental stewardship.

The Coos County Airport District is governed by its elected Board: Helen Mineau, Mike Collins, Brent Pahls, Joe Benetti and Jason Bell. Tell them what you think at info@flyoth.com and/or 541-756-8531. Please do so now. There’s no time to waste!

Ken Bonetti
North Bend

Thank you Pacific Power

When our power went out at 9:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, we thought that our already scaled-back Christmas would be really ruined. No lights, no heat, no hot water, no cooking.

So we are extremely grateful to the men and women of Pacific Power who were out well past midnight on a miserable night, spending the first few hours of their Christmas getting our electricity back on. It was probably just the first of a series of hard repairs in nasty weather for these line crews, and we can’t thank them enough for getting power restored for us and our North Bank neighbors that night.

Thank you, and a Happy New Year to you all.

Bobbie and Burr Gibbons
Bandon

Why go the hospital?

In the Dec. 28, 2021, edition, you wrote about current hospitalizations of people with COVID. You said, “...hospitals are filling up, in many cases with asymptomatic people”.

Are physicians hospitalizing people with no signs of illness? What types of medications and treatments are they receiving for their non-existent symptoms? Are insurance companies and Medicare paying for these vacations - I mean, fake illnesses? What diagnoses are written in their medical records?

Are hospital boards overseeing and approving hospitalizations of people with no signs of sickness? With “hospitals filling up,” one would think that there would be no room for anyone not direly ill.

Christine Moehring
Bandon

Empathy and understanding

In Reply to Rod Taylor’s kind invitation:

Our local and national culture would certainly improve with greater empathy and understanding. Happily, our options for expanding these have never been greater. And if we are willing to put in the effort of educating ourselves on the perspectives and experiences of others, dialogue may perfect our understanding. However, for better or worse, psychological research (as well as personal anecdotes most people have) suggests dialogue without such empathetic background knowledge and goodwill is ineffective to reconcile substantially different opinions.

So here is the effort I challenge everyone to put forth: before asking for personal attention (particularly from groups with fewer people or resources than yours), do your homework and demonstrate that you are at least close to understanding and thus ready to hear. In this way, indeed, let us value each others’ time and energy and “regard one another as more important than your own selves.”

A few suggestions of places to start exploring empathy and understanding in the stories and experiences of others: The webcomic What’s Normal Anyway?, documentary Southern Comfort, books I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings and They Called Us Enemy. On Youtube, creators Jammidodger and T1J, and the “Kids Meet” series from HiHo Kids. HumansOf-NewYork.com, TheMarshallProject.org, LearningForJustice.org.

Actively demonstrating this preparation would be an even more important step for any person or group whose actions consistently evidence being unready to listen

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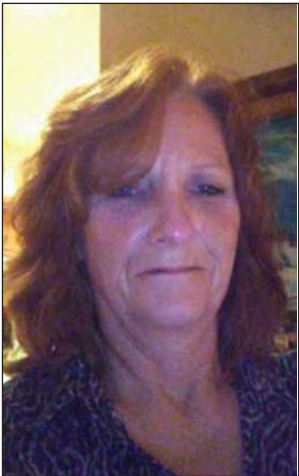
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OBITUARIES

Cathryn Elaine Feskanich

October 20, 1962 – December 6, 2021



Memorial service to celebrate the life of Cathryn Elaine Feskanich, 59, of Lakeside Oregon, will be held on Thursday,

January 13, 2022, at 5:30 PM at Bay Area Church of the Nazarene, 1850 Clark St North Bend. Reception will follow.

Cathy took great pride in the love she had for her family and friends. She was so proud of her work at the Myrtlewood Factory and loved her life there. She was a huge lover of animals, even though she was highly allergic, always taking in pregnant cats. In the end she was surrounded by family and friends, so much love and laughter. She loved making crazy and funny videos and pictures, she would always send

them at the most random times. She found peace in helping people. She never made excuses or avoided helping anyone, she would gladly give you her last dollar if she could. She frequently gave food and clothing to the homeless and would gather support for families going through difficult times. She often helped families get Christmas gifts or school clothes for their children and she never wanted any recognition or payback in return. Cathy’s love and compassion will carry on. She will be deeply missed.

Oregon orders 12 million at-home COVID-19 tests

Oregon has made its largest order yet of COVID-19 tests that will be offered to people around the state for free so they can find out, at home, if they are carrying the virus, and take steps to prevent its spread.

Oregon Health Authority placed an order Wednesday with iHealth Labs for 6 million of its COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test kits. Each kit contains two tests – amounting to a total of 12 million tests coming to the state – that can be performed at home, with results available in 15 minutes.

OHA’s previous largest order was for about 1.46 million Abbott BinaxNOW rapid tests. Of that, the agency has distributed nearly 1.3 million tests to almost 400 community partners and more than 1,300 K-12 schools.

“Oregon learned during the Delta surge that we must be prepared for the unpredictable – we knew we had to be ready for future variants so we could continue to protect the most vulnerable in our communities while keep-

ing our schools, businesses and communities open,” said Gov. Kate Brown. “As cases rise in Oregon and across the nation due to the Omicron variant, we are applying the lessons we have learned to support our hospitals and health care workers, and arm Oregonians with the information and tools they need to keep themselves and their families safe.

“Through vaccination, wearing masks, and utilizing widespread testing, we can make it through this latest surge the same way we have before – working together to protect each other.”

The kits will be distributed throughout January and will begin arriving next week at OHA’s warehouse in Wilsonville, where they will be disseminated to numerous OHA partner agencies and organizations.

OHA does not have the capacity to individually send out tests, so it will prioritize distribution to the following partners that can disseminate them to their communities as they see fit:

Local public health authorities and Tribes, based on population size and some health equity metrics.

* Migrant and seasonal farm and agriculture workers.

* Head Start and some other high-risk early learning settings.

* K-12 schools to support at-home test to stay.

* Health care workers.

* Shelters.

* Community-based organizations.

From Jan. 3 to Jan. 7, the OHA warehouse will receive six trucks delivering about 1.1 million test kits. Starting Jan. 10, the warehouse will receive five trucks per week – for five consecutive weeks – until the order is fulfilled.

Since iHealth Labs is planning to ramp up product of the test kits, Oregon’s order may be fulfilled ahead of schedule. The test kit order comes as Omicron continues its steady overtake of Delta as the state’s dominant COVID-19 variant.

With its high transmissibility, Omicron is already thought to be driving a steady increase in hospitalizations over recent days.

As the number of cases increase, rapid testing will be critical to efforts to encourage people to take steps that reduce transmission, including isolating and quarantining at home, wearing masks and face coverings, keeping their distance from others and getting vaccinated as soon as they’re healthy.

Rocklin “Rocky” A. Collins

August 2, 1967 – December 23, 2021



A Celebration of Life will be held for Rocklin A. Collins, 54, of Reedsport, on Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 1-3 p.m. at the Coos Bay Eagles Lodge, 568 S. 2nd Street in Coos Bay. Masks will be optional. Private cremation rites were held at Ocean View Memory

Gardens in Coos Bay.

Rocky was born on August 2, 1967 in Gold Beach, Oregon to parents Ron and June Collins. He passed away on December 23, 2021 in Reedsport, where he lived with his wife of 27 years.

Rocky and Vickie, the love of his life, raised two wonderful boys, Michael and Cory Christoffersen. They were both so proud of the men that Michael and Cory had become. Rocky graduated from North Bend High School, class of 1985. He worked for McKay’s Markets for 37 years. He had to retire in June due to medical issues. Besides spending time with the love of his life, Vickie, he enjoyed watching all sports, camping, fishing, crabbing, bowling, walking his dogs in the woods and

going to the local lakes and beaches. He had a true love for the outdoors.

Rocky was a loving husband, father, brother and son and will be greatly missed.

Rocky leaves behind his wife, Vickie Collins; son, Michael and his wife, Jameelah and their two sons, Jeremiah and Sebastian; son, Cory and his wife, Amanda and their son, Finn; father, Ron Collins; mother, June Luther; brother, Shannon Collins and his wife, Diane; one niece and one nephew.

Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com and www.theworldlink.com. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

DEATH NOTICES

William S. Lovelady, 70, of Coos Bay died December 25, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Maxine MacManiman, 84, of Coos Bay, passed away December 18, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Frederick Jones, 82, of Coos Bay, passed away December 19, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation

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

Carol Reed, 79, of Coos Bay, passed away December 19, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Dr. Christopher Horn, 89, of Bandon, passed away December 28, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites have been held under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Shirley Kappes, 84, of Coos Bay, passed away

December 28, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216



Kathleen Creach, 78, of Coquille, passed away December 19, 2021 in Coquille. Arrangements under Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service – Coquille Chapel. 541-396-3846.

Wyden raises concerns about changes that will hurt small brewers

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden recently asked the Ball Corp. to postpone recent action it’s taken that will hurt small brewers in Oregon and nationwide who

order printed beer cans from the company starting in the new year.

Wyden noted that his concerns follow Ball’s notification last month that, effective Jan. 1 it will quintuple the minimum number of printed beer cans – from 200,000 to 1 million cans - that non-contracted

brewers must order at one time. Wyden said that five-fold increase in required volume cannot be accommodated. And he also wrote in his letter about small brewers’ concerns over Ball’s announcement that it will no longer warehouse inventory for small brewers.

Omicron

From A1

sick. Many media reports from the east coast say hundreds of people are rushing to the hospital to either get tested for COVID or after receiving a positive test, despite showing no symptoms.

“That’s a huge problem, especially for smaller hospitals like ours,” he said. “If you’re going to the hospital just because you test positive, that is a waste of resources. If you are sick and you are struggling to breathe, go to the hospital. Don’t go the ER because you had a positive test.”

With the Omicron variant causing record numbers of cases, many locations are struggling to keep up with the demand for COVID testing. Coos County is no exception.

“Testing is available, but I know testing can be difficult,” Gleason said. “A lot of places are running

out of tests.”

Through Thursday, Coos County reported 6,394 COVID cases since the pandemic began. As of Thursday, there were 310 active cases in the county with 124 people under monitoring. After three new deaths in the last week, the county reported 122 people had died after contracting the virus.

As of Thursday, there were 12 county residents hospitalized with COVID. Bay Area Hospital reported 10 COVID patients in the hospital, eight unvaccinated and two fully vaccinated. One patient was in the ICU.

After the CDC altered its guidance for those who test positive last week, saying they can return to work or normal life after five days of quarantine if they have no symptoms, Gleason said he preferred a more cautious approach.

“I think we should always be more cautious,” Gleason said. “Playing to the minimum won’t get us

out of this faster. This is an always-evolving process.”

When Omicron does lead to a local spike, Gleason reiterated that only people seriously sick should go to the hospital. Those who test positive will understandably be scared, Gleason said, but the first resort should always be contacting your primary care provider.

“Don’t panic if you don’t feel well and you have a positive test,” Gleason said.

SERVICE NOTICES

Please join **Makaia Gilkey’s** family and friends in honoring her life on January 8, 2022 at Myrtle Point High School Gym at 1 pm with a remembrance celebration to follow at Oaks Pavilion in Myrtle Point. Online remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.westrumfuneralservice.com Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service - Myrtle Point Chapel, 541-572-2524.

A memorial service for **Betsy J. Newman**, 61, of Coos Bay, who died October 14, 2021 in Coos Bay, will be held Sunday, January 9, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Unity By The Bay Church 2100 Union Ave. North Bend under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel. 541-267-3131. coosbayareafuneral.com

A celebration of life for **Garland C. Bateman**, 81, of Myrtle Point who died December 21, 2021 in Myrtle Point will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, January 7, 2022 at the First Christian Church, 511 Sixth St., in Myrtle Point under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

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DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

HALF-SISTER’S APPEARANCE BRINGS BACK BAD MEMORIES

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, I was contacted by a half-sister I’ll call “Shyla,” who my mother placed for adoption at birth. My mother passed away five years ago. She was a horrible mother who physically, verbally and emotionally abused my brother and me. Giving Shyla up was the best thing she ever did. I have spent years in therapy to work through my painful childhood.

Shyla barreled in like a train. I was honest with her about our mother and how I grew up. But Shyla wants me to visit her and video-call her like we are close. When she asks questions about my mother, I’m honest because I refuse to create a person who didn’t exist. The woman was a monster.

I do not want a relationship with this sister, or to have to talk about my abuser for the rest of my life. That chapter is closed. Shyla makes me feel horrible because I haven’t met her yet. I don’t WANT to meet her. Other adoptees I have spoken to chide me on this, saying Shyla “has a right” to her birth family. Advice, please. -- FREAKING OUT IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR FREAKING OUT: You have given your half-sister what information you could. Regardless of what “other adoptees” are telling you, you are NOT obligated to have more contact with this half-sister than you are comfortable with. If she asks to meet again, tell her it has taken years of therapy to get past what was done to you and your brother, and that talking with her is bringing back all of that trauma, which is why you DO NOT WISH TO HAVE FURTHER CONTACT WITH HER. If she persists after that, block her.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old widow. My husband of 18 years passed away 14 months ago. My three children from a previous marriage, which ended because of

abuse, are adults. Two of them are still in the house, and one, my son “Charlie,” has serious health issues. My husband was sick for five years prior to his death.

Charlie gets upset when I talk about being interested in starting to date. He thinks I am going to abandon him again and that I should pay more attention to reconnecting with my children than trying to develop a new relationship. I don’t see why I can’t have both.

Charlie refuses to leave the house, so taking him out to do things is not an option. I don’t think he loves me; I feel he just wants to control me. My other children are supportive, but they are independent. Am I wrong for wanting to pursue life outside my home and grown children? -- ATTEMPTING TO GO FORWARD

DEAR ATTEMPTING: You aren’t wrong for wanting companionship, and I’m not referring to the kind you can get from your children. If Charlie is unable to live independently and needs constant supervision, you should be discussing options for him such as respite care, so you can have a break.

Because you mentioned that he has serious health issues, what are the plans for him if you should predecease him? This is an issue that should be hashed out before there is a crisis, so there will be no surprises and Charlie can be reassured, which may allay his fears and help him to become less needy.

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

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

ACROSS

1 Jerry's toon pursuer
4 Food thickener
8 Ounce fraction
12 "Pulp Fiction" name
13 Bantu language
14 Hire a decorator
15 Disraeli or Franklin
17 Stove part
18 Cancels
19 Six-shooter
21 Like it was
22 Nobel Prize category
26 Straw hat
30 Terrible
31 — Raton, Fla.
34 Terre Haute inst.
35 Philosopher — Descartes
36 Departure
37 Small cask

38 Two fives for —
39 Pentagon VIP
40 Add herbs
42 Smuggle
44 Slippery — eel
47 Caustic solution
49 Nuclear
51 Teasdale or Paretsky
54 Keep in mind
56 Baking powder ingredient
57 Assert positively
58 "The Name of the Rose" author
59 Floor model
60 Neutral colors
61 Agt.

DOWN

1 Big horn
2 Foreshadows
3 Miracle food
4 Showy flower
5 Mouth parts
6 "Thrilla in Manila" boxer
7 Pealed
8 Hum
9 Step on the gas
10 Juice-based drink
11 Sun. follower
16 Eager to accept (2 wds.)
20 Put — fight
23 Drive the getaway car
24 Walking stick
25 Early garden?
27 Reebok rival
28 On the briny
29 Steins
31 More than asks
32 Strong haulers
33 Movie
35 Rescue price, maybe
40 Aurora locale
41 John Wayne movies
43 San Antonio landmark
45 Deep yellow
46 Brother's daughter
48 Q.E.D. part
49 Revival shout
50 Farm yield
51 Long-faced
52 Yeasty brew
53 Mai tai ingredient
55 Ms. Longoria

Answer to Previous Puzzle

COAT		BUS		JEST						
AUDI		UGH		AVES						
DRAB		ILE		WEEP						
	SMELLY			GORP						
		TAD		AAH						
SODAS			OUTLAW							
GRIN		NINE		BAA						
TAM		FELT		FUDD						
	LEGACY			NOTED						
		ICK		ORD						
PUNT			CRADLE							
FANG		BOB		EARL						
LITE		ARI		RIME						
ODOR		MET		STAT						

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WEDNESDAY

DILBERT

THIS IS BOB, FROM ELBONIA. I INTERVIEWED HIM BY PHONE AND LIKED WHAT I HEARD. THIS IS HIS FIRST DAY.

GLIB NOBBA UG FRAPAJAMA BING BONG BAM.

HOW DID YOU INTERVIEW A GUY WHO DOESN'T SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE?

TO BE HONEST, I DID MOST OF THE TALKING.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

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FRANK AND ERNEST

C'MON IN -- THE WATER'S FINE!

AH! A DUCKBILLED PLATITUDE!

1-5 THAVES

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ACROSS

1 Gives the boot to
6 Flourished (Var.)
12 Made tea
14 Rock band crew member
15 Before deadline (2 wds.)
16 Imaginary
17 None
18 — out a living
19 Horse command
21 Road topping
23 Type of overalls
26 Prince Val's son
27 Kiosk buy, slangily
28 Kind of vinegar
30 Complain persistently
31 Cigar residue

32 Reference book
33 Special skill
35 Visitor from Melmac
37 Mdse. bill
38 Secret motive
39 Date regularly
40 Puppy bite
41 Team cheer
42 Consumed
43 Epoch
44 San Francisco hill
46 Quipster
48 Mountainous
51 Honey source
55 Beepers
56 Barked
57 Battery terminals
58 Peasants

DOWN

1 Kimono belt
2 Large vase
3 Become solid
4 String

Answer to Previous Puzzle

TOM		AGAR		DRAM						
UMA		ZULU		REDO						
BENJAMIN				OVEN						
ANNULS			GUN							
	SAME			PEACE						
		PANAMA		BAD						
BOCA		ISU		RENE						
EXIT		KEG		ATEN						
GEN		SEASON								
SNEAK				ASAN						
	LYE		ATOMIC							
SARA		REMEMBER								
ALUM		AVER		ECO						
DEMO		TANS		REP						

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DILBERT

WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF ANECDOTAL REPORTS ABOUT OUR PLASTIC PACKAGING MAIMING CUSTOMERS.

NONE OF OUR STUDIES SHOWS THAT TO BE A RISK.

HAVE WE ACTUALLY STUDIED IT?

NO, AND IT'S STARTING TO LOOK LIKE WE SHOULDN'T.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

YOUR SNOWMAN SEEMS TO LIKE TO READ...

YES, HE'S VERY FOND OF POETRY.

ROBERT FROST?

YOU SAID IT... I DIDN'T!

FRANK AND ERNEST

GREAT MOMENTS IN PHILOSOPHY: DESCARTES BEGINS TO NARROW DOWN HIS PREMISES.

I THINK THEREFORE I AM.

YOU'RE NOBODY 'TIL SOMEBODY LOVES YOU.

1-4 THAVES

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SUDOKU

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:

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THURSDAY

- ACROSS
- 1 Quiet sound

4 Natural crystals

8 Bangkok native

12 Chit

13 Famed lava spewer

14 Hems and —

15 Zig's opposite

16 Ford rival

18 Apply oneself

20 Itch

21 Application

23 Happy hour letters

26 Harsh

29 Tart plum

32 Kind of student

34 Marshal Wyatt —

35 Wedding rental

36 Average

37 Be even

38 New Haven student
- 39 Gull cousin

40 Miller or Blyth

41 Gunk

42 As well as

43 Whiskery animal

45 List shortener

47 Former Zales rival

49 Space, poetically

53 Act of shunning

58 Nay opposite

59 Skillful

60 Advance, as money

61 Monastic title

62 Frat Z

63 Oscar relative

64 Danson or Turner
- DOWN
- 1 Magnitude

2 Hoodwink

3 Colossal

4 Minority groups

Answer to Previous Puzzle

O	U	S	T	S		T	H	R	O	V	E
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C	R	A	G	G	Y		A	P	I	A	R
P	A	G	E	R	S		Y	E	L	P	E
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5 Highest degree

6 1300 hours

7 Like permed hair

8 Leather strip

9 Holbrook or Roach

10 Overwhelm

11 Devotee's suffix

17 Nerve network

19 Haunches

22 Perfume compound

24 Drive forward

25 Has cold feet

26 "— move on!"

27 Pours or sprinkles

28 Papas or Cara

30 Dilly

31 Nitrous — (laughing gas)

33 First 007 movie (2 wds.)

39 Discretion

41 Outfitted

44 Japanese canine

46 Bopper lead-in

48 Sturdy lock

50 Knife handle

51 Fictional governess

52 Peruse

53 Cutting tool

54 Notch's shape

55 Recurrently

56 Name, to Pierre

57 Engine part

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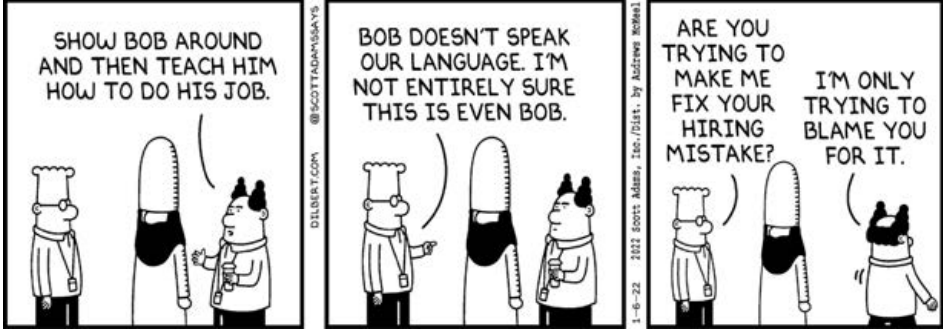
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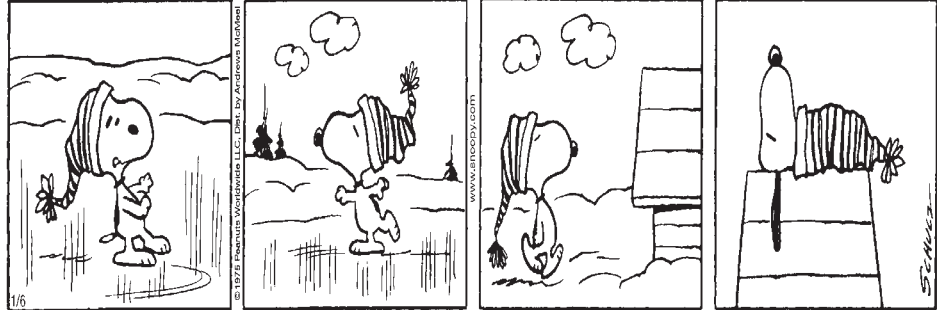
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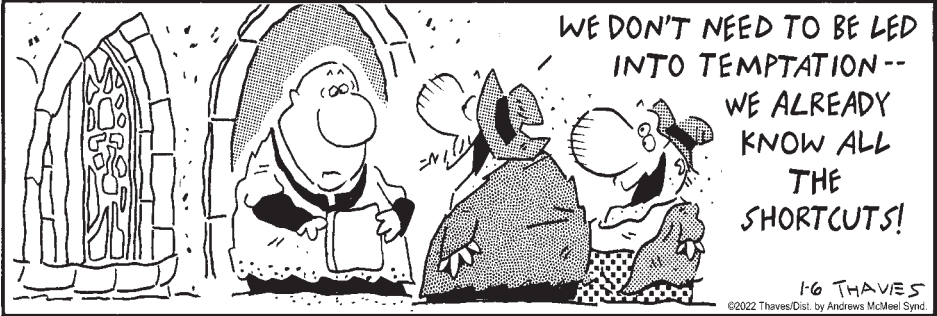
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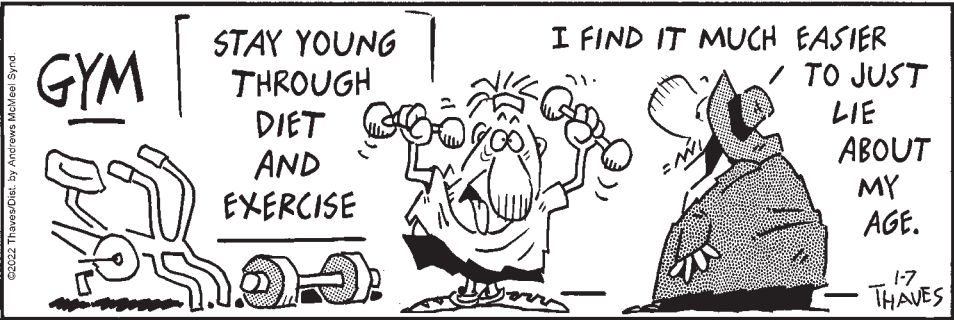
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



FRANK AND ERNEST



ACROSS

- 1 Lose brightness

4 — Moines, Iowa

7 Fast-food chain

10 Poet's before

11 Grounded birds

13 Mallet game

14 Sallow

15 Dr. Zhivago's love

16 Not quite shut

17 Cancel

19 Put in hock

20 Buddy

21 Charges too much

23 Part of SWAK

26 Georgia university

28 Age

29 Potato st.

30 Naive ones

34 Oman neighbor

36 Boob tubes
- 38 Talk on and on

39 Not stiff

41 Lois of "Lois & Clark"

42 Saddle extra

44 Electronics mfr.

46 Rigatoni kin

47 Pasta dish

51 Pavlov or Turgenev

52 Mideast VIP

53 Rand of fiction

55 Strong wind

56 Chimney dust

57 Work diligently

58 Stallone nickname

59 TLC providers

60 Kangaroo pouch
- DOWN
- 1 Morning dampness

2 OPEC country

3 Bill of fare

4 Singer — Reese

5 Clicked "send"

6 Hang 10

7 Savalas role

8 Glitches

9 Toe woe

Answer to Previous Puzzle

S	H	H		S	N	O	W		T	H	A	I
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Community Calendar of Events

Don't Miss

What: Coos County Odyssey 2022
When: Ongoing starting January 1
Where: Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OR/CoosBay/CoosCountyOdyssey2022>
You Should Know: Coos County Odyssey 2022 is a virtual fitness challenge that takes you 216 miles through Coos County, passing ‘virtually’ through many county towns and scenic locations. Each time you complete an exercise activity such as walking, running, biking, swimming, yoga, dance, paddling, golf, and more, you will advance along the route map, starting on New Year’s Day at Sunset Bay, and ending at Coos Health & Wellness by the end of April.

What: COVID vaccine clinic
When: 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. daily
Where: Pony Village Mall
You Should Know: The Oregon Health Authority is sponsoring the ongoing clinic which will have all three approved vaccines available. Anyone age 5 and over is eligible to be vaccinated. Those who have been vaccinated and it has been six months since their second dose are eligible for a booster shot.

What: Teen writers group
When: 4-5 p.m., every Thursday
Where: Coos Bay Public Library and online
You Should Know: Each week will include a writing prompt or game, time to write independently, and an opportunity to share work with the group. The group will continue to meet until March 31. No experience necessary. The group will meet simultaneously both in-person at the Coos Bay Library and online. Writers wishing to join online should contact jknight@coosbaylibrary.org prior to the meeting to get a code to join virtually.

What: Children’s story time
When: 10 a.m. each Wednesday
Where: Children’s section of Coos Bay Public Library
You Should Know: Babies, toddlers, preschoolers, parents and caregivers can enjoy rhymes, songs, movement and stories at the all-ages interactive story-time. The program is part of the Coos Bay Library’s efforts to support early literacy. Limited space is available at the storytimes to accommodate social distancing. Masks are required for anyone over the age of 5 and social distancing is required consistent with current statewide COVID guidelines.

What: UnBook Club



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

What: Little Bites
When: Every Tuesday
Where: Coos Bay Library via YouTube or Facebook
You Should Know: Every Tuesday, Miss Laura presents songs, rhymes, and flannel stories for children 6 or under. Little Bits can be viewed on the library’s Facebook and YouTube channels.

What: Volunteer training for VITA
When: January 8
Where: Cedar Room and Coos Bay Public Library
You Should Know: The library is partnering with NeighborWorks Umpqua to recruit volunteers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. VITA’s recruiting volunteers of all ages to assist low to moderate income families prepare their

taxes for free. No experience necessary.

What: Happy, Healthy Drinks
When: 3 p.m., January 4
Where: Hosted by North Bend Public Library, the event will be on Zoom. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2p962pty>.
You Should Know: Cheryl O’Dell of Natural Grocers will talk about mocktails, shrubs, and other vinegar-based drinks to show the health benefits of vinegar. Focusing on apple cider vinegar, Cheryl says it “provides a laundry list of health benefits.

What: Local history class at Coos History Museum
When: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays from January 5-March 9
Where: Coos History Museum
You Should Know: This year’s class will focus on 10 different days on the Southern Oregon Coast that had an extraordinary impact on our local history. These historical local events often also made state and national news. Using a narrated slide show, volunteer Steven Greif will present a timeline of the event,

exploring the “before” and “after” of each momentous day. Cost for the session is \$70.

What: Spanglish
When: Noon-1 p.m., January 5, and 10:30-11:30 a.m., January 15
Where: January 5 class via Zoom. January 15 class at Coos Bay Public Library. Register for Zoom class at <https://bit.ly/3bihvqB>
You Should Know: The program is for those who wish to practice their Spanish conversational skills and help other learners in a friendly setting. Attendees will have the opportunity to converse in Spanish as a group for one hour in a casual, informal environment.

What: Little Theatre on the Bay auditions
When: 6:30 p.m., January 6
Where: Little Theatre on the Bay, 2100 Sherman Avenue, North Bend
You Should Know: The theater will be doing auditions for Shakespeare’s Henry the Fourth, Part One. Those interested in auditioning are asked to prepare a comedic or dramatic presentation for any era. There will be some additional scene work at the audition.

What: Intro to PowerPoint Classes
When: 11 a.m.-noon, January 8 and January 22
Where: Virtually via Zoom. Register at <https://bit.ly/3prbgY9>
You Should Know: Coos Bay Public Library, in partnership with Dennis Dater of Bay Area Seniors Computer Club, will co-host Intro to PowerPoint. The goal of the free class is to be able to create a PowerPoint presentation. It is for beginners or those who need to be refreshed.

What: Community Yoga
When: 6 p.m., January 12
Where: Virtually via Zoom. Register at <https://bit.ly/3CbG1VR>.
You Should Know: This virtual Community Yoga class will be a foundational group practice that includes guided instruction of basic postures, simple movements guided by the breath, and accessible exercises to build strength and flexibility. Ease of movement, standing postures, supported postures, and some passive stretches will be integrated into class.

What: Unlimited Book Club
When: 6 p.m., January 13
Where: Virtually via Zoom. Register at <https://cooshistory.org/unlimited-book-club>

Pool

From A1

Recovery Funds as well as money from other state and federal programs to finish all the major repairs needed at the pool.

Some of the work being done includes replacing the pump and filtration systems that date to the opening of the pool in 1956, replacing a boiler that was installed in 1984, adding hot water heaters for the showers and making code compliance upgrades.

Voters in North Bend approved a bond issue that will fund the operations of the pool for five years, but when the bond was presented, the city council vowed to find other funding mechanisms to make the needed repairs.

The pool opened to the public July 1 after being closed for more than a year due to COVID and drew large crowds until it closed September 1 for the repairs.

Milliron said bid documents for the repair work have been finalized, and the city is eager to get started on the work.

In addition, the city has begun looking for a new aquatics director.

The person hired for the position will run all operations at the pool when it reopens.

City Recorder KayLee Marone served as aquatics director before being hired as recorder, and Marone ran the pool while it was open last summer.

When the pool opens, North Bend will use remaining money from the Oregon Community Foundation K-12 grant to operate the pool at no charge to users through the end of June. The grant was

also used to run the pool for free last summer.

Beginning July 1, a new fee schedule will go into effect that charges North Bend residents a lower price than non-residents. The new rate schedule was approved by the city council when discussing a tax issue that voters approved.

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KayLee Marone shows the city council the 1984 boiler used to heat water at the North Bend Municipal Pool. The boiler will be replaced as part of the upgrades at the pool.

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