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North Bend considering purchase of new fire engine

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

The North Bend City Council is leaning toward purchasing a new fire engine in the next few months.

During a work session last week, Fire Chief Jim Brown told the council one of the two engines the fire department is using is 20 years old and is simply outdated. The 2001 engine in housed at station 2, and is only used as a backup.

He said the engine was purchased as a demo model, meaning it was not built or designed for North Bend. At its age, not only is it considered too old by state and national standards, but repairs are exceedingly expensive.

Brown and Finance Director Jessica Terra explained that the city has been putting \$45,000 a year away to fund the future purchase of a new engine. Brown



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The North Bend Fire Department could get a new fire engine next year after the city council showed interest in making the purchase while financing in-house.

Omicron puts state efforts in overdrive

By **ZOE GOTTLIEB**
Country Media

A Friday, Dec. 17 press conference with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown carried with it a sense of urgency, as public health experts described the imminent threat of another COVID-19 surge following the arrival of the Omicron variant in Oregon.

Brown was joined by public health experts Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen, OHSU Health Chief Medical Officer Dr. Renee Edwards, State Epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger, and OHSU Lead Data Scientist Peter Graven in discussing the latest COVID-19 projections and next steps for the state.

“While we are all still learning about this new variant, it is clear from the experiences of the United Kingdom and other countries that we have only weeks to prepare before Omicron hits our communities and health care systems in full force,” Brown said.

The data of concern comes from a Dec. 17 forecast published by Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU), which indicates immunity, whether natural or acquired through the vaccine, is less effective against Omicron than the Delta variant.

“Today’s forecast is a warning we can’t ignore,” Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen said.



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Gov. Kate Brown announced her ambitious plan to have one million Oregonians vaccinated by Jan. 31.

The Omicron variant was first detected in Africa in November and has since traveled to various U.S. states. As of Monday, Dec. 13, three cases of Omicron were identified in Oregon. Omicron appears to have a higher rate

of transmission coupled with a decreased hospitalization rate, studies show.

In addressing the media, the governor shared what she believes to be the next logical course of action.

“Today I am calling on one million Oregonians to step up and get their booster dose by the end of January,” she said. “Boosters are our best protection

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Unionized workers strike at Fred Meyer

No picketing, impact seen in Coos Bay, Brookings

By **JEREMY C. RUARK**
County Media

Unionized workers at Fred Meyer Stores in Oregon are on strike this morning.

The strike has been authorized by United Food and Commercial

Workers Union Local 555, which represents over 29,000 workers in Oregon, Southwestern Washington, Idaho, and Wyoming.

The union alleges unfair and unsafe working environments at Fred Meyer.

Fred Meyer officials issued

a statement saying the stores remain open so customers have access to fresh food and other essentials.

Officials with the grocery chain also called the union’s decision to strike “reckless.”

Contract negotiations between

the Union and Fred Meyer began last July.

After only one day, the union and Fred Meyer reached an agreement, and the strike was called off.

Fred Meyer operates stores in Coos Bay and Brookings.

Earthquakes tied to, but not result of, volcanoes

By **DIANA BOSETTI**
Country Media

Are the clusters of earthquakes off the Oregon Coast a result of recent volcanic activity?

“These earthquakes are not directly related to volcanic eruption, but they are indirectly, yes,” said Scott Burns, professor emeritus of geology and past-chair of the Department of Geology at

Portland State University.

According to Burns, 90% of the Oregon Coast earthquakes - including the most recent cluster of seismic activity - occur within the Blanco Fault Zone.

Surrounding the Blanco Fault Zone are the Juan de Fuca and Gorda plates, which include a series of volcanoes that over time impact the zone.

“We have got 200 miles off the

coast a chain of volcanoes and magma that creates a plate that is moving toward North America and is being subducted underneath North America called the Juan de Fuca,” said Burns.

According to Burns, the Juan de Fuca moves about two centimeters a year.

“That’s about the size of your fingernail,” he said.

“What happens, as it is sub-

ducted underneath North America, is it builds up, builds up, and then it breaks,” said Burns. “It can break every 500 years and create a 9.0 earthquake. That’s called a subduction zone earthquake.”

For many years, geologists believed that the Juan de Fuca plate was too warm to generate

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COVID surging in Coos County

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

With Omicron lurking, COVID has already begun to surge in Coos County.

As of Thursday, Coos Health and Wellness reported 356 active cases, with 119 people under monitoring after being in close contact with someone with COVID.

Perhaps more troubling, the number of people hospitalized with the virus has also spiked with 22 people in the hospital. The last report from Bay Area Hospital showed 18 in the Coos Bay hospital, 14 who are unvaccinated and four who are fully vaccinated. Three of those patients are in ICU, with none on ventilators.

Medical professionals at Coos Health and Wellness said the surge is likely due to large gatherings and travel during the Thanksgiving holiday. As a result, large gatherings could be dangerous, they said.

“It really is the same advice we’ve been giving for a while,” said Katrinka McReynolds, assistant PIO for Coos Health and Wellness. “If possible, have a small circle of family together. We are not saying don’t go see family, but don’t go see 200 people.”

In addition, if you show any sign of being sick, stay home until you can get tested. Becky Fairhurst, an RN and COVID lead for Coos Health and Wellness, said after close to two years, people are having a hard time taking precautions.

“I think everyone’s over COVID,” Fairhurst said. “We have to remember it’s still there. If you’re sick or you know you’ve been

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Photo gallery: Marshfield wins state title
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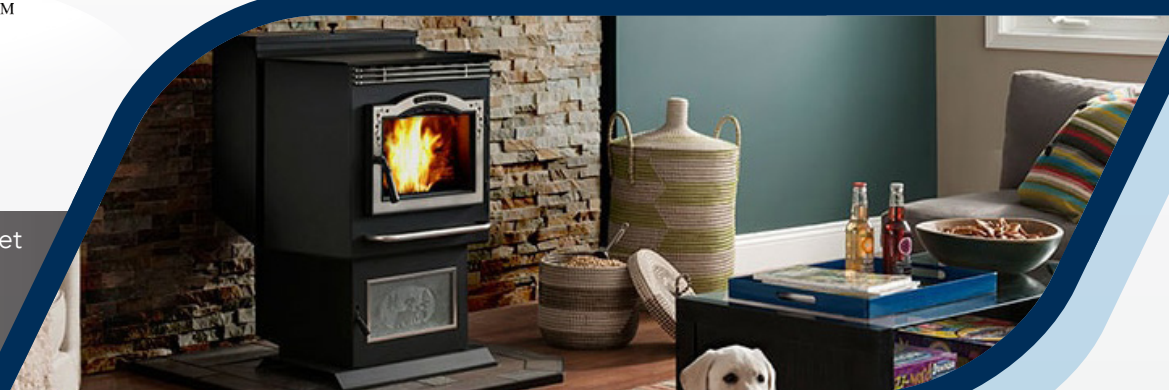
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Case No.: 21PB10041
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY LOLA LEACH, Deceased
No. 21PB09645
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BARBARA ANN HARTER filed a Petition for Probate of Testate Estate and Appointment of Personal Representative in the estate of DOROTHY LOLA LEACH. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned, STEPHEN H. MILLER, PO BOX 5, REEDSPORT, OR 97467, within four months of the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, or the attorney, STEPHEN H. MILLER. Date of first publication: 14th day of December, 2021.
/s/ Stephen H. Miller, OSB #691189
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In the Matter of the Estate of BEVERLY JEAN ST. CLAIR Deceased
No. 21PB10254
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SPORTS

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Marshfield boys capture home tournament

By JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

COOS BAY — Marshfield's Boys basketball team has built an impressive collection of wins while maintaining the top spot in the Class 4A coaches poll, including winning the Les Schwab South Coast Holiday Basketball Tournament over the weekend.

What might concern others in the Class 4A ranks is the Pirates are only getting better.

"The football players had their championship game and were late getting out for practice," said Mason Ainsworth, the only regular in Marshfield's rotation who wasn't on the champion football team. "This tournament is the first time we really got into the swing of things."

The Pirates topped Redmond 67-53 in the championship game Saturday, their fifth win over a Class 5A or Class 6A team this season. Their lone loss, to Crescent Valley (another Class 5A school) helped spark the team to get better.

Saturday's win showed how far the Pirates have come and ways they are even better than the team that won the Class 4A showcase event to conclude the short spring season in June.

Marshfield is a better rebounding team, led by Pierce Davidson, Maddux Mateski and Monty Swinson.

The same players helped cause Redmond to have a poor shooting night, limiting the open looks for the Panthers.

"That's a good-shooting team," Marshfield coach Casey McCord said, adding that the Pirates' length makes a difference on defense.

Marshfield also showed exceptional hustle, with various players keeping plays alive and giving Marshfield second, or even third shots.

"One thing we talked about



Photo by John Gunther/For The World

The Marshfield Pirates hold the championship trophy after winning the Les Schwab South Coast Holiday Basketball Tournament.

before the game was winning 50-50 balls," McCord said, referring to rebounds of balls that were loose on the floor. "We did that. The guys were getting down on the floor."

Throughout the season, Marshfield also has shown multiple players are capable of scoring big points in any given game, led by the explosive and creative Ainsworth.

"Mason was incredible tonight," McCord said.

In the first quarter, while Marshfield's other players were missing open looks, Ainsworth was hitting his, be they 3-pointers or drives to the basket.

He scored Marshfield's first 12 points and the only points by a teammate were three free throws by Swinson, who was fouled on a long shot from the corner at the buzzer.

Ainsworth also was central to perhaps the biggest stretch of the game.

Redmond cut Marshfield's lead to one point late in the third quarter and the Pirates missed a shot with the rebound caroming to a member of the Panthers.

But one of Marshfield's players tapped the ball instead to Ainsworth, who was fouled while making a jumper in the lane.

He made the free throw for a three-point play, dished a perfect pass to a driving Davidson for an easy basket the next time down and then added a 3-pointer from well beyond the arc after a Redmond miss.

Marshfield suddenly had a nine-point lead and was in control the rest of the way.

"It's huge when we can get some baskets and get back on de-

fense and get stops," Ainsworth said, adding that such stretches are huge for momentum.

Ainsworth finished the championship game with 33 points.

By the end of the contest, Mateski had 11 points, Davidson nine, Montiel seven and Swinson six.

Ezra Waterman, always the first off the bench, played his role as defensive sparkplug well, contributing a number of hustle plays and grabbing several rebounds. Mason Pederson also played a few steady minutes off the bench.

While the other players on Marshfield's roster — all the Pirates are seniors — didn't get into the championship game, McCord went down the bench as the clock wound down telling them they also are a huge part of Marshfield's success.

Garrett Osborne had 19 points and Nate Wachs 14 for Redmond.

Osborne and teammate Evan Otten were on the all-tournament team, along with Ainsworth and Montiel from Marshfield, Philomath's Ty May and Crook County's Eddie Freauff.

Marshfield improved to 7-1 and Ainsworth said the Pirates can be much better than the team that won the showcase title last spring.

"All of us have matured — both mentally and physically," he said.

The Pirates were on a mission to win the tournament this year, after losing in the championship game when the current seniors were sophomores (last year's event wasn't held because of the season being moved to the spring).

"This was our last one," Ainsworth said. "It was really important to come out as a team and get it done."

Marshfield opened the tournament with an 80-39 win over undermanned Hidden Valley, which dressed just five players.

Ainsworth had 22 points in that game — all in the first half. Regular reserves DJ Daugherty and Ben Mahaffy added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Pirates beat Crook County 84-66 in the semifinals. Ainsworth had 27 points, Montiel 20, Swinson 14, Davidson 10 and Mateski nine against the Cowboys.

The result was the tournament victory that eluded the Pirates two years ago.

"This was a fun tournament," Ainsworth said.

The Pirates now have a break until facing North Valley on Dec. 27.

"We'll get some good practices in over winter break," McCord said, noting "We've had about as many games as practices."

Pirates, Bulldogs finish girls tourney with victories

By JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

COOS BAY — The girls basketball teams from Marshfield and North Bend both finished the Les Schwab South Coast Holiday Basketball Tournament on a high note Saturday, winning their final games in the three-day event.

Marshfield, which also avenged an earlier loss to the Bulldogs in the consolation semifinals on Friday after both lost their openers, edged Brookings-Harbor 24-19 in a low-scoring affair for fourth place.

The Bulldogs, meanwhile, topped Hidden Valley 52-42 in the seventh-place game.

Marshfield, which also beat Brookings-Harbor earlier in the week, improved to 3-2 through the tournament.

Marshfield fell to Redmond 45-24, but bounced back to beat North Bend 48-30.

"I think we got better this weekend," Marshfield coach Doug Miles said. "We struggled against Redmond but even in that game we showed flashes of good stuff."

Paige MacDuff had nine points in the loss to the Panthers.

In the win over the Bulldogs, Charlie Dea had 17 points, Kate Miles 11 and Tatum Montiel eight.

"We played our best game of the year against North Bend," Doug Miles said. "We are really starting to find our identity on the defensive side of the ball."

"Our young kids are starting to learn how to be physical and how they need to play in order to compete. We struggle offensively

but I see glimpses of improvement."

Dea and Kate Miles had six points each against Brookings-Harbor, while Ashlyn Schofield scored eight for the Bruins. Schofield hit the game-winner at the buzzer as Brookings-Harbor beat Hidden Valley to reach the fourth-place game.

The Pirates face Molalla on Tuesday and Cascade on Wednesday in the Cascade Holiday Classic.

North Bend was up and down in the tournament, playing two great quarters in a 56-38 loss to Crook County before falling to the Pirates and beating Hidden Valley.

"I think we are still trying to figure out how we are going to be competitive most nights," North Bend coach Mike Forrester said after the tournament. "We have an interesting mix of talent. Our best offensive group isn't our best defensive group."

"We played a taller group of athletes today but we were slow on offense. Later, we went with a quicker lineup that helped us on defense. One thing I know is that in the right situation we have 10 different athletes that can step on the floor that will play hard."

In the opener against Crook County, North Bend played six girls in the first quarter and all six made one shot.

The game was close until Crook County had a 15-0 run bridging the first and second quarters - the Bulldogs only had two points in the second.

North Bend's Adrianna Frank came out red hot in the third quarter, scoring 14 points in the

first three minutes, including four straight 3-pointers. She finished with 22 for the night.

But the closest North Bend got was eight points.

Frank had nine points and Nevaeh Edera 10 against Marshfield.

Against Hidden Valley, Frank had 23 points and Trinity Barker 18 (10 on free throws). North Bend outscored the Mustangs 30-21 in the second half.

"I was disappointed in some decisions I made defensively versus Marshfield," Forrester said. "I definitely got out coached."

"I really liked our intensity in the first and third periods versus Crook County, but we didn't put four quarters of that together. I'm glad we put four quarters together today heading into our first league game next week."

North Bend, now 5-2, opens Midwestern League play at North Eugene on Tuesday.

Philomath captured the girls title, pulling away in the fourth quarter for a 38-31 win over Crook County.

Tournament most valuable player Sage Kramer had 13 points to lead the Warriors, while Reagan Larson added 11 and Abigail Brown nine.

Crook County, which rallied to tie after trailing early by nine points, got 10 points from Katelynn Weaver.

Junction City edged Redmond 46-45 in the third-place game.

In addition to Kramer, the all-tournament team included Philomath's Brown, Crook County's Weaver and Grace Brooks, Molly Nelson of Junction City and Azlynn Ure of Redmond.

North Bend boys top Hidden Valley in tourney

By JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

COOS BAY — North Bend's boys won one of their three games in the Les Schwab South Coast Holiday Basketball Tournament, topping Hidden Valley while losing to Crook County and Junction City.

The Bulldogs opened against Crook County and fell into a quick hole on the way to a 61-24 setback.

Sam Mickelson had a strong outing with 13 points for North Bend.

The Bulldogs bounced back with a 57-36 win over Hidden Valley to reach the consolation final.

Peyton Forester had 12 points and Bryant Wicks nine in the victory, when North Bend was able to get extensive minutes for most of the team and nine different players scored.

But in the fourth-place game, Junction City beat the Bulldogs 53-33. Landon Rinderele led North Bend with eight points in the loss.

The Bulldogs open Midwestern League play at North Eugene on Tuesday.

In Saturday's other boys games, Philomath beat Crook

County 69-53 for third place and Cascade Christian topped Hidden Valley 69-42 for seventh place.

Philomath and Cascade Christian played the best game of the boys tournament Thursday night, an overtime thriller won by the Warriors 50-48 on a basket in the final seconds by Chad Russell.

The final hoop capped a roller-coaster contest that saw Philomath take a 23-16 halftime lead only to have the Challengers go in front and lead by five points late in regulation.

Philomath got a steal and apparent winning hoop after trailing by one in the final 10 seconds, but a foul just before the buzzer gave the Challengers a chance. Cascade Christian made just one of the free throws, though, setting up overtime.

Cascade Christian's Austin Maurer had a sensational game with 30 points, while Ty May had 20 for Philomath, including eight free throws in the fourth quarter.

Both teams paid for the late-night drama with losses on Friday — Cascade Christian to Junction City and Philomath to Redmond.



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North Bend's Kevin Jones drives to the basket against Crook County.

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Guest Columns

As drinking water infrastructure funding flows, keep control in local hands

By MELISSA CRIBBINS
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Discussion of our nation’s crumbling infrastructure is nothing new. Wherever you live and wherever you’re going, odds are you’ve grumbled to yourself about a pothole more than a few times.

The good news is that, even against a backdrop of near-constant partisanship and stale-mate, real action to improve our nation’s infrastructure does seem to be within reach. And while the bluster and political maneuvering continue, Congress recently passed a comprehensive infrastructure bill that will provide significant funding for real repairs and upgrades.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act recently signed into law, is a good first step toward getting much-needed investments in infrastructure.

The devil is always in the details, though, and the usefulness of these dollars depends upon their thoughtful application – and a healthy dose of local expertise throughout every stage of every project. Making the most of this opportunity means projects need to be proposed, planned, and executed not by bureaucrats, but by the local engineers and professionals who understand the distinct needs of our communities.

Our water infrastructure provides a textbook example of the type of project where design and execution driven by top-down mandate rather than local insight can lead to trouble.

Our nation’s drinking water infrastructure is already badly underfunded, and the federal cost-share for water and wastewater utilities is currently far below the support received by other critical infrastructure. Legislation may help to change that, but progress is threatened by the prospect of restrictions on the local selection of materials.

These efforts have typically been driven by special interests focused not on the best possible results for communities, but rather on promotion of their own industries. While these efforts have been rejected at both the state and local level, the effort continues to embed artificial preference for less-than-ideal pipe materials within the funding mechanisms for water infrastructure projects.

For instance, such preferences might specify that pipes utilize “innovative materials” or “open competition.” And while these turns of phrase might sound innocent enough, the reality is that they make it more difficult for communities in Oregon and around the country to act in their own best interests, taking control out of the hands of the people who actually know which materials will work and which will fall short.

The National Association of Counties, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities, and other advocates have

spoken out against such requirements in outreach to lawmakers, resolutions, and other platforms, and with good reason. For example, the National Association of Counties recently passed a resolution highlighting that local experts and communities are the ones best situated to “properly evaluate the suitability of materials based on many critical factors, including lifecycle costs, durability, reliability, experience, and the local conditions” of their water system.



MELISSA CRIBBINS

As we think about the challenges that face our communities, the need for local control over the materials used in drinking water systems is very important so that communities can choose, among other attributes, pipes that won’t melt in the face of increasing wildfires. This isn’t a mere threat – it has already played out in wildfire-ravaged communities in the west. In California, the San Lorenzo Valley Water District lost roughly 5 to 7 miles of plastic pipe that melted to ash after the CZU Lightning Complex Fire swept through its operations area, leaving the water system to deal with benzene contamination in the water once the fire passed. In Oregon, the towns of Talent and Detroit saw damage to their water systems as a result of wildfires melting critical components in their city limits, forcing Detroit to go months without a fully functioning water system.

As we consider investments in water and wastewater infrastructure, it’s essential that compatibility with local requirements, not broad legislative mandates, are the deciding factor in material selection. Strings attached to funding should be tied not to things like the use of specific pipe material, but to tangible improvement to critical infrastructure. Local utilities and engineers can be trusted to choose the right material for their area.

Federal and state measures intended to fund infrastructure improvements will provide a massive boost to efforts to keep these systems robust. As the prospect of real progress draws closer, policymakers must resist the urge to govern by one-size-fits-all mandates and leave control in the hands of the local engineers and utility professionals best positioned to understand their communities’ needs.

After all, no one is more invested in the quality of our infrastructure than the people who call these communities home.

Melissa Cribbins is a Coos County Commissioner and a member of the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board. She wrote this for InsideSources.com.



Letters to the Editor

What’s going right in North Bend

Everywhere we look in the media, we see someone saying what they don’t like. We see people cutting other people down instead of making constructive comments. We see arguments made to intentionally polarize us further than we already are.

Arguments and statements that create an “us versus them” mentality. Words said out of bitterness and hate. Rarely do we hear words that bring us together or encourage us to see things from a perspective not our own. Instead, we hear words that tear us apart and create the illusion that there is one path and anyone who tries to deviate from that path is wrong.

Instead of asking what’s going wrong, we could be asking what’s going right. Or better yet, what am I doing personally to improve the community I live in, for all who reside here. One thing I know that doesn’t improve the community I live in is for me to do nothing or to criticize the people who are trying to improve our community in a way that is contemporary and creative. I am happy to live in a city where our leaders are willing to take a hard look at something when it is not functioning to its full potential. Even if that is an unpopular idea, like taking a hard look at the functions of our law enforcement. I

I’m happy to live somewhere where I can easily access information about the city if I choose. A place where I can sit in the comfort of my living room, watch the city council, and inform myself. I’m happy to live somewhere that has a city government that takes professional decorum seriously and doesn’t give in to pressure or allow discord. I’m happy to live in a city that carefully looks at all the details when planning the use of its recreational areas. A city that utilizes urban renewal resources and continues to strive to keep our streets modern and our buildings useful.

I’m happy to live in a city where the mayor will stop and talk to you on the street to answer your questions or give you information. So, instead of continuously pointing out what we don’t agree with or what we would do differently if we were the leader, ask yourself, what’s going right? Ask yourself, what am I doing for my community? If you find yourself having no answers to either of those questions, the problem is with you, not the city government.

Kim Kanies
North Bend

We are not equal

We do not determine the time and place of our birth or our par-

ents. We are not “created equal.” Not one of us is guaranteed “equal opportunity.” All of us will witness - if not experience directly – exploitation, persecution, cruelty. Why? Human beings are egregiously fallible. Evil – not compassion, good works – prevails. Selfish beings trample upon the vulnerable to amass power, wealth. Liars, cheaters triumph.

I have lived 87 years. I once believed that here in American good people could keep at bay indefinitely that which the worst of us collectively fabricate. I have learned that we Americans are no better morally than the inhabitants of almost any nation or culture.

We have among us the timid, managed by authoritarian fear-mongers; the mediocre “every man” so protective of his Caucasian privilege that he embraces anything disseminated hatefully about minorities; the voluntarily and not voluntarily uneducated so ignorant of fact, their emotions the determiner of whom to trust.

We have, controlling the susceptible, a plethora of opinion-shapers devoid wholly of honesty and conscience.

Our country is months away from becoming an autocracy. Fox News, hate-talk radio, conspiracy-disseminating web sites, TV-hungry Republican Party fabricators, and fascist-minded legislators are accomplishing their coordinated objective.

60% of registered Republicans believe the humongous lie that Biden stole the 2020 election. Never mind the minuscule evidence of such. Or that their party continues to gerrymander, purge voter registration lists, employ aggressive voter suppression tactics.

The GOP knows it can no longer win honest presidential elections. Its red state legislatures and governors are passing laws that grant them the power to reverse future Democratic Party victories. Federal legislation could stop this coup. Absent its passage, Democracy dies.

Harold Titus
Florence

Montana coal could be the answer

With the death of Jordan Cove gas project, let us take a moment to reexamine the opportunity(s) Montana coal export offers the Coos Bay community.

Montana has decades of coal available for export. Places like noncommunist Tawain have a demand and trade center for said coal, and Coos Bay has an under-utilized port with a rail link to Montana coal.

The hang up is government that sees no political advantage in maximizing Coos Bay’s port

in this way.

I bet a state like Idaho would maximize its use of a port like Coos Bay, they might even desire a railroad that more directly connected Boise, Montana, and international ports like Coos Bay. The federal government might even find a roadway capable of exporting decades worth of Montana coal, that helps to reduce the national debt/trade imbalances, and provides long-term family employment, worthy of its eminence.

A’eron Blackman
Reesport

Just walk away

Wow, for the Season of Love, there is quite a bit of hostility around Coos Bay.

The ideal situation for something you may not subscribe to is to simply walk away. If you don’t like a person, a restaurant, a particular venue of music, then you do not have to take part.

Find your own joy in what you create for you. Stay home or go out with likeminded others, enjoy what is common between you. Life is so short, it really is. You’re not going to change the world, so don’t kill yourself in trying to do so.

Shrieking, pointing, embarrassing, who are you? You’re inviting judgement. People love to judge others, even the ones who swear they never do. You will be judged.

Leave people alone, if you don’t like them, ignore them. Walk away, be proud of who you are and that you respect yourself too much, to lower your own behavior.

And if none of that resonates with you, the only one you hurt is yourself. Rage, hate and anger can bring on sudden cardiac death or a stroke.

So, you can walk away or die. Merry Christmas.

Valerie Sill
Coos Bay

A tale of two counties

Last week I visited Los Angeles. L.A. County is nearly 80 percent vaccinated and most businesses require people to show proof of vaccination on entry; mask use is widespread. The result? People were eating safely in restaurants, businesses were thriving, public spaces were full of people leading their lives.

Here in Coos County, many people wear masks improperly, if at all, and fewer than 60 percent are fully vaccinated. The result? COVID numbers are soaring, people are scared to work, businesses are struggling, holiday events canceled. You do the math.

H.A. Bok
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Bandon girls and boys pick up victories

Bandon’s girls basketball team continued a perfect start to the season by beating both Lost River and Bonanza at home over the weekend.

The Tigers topped Lost River 56-13 on Friday and Bonanza 47-23 the next afternoon, improving to 7-0 on the season.

Carlee Freitag had 17 points and Katelyn Senn 12 against the Raiders. In the win over Bonanza, Makenna Vierck led a balanced attack with 12 points.

Olivia Thompson had 10, Makiah Vierck nine and Freitag eight.

BOYS: Bandon’s boys also beat both Lost River and Bonanza, topping the Raiders 49-34 and the Antlers 61-41 despite one starter being out with injury.

Owen Brown had 18 points, Cooper Lang 12 and Eli Freitag 11 against Lost River.

In the win over Bonanza, Andrew Robertson had 19 points, Brown 14 and Hunter Angove 11.

“The boys played their best game of the season so far on both sides of the ball,” Bandon coach Vince Quattrocchi said after the second win.

“They held Bonanza to 41 points when they probably average over 60 a game.

“To do that with a starter out is solid for our team. Players get their number called and they are stepping up as well as the overall team.”

Bandon is hosting its own Bandon Dunes Holiday Invitational through Wednesday.

Results of Monday’s first-round games were not available by press time.

SERVICE NOTICES

A memorial service to celebrate the life of **Don B. Bomar**, 73, of North Bend, will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 1:00 pm at Shoreline Community Church, 1251 Clark St in North Bend. A reception will follow at the North Bend Lanes/Back Alley. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

A viewing for **Robert L. Bateman Sr.**, 77, of Myrtle Point, will be held Monday, December 20, 2021 from 3-5 pm at Amling/Schroeder Funeral Services-Myrtle Point Chapel. Services will be held at Emmanuel Baptist, 282 W 6th in Coquille on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Online condolences may be shared at www.westrumfuneralservice.com. Arrangements under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service-Myrtle Point Chapel, 541-572-2524.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert L. Bateman Sr., 77, of Myrtle Point, died December 15, 2021, in Myrtle Point. Arrangements under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service-Myrtle Point Chapel, 541-572-2524. www.westrumfuneralservice.com.

Linda Lee Duvall, 74, of North Bend, passed away on December 14, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

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DEAR ABBY

By Abigail Van Buren

COMMON DOG-WALKING HABIT RAISES STINK WITH READERS

DEAR ABBY: I’m responding to your request for comments about your answer to “Doggy Business” (Oct. 28). Please IMPORE your readers not to put their dog’s poop in their neighbor’s garbage cans, even if the cans are on the street. This may seem harmless, but I live near a park and daily dog walkers use my trash can like it’s a public service.

My garbage quickly fills with endless poop bags, sometimes between five and 10 a day. Garbage is collected only every other week in my community. I’m sure your readers can do the math. Then I end up having to work around all this poop, and not only does my garbage can perpetually stink to high heaven, but I have to be judicious with what I throw away myself.

Rough materials will rupture those bags and poop gets all over the inside of the can. I’m currently saving up to modify my property’s retaining wall so I can keep the receptacles away from the street, but I’m at the mercy of dog owners until I can afford this renovation.

Please, if you have a dog, be a good neighbor. Be responsible for its waste. If you don’t want to carry it, get your dog a harness or pack with a pocket, and dispose of it in your own can when you get home. -- PEEVED IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DEAR PEEVED: I advised “Doggy Business” that disposing of his dog’s waste in neighbors’ garbage cans is a big no-no. After asking for readers’ thoughts, an AVALANCHE of responses descended. The vast majority agreed with me, expressing disdain at the practice and explicitly sharing the messy, smelly details of their experiences.

Some areas require trash be placed in a large, sealed plastic bag in the receptacle. When garbage collectors pull the bag out, the small poop bags can spill out and the contents disperse onto the street. Worse, if the bags are thrown into a neighbor’s garbage container AFTER collection, those bags remain at the bottom and smell for days.

Readers, encourage dog walkers to take a larger bag with them or wear a fanny pack with multiple compartments to transport their pets’ “souvenirs” back to their own home.

DEAR ABBY: Our nosy children have been pressuring us to explain their inheritance. I’m appalled. I was taught that this is something for the parents to tell, not the kids to ask. Several friends of ours who are executors for their parents are now being questioned by siblings while the parent is sick and fighting for life. Please explain to readers what is the best etiquette with regard to inheritance. -- UNSURE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR UNSURE: I know this can be a sensitive subject, but it is also an important one. Although some may not agree with me, I happen to be in favor of open communication regarding money matters. Too often money (and the promise of it) is used to manipulate and control family members. This is not a matter of etiquette. If adult children are going to inherit, they need to learn early how to wisely and responsibly handle money. And, if circumstances change and the estate is affected, the heirs should be given as much forewarning as possible so they are prepared and not shocked.

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

Project Snuggle Up bringing warmth during winter weather

South Coast Hospice Thrift Store shoppers are helping to bring warmth and comfort to our community members this winter. Project Snuggle Up provides warm winter wear to those in need. Through January, community members can get a warm feeling with a simple donation to help fellow residents get through frigid weather.

The project was created by Vicki Pirtle, the South Coast Hospice Thrift store manager. She became concerned about some of the customers who were coming in to the store to warm up as the temperatures dropped.

Many were without adequate clothing for the chilly weather. Then a member of the community came in with a large donation of gloves.

According to Pirtle, “This year we were blessed with many donations of gently used hats, scarves, gloves and mittens in great condition. And because of the overwhelming generosity of our donors we are able to share these goods with those most in need. The store will still have plenty in stock that community members on tight budgets can purchase for \$1-2 each.”

When shoppers come in they can round up their sale or make a donation for the project. For each dollar donated, a scarf, hat or pair of mittens is added to the collection for donation.

These items are then delivered to community organizations for their clients’ benefit.

This year’s recipients are CASA, the Devereaux Center, four schools in the North Bend School District, and most recently, Project Blessing in Reedsport. Every donation benefits the community in three ways. The goods help a child keep their hands from freezing, a student stay warm when

waiting for their bus, or a person without a home a little cozier with a scarf or hat. The monies go to help provide comfort and care to terminally ill patients in our community.

And everyone is helping our environment by reusing these goods that are in great condition.

Greg Dalton, program director for CASA of Coos & Curry Counties, works tirelessly to find resources for his clients.

“The children we serve are going through some of the toughest times of their lives, so many are separated from their families and loved ones. Our CASAs are working very hard to make sure each child has a voice in the system and that their needs are met,” he said. “It’s so wonderful when our community partners help us provide some of those needs. Thanks to South Coast Hospice many of our kids will have warm hands this winter!”

Sales from the South Coast Hospice Thrift Store provide much needed funding for the compassionate care and support provided for terminally ill patients and their loved ones.

Insurance, on an average, covers about 73% of the costs incurred for the care of these patients. Since its inception in 1985, South Coast Hospice’s leadership has vowed not to charge patients for any of the hospice services provided. Patients and their families are already facing so many challenges, they did not wish to add a financial burden.

To make up the difference, South Coast Hospice relies on the revenue from the thrift store, as well as grants, fundraising events, memorials and other donations.

For information about the South Coast Hospice Thrift Store or Project Snuggle Up, contact Vicki Pirtle at 541-269-9611.

Breakthrough infections generate ‘super immunity’ to COVID-19, study suggests

Breakthrough infections greatly enhance immune response to variants of the virus that causes COVID-19, according to a newly published study from Oregon Health & Science University.

The laboratory results, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, reveals that a breakthrough infection generates a robust immune response against the Delta variant. Authors say the findings suggest the immune response is likely to be highly effective against other variants as the SARS-CoV-2 virus continues to mutate.

“You can’t get a better immune response than this,” said senior author Fikadu Tafesse, Ph.D., assistant professor of molecular microbiology and immunology in the OHSU School of Medicine. “These vaccines are very effective against severe disease. Our study suggests that individuals who are vaccinated and then exposed to a breakthrough infection have super immunity.”

The study found that antibodies measured in blood samples of breakthrough cases were both more abundant and much more effective – as much as 1,000% more effective – than antibodies generated two weeks following the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

The study suggests each exposure following vaccination actually serves to strengthen immune response to subsequent exposures even to new variants of the virus.

“I think this speaks to an eventual end game,” said co-author Marcel Curlin, M.D., associate professor of medicine (infectious diseases) in the OHSU School of Medicine who also serves as medical director of OHSU occupational health. “It doesn’t mean we’re at the end of the pandemic, but it points to where we’re likely to land: Once you’re vaccinated and then exposed to the virus, you’re probably going to be reasonably well protected from future variants.

“Our study implies that

the long-term outcome is going to be a tapering-off of the severity of the worldwide epidemic.”

Vaccine immunity is currently undergoing a real-world test against the new omicron variant.

“We have not examined the omicron variant specifically, but based on the results of this study we would anticipate that breakthrough infections from the omicron variant will generate a similarly strong immune response among vaccinated people,” Tafesse said.

The study compared blood samples collected from a total of 52 people, all employees of OHSU who were vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine and subsequently enrolled in the study.

A total of 26 people were identified through OHSU occupational health testing as having mild breakthrough infections following vaccination. Among the sequence-confirmed breakthrough cases, 10 involved the highly contagious delta variant, nine were non-delta and seven were unknown variants.

Working in a Biosafety Level 3 lab, researchers then measured immune response to live virus exposed to blood sampled from people with breakthrough cases and compared it with the immune response to the control group. They found the breakthrough cases generated more antibodies at baseline, and they found that those antibodies were substantially better at neutralizing the live virus.

With as many as one in five eligible Oregonians still vulnerable to infection – and vaccination rates even lower elsewhere in the country and around the world – the new study underscores the fact that vaccination remains the key to ending the pandemic.

“The key is to get vaccinated,” Curlin said. “You’ve got to have a foundation of protection.”

The study was funded by an unrestricted grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust; an unrestricted grant from the OHSU Foundation; the National Institutes of Health training grant T32HL083808; and OHSU Innovative IDEA grant 1018784.

Successful Reforestation Practices Workshop offered for small woodland owners in January

The Oregon State University Extension Service and Douglas County Chapter of the Oregon Small Woodlands Association welcome landowners to attend the Successful Reforestation Practices Workshop on Saturday, January 15.

The Successful Reforestation Practices Workshop will take place from 8 a.m. to noon at a recently burned and salvage logged piece of forest property in Idleld Park, east of Glide.

The Successful Re-

forestation Practices Workshop will provide participants with a comprehensive opportunity to learn about the reforestation process from start to finish. This class is for forest landowners of all sizes and experience levels.

Participants will learn how to order, transport, store, plant and care for forest seedlings.

Woman dies in single-vehicle accident

On December 14 at approximately 5:48 a.m., the Coos County 911 Center received a call of a possible vehicle having slid off the icy road into the Coos River. When emergency services arrived, they determined there was in fact a vehicle submerged in the water.

It took emergency personnel a short while to get divers and tow vehicles on scene to pull the vehicle from the river. Upon being pulled from the river it was found that the driver and sole occupant was still inside the vehicle.

The victim was pronounced “deceased” at the scene. The victim appears to have died as a result of the traffic crash however official cause of death will be determined by the medical examiner.

The driver was identified as 60-year-old Dora A. Hargrove.

The Coos County Sheriff’s Office was assisted by Oregon State Police, Millington Rural Fire Department and Bay Cities Ambulance.

The Coos County Sheriff’s Office reminds citizens that due to cold overnight temperatures, road conditions can become dangerous. Please remember to slow down and if possible give yourselves plenty of time to get to your destination.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HOW TO PLAY:

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

ACROSS

1 Set ablaze

4 Monkey havens

8 Attack word

11 Sense of self

12 Island near Corsica

13 Make arrangements

15 Checkmated

16 Diamond or Simon

17 — McEntire

18 Feel anxiety

20 Young girl

21 Sallow

23 Navy lawyer TV show

24 Arizona city

27 Woodwind instrument

29 Notice

32 Passable

33 Habit

34 Top

35 Some toothpaste

36 Co. honchos

37 Large movie ape

38 Devotee's suffix

39 Letter encl.

40 Not defy

41 Jewelry item

42 Morse syllable

44 Outlaw brothers

47 Large chunks

51 Andy's radio pal

52 —

55 Vonnegut Jr.

56 Hive dweller

57 Feeble

57 From a distance

58 Actress — Hagen

59 Messy place

60 Vacillate (hyph.)

61 Beret

DOWN

1 Lascivious

2 Borodin prince

3 Musical note

4 "The Prisoner of —"

5 Yea, to a matador

6 Sapporo sash

7 Mineo of old films

8 Bit of holly

9 Seine vistas

10 Hansoms

14 Voice vote

19 Not at home

20 "Diamond Lil"

22 Illustrator — Rockwell

23 Made a note

24 Cartoon bear

25 Small guitars

26 Fountain fare

28 Program flaws

29 Untidy person

30 "— kleine Nachtmusik"

31 Nervous

37 Eyeliner

39 Fam. member

41 Bothersome

43 Houston MLBer

44 Yak

45 City near Des Moines

46 Water-filled trench

48 Be next to

49 Sweater letter

50 Garment part

52 Round Table knight

53 ET vehicle

54 Light beam

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

WEDNESDAY

DILBERT

THE EMPLOYEES WERE HAPPIER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE WHEN THEY WERE WORKING REMOTELY.

SO... TELL ME AGAIN WHY WE ALL NEED TO COME TO THE OFFICE?

IT'S SO I CAN SPEND LESS TIME WITH MY FAMILY.

OKAY. I CAN RESPECT THAT.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

SUPPERTIME!

CHOMP CHOMP

I WONDER HOW HE DID THAT!

FRANK AND ERNEST

DR. ERNIE, COMIC STRIP PSYCHOLOGIST, ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS.

THIS READER ASKS, "DEAR DR. ERNIE, IS IT TRUE THAT MOST PEOPLE NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR LISTENING SKILLS?"

SURE, I ENJOY THE GLISTENING HILLS.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ☆☆☆☆☆

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

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

HOW TO PLAY:

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

ACROSS

1 Ewe's offspring

5 Tomahawk

8 "CSI" network

11 Guthrie of folk music

12 Number of Muses

14 Lodge member

15 Chafe severely

16 Put in order

17 Luau welcome

18 Complaints

20 Like some orders

22 Trigger's rider

23 Flapjack chain

24 Summer flower

27 Swedish actress — Olin

29 Dinny's rider

30 Hesitate (2 wds.)

34 Fine

37 Familiar digit

38 Exclamation of dismay

39 Plato's last letter

41 "Beg pardon!"

43 Rocky Mountain tribe

44 Hugs tightly

46 Wild guesses

49 Perform

50 Linen color

52 Loud noise

54 Beaded shoe

55 Active one

56 Sleek sled

57 "Humbug!"

58 Recipe qty.

59 Single Earth orbit

DOWN

1 Be overdue

2 Sheik, usually

3 Mme.'s daughter

4 Composition by Ravel

5 Uneasy

6 Noon, to Caesar

7 Winds down

8 Yo-Yo Ma plays it

9 TV deletion

10 Fishtail

13 Gazing at

19 Outwit

21 Whaler of fiction

24 Male parent

25 Toolshed item

26 Hosp. worker

27 Bask

28 Chemical suffix

30 Cool

31 Ingested

32 Gear tooth

33 New Zealand parrot

35 Pro votes

36 Walked haltingly

39 Baseball's Mel —

40 Skimpy

41 Aluminum company

42 Concoct

43 Commandeer

44 Rough it

45 Glasgow resident

47 Azure

48 Epic

51 Second notes

53 Sea, to Cousteau

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

THURSDAY

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING:☆☆☆☆☆

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

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HOW TO PLAY:
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION								
3	7	8	1	4	6	5	9	2
9	6	1	8	5	2	3	7	4
4	5	2	7	3	9	6	1	8
8	9	6	5	2	7	1	4	3
5	3	7	9	1	4	8	2	6
1	2	4	6	8	3	7	5	9
6	4	3	2	7	5	9	8	1
7	8	9	4	6	1	2	3	5
2	1	5	3	9	8	4	6	7

- ACROSS
- 1 Umpire's shout
- 5 Synagogue leader
- 10 Conditioned reflex researcher
- 12 Sway from side to side
- 13 Wrinkle
- 14 La Scala productions
- 15 Does road work
- 16 Role for Whoopi
- 18 Kind of instinct
- 19 Soft leather
- 23 Son of Prince Valiant
- 26 Business VIP
- 27 Ascended
- 30 Simmered
- 32 Notions
- 34 — boom
- 35 Evaluate

- 36 Doll's cry
- 37 Morn's counterpart
- 38 Coop
- 39 Soothe
- 42 Promise solemnly
- 45 Pierre's monarch
- 46 Grease job
- 50 Get some air
- 53 Tree with shiny leaves
- 55 Pasture entrances
- 56 Aussie city
- 57 Ventricle neighbor
- 58 Snug retreat

- DOWN
- 1 Paretsky or Teasdale
- 2 Declare
- 3 Flattened bottle
- 4 Goddess of dawn

Answer to Previous Puzzle

L	A	M	B		A	X	E		C	B	S
A	R	L	O		N	I	N	E	E	L	K
G	A	L	L		T	I	D	Y	L	E	I
				B	E	E	F	S		S	E
					R	O	Y		I	H	O
				P	H	L	O	X		L	E
				O	O	P			H	A	N
				P	E	N	A	L	I	Z	E
					Y	I	P	E		O	M
				A	H	E	M			U	T
				C	L	A	S	P	S		S
				A	C	T			E	C	R
				M	O	C			D	O	E
				P	A	H			T	S	P

5 Talk to a beat

6 What — you doing?

7 Shipping hazard

8 Admirer

9 Technical sch.

10 Interest amt.

11 Hawked

12 Bop on the head

17 Bob Hope sponsor

20 Polar phenomenon

21 Purple flowers

22 Gives silent assent

23 Pecs' neighbors

24 Motel vacancy

25 1492 vessel

28 Leak slowly

29 Moderate

31 Andean capital

33 Form 1040 info

35 Is of benefit

37 Want-ad abbr.

40 Chief exec

41 Slip past

42 Travel document

43 Well-aware of

44 Hum

47 Coffee servers

48 Pickled veggie

49 England's Isle of —

51 Elev.

52 Grazing area

54 Rand of "Atlas Shrugged"

DILBERT

IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU WORK ALL NIGHT TO HAVE THIS DONE BY TOMORROW.

THE NEXT DAY

I GOT IT DONE!

GREAT. GET ON MY CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS IT.

NOW I WANT TO STRANGLE YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS.

WHY DOES EVERYONE KEEP SAYING THAT?

CLASSIC PEANUTS

I FEEL DIFFERENT THIS YEAR..

SOMEHOW I FEEL THAT I HAVE MORE OF THE REAL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR THAN EVER BEFORE!

WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT IS ?

BECAUSE I SAID SO, THAT'S WHY!

FRANK AND ERNEST

FLYAWAY AIRLINES

DO YOU HAVE ANY LUGGAGE?

ONLY CARRION.

check in

FRIDAY

DILBERT

TED, YOU ARE JUST THE RIGHT GUY FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT.

YOU DON'T HAVE THE PROPER SKILLS TO DO IT RIGHT, BUT I PLAN TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT BY BEING UNCLEAR IN WHAT I WANT.

WILL THAT WORK?

FRANKLY, IT'S OUR BEST SHOT.

CLASSIC PEANUTS

I HEAR SOMETHING...

I THOUGHT MAYBE I WAS GOING TO BE VISITED BY THE OLD FELLOW IN THE RED SUIT...

FRANK AND ERNEST

TELL SANTA WHAT YOU WANT

...AND TELL YOUR GOOF-OFF ELVES THAT LAST YEAR THEY FORGOT THE BATTERIES!

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING:☆☆☆☆☆

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

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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.

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

ACROSS

- 1 Fall guy
- 4 Sports off.
- 7 Pinnacle
- 11 Shade of a color
- 12 Popeye's hi
- 13 A Barrymore
- 14 Potato st.
- 15 Burn slightly
- 16 Bud holder
- 17 Environment
- 19 Helen, in Spanish
- 21 Ultimate degree
- 22 Irritates
- 23 Fountain in Rome
- 26 Downward slopes
- 28 Tire filler
- 29 Nippy
- 31 Collar style
- 35 Runs for fitness
- 37 Join forces
- 39 Key point
- 40 Weight

DOWN

- 1 Wedge
- 2 Car import
- 3 Sound of thunder
- 4 "I see" (hyph.)
- 5 Ostrichlike bird
- 6 Ceremonial fire
- 7 Unfavorable
- 8 Kind of phone call
- 9 Butte cousins
- 10 Bleater
- 12 Mild acid
- 18 Mdse. bill
- 20 Edge
- 23 — Mahal

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10
11				12				13			
14				15				16			
17			18				19	20			
			21				22				
23	24	25			26	27					
28				29	30			31	32	33	34
35			36		37			38		39	
			40	41				42	43		
	44	45					46				
	47				48		49			50	51
53					54	55				56	
57					58					59	
60					61					62	

Police Briefs

Coos Bay man jailed for armed robbery

Early Friday morning, Coos Bay police officers were dispatched to what was reported as an armed robbery and burglary at a residence in the Empire Area of Coos Bay.

The reporting party stated a male suspect forced his way into the home and threatened him with a firearm. He stated the male suspect demanded several items from him and then fled.

The reporting person was familiar with the suspect and provided police with a description, as well as the name Ryan Nicholas.

Officers from the Coos Bay Police Department as well as officers and deputies from the entire Coos County area began looking for the suspect. A Coos Bay Police Department K-9 unit was deployed as well. Just after 3 a.m., the North Bend Police Department located Nicholas, after it was reported that he had been involved in another robbery in the city limits of North Bend.

Nicholas, a 30-year-old Coos Bay resident, was taken into custody and transported to Coos County Jail. He was charged with robbery in the second degree and burglary in the first degree. Additional charges by North Bend Police Department may exist. If anyone has additional information about the incident, contact the Coos Bay Police Department at 541-296-8911 or Coos Stop Crime at 541-267-6666.

Coos Bay Police: Buzzed driving is drunk driving

This holiday season, the Coos Bay Police Department is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to remind all drivers about the dangers of drinking and driving. Before traveling to holiday festivities or seasonal vacations, make sure you plan for a sober ride home before enjoying an alcoholic beverage. This holiday season, and every day, remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

"It's critical that drivers understand the significance of sober driving, and the tragic consequences of driving drunk. With more drivers on the roads during this busy time of year, it's more important than ever for us to stress the importance of safe driving habits," said Captain Lindahl. "We know everyone is rushing around, finishing those last-minute errands and attending holiday gatherings. Before you ever head out to the festivities, make sure you plan a sober ride home, because driving drunk should never be an option. Help us spread the message: Even one drink is one drink too many if you're the driver. Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving," Lindahl said.

According to NHTSA, 10,142 people were killed in drunk-driving crashes in 2019, accounting for nearly one-third of traffic crash fatalities. On average, more than 10,000 people were killed each year from 2015 to 2019. This is why the Coos Bay Police Department is working with NHTSA to remind drivers that drunk driving is not only illegal, it is a matter of life and death. As you head out to the holiday festivities, help us spread the word: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

This holiday season, Coos Bay Police and NHTSA urge drivers to designate a sober driver before heading out for the evening.

North Bend wins Bus Jam trophy



Contributed photo

Coos Bay Mayor Joe Benetti reluctantly conceded the Bus Jam trophy to North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke during last weeks North Bend City Council meeting where K-DOCK 92.9 FM Classic Hits Radio General Manager Stephanie Kilmer announced the tallies for the 20th annual Bus Jam Toy and Food Drive. North Benders stuffed the bus with 4,395 toys compared to Coos Bay's 2,753. Kilmer (also a Coos Bay city councilor) shamefully said she inflated Mayor Benetti's numbers by including stocking stuffers not usually counted. North Bend also ruled in food donations, which tallied 8,503 pounds to Coos Bay's 5,396. "A huge shout out to the citizens of North Bend and the council and all those who had participated in giving this season," said Engelke while accepting the trophy. "And just so we know, this trophy goes to the citizens of North Bend for their effort and the fact that they really did come to the table and make sure people have food during the holiday and families have gifts they can give their children." Kilmer said in all, more than 7,500 toys and 17,346 pounds of food were collected during the December 4 event, which is held annually in cooperation with the Coos Bay - North Bend Rotary. Cash donations go toward additional food, which broke a record of 105,000 pounds collected in just five hours. Bus Jam occurs the first Saturday in December, with the annual giveaway the following weekend. For information, visit <http://www.busjam.org/> or call (541) 269-0929. Pictured are the North Bend Council along with Benetti, third from right, and Kilmer, far right.

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Community Calendar of Events

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

What: Tiny art program
When: Registration open now
Where: Hosted by North Bend Public Library
You Should Know: The program consists of a kit for creating tiny art distributed in January, and a public showing and competition in February. All ages are welcome to participate, and available craft kits vary by age. Children ages 4 to 9 can request a clay kit, and those 10 and up can request a kit with a tiny canvas and easel, a paintbrush and tempura paints. Supplies are limited for both clay kits and paint kits. Artists are also welcome to use other materials besides the paints to create their masterpieces. Artworks made with Legos will be accepted in any age group, but must be tiny, with dimensions of 3-inch by 3-inch by 3-inch or less.

What: Read and Craft Book Club
When: Books available now
Where: Initial meetings via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85870526888>.
You Should Know: The Coos Bay and North Bend Public Libraries are teaming up to offer a monthly Read and Craft Book Club for young people in grades 4-8. Beginning December 1, participants can pick up a free copy of a book and a themed craft at the Coos Bay or North Bend Library. The first Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m., the libraries will jointly host an online book discussion and craft time on Zoom. Young people can participate in one or all of the discussions. Limited kits and books are available, but additional copies of the titles are available at the library for checkout.

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

Don't Miss



What: Free Christmas dinner
When: Noon-1:30 p.m., December 25
Where: South Coast Gospel Mission, 1999 N. 7th St., Coos Bay
You Should Know: South Coast Gospel Mission is opening its doors for anyone who needs a Christmas meal. The mission will also be giving away gifts such as jackets to those in need.

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

What: Myrtle Point blood drive
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., December 22
Where: Myrtle Point Christian Church
You Should Know: All blood donors will be entered in a raffle to win prizes from local vendors (Broken Anchor, Plate, Elkhorn BBQ, Face Rock Creamery, Spruce Street Grill and the Station Restaurant to name a few).

What: Free Christmas dinner
When: Noon-1:30 p.m., December 25
Where: South Coast Gospel Mission, 1999 N. 7th St., Coos Bay
You Should Know: South Coast Gospel Mission is opening its doors for anyone who needs a Christmas meal. The mission will also be giving away gifts such as jackets to those in need.

What: Volunteer training for VITA

When: Dec. 29 and January 8
Where: Cedar Room and Coos Bay Public Library
You Should Know: The library is partnering with NeighborWorks Umpqua to recruit volunteers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. VITA’s recruiting volunteers of all ages to assist low to moderate income families prepare their taxes for free. No experience necessary.

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

What: Local history class with Coos History Museum
When: 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays from January 5-March 9

Where: Coos History Museum
You Should Know: This year’s class will focus on 10 different days on the Southern Oregon Coast that had an extraordinary impact on our local history. These historical local events often also made state and national news. Using a narrated slide show, volunteer Steven Greif will present a timeline of the event, exploring the “before” and “after” of each momentous day. Members will have the first chance at registration for a discounted fee of \$60 until December 19. Non-members will have a fee of \$70.

What: Spanglish
When: Noon-1 p.m., January 5, and 10:30-11:30 a.m., January 15
Where: January 5 class via Zoom. January 15 class at Coos Bay Public Library. Register for Zoom class at <https://bit.ly/3bihvqB>
You Should Know: The program is for those who wish to practice their Spanish conversational skills and help other learners in a friendly setting. Attendees will have the opportunity to converse in Spanish as a group for one hour in a casual, informal environment. This is not a class, but leaders will provide ideas for conversational topics. Beginners are welcome.
The program is free and open to anyone who wishes to sharpen their Spanish conversational skills.

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

What: Community Yoga
When: 6 p.m., January 12
Where: Virtually via Zoom. Register at <https://bit.ly/3CbG1VR>.
You Should Know: This virtual Community Yoga class will be a foundational group practice that includes guided instruction of basic postures, simple movements guided by the breath, and accessible exercises to build strength and flexibility. Ease of movement, standing postures, supported postures, and some passive stretches will be integrated into class. Time will be given to practice breathwork, visualization and meditation. 02Emphasis is placed on de-stressing the body and mind to help the student find a deep calm and inner sense of wellbeing.

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