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Omicron variant is now in Oregon

BY JEREMY C. RUARK Country Media

The COVID-19 Omicron variant is now in Oregon, according to the Oregon Health Authority. The OHA reported late Monday, Dec. 13, that a Multnomah

County resident who was fully

vaccinated tested positive for the variant Dec. 7. The individual traveled internationally to Canada prior to symptom onset. Additional details about the condition of the individual were not immediately available. According to the OHA, two Washington County residents tested on Dec.

9, who were fully vaccinated, also have contracted the Omicron variant.

Health officials have expressed concern about the new variant because it is highly transmissible.

"On Dec. 1, when the first case was reported in the United

States, we shared that it was a matter of 'when,' not 'if,' the Omicron variant of COVID-19 would be detected in Oregon," Dean E. Sidelinger, M.D., M.S.Ed., health officer and state epidemiologist at Oregon Health Authority said.

"We recognize this news

is concerning to many people. However, if history is our guide, we do know that even if a vaccine doesn't target a specific variant, the strong immune response you get from being fully vaccinated can still be highly

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Coos Bay to offer dispatching for North Bend

BY JULIE AKINS For The World

The Coos Bay City Council unanimously approved providing dispatching and 9-1-1 services to the city of North Bend at their last regular council meeting.

North Bend has been using the county's dispatch services but agreed that transferring to the city of Coos Bay may offer quicker response times.

It's something described as a "gap" in that the county dispatch first has to determine location and nature of call and then transfer again to the nearest agency for response. Under the agreement with Coos Bay, that makes responses more streamlined and quicker.

"It provides citizens of North Bend a greater service. Currently if you're in North Bend, you're transferred to county. There's a gap and delay of services. This takes care of that gap. We provide this service to the city of Coquille and to the Tribes of Coquille, already and it works very well," said Rodger Craddock, Coos Bay city manager. The plan which has already been approved by the county, and the city of North Bend who authorized the contract. The contract would be for 10.5 years, would include the city of North Bend paying \$415,000 annually to be posted quarterly to the city of Coos Bay and would additionally call for the transfer of three dispatchers in order to have enough staff to take on the extra work. The council also took testimony and voted in a second reading to approve a single tow service contract to Mast Brothers Towing. They were met by testimony from other towing companies saying using a single service would hurt their companies and they requested council reconsider. Police Chief Chris Chapanar argued that the rotating system of towing has not worked efficiently since many times the first few numbers on the list are unable to complete the tow thus leaving vehicles potentially in the street. "Many times the tow company's may deny the tow because they don't have enough drivers or storage available," said Chapanar. A request for quote went out and only four companies responded, according to the chief. Of those, one met all the criteria which included inside storage big enough to ac-

A LaMar family Christmas



One Coos Bay family has gone overboard to bring Christmas joy to the community. The LaMar family in Empire has decorated their home with a light display that must be seen to be appreciated. With thousands of lights matching music that can be played on your car radio, the display will keep guests entertained for up to 30 minutes. In a Facebook post, the family said they are trying to spread Christmas cheer not only through their light display but also by providing Christmas gifts for needy families. The LaMar family said they are accepting donations and will match the first \$1,000, with all the money being spent on families in need during the holidays. The lights can be seen at 590 Montgomery Street, and information is available by finding LaMar Family Lights on Facebook. Photos by David Rupkalvis/The World



Merkley: Medicine provisions in BBB need to pass

BY DAVID RUPKALVIS The World

Sen. Jeff Merkley has made it a personal mission to lower prescription drug prices in the United States.

As the Senate debates Pres. Joe Biden's Build Back Better Plan, Merkley said that plan could be the answer he has been looking for.

During a press conference last week, Merkley said something must be done to lower what Americans pay for prescription medication.

"Here is America, we pay more than folks in other developed countries," Merkley said. "We should get the best prices in drugs, but that's not the way it works because our laws are weak. This is a real tragedy for American people who have to

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Sen. Jeff Merkley, bottom right, hosted a press conference with, clockwise from top left, Jessica Schockmel, Yvonne Smith and Gil Muñoz, to discuss provisions in the Build Back Better Act that will lower prescription drug costs.

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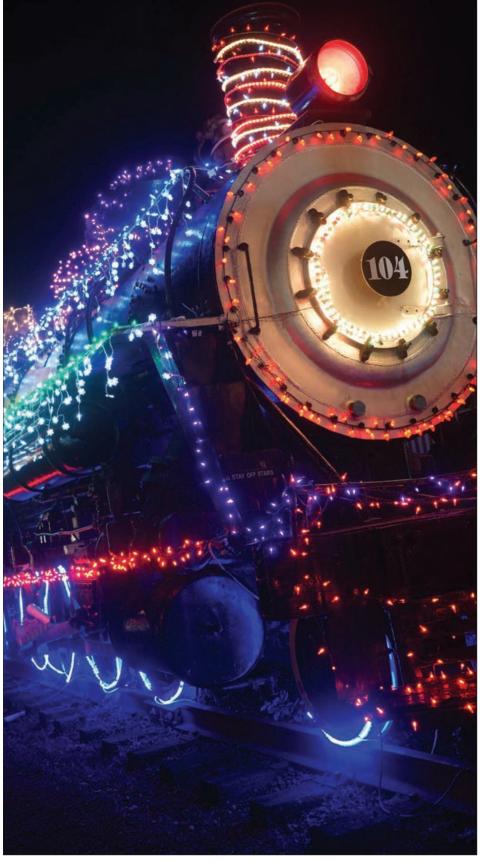
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Lighting up the Oregon **Coast Historic railway with** lights and Christmas cheer



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The Oregon Coast Historical Railway in Coos Bay has turned into a holiday extravaganza. The historic equipment is festooned with thousands of lights, and youngsters can have fun spotting all the stuffed animals in the caboose windows.



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protective against severe disease from all COVID-19 variants," he said.

Gov.Kate Brown said it was only a matter of time before the state identified the first case of the Omicron variant in Oregon.

"As we continue to learn more about this new variant, we know the measures that are most effective in helping to keep ourselves and our families safe from Omicron, Delta, and other COVID-19 variants: get vaccinated, get your booster, and wear a mask," Brown said.

"That's the key to saving lives and keeping our businesses, schools, and communities open. If you aren't yet vaccinated or need a booster dose, get an appointment or find a walk-in vaccine clinic in your area today.'

Sidelinger said OHA and its laboratory partners will continue to monitor the spread of Omicron in Oregon with robust individual-level and community-level variant surveillance.

"As part of Oregon

Merkley

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decide if they want to pay the rent or get their drugs."

Merkley said the average American spends \$1,200 a year on prescription medication, far more than anywhere else in the world. He said he hears from concerned Oregonians frequently, telling the story of an elderly woman who pays more than half her fixed income on medications each month.

"These are the reasons I introduced the End Price Gouging for Medications Act," Merkley said. "But the drug lobby is very powerful, and I haven't had the opportunity to move this in the Senate."

But the Build Back Better proposal has some key elements Merkley supports. One would cap at \$2,000 what seniors will have to pay out of pocket

"It can't be emphasized enough that vaccination remains the best protection against COVID-19 infection and transmission, including most circulating variants."

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ty's ongoing SARS-CoV-2

testing efforts, OHSU

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known as the S-gene drop-

out," Donna Hansel, M.D.,

Ph.D., chair of the OHSU

Department of Pathology

and Laboratory Medicine

OHSU detected the three

"While not specific for

the variant, the S-gene

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the Omicron variant,"

Hansel said.

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of all specimens sequenced

be thrilled if the legislation passed is Jessica Schock-

mel, an Oregonian and a

mom with type-1 diabetes. She said affording her

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"Until a cure is found,

insulin is the only treat-

ment for type-1 diabetes,"

Schockmel said. "It is as

vital to me as water is to

Schockmel has lived

with insulin since she was

10, and admits there have

been times buying her

her family to miss out

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during the pandemic. Those efforts include sequencing of positive COVID-19 specimens at the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory, through academic laboratories, including those at OHSU and the University of Oregon, and at several commercial laboratories statewide; and sequencing of wastewater samples in more than 40 communities statewide through a collaboration with Oregon State University's TRACE program.

"It can't be emphasized enough that vaccination remains the best protection against COVID-19 infection and transmission, including most circulating variants, along with other protective measures, including wearing masks indoors and in crowded outdoor settings, physically distancing from others, washing hands regularly and staying home when sick," Sidelinger said.

Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, also said the steps in Build Back Better would make a big difference.

"The new legislation would ensure no one has to choose between buying medicine, putting food on the table or paying rent," he said.

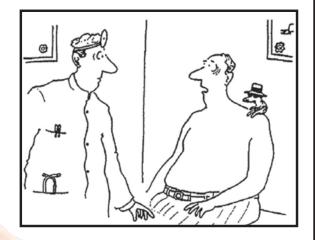
Yvonne Smith, full-time faculty in gerontology at Clackamas Community College and a member of the AARP Oregon Executive Council, said the move would especially benefit seniors, who often have the hardest time paying for expensive medicine.

"I've seen families go bankrupt trying to cover the cost of medicine," Smith said. "It's important we keep the prescription drug deal in the Build Back Better Act."

Merkley closed the conference by saying something must be done.

"People are not a profit margin," Merkley said.

Suspicious looking mole on my shoulder."



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The second, would limit the charge for insulin to no more than \$35 a month.

A third, would allow Medicare to start negotiating drug prices with providers.

"This is the first step, the first foot in the door to have America lower the price of prescription drugs," Merkley said.

One person who would

expired insulin and reused materials.'

only for me," she said.

begged, borrowed, used

Schockmel said in January, a three-month supply of insulin cost her \$1,600.

"I'm a real person who has struggled for years not only with an illness, but struggled to raise a family," Schockmel said. "This isn't a political issue, this is an issue for America. Diabetes doesn't care which side of aisle you're on." Gil Muñoz, CEO of

"They are human beings. We have the answer, we have the bill. All the cases of people not taking drugs, cutting drugs, they wouldn't have to do if they were in a fair country."

Merkley said the Senate has found agreement on many of the key issues in Build Back Better, and he is hopeful it can be approved by the Senate before Christmas.



STAFF REPORT

Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 4.2% in November, down from 4.4% in October.

The unemployment rate has declined rapidly over the past six months, according to the Oregon Employment Department. It was close to 6% throughout the first half of the year. Now the rate is close to the state's historically low unemployment rates, which averaged 3.9% during 2017 through 2019, the three calendar years at the end of the prior economic expansion.

Nonfarm payroll employment in Oregon rose by 10,000 in November, following a revised gain of 6,400 jobs in October. In November, gains were largest in leisure and hospitality (+4,100 jobs), construction (+1,800), professional and business services (+1,600), and retail trade (+1,100). These gains were partially offset by a loss of 1,100 jobs in health care and social assistance.

Several industries added enough jobs to reach alltime highs. Construction



The state employment department reports 2,096,482 employed and 72,834 unemployed in November in Oregon. Last year during the same time, there were 2,003,430 employed and 129,959 unemployed.

employed 113,800 in November, which was 500 jobs above its prior record reached in February 2020 during the peak of Oregon's prior economic expansion. Similarly, wholesale trade, which added 400 jobs in November, reached 77,400, enough to boost it to a record high for the first time since February 2020.

Professional and business services rose to 257,500 jobs in November, which was 100 jobs above its pre-COVID record.

Leisure and hospitality added 4,100 jobs in

November, following a gain of 3,600 in October. Despite these gains, leisure and hospitality still accounts for a large share of Oregon's jobs not recovered since early 2020, with 25,400 jobs left to recover to reach the prior peak month of February 2020.

The industry has regained 77% of jobs lost early in the pandemic.

Education and health services was 16,000 jobs - or 5% — below its pre-recession peak. Within this broad industry, nursing and residential care facilities was 6,900 jobs below

its pre-recession peak, and private educational services was down 3,900. Employment in hospitals was down 2,700 jobs, and ambulatory health care services was down 1,200.

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The U.S. unemployment rate was also 4.2% in November.

Police Briefs

Coos Bay man cited after causing thousands in damage

A Coos Bay man was cited after he caused thousands of dollars in damage during a crime spree in Empire.

According to Coos Bay Police Chief Chris Chapanar, at around 5:15 p.m., December 9, the Coos **Bay Police Department** dispatch center received a call of a male throwing trash into the roadway in the 600 block of Newmark Avenue. A second call was received shortly after explaining that the male, later identified as 34-yearold Antonio Alamillamejia, had since broken one of the windows to the CCAT bus stop at that location.

As officers arrived, Alamillamejia was in the process of breaking the

Bay Streets Department, CCAT and Star of Hope staff to clean up the mess Alamillamejia had created. Alamillamejia was cited and released for crimes as lodging at the Coos County Jail was not available.

Subject arrested multiple times for driving under the influence

On December 12 at around 2 a.m., a Coos Bay police officer stopped a vehicle that had been traveling east in the westbound lane of traffic on Ocean Boulevard.

During the stop, the officer gathered evidence that led him to believe that 32-year-old Jimmy Oiterong, of North Bend, was driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Oiterong was arrested

During the arrests on December 4 and 12, lodging at the Coos County Jail was not available. Oiterong was cited and released on the two most recent incidences.

Stolen motorcycle recovered

On Dec. 12 at approximately 5:12 p.m., an officer from the Coos Bay Police Department observed a male, later identified as 22-year-old Trevar Reed, operating a dirt bike on the roadway on Southwest Boulevard. Shortly after, the officer located Reed and the motorcycle on South 17th Street and made contact.

During the course of the contact and the subsequent investigation, it was learned that Reed was on parole, he had a suspended license, and the dirt bike had been reported stolen several weeks earlier to the North Bend Police Department. Ultimately, Reed was taken into custody for parole violation but lodging at the Coos County Jail was not available. Reed was cited for the suspended license, referred to the Coos County district attorney for the unauthorized use of a vehicle and released. The owner of the motorcycle was notified that it was recovered.

Golden secures \$25 million to combat illegal cannabis operations

On Monday, the Oregon Senate unanimously passed legislation to provide funding for efforts to prevent illegal cannabis operations and provide relief for the humanitarian crisis facing migrant workers caught up in these operations. Senate Bill 893 and Senate Bill 5561 will create financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations as they work with a statewide plan to address the problem of illegal cannabis.

Senator Jeff Golden

During the week beginning December 20, the Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board crews will continue routine maintenance flushing of water lines within its distribution system in Coos Bay and North Bend. Flushing of water lines will be from Newmark Avenue south to Ocean Boulevard and Laclair Street east to Cedar Street. Flushing will begin in the morning each day about 7:30 a.m. and end at approximately 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In some locations, flushing may begin earlier in the morning and end earlier in the afternoon.

fought hard to get SB 893 and related funding on the agenda for the Second Special Session of 2021 because of the proliferation of illegal cannabis problems in Southern Oregon.

"Illegal cannabis operations in Southern Oregon have been using our limited water supply, abusing local workers, threatening neighbors and negatively impacting businesses run by legal marijuana growers," said Golden. "This is urgent funding we need right now to protect our agriculture industry, a pillar

of Oregon's economy and the Rogue Valley's quality of life."

We also need to

respond to the underlying human rights issues so that workers aren't faced with unacceptable conditions," said Golden. "I commit to continuing this work in 2022 to ensure that we provide support to affected workers through culturally appropriate community partners."

Senate Bill 893 and 5561 will go to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

Water board to flush lines next week

a discoloration of the water during these flushing periods.

Customers should avoid doing laundry if their water appears discolored. If the discoloration does not clear up promptly, please notify the Water Board at (541) 267-3128.

glass front door of the Star of Hope, located at 657 Newmark Ave. Officers were able to take Alamillamejia into custody without incident. During the course of the investigation, officers determined that Alamillamejia had caused thousands of dollars in damage and committed the crimes of criminal mischief I, criminal mischief II, offensive littering and disorderly conduct II.

Officers requested the assistance of the Coos

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commodate all vehicles, especially those which may need to be separated and secured while evidence is gathered by the police.

The contract was intended to be for 24 months but after listening to several tow companies disappointed to no longer be under consideration, the council

following the investigation for driving under the influence of intoxicants. This was Oiterong's third arrest for driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was arrested for DUII by Coos Bay Police on December 4 after driving the wrong way down Anderson Avenue. Oiterong was also arrested for DUII by Oregon State Police on November 23 after speeding and driving the wrong way in downtown Coos Bay on Highway 101.

led by Councilor Stephanie Kilmer, decided to offer the contract to Mast Brothers towing for a period of 12 months.

"I think this would an opportunity for other operators after a year," said Kilmer.

And finally, the Marshfield football team which won its first OSAA 4A state championship since 1992, requested support from the Coos Bay City Council to purchase rings

for the winning teammates.

The council while supportive of honoring the team in some way opted against spending public funds.

"I want to honor the team, but I don't think this is a good use of city funds," said Kilmer and the rest of council agreed.

Mayor Joe Benetti remarked that, "We could honor the team in some other way. I understand how you feel."



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Guest Opinion

Responsible gun owners need to be heard

By Ben Long

I own a closet full of guns. But nowhere in that closet is ammunition. That is locked up elsewhere, reflecting a rule I was taught in childhood. Guns are powerful, even deadly, tools. If you own one, it's on you to keep it safe. That is what the parents of a Michigan teenager failed to do, and their son murdered four of his fellow high school students.

Not long ago, safety seemed

Ben Long

gospel for gun owners and the gun industry alike. But something has changed. Responsibility has been discarded in a twisted form of gun idolatry.

That change is detailed in a new book, Gunfight by Ryan Busse. He's a gun industry boss who walked away from the industry he championed and the company he helped build.

His book documents a shift in America's culture about guns and politics. Disclosure: Busse is a friend of mine. I bought one of my favorite rifles from him. We both live in the same town in Montana where the gun industry is a significant economic player.

Entering our town of Kalispell, there's a billboard from one of our local gun manufacturers that claims "We build the things they want to ban." As an "open carry" community, you can sometimes see moms and dads packing semi-auto pistols as they push a swing on the playground.

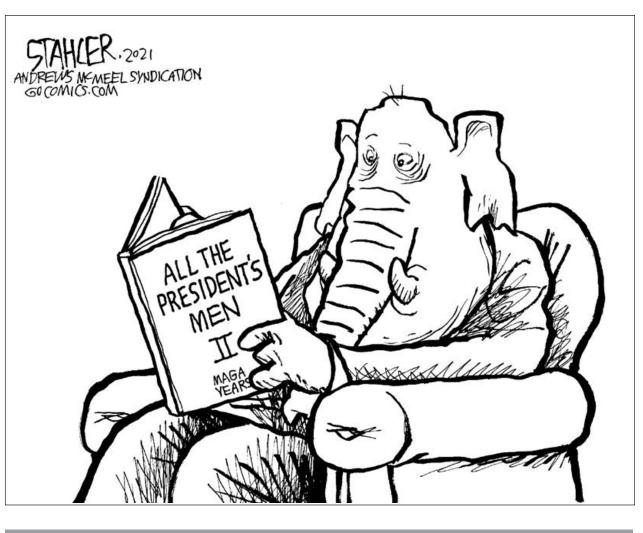
At a recent high school band concert, one parent wore a T-shirt featuring an AR-15 like a crucifix. The shirt read: "Guns are my religion. I am the priest." I don't know what's more weird, the T-shirt itself or the fact it barely raised an eyebrow.

Back in 2019, some local high school kids here organized a rally in response to the police murder of George Floyd. About 100 vigilantes came to my town's square, carrying high-capacity semiautomatic rifles. They said they were there to "keep the peace." I carried a cardboard sign that borrowed a quote from the federal Supreme Court building: "Equal Justice Under the Law." I looked around for a parked car to duck behind in case gunshots rang out. Busse was there, too, and we felt the change. As hunters, we understand the reality of even a single bullet traveling 2,000 feet per second.

Clearly, our local vigilantes were no kind of "well-ordered militia" or even a sanctioned sheriff's posse.

Busse's company sold tried-and-true rifles, shotguns and handguns, made-in-America to a high standard of craftsmanship for legitimate, legal uses. That was the brand he tried to build, a standard he tried to live by. But Busse describes in Gunfight how guns have become political props and ideological symbols.

Under this new narrative, any attempt or even discussion of limiting firepower in the hands of random people is denounced as tyranny. Industry spokespeople who dared question this narrative saw their careers ruined. The end result is the sale of rocket-propelled grenade launchers in the public square.



Letters to the Editor

Why the difference?

We are still losing about 1,000 unvaccinated Americans per day to coronavirus, out of about 60 million Americans who remain unvaccinated.

A recent Kaiser Family Foundation survey (Oct. 2021) found that

87% of

Democrats were vaccinated. Only 40% of Republicans or leaning

Republicans were vaccinated. Why the difference?

Because, the coronavirus pandemic would end if everyone were vaccinated for it. If

that happened, President Biden might get some of the credit. Republicans do not want Biden to get credit for anything. They'd rather die, which they are doing at a rate approaching 1,000 per day.

> Lionel Youst Allegany

Citizens need to make change at jail

Please taxpayers of Coos County, your attention is needed. Because of mismanagement, the jail is not in function to jail criminals in Coos County.

The commissioners are just standing by and watching the crime in Coos soar. Every year taxpayers pay taxes to the county. The main chunk of those taxes go to the sheriffs department. The jail was holding up to 80 inmates now its below 40. The person responsible for the everyday operation is the sheriff. He has really let us down on law enforcement. We need to call the commissioners office and demand they restore operations at the jail even if it means layoffs for some personnel at the sheriffs office. What good does it do to arrest someone then turn them loose on the public streets?

and the first guy that came after him for doing that said he was going to kill him and cut his heart out. Kyle defended himself, I would do the same. Then the others came after him to pose bodily harm or kill him, and you are allowed to defend yourself, right? Get your facts straight.

> Anne Wilson Coos Bay

Just here to help

I was one of the men who recently stood on the corner dressed as Kyle Rittenhouse. We did this because we support everyone's right to self defense and refuse to let street thugs gain a foothold here. The Bay Area will not become Eugene or Portland under our watch, and frankly, we don't give a damn what the naysayers think of our actions.

I was planning to excoriate the recent letters to the editor (of The World Newspaper) by Sharon Ramirez and Lionel Youst, but something happened last night that changed my train of thought. Groups like Antifa are not the only threat to our community. An even more present threat are common criminals and drug abusers.

Recently, I've been helping a friend watch his property in Empire after several burglaries. A few nights ago, someone tried to steal some authority because "We the People" gave it to them.

Accordingly, some of us will be starting a neighborhood watch. We will "observe and report" and provide a visual deterrent. If you see us out and about, please stop and say hello. We are not your enemies but your friends and neighbors.

> Matthew Wilbanks Coos Bay

Don't remove our trees

We recently found a flier on our door from the Coos County Airport District. The flier stated said the district would be implementing a "land management plan" over the next two years. It claimed this plan was necessary to "stay in compliance with our FAA requirements." It went on to say that the plan necessitated the removal of almost all (90%) of the trees on the district's lands surrounding the airport. This would apparently include all of the area on Arthur Street between Connecticut and Colorado. I assume it would also include the trees along the west end of Colorado Street and the trees surrounding the trail that overlooks the runway in the area around the BLM office.

I think this is a very bad idea in many respects. According to the flier, the removal of the trees was necessary because a forester had determined that 90% were "mature, diseased, dying and/or already dead trees." First, I can't see how that is true. I am not a forester, but most of the trees look fine to me. Also, even if there is a problem with many of the trees, the vast majority are of no risk to anyone. They are far from any trails or from anywhere where people walk. Also, this plan apparently includes the removal of all mature healthy trees. A healthy mature tree is beautiful to look at and harms no one no matter where it is. This would have a devastating effect on the aesthetic value of the neighborhood as well as the property values in the area. And by the way, I would like someone to cite to me the FAA regulation that requires removal of trees that are mature, diseased dying or otherwise that are nowhere near any airport operations.

There are cultures on earth where you can find such an arms market, but they are in failed states, not democracies. Democracies draw a line between responsibility and unfettered liberty. Anarchy denies any line exists.

You don't have to look far for this toxic mix of anarchy and firepower. In Oregon in 2016, an armed band of disgruntled white men took over the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, taunting federal authorities until one man, LaVoy Finicum, was shot and killed by Oregon State Police.

In Michigan in 2020, a group of armed men took over the State Legislature.

Also in 2020, in Wisconsin, teenager Kyle Rittenhouse ran into a crowd of protesters with his rifle. As a result, he killed two men and left one badly injured. That same year, in Missouri, a lawyer and his wife pointed their AR-15 rifle and handgun at protestors and photographers, becoming Internet sensations.

Not that long ago, these gun owners would have felt a backlash from fellow gun owners. The idea is that irresponsible gun ownership anywhere is a threat to legitimate gun ownership everywhere. Yet some want to make Rittenhouse, who was acquitted of legal liability but still faces potential civil suits, a folk hero. The Missouri attorney is running for the Senate. The mastermind of the Oregon refuge takeover is running for governor of Idaho.

I believe it is on responsible gun owners to keep our guns safe in our homes. It's also on us to speak out for responsibility in our communities if we are to maintain our freedoms and our democracy.

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Facts matter

In response to Xavier: Rittenhouse did not commit any crimes.

Apparently you didn't watch the entire trial. He did not cross state lines with a gun, it was already in Wisconsin. He was putting out fires, stuff but got scared off by my dog. Last night, I heard some movement, ran outside and encountered two people trying to steal stuff again. One of them threatened me and hit my dog in the head with a pair of bolt cutters before running off. As I'm writing this, I hear that Star of Hope was just vandalized and another friend had a burglary at his business as well.

This brings me to my main point. Crime has always been bad in Empire. This has only been exacerbated by police departments being stretched too thin because they are expected to be social workers. The damage to our economy by our government's COVID-19 response has increased crime, especially property crime, even further.

There are many of us who are sick and tired of this trend and plan to fight it. It's time for citizens to stop sloughing off all the responsibility on the police. The police only have

John Meynink North Bend



OBITUARIES

Sandra Karen Edwards

July 31, 1939 - December 9, 2021

THE WORLD



A funeral service will be held for Sandra K. Edwards, 82, of Charleston, on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the North Bend Chapel, 2014 McPherson Avenue, with Pastor Mark Schiro presiding. A graveside committal will follow at Ocean View Memory Gardens Cemetery, 1525 Ocean Boulevard in Coos Bay.

Sandra was born on July 31, 1939 at Bear Creek, Oregon (near Bandon) to Alphonso J. and Edith Hattie Fellows. She passed away peacefully in her home at Charleston, Oregon on December 9, 2021.

Sandra grew up on

the family ranch on Bear Creek, where she preferred doing the outside chores. In 1955 she was princess on the Bandon Cranberry Court, and graduated from Coquille High School, class of 1957. In 1957 she married Johnnie Davis. They had three children together and resided in Riverton, Oregon. Sandra and Johnnie divorced in 1967.

Sandra then went to work at Georgia-Pacific Plywood in Coquille, where she met Cleo Edwards, who also had three children.

Sandra and Cleo married in 1969, and resided in Riverton. Sandra continued working in the lumber mills, going from Georgia-Pacific to Weyerhaeuser to Roseburg Lumber. She continued to be very involved with the children's activities, outdoor recreation, the family pets, the yard and her hobbies.

In 1980 Sandra and Cleo moved to Charleston. Sandra retired from Roseburg Lumber in Coquille in 2001. She was a very hard worker with a strong belief in doing

the right thing. She was a dedicated wife, loving mother and a loyal friend. She will be truly missed.

Sandra is survived by her daughter, Karen Green of Bandon; son, Edward Davis of Titusville, FL; son, Allen Davis of Charleston; stepsons, Ernie Edwards of Tehachapi, CA and Eddie Edwards of Marana, AZ; brother, Lavern Fellows and his wife, Myrtle of Bullhead City, AZ; sister, Joan Drew and her husband, Floyd of Dallas; brother, Loyd Fellows and his wife, Carla of Bandon; 8 grandchildren; 11 greatgrandchildren; numerous nieces; nephews; greatnieces and great-nephews.

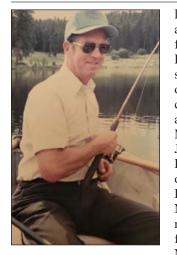
Sandra was preceded in death by her husband, Cleo Edwards; parents, Alphonso and Edith Fellows; sister, Barbara Culver; and step-

daughter, Rosie Burrows. Friends and family are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www. coosbayareafunerals.com and www.theworldlink. com.

Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Joseph Harrison Evernden

March 26, 1930 - December 12, 2021



Joseph Harrison Evernden, born March 26, 1930 to Joseph "Tamp" and Mildred "Millie" Evernden at Mast Hospital in Myrtle Point, passed away on December 12, 2021 at the age of 91.

Raised in the Broadbent area and the second youngest of six siblings, he developed a

Cergene "Shell" Clark, 51, of North Bend, passed away on December 9, 2021 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, www. coosbayareafunerals.com, 541-756-0440

Marc E. Johnson, 74, of Bandon, died December 12, 2021 in Bandon. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Bandon.

Judith Pamela Hammond, 75, of Coos Bay, passed away December 7, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Michael D. Lendahl, 64, of Lakeside died December 12, 2021 in Lakeside. Cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel. 541-267-3131. www.coosbareafunerals.com

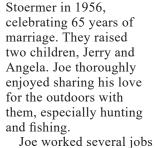
lifelong love of hunting and fishing. He graduated from Myrtle Point Union High in 1949 with 49 students. He was drafted on August 21, 1951. He completed basic training at Camp Roberts in Monterey, California, Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia, then on to the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he made 41 jumps from 1200 ft. From there he went to Northern New York where he learned to snow ski, then to Panama for jungle training. From Panama to Washington DC in 1952 where he was one of 250 picked from the 82nd Airborne Division to march down Pennsylvania Avenue for President Eisenhower. He was Honorably Discharged on August 21, 1953. He married Bonnie

Death Notices

91, of Coos Bay, passed away December 11, 2021 in Reedsport. A Memorial Service is pending and cremation rites have been held under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216 **Richard Allan Conn**, 72, of Bandon, passed away December 7, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos

4216 Cassandra M. Houk, 69, of Bandon, passed away December 12, 2021 in Bandon. Cremation Rites under the direction of

Bay, Oregon 541/267-



in the timber industry; Herzog Lumber Mill in Broadbent, Powers Veneer until their closing, he then went to work for the Coos County Road Department for 21 years as a truck driver until his retirement in 1993.

Along with hunting and fishing he enjoyed RVing and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; children, Jerry (Karin) and Angela Barrow (Keith); grandchildren, Grant and Colin Barrow and Alexandra Evernden.

Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

James Edward Anderson, 63, of North Bend, passed away December 7, 2021 in North Bend A Memorial Service is pending and cremation rites have been held under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Bessie Laursen, 92, of Port Orford, passed away December 14, 2021 in Bandon. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216



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Catherine "Diane" Osborne

January 22, 1952 - December 6, 2021



"I Hope You Dance" Catherine Diane Deeringer Osborne passed away peacefully on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Renown Hospital in Reno, Nevada, with

Larry, her husband and companion of 39 years at her side.

Born in Pocatello, Idaho to James and Catherine Elaine Deeringer, Diane grew up in Mackay, Idaho and was one of eight siblings; brothers, Mike, Steve, Joe, Tom and Henry; and sisters, Marianne and Paula.

Diane was a Certified Diamontologist for Harry Ritchie Jewelers in Coos Bay/North Bend, Oregon, where she won several achievement awards including Salesperson of the Year. In 1982 she married Larry Osborne and in 1988 they moved to Carson City, Nevada,

where Larry managed the Chamber of Commerce and Diane was the receptionist for Lumos Engineering for twenty years, earning several additional career awards including Employee of the Year.

Diane enjoyed her morning walks, spending time with her pets, RVing with Larry, her many friends and her family, and a glass of Chardonnay.

At her request there will be no memorial service and in lieu of any cards or flowers, she asks that you consider a donation to your favorite animal shelter or Humane Society.

Robert "Bob" Eberhardt

October 1944 - December 2021

Bob was born in 1944 in Los Angeles and grew up in the Antelope Valley. He graduated from Alemany High School in Mission Hills in 1963.

Baseball was his passion, he pitched with grace and style. Drafted by the White Sox, then injured playing football. He served in the U.S. Army overseas in Vietnam receiving a Purple Heart. He retired from Lockheed Martin Aerospace in 2005 after working there for over 35

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1:00 p.m., Monday, Decem-

Schroeder Funeral Service,

years. Bob and Michele moved to the Oregon Coast after retiring. Loved crabbing, gardening, and cooking for family and friends. Bob had a smile in his eyes and his laughter was contagious. He will be sorely missed. He is surely smiling down from his rightful place in Heaven.

He is survived by his wife, Michele; 5 children, two daughters in Texas, Diane and Michele, a daughter, April in

California, a son, Kevin and daughter, Christie both in Oregon; and 11 grandchildren. He is also survived by his mother, Lillian Eberhardt; brothers, Michael, Danny, Timothy, and Jon; sisters, Tami and Shannon.

A Memorial Mass will be held in his honor at Holy Redeemer Church in North Bend, Oregon on December 28th at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Bob's favorite charity St. Jude Children's Hospital in his honor.

Service Notices

A graveside inurnment service for Myrle E. Bern, 86, of North Bend who died November 28, 2021 in North Bend will be held Tuesday, December

21, 2021 at 11:30 AM at Norway Cemetery under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals. com

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Robert W. Johnson

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

DISCOVERY OF NEIGHBOR'S PAST SHOCKS NEW FRIEND

DEAR ABBY: I recently learned my neighbor shot and killed her two young kids (14 and 2) more than 20 years ago and served only half of her prison sentence -- six years. The newspaper said she called the police herself, confessed and was arrested and incarcerated.

I have only known her for two years. She's very reserved and keeps to herself. She seems paranoid, but she has warmed up to me because we both dabble in art. Since I've learned this information from the internet, I don't know how to feel about her. This was a horrendous act, and I'm having a hard time processing. What are your thoughts? -- PERPLEXED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR PERPLEXED: Why did you find it necessary to research your neighbor? Did someone suggest it, or do you do that with all of your neighbors? If what you discovered is indeed true, there must be a good reason why she was freed after serving only half her sentence. I think, because you have questions, the person you should ask is

DEAR ABBY: I have known my ex's friend for more than 12 years. Long story short, we are now "friends with benefits." When I stay over, he almost always portrays himself as a good catch, but when it's time to act like one outside his home, he doesn't. He says, "Dating is too hard," and "We should take it one day at a time." He constantly tells me I will make "someone" a good wife and that I should have no problem finding someone. Must I just enjoy the best benefits I have ever had, or should I move on? -- CONFLICTED IN MAS-SACHUSETTS

DEAR CONFLICTED: Much

depends upon what you really want. If what you want is a husband, children and a future, you should take this man's advice and find "someone" other than him. If it's great sex and nothing more, you must decide whether you want to stick around for the (wild) ride. No one can decide that for you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend of many years who makes a habit around her birthday of getting as much free food as she can from restaurants and stores. She collects coupons for birthday freebies and makes sure to cash them in, whether it's a free soft drink or dessert or lunch. She brags to me about how much stuff she got free and put in the freezer for later. Her husband does the same thing around his birthday. Neither one works, and both of them live on Social Security. They are not poor; they travel often. Is this extreme resourcefulness or is it more like greed and gluttony? I'm leaning toward the latter. -- BITING MY TONGUE IN TEXAS

DEAR BITING: I am leaning toward the former. This couple is taking advantage of what is offered. They are not harming anyone, many people do it. It's common practice, and there is nothing wrong with it. Stores and restaurants make these offers available for promotional purposes. Your relationship with these dear friends will last a lot longer if you judge them less.

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

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Budget Committee member sought for Southern Coos

BANDON - The Southern Coos Health District is seeking a volunteer to fill a position on the district's Budget Committee.

The SCHD Budget Committee comprises two or more district residents, the hospital CEO and CFO, and is chaired

by a designated member of the Health District Board of Directors. Members must reside in the Southern Coos Health District.

The SCHD Budget Committee meets four times per year at 4:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month to review financial

reports and recommend any steps that can be taken to help increase revenue and/or decrease expenses. An annual public Budget Committee meeting is held to review and recommend the proposed Health District budget for the new fiscal year.

The next Budget Committee meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, and attendance via Zoom is available.

Once the proposed budget is reviewed and recommended, it must be reviewed and ratified by the district board for submission

to the Coos County Tax Assessor's Office.

Anyone interested in serving can email a letter of interest and background information to Budget Committee Chairman Tom Bedell at the dell@southerncoos. org.

Bandon lights up for Christmas





Photos by Christina Watson/For The World

Despite gloomy weather, Bandon celebrated the holiday season with a lighted Christmas parade last weekend. Dozens of businesses, organizations and the fire department lit up their vehicles to showcase their holiday spirit.



Dunn named Clinical Employee of the Month at SCHHC

BANDON - Christie Dunn likes working the night shift, something she's done as an LPN for most of her career.

"We're a different breed of people," she jokes.

Dunn works in the Emergency and Med/Surg departments at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center and has been chosen as Clinical Employee of the

She said it was definitely a positive change and she loves the fast pace and ever-changing duties of the ER.

At SCHHC, Dunn registers patients, handles all transfers, assists RNs with drawing blood, hanging IVs, administering meds or anything else that needs to be done. She also restocks the ER and assists physicians with calls

Sandy Belchar was recently named the Non-Clinical Employee of the Month for Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center.

Sandy Blechar named Non-Clinical **Employee of the Month at SCHHC**

BANDON – Making sure all employees get paid on time after factoring in shift differential, overtime, many different pay scales and other details can be a daunting task.

But Sandy Blechar enjoys the challenge. Blechar was chosen the October Non-Clinical Employee of the Month at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center.

Blechar has been with SCHHC for 16 years, starting in August 2005. She is a payroll clerk IV in the Accounting/Finance department. Blechar processes the payroll for all employees to ensure the bi-weekly timecards are processed effectively and on time. In addition, she supports a variety of other responsibilities and tasks related to payroll processing and reports.

Blechar was nominated because "she is an invaluable member of our Accounting/ Finance department," stated the nomination. "She has great work ethics and is dependable and reliable. She is extremely kind, patient, capable and very knowledgeable. She always has a positive attitude."

"Sandy is a true asset to our team," the nomination concluded. "You can always count on

Sandy to be prompt, professional, kind and do things with a smile."

Blechar said there is a lot to her job.

There's so many things that can go wrong but there's certain procedures I've established over the years to make sure that doesn't happen," she said. "But I like it. It is never boring and I don't like being bored. Sometimes it's a little crazy but that's the nature of the beast."

Blechar said the perks of the job are the people she works with.

"I work with a lot of great people," she said. "I've make friends with a lot of co-workers."

Blechar was born and raised on the California coast and lived in central California for a bit, then moved to the area in the summer of 1996 after looking for a place up and down the Oregon coast.

She has processed payroll for other small organizations in the area, including Bree's Upscale Resale, a resale clothing store that donates a percentage of its proceeds to help fund mammograms for those with low incomes.

She has one daughter, Jessica

Mock, who attended school in Bandon since 7th grade and is now a dental hygienist at Advantage Dental in Coos Bay. Mock, who attended school to earn her bachelor's degree after working for several years as a dental assistant, was twice the recipient of the Southern Coos Health Foundation's Mary Richards Memorial Scholarship, which helped with her educational expenses.

Blechar has two granddaughters and three great-grandsons, one of them just on Oct. 27. She feels fortunate because all of the grandchildren live in the area.

In her spare time, Blechar loves to spend time with her family. She also likes to garden and does a lot of walking to stay fit. She can often be seen walking near hospital grounds during her breaks and also has a loop she regularly walks near Coquille Point on weekends.

She likes being outside as much as she can. Blechar also does a bit of craft sewing and likes to read.

Blechar loves Bandon and is grateful that she can live here and have a good job with benefits at the hospital.

"That means a lot to me," she said.

Month for October.

Dunn has worked for SCHHC since 2019. She was nominated because "she goes above and beyond to help others," the nomination stated. "She is always on point to help answer patient room call lights and other duties while also supporting the ER department as needed.

"Christie has an excellent bedside manner with all patients," the nomination continued. "She always accepts requests to cover additional shifts when asked and she is an amazing trainer for new staff. She is always ready to help and has an easy-going, positive attitude. She's a great example to everyone. Christie is a real team player and a true asset to our Med/Surg and ER departments."

Dunn's family moved from San Diego to Coquille when she was 7. She graduated from Coquille High School then attended Southwestern Oregon Community College. At the time, the nursing program at Southwestern was limited and hard to get into. There were 23 spots and 167 applicants for the LPN program. She was put on the wait list, but decided to apply and was accepted to the nursing program at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. She and three other nursing students from the South Coast carpooled there.

After completing the LPN program, Dunn worked for nine years for Avamere, a skilled nursing facility in Coos Bay before coming to SCHHC.

to other physicians, among other duties.

"I like that no day is the same," she said. "I like unpredictability. I like a little excitement. I like to know my job and my responsibilities but not what the day has to offer. That makes every day different."

She also feels fortunate to work with a great group of people in both the ER and Med/Surg.

"We're a very cohesive group of people who just do what needs to be done to get the best outcome we can," she said.

Dunn lives in Coquille where her parents are still located and she just purchased a home there. Fixing it up takes a lot of her spare time but she also enjoys hanging out with her boyfriend and dining out. Two of her newest favorite restaurants are the Mongolian Grill and the Himalayan, both in Coos Bay.

She also likes to do cake decorating and makes fun cakes for her niece's birthday each year and for others. One especially challenging one was her niece's request for an "Elsa-Pirate-Monster-Truck" cake, but Dunn managed to pull it off successfully.

Dunn loves working at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center.

"I love this place," she said. "It's like a breath of fresh air to have management and co-workers stand behind you. There's a real sense of belonging and I don't plan to go anywhere else anytime soon."



Christie Dunn was named Clinical Employee of the Month for October. **Contributed photo**

Bandon Women's Civic Club

By Mary Schamehorn

AS I SEE IT

The first two pictures I am sharing are to illustrate a talk to the Bandon Women's Civic Club in December of 1925 by Margaret Murphy Wade, mother of Jack and Gene Wade, who arrived here in 1900 and in 1910 married Cecil R. Wade. Her two grandchildren are Margaret Chalfan and Marilyn Bamford.

"When I first stepped off the old steamer Dispatch (first photo) in 1900 after a five-hour ride down the Coquille river (the only means of transportation at that time) and beheld for the first time a sunset in the Pacific ocean, I considered it a privilege to be alive," said Mrs. Wade, who was 17 years old when she arrived in Bandon.

"Within the next few weeks I often marveled at Nature's generosity in bestowing such natural beauty as a background for so small a town. Front Street extended from the present Bandon Avenue (near where Old Town Market is now) west to a jumping off place where Breuer's store now stands. (Today that is a bed and breakfast just west of the Coast Guard station). A two-foot plank walk extended around the corner and up Edison hill to Fourth Street. A building, then a flourishing hotel, was situated on the southwest corner of this same block, facing a narrow street known as Atwater (now Second Street East), following the foothill around to the foot of the G.A.R. cemetery hill, on which street was operated our only factory, known as the Woolen Mill.

"Our only lighting system consisted of a half dozen kerosene street lamps, lighted each evening at dusk by the town marshal.

"Cattle and all kinds of livestock roamed the streets at will," recalled Mrs. Wade. (The second picture was taken on First Street in front of the Breuer building.)

An item in the June 21, 1912, Western World, explains that voters allowed the livestock to continue to roam the streets by a vote of 150 people in favor of the animals to 140 votvery favorite retired police officers, Marc Johnson, who died Sunday morning at Southern Coos Hospital after a lingering illness. He was 74.

He and his family, which includes wife Jeannie and daughter, Stephanie, moved to Bandon in 1972.

He was predeceased by his parents, Erwin "Swede" and Evaline Johnson; brother, Nord Johnson; and his two sisters, Kristen and Linell.

I was on the City Council during many of the 14 years that Marc worked for the Bandon Police Department, where he was the sergeant for many years and retired as interim chief. While serving as chairman of the city's public safety committee, I got to know Marc well, and always had the utmost respect for him.

After leaving police work, Marc and his brother owned the NAPA Auto Parts store, which they ran for 10 years.

A memorial service for Marc will be held at Pacific Community Church on Saturday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m. with a potluck to follow. His daughter is planning a "red, white and blue" service, which were Marc's favorite colors, and she is urging those who attend to put on their patriotic attire. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Viet Nam War, based at Miramar Naval Base in San Diego.

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There was an interesting story in Sunday's Willamette Week, a Portland-based newspaper, headlined "Dana Altman and Mario Cristobal's 'student athletes' just aren't graduating." The stats came from Jon Wilner of Pac-12 News and they certainly did not bode well for University of Oregon athletes.

The scores listed were the most-recent four-year averages, covering athletes who entered school from 2011-14.

The percentage of Oregon players on the men's basketball team who graduated was 20 percent compared to Arizona State, Cal, Stanford, USC, Utah and Washington State at 100 percent. The stats teller to give him money, which they did. He walked out of the bank and went over to the Coos Bay Police Department and "turned himself in."

Rather than charge him with bank robbery, the officer charged him with disorderly conduct, which seems appropriate.

Zanni said the jail was full, and they would not take him. According to the sheriff, the guy ended up at the Devereux Center, where he hopefully got the help he needed at least for the short term.

Zanni told me that staffing is still a huge problem at the jail, as well as for patrol deputies, as he had recently lost another officer, who had been hired by the City of Bandon.

He knows how I feel about getting another jail pod open as soon as possible, which might well cut down on the incidents of crime, particularly in the Coos Bay, Empire, Charleston areas. But we both agreed that many of the problems that officers deal with on a daily basis are caused by mental health issues... and the fact that so few services are available in our area.

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Even though we don't read as much about it, Covid is still very active in Coos County, with 40 new cases in one day last week, while other days registered more than 30.

Recently I reported cases



Photos contributed by the Mary Schamehorn collection

For years, the only way to get to Bandon was to ride old steamers, like the Dispatch, pictured above. Middle, cattle wander on First Street in front of the Breuer building. Bottom, retired police officer Marc Johnson, who died Sunday morning at Southern Coos Hospital after a lingering illness



Kenneth Stevens of Powers, who graduated from Bandon High School in 1941, was treated to a royal welcome when he and his three children and their spouses were in Hawaii for the 80th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Kenneth, who joined the Navy in 1941, was aboard the USS Whitney when the attack happened. Thirty-two of the honored guests, including Kenneth, were Pearl Harbor survivors. Kenneth's wife, the former Phyllis Pullen, also a BHS graduate, died two years ago. Phyllis was a sister to the late Bill Pullen, father of Reg and Gary.

Kenneth was accompanied by his son Sam and wife Chris; daughter Kathy Rector and husband Mark Rector, and daughter Kayleen and husband Ron Hofsess.



He is survived by his son, Brian Tenney, of Bandon, five grandchildren and a special friend, Cindy

video of the tremendous explosion in Medford when a small plane, which had just left the airport

ers wanting them off the streets.

But back to Mrs. Wade's memories.

"The small reservoir, under private ownership, was our only water supply. There was a long distance telephone pay station at Manciet's cigar store with only three telephones connected to the switchboard. The only fireproof building was Concrete hall now known as Trowbridge's store. Our city government was a town charter granted by the state legislature, providing for a board of five trustees and a city recorder. The city revenues were chiefly derived from saloon licenses, which were at first \$400 a year, later increased to \$1,000 each. There was no city tax at that time, no debts, and no automobiles. Our only school building was the present Legion hall, housing 150 pupils, three teachers, with grades from one to eight represented. There was no modern sanitary plumbing in the homes. The population in 1900 was given at 650. However, the town even at that time boasted of Mr. (George) Topping and his band."

She went on to talk about what existed in 1925, including a population of 2,250, the erection of two school buildings, sewer systems, improved streets and sidewalks, additional fireproof buildings, complete telephone exchange, a hydro electric plant, and a much larger water system, which was by then municipally owned.

She ended by saying: "Our town is what we make it. If we put our shoulders to the wheel, work together, boost together, and sing together, there is no reason why Bandon cannot make wonderful progress."

The third picture I am sharing is of one of my

showed that 67 percent of the Oregon State players graduated, with Washington at 75 percent.

Football stats show Stanford on top with 93 percent, Oregon State in the middle of the pack at 82 percent, and Oregon second from the bottom with 73 percent. Only UCLA had a lower graduation rate, at 71 percent.

It's information like this that you don't find on the sports page.

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I received a call from Sheriff Craig Zanni one night last week wanting to explain why he did not have room at the jail for "the bank robber" in Coos Bay.

Actually, what happened was an allegedly homeless man walked into the U.S. Bank at 400 Anderson Ave., with no threat of a weapon, and asked the which had occurred in the schools of Coos and Curry counties, but recent info sent to me by Coos Health and Wellness had stats for nursing home and assisted living facilities, including both case numbers and deaths.

Many of the numbers date back to the summer months, and some as far back as 2020 so I will just report on local cases dating back to Nov. 1.

In the Bandon area, they include Blue Diamond Estates, on McTimmons Road, who reported eight cases on Nov. 2; and Still Waters, Inc., the new facility on Elmira Avenue opened by Dan and Mary Wilson of WestWind Court, who reported six cases as of Nov. 30. Wilson is the pastor of Restoration Worship Center.

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Ninety-nine-year-old

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I saw an obituary in The World recently for Bob Tenney, who died in Myrtle Point Nov. 15 at the age of 84. In 1976, he and his late wife Mary started the West Coast Game Park Safari (formerly the Deer Park). Bob and Mary purchased the park and worked side by side for over 30 years, expanding the business to more than 75 different species and bringing a unique experience to visitors. Decker of Myrtle Point. In addition to his wife Mary, he was preceded in death by his son, Craig Tenney.

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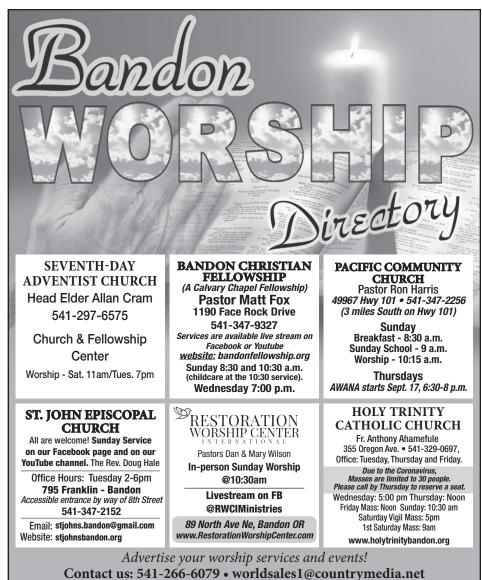
I also learned that former long-time Bandon resident Glenna Schellong Cravey, 73, died recently in Crescent City, Calif., where she was living to be near her daughter, former Crescent City Mayor Kelly Schellong. Also surviving is her son, David Schellong.

I don't know how many of you saw the graphic

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with 128 gallons of fuel, crashed into a car dealership recently, setting more than 20 vehicles on fire and destroying everything on the ground.

Thank heavens, the accident occurred on a Sunday afternoon, when the dealership was closed, as there were no fatalities on the ground. The pilot, who died along with his passenger, was a Fallon, Nev., businessman, Don Sefton; his passenger, Valerie Serpa, 67, was the long-time director of an art center in that city. The plane Sefton was piloting was a twin propeller Piper Navajo.





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North Bend, Marshfield reunited starting next fall OSAA Executive Board approves classifications and districts for next four years

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North Bend and Marshfield will be back in the same league starting next fall, when the new fouryear time block begins.

The Oregon School Activities Association Executive Board approved the final proposal of the OSAA Classification and Districting Committee with two changes during its meeting Monday and the OSAA Delegate Assembly approved the cut-off numbers for enrollment for the new time block.

The state will stay with a six-classification system for the next four years, and several South Coast schools are moving up or down a classification.

That includes North Bend, one of a number of schools dropping from 5A to 4A. The Bulldogs will be rejoined with Marshfield after four years in Class 5A — both part of the Sky-Em League along with Marist Catholic, Cottage Grove and Junction City.

The neighboring Bay Area schools have been in different classifications for two stretches in the past two decades.

North Bend was first to drop down, in 2002, after the school's enrollment began to fall.

Marshfield joined the Bulldogs in Class 4A when the Pirates dropped down in 2013 after becoming one of the smallest Class 5A schools. North Bend moved back up in 2017, but was among the smallest of the schools in the classification the past four years and had limited success, including one state title in boys track and field and one league title in volleyball this year plus high finishes several years in boys and girls swimming.

While North Bend is moving down after four years in a higher classification, Coquille is moving up after four years in a lower one.

The Red Devils move from Class 2A to Class 3A, as part of the 11-school Far West League. The Red Devils will rejoin a number of former league foes, including Brookings-Harbor, Douglas, South Umpqua, Sutherlin, Glide, Rogue River and Cascade Christian. The other schools in the league are St. Mary's, North Valley (dropping from Class 4A) and Lakeview (moving up along with Coquille and Glide).

Myrtle Point, meanwhile, is dropping from Class 2A to Class 1A, where it will be the largest school in the classification. The Bobcats will be in the Skyline League, along with both Powers and Pacific.

With the departures of Coquille and Myrtle Point, the Sunset Conference would have been down to just five schools — Reedsport, Bandon, Gold Beach, Toledo and Waldport.

In its final proposal, the Classification and Districting Committee instead combined the Sunset conference with another to create the new 12-school Central Valley Conference. Also in the new league are Central Linn, East Linn Christian, Illinois Valley, Lowell, Monroe, Oakland and Oakridge.

The other South Coast team changing a classification is Siuslaw, which moves down from the Class 4A Sky-Em League to the Class 3A Mountain Valley Conference, where the Vikings join Creswell, Elmira (also dropping down), Harrisburg, La Pine, Pleasant Hill and Sisters. Siuslaw, Creswell, Elmira, La Pine and Pleasant Hill all are former Sky-Em members who have dropped down a classification over the years.

The two schools that were moved between the final proposal and the final approval by the Executive Board were Banks and Columbia Christian, which both had originally planned to play up a classification but instead decided not to play up — they will be in Class 3A and Class 1A, respectively.

Valley Catholic also will be in Class 3A after four years as part of the Class 4A Cowapa League with Banks.

The most notable change statewide is the four Bend

high schools — Bend, Mountain View, Summit and the new Caldera dropping to Class 5A where they join Redmond and Ridgeview in the Intermountain League. The past four years, the Bend schools have been part of a Class 6A league with Salem-are teams and schools on both sides of the Cascade Mountains are relieved not to have so much missed class time for league games and so many trips over the mountain passes during the winter sports season.

As in the past few years, football will be considered separately from all other sports, with the OSAA Football Ad-Hoc Committee making recommendations for league alignments.

The full final leagues can be viewed at www. osaa.org.

Bandon's Holly Hutton signs to run for Western Oregon

By JOHN BUNTHER For The World

BANDON — Holly Hutton has been one of the South Coast's top runners throughout her high school career, winning a pair of individual state titles in track and field and helping Bandon win its first-ever state title in a girls team sport.

Holly finalized plans to continue her career after high school Tuesday when she signed a letter of intent to run for Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

"It's exciting," said Holly, who will join her older brother, Hunter, as well as former Bandon teammates Aero Franklin



Holly Hutton signs a letter of intent to run for Western Oregon University while her parents, Tricia and Brent, look on Tuesday.

Bandon, likes the upward mobility of the program in Monmouth. as a freshman and the 800 meters last spring, when she also was part of a

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she also was part of a champion relay. This fall, she led the their younger sister. Also there was Josh Snyder, who graduated with Hunter and Sailor and runs for Portland State University.

Marshfield girls top Brookings-Harbor

Marshfield's girls basketball team tuned up for this week's Les Schwab South Coast Holiday Basketball Tournament by winning at Brookings-Harbor on Tuesday night 47-32.

The Pirates got 19 points from Charlie Dea, 10 from Paige MacDuff and eight from Kate Miles to improve to 1-1 on the young season.

Ashlyn Schofield led Brookings-Harbor with 13 points.

Both teams are playing in the Les Schwab tournament, which started Thursday night and continues through Saturday at Marshfield High School.

Brightbill is fastest finisher in annual Mac's Run

Kevin Brightbill of Coos Bay won the annual Mac's Run last weekend, covering the 10-kilometer tour of the state parks near Charleston in 38 minutes and 20 seconds. 10 Kilometers MALE 10-19 — 1. Pebble Olbia, Grants Pass, 45:08. 20-29 — 1. Brandon Books, Coos Bay, 47:19;

2. Bradley Harbert Myrtle

and Shannon Smith, with the Wolves.

It's the first time Holly and Hunter have officially been teammates, since Hunter was a senior at Bandon when Holly was in eighth grade.

Hunter plans to spend a fifth year running for Western Oregon next school year.

"It's nice to be on the same team with my brother," she said.

Holly admitted she didn't want to go to Western Oregon when she was younger, since that's where Hunter is and she didn't want to just copy him.

But as she took a closer look, Western Oregon looked better and better.

"I visited a bunch of other colleges," she said. "Western felt like home.

"I went to visit and it kind of felt like I could see myself being there for the next four years."

Plus, she noted, Western Oregon has a women's distance running program on the rise.

Brent Hutton, Holly's father and coach at aspire to be," Brent said. "She's got her work cut out for her."

Holly is the third sibling to become a college runner. Sailor, Hunter's twin sister, runs for Boise State University.

Among the schools Holly visited was the College of Idaho.

"She could have been near Sailor or near Hunter," said Tricia Hutton, Holly's mom. "I am excited because Hunter and Holly have never been teammates."

Holly also plans to follow in Hunter's footsteps, at least in area of study.

She plans to study exercise science, which also is Hunter's major.

With that field of study, she could go into physical therapy or become a physical education teacher and coach, among other careers.

"I want to do something with sports injuries," she said.

Holly has joined her older siblings as state champions for the Tigers, winning the 3,000 meters Tigers to their first official girls team title when they were crowned Class 3A-2A-1A state champions in cross country — they also won the title last year when OSAA didn't sanction the state championships.

Holly, who finished ninth individually at state, considers the team title a bigger accomplishment than her individual wins.

"It took a lot to get it," she said. "We trained all year for it. And it was with my best friends." Holly has one more

track season to look forward to.

"I want to see what times I can put out on the track," she said, adding that she looks forward to a chance to run at Hayward Field, something she never has gotten to do as a high schooler since it was under construction her freshman year, forcing the state meet to be moved to her future track at Western Oregon University.

Both Sailor and Hunter were at the signing ceremony Tuesday to support Sailor and Josh recently had a chance to represent their schools at the NCAA cross country regional — Sailor was 72nd in the women's race and Josh was 60th in the men's race (he also is the new school record holder in the steeplechase for PSU).

Tuesday was the start of a big week for the Hutton clan.

This weekend, Hunter will get married. His fiancé, Ashley Henderson from the northern Oregon coastal high school Neah-Kah-Nie, is a triplet.

Hunter also is looking forward to Holly's arrival at Western Oregon. "It will be for " be said

"It will be fun," he said. "I never thought we would be teammates."

Two other Bandon seniors still are deciding their college futures, Brent Hutton said.

Aunika Miller joined Holly on the state champion girls team and Ansen Converse was the boys district champion and finished sixth at the state meet and helped the Tigers to second place. The event is the final regular competition of the 2021 calendar for the South Coast Running Club.

Brightbill was followed across the finish line by Madison Wilt, one of a number of runners from Grants Pass who made the trip to the South Coast for the race. The 17-year-old Wilt finished in 43:13 to lead all female runners.

Pebble Olbia, another Grants Pass youth, was second among male runners in 45:08, followed by Brandon Brooks of Coos Bay (47:19), Bradley Harbert of Myrtle Point (48:51) and Jeff McPherson of Independence, the first Masters (40-and-over) finisher (48:52).

Ellie Berg, another Grants Pass youth, was second among female finishers in 49:00, followed by masters winner Heather Allen of Grants Pass (50:39), Lindsay Janzer of North Bend (55:55) and Jennifer Dungee of Coos Bay (1:00:44).

The 5-kilometer race was won by Corbin Reeves of Coos Bay in 21:43, followed by Shelley Stahler of Port Orford (22:59) and recent North Bend graduate Celeste Sinko of Myrtle Point (25:18) and her younger brother Orion (27:15).

The masters champions were Stahler and Kelly Lay of Coos Bay (34:33).

The races started and ended in Sunset Bay State Park and all the runners also went through Shore Acres State Park, with the longer race also going through Cape Arago State Park.

Next up for the South Coast Running Club is the annual Bullards Run near Bandon on Sunday, Jan. 9. For information, visit www.southcoastrunningclub.org. Point, 48:51.

30-39 — 1. Kevin Brightbill, Coos Bay, 38:20; 2. Clayton Willett, North Bend, 1:17:00. 40-49 — 1. Jeff McPherson, Independence, 48:52. 50-59 — 1. Tim Hyatt, Coos Bay, 49:28. 60-69 - 1. Kent Sharman, Coos Bay, 53:43; 2. Mark Godbey, North Bend, 55:25; 3. Thomas Douglas, Salem, 1:02:25; 4. Daniel Robertson, North Bend, 1:10:16; 5. Jim Littles, Bandon, 1:22:09.

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40-49 — 1. Kelly Lay, Coos Bay, 34:33; 2. Jennifer Knight, North Bend, 34:50.

60-69 — 1. Victoria Francis, Coquille, 43:40; 2. Maurene Aakre, Coos Bay, 46:30.

70-79 — 1. Nancy Clarke, North Bend, 55:15.

Bandon Dunes Holiday Invitational starts Monday

The annual Bandon Dunes Holiday Invitational begins Monday at Bandon High School and Harbor Lights Middle School, with eight teams in the varsity boys and varsity girls brackets.

The tournament, being held for the first time since 2019 (last year's season was delayed until the spring), has returned to a single eight-team bracket instead of two four-team brackets used in recent years.

The host Tigers are playing in the late games Monday night and Myrtle Point will also play in the evening session at Bandon High School. Because they are Sunset Conference rivals, they will be on opposite sides of the bracket.

Admission each day is \$7 for adults and \$3 for students and good for all games.

Monday's girls varsity schedule starts with Mapleton and Colton at noon in the Harbor Lights gym and Sheridan and East Linn Christian at noon in the high school gym. Myrtle Point and Lakeview face off at 3 p.m. in the high school gym and Bandon and Alsea play at 6 p.m. The boys schedule on the opening day includes Mapleton vs. Waldport at 1:30 p.m. in the Harbor Lights gym and Colton vs. East Linn Christian at the same time in the main gym. Myrtle Point and Lakeview play at 4:30 p.m. in the main gym and Bandon hosts Alsea in the late game at 7:30.

On Tuesday, the girls semifinal games are at 3 and 6 p.m. in the main gym while the consolation games are at noon, one in each game.

The boys schedule Tuesday features semifinal games at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., with the consolation games at 1:30 p.m. in each gym.

The Wednesday schedule for the girls, with all games in the main gym, includes the seventh-place game at 9 a.m., followed by the fourth-place game at noon, the third-place game at 3 p.m. and the championship game at 7:30 (the final game of the tournament).

The boys schedule Wednesday includes the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m., the fourthplace game at 1:30 p.m., the third-place game at 4:30 p.m. and the championship game at 6 p.m.



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Estate of Steven Dale Roe

Notice to Interested Persons

(Case No.: 21PB10356)

In the Circuit Court of the State

of Oregon for the County of

Coos, Probate Department.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Steven Dale Roe, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Tim

Nay, of the Law Offices of Nay

& Friedenberg LLC, has been

appointed as personal repre-

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required to present them in

the care of the undersigned

attorney at: 6500 S. Macadam

Avenue, Suite 300, Portland,

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publication of this notice, as

stated below, or such claims

whose rights may be affected

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Tim Nay. Law Offices of Nay &

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR

THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS

PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the matter of the Estate of:

PHILIP RAYMOND LOCK-

HART, Decedent.

Case No.: 21PB09952

NOTICE TO INTERESTED

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS Case No: 21DR19826 SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY

PUBLICATION JANINE McBRYAR Plaintiff/ Petitioner

ABRAHAM DE la BARRERA: Defendant/ Respondent Date of First Publication: December 17, 2021 (response must be filed within 30 days of this date)

JANINE McBRYAR has filed a divorce/dissolution petition asking the court to order a divorce from ABRAHAM DE la BARRERA. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY! You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file a legal Response Answer, or Motion. Forms may be available through the court above or online at www.courts. oregon.gov/forms. Talk to a lawyer for information about appearing by motion. Your response must be filed with the court named above within 30 days of the date of first publication (noted above), along with the required filing fee (go to www.courts.oregon.gov for fee information). It must be in proper form. You must show that the other party's lawyer (or the party if they do not have a lawyer) was formally served with a copy of your response according to the service rules. Service rules are in the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure (ORCP) Rule 9. If you have questions, see a lawyer immediately. If you need help finding a lawyer, you can call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503.684.3763 or toll free in Oregon at 800.452.7636, or go to www.oregonstatebar.org. Date 12/9/21 /S/ Name (printed) Janine McBryar Published: December 17. December 24, December 31, 2021 and January 7, 2022 The World & ONPA (ID:332335)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS In the Matter of the Adoption of: CARSON ALPHONSE PARA-

DIS, a minor child, Case No. 21AP00800 SUMMONS TO: NATHEN ALPHONSE

PARADIS PETITIONERS have filed a petition for the adoption of Carson Alphonse Paradis in the above-entitled court. The court has entered an order requiring you to show cause why an order should not be entered dispensing with your consent to adoption, granting a General Judgment of Adoption, and ter-minating your parental rights. You must file with the Court a written Answer to the Motion for Order to Show Cause and Order within 30 days after the date on which you are served with this summons or, if service is made by publication or posting under ORCP 7 D (6) within 30 days from the date of first publication or posting which occurred on December 3, 2021. If you fail to file a written Answer to the Motion for Order to Show Cause and Order within the time provided, the Court, without further notice and in your absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to entering a General Judgment of Adoption of the child if the Court determines, on the date the Answer is required or on a future date, that your consent is not required and that the adoption is in the child's best interests. In your Answer, you must inform the Court and the Petitioners of your telephone number or contact telephone number and your current residence, mailing, or contact address in the same state as your home. If you file an Answer to the Motion for Order to Show Cause and Order, the court will schedule a hearing to address the Motion for Order to Show Cause and Order and, if appropriate, the Adoption Petition, order you to appear personally, and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and may order you to appear personally. NÓTICĖ: You have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you wish to be represented by an attorney, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have an attorney appointed for you at state expense. To request appointment of an attorney to represent you at state expense, you must con-tact the Coos County Circuit Court immediately. Please call (541)396-7500 for further information. You are responsible for maintaining contact with your attorney and keeping your attorney advised of your whereabouts. Dated: November 29, 2021 /S/ Amy L. Muenchrath Amy L. Muenchrath, OSB 973463 Muenchrath Law, LLC 280 N. Collier Coquille, OR 97423 (541) 396-4529 amy@muenchrathlaw.com Published: December 3, December 10, December 17 and December 24, 2021 The World & ONPA(ID:331323)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS In the Matter of the Estate of CORY ALLEN YOCKEY Deceased

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Legal Notices

Case No. 21PB10330 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Deborah L. Rogers has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, c/o Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, OR 97420, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court- Probate Department, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille, OR 97423, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Dated and first published December 17, 2021 Published; December 17, December 24 and December 31, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:332321)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS In the Matter of the Estate of PEGGY LEE MATTHEWS, Deceased. Case No. 21PB08221 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Timothy Matthews, has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the attorney/personal representative Jacques P. DePlois, P.O. Box 3159, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court. or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published December 3, 2021

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY In the Matter of the Estate of: DUANE KEITH ECKHOFF, Deceased Case No. 21PB10108 **INFORMATION TO INTER-**ESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JENNIFER KOMANECKY has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate of DUANE KEITH ECK-HOFF are required to present them, with vouchers attached. to the personal representative at 1373 Cedar Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420, or through her attorney, Nathan B. McClintock, at PO Box 1178, Coos Bay, OR 97420, or in person at 936 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Nathan B. McClintock. Dated and first published on December 17, 2021 Nathan B. McClintock, OSB #841520 Attorney for Personal Representative Personal Representative: Jennifer Komanecky 1373 Cedar Ave Coos Bay, OR 97420 503.753.6922 Lawyer for Personal Repre-<u>sentative</u> Nathan B. McClintock, OSB #841520 Corrigall & McClintock P.O. Box 1178

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Public Notice

Coquille Valley Hospital is tak-ing public bids for a new 3D Mammography. Contact Frank Garcia, CVH Materials Manager at frankg@ cvhospital.org or at (541)396-1065 for complete bid specification packet. Bids are to be received in accordance with the bid specification packet no later than December 27, 2021 Published: December 3. December 7, December 10, December 14, December 17 December 21 and December 24, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:331048)

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IT'S THAT TIME

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igainst the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 1006, North Bend, Oregon 97459, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative, Stebbins & Coffey, P.O. Box 1006, North Bend, Oregon 97459 Dated and first published December 17, 2021. Lori L. Ring Personal Representative

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS, PROBATE DEPART-MENT In the Matter of the Estate of:

MICHAEL SISSON, Decedent. Case No.: 21PB10370 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Alex Polito has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Amy L. Muenchrath, attorney for the Personal Representative, at MuenchrathLaw, LLC, 280 N. Collier St., Coquille, Oregon 97423, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the probate clerk's office at the Coos County Courthouse, Probate Department 250 N Baxter, Coquille, Oregon 97423, Monday through Friday between 8 am and noon, and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Amy L. Muenchrath, MuenchrathLaw, LLC, 280 N. Collier St., Coquille, Oregon 97423. Dated and first published this 17th day of December, 2021. Published: December 17, December 24 and December 31, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:332313)

Jacques P. DePlois, Attorney for the Personal Representative P.O. Box 3159 Coos Bay, OR 97420 (541) 888-6338 Published: December 3, December 10 and December 17, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:331342)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS In the Matter of the Estate of: MAYBLE F. McLARRIN, Deceased.

Case No. 21PB10307 **INFORMATION TO INTER-**ESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KIMBERLY ANDERSON has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate of MAYBLE F. McLAR-RIN are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at 95308 Lillian Slough Ln., Coos Bay, OR 97420, or through her attorney, Nathan B. McClintock, at PO Box 1178, Coos Bay, OR 97420, or in person at 936 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Nathan B. McClintock. Dated and first published on December 17, 2021 /S/ Nathan B. McClintock, OSB #841520

Attorney for Personal Representative

Personal Representative: Kimberly Anderson 95308 Lillian Slough Ln.

Coos Bay, OR 97420 (541) 404-1694 Lawyer for Personal Repre-

<u>sentative:</u>

Nathan McClintock PO Box 1178 Coos Bay, OR 97420 Phone: (541) 269-1123 Fax: (541) 269-1126 Email: nmcclintock@epuerto. com Published: December 17, December 24, December 31. 2021 and January 7, 2022 The World & ONPA (ID:332334)

Notice of Public Hearing CM/ **GC Alternative Contracting** Method

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEAR-ING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that the City of Reedsport City Council, the City's local contract review board, will hold a public hearing regarding use of Request for Proposal (RFP) solicitations for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/- GC) alternative contracting methods to construct two seismic rehabilitation projects, one at Reedsport's Police Station 7 and the other at Reedsport's Turner Fire Station. The meeting will be held on January 3rd 2022 at 7 p.m., via videoconference. This hearing will be for the purpose of receiving public comment on the City of Reedsport's draft findings supporting an RFP solicitation for a CM/GC alternative contracting method and exempting these projects from competitive bidding requirements. For videoconference login information and/or to view the draft findings, please visit www.cityofreedsport.org and click "Public Notices," or contact the Reedsport Planning Department at planning@ cityofreedsport.org or (541) 271-3603 (x1010). Published: December 17. 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:332557)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Coquille Indian Housing Authority has prepared Annual Performance Reports for its programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the federal fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. The reports are available for review online at www.coguilleiha.org and at: Coos Bay Public Library, 525 Anderson Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420 North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, OR 97459 PUBLIC COMMENT IS INVITED and will be received through 12:00 p.m., December 28, 2021. Please address all requests and comments in writing to Anne Cook. Executive Director, Coquille Indian Housing Authority, 2678 Mexeye Loop, Coquille Tribal Lands, Coos Bay, OR 97420; (541) 888-8266 fax; annecook@ coquilleiha.org. Published: December 17, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:332320)

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NOTICE OF COOS COUNTY PUBLIC LAND USE HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Coos County Planning Commission (December 2, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.) and the Board of Commissioners (December 28. 2021 @ 1:30 p.m.) will conduct public hearings regarding the matter of a proposed amendments to the Coos County Comprehensive Plan Maps (Rezone) and Conditional Use Review. In the event the public will not be able to attend a GoToMeeting will be set up. Please contact the Planning Department for further information. If you are planning to attend in person please keep in mind seating will be limited based on COVID Restrictions at the time of the hearing. ITEM A - File # AM-21-004/ RZ-21-004/ACU-21-086 - The applicant/- property owner is listed as Laura Davis. The subject property is identified as Township 29S, Range 12W. Section 04, Tax Lot 100. This property is located north of the City of Myrtle Point. The request is to amend the plan and zoning map (rezone) for the subject property. The current Comprehensive Plan Zone Map shows the property is zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) the proposed zone is Forest Mixed Use (FMU). This requires the Comprehensive Plan Map designation to be modified from Agriculture to Forest with a Mixed Use Overlay. The applicant is also requesting an Administrative Conditional Use (ACU) for a Forest Template Dwelling Criteria

AM-21-004/RZ-21-004 & AM-21-005/- RZ-21-005 Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance (CCZLDO) Article 5.1 Plan Amendments and Rezones Coos County Comprehensive Plan Volume I Part II, 3.2(5) Coos County Comprehensive Plan Map Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals & Guidelines Goals 3 and 4 ITEM B - File # AM-21-005/ RZ- 21-005/D-21-013/PLA-21-043/- PLA-21-044/ACU-21-066/ACU-21-067 - The applicants/property owners are listed as Jeremiah and Bridget Kasper and their consultant is Chris MacWhorter. The subject property is identified as Township 29S, Range 14W, Section 08, Tax Lot 301 and 302. This property is located southwest of the City of Bandon. This a multi-application:

Portion A: Acknowledgment of Lawfully Created Units of Land. This request is to find that that tax lot 302 has two discrete units of land that make up one tax lot;

Portion B: Multi property line adjustment. The first Property Line Adjustment is between the two lawfully created units

of land described in Portion

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with HB 2225, correct some minor errors, remove duplicated language and to clarify land divisions in the Forest Zone. This amendment will change the number of Planning Commissioners from nine to seven (Article 1.2 Planning Commission) and amend Article 6.3 **Property Line Adjustments** to define when a notice is required and update crossing zone boundaries. Criteria

Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance (CCZLDO) Text Amendments Article 5.1 Plan Amendments

and Rezones ITEM D - Work Session -This work session will review changes to Home Occupations

and Cottage Industries. These hearings will be held in the Conference Room of the Owen Building, 201 N. Adams St., Coquille, Oregon, A copy of the Staff Report will be available for review at the Planning Department at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled Planning Commission hearing Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.50 per page, viewed online @ https://- www.co.coos. or.us/planning/page/- applications-2021-2 or viewed at the Planning Department at any time during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with an appointment only. These hearings are open to the public and testimony, evidence, or comments may be submitted either orally or in writing. The Planning Commission would appreciate any written materials be submitted 10 days prior to the hearing date (by November 22, 2021), testimony can be emailed to planning@ co.coos.or.us, mailed to the Planning Department, 225 N. Adams, Coquille, Oregon 97423, or delivered to 60 E. Second, Coquille, Oregon. Please include your signature, printed name and mailing address. All written comments or evidence received prior to the close of the evidentiary record will be included in the evidentiary record. Anyone entering a signed petition(s) into the record is responsible for providing individual notice to the signee(s) of the petition(s) Please be aware that failure to raise an issue prior to the close of the evidentiary record, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision makers an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. An appeal of a Hearings Body decision shall be made pursuant to Article 5.8 of the CCZLDO. Further explanation concerning any information contained in this notice can be obtained by contacting the Planning Staff members at (541) 396- 7770, or by visiting the Planning Department Website. This notice was posted, mailed and published. **GoToMeeting Information** Planning Commission Thu, Dec 2, 2021 7:00 PM -10:00 PM (PST) Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://global.gotomeeting.com/ join/- 588742533 You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 588-742-533 Board of Commissioners Tue, Dec 28, 2021 1:30 PM -4:30 PM (PST) Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. https://global.gotomeeting.com/ join/- 726547037 You can also dial in using your phone. United States: +1 (872) 240-<u>3212</u> Access Code: 726-547-037 Due to COVID-19 Restrictions participants are encouraged to participate through the GoToMeeting platform. There are restrictions on the meeting room size and distancing guidelines will be followed including wearing an appropriate face covering at all times. If you fail to follow the appropriate guidelines you will be removed from the hearing but still may participate through the GoToMeeting Platform. Please email the department at least 24 hours in advance with your email and name so we can track participants and ensure notices are provided. Also, if you plan to attend in person there are a limited number of seating available due to the current COVID standards and it is a first come first serve bases. Space will be reserved for the applicant unless they intend to present their case through the Go-ToMeeting Platform, Please log onto the GoToMeeting Platform at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to ensure that if there are any technical issues they can be worked through. If you are experiencing technical issues please email planning@co.coos.or.us and staff Legal Notices

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Crystal Orr, Planner I Amy Dibble, Planner II Michelle Berglund, Planning Aide POSTED & MAILED ON: November 12, 2021 .POST

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Public Notice and Notice of

Public Hearing Coos County is eligible to apply for a 2021 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon. Community Development Block Grant funds come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grants can be used for public facilities and housing improvements, primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes. Approximately \$12 million will be awarded to Oregon non-metropolitan cities and counties in 2021. The maximum grant that a city or county can receive for a COVID-19 Emergency Childcare Assistance Project is \$250,000. Coos County is preparing an application for a 2021 Community Development Block Grant from Business Oregon for the Coos County Emergency Childcare Assistance Grant Program. If awarded, this program will be offered throughout Coos County to provide childcare to low- and moderate-income kids to allow parents to return back to work, and that can meet program requirements. A public hearing will be held by the Coos County Board of Commissioners on January 4, 2022, during the regular virtual Board of Commissioner's Meeting, which starts at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is for the Coos County Board of Commissioners to obtain citizen views and to respond to questions and comments about the COVID-19 Emergency Childcare Assistance Project, especially the needs of low- and moderate-income persons, as well as other needs in the community that might be assisted with a Community Development Block Grant project, and the proposed project. Public Hearing is virtually open to the public. Please register prior to the meeting at the following link: https://- attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/- 9207334979857666827 to view. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by January 3, 2022 at Attn: Bobbi Brooks. Coos County Board of Commissioners, 225 North Adams St., Coquille, Oregon, 97423 Both oral and written comments will be considered by the Coos County Board of Commissioners in deciding whether to apply. The location of the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact Bobbi Brooks at the Office of the Coos County Board of Commissioners at 541-396-7535 if you will need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the meeting. More information about Oregon Community Development Block Grants, the proposed project, and records about the county's past use of Community Development Block Grant funds is available for public review at the Office of Legal Counsel, located behind the office of the Coos county Board of Commissioners in the Owen Building, 225 North Adams St., Coquille, OR 97423 during regular office hours. Advance notice is required. Please call 541-396-7690 to schedule an appointment. If special accommodations are needed, please notify Michelle Wellington, Legal Office Manager, at 541-396-7690 so that appropriate assistance can be provided. Permanent involuntary displacement of persons or businesses is not anticipated as a result from the proposed project. If displacement becomes necessary, alternatives will be examined to minimize the displacement and provide required/reasonable benefits to those displaced. Any low- and moderate-income housing that is demolished or converted to another use will be replaced.

Coos para brindar cuidado infantil a niños de ingresos bajos y moderados para permitir que los padres regresen al trabaio y que puedan cumplir con los requisitos del programa. La Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Coos llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el 4 de enero de 2022, durante la reunión virtual regular de la Junta de Comisionados, que comienza a las 9:30 a. M. El propósito de esta audiencia es que la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Coos obtenga opiniones de los ciudadanos y para responder a preguntas y comentarios sobre el Proyecto de Asistencia de Cuidado Infantil de Emergencia COVID-19, especialmente las necesidades de las personas de ingresos bajos y moderados, así como otras necesidades en la comunidad que podrían ser asistidas con un proyecto de Subsidios Globales de Desarrollo Comunitario y el proyecto propuesto. La audiencia pública está prácticamente abierta al público. Regístrese antes de la reunión en el siguiente enlace: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/- 9207334979857666827 para ver. Los comentarios por escrito también son bienvenidos y deben recibirse antes del 3 de enero de 2022, a la atención de: Bobbi Brooks, Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Coos, 225 North Adams St., Coquille, Oregon, 97423, Los comentarios tanto orales como escritos serán considerados por los Coos Junta de Comisionados del Condado para decidir si presentar una solicitud. La ubicación de la audiencia es accesible para personas con discapacidades. Comuníquese con Bobbi Brooks en la Oficina de la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Coos a 541-396-7535 si necesita alguna adaptación especial para asistir o participar en la reunión. Más información sobre las Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario de Oregon, el proyecto propuesto y los registros sobre el uso pasado del condado de los fondos de la Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario están disponibles para revisión pública en la Oficina de Asesoría Legal, ubicada detrás de la oficina de la Junta de Comisionados del condado de Coos en el edificio Owen, 225 North Adams St., Coquille, OR 97423 durante el horario regular de oficina. Se reguiere notificación previa. Llame al 541-396- 7690 para programar una cita. Si se necesitan adaptaciones especiales, notifique a Michelle Wellington, Gerente de la Oficina Legal, al 541-396-7690 para que se pueda brindar la asistencia adecuada. No se prevé el desplazamiento involuntario permanente de personas o empresas como resultado del provecto propuesto. Si el desplazamiento se vuelve necesario, se examinarán alternativas para minimizar el desplazamiento y proporcionar los beneficios requeridos / razonables a los desplazados Se reemplazará cualquier vivienda de ingresos bajos y moderados que sea demolida o convertida para otro uso.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ALLEY VACATION

Notice is hereby given that Bandon City Council passed Resolution No. 21-23 on December 6th, 2021, which initiated proceedings by the Council's own motion - and, pursuant to ORS 271.080 and ORS 271.130 - for the vacation of a portion of an unimproved alley between "Spyglass Drive and Windcrest Drive", as described below. within the corporate limits of Bandon, Coos County, Oregon: A 20'-wide alley way created and dedicated by Ocean Terrace Subdivision -Phase 3. Recorded in Coos County records, Volume 14, Page 2, Cabinet c-470. Being located in the Northwest guarter of the Northeast quarter of Section One (01) Township Twenty-Nine (29) South, Range Fifteen (15) West, w.m., Coos County, Oregon. Beginning at the Southwest corner of lot 26 of Ocean Terrace Subdivision. Phase 2, as recorded in Volume 14, Page 3, Cabinet c-474, records of Coos County, Oregon, said point being located on the Easterly line of Spyglass Drive; thence, along the Southerly line of said Lot 26 of Ocean Terrace Subdivision Phase 2 and along the southerly line of Lots 77 thru 70 of Ocean Terrace Subdivision Phase 3, as recorded in Coos County records, Volume 14, Page 2, Cabinet c-470, inclusive, South 89°58'16" West a distance of 587.25 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 70, this point being located on the Westerly line of Windcrest Drive: thence, along said Westerly line of Windcrest Drive, South 00°01'44" West a distance of 20.00 feet; thence, leaving the Westerly line of Windcrest Drive and along the Southerly plat line of said Phase 3 of Ocean Terrace Subdivision. North 89°58'16" West a distance of 587.25 feet to a point located on the Easterly line of Spyglass Drive; thence, along said Easterly line along a curve to the right having a radius of 75.00 feet and a central angle of 03°49'21", (whose long chord bears N 01°52'52' E, 5.00') an arc distance of 5.00'; thence, North 00°01 '44" East a distance of 15.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.27 acres, more or less. The resolution to initiate the vacation of the above described allev is available for inspection from the City Recorder at City Hall, 555 Hwy 101, Bandon, Oregon 97411 or on the website www.cityofbandon.org. The City Council of the City of Bandon has fixed the hour of 7:00 P.M., on January 3, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City

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MEASURE 56 NOTICE OF COOS COUNTY PUBLIC LAND USE HEARINGS THIS IS TO NOTIFY YOU THAT COOS COUNTY HAS PROPOSED A LAND USE THAT MAY AFFECT THE PERMISSIBLE USES OF YOUR PROPERTY AND **OTHER PROPERTIES****

Notice is hereby given that the Coos County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on December 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to review all of the legislative text changes referenced in this notice. The Board of Commissioners (BOC) will conduct public hearings regarding the following legislative amendments to the Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance on December 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. for File No. AM-21-006 The final draft will be available seven days prior to the Planning Commission hearing Any requested or suggested changes from the Planning Commission will be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners. This is a summary of the changes as follows; however, the full documents will be available on the website in draft form. Again, the draft is subject to minor changes until seven days prior to the Planning Commission hearing. AM-21-006 - This amendment is to update the "Template Dwelling" criteria to be consistent with legislative changes 2019 HB 2225. This only applies to Forest and not to other zoning districts, the changes in summary:

Defines "center of the subject tract" as the mathematical centroid of the tract for siting certain permissible forest dwellings.

Adds the following requirements for a proposed dwelling: (1) the lot or parcel on which the dwelling will be sited was lawfully established; (2) any property line adjustment complied with property line adjustment provisions in replatting statutes; (3) any property line adjustment after January 1, 2019 did not have the effect of qualifying the lot or parcel for a dwelling under this statute; and (4) if the lot or parcel on which the dwelling will be sited was part of a tract on January 1, 2019, no dwelling existed on the tract on that date, and no dwelling exists or has been approved on another lot or parcel that was part of the tract. Authorizes a county, prior to November 1, 2023, to allow establishment of a single-family dwelling on a lot or parcel that was part of a tract on January 1, 2021 if: no more than one other dwelling exists or has been approved on another lot or parcel that was part of the tract and the lot or parcel qualifies for a dwelling, notwithstanding provision prohibiting a proposed dwelling if a dwelling existed on the tract on that date or any other dwelling exists or has been approved on another lot or parcel that is part of the tract. The other changes are to clean up and remove duplicative language for Forest and Fire Siting Standards. These were repeated in 4.6.120(9)(C) and 4.6.140 Siting Standards. Put all land divisions related to Forestlands in section 4.6.145 and clarify minimum lot and parcel sizes There are other text amendments that will be reviewed at the same time but they are not subject to a Measure 56 notice. All text amendment language is available on line at https://www.co.coos. or.us/-planning/page/applications-2021-2 by selecting the correct file or by visiting the office at 60 E. Second in Coquille. To contact the Planning Department call 541-396-7770 or email at: planning@co.coos. or.us . Please be aware that failure to raise an issue prior to the close of the evidentiary record in person or by letter or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision makers an opportunity to respond to the issue, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on that issue. An appeal of a Hearings Body decision shall be made pursuant to Article 5.8 of the CCZLDO. A copy of the Staff Report will be available for review at the Planning Department at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled Planning Commission hearing. Copies can be obtained for a fee of \$.50 per page. The file may be viewed at the Planning Department at any time during regular business hours (8 am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm Monday through Friday). Published: November 19 and December 17, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:330204)

A. The second Property Line Adjustment is between the southern and eastern portion of tax lot 302 and tax lot 301 Portion C: Map Amendment. The request is to amend the plan and zoning map (rezone) for the subject property. The current Comprehensive Plan Zone Map shows the property is zoned Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) the proposed zone is Forest Mixed Use (FMU). This requires the Comprehensive Plan Map designation to be modified from Agriculture to Forest with a Mixed Use Overlay

Portion D: Forest Template Dwelling Approval. Two (2) Administrative Conditional Uses (ACU) for Forest Template Dwellings pursuant to the standards that were in place prior to November 1, 2021. <u>Criteria</u>

Coos County Zoning and Land Development Ordinance (CCZLDO) Lawfully Created Lots and Parcel Article 6.1 Lawfully Created Units of Land Property Line Adjustments Article 6.3 Property Line Adjustments Forest Dwelling § 4.6.120(9)(B)(II) - Review Standards - Dwellings Authorized by ORS 215.705 To 215.755; And (E) Other **Dwellings Under Prescribed** Conditions - Dwelling on Forest and Forest Mixed Use Zones -Template Dwelling; § 4.6.120(9)(C) - Standards -Dwellings Authorized by ORS 215.705 To 215.755; And (E) Other Dwellings Under Prescribed Conditions - Dwelling on Forest and Forest Mixed Use Zones - Additional Criteria for all Dwellings Allowed in the Forest and Forest Mixed Use Zones.

§ 4.6.130 Additional Criteria for all New and Replacement Dwellings and Structures In Forest

§ 4.6.140 Development and Siting Criteria Article 5.1 Plan Amendments and Rezones Coos County Comprehensive Plan Volume I Part II, 3.2(5) Coos County Comprehensive Plan Map Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals & Guidelines Goals 3 and 4 ITEM C - File # AM-21-006

Text Amendment - Amendments to the Coos County Zoning and Land Development the issues. Coos County Staff Members Jill Rolfe, Planning Director

will try to assist you through

Aviso público y aviso de audiencia pública

El condado de Coos es elegible para solicitar una subvención en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario 2021 de Business Oregon. Los fondos de subvenciones en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario provienen del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE. UU. Las subvenciones se pueden utilizar para instalaciones públicas y mejoras de viviendas, principalmente para personas con ingresos bajos y moderados. Aproximadamente \$ 12 millones se otorgarán a ciudades y condados no metropolitanos de Oregon en 2021. La subvención máxima que una ciudad o condado puede recibir para un Provecto de Asistencia de Cuidado Infantil de Emergencia COVID-19 es de \$ 250,000. El condado de Coos está preparando una solicitud para una subvención en bloque para el desarrollo comunitario 2021 de Business Oregon para el programa de subvenciones de asistencia de emergencia para el cuidado de niños del condado de Coos. Si

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PUBLIC NOTICE The City of Coquille will hear an application to annex 0.39 acres of 94337 Shelley Ln, Coquille (28S12W06AD 400) in to the City of Coquille and change the zoning designation of that 0.39 acres from County Rural Residential 5 (RR5) to City Residential (R), at two regularly scheduled meetings: the January 10th 6:00pm meeting of the Coquille Planning Commission and the February 7th 7:00pm meeting of the Coguille City Council. Both meetings will take place at Coguille City Hall. 851 N Central, Coguille. The file on this application is available to the public (Planning File 2021-15). To request documents related to this matter, or for questions about how to comment on the application, the criteria which will apply to the City's decision, meeting details, or other questions, please contact the Coquille Planning Department at planning@ cityofcoquille.org or (541) 396-2115 x 203.

Published: December 17, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:332555) Hall, 555 Hwy 101, Bandon, Oregon, as the time and place for the Hearing. Any and all objections/claims concerning said proposed vacation must be filed by email at jhinojosa@ citvofbandon.org or in writing with the City Recorder of the City of Bandon by December 29, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. will be heard and considered. Published: December 17 and December 24, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:332522)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

Matter of Establishing Fees for Services and Revising Existing Fees

Notice is hereby given that the Coos County Fair Board will hold a public hearing on December 20th at 6:00 pm at The Owen Building located at 201 N. Adams St, Coquille, OR 97423, Coquille, Oregon to consider revising existing fees for the Coos County Fairgrounds. Fees that will be considered include. but are not limited to, Building Use, Grounds Usage fees, fair gate fees, exhibitors' fees and vendor fees. This hearing is open to the public and all interested persons may appear and be heard.

Date: November 29, 2021 Aaron Leep, Fair Board Chairman

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Scientists urge creating forest reserves to mitigate climate change

By STEVE LUNDEBERG Guest Article

The United States should immediately move to create a collection of strategic forest reserves in the Western U.S. to fight climate change and safeguard biodiversity, according to a scientific collaboration led by an Oregon State University ecologist.

Bev Law, her College of Forestry colleague William Ripple and other scientists from around the West argue that climate change and biodiversity are inextricably linked and that strategic forest reserves would tackle both "emergencies" while also promoting the protection of water resources.

The scientists make their case, and lay out a framework for developing the reserves, in a paper published in Communications Earth & Environment.

Describing the U.S.'s natural wooded systems as "America's Amazon" and forest protection as "the lowest-cost climate mitigation option," the researchers emphasize older forests' ability to accumulate massive amounts of carbon in trees, vegetation and soils, to provide homes for wildlife and to serve as sources of water for drinking and other uses.

"Policy makers, including those in the Biden administration, frequently talk about the need to protect forests in developing countries," Law said. "Forests in the Pacific Northwest have enormous carbon storage potential but U.S. public lands are often overlooked. Little attention has been given to the nexus of high carbon density and high biodiversity forests in the temperate region, and their importance to climate mitigation and adaptation."

The scientists note that multiple nations have pledged to meet goals commonly known as 30x30 and 50x50; the former calls for protecting 30% of land and water areas globally by 2030, the latter 50% by 2050. Hitting the 50x50 target is widely viewed as necessary for ensuring the Earth's biodiversity, the researchers say.

For this study, the researchers took an inventory of land protections across 11 states: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

GAP 1, as defined by the U.S. Geological Survey, refers to permanent protection such as wilderness areas and national parks, where natural disturbances such as fire can proceed without interference or are mimicked via management activities. On GAP 2 lands, uses or practices that degrade the quality of existing natural communities, such as road building, may be allowed, and suppression of natural disturbances is allowed as well.

They found 8%, 57 million acres, of the total land area of the study region has GAP 1 protection, including 32 million acres of forest. Another 5%, 44 million acres including 11 million forested acres, is protected at the GAP 2 level.

"To achieve 30% protection of forest area in the West by 2030, an additional 25 million acres of forest must be protected at these levels," Law said. "Protection at the level equivalent to wilderness would be best for biodiversity, which would increase the additional needed acreage from 25 to 36 million acres."

Permanently protected areas equivalent to wilderness areas cover an average of 14% of forest area in the states studied, ranging from 7% in Oregon to 37% in Wyoming. That means region-wide, protection of areas equivalent to wilderness designation would need to increase by 16% to achieve the 2030 target and 36% to meet the 2050 goal.

Currently, the percentage of forest habitat preserved for bird, mammal, amphibian and reptile species is about 18% for each of them, and 14% for tree species. Preserving more old growth forest would help birds such as the threatened marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl, Law said. Large, threatened carnivores such as the gray wolf and Canada lynx would benefit as well from expanded regional forest protections.

"We are pushing ecosystems to the point where they may not recover unless we take aggressive actions to reduce atmospheric greenhouse gases and protect plants, animals and the rich natural reservoirs of carbon," Law said. "In Oregon alone, 80% of drinking water comes from forested landscapes, and protection would help address water scarcity and provide security in the face of climate change."

To get to 30% protection of forest area in the West by 2030, researchers identified the areas that could serve as strategic climate reserves using an analysis framework that could be applied in other regions with sufficient data, they say.

The framework produces preservation priority rankings by using spatial metrics of biodiversity, carbon stocks and accumulation under climate change and future vulnerability to drought or wildfire. In the West the highest priority forestlands are mainly under federal ownership, with substantial areas controlled by private entities and state and tribal governments.

Many federal forest lands would reach GAP 2 protection simply by phasing out grazing, mining and logging and strengthening protection via administrative rule, Law said. Inventoried roadless areas make up almost 42 million acres of national forest in the West and are readily available for permanent protection, she added.

"Strategic forest reserves could be established on federal lands through executive action, regula-



The Mount Jefferson Wilderness Area is an example of forest reserves in the United States that can protect against climate change.

tion and rule-making and could be a low-cost way to simultaneously meet goals of protecting forest carbon to mitigate climate change and protecting biodiversity," Law said. "Private and tribal lands present substantial opportunities for increasing carbon storage and protecting biodiversity through incentives, voluntary conservation measures and fair market acquisition."

This research was supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Collaborating with Law and Ripple were Polly Buotte of the University of California, Berkeley; David Mildrexler of Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands; and Logan Berner of Flagstaff, Arizona-based EcoSpatial Services LLC.

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This week in Coos County history: December 17-19

100 YEARS - 1921

Much talk about merger of towns

Consolidation of North Bend and Marshfield discussed

Some would include Bunker Hill and other suburban districts — unite schools also

IN mentioning the possible consolidation of Marshfield and North Bend in his talk before the North Bend city council Tuesday evening regarding the negotiations for the purchase of the Coos Bay water system by the cities jointly, Mayor Ferguson started something, judging from the talk in the two towns today.

It is the principal topic of conversation and many are advocating that steps be taken to bring the consolidation feature up at an early election. Advocates of the merger of the two municipalities, and possibly including Bunker Hill and other suburban districts, seem to be greatly in the majority.

For school merger

Talk of the municipal merger has also revived discussion of the consolidation of the school districts as well. This was brought up recently by the proposal that the Coos county court donate a site from the Kinney properties between the two cities for the union high school. The county's tax title to the property, it is expected, will be cleared up within a few months so that they can take definitive action on it.

Destroyer is to visit bay

Coming to calibrate new radio compass station Is being completed as one of chain which Navy department maintains on coast

Information has been received by the naval radio station at Marshfield that that U.S. destroyer Wickes is on its way to Coos Bay for the purpose of calibrating the wireless compass situated at the entrance to the harbor.

The calibrating consists of testing the apparatus for accuracy and putting the station in proper mechanical shape for use.

Aid to Mariners

The wireless compass is used for giving masters of vessels their bearings and positions when fog bound or lost at sea.

The compass station system has been perfected since the war and has proven its value to navigation greatly. It will be an aid to this harbor by helping vessels to find their positions in thick weather.

Expect to come

Expert radio men are with the Wickes to do the calibrating, which in itself is very important. Navy radio men are expected in the near future to operate the compass, the radio station at Marshfield being the principal control.

Library growing in North Bend

Marked increase in attendance during past year Over three thousand volumes now on the shelves for distribution — visitors numerous

Started from nothing but determination, several years ago, by a group of women interested in the general

welfare of the city, the North Bend Public library is now quite deserving of its name.

Upwards of three thousand volumes repose upon its shelves, fiction, non-fiction and childrens stories. A fine list of periodicals is also maintained, and several new ones have lately been added.

So far this year there have been 10,224 visitors at the library, and 9,030 books have been loaned. A total of 522 books has been received as donations.

Attendance increased

Miss Bessie Hinch, North Bend librarian, remarks that there is a noticeably heavier attendance at the library during the winter months than in summer. She also states that patronage has been much better of recent weeks, since the library was moved from the Simpson building where it was located upstairs, to the rear of the Chamber of Commerce.

Loraine largest ship ever here

Will carry first direct water shipment to Atlantic Carries three and one-half million feet — schooner to load for Australia

The Lorain, the U.S. shipping board vessel which will arrive here January 15 to load 1,200,000 feet of lumber at the Buehner mill for the Atlantic coast, will carry the first direct shipment from Coos Bay to that destination. She will also be the largest vessel ever entering Coos Bay, being 395 feet long and 6849 gross tons.

She carries about 3,500,000 feet of lumber and will finish her cargo at the Columbia river.

One of the Robert Dollar ships that was in here a few years ago to load at the Smith mill for China, was about forty feet shorter than the Lorain. A Norwegian tramp ship that was brought here in distress in about 1907 was 380 feet long.

Big lumber deal

Some export lumber dealers are expected here Monday to negotiate a contract for several million feet of lumber for direct shipment to Japan, taking principally cedar.

Cargo for Australia

Manager Falkenstein of the Bay Park mill today received word that the Amy Turner, a sailing vessel, had been secured by Billings & Perkins to carry a cargo from the Bay Park mill to Australia. She will take about 750,000 feet and will arrive here about January 1.

50 YEARS - 1971

OSAA to act upon withdrawal request by Pacific High

After this Friday, the Sunset Six may well become the Sunset "Five."

That's what may happen if the Board of Control of Oregon School Activities Association acts pursuant to wishes of officials at Pacific High School who've petitioned the OSAA to withdraw from the Susnet Six and be reclassified as an "A" school.

John Hilsenteger, assistant executive secretary of the OSAA, Tuesday confirmed that the Curry County school filed the petition "some time ago."

The petition, which is to be acted upon this Friday by

the board in an extended meeting of the regularly scheduled meeting of Nov. 26-27, requests that "Pacific High School be placed into Region II, District 4A, making a complete transfer in all four sports," Hilsenteger said.

A sharp decline in enrollment and a resultant inability to compete in athletics in District 4AA (Sunset Six) was cited as the reason for the application, Hilsenteger said.

According to figures available to The World, enrollment at Pacific has dropped nearly 60 students in one year, from a round figure of 230 for the 1970-71 school year to a round figure of 170 for the current 1971-72 school year. Projected enrollment calls for a further decline in total number of students.

Sportsmen Park No. 2 in Coos

Coos County Parks Advisory Committee Thursday night adopted the development of a countywide sportsmen's park as its No. 2 priority. This action was taken after the advisory committee heard a report that the Southern Oregon Coast Sportsmen's Council supported the concept of such a park.

The sportsmen's park would be patterned after a similar one in Josephine County, visited earlier this year by parks advisory members and county officials. There, the county parks department developed the park, then leased its operation to the Josephine County Sportsmen's Association.

20 YEARS - 2001

Looney races to 10th place at nationals

Lacy Looney of Powers finished 10th in the national Junior Olympics cross country championships last weekend in Lincoln, Neb.

The seventh-grader from Powers, who earlier this fall won the local middle school title, was 10th of 196 finishers in the midget division, covering a 3,000-meter course in 11:44.

She was one of a number of runners competing in the national meet for the Zephyrs club, which includes athletes from Powers, Myrtle Point, Bandon, Langlois, Gold Beach at Brookings.

North Bend swimmer has record-breaking day

Kimberly Jasmer didn't waste any time before starting to break records at North Bend High School.

The freshman swimmer broke the school and meet record in the 500 freestyle and was part of a relay team that also broke a school record at the North Bend Invitational on Saturday.

The Bulldog girls also had a strong day as a team, finishing third behind Roseburg and Redmond, while North Bend's boys and girls combined for the fourth highest team total in the 13-school meet.

Jasmer provided the biggest highlight for North Bend with her record in the 500 freestyle.

Competing in the event for the first time, she finished the race in 5:08.37, to break the meet record of Alisa Schuknecht of Bend by more than three seconds.

Her time also broke a 23-year-old school record of 5:11.53, previously held by Denise Stuntzner.





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Consortium awards grant to Southwestern for space research

The Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium's Faculty Research Award Program has announced it is investing \$123,000 in Southwestern Oregon Community College's Chemistry and Physics/Engineering PRISMS (Providing Research Infrastructure in Space and Material Sciences) project.

This two-year grant will fund faculty and undergraduate research projects, taking advantage of the modern, high-tech laboratories and equipment at Southwestern's newly opened Umpqua Hall.

"This is a great win for our college. The grant opens the door to top-notch, interactive research opportunities for students at the beginning of their college journey," said Dr. Aaron Coyner, associate professor of physics/ engineering. "Gaining research experience as an undergraduate shortens the learning curve for science majors as they move on to Southwestern's partner universities, graduate school or a career in a STEM field."

Coyner is a principal faculty coordinator for the PRISMS

project, along with Dr. Michael Springer, associate professor of chemistry.

The professors will work and do the research side-by-side with their students.

The PRISMS projects creates opportunities for students to do structured, hands-on research and work on publishable discoveries in space physics and material sciences.

The PRISMS projects include research in:

• Modeling and characterization of charged particles that come into the Earth's interplanetary environment;

• Development and synthesis of new liquid crystal materials for use in flexible solar cells;

• Discovery, analysis and classification of possible micrometeorites found on our coast; and

• Identification and discovery of potential near-Earth asteroids as part of the International Astronomical Search Collaboration.

Through their research projects, Southwestern's physics and chemistry students will explore fundamental questions about the origin and composition of matter



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Dr. Michael Springer, above, and Dr. Dr. Aaron Coyner, both professors at Southwestern Oregon Community College, will lead the PRISMS project at SWOCC.

and radiation that exist in the space between the star systems in our galaxy, and how they interact with Solar wind and Solar energetic events.

Students will also get to see and work on analytical studies of micrometeorites and near-Earth asteroid identification. They also will dive into research on liquid crystal photovoltaic cells with the intent of developing self-organizing and self-healing solar cell materials. Students also are using a state-of-the-art 'microscope for molecules' to do university-level, hands-on analysis and research. Special thanks go to Dennis and Janet Beetham who donated the NMR spectrometer for the chemistry department.

"Participating in research is an essential component of learning in a STEM field. Numerous studies have shown a strong correlation between student research and success in STEM," said Dr. Mike Springer.

This grant provides critical support to facilitate publishable STEM research at Southwestern and allows for a stronger outreach connection to K-12 students and teachers on the south Oregon coast, from Brookings to Reedsport.

The college science faculty, in collaboration with students, are looking forward to sharing the results of their research with the community in the future.

Despite rain, Christmas parade lights up Bandon



Despite rain and gloomy weather, Bandon celebrated the holiday season with its light-up Christmas parade last weekend. Dozens of vehicles lit up in Christmas lights took part in the parade to showcase the holiday spirit in the city. For more pictures, see the Bandon Western World on page A6. Photo by Christina Watson/ The World







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THE WORLD **Community Calendar of Events**

What: Spanglish

When: 10:30-11:30 a.m., December 18 Where: Coos Bay Public Library

You Should Know: The program is for those who wish to practice their Spanish conversational skills and help other learners in a friendly setting. Attendees will have the opportunity to converse in Spanish as a group for one hour in a casual, informal environment.

What: Live Drive-Through Nativity

When: 6-8 p.m., December 18 Where: Coquille Church of the Nazarene, 997 W. Central Street

You Should Know: The church will host the event with live people portraying the characters in Jesus' birth. The event is free.

What: Center of Hope Church presents "The Christmas Letter"

When: 6 p.m., December 18-19 Where: Center of Hope Church, 457 E. 2nd Street, Coquille

You Should Know: The show will be a benefit event for the "The Safe Project," a Coos County domestic abuse center. Guests are asked to bring diapers, baby wipes, women's hygiene products, shampoo, socks, and personal hygiene items. Cash donations are also accepted. There is no entry fee.

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: 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

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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).

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.

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.

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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: COVID vaccination clinics

When: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., December 30 Where: Old Macy's parking lot at Pony Village Mall

You Should Know: Coos Elderly Services will sponsor the vaccination clinics, which are open to anyone needing first or second shots or anyone needing booster shots. The clinic will be a drive-through clinic and will also have a COVID testing site available.

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 Dater of Bay Area Seniors Computer Club, will co-host Intro to PowerPoint. The goal of the free class is to be able to create 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.





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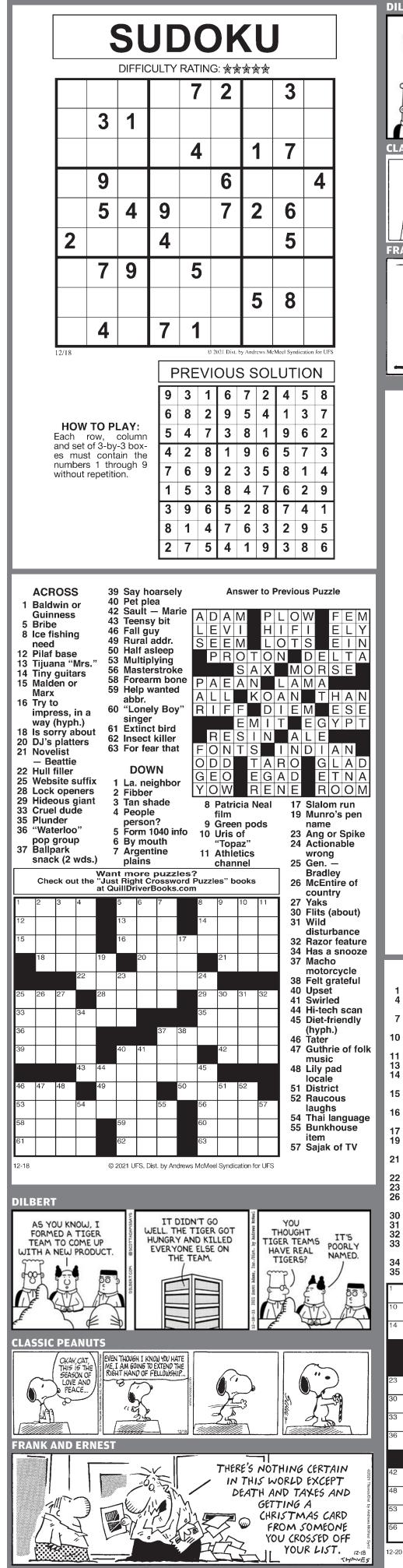
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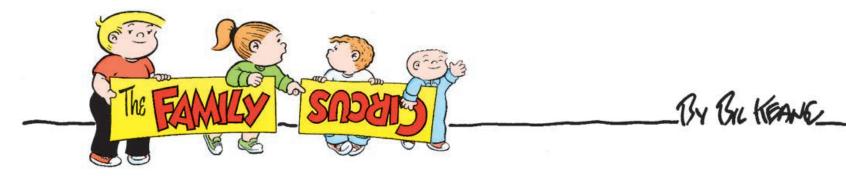


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The Chamber Minute: Why be a member?



Over the past few months we have talked about the various teams, activities and opportunities the chamber is involved in. But why be a chamber member? I ask that question periodically of our directors, who are your friends and neighbors. Here's a little of what they had to say.

I belong to the chamber because I believe it "Takes a village to make good things happen." I see the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce as a strong leader for our Coos County village and I am proud to be an active member. I take very seriously my role in community service and helping small businesses succeed.

I am involved in the chamber because I want to contribute to the success and well being of my community and feel like my involvement with the chamber gives me the opportunity to do just that.

Although focused on working

with businesses and the business environment, the chamber also promotes networking, education and celebrating the community's successes. We help when things may not be going well for individual businesses as well as the entire area through various programs at the college and Small Business Development Center.

I am involved in the chamber because I believe in our community. A community is only as strong and healthy as its residents. We have a lot of positive things going for our Bay Area and by getting out and talking to our citizens, supporting our schools and businesses, you can't help but feel good about our community and what we have to offer. The more I learn, the more I want to share with others because good things are happening all around us if you just take the time to look and to listen.

I am involved in the chamber because: I love what the chamber represents; "Our Business is helping Your Business." I want to help make a difference in our community and it is time to give back to it also. It may be hard to believe but there are 20 other board of directors that feel the same way. Each director brings his or her own passion and expertise to the chamber. And it is a great way to network and meet new people in our committee.

I am active with the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce because I feel strongly that the business community supports one another and works to encourage the growth of our region. We must get back on a sustainable foundation where we are better able to provide for ourselves with the amazing resources that are unique to the Southern Oregon Coast.

I belong to the chamber because

I like the forward movement I am seeing. We have moved from a quaint networking group to building a business advocacy powerhouse. I feel we are making a difference in our area. Our voice is being heard and we visually representing our almost 550 members. We are up in Salem, we are at the county, we are building connections with key people and businesses to help move this area forward.

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So, if you want to make a difference for your business and your community, there is a spot for you at the chamber.

Remember our business is helping your business. And like us on Facebook.

(Timm Slater is executive director of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information on your Chamber, email timmslater@oregonsbayarea.org.)

North Bend High School honor roll

9th Grade:

*Isaac Adams, Lily Aldrich, *Amber Bancroft, *Owen Bascom, Isaac Berman, Jonathan Bertholet, *Fleur Bice, Steven Bishop, Avah Craig, *Emily Damerell, Olivia Elwell, Isabella Gerami, *Drew Hood, *Caden Hunt, *Jackson Jennings, *Stephanie Jiang, Sophie King, *Paloma Ledesma-Vazquez, Kaden Lock, Connor MacBeth, Ilana Maguire, *Clara Messner, *Ephraim Moffett, *Allyson Moore, *Emilio Reyna, Crimson Ring, Molly Sario, *Chloe Smith, Sabrina Stroud, Landon Takenaka-Gaul, *Brooklyn Walling, *Talon Wenbourne, Elisabeth Woodruff, Amalyn Yoder

10th Grade:

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Orchard, *Abi Ortiz-Maciel, *Beau Parrott, Jacob Perry, Madeline Peters, *Maryam Qadir, *Heidi Quiroz Garcia, *Wendy Quiroz-Garcia, Kendra Reed, Mia Reynon, Ayla Riddle, *Leland Rodriguez, Olivya Roe, *Gavin Schmidt, Alexandra Sevigny, Mackenzie Shriver, Madison Simms, *Orion Sinko, *Trenton Snoddy, *Emma Spalding, *Grace Stephens, Kailynn Taylor, *Kamdyn Thornburg, *Orion Truong, *Austin Vetter, *Garrett Vetter, Kaia Wells, *Madison West, *Sutton Wetherell, *Jacob Williams, Brody Wilson, Makayla Wong, *Abigail Woodruff

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Unlimited Book Club to meet Jan. 13

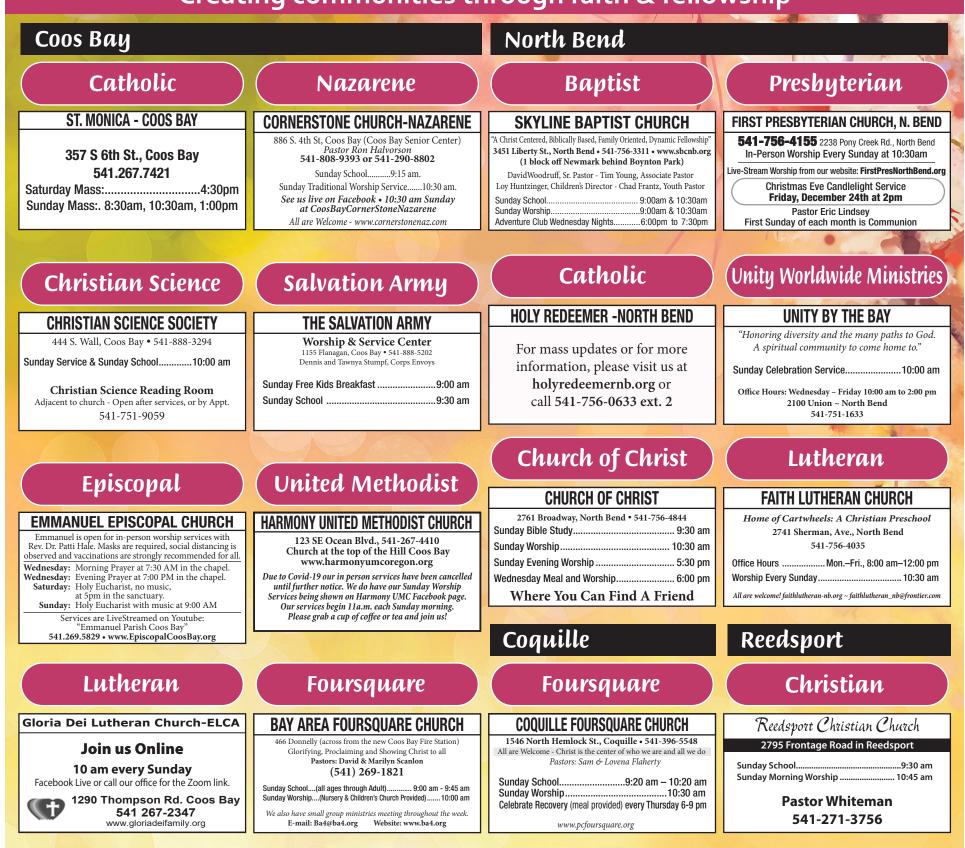
On Wednesday, January 13 at 6 p.m., the Unlimited Book Club will meet on Zoom. Unlimited is a joint venture of Coos History Museum, Coos Bay Public Library and North Bend Public Library. It was formed to encourage awareness and foster community discussions on equity, diversity and inclusion through reading and thoughtful conversation. The club meets every second Thursday of the month.

This meeting will be an opportunity for members to meet and discuss the next title, selected by book club members, Nobody's Normal: How Culture Created the Stigma of Mental Illness by Roy Richard Grinker. Suggestions for future readings will come from members of Unlimited.

Those interested are invited to attend meeting, there is no obligation to stay. Questions? Call 541-756-6320 x216, or email education@cooshistory.org. To receive Zoom link for meeting, register for free at https://cooshistory.org/unlimited-book-club



Creating communities through faith & fellowship



Florence chamber announces Rhododendron Festival theme

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce announced its selection of "Back in Bloom," submitted by Howard Cusack of Florence, as the theme for the 116th Rhododendron Festival May 18-22, 2022.

"The festival, with its carnival, Rhododendron Court, parades, classic car cruise, vendor fair and flower show serves as the unofficial kickoff to the summer tourist season here in Oregon's Coastal Playground," said Bettina Hannigan, the chamber's president and CEO. "We can't wait to be 'back in bloom.'

"I am thrilled to make a contribution to the chamber's always superlative efforts to present an event that merges Americana, culture, art and commerce with our amazing and unique floral landscape," said Cusack. "I learned very early in my career as a concert producer that the keys to a successful show are a great lineup and a relevant branding name. For example, in the summer of 1976, during our country's bicentennial, I produced an event featuring Electric Light Orchestra, Steve Miller Band, Heart, J Geils, and several others. We called it "The Freedom Jam" and it caught the attention of a nation and drew 80,000 people from all over."

Cusack explained that "In this case, I tried to create a slogan that is simple, direct, immediate and memorable. There's no doubt that the community has sorely missed both the event and the celebration



After being forced to cancel it twice due to COVID, the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce announced the Rhododendron Festival is returning in 2022 with a theme of "Back in Bloom." The festival is scheduled May 18-22, 2022.

of our legendary rhodys so I was after something that might be a reminder of the rebirth of the festival."

"Howie's is a great theme to signify the return of the Florence Rhododendron Festival after having to cancel it, twice, for the first time since WWII,"

Hannigan added. "I think it will lend itself to lots of fun and creativity for our parades, civic displays, auxiliary events, and especially our marketing."

"Generations of families have enjoyed the annual Florence Rhododendron Festival by attending,

enjoying the Davis Shows carnival, exhibiting their rhodys, showing off their classic cars and motorcycles, being in the parades, and shopping and dining in Old Town and all around town," added Hannigan. "It's a family tradition, an Oregon institution."

The Florence Rhododendron Festival is Oregon's second-oldest floral festival, bested only by a year by the Portland Rose Festival, and sees thousands of visitors from around the state and across the country.

For information on

the Florence Rhododendron Festival, including applications for the Rhododendron Court, exhibitor space, parade entries or to volunteer on the Rhody Fest committee, contact Mitzi Hathaway at Events@FlorenceChamber. com or 541-997-3128.

NBMS honor roll Library briefs

Grade 6: Adams, Rebecca J. *Barich, Ailey R. Bauman, Haileyanne A. Berrier, Eli M. *Berry, Elijah F. Branscomb, Conner P. Brayton, Lily B. Brown, Kendra R. *Buckles, Trent R. *Callaway, Mikayla J. Carmo, Joseph A. Chen, Liqing *Clark, Mason R. *Collier, Ramsey W. Cregor, Chloe L. *Cruz, Aiden C., *Cserepes, Orion A. Davison, Cassandra T. Dickey-Johnson, Rylee A. *Favilla, Janessah H., *Flitcroft, Malia J. Flores, America G. Flores, Kira L. Flores, Sophia Carmina G. *Ford, Easton J., *French, Thomas R. Gardner, Brian P. *Garner, MaryAnn L. Gideon, Alexis J. *Gordon, Benelli A., Hall, Cheyenne N. Hanks, Joel R. Hill, Madalyn R. *Horning, Addison J. Jewell, Allexis Jochum, Jennifer L. *Johnson, Daxton L. Johnson, Dominyck J. Johnston, Finnley P. Jones, Delila A. Jones, Michael A. *Keane, Ryder T. Kerr, Kaylie S. *Knutson, Caroline M. *Lu, Karen *Lucas, Olivia M. Luke, Dominic L. Mathews, Jeven W. McAllister, Jaden E. McGinnis, Jayda L. *Moore, Cadence M. *Moore, Jayce S. *Morrow, Keira A. *Muellich, Arianne L. Muhammed, Thalia L. Paraguya, Aiko Amari M. Pitts, Samuel E. *Ponzini-Beck, Riley A. Pruett, Ryker H. Puckett, Tyler V. Rexine, Rylee A. *Reyna, Mikayla L. *Ryback, Morgan L. Singleton, Shawn E. *Slade, Scotty A. *Stadden, Bella B. Stillwell, Kylie M. Switzer, Amadeus W. Taylor, Sandra J. Tillotson, Aryann G. Tilton, Jimmy W. *Warnock, Saylor M., Wilson, Zoya M. *Zender, Kourtnee J.

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Community Yoga

returns January 12 Coos Bay Public Library, in partnership with yoga instructor, Kelli Bosak, will co-host Community Yoga. Bosak has been practicing yoga and mindfulness for over 15 years. She has taught yoga in community health centers, schools and jails for adults and families with all levels of experience and abilities over the last seven years. Community yoga meets every second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. The next class is Wednesday, January 12.

This virtual Community Yoga class will be a foundational group practice that includes guided instruction (and live demonstration via zoom) 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

Register at https://bit. ly/3CbG1VR. Registrants will need to complete a new student and liability form.

Intro to PowerPoint classes planned

Coos Bay Public Library, in partnership with Dennis Prater of Bay Area Seniors Computer Club, will co-host Intro to PowerPoint on two Saturdays in January from 11 a.m.-

will cover key features of Microsoft PowerPoint such as how to create a presentation and add slides. Learn how to add and format text, pictures, shapes and more. Review, test, and run your presentation. In part two, the class will resume where it left off in part one.

The goal of the free class is to be able to create and execute a PowerPoint presentation. It is for absolute beginners or those

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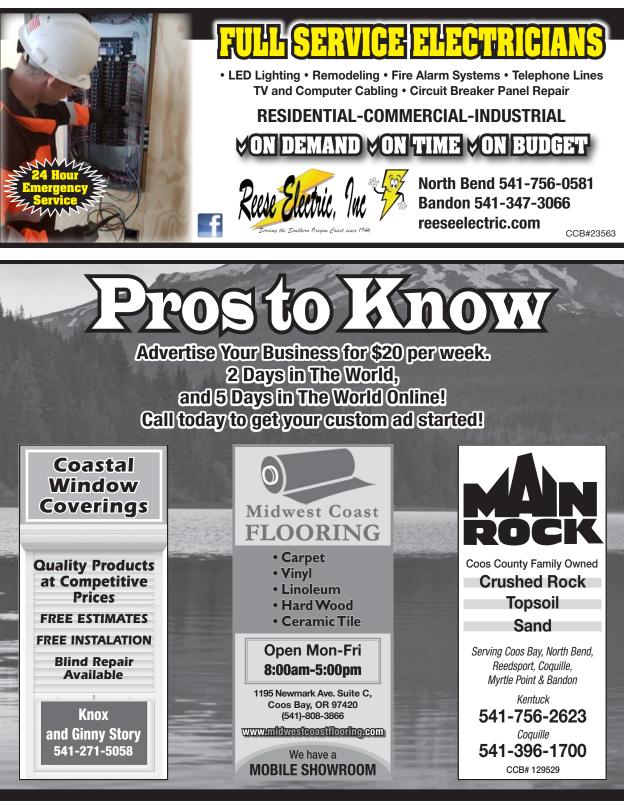
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will be given to practice breathwork, visualization and meditation.

This free class is appropriate for all levels. Noon. Classes will be held on Saturday, January 8, and Saturday, January 22, via Zoom. In this class, Prater

who need to be refreshed on the basics. Sign up once and use same link for both classes. Register at https:// bit.ly/3prbgY9



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A spotted-necked otter gets accustomed to its new home at the Oregon Zoo. The zoo welcomed two otters last month.

Zoo welcomes spotted-necked otters

The Oregon Zoo welcomed two new otters to town last month: Lemmy and Lila, a pair of spotted-necked otters arrived in November and are now making themselves at home in the zoo's Africa Rainforest section. Visitors can look for them in the area between flamingos and bats.

Spotted-necked otters are native to central Africa, especially in and around Lake Victoria and Zambia.

Much like the Oregon Zoo's North American river otters and southern sea otters, these new arrivals are playful and have a lot of character, according to care staff.

"Lemmy is a hoot," keeper Kaley McClung said. "He's full of personality and very curious. He is excitable when it comes to food, and thinks he's real tough until he's startled by something. Lila is a very sweet and gentle little otter. She's nine pounds of cuteness with a hint of stubborn."

To see video of the new pair, go to bit.ly/NewOt-ters.

McClung says the otters are still getting acclimated and tend to spend more time indoors when the weather's chilly, but guests may see them venturing out periodically or snuggling up in one of their heated dens.

Lemmy was born at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo in 2014, and Lila was born at the San Diego Zoo in 2008 and later moved to the Toronto Zoo.

Their transfer to Portland was recommended by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Species Survival Plan for spotted-necked otters, a cooperative program among accredited zoos to promote genetically diverse, self-sustaining populations of at-risk species.

Spotted-necked otters are listed as near-threatened on the IUCN Red List. Their numbers are in decline primarily due to habitat loss caused by agricultural land expansion, pollution and invasive species.

Overfishing and poaching are additional threats to their survival.

Douglas County drug dealer sentenced to 10 years in prison

A Winston man was sentenced to federal prison last week for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, which he had been selling in and around Douglas County. Steven Dwayne Lander, 60, was sentenced to 120

60, was sentenced to 120 months in federal prison and five years' supervised release.

According to court documents, over the course of several months, the Douglas County Interagency Narcotics Team and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration investigated Lander and his drug dealing in Douglas County. Following extensive surveillance, arrests of his customers and associates and the monitoring of his movements, investigators executed multiple search warrants on Lander and his properties.

More than 15 pounds of methamphetamine and a half pound of heroin were seized from his storage unit, vehicle and found on his person. Lander has prior felony

convictions for delivering and manufacturing controlled substances and illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon, and was previously sentenced to more than four years in prison.

On November 8, 2019, Lander was charged by criminal complaint and he was indicted on November 20, 2019.

On November 7, 2021, Lander pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Acting U.S. Attorney Scott Erik Asphaug of the District of Oregon made the announcement.

This case was investigated by DEA and DINT. It was prosecuted by Jeffrey S. Sweet, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, in close coordination with Douglas County Senior Deputy District Attorney Allison D. Eichmann.

Florence Music Festival reveals bands, singers

Once again, music fans can warm up their winter with blazing-hot bluegrass, heartwarming traditional and new folk, and foot-stompin' Americana at the annual Florence Winter Music Festival. The two-day event will be at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St. in Florence and live streamed.

This year's headliner is Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Karla Bonoff.

New this year is a live stream option for each show and for the weekend as a whole. The event will not be recorded for later viewing.

On-site performances at

night bluegrass, Saturday afternoon folk/Americana and Saturday night headliner show. An all-access two-day live stream pass is \$55. Links will be sent to each buyer in advance of each show.

The Friday, January 28, lineup includes Growling Old Men at 7 p.m. and Appalachian Road Show at 8:30 p.m.

Growling Old Men are Ben Winship (mandolin and vocals) and John Lowell (guitar and vocals), both veterans of the Northern Rockies' acoustic music world and have been performing and recording together nearly 25 years. Together the duo presents a tight, yet a relaxed, set of original and traditional bluegrass songs, ballads and tunes. and folk songs, as well as offering innovative original music, all presented with a common thread tied directly to the heart of the Appalachian region. Friday night shows are sponsored by Florence Dental Clinic. Saturday afternoon,

January 29, features Pretty Gritty at 1 p.m., Growling Old Men at 2:15 p.m., and Mary Flower at 3:30 p.m.

Pretty Gritty have cultivated a timeless and classic sound while bringing something fresh to the table by pushing rootsy-Americana sounds into an edgy, alternative space. These two have carved out a reputation as a must-see live act. day afternoon shows are sponsored by Bodega Wine Parlor.

Saturday night's opening act is festival favorite Kristen Grainger and True North at 7 p.m., with headliner Karla Bonoff at 8:30 p.m.

Kristin Grainger and True North's newest release, Ghost Tattoo, was ranked #2 on Folk Alliance International Top Albums of 2020, #12 on Folk Alley's Listeners Choice Top 20 Albums of 2020, and hit #1 on FAI folk radio charts for both albums and singles.

Kristen was named, alongside Brandi Carlile and Dolly Parton, one of the Women Who Wrote Our 2020 Soundtrack by The Bluegrass Situation, and just won the 2020 USA Songwriting Competition (folk), and has won or been a finalist in several other national songwriting contests. is Saturday's headliner. Bonoff has enjoyed critical acclaim, commercial success, enduring popularity, and the unwavering respect of her peers. Karla has seen her songs become hits for Bonnie Raitt, Wynonna Judd, and Linda Ronstadt. People magazine ranked Bonoff's "All My Life," a Grammy-winning duet for Ronstadt and Aaron Neville, as one of the top-five most popular wedding songs. Bonoff had a top-ten hit single of her own, "Standing Right Next to Me," from the film "8 Seconds" and just released a new Christmas single with Michael McDonald. The Saturday night shows

"We're back," said Florence Winter Music Festival chairperson Kirk Mlinek. "And this year's festival experience will include more workshops, room for music-related exhibitors, more space for jamming, and food and beverage options all sure to please."

The festival, presented by Sea Lion Caves, annually draws attendees from across the western states, is in what would be its 20th year, save for last year's COVID-interrupted season and is produced by and staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers from the nonprofit Florence Arts, Culture & Entertainment.

"We think the Florence

the Florence Events Center are \$98 for the two-day pass, \$42 for reserved seating for Friday Bluegrass, \$31 for Saturday afternoon Folk/Americana general admission, and \$49 for Saturday evening's reserved seating headliner show.

Live streaming prices are \$20 each for Friday Appalachian Road Show is a visionary acoustic ensemble of Grammy-winning and Grammy-nominated performers who bring a new-generation interpretation of traditional Americana, bluegrass, Mary Flower's incredible prowess at both fingerpicking and lap-slide guitar are soulful and meter-perfect, a deft blend of the inventive, the dexterous, and the mesmerizing.

Her supple honey-and-whiskey voice provides the perfect melodic accompaniment to each song's story. Satur-

Grammy-winning singer/songwriter Karla Bonoff are sponsored by the River House Inn and the Old Town Inn.

The festival gets started with a free-to-the-public mini concert by Kristen Grainger and Dan Wetzel as True North Duo on Friday, January 28, at 4:30 p.m. at Oregon Pacific Bank's main branch, 1355 Highway 101 in Florence. Events Center is the best concert venue on the Oregon Coast due to its outstanding acoustics, state-of-the-art sound and light systems, and superb 455-seat theater," Mlinek added. "Our past performers agree."

Visit WinterMusicFestival.org for schedules, artist profiles, tickets and more.



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