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The Jubilee Band to host monthly Gospel Jubilee and Open Mic May 5



Photo by Dean Brickey

The Jubilee Band sings monthly on the first Sunday at 3 p.m. at Shoreline Community Church, 1251 Clark St., North Bend. The musicians are Tom Trammel, left, on acoustic guitar, his wife, Debbie, on bass; Steve McDonnell on drums and Steve Blum on lead guitar. Their Gospel Jubilee and Open Mic Concerts feature the band singing new songs and gospel favorites, and audience members sharing their talents at the Open Mic.

By DEAN BRICKEY

NORTH BEND — The Jubilee Band, a favorite local singing quartet organized by Tom and Debbie Trammel of Lakeside, will host their monthly live Gospel Jubilee and Open Mic concert on Sunday, May 5.

The singing will begin at 3 p.m. at Shoreline Community Church, 1251 Clark St., North Bend, and continue monthly on the first Sunday through the year.

The Gospel Jubilee, featuring The Trammels and with Steve Blum of Oakland, Ore., on lead guitar and Steve McDonnell of Coos Bay on drums, is in its 12th season at Shoreline. The concerts are open to the public.

Tom plays acoustic guitar

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The Oregon Marine Board has issued a safety advisory concerning waterway obstructions

Heavy wind and rain from winter storms have caused trees to plunge into Oregon rivers.

Trees become obstructions, a risk for all boaters, including paddlers, rafters, and drift boats," according to the Marine Board. Some of these obstructions will become more dangerous as river levels drop, requiring boats to portage around the obstructions for safe navigation.

"We urge every boater to plan ahead. River conditions can change daily which is why checking river levels is critical. Always look downstream as you navigate allowing time to react and maneuver to the safest course," Oregon Marine Board Boating Safety Program Manager Brian Paulsen said..

The Marine Board urges the following precautions:

- Visit the Marine Board's Boating Obstructions Dashboard to view reported obstructions.
- Learn about and how to report obstructions you encounter while boating.
- Scout ahead and look for the safest route for each section of the river before committing. When in doubt, portage out.
- Stay clear of partially submerged trees and limbs. Strong



Courtesy photo from the Oregon Marine Board

The downed trees and limbs can be a dangerous obstruction for boaters.

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\$6.9M for Oregon coastal resilience, ecosystem recovery

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Oregon will receive more than \$6.9 million in federal funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act to support coastal ecosystem restoration and resilience.

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley have announced the federal grants, which will be distributed to these Oregon projects:

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, \$2,123,667 for conservation of Tidal Wetlands in the Coquille River.

Oregon Department of

Land Conservation and Development – Coastal Management Program, \$4,851,805 for conservation of Collins Creek Confluence and Ocean Shoreline.

The federal funding is being distributed through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The resto-

ration and conservation of ecologically significant ecosystems, such as wetlands and natural shorelines, will help reduce the impacts of coastal hazards—including flooding and climate change—to property and

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Zonta Club of Coos Bay announces 2024 scholarship recipients

For the World

The Zonta Club of the Coos Bay Area is pleased to announce the 2024 recipients of \$15,000 in scholarship funds.

Receiving a \$3,000 Science Technology Engineering and Math STEM Scholarship is Robyn Wales of Orem, Utah. A 2017 graduate of North Bend High School, Wales is currently seeking a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Rocky Mountain University in Orem, UT. Receiving \$3,000 club scholarships are Sophia Hutcherson and Alison Kirby both of North Bend. Hutcherson is a 2024 North Bend High School graduate and is current president of the North Bend High School Z Club. She plans to enter Reed College, Portland, OR in the fall to pursue dual English and sociology degrees. Kirby is a 2023 North Bend High School graduate and current pre-med student at the University of Pittsburgh. Her goal is to become a surgeon. Receiving a \$1,500 club scholarship is North Bend High School graduate Avery Pex studying biology and pre-veterinary medicine at OSU. Kiri Goodson will receive the \$1,500 Z Club Scholarship from the Marsh-

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1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11
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46					47		48				49	50
51				52		53				54		
55				56						57		
58				59						60		

ACROSS

- 1 Helped the hungry
- 4 Pauses
- 9 “Eureka!”
- 12 “-- on a Grecian Urn”
- 13 Conscious
- 14 Man’s best friend
- 15 Easter find
- 16 Harley rider
- 17 -- Thurman
- 18 Homily
- 20 Bit of buckshot
- 22 Snack
- 23 -- Dame
- 24 Kill
- 26 Main
- 29 To each -- own
- 30 Stick
- 31 Legal wrong
- 35 “-- Cowgirls Get the Blues”
- 37 Mil. address part
- 38 Regret
- 39 Show backer
- 41 Hoarfrost

- 42 Avoid (with “off”)
- 45 KFC piece
- 46 Collar
- 48 Klutzy
- 51 -- -o’-shanter
- 52 Adolescents
- 54 Dissenting vote
- 55 Expert
- 56 Jousting weapon
- 57 In addition
- 58 Actor -- Beatty
- 59 Senior
- 60 Actress -- Meriwether

- 10 Mr. Simpson
- 11 Banded quartz
- 19 Might
- 21 Upper floor
- 24 “Steady as -- goes!”
- 25 Actress -- Tyler
- 26 Tor
- 27 Optimism
- 28 Fan’s obsession
- 32 First
- 33 Liquor
- 34 Short-sleeve shirt

- 36 Wheel hub
- 40 Settle snugly
- 41 Ump cousin
- 42 Beelzebub
- 43 Vestige
- 44 Like some guards
- 45 Printer type
- 47 Duck
- 48 Formerly
- 49 Healthy upstairs
- 50 Jekyll’s alter ego
- 53 Tip

PUZZLE ANSWERS

E	E	L		R	E	D	E		D	E	N	E
N	V			E		L	A	N	E	A	C	E
A	N			S	N	S	E	T	E	A	M	
H	S			O	A	F	I	S	T	A	R	E
	G			L	E				E	S	T	A
	R			I	M	E			A	N	G	E
	R			U	E				A	P	O	E
	T			O	R				R	O	D	
				F					C	H	I	E
				N	O				T	R	E	
				P	E				L	E	T	
				U	M				N	O	N	
				A	K				B	I	K	E
				O	G				A	W	A	R
				A	H				S	T	O	P

DOWN

- 1 Antagonists
- 2 Inch
- 3 Clean a certain way
- 4 Stiff shoe
- 5 Mattress size
- 6 Strong wood
- 7 Ready
- 8 Worry-free
- 9 Ticket price category

Crossword Puzzle 5/3

1	2	3			4	5	6		7	8	9	10
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39	40	41				42		43			44	45
46					47		48			49		
50					51					52		
53					54					55		

ACROSS

- 1 “The Bachelor” network
- 4 Statute
- 7 Bloke
- 11 Fish eggs
- 12 Man from Warsaw
- 13 Raja’s wife
- 14 Blunder
- 15 Wheel part
- 16 Punta del --
- 17 Writer -- Chekhov
- 19 Omitted
- 21 Common verb
- 22 Afore
- 23 Soap brand
- 24 Squid’s output
- 25 Metered vehicle
- 28 Fellow
- 29 June honoree
- 30 Ballet bend
- 31 Fit
- 32 Print measures
- 33 Protracted

- 34 Messy place
- 35 -- and flow
- 36 Angling need
- 37 Old French coin
- 38 “-- Raining Men”
- 39 Supernatural
- 43 -- voce
- 46 Source
- 47 Green Hornet’s sidekick
- 49 Work unit
- 50 Ait
- 51 -- vital
- 52 Any street in Paris
- 53 Future flower
- 54 Part of Scand.
- 55 “Understand?”

- 6 Days off
- 7 Thin pancake
- 8 Lid fastener
- 9 Pot pay-in
- 10 Mottled
- 12 Discussion group
- 18 Speechify
- 20 Bother
- 23 Credit score factor
- 24 Metrical foot
- 25 Covered walks in a monastery
- 26 “-- Misbehavin’”
- 27 Implore

- 28 Fuel
- 29 Showed to be false
- 30 Greek thinker
- 35 Age
- 36 Creature on a coin
- 37 Filled
- 39 “Exodus” author
- 40 Proboscis
- 41 Nat King --
- 42 Lock maker
- 44 Faithful
- 45 Pointed arch
- 48 Bronze

PUZZLE ANSWERS

E	E	S		N	E		D	E		D	E	E
U	R			N	V		E	L		E	S	L
G	R			O	A	T	K	A		T	O	O
O	T			S	O		N	N		A	C	N
				S	I	T		S		O		
				B	A	I	T		E	B	B	
				N	O			S		M		
				L	I	E		D	A	D		
				C	A	B		K		I	N	
								E	R	E		
								S	K	I	P	
								P	E	D		
								E	S	T	E	
								I	N	A	N	
								C	H	A	P	

DOWN

- 1 Neighborhood
- 2 “-- Free”
- 3 “Of course!”
- 4 Smoked salmon
- 5 “-- Well That Ends Well”

Crossword Puzzle 5/4

1	2	3	4		5	6	7		8	9	10	11
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PUZZLE ANSWERS

E	L	E		T	P	A		N	E	E	P	
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S	E	N	I	H	C	M	A		H	S	L	
				W	A	L	C		K		B	
				O	D		R	O	D		A	
				T	C	E	L		T	N	I	
				S	I	R	I		T	N	A	
				S	I	P	E		L	T	E	
				W	E		M		S	D	E	
				F	E		L		I	V	E	
							D		M	U	D	
				E	S	N	C			R	O	
				L	A	I			N	W	O	
				A	V	A			O	O	G	
				F	E	A			T		C	

ACROSS

- 1 Pet’s fur
- 5 List-ending abbr.
- 8 Exploit
- 12 Language of Pakistan
- 13 Slime
- 14 Thomas -- Edison
- 15 Boston, affectionately
- 17 Banister
- 18 Gen. -- Bradley
- 19 Perfume ceremonially
- 20 Head of hair
- 22 Mire
- 23 Fearless stuntman

- 27 -- and far between
- 30 Jewish month
- 31 -- Plains
- 32 Use a sponge
- 33 Believed
- 34 Tiny colonist
- 35 Eye part
- 36 Pipe fitting
- 37 Mental power
- 39 Skill
- 40 Reel’s partner
- 41 Invigorating
- 44 Talon
- 47 Luxuriant
- 48 Labor-saving devices

- 52 Lazy
- 53 Big bird
- 54 Do an office job
- 55 Hammer end
- 56 Likely
- 57 She, in Chartres

DOWN

- 1 Young animal
- 2 Cookie brand
- 3 Not know from --
- 4 Hot sandwich (2 wds.)
- 5 Conceit
- 6 Haul
- 7 Chili -- carne
- 8 Got along
- 9 Ardor
- 10 Hertz competitor
- 11 Short story
- 16 Walked on
- 19 -- -de-sac
- 21 Know-it-all scholar
- 22 Spray bottle
- 23 Skillful
- 24 To shelter
- 25 Govern
- 26 Make known
- 27 Discharge
- 28 Narrative poem
- 29 Toward sunset
- 32 Safari sighting
- 37 Annoy
- 38 -- Ness
- 39 Not ruddy
- 41 Radar image
- 42 Impolite
- 43 -- of Wight
- 45 Dye plant
- 46 Healthy
- 48 -- culpa
- 49 Elec. unit
- 50 Director’s cry
- 51 Observe

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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

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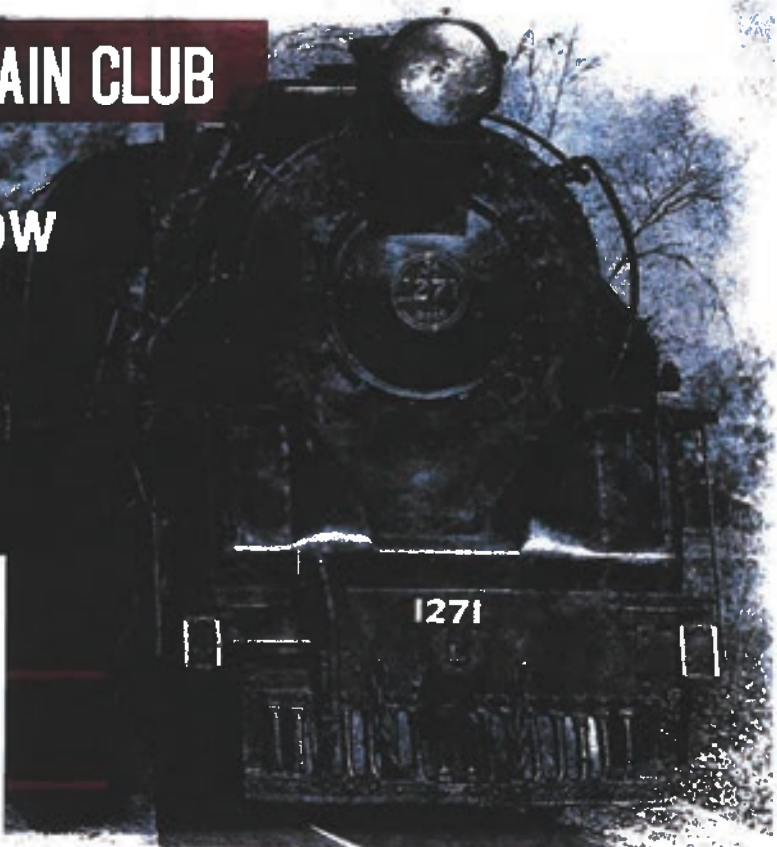


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Model Train Show

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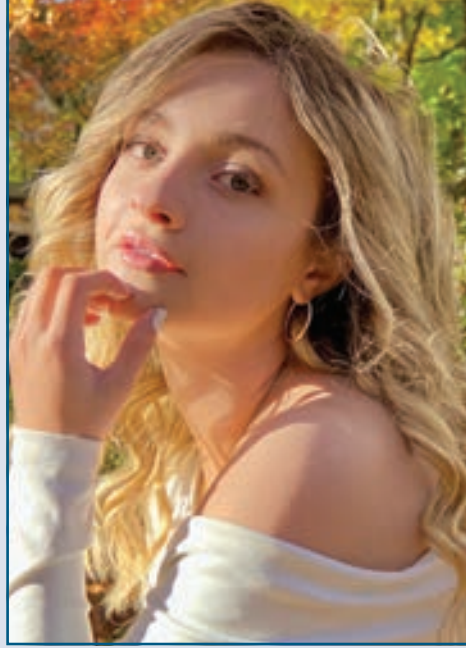
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field High School Z Club. She is the current Z Club president and plans to enter Columbia University in the fall to study biology with goal to become an anesthesiologist. Heidi Quiroz-Garcia will receive the \$1,500 North

Bend High School Z Club scholarship. She is currently attending SWOCC and has yet to decide what four-year institution she will attend this fall. Her plan is to study political science with goal to enter law school and become a prosecutor (specifically handling sexual violence cases.). Both Goodson and Quiroz-Garcia were selected

for their student leadership and activity while involved in a Z-Club at their high school. The \$1,500 Jane M Klausman Women in Business scholarship is awarded to Kyla Bailey-Wilson. Wilson is currently seeking her associate in accounting at SWOCC with a plan for a BSA in accounting at Eastern Oregon University this fall and hopes

to eventually earn an MBA in accounting. The JMK Women in Business scholarship is a progressive award with Bailey-Wilson moving forward to compete for a \$5,000 JMK Women in Business scholarship at the District 8 level of Zonta International. All recipients will be honored at an upcoming Zonta club meeting to be held at the

Seven Devils Waterfront Ale House May 17. Zonta Coos Bay Area members are proud to support the educational goals of our scholarship recipients. For more information about Zonta or to contribute to the scholarship fund visit www.zontacoosbayarea.org.

Ameisha Blodgett joins International Cultural Exchange Services

For the World

International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) welcomes Ameisha Blodgett as a new Local Coordinator. “I have lived on the beautiful Oregon Coast off and on for nearly 30 years. I enjoy spending time with family, nature, and board games. I am currently teaching myself to play the guitar. I am excited to create strong community connections by bringing host families and students together. I am passionate about working with exchange students because I love learning about new cultures and am excited to

be a part of a life-changing experience for a teen.” Ameisha is excited for this new opportunity to work with international high school students and the local families that host them and feels that having exchange students in our local schools and communities increase mutual understanding and improves relationships between countries. Ameisha will be working with families and schools in North Bend and in the surrounding area. Ameisha is currently looking for families that would like to host for the school year of 2024. Exchange students live as a member of the host family—not

a guest or boarder. They participate in family activities, follow host family rules, and help with chores. Students have their own medical insurance and spending money to cover all personal expenses; Host families provide room & board and loving parental guidance to the student. As the Local Coordinator, Ameisha is available to answer questions, give advice, and provide

general support to students and host families throughout the experience. For more information about hosting or working with ICES, please contact Ameisha Blodgett at ablodgett@icesusa.org. ICES is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting a peaceful world by increasing international awareness and understanding through cultural sharing experiences.

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currents can quickly carry you in, potentially leading to capsizing and entrapment.

- Wear a life jacket. Oregon’s waterways are cold year-round. Boaters are encouraged to wear a properly fitting life jacket and to dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.
- If you’re using a Stand Up Paddleboard, be sure to wear a quick-release leash on moving water, especially in rivers where obstructions are present so you can disconnect from the

board if you are drawn into one.

- Boat with others and stay within sight of one another. Do not separate far from one another so you can respond quickly to help.
- Know your limits and how to self-rescue. Be sure your skills and experience are equal to the river difficulty and the conditions.
- Fill out a float plan and let others know where you are boating and when to expect your return.

Visit Boat.Oregon.gov for everything you need to know about recreational boating in Oregon

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infrastructure while also providing economic benefits to Oregon’s coastal communities. Delores Pigsley, Tribal Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, said she is profoundly grateful for the grant, which marks a significant milestone in the Tribe’s ongoing efforts to preserve its ancestral lands and cultural heritage. With the grant support, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will acquire and safeguard a 42-acre beachfront property that holds immense ecological, cultural, and historical significance. “We recognize the urgent need to protect this pristine coastline, not only for the benefit of our tribe but also for the broader community and future generations,” Pigsley said. “By acquiring and managing this property in perpetuity, we honor its sacredness, foster biodiversity, and promote resilience in the face of climate change.” Pigsty said the grant not only empowers the Tribe to fulfill its stewardship responsibilities but also strengthens the Tribe’s partnership with the state of Oregon in

achieving coastal resilience and conservation goals. “On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, I extend our deepest gratitude to all those who have supported this endeavor,” she said.

Senator Wyden, Merkley comments

“The worsening damage from the climate crisis slams our coastal communities with ecosystems absorbing some of the harshest effects such as rising sea levels,” Wyden said. “I’m glad this federal investment from legislation I worked to pass is generating such a big win for the coast, and I will keep battling for resources to protect and restore coastal habitat.”

“Oregon’s coastlines are among the most special natural treasures in our state and are integral to the health and vitality of our communities and local economies,” Merkley said. “The impacts of climate chaos, especially in coastal communities, are becoming more destructive and more frequent—threatening our health, planet, and future. That’s why these funds benefiting coastal resilience and recovery for the Coquille River and Collins Creek Confluence and Ocean Shoreline are so critical.”

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One year after the end of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, Oregon among top states keeping people covered

With more than 90 percent of the state's 1.5 million renewals complete, more than 4 out of 5 Oregonians are keeping their Oregon Health Plan (OHP) or other Medicaid benefits.

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), which ended one year ago in April 2023, the federal government allowed states to keep people on Medicaid benefits. This ended when the pandemic emergency ended, so over the last year Oregon has been making sure everyone on OHP is still eligible.

At this point in the PHE unwinding process:

- Just 1,078 members, about 0.07 percent, still need to respond to renewal requests 9,573 members, about 0.65 percent, have responded

to their renewal but are awaiting state action on the response.

- The remaining renewals, about 8.72 percent of the total, will occur over the summer.

Oregon's 81.8 percent renewal rate continues to be the third highest in a national comparison of state renewal rates by KFF, a nonpartisan health policy organization. Oregon's high renewal rates are due to proactive efforts by the state to keep people covered, including extended response timelines, and adding the upcoming OHP Bridge program for adults with higher incomes.

Members who have not received a renewal yet should:

- Keep their address and contact information

up to date.

- Check their mail or ONE Online account for their renewal letter.
- Do what the renewal letter asks as soon as possible. Anyone concerned they missed their letter should get help with their renewal via one of the ways to find help listed below.
- Members who did not respond to renewals can still re-open their case three months after it closes if they are still eligible, and they can reapply at any time.

Although most people are keeping coverage, approximately 240,000 people will lose or have reduced medical benefits and need to consider other coverage options.

- People who do not have coverage through an employer or Medicare

may be able to enroll through the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace and get financial help. Most people who enroll through Health-Care.gov qualify for this help.

- The Marketplace is sending information to people who are no longer eligible for OHP benefits, advising of other potential coverage options.
- People who have recently lost OHP benefits can enroll anytime until November 30, 2024, or within 60 days of their benefits ending.
- For more information and ways to get help signing up for Marketplace, Medicare, or employer coverage, see "What to do if OHP is ending" below.

Remaining renewals On Feb. 13, 2024, the federal government

approved a revised plan for Oregon's remaining 126,000 post-pandemic renewals.

Many of these renewals were affected by a federal request for more than 30 states to review automated renewal processes or restorations of some Oregon Supplemental Income Program Medical (OSIPM) benefits. A May 2024 technical update to Oregon's ONE Eligibility system will enable Oregon to use the new automated process for the remaining renewals.

Renewal letters will be sent to members in four waves between June and September. Members will still have 90 days to respond, and 60 days' advance notice before any termination or reduction in benefits. This means the final responses would

be due in December 2024, and the final closures will happen in February 2025.

Data about pandemic unwinding renewals appears in the Medical Redeterminations Dashboard. The dashboard data and these press releases will not include renewals for OHP members who have already renewed early in the unwinding process, who are coming up for renewal again. Over time, Oregon is switching to renewing most OHP members every two years instead of annually.

April OHP renewal data

As of March 19, 2024, 1,317,810 people have completed the renewal process. This represents

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Community Calendar of Events

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Or visit us at our Facebook and Instagram page: South Coast Head Start. Priority is given to Homeless children, Foster children, and children with disabilities. ----- Dancing At The Reedsport Senior Center Every Wednesday 9:30 - 11:30 am! Free Dance Lessons Start At 9:30 Am Followed By Music And Dancing Until Just Before Lunch. All Are Invited Even If You Don't Dance - Just Enjoy Dance Slow Dance, Waltz, East Coast Swing, Cha-Cha And More Reedsport Senior Center 460 Winchester Ave Reedsport, Oregon 541-271-4884 ----- MindPower Upcoming Events Wine Tastings from 4:00-7:00pm (Wine tasting events can change or more dates can be added, check or updates on Facebook or emails) MAY 3rd Winery TBA	(Cinco de Mayo Open House Reedsport Main Street. Progressive Stop) 17th Sarver Winery 31st Winery TBA JUNE 2024 14th Artist Show and Reception—Gesine Krätzner clay sculptures and paintings. If you haven't been in the gallery recently we hope you come in and see some of the new artists that have joined us in the past month. We welcome Therese Misner, Brian Gorrin, Gabrelle Soraci, Kona Bear, Designs Rumors Run Wild, Victoria Kwasinski, Laret Glass, Meyer Works, Paula Litchfield. Our next Art and Wine Tasting is Friday April 5th from 4:00-7:00pm with Girardet Vineyard and Winery. We are happy to bring back Kristi to come pour some of their amazing wines! These evenings are always a great way for you to try the wine before you buy them, and find out what wine pairs with dinner. Come for the tasting, stay for a glass or take home a bottle. ----- Coos Bay/North Bend Parkinson's Support Group	meets on the second Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 at the Coos Bay Public Library, 525 Anderson Avenue, Coos Bay, Myrtlewood Room and is sponsored by Parkinson's Resources of Oregon. Local contact information: Aaron - 541.808.1336 Learn more about PRO's services at www.parkinson-sresources.org ----- A Tiny Art Show At The North Bend Public Library The North Bend Public Library is holding a Tiny Art Show showcasing art made by you! Participants can use their own supplies or pick up a mini kit from the library to create a work of art no bigger than 3 in. X 3 in. Art kits are available at the library starting April 1, while supplies last. Art must be submitted by Friday, April 26. Our Tiny Art Show will be displayed during the month of May for public viewing. Kits can be picked up from the front desk in the library. This program is for all ages. For more information, visit	www.northbendlibrary.org or call (541) 756-0400. ----- Community Yoga Thursday, May 9 6:00pm. Coos Bay Public Library The Coos Bay Public Library has partnered with yoga instructor, Kelli Bosak, to offer this FREE virtual event for those seeking guided practice. We meet every second Thursday via Zoom. ----- LIGHTHOUSE BLUES Bandon 4th of July - Johnny Wheels & The Swamp Donkeys Come celebrate the 4th of July with some bluesy tunes by Johnny Wheels & The Swamp Donkeys at LIGHTHOUSE BLUES in Bandon! Thursday, July 4 • 6 - 9:30pm PDT 250 1st Street Southwest Bandon, OR 97411 Come celebrate Independence Day with some soulful blues music. Johnny Wheels & The Swamp Donkeys will be rocking the stage, guaranteeing a night filled with good vibes and great tunes. Don't miss out on this in-person event - grab your friends and get ready to dance the night away at The Bandon Fisher-	ies Warehouse! ----- Shine On - Grateful Dead Tribute Band coming to Bandon! Starts on Friday, July 12 • 6:30pm PDT 250 1st Street Southwest Bandon, OR 97411 THE BANDON FISHERIES WAREHOUSE is excited to bring you South-ern Oregon's very popular Grateful Dead Tribute Band... Shine On! Food & Beverage Available on site. 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Police Blotter

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

Thursday 04/18:

North Bend

- 2:05 am, 28 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on aggravated harassment, 2 counts attempt to commit class C felony, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct II, 2100 block of Newmark Ave.
- 11:03 am, criminal trespass, 600 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 12:21 pm, 35 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on theft II, 2100 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 2:09 pm, criminal trespass, 1800 block of Myrtle St.
- 3:59 pm, disorderly conduct, area of Taco Bell.
- 5:03 pm, criminal mischief, 800 block of California Ave.
- 5:30 pm, assault, area of Colorado Street.
- 8:17 pm, criminal mischief, area of Harbor Ave.
- 3:07 pm, criminal trespass, 1800 block of Newmark Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 5:43 am, threats, 100 block of Norman Ave.
- 6:54 am, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 300 block of South Wasson St.
- 9:08 am, fraud, 200 block of North Cammann Street.
- 9:44 am, criminal trespass, 300 block of South Broadway Street.
- 10:10 am, 29 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on probation violation on harassment, assault IV, 200 block of North Baxter Street.
- 12:29 pm, 26 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on theft II, escape III, false info to law enforce-

- ment, 200 block of Main St.
- 1:44 pm, criminal trespass, 300 block of South 2nd Street.
 - 1:53 pm, theft from vehicle, 1700 block of Thompson Road.
 - 2:05 pm, theft, 300 block of South Empire Boulevard.
 - 5:13 pm, theft, 2000 block of Newmark Ave.
 - 5:19 pm, hit & run, 2000 block of Newmark Ave.
 - 7:14 pm, 20 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on DUI I, failure to perform duties of driver with property damage, area of Ackerman & Newmark.
 - 8:03 pm, criminal trespass, 1000 block of Newmark Avenue.
 - 9:54 pm, harassment, 500 block of Hall Ave.
 - 11:39 pm, disorderly conduct, area of Brule & Ocean.

Coquille

- 11:34 am, 37 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on disorderly conduct II, 400 block of West Central Blvd.

Friday 04/19:

North Bend

- 3:07 am, criminal trespass, 1800 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 9:12 am, criminal trespass, area of Colorado Ave.
- 9:25 am, criminal trespass, 3200 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 10:53 am, disorderly conduct, area of Newmark & Tremont.
- 2:02 pm, fraud, 800 block of Oregon Avenue.
- 3:36 pm, animal neglect, 2200 block of Virginia Ave.
- 5:40 pm, shots fired, area

- of Virginia & Broadway.
- 7:42 pm, criminal trespass, 1900 block of Sherman.
 - 9:07 pm, criminal trespass, 1900 block of Sherman Avenue.
 - 3:33 pm, theft, 700 block of East 3rd Street.
 - 6:09 pm, disorderly conduct, 100 block of East 1st Street.
 - 11:20 pm, assault, 300 block of North Collier St.
 - 10:28 am, disorderly conduct, area of Simpson Park.
 - 10:40 am, criminal trespass, 1500 block of Monroe Avenue.
 - 7:26 pm, hit & run, 1600 block of Virginia Ave.

Coos Bay

- 9:55 am, theft, 700 block of F Street.
- 10:08 am, sexual abuse, 2000 block of Newmark Ave.
- 10:15 am, fraud, 800 block of South Broadway Street.
- 11:23 am, disorderly conduct, 50 block of East Central Avenue.
- 11:38 am, criminal trespass, 500 block of South 4th Street.
- 1:27 pm, criminal trespass, 1200 block of South 1st St.
- 4:34 pm, criminal trespass, 200 block of East Johnson Avenue.
- 7:03 pm, 40 year old female cited on driving while suspended, area of Newmark Avenue & Schoneman St.
- 10:51 pm, 33 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on unlawful possession of meth, felon in possession of restricted weapon, area of Newmark Avenue & Student Housing.

Reedsport

- 2:05 pm, disorderly conduct, 2000 block of Cedar Avenue.
- 3:26 pm, disorderly conduct, area of Dollar Tree.

Saturday 04/20:

Coos Bay

- 8:30 am, criminal trespass, 900 block of Augustine.
- 9:56 am, criminal trespass, 100 block of South Cammann Street.
- 11:20 am, threats, 100 block of Ocean Blvd.
- 12:28 pm, disorderly conduct, 200 block of South Marple Street.
- 1:17 pm, animal abuse, 500 block of South 4th St.
- 1:52 pm, assault, 400 block of Newmark Ave.
- 2:59 pm, 34 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on driving while suspended, area of VP Racing Fuels.
- 3:12 pm, 30 year old female cited on criminal trespass I, theft II, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:18 pm, 34 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on DUI I, area of 4th & Commercial.
- 3:38 pm, 40 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on driving while suspended, area of South Morrison & Garfield.
- 3:57 pm, disorderly conduct, area of Johnson Avenue & South 1st Street.
- 6:24 pm, criminal trespass, 1000 block of South Broadway Street.
- 7:29 pm, criminal mischief, area of Mingsu Park.
- 8:03 pm, disorderly conduct, 1800 block of North Bayshore Drive.
- 8:07 pm, disorderly conduct, 1000 block of South

- 1st Street.
- 9:16 pm, 48 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 400 block of Newmark Ave.
 - 11:49 pm, criminal mischief, 1000 block of Evans Boulevard.

Coquille

- 5:04 am, criminal trespass, 200 block of West Highway 42.
- 10:01 am, criminal trespass, 400 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 11:45 am, 26 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal mischief III, 300 block of West Hwy 42.
- 11:53 am, criminal trespass, 200 block of West Highway 42.
- 11:53 am, criminal mischief, 400 block of North Baxter.
- 1:01 pm, criminal trespass, 200 block of West Highway 42.
- 3:15 pm, criminal trespass, 300 block of West Highway 42.
- 3:37 pm, 26 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 50 block of West Hwy 42.
- 5:46 pm, criminal trespass, 50 block of West Highway 42.
- 7:38 pm, criminal trespass, 70 block of North Birch Street.

Sunday 04/21:

North Bend

- 7:04 am, criminal trespass, 1700 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 9:40 am, disorderly conduct, 900 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 9:49 am, criminal tres-

- pass, 2500 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:07 am, weapons offense, 1900 block of Sherman Avenue.
 - 4:15 pm, theft, 1500 block of Sherman Ave.
 - 8:59 pm, fight, 2000 block of Everett Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 8:31 am, disorderly conduct, 1300 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 9:21 am, 26 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 10:02 am, disorderly conduct, area of Newport & Mullen Road.
- 12:17 pm, 45 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on theft III, escape III, 500 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 12:38 pm, disorderly conduct, 500 block of South 4th Street.
- 1:11 pm, animal neglect, 500 block of Newmark Ave.
- 3:20 pm, criminal trespass, area of Coalbank Slough Bridge.
- 5:33 pm, animal abuse, area of Bayshore & Anderson.
- 7:04 pm, threats, 900 block of South Broadway St.
- 8:06 pm, 42 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass I, criminal mischief II, 1400 block of Newmark Ave.

Coquille

- 4:23 pm, 48 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, resisting arrest, probation detainee, 400 block of Highway 42.

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Obituaries

Nathan Cramer Douthit

September 09, 1938 - April 16, 2024

We lost our treasured husband, father, grandpa, friend and renaissance scholar, Nathan Cramer Douthit, on April 16, 2024.

Nathan started life in Clarinda, Iowa with parents John Warren and Anna Douthit. After serving abroad during WW II, Warren moved his family to Central Point, Oregon. Nathan excelled at academics, played all sports, rode horses with his parents and worked summers in pear orchards and in the woods. After graduating from high school he joined ROTC and moved across country to earn a degree at Harvard. He followed his undergraduate degree with four years in the Marine Corps, retiring with the rank of Captain.

In 1963 he started graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley. A blind date led to his future wife of sixty years, Eva Hovde, newly arrived from Norway. After receiving his doctorate in American History, Nathan, Eva and son Randall moved to Coos Bay, Oregon, where Nathan taught at Southwest Oregon Community College until he retired in 1997 as Professor Emeritus

of History and Political Science. The family enjoyed exploring back roads, hiking beaches and dunes and Nathan became interested in the rich local history of the south coast where he used to vacation with his parents every summer. He self published The Coos Bay Region, 1890-1944; life on a coastal frontier, as well as A Guide to Oregon South Coast History; traveling the Jedediah Smith trail. The latter was republished by Oregon State University, which also published his book Uncertain Encounters; Indians and Whites at Peace and War in Southern Oregon, 1820's-1860's. The copyright for the Coos Bay Region is now owned by the Coos History Museum.

Nathan also became passionately involved in developing the old Marshfield Sun building on Front Street into a working printing museum where he loved to set type for his poetry and give tours to interested visitors and school groups.

In 1999, with the birth of Laurel, the first grandchild, Eva and Nathan moved to Portland. Ella completed the family in 2002. In



addition to enjoying watching the children grow, Nathan took full advantage of Portland's cultural scene, attending plays, symphony and opera, but his favorite hang out was downtown Powells where you could find him searching for titles that explored the elusive concept of what it means to be human.

Nathan is predeceased by his parents and survived by his wife, Eva, his son Randall, daughter in law Sharon (Vojta) and grandchildren Laurel and Ella. We all miss him dearly but are so grateful for the good memories.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to either the Marshfield Sun Association or the Coos History Museum.

Bill Stieber

September 6, 1939 - April 16, 2024

William "Bill" Stieber passed away at his home in Reedsport, Oregon on April 16, 2024.

Bill was born on September 6, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois to parents Oscar and Anna Stieber. He grew up in Melrose Park, IL, with his siblings Leo and Kim. He was an above average student and began his career at United Parcel Service.

Bill married the love of his life, Betty, on July 5, 1975, in New Orleans. Theirs was a once in a lifetime love.

Bill worked for and eventually retired from the United Parcel Service. He was sent to many exciting places for his training, and liked to say that after 37 years, he had a Doctorate in parcel delivery. He loved running, motorbikes, working on his property, and testing his luck. He loved playing (and

winning) at the casino, but most of all he loved spending time with his family.

He was especially proud of his children, Teri, Chuck, John, and Billy, all of whom were taught good work ethics, integrity, and the importance of family.

Bill is survived by his wife: Betty, Children: Teri, Chuck and Diana, Billy and Suzie, grandchildren: Nicole and Brad, Phillip and Candace, Christen and Ben, Cole, Blythe and Brandon, and Brittany, great grandchildren Blakely, Kennedy, Charlotte, Payton, Aden, Brianne, Parker, Christopher, Hunter, Colton, and Brantley, sister Kim and sister in laws Lynne, Adless and Lisa, brothers in law: George, Matthew, and Ricky, nieces: Caryn, Dione, Lisa, Michelle, nephews: George,



Matthew, Jake, and Sebastian.

He is preceded in death by his mother Anna, father Oscar, mother-in-law Ella Rita, brother Leo, son John, sister-in-law Dottie, and brother-in-law Al.

A memorial service will be held at Dunes Memorial Chapel on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 2:00pm.

He is so loved and will be missed dearly by many.

Judy Walters

February 28, 1940 - April 22, 2024

A graveside service for Judith Kay Walters, 84, of Coos Bay was held Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 2:00 PM at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum with Pastor Mark Schiro officiating. Judy was born February 28, 1940 in North Bend, OR the daughter of Kenneth and Dorothy (Mikulecky) Long and passed away peacefully April 22, 2024 at Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay.

She graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay, class of 1958. She worked for Hickory Farms in North Bend and was a proud Cub Scout Dem Mother.

She enjoyed crafting, cooking and baking.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Walters Sr. in September 2014.

She is survived by her loving children, Bill Walters Jr. and wife, Judy, David Walters Sr. and wife, Jane and Julie Walters; grandchildren, Wade Walters, Cory Walters, Rock Woods, Ashley Walters, Randy Davis and David Walters Jr. great-grandchildren, Shelby Walters, Hunter Davis, Peyton Walters, Baylie Walters, Ava Arguelles and Evelyn Davis; great-great granddaughter, Elena Peyton Bean; brother



Ken Long and wife, Barbara; numerous nieces, nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Death Notices

William Matthew (Matt) Fluharty, 66, of Charleston, passed away on March 27, 2024. Arrangements are under the care of Oregon Cremation.

Leslie A. Ames, 95, of North Bend died April 20, 2024 in North Bend. Services will be announced under the direction of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service-Bay Area. 541-269-2851. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

William Patrick Flynn, 75, of Bandon, died April 21, 2024 in Portland. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Bandon.

Viola P. Reese, 99 of North Bend died April 20, 2024 in Coos Bay. Services will be announced under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel. 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Soonae Phillips, 87, of Brookings, passed away on April 22, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Harold Lee Crider, 81, of North Bend, passed away April 19, 2024 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Joyce Marie Wilson, 71, of Coos Bay, passed away April 18, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

John Albert Wright, 89, of Coos Bay, passed away April 19, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Teresa Margaret Hargis, 74, of Coos Bay, passed away April 15, 2024 in Springfield. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Chloe A. Smith, 26, of Lakeside died April 19, 2024 in Lakeside. Services will be announced under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Cecil J. Nix, 76, of North Bend, passed away April 20, 2024 at North Bend. Services are pending under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216.

Gary Lee Mercer, 76, of Coquille, passed away April 22, 2024 at Coquille. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216.

Wilma Nadeen Street, 95, of North Bend, passed away on April 25, 2024 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Oregon's nonfarm payroll employment rises by 1,400

STAFF REPORT
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Oregon's seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment rose by 1,400 jobs in March, following a revised gain of 2,800 jobs in February, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

The rate

Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.2% in both February and March. Its rise from a record low of 3.4% in May 2023 is a sign of a loosening labor market. Another indicator of a loosening labor market was the rise in the number of Oregonians employed part time for economic reasons, which rose to 73,000 in March from a low of 48,200 in September 2022.

Gains and losses

March's gains were largest in professional and business services (+2,400 jobs); government (+1,000); and wholesale trade (+600). Monthly declines were largest in construction (-2,300 jobs); retail trade (-600); and manufacturing (-600). Hiring trends diverged during the first three months of the year.

Several major industries expanded by at least 1,500 jobs, while others contracted. Health care and social assistance continued its rapid growth of the past two years with gains totaling 3,300 jobs during January, February, and March.

Administrative and waste services added 2,700 jobs during those three months, which was an abrupt shift following this industry's loss of 4,600 jobs during 2023. Government added 1,500 jobs so far this year as it continued its recovery

and expansion of the past three years. The industry that dropped the most during the first three months of the year was construction, which dropped by 3,300 jobs, following a relatively flat year in 2023 when it gained only 900 jobs.

Meanwhile, accommodation and food services dropped 1,900 jobs so far this year, which nearly erased its gain of 2,000 jobs last year.



Donald was born in Fresno, Ca and passed peacefully in his sleep of cardiac arrest while at his happy place, Elk Hunting camp in Toutle, WA with his son and stepson at the age of 62.

He moved to Coos Bay in 1974 and attended Marshfield High School. He worked as a commercial fisherman, wet land restoration technician and as a truck driver.

Donald was an avid outdoorsman enjoying spending time hunting, fishing and camping whenever he could. He is survived by his



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State of the Parks:

South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve

By NATE SCHWARTZ

Though technically not a ‘park’, the South Slough Reserve is an essential resource for Coos County and the entire South Coast. In addition to providing the public with education on and access to a beautiful, well-maintained natural space, the Reserve is necessary for protecting environments and species that are crucial to local industry and commerce.

I took the short trip down Seven Devils Road to speak with Deborah Rudd, the Public Involvement Coordinator for the Reserve, who gave us plenty of insight and access to the 7000-acre Reserve and its facilities.

“The mission of the Reserve is to improve the stewardship and the understanding of Pacific Northwest estuaries and coastal watersheds,” said Rudd on the Reserve’s goals, “All reserves are partnerships between NOAA and coastal states, and reserves have a three-pronged approach. We embrace that from an education vantage, from a stewardship vantage, and from a research vantage.”

This holistic approach enables the Reserve to achieve goals on multiple fronts. Though to many, the South Slough is a wonderfully well-kept park with accessible trails and stunning vistas, it is also an expansive open-air laboratory where crucial scientific study occurs every day.

“We are a living laboratory, so not only do we have our own people doing research, but we have other researchers that come here and use this as a space to conduct their research. So our nearly 7000 acres that we have are not only protected, but it's a place that we can test out different theories, different science programs,” said Rudd on the role of the Reserve, “That's kind of our overarching goal, because a lot of people in the community know that school kids come here, they know they can come for a hike here, or visit our exhibits, but a lot of people don't know that there's actual real science happening here too.”

SSNERR Lab Photo: South Slough Reserve Lab facilities in Charleston

Stewardship and Research

Stewardship, as it relates to the Reserve, can mean a lot of things. Though it may sound as simple as maintaining trails, picking weeds, and keeping nature undisturbed, the level of research and consideration that goes into each project and its impact is



significant.

A major element of good stewardship for the Reserve is the way it manages the more vulnerable and essential species of flora and fauna native to the area. One great example is the Western Lily. Found on a piece of land acquired by the Reserve, this rare species of lily is normally hard to find in the area but has seen a steady increase in population thanks to monitoring and protection from Reserve scientists.

An essential piece of the estuary’s plant life is eelgrass. Crucial to the health of the waterways and their denizens, eelgrass provides food and protection to some of the South Coast’s cornerstone species. It also provides a great example of where the Reserve does more than just monitor and protect, they also work constantly on ways to revive and restore, like finding methods to replant the aquatic plant.

“We had several years with unusually warm water, and the warmer waters were correlated with decline in eelgrass beds, and some of the replanting has been working in some areas... We currently have a graduate fellow that is learning how to take seeds of the eelgrass and grow from seed, which is really difficult to do. So we're always exploring new ways to protect, or enhance, or figure out how to encour-

age,” said Rudd.

This stewardship has purpose beyond the pursuit of environmental protection, as many of the species being protected or studied are essential to the local economy, salmon being an excellent example. The waterways being monitored and restored by the Reserve, especially in the uplands, are prime salmon habitats. South Slough works with ODFW to monitor the population and health of not only salmon and other fish, but of one of the South Coast’s most important and emblematic creatures, Dungeness Crab.

“We're also the nursery for a big industry we have here, Dungeness Crab. Little baby Dungeness Crabs live in the estuary. We're actually working to try to sleuth out the problem with the invasive green crab, because they could threaten our Dungeness species of crabs,” said Rudd about conservation efforts.

“Our Science Lead, Shon Schooler, is working with the Invasive Species Council and ODFW to figure out, first of all, why is the population of green crabs growing? Where is it coming from? And conducting different experiments to figure out ways to eradicate them or to limit the population, so they don't overtake native crab species and tear up eelgrass.”

These ties to the local economy run all the way back to the establishment of the reserve in 1974, when it became the very first of, what are now, 30 National Estuarine Research Reserves throughout the country. With the initial goal of monitoring water quality and making sure it was still safe for local farming and industry, the Reserve has since worked to convert defunct farmland back into its natural state and restore habitats that have been affected, all while still uploading widely-used water quality data every 15 minutes.

Wasson Creek Photo: Wasson Creek before it begins habitat restoration

The Reserve is currently conducting research for its next major project, The Wasson Creek Restoration Project. After receiving \$3.5 million in federal funding, the Reserve will be breaking ground in June for the project which seeks to restore the watershed in the 525-acre Wasson Creek area, after much of the natural habitat was destroyed when converted for agricultural use.

Through collaboration with the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices from the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), an archeological survey

and report for the area was conducted. The subsequent plan seeks to restore waterways, remove invasive and foster native species, and improve public access and safety. Once development starts, this area will be off-limits to the public until it is complete.

Thankfully, Rudd was willing to show us the site, where we serendipitously bumped into the Reserve’s resident drone pilot Jennifer Kirkland. Using an advanced multi-spectral survey drone, Kirkland is able to track things like specific vegetation by reading light on parts of the spectrum unseeable to the human eye. This allows the Reserve to survey large and hard to reach areas with greater ease and as little human impact as possible. Though the Reserve would like to make it clear that private drone usage in the park is generally not allowed.

SSNERR Drone Photo: Multi-spectral Survey Drone used by the Reserve

Education and Outreach

The Reserve’s constant education and outreach opportunities help locals connect with their environments in new and engaging ways. From a revolving door of school fieldtrips to community volunteer opportunities, the Reserve maintains

that getting people to care about the health of their local ecosystems is just as important as the literal work of protecting them.

In addition to field trips and day camps for school-aged kids, and internship opportunities for high school and college students, the Reserve also provides loads of often free community classes for those looking to dive into hobbies like crabbing and kayaking. Fishing and permitted hunting, as well as berry and mushroom picking, is allowed on parts of the Reserve, as long as anything gathered is for personal use only, and those participating follow all Reserve and ODFW guidelines.

The Reserve also contributes to the local economy through training programs for members of local industry.

“We have a more formal coastal training program that works with people in natural resources, or people who have to make decisions based on Land Management and those kinds of things. Basically, that program brings in trainers to help them. Maybe they need some [Geographic Information System] skills, or maybe there's a community issue with figuring out mapping of an area, and they want a GIS person to come fly a drone or do specialized

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Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary volunteers support patients and families

By **BREE LAUGHLIN**
The World

Volunteers with the Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary donate their time to make a meaningful difference in the lives of hospital patients and their families.

Auxiliary volunteers are identifiable by their bright blue jackets. They

greet and assist visitors, raise funds through the gift shop, escort patients to medical appointments, deliver flowers, provide wheelchair assistance, and much more.

Representatives with the hospital auxiliary said becoming a volunteer is a terrific way to feel connected and support the health needs in the

community.

“By greeting patients and their families who are visiting the hospital with a warm smile and a listening ear, we can brighten their day,” said Connie Monahan.

“Working in the hospital gift shop is a fantastic way to be involved. Also, you might aid a patient or family member who has

lost their way in the hospital, or offer wheelchair transportation to their destination,” Monahan said.

The group of current Bay Area Hospital Auxiliary volunteers recently got together to take a picture. Their smiling faces filled the stairs near the hospital entrance.

The Bay Area Hospital's liaison to the auxiliary, Lindsey Moore, was on-hand for the event.

“We have some absolutely amazing individuals that contribute to the community with every facet of their being,” she said.

“They're really serving our community in a beautiful way. Some of them are locals that have lived here all their lives, and some of them are transplants that have either background in healthcare or just a passion for serving,” Moore said.

Moore reported that auxiliary volunteers raised \$24,000 in funds through the hospital gift shop. This round of funds will be used to purchase important medical equipment, including equipment for the hospital's Intensive Care Unit, she said.

“We have a really long partnership – a beautiful legacy – and it's a joy to get to work with them,” Moore said.

The long history of the auxiliary in the local community began at McAuley Hospital in downtown Coos Bay. That hospital was built in 1925 and was originally known as Wesley Methodist Hospital.

The first official auxiliary officers were installed in 1968. Auxiliary members were involved in physical acts of painting and preparing for the Bay Area Hospital, in

addition to fundraising, before it opened.

They have been supporting the Bay Area Hospital for the past 50 years – the entirety of the hospital's existence.

Auxiliary representatives said they have a great group of core volunteers, but they could use some more. The number of volunteers dwindled during the pandemic and haven't yet made a full comeback.

Volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds, ages, interests, and skills. Auxiliary volunteers are asked to donate 4 hours of their time per week.

More information about becoming a volunteer can be found on the Bay Area Hospital website: bayareahospital.org/volunteer. Those who would like to fill out an application can also email lindsay.moore@bayareahospital.org.



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- 1,077,765 people (81.8 percent) were renewed and kept their benefits.

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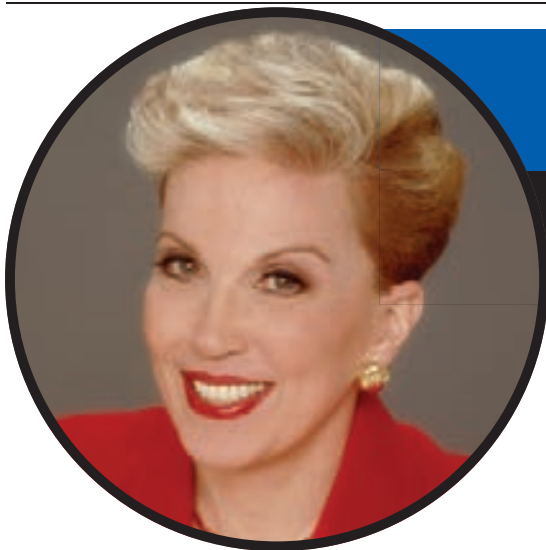
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Dear Abby

By

Abigail Van Buren

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Dear Abby:

My sister "Sandy" divorced her husband 15 years ago. Her oldest son, "Nick," has never gotten over it. He's 30 now and has treated her badly over the years. He not only vandalized her home but has also said horrible things to her. She maintained a relationship with him despite his behavior, supporting him emotionally and sometimes financially.

Sandy has been engaged to her long-term boyfriend for three years, but Nick is hostile toward him. He calls him names, denigrates his faith and refuses to accept him as part of the family. Her fiancé has grown tired of this treatment, and I'm afraid it may cause their breakup.

My sister doesn't want to lose her son over this, and everyone in our family, including her other children, loves Nick. What can she do?

— SEES DYSFUNCTION IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR Sees:

What your sister should do depends upon what's more important to her. If losing her fiancé to maintain a relationship with her disrespectful and unloving son is paramount, she should end their romantic relationship. Of course, it won't change her son's deplorable behavior, and she will have to accept that. OR she can decide to go on with her life and possibly marry her gentleman friend. The rest of the family can continue to love Nick as much as they wish, and everyone will be happier.

P.S. I can't help but wonder why this letter came from you and not from your sister. The most unwelcome advice is that which is unsolicited.

Dear Abby:

As far as I'm concerned, my marriage is over. For the past 10 years or more, my wife has recklessly spent our joint savings and my pension savings, taken out credit cards in my name without my knowledge and put us through bankruptcy. We now have over \$50k in debt with nothing left. She has also been having affairs on the side.

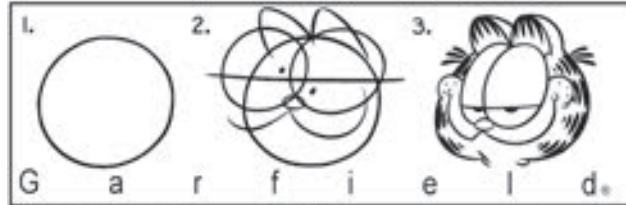
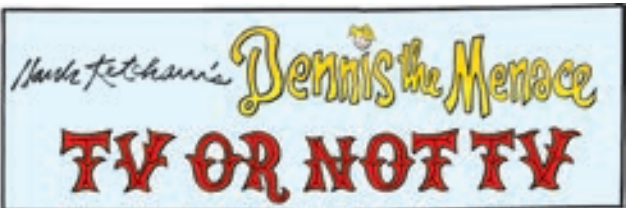
I can't trust a word she says or continue to live like this. Each time, she has begged for forgiveness and promised not to do it anymore -- until she does it a week later. We agreed to separate a month ago, but now she realizes there's not going to be any regular income from me and wants to stay married. When I told her no, she attacked me physically.

I don't want the police involved. I have a daughter on the spectrum. Although she's a young adult, she will blame me, and what relationship I have with her will be destroyed. I have been advised to not move out, as that can be seen by the courts as abandoning my property to her. Please advise, Abby.

— END OF THE ROAD

DEAR End:

The best advice I can offer you is to tell this story to the best divorce lawyer you can find (interview SEVERAL) and follow that person's advice TO THE LETTER. If you must remain on the property, buy a sturdy lock for your bedroom door, and use it. If your wife becomes violent again, DO involve the police, and get out of there as soon as you safely can.



As I See It

By MARY SCHAMEHORN

I love the history associated with this first story, which I found in the Feb. 10, 1982, Western World, with the headline "Coast Guard Building Plans Revealed."

"Although the plans are still in the tentative stages, the Bandon Historical Society's museum could be moving -- a couple of blocks. Now that the Port of Bandon has acquired the old Coast Guard building (first photo), located along the waterfront on First Street, there is a good possibility that it will someday house the museum, in addition to providing much-needed boat repair and maintenance facilities for the Port of Bandon."

At the time this article was written, the museum was in the Masonic Building, and later did move to the Coast Guard building, before ending up in his present home at 101 and Fillmore.

"Port President Jim Hanna told Western World that the Coast Guard building will be maintained as a historic site, and will be open to the public at certain times.

"The Port will utilize the large boat room as its maintenance shop. The port has a lot of equipment, and it's nice to have some place to store it and to be able to maintain it," said Port Commissioner Hugh McNeil.

"Hanna also indicated that the port would probably be putting some tables and benches along the waterfront, in back of the station, with the area to be maintained for use by the public.

"The Port of Bandon traded its 290-acre salt marsh, located southeast of Bullards Bridge, to the Fish and Wildlife Service for the Coast Guard station.

"Port officials worked nearly five years with federal and private agencies to complete the complicated negotiations, said Hanna.

"The old Coast Guard station, built in 1939 on the site of a lifesaving station (second photo), is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Restoration work is expected to begin this summer with workers starting to repaint the outside of the building.

"The salt marsh has been designated by Congress as a national wildlife refuge and is one of the largest remaining salt marsh ecosystems -- and the last undeveloped one -- along the Oregon Coast.

"Cost of acquisition

of the Port of Bandon's property was estimated at \$270,000."

An item in the Nov. 3, 1927, Western World told about the new "El Patio" Ballroom opening on Second Street in the former Dreamland building. After the Fire of 1936, Erdman's City Market (third photo) built on the site, later it was the long-time home of Lloyd's Cafe, and today it is the Old Town Tap and Grill and Sunnyside Cafe.

"George McMurphy and his Kellege Knights, a 10-piece orchestra which has just completed a successful engagement at the Broadway theater in Portland, is announced as the opening attraction. Regular dances will commence the following Saturday. Spanish motifs have been used in the decorating scheme to transfer the old hall into a replica of the 'El Patio' ballroom in Los Angeles. One of the largest orders of hand dyed batiks ever undertaken in the west was filled here to provide ceiling and wall decorations. And a novel indirect lighting system has been installed."

A big crowd turned out Sunday afternoon and evening to celebrate the life of Anthony Zunino, a much loved community member who died recently after a courageous battle with cancer.

Anthony was a longtime member of the Bandon fire department, and the department's huge American flag waved over the Bandon Fisheries Warehouse where the event was held, and family members rode to the event in fire trucks. Owner of Freedom Graphics, Anthony was a member of the Bandon School Board and he volunteered throughout the community, wherever anyone needed him.

Four people with ties to Bandon died within the last couple of weeks, including Kaunner Jackson, Kenny McCurdy, Mary Stewart and Bob Harlukowicz.

Kaunner, 31, was the son of Lacey and Tom Jackson, and the father of Charles Kaunner Jackson, Jr. His survivors include his grandfather, Jim Jackson; grandmother, Nellie Harmon; brother, Coleton; and sister, Seana Stevenson. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 27, at 1 p.m. at Bullards Park east pavilion.

Kenny McCurdy and his wife, the former Patty Turner, are long time residents of Bandon, and started Sweets & Treats in Old Town Bandon,

now operated by their daughter, Meghan Butts, and her family. Kenny is survived by his wife, daughter and three grandchildren.

Mary Stewart died April 4 at the age of 78. She and her late husband, Tex Buskirk, moved to Bandon more than 25 years ago and were active in the community. After his death, she married the late Russ Stewart, and the two operated the Bandon Boatworks for several years. Mary was a long-time volunteer and member of the board of the Bandon History Museum.

Bob Harlukowicz of Coos Bay died February 24 in the VA Hospital in Portland at the age of 82. For a number of years Bob operated a car repair shop in Bandon.

In another sad bit of news, I've learned that the body of 27-year-old Rachel Merchant-Ly of Idleyld Park was found April 19 in the North Umpqua River where her pickup ended up Feb. 29th when she apparently skidded off the rain-slickened highway as she was enroute to Glide Elementary School where she taught kindergarten. Her body was found seven and a half miles down the river from where her pickup had been located the day of the accident.

She was the granddaughter of Bandon native Stuart Merchant.

And the news just keeps getting sadder. I saw on a Facebook post that long-time local area beautician, Regina Weckmann Kincheloe, has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma, and although it is not curable, she is hoping to become eligible for a stem cell transfer. She and her husband Jeff Kincheloe live in Myrtle Point.

Regina went to school in Bandon and is the daughter of Rick and the late Kathy Weckmann.

A go fund me page has been started by Courtney Shamot Whitehouse, and I hope you will join me in donating to help Regina.

Coos County has announced that the jail capacity will be doubling to 98 beds on April 27. "This expansion is a significant milestone, which will enable us to better serve our community and contribute to a safer Coos County," said the press release. Since the beginning of 2023, the Sheriff's Office has rehired 27 percent of overall staff, and these deputies have been fully trained,



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allowing the jail to double its capacity from 49 to 98 beds.

As pointed out in the information about the county's Safety Levy on the May ballot, this is only the beginning of the jail beds needed to keep criminals in jail. "With your help, we can increase the jail bed space from 98 to 147 beds," said Sheriff Gabe Fabrizio.

Additionally the levy will fund two new deputy District Attorney positions. Once hired, additional staff will allow for prosecution of backlogged cases, as well as timely prosecution of new cases.

The tax for the five-year levy will be 98 cents a thousand of assessed value. A home with an assessed value of \$200,000 will pay \$196 a year (\$16.33 a month) to support the levy.

Don't forget that the city park playground, on west 11th Street, will be closed from April 24 to May 6 for the installation of new playground equipment.

Three events are going on in Bandon on Wednesday, April 24. Bandon Showcase is sponsoring a wonderful

vocal trio, singing the songs of Kenny Rogers, Lionel Richie and Smokey Robinson. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., at the Sprague Theater, and tickets, which are \$35, are available at the door or at bandonshowcase.org. Refreshments will be served during intermission, courtesy of Coastal Mist and Sheila and Larry Langenberg. A free student outreach program will be held earlier on the day of the concert, which has received local support from the Inn at Face Rock.

The Bandon Planning Department will hold an open house April 24 from 4 to 6 at City Hall to share the Bandon Transportation System Plan, which will help guide the City's future transportation system.

The League of Women Voters is hosting a candidate forum for State Senate and State Representative seats, including incumbents David Brock Smith and Court Boice, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Barn in City Park, also on April 24.

Bandon people are reminded that one of the events for the World Jet Boat Championships, being held on the Rogue

River and sponsored by the Southern Oregon Power Boat Association, will be held on the Coquille River.

On Monday, May 6, boats will race between Bandon and Coquille, with the first boats leaving Bandon at 10 a.m. and the second race starting at 1:30 p.m. Each team will bring two boats, one to put in the water and one for back up. The back-up boats will be on the gravel lot across the street from the Bandon Fisheries Warehouse.

This is an event you won't want to miss as it's not often that these boats are seen racing on the Coquille River.

For more information about the events being held in Curry County, visit the website at southernoregonpba.org.

Sheriff Gabe Fabrizio will be at this Tuesday's Meet and Greet (April 23) at Bandon Fisheries Warehouse, with seating opening at 11:30 and the program to start at noon. He will tell people how to be prepared, as well as talk about the need for the public safety levy. Lunch and drinks are available for purchase, but the talk is free. This is a great community service offered by Lori Osborne.

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www.HolyTrinityBandon.org

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Pastor Matt Fox
1190 Face Rock Drive • 541-347-9327
Services are available live stream on Facebook or Youtube
Website: BandonFellowship.org

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Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Services – 6:00 p.m.
(No Christmas Day Services)

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Pastor Ron Harris
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(3 miles South on Hwy 101)

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The Bandon Fisheries Warehouse has been hosting a Meet-n-Greet every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. featuring a different speaker from the local community each week. A recent 'Meet-n-Greet' speaker was Debbie Mueller from the Coos County Sheriff's office. On Tuesday, April 23, Mueller discussed local emergency preparedness issues, covering everything from tsunamis to fires, to the importance of having "Go Bags."

Speakers scheduled for May include representatives from homeless response, Bandon Chamber of Commerce, Good Earth Community Garden and Bandon History Museum.



Coos Bay School District Appoints Carli Ainsworth as Director of Early Childhood Education and Coordinator of Student Services

Coos Bay School District proudly announces the appointment of Carli Ainsworth as the Director of Early Childhood Education and Coordinator of Student Services, effective July 1, 2024.

Ainsworth brings a wealth of experience and a passion for early childhood education to her new role. Currently serving as the principal of Madison Elementary and the director of Little Pirates Preschool, Ainsworth has demonstrated exceptional leadership in providing high-quality education and support services to students in the Coos Bay community.

In her new position, Ainsworth will oversee the district's early childhood education programs, ensuring that every child receives a strong foundation for academic success. She will also serve as the coordinator of student services, working collaboratively with staff, families, and community partners to address the diverse needs of students and promote their holistic development.

Ainsworth holds a Master's of Science in Education from Southern Oregon University, and she has 20 years of experience in the field of education. Throughout her career, she has earned a reputation for fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment where all students can thrive. As Director of Early Childhood Education and Coordinator of Student Services, Carli Ainsworth will play a key role in advancing the district's mission of providing a world-class education to every student, from preschool through graduation.

Plant sale announced at Holy Redeemer Church

Join us at the Holy Redeemer Church Plant Sale, on Saturday, May 4th, 2024, from 9 am to 2 pm. Our marketplace will be filled with potted annual and perennial flowers, vegetables, and plants. You will also find handmade crafts and more. All proceeds will support the Holy Redeemer Church Alter Society. Please help our community by joining us!

Coos Bay Public Library Foundation's Adult Spelling Bee announced

Catch the spelling bee buzz at Black Market Gourmet, 495 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, on Saturday, May 4th starting at 7 p.m. Teams of undaunted locals will test their spelling abilities at Coos Bay Public Library Foundation's eleventh annual Adult Spelling Bee fundraiser.

Tickets are on sale now at the Coos Bay Public Library. The \$25 entry ticket includes a scrumptious dessert buffet, coffee, and no-host bar along with plenty of merriment, and probably words you have never had to spell in your life.

Friends, families, and lexophiles are encouraged to join the fun by cheering on their favorite team, joining the 50/50 raffle, or purchasing raffle tickets for various bee-themed gift baskets. In between rounds, audience challenges for prizes and glory will add to the festivities. For more information call 541-269-1101.

Bandon Playhouse Summer Production Coming in June

Come play with Bandon Playhouse! Cast and crew are invited to audition for the summer play production, "Crimes of the Heart," written by Beth Henley and directed by Sandra Heinzmann. Auditions will be held at the Sprague Community Theater, 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, with callbacks at 3 p.m. on May 5. Roles are available for performers age 18 and older, and first-time theater participants are welcome.

Those auditioning for performance roles are invited to prepare a brief reading or monologue from any source, approximately one minute, and read from the play. Sections from the play will be provided. Rehearsals for "Crimes of the Heart" are scheduled for May and June 2024 with performances at the Sprague Community Theater on June 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30.

Warm-hearted and imaginative, the dramatic comedy "Crimes of the Heart" won a 1981 Pulitzer Prize and New York Drama Critics Circle Award, along with a Tony Award nomination, and established playwright Beth Henley as a major voice in American theater.

The play opens as three sisters gather in rural Mississippi following news

that their grandfather may soon pass away. As the impromptu family reunion progresses, the sisters squabble over past resentments and find solace in each other's company as they confront their own imperfections and crimes of the heart.

"I love this play because it's beautifully written. It focuses on women with deep, intimate relationships, and it's very human. The characters are quirky, but they're believable," said director Sandra Heinzmann.

Heinzmann earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in acting from the University of California, Davis. For more than 30 years, she worked as a professor of theater, also acting in and directing plays throughout the United States and internationally. She is especially drawn to contemporary and experimental work, female voices in literature, multimedia performance, and (of course), Shakespeare.

Bandon Playhouse has provided the best in community theater, from classic musicals to premiere works by new playwrights, since 1976. Bandon Playhouse volunteers are proud to keep the performing arts alive and accessible on the Southern Oregon Coast.

There is no cost to audition. Those who join the cast and crew are asked to join Bandon Playhouse. Annual membership is \$5 for individuals. For more information, including audition materials, visit BandonPlayhouse.org, or call 541-290-8046.

Art by the Sea Gallery hosts reception during first Art Walk

Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio is hosting a Reception on Saturday, May 4th for the opening of "Fun at the Coast," a Community Show with original artworks by participating artists. The show's judge, Artist Susan Lehman, will be announcing the prizes and awards at the reception. Susan has consistently submitted her work in exhibitions since 1998, has taught workshops since 2006, and has had curatorial experience since 2007.

Our Featured Artist for May is gallery member Sandra Heinzmann. Sandra is a ceramic artist and has been working with throwing on the wheel, hand building, nerikomi (colored clay), sculpture and experimenting with various glazes and underglazes. Her work is colorful, fanciful and sometimes absurd.

During the reception, visitors can meet and greet Sandra, several gallery members, the show's judge and participants in the Community Show. Guests may also enjoy beverages and home baked goodies. The show runs from April 30th to June 3rd.

After the reception from 4-6:30 p.m. Old Town Bandon is having its first Art Walk of the season. Art by the Sea Gallery will be participating offering wine while member, Laura Noel will be doing live painting demonstrations.

Original paintings, art gourds, pottery, jewelry, photography, woodwork and beautiful works of art are always on display throughout the gallery.

Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio is open from 10am-5:00pm daily and is located at 145 Fillmore Ave SE, Bandon, (next to the Station Restaurant on Highway 101).

Opinion

Guest Column

A WORD PLEASE:

If you’re reading this, you probably know a thing or two about punctuation. But nobody — including punctuation book authors (ahem) — knows it all.

So here are some advanced punctuation tips for good punctuators who want to get even better.

A single quote mark followed by a double quote mark comes after a period or comma. Let’s say you’re quoting someone who’s talking about a specific word, so you put the quotation in regular quote marks and the word itself in singles, like this: “Stop saying ‘whatever.’” The rule that says periods and commas go inside quotation marks applies to single quotation marks, too. The order is period, single quote mark, double quote mark.

An apostrophe comes before a period or comma. Apostrophes look a lot like single quotation marks. Depending on the font, they can be indistinguishable. But they’re different. An apostrophe can represent an omitted letter: thinkin’, talkin’, sleepin’, etc. And unlike a single quote mark that would come after each of those commas, an apostrophe is part of the word. That’s why the apostrophe goes before a period or comma, even when it’s within a quotation: “He’s sleepin’.”

An em dash can have a space on either side, or not. Different publishing guides have different rules for whether you put spaces around a dash — like this, or not—like this. Either way is fine.

If you can rearrange the order of adjectives, they require commas between them. Why are there commas in “a red, purple, yellow and green shirt” but none in “a bright red Hawaiian shirt”? It’s because the adjectives in the first example all have the same relationship with the noun. You can swap the order and it doesn’t affect the meaning: a yellow, purple, green and red shirt. But in our second example, some adjectives are more closely re-lated to the noun than others, so you can’t move them around. “A Hawaiian, red, bright shirt” just doesn’t mean the same thing.

If you can insert “and” between adjectives, they require commas between them. Here’s another trick you can use: Try “a red and purple and yellow and green shirt,” then try “a bright and red and Hawaiian shirt.” The first one works fine, but the second doesn’t because “bright” describes not the shirt but the color red and because the word “Hawaiian” is more integral to the noun than the other adjectives. That’s why experts say you put commas between “coordinate adjectives” that come before a noun — the commas are standing in for the coordinating conjunction “and.”

Semicolons can make sentences less readable. Semicolons can be used to show that two independent clauses are closely related; for example, like this. But that makes the sentence longer and more cumbersome.

Semicolons can also be used to separate complicated sentence elements that commas just can’t handle. For example, if you were to write, “We visited Denver, Colorado, Augusta, Georgia, and Toledo, Ohio,” it looks like “Denver” and “Colorado” are two different places. A semicolon after each state shows the proper relationships of these nouns. But state-city combos are the rare example when semicolons help more than hurt. Usually, if you need semicolons to make sense of complicated lists, it’s better to break up the sentence.

Adverbs ending in -ly shouldn’t be hyphenated. Rules say you should often hyphenate words that work together to modify a noun: a test-taking strategy, a family-friendly movie, a state-of-the-art technology. But when one of the words is an -ly adverb, you don’t use a hyphen: a happily married couple, a recently renovated home.

A complete sentence before an ellipsis ends with a period. If you’re using an ellipsis to ... indicate a delay or omitted words, you put a space before and after the three dots. But sometimes the stuff before the ellipsis is a complete sentence. ... In those cases, end that sentence with a period, then insert a space, then insert the three-dot ellipsis.

- June Casagrande is the author of “The Best Punctuation Book, Period.” She can be reached at JuneTCN@aol.com.

HOLY COW! HISTORY:

Robert, Anthony, the Duke, and the Making of an American Legend

By J. MARK POWELL
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The Caped Crusader. The Dark Knight. The World’s Greatest Detective. Or just plain Batman.

Whatever you call him, he’s been battling bad guys and delighting fans for 85 years. Whether it’s the classic comics, the campy 1960s hit TV show, or director Christopher Nolan’s vision of “The Dark Knight,” Americans can’t get enough of this timeless antihero.

While Batman is completely fictional, many people don’t know that his co-creator, Bill Finger, drew on a pair of larger-than-life figures from history when he came up with the character in 1939.

Finger began with legendary Scottish warrior Robert the Bruce. He successfully defended his homeland from an English invasion led by King Edward I during the turbulent First War of Scottish Independence in the early 1300s. Brave, daring and ferocious in battle, he was the kind of noble figure who winds up having ballads written in his honor. He remains a national hero in Scotland to this day. That was just the kind of inspiring figure Finger was looking for.

So Bruce would do nicely for the new character’s first name. Finger then turned his attention to finding a surname. That proved a bit trickier.

Batman’s alter ego was an upper-crust sophisticate and philanthropist, the son of murdered wealthy parents who had been to the manor born. “Being a playboy, he was a man of gentry,” Finger later recalled. He wanted a name that suggested a connection to the country’s earliest days. “I searched for a name that would suggest colonialism.” He first tried Adams and Hancock, but they didn’t work.

So Finger opened some American history books,

rummaged around in the past, and found his answer in a Revolutionary War figure.

Today’s school kids can tell you about George Washington, Paul Revere, the Marquis de Lafayette and John Paul Jones. (Plus Benedict Arnold — but that’s another story.) Yet how many know about “Mad” Anthony Wayne? Daring, tenacious and quick-tempered, those qualities combined to earn him his nickname. (It was “mad,” as in crazy or insane, not the angry definition.)

The Chester County, Pa., native proved his military mettle by serving in the Continental Army’s disastrous invasion of Quebec (the less said about that fiasco, the better). His reputation took a hit when his troops were surprised in the Battle of Paoli (also known as the Paoli Massacre).

But he rebounded with a win in the Battle of Stony Point, which resulted in him receiving a Congressional Gold Medal in appreciation of the victory. He reached the rank of major general and eventually served as senior officer of the U.S. Army, a kind of forerunner to today’s chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Finger had found the last name he was looking for. Around that time, the old Revolutionary general’s name was also being considered for a young movie star.

Marion Morrison was a hunky Southern Cal football player who made a few extra bucks on the side by lugging scenery around movie sets. His rugged all-American looks led to small extra roles and then a few bit parts in films. Before he knew it, he found himself with a totally unexpected career as an actor. But there was a problem: his name.

As you would expect, he hated Marion. It didn’t have the tough-as-nails vibe associated with cowboys, which he



J. Mark Powell

was increasingly playing on the silver screen. He preferred being called by his childhood nickname of Duke. (Which was also the name of his dog that faithfully followed the boy everywhere.) But Duke just didn’t have box-office pizzazz.

Drawing from the same wellspring of inspiration that Finger had dipped into, director Raoul Walsh likewise thought “Mad” Anthony’s reputation might lend toughness. He proposed using Anthony Wayne.

Too Italian, studio executives said. So they compromised and settled on John for the first name. (All this was decided without the actor being present, much less having any input. Such was the studio system in the Golden Age of Hollywood.)

And so the name John Wayne appeared in the opening credits of “Stagecoach,” the movie that launched the Duke to superstardom in 1939.

That was the same year the name Bruce Wayne appeared (along with Batman) in Detective Comics. The new character was such an instant smash hit that he got his own comic book in 1940 ... and has maintained a devoted following ever since.

And he had Robert the Bruce and “Mad” Anthony Wayne to thank for it.

ABOUT THE WRITER

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and Debbie plays bass guitar. Their music has a signature style, featuring new songs and enduring favorites. The Jubilee Band has traveled to countless places and venues through the years. They returned last month from Arizona, where they organized weekly Gospel Jubilee and Open Mic concerts in Yuma.

Each Gospel Jubilee

concert is a mix of songs performed by the band and performers from the audience coming to the open mic.

“Everyone is invited to come and bring a song to share,” Debbie said.

The Jubilee Band will back up singers, or they

can accompany themselves or bring an accompaniment track, she added.

There is no charge to attend. Refreshments and CDs will be available. A free-will offering will be accepted.

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munity Church from U.S. Highway 101, drive west on Newmark Street, turn north on Brussels Street, west on Lewis Street, then south to the church. More information is available from the Trammels at 541-521-9596 or visit www.shorelineecc.us.

SWOCC celebrates 25th anniversary of the culinary institute

Southwestern Oregon Community College is excited to invite our community, students, and alumni to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the award-winning Oregon

Coast Culinary Institute (OCCI) at a very special event. Join us for a culinary extravaganza on Saturday, June 29, 2024, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Bristol Event Center,

481 Bennett Ave., Coos Bay. Seating is available by reservation only. The cost is \$95 per person or \$700 for a table of eight. OCCI alumni who have graduated from either the Culinary or Baking & Pastry programs receive a discounted rate of \$50 per person.

Take a trip down memory lane with us, reminiscing about our humble beginnings at an off-campus facility to this year’s incredible achievement of winning Culinary Olympic medals. Our culinary program has become a beacon of quality education, and our facility a beloved gathering place for the community. It’s been an incredible journey. Southwestern wants to share this momentous occasion with long-time friends and supporters.

Come enjoy live music

by jazz singer Shaymus Hanlin, stellar ice carvings, mouth-watering food stations, a silent auction, and the company of current and former students and visiting guest chefs.

Proceeds from the silent auction will go toward funding state-of-the-art culinary equipment and scholarships for students. There will be a no-host bar.

Please note: Our celebration will be held at the Bristol Event Center, not our facility on the SWOCC campus. Holding our celebration at an off-campus event space gives our students real-world experience in catering special events.

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The Chamber Minute: From the Desk of Rosey Thomas

By **ROSEY THOMAS**
Executive director, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

In for another Chamber Minute it’s Rosey. This week the sun is out and we are getting excited for these Spring and Summer months. We are gearing up for our annual Bay Area Brigade to help clean up Highway 101, on May 4th at 8 am we will begin at the North Bend Fire Station and wind up at

the Coos bay Fire Hall at around 11:30 for a Big BBQ by NW Natural and by North Bend Lanes Back Alley Pub. Kiwanas will be there cooking for us and Volunteers from all over will be helping the Chamber. We live in the greatest place in my opinion and we work together to fight to keep it beautiful. Join the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce for the Annual Brigade on the

4th to keep our streets beautiful. AND Crime is a **SERIOUS** problem in our county. We also need to work to keep it as crime-free as possible. We urge you to support the Public Safety Levy in order to have a system in place to fight crime. So **PLEASE** Join the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce in voting yes on ballot measure 6-213. Support can be sent directly to the PAC Public

Safety Political Action Committee: Support Public Safety-#23616 to 1291 N 9th street Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Remember our Business is Helping your Business and don’t forget to heart us on Community Plus and like us on FB.

May 8th
WBC Wednesday Business Connection Presents: Coos County Commissioner Position 1 Forum: Incumbent Bob

Main, Chris Castleman, & Drew Farmer Forum by LAT Chair Ron Kutch Mill Casino Salmon Room 11:30am to 1pm.

May 15
WBC Wednesday Business Connection Lunch Presents: Coos County Assessor Program Steve Jansen Hosts and introduces Candidates Mill Casino Salmon Room 11:30-1pm.



Rosey Thomas

Sudoku Puzzle 5/3

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HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column, and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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CNA I Class offers valuable training, future opportunities

BANDON – It’s no secret there’s a shortage of healthcare professionals at all levels worldwide, including physicians, nurses, techs and aides.

The reasons for the shortages vary and are often interrelated. They include an aging population and healthcare workforce, high stress and burnout, and a limited number of new healthcare professionals.

Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center, along with many other hospitals, are doing their part to turn that trend around.

SCHHC recently offered a Certified Nursing Assistant I class free of charge to participants. The program prepares graduates to test for their state board certification following 105 hours of study, including lab instruction and hands-on supervised clinical training.

Nine students graduated successfully from the course at SCHHC. Of those, two have been hired as per diem employees and one hired full-time.

Joan Eberling, founder of Pacific Healthcare Training based in Central Point, Ore., offers training for CNA I, Phlebotomy, Medical Assistant, and limited X-Ray Techs. Eberling provided 65 hours of classroom instruction, then students worked with a licensed registered nurse and spent 40 hours applying clinical skills by assisting with patients at the hospital.

“They were all excited about that part,” Eberling said.

Students learned from lectures, videos, guest speakers and skills lab time. Upon graduation, the students were eligible to sit for the Oregon State Board of Nursing Certified Nursing Assistant examination.

“It’s a good foundation,” Eberling said, adding that many of the CNAs who graduate from the program go on to earn nursing degrees.

Last year, Pacific Healthcare Training trained 400 CNAs in Oregon.

“We’re so busy because people want to be nurses but they have to have their CNA certification before they can get into the nursing program,” Eberling

explained.

“We cover a lot,” she added, such as taking vitals, infection prevention and control, pathogens, dealing with different types of conditions such as dementia, and basic skills such as how to change a bed or help with feeding.”

Students are tested regularly and at the end of the instruction, a skills test is given to prepare them for the state test.

“It’s something they should be really proud of,” Eberling said. “They’ve been working hard.”

SCHHC Chief Nursing Officer Cori Valet said SCHHC agreed to host the course to continue provide the high-quality care the community deserves.

“Nursing Assistants are essential members of the healthcare team,” Valet said. “With the nursing shortages that are being felt across the country, it is especially important to consider how we can assist and provide additional resources to the healthcare industry.

“I am inspired to see the enthusiasm of those who applied and participated in the class as well as the staff and patient participation with this program,” Valet added. “Now that we have completed our first successful training opportunity, we will be discussing the possibilities of ongoing training.”

Eberling has taught the course at Bay Area Hospital and other facilities around the state. When she learned there is no CNA certification course at Southwestern Oregon Community College due to a shortage of instructors, she realized how important her company and others like it are. SOCC does offer a nursing program, but students must first have their CNA certificate to enroll.

Eberling was a small business owner who became a widow at age 36. She went back to school and became an RN. Experiencing the lack of CNAs first-hand while working in a hospital, Eberling established Pacific Healthcare Training in 2012. She wrote the curriculum and submitted it to the state. The company is licensed through the



Contributed photo

Nine students completed the CNA I course offered at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center, presented by Pacific Healthcare Training. They are pictured above with SCHHC nursing staff and CEO Ray Hino.

state board of nursing and the board of education.

“We can’t find enough labor in the medical field and in our area, there is a large retirement community. CNAs are needed,” Eberling said.

Students are eligible to take the course once they’ve taken a drug screening, TB test and have completed a CPR class.

“The CNA I class was awesome,” said class member Avery Richards, who was hired per-diem at SCHHC after passing her CNA I exam. “I really enjoyed how hands-on it was and Joan was a great instructor. The class material we studied went quickly with the short time we had to finish the class, but was very informative and organized.

“I plan to continue to work at Southern Coos and hopefully transition into a full-time day shift position,” Richards added. “Future goals are to start my pre-reqs at SOCC for the nursing program to get my LPN and eventually my RN.”

SCHHC CEO Ray Hino was thrilled to host the class at the



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CNA I class instruction: A student in the CNA I class at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center practices safe mobility procedures.

hospital. Following graduation, three of the nine graduates applied and were offered positions at the hospital.

“Congratulations to the first class of graduating CNAs who recently completed the CNA

Training and Certification Class at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center,” Hino said. “We are very proud of all of you, and we are excited to see you all grow and blossom in the very fulfilling field of healthcare.”

Renewed commitment to state’s wildfire response urged

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Members of the Oregon Congressional delegation are calling for a renewed long-term commitment to the Western Oregon Operating Plan (WOOP). Set to expire June 30 of this year, the WOOP serves as the agreement that governs fire response for BLM, the Oregon Department of Forestry, and Forest Protective Associations all over western Oregon.

Oregon’s U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and U.S. Representative Val Hoyle today led U.S. Senator Ron Wyden and U.S. Representatives Earl Blumenauer, Suzanne Bonamici, Andrea Salinas, Lori Chavez-DeRemer, and Cliff Bentz made the request in a letter to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Tracy Stone-Manning.

“As you know, the checkerboard ownership pattern of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) forest lands in western Oregon is unique and creates approximately 14,000 miles of jurisdictional boundaries between federal, tribal, state, county, and private timberlands,” the lawmakers wrote. “The complexity of managing fires throughout this area led to agreements to provide protection by the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and non-profit Forest Protective Associations (FPAs) dating back to at least 1914.”

“This arrangement has been a model of success and continues to this day as the Western Oregon Operating Plan (WOOP) agreement,” they said. “The current iteration of the WOOP is set to expire on June 30, 2024, and BLM, ODF, and the FPAs had been working to secure another agreement to continue their coordination and preparedness. The Fiscal Year 2024 Interior Appropriations bill provides clear direction to BLM to develop a new agreement that ‘maintains or enhances the current level of fire protection for western Oregon forestlands through the Western Oregon Operating Plan agreement.’”

Merkley serves as Chair of the U.S. Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and has direct oversight of the U.S. Department of the Interior’s budget, which includes BLM. He has secured federal resources for wildfire management and ensured language directing BLM to maintain or enhance the level of protection covered through the WOOP was included in government funding legislation for Fiscal Year 2024.

The Letter

Secretary Haaland and Director Stone-Manning: We write to urge you to renew the interagency agreement that underpins the Department of Interior’s commitment to the Western Oregon Operation Plan (WOOP), the century-old, effective fire management system



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in western Oregon, for another five-year term.

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As our communities continue to deal with the impacts of fire seasons that are coming earlier, and fires that are burning more frequently and with

catastrophic intensity, it is imperative that a new agreement provide a significant level of long-term stability for communities throughout western Oregon.

These communities require reliable and consistent plans to carry out crucial long-term planning and operational tasks that will better prepare them for wildfire risks in the future. We previously applauded the Department’s emphasis on interagency cooperation as part of its five-year Wildland Fire Strategy and believe that anything short of a full five-year extension will fail to meet the Department’s own strategy and the needs of the communities in western Oregon

that are nestled within some of the highest risk fire sheds in the country.

We thank you both for your attention to this matter and urge your teams to continue working with all interested parties to ensure communities in Western Oregon continue to have the tools they need to successfully address wildfire protection.

2023 History

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Liberty Theater and its Vice President honored by Heritage Commission

Jeanne Woods of The Liberty Theatre in North Bend was honored at the 2024 Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards Banquet in Hillsboro for her outstanding contributions to heritage preservation. Jeanne was one of 17 passionate volunteers recognized as a “Standout Heritage Volunteer” by the Oregon Heritage Commission, an award given to those deeply committed to preservation efforts in their communities.

Jeanne has been instrumental in transforming The Liberty Theatre into a key cultural and historical landmark in North Bend. Her leadership has steered the theatre through its ongoing, multi-million-dollar renovation. Her tireless efforts helped secure the theater’s listing on the National Register of Historic Places in addition to much more:

- Raising over \$3 million through key fundraising initiatives to restore the theatre’s historical architecture.
- Meticulous research to accurately restore the theatre’s vintage marquee and interior.
- Curating exhibits that highlight the theatre's rich history.
- Driving increased attendance and community engagement, pointing the theatre towards a vibrant future.

Thanks to Jeanne's



vision and perseverance, The Liberty Theatre is now a state-of-the-art venue emblematic of both North Bend’s rich past, and its bright future. Her contributions have revitalized North Bend's main street, turning it into a thriving hub for the community.

That effort helped The Liberty Theatre proudly receive its 2024 Oregon Heritage Excellence Award, in no small part for the significant renovation efforts that have revitalized important Oregon heritage. This nomination was supported by the North Bend Main Street Program, who have offered their support for the whole project.

Representing the

Liberty Theatre at the ceremony was Board President Aymee Pedder, Vice President Jeanne Woods, Steve Woods, and Michael Vaughan. The Oregon Heritage Commission had announced its Heritage Excellence Award recipients ahead of the ceremony, but the ‘Standout Heritage Volunteer’ were kept a surprise until presented at the banquet.

We would like to celebrate Jeanne Woods and all those who have dedicated their time to the revitalization of North Bend’s Little Theater on The Bay! Your tireless effort and commitment to historic preservation will be seen for generations to come.



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things like that,” said Rudd.

To coincide with their 50th Anniversary, the Reserve is making some upgrades to its visitor center, as well as conducting somewhat of an oral history project. For the visitor’s center, new displays will be installed in the coming months to provide deeper engagement through new educational exhibits and touch screen displays.

To further celebrate their 50th, the Reserve will be collecting videos from the community to compile a living history of the reserve and what it has meant to the locals that frequent it.

“As part of that celebration we're starting a

community-wide video story collection effort. The first time members of the public can contribute stories will be May 17th from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Public Library. We basically just want 1 to 3 minute stories from people who want to share any interaction with the Reserve. Maybe they grew up on the Reserve or their ancestors grew up on the Reserve, or maybe they came out as a kid on a school program, or maybe they just like to come out here and hike! Whatever the relationship is, we want to hear their story and everybody's love for South Slough,” said Rudd on the oral history project.

In addition to seeking help for this project, the Reserve is always looking for volunteers to help with a wide variety of tasks. For those who want to

participate in the stewardship side of the Reserve, there are opportunities for trail maintenance and even various research and restoration projects available. To those who may feel a little less inclined toward weeding, wading, and walking the trails, there is also a need for volunteers to do jobs like data entry, educational outreach, and tabling for events.

For more information on how to get involved, visit the South Sloughs webpage: <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/ss/Pages/default.aspx>

For a trail report, detailing what to expect when hiking the reserve: https://theworldlink.com/news/local/trail-report-south-slough-estuary-loop/article_423ac792-f07f-11ee-be9e-3bea2998df92.html



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