

Art by the Sea Gallery features: ‘Under, Over & Out of the Box’ showing

Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio is exhibiting a new show that runs from June 4th to July 1st. The Featured Artist for June is Gallery Member, Joanne Drapkin, and the Member’s new show is “Under, Over & Out of the Box.”

The theme of Joanne’s show is “Traveling Around.” After teaching children with special needs for 24 years and third graders for 6 more years, she was able to retire and pursue her dreams of studying art. Joanne has gotten inspiration from her travels around the world. Recently, she spent three weeks in Guatemala. She has also visited Mexico, Central and South America, Europe, Canada and Israel. Many of her

creations reflect these adventures. She hopes to convey her love of vivid colors, textures and forms to the viewer. She also creates jewelry using paper, clay, beads and more.

The Member’s new show is “Under, Over & Out of the Box.” These artworks are creative and different from the norm, often reflecting something with a different perspective, and or utilizing unconventional materials and techniques.

A reception will be held on June 8th from 2-4:00 pm. Drop by the reception and meet other art lovers, friends and several gallery members. While in the Gallery, enjoy the many beautiful artworks created by South Coast Artists. The Gallery will be serving wine and home



San Pablo Church, Mitla, Mexico painting by Joanne Drapkin, Featured Artist.



Contributed photos

baked goodies. Original paintings, fused glass artwork, jewelry, art gourds, pottery, photography, woodwork and unique pieces of art are always on display throughout the gallery. Art by the Sea Gallery and Studio is open from 10am-5pm daily and is located at 145 Fillmore Ave SE, Bandon, next to the Station Restaurant on Highway 101.

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Located at 1234 Teakwood Ave Suite A in Coos Bay, the celebration was from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on May 24. Local food truck Ice Queen was there serving up their delicious Hawaiian shaved ice. Additionally, customers were eligible to receive 20 percent off a single accessory.



Senator Dick Anderson kicks off re-election campaign

State Senator Dick Anderson (R-Lincoln City) held his opening kick off re-election party last week in Lincoln City. Senator Anderson is running for re-election in District 5, which he won in 2020. The district includes large portions of the coast from Lincoln City to Coos Bay and inland portions around Philomath and West Lane county.

Senator Dick Anderson released the following statement on his re-election bid:

“It is an honor to serve in the Oregon Senate. I am proud of my accomplishments in housing, child care and delivering on many different areas in the communities I serve. There is more to do, I hope the voters feel I have served them well and return me to Salem to accomplish more for them.”

Senator Anderson has 35 years of experience in the housing and mortgage industry and currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Senate Housing and Development Committee and is Co-Chair of the Senate Conduct Committee. He currently serves on other committees important to his district; Ways and Means, Ways and Means Sub Committee on Natural Resources and Education Committee.

This summer Senator Anderson will be conducting a major listening session in his communities to better prepare himself for challenges ahead in Oregon. “Every community and every voice is important to me. The only way to know your district is to get out and talk to the people. I plan to really get my ear to the ground in every corner of the district”, Senator Anderson finished.

DLCD releases wind energy timeline

By NATE SCHWARTZ
The World

The Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) released information regarding their review of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Managements (BOEM), as part of its Oregon Coastal Management Program (OCMP).

The newly proposed federally designated Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) have been established off the coast of Coos Bay and Brookings. The Coos Bay WEA is 32 miles offshore and amounts to 95 square miles of potentially leasable land for turbine construction. The Brookings WEA is larger, at 209 square miles, yet closer to shore, at only

18 miles from the beach. As part of a general federal consistency review, the OCMP staff maintains the authority to check the BOEM’s plans. Firstly, that the proposal is consistent with Oregon’s coastal zoning policies. Secondly, to gather feedback from the communities directly affected by these developments.

During these community meetings, OCMP will provide further information about their review process, its criteria, and the activity being reviewed. OCMP explains that in its current stage of the process, BOEM leases would only authorize companies to begin collecting data for potential wind development projects.



At current BOEM’s proposed leasing does not immediately permit the construction of any offshore wind projects. The current state of the proposal is quite a long way away from the full development of these WEA. Before BOEM can approve a

Construction and Operations plan, it will be subject to its own federal consistency review which OCMP estimates could take, “some years of additional site assessment and project design”. According to a timeline provided by OCMP, the BOEM

leasing process is still in its early stages. The project was announced in April. A federal consistency review will take place through the summer, until the OCMP’s decision deadline on July 14, 2024. At that point BOEM will release its final

environmental assessment, ahead of releasing a sales notice and holding an auction in the Fall. They expect to have granted leases by the end of 2024.

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Opinion

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

As I sit here tonight reading the front page article about North Bend City Councilor Susanna Noordhoff, I continue to marvel at her bravery, to put up with such nonsense from her fellow councilors, the mayor and the city manager.

If you had any idea what she has gone through, to try and represent the citizens of North Bend, you might better understand her “misdirected anger” and “conduct missteps,” that led her to this draconian circus.

Even after the District Attorney required the city to release the whole report, the article does not even name him (maybe Paul Frasier’s 39 years of distinguished service to Coos County was not enough to make him relevant).

This whole circus started a couple of years ago when Councilor Noordhoff tried to talk about an issue that was “dear to her heart,” but she was not allowed to have the floor, so she slapped her desk in frustration, causing papers to fly to the floor. “Misdirected anger” I wonder why?

In the 20 years that I have been mayor of Bandon, I have NEVER kept a sitting councilor from speaking on any issue, nor would I ever. These councilors are elected to represent the citizens of North Bend ... not the North Bend council, mayor or city manager (who I will not mention by name as he has not been there long enough ... although some would say “too long.”)

She might have lost the “popularity contest” with her fellow councilors, many of whom are relatively new to the “game,” and seem to enjoy the role of gladiator, but she has gained the respect of many who understand

the challenges she faces and the role of an elected official.

The public should ask why North Bend’s 29-page council rules, rewritten in 2021 as Ordinance 2052, are the only ones in the state that allow for official censure, which would essentially take away her right to speak. Hard to believe this is Constitutional. Bandon’s council rules cover every possible circumstance ... in 14 pages.

The people of North Bend had better hope that Councilor Noordhoff does not resign as called for by Mayor Engelke. You will have lost a woman who passionately cares about the issues and is not afraid to stand up for what she believes.

The problems in the City of North Bend appear to be much larger than Susanna Noordhoff; one needs only read the 12-page letter written several years ago by former Police Chief Bob Kappelman “for the rest of the story,” as Paul Harvey would say.

Sincerely,

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Democrat win in Nov. means high prices, illegals and globalist rules

If the democrats win in November, we will have four more years of high prices, more regulations, millions more illegals, more of the New World Order globalist rules, and the Trump tax cut will expire causing higher taxes.

Beverly Wilson
Coos Bay



Guest Column

Five myths about social security

By **STACY LARSEN**
Communications Director, AARP Oregon

For most of us, Social Security is – or will be -- essential for helping to cover daily living expenses and pay bills as we get older. The bottom line is that Social Security is your money, earned through a lifetime of hard work. Yet there are persistent misconceptions about its long-term financial stability and how it works. Here are facts behind five of the most stubborn Social Security myths.

Myth #1: Social Security is going broke. The facts: Social Security will not run out of money, as long as workers and employers continue to pay payroll taxes. It’s a pay-as-you-go system: Revenue coming in from payroll taxes largely covers the payments going out. But Social Security does face longer-term funding challenges. For decades it collected more than it paid out, building a surplus that stood at \$2.83 trillion at the end of 2022. But the system is starting to pay out more than it takes in, largely because the retiree population is growing faster than the working population and is living longer. Without changes in how Social Security is financed, the surplus is projected to run out in 2034,

according to the latest annual report from the program’s trustees. Even then, Social Security will still be able to pay benefits from incoming payroll tax revenue. But it will only be enough to pay about 80% percent of scheduled benefits, according to the latest estimate. If Congress doesn’t take action in the next 10 years to protect and save Social Security, your Social Security could be cut by 20%—an average of \$4,000 a year. The last time Congress took major action to shore up Social Security’s nearly depleted reserves was 1983.

Myth #2: The government raids Social Security to pay for other programs. The facts: Social Security is primarily funded with workers’ and employers’ payroll taxes and has never been part of the federal government’s general fund. The federal government does, however, borrow from Social Security and in return issues Treasury bonds. The federal government has to pay back any money it borrows from Social Security with interest. The government has always paid it back in full, and annual interest payments increase Social Security’s assets, to the tune of \$66.3 billion in 2022.

Myth #3: Members of Congress don’t pay into Social Security. The facts: Actually, they do. A common complaint about Social Security is that members of Congress don’t bother fixing it because it doesn’t cover them. Members of Congress came under the Social Security umbrella in 1984, along with the rest of the federal workforce, as part of sweeping changes to the program.

Myth #4: You get more Social Security benefits if you collect early. The facts: Your annual payments will be larger the longer you wait to start collecting your benefits. You can begin receiving retirement benefits at age 62, but it will cost you. Say you were born in 1960. If you claim Social Security at



Stacy Larsen

age 62, you’ll get 70% of the benefit amount calculated from your lifetime earnings. If you wait until full retirement age—in this case, 67—you’ll get 100%. If you delay taking your benefit past the full retirement age of 67, Social Security increases your benefit 8% a year until you hit 70. There’s no financial incentive to delay past age 70.

Myth #5: You lose a portion of your benefits permanently if you take benefits and keep working. The facts: Not true. Social Security does have a rule, called the “earnings limit” or “earnings test,” that can temporarily reduce your payments if you are still working. But it doesn’t apply to all working beneficiaries, and it is not permanent. The rule only covers people who claim benefits before full retirement age and continue working. In this circumstance, Social Security withholds a portion of your payments if your earnings from work exceed a set cap, which changes every year and differs based on how close you are to full retirement age. However, any withheld money is credited back to you, and the benefits you receive later will be higher.

You can find out more about your Social Security at AARP’s Social Security Resource Center (aarp.org/retirement/social-security).

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Judith Ann Mogan Foundation welcomes Payton Smith as newest board member

The Judith Ann Mogan Foundation (JAMF) is happy to announce the addition of Payton Smith as the newest member of the JAMF board. “On behalf of the Judith Ann Mogan Foundation,” board president Joe McKeown shared, “I am delighted to welcome Payton Smith to the board of directors of the Foundation. With her education, deep ties to the community, and her business experience, Payton will be an important and valuable addition to the board.”

Born and raised in Coos Bay by a family steeped in the culture, challenges, and energies of the Oregon Coast’s timber

industry, Payton is a very good fit for a foundation that owes its beginnings to the West Coast’s Al Peirce Lumber Company. She grew up working odd jobs at the family sawmill and, while studying at the University of Oregon, worked as an intern for Roseburg Forest Products, then worked with them full-time after graduating college. Payton is now the Director of Communications and Government Affairs for the family company, Southport Lumber, based in North Bend. She also serves as a member of the board of the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon. “I love the opportunity to give back

to this amazing community of ours,” said Payton, when invited to join the foundation board.

As the seventh member of the JAMF Board of Directors, Payton joins a group invested in and committed to the growth and development of Southern Oregon Coast communities located in Coos, Curry, and Coastal Douglas Counties. Headed by Al Peirce Company CEO Joseph McKeown as board president, other members of the board of directors include former circuit court judge Rick Barron, Eastside School principal Kara Davidson, recently retired co-founder and partner of HMW CPAs &

Associates Shirley MacAdam, Coos County Commissioner John Sweet, and retired law and investment expert William Trout.

Now in its fourth year of grantmaking, the Judith Ann Mogan Foundation has already distributed more than \$4.2 million to projects that benefit its service areas. The Foundation was established in 2020 through the generosity of Judith Ann Mogan and the Al Peirce Co., LLC. JAMF is a private foundation based in Coos Bay, Oregon. Its mission is to develop successful citizens and vital communities on the Southern Oregon Coast.



Oregon Lottery officials issue scam alert

STAFF REPORT

Following news of the \$1.3 billion Powerball win in Portland this April, Oregon Lottery officials are urging the public to beware of scams and phishing attempts associated with jackpots.

Over the weekend, a text message was circulating that falsely promised the Powerball winner was donating prize money to 10 citizens chosen at random, according to Oregon Lottery officials. The text asked those receiving the message to call a phone number to claim the winnings.

“Some common warning signs of phishing scams include receiving an unsolicited message with a sense of urgency or a request for personal information,” Oregon Lottery Assistant Director of Security Justin Hedlund said. “We expect there may be other scams out there trying to leverage the Powerball winner’s story, and it’s a red flag if something seems too good to be true.”

Oregon Lottery will never ask you to pay a fee to access your winnings, according to Hedlund.

If you believe you’re a victim of a scam, you can report it to the FBI’s Internet Crime Complaint Center: <https://www.ic3.gov/>. If you received a suspi-

cious text message, forward it to SPAM (7726) and report the phishing attempt to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

History

Since the Oregon Lottery began selling tickets on April 25, 1985, it has earned nearly \$15.5 billion for economic development, public education, outdoor school, state parks, veteran services, and watershed enhancements. For more information on the Oregon Lottery, visit www.oregonlottery.org.



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ACROSS

1 Horned animal
4 Cudgel
8 Largemouth fish
12 Trailing plant
13 River in England
14 Lake in Ohio
15 "Mayday!"
16 Food thickener
17 Make mention of
18 Knock's answer
20 -- Joe's grocery store
22 Tax org.
23 Sing with closed lips
24 Again
27 Coupe alternative
31 Final sale warning (2 wds.)
32 "To -- his own"
34 Paved rd.
35 Whopper
36 Rock that flows
37 Court order
38 Kitchen utensil
40 Cut into glass
42 Easter find
44 Chapeau
45 Forthrightness

48 Alpha and --
51 Carried away
52 Touch on
55 Actor -- Kilmer
56 Clair de --
57 Cumberbund
58 "-- think of something!"
59 Villainous look
60 Sensible
61 Frito-- --

DOWN

1 Start the day
2 Bard's river
3 Bewildered
4 Unrefined
5 Carry with effort
6 Mex. neighbor
7 Ship's bunk
8 Turned into
9 Saharan
10 Position
11 Crystal-gazer
19 Gets it wrong
21 Hotfoot it
24 -- Minor
25 Ocean
26 "Girls Just Want To -- Fun"

28 Stuntman
29 Eager
30 After deductions
31 "By -- means!"
33 Popular pet
36 Toy block brand
37 Impulse
39 Accounting book
41 Dress

43 Wimbledon surface
45 Ring
46 Chills and fever
47 Zilch
49 Festive
50 Partner
53 Sheep's cry
54 Admiral's org.

Puzzle Answers

A	V	L		E	N	V	S		R	E	E	L
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OBITUARIES

Barry Alan Sorenson

October 20, 1942 – May 21, 2024

Barry Alan Sorenson, 81, of North Bend, Oregon, passed away on May 21, 2024 at 11:25 p.m. at Bay Area Hospital. Barry was born on October 20, 1942 in Ellensburg, Washington, to Jack Sorenson and Ellen (Gustafson) Sorenson. He has one sister (Sandra Klungness) and two brothers (Ken and Paul). He married Lucille (Thorpe) on April 25, 1965.

Barry was a well-known, respected member of the community. He retired from GTE and Bay Area Hospital. He and Lucy enjoyed playing bridge, bowling and traveling.

Barry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lucy Sorenson; daughter, Sheila Sorenson of Springfield, Oregon; daughter, Donna Bartell and son-in-law Floyd Bartell of Vancouver, Washington; and two grandsons, Bryce and Tony Bartell. He was also expecting his first great-granddaughter in October of this year. Barry is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and all three of his siblings.

A celebration of life is being planned and will be announced for later this year. 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.

Ellen Faye Thorp

March 18, 1938 – May 2, 2024

Ellen Faye (Rodgers) Thorp, 86, of Coos Bay passed away at her home on May 2, 2024. Faye was born in Modesto, California to Marie (Sinnot) and James Rodgers March 18, 1938. She graduated from Creswell High School.

She is survived by her husband, John “Zeke” Thorp, Coos Bay, children Jolene (Rick) Doyle, Huntsville, Texas, Daniel Tyvoll, San Diego, California, Joseph (Blenda) Tyvoll, Beaver Creek, Craig (Dolores) Tyvoll, Coos Bay, stepson Jeff (Mary) Thorp, Coos Bay, and stepdaughter Dana (Ty) Thorp Patterson, Boise, Idaho, brother Wayne (Barbara) Rodgers, Eugene, as well as four grandchildren (Jake, Jeff, Jane and Megan), and two great grandchildren (Gretchen and Owen).

Faye worked for the Bureau of Mines in Albany, Oregon for five years and retired from Bureau of Land Management in Coos Bay in 2004. She loved all animals, adopting and loving many cats and dogs as well as caring for strays that showed up at her doorstep. She was an avid gardener and loved planting flowers. One of her favorite places to visit locally was Shore Acres Botanical Gardens. Faye was also a golfer and enjoyed playing courses locally as well on vacation in places including Hawaii and Mexico.

A celebration of life will be held for



Faye on Saturday, June 15, at 2:00 p.m. at Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. with Pastor Mark Schiro officiating. In lieu of flowers, consider a contribution to Shore Acres Botanical Garden 89526 Cape Arago Hwy Coos Bay, OR 97420 in Faye’s name. Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens with inurnment at Sunset Memorial Park Coos Bay.

Sallie Haynes

December 5, 1954 – May 12, 2024

In loving memory of Sallie Haynes, who passed away on May 12, 2024. Sallie was born in Bandon, Oregon December 5, 1954. She married Clint Haynes in North Bend, Oregon, February 14, 1983, and together they shared a beautiful life.

Sallie was a remarkable cook, known for her delicious zucchini bread and her festive Christmas treats—peanut butter and butterscotch cookies, affectionately referred to as “Reindeer turds.” Her culinary talents brought joy to many, especially during the holiday season.

For over 20 years, Sallie served as the Garden Store Manager at Coos Grange Store. Her green thumb and passion for gardening inspired those around her. She loved tending to her own garden, camping, and exploring the great outdoors. Whether digging for clams or crabbing by the coast, Sallie found solace in nature.

Her collection of nutcrackers was a testament to her eclectic interests. Ranging from 6 feet to 3 inches in height, these whimsical figures adorned her home and brought smiles to visitors. Sallie’s zest for life and her ability to find beauty in the everyday made her a true gem—a diamond in the rough.

She leaves behind cherished memories and a legacy of warmth, kindness, and laughter. Sallie will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

May she rest in peace.

A Celebration of Life will be held at The Coach House, 604 6th Street in Coos Bay, July 13, 2024 from 12 to 4 pm.

She is survived by her husband, Clint Haynes (of 41+ years); son and wife,



Joe and Adrina Sherman; stepdaughter and husband, Teri and Rich Applegate; granddaughters, Emily Applegate, Hallie Sherman, Pepper Oulette, and Faythe Murray; grandsons, Jericho Reyes and Christian Murray; sister, Suzanne Dean; brother, Bob Whitsett; brother-in-law, Steve Humphrey; numerous nieces and nephews.

Sallie was preceded in death by her mother and father, Bob and Delores Whitsett; mother-in-law, Lillian Haynes; brother, Bill Whitsett; son, Kristopher Sherman; grandson, Tucker Sherman and sister-in-law, Marie Humphrey.

Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Bertha Marie Bauder

December 2, 1941 – April 30, 2024

A combined memorial service for Bertha Marie Bauder, 82, of Coos Bay, and her brother, Thomas Eugene Hannah will be held at noon, Friday, June 14, 2024 at the Bay Area Church of the Nazarene, 1850 Clark Street in North Bend with Pastors Josh Farmer and Todd Inman, officiating.

Bertha was born December 2, 1941 in Memphis, Tennessee to Samuel Glen and Mary Margie (Whiten) Hannah. She passed away April 30, 2024 in Lebanon, Oregon.

She is survived by her daughter, Debbie Jorgensen of Columbia City, Oregon; sons, David Hannah of North Bend, OR and Michael Gaines of Medford, OR; daughter, Lorrie Blochlinger of Coos Bay; 13 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Private burial was held at Sunset Memorial Park in Coos Bay, under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com



Mark Allen Gwynn

June 2nd 1951- May 26th 2024

Mark Allen Gwynn, 72, of Bandon, Oregon passed away on May 26th 2024 in his home with family by his side. He was born in Toledo, Oregon to Vance Gwynn and Beda Tibbets. Marks first job was working as a commercial fisherman in Bandon Oregon. He then started working for Graydon Stinnett at Bandon Fisheries as a young man in the 1960s until he retired in 2014. He loved football. He was very passionate about his contest which his family calls “Marks Quick Pick Football Contest”. He ran a football contest for 35 years with one hundred people in his contest. He even had a contestant from Russia.

Mark is preceded in death by his father Vance Gwynn. He is survived by his wife Loretta (Taffy) Gwynn; mother Beda Tibbetts; sister Debbie Holt-Akins; children Shane Gwynn, Kelley Smith, Shon Gwynn, and Brandy Gwynn; his 8 grandchildren; and his close friends the Stinnett family, Wright family and Lawrence family. He is also survived by many other close friends and family members.



Friends may offer online condolences at westrumfuneralservice.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Bandon.

USDA requires additional testing for avian flu in dairy herds

STAFF REPORT

The United States Department of Agriculture implemented new testing requirements for dairy herds on April 24, as an avian flu outbreak continues to spread in herds across the nation.

Under the new requirements, prior to interstate transfers dairy cows will be required to receive a negative test for influenza A and contact tracing for positive animals will be instituted.

The first positive test for avian flu in a dairy herd came in late March in Texas and cases have since been

confirmed in eight states, with the most recent coming in Idaho on April 19.

A press release from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announcing the new requirements said that the agency had identified disease transmission between cows in the same herd, from cows to poultry and between dairies owing to cow movements, as well as cows that tested positive while asymptomatic.

The release said that the new testing requirements would help USDA officials form a better understanding of the movement of the avian flu between wild birds and cows and help to lower

the risk of further interstate spread.

So far, there have been no mutations in the virus that would increase its transmissibility to people, though cases among those in direct contact with infected animals are possible. The USDA release said that the officials at the Centers for Disease Control believed the risk to the public remains low and noted that infected cows are recovering after receiving care.

The release also stressed that milk from impacted cows was diverted or destroyed and that pasteurization has proven to inactivate viruses in milk.

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Emma Elizabeth Reiter, 93, of North Bend, passed away on May 24, 2024 in Brookings. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Donald “Don” E. Barrington, 94, of North Bend, passed away on May 23, 2024 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Constance “Connie” J. Nitschke, 89, of North Bend, passed away on May 28, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Loren James Martin, 59, of Coos Bay passed away on April 12, 2024 in Salem Oregon. Arrangements were made by Crown Cremation in Salem OR.

Dennis E. Heisler, 82 of Coquille died May 24, 2024 in Coquille. Family services have been held with cremation rites at Ocean View Memory Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Kenneth B. Looney, 89, of North Bend died May 25, 2024 in North Bend. Services will be announced under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-67-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Donald Alan Wheaton, 63, of Coos Bay, passed away May 17, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

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3A State Championship



Brookings Harbor falls in baseball final

Brookings-Harbor's baseball team just missed the state title for Class 3A on Saturday, when the Bruins were edged by Warrenton 6-5 at PK Park in Eugene.

The Bruins had tied the game in the top of the seventh on a two-out single by Evan Orman but Warrenton won on a bases-loaded single by Odin Wilson in the bottom of the inning.

Ethan and Evan Orman both had doubles for Brookings-Harbor, with Ethan scoring two runs and Evan driving in two.

Brookings-Harbor entered the playoffs as the No. 9 seed, but reached the championship game with road wins over Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa and Pleasant Hill (the latter 6-4 in the semifinals) and a 9-1 home win over North Valley.

CLASS 4A: Sky-Em League champion Marist Catholic came up just short against Scappoose in the championship game, falling 5-4. Marist Catholic had eliminated top-seed Henley 7-6 in eight innings in the semifinals on Tuesday.

CLASS 2A-1A: Umpqua Valley Christain outscored top-ranked Knappa 13-9 to take the title. Knappa had ended the impressive run by North Douglas in the semifinals 2-1 (the Warriors had previously eliminated Reedsport as well as Monroe and Regis).

CLASS 5A: Thurston edged West Albany 2-0 for the Class 5A title, scoring both runs in the first inning on a sacrifice fly and single. West Albany had just three hits off Thurston pitchers Grady Saunders and Eli Crist, who got the final two outs for the save.

CLASS 6A: West Linn beat Sunset 8-4 to win its third straight title. The only other Oregon high school baseball team to win three straight crowns was Drain (now North Douglas) from 1949 to 1951.

SOFTBALL

CLASS 4A: Pendleton shut out top-ranked Henley 4-0 to win the title and complete a run that started with shutting out North Bend 15-0 back in the first round of the playoffs.

CLASS 2A-1A: Grant Union completed a dominant run to the title with an 11-0 win over Weston-McEwen. The Prospectors did not give up a run in their four playoff games, including a 16-0 win over the Myrtle Point/Powers squad in the second round.

CLASS 3A: South Umpqua beat top-ranked Scio 9-1 to win the title at Jane Sanders Stadium in Eugene, scoring seven runs in the fifth inning to erase a 1-0 deficit.

CLASS 5A: Bend edged Lebanon 2-1 for the title.

CLASS 6A: Sheldon ended the Cinderella run of Glencoe with a 5-0 shutout win in the championship game. Glencoe was the 21st seed for the playoffs, but had upset road wins over No. 12 Sunset (4-3), No. 6 Central Catholic (8-0), No. 4 West Linn (9-0) and top-ranked Westview (7-2) to reach the championship game. In the final, Sheldon's Payton Burnham pitched a no-hitter with 10 strikeouts.

Bandon band is double state champion

Tigers score best on the stage and in the classroom

Bandon's band was state champion this spring both on the stage and in the classroom.

The school's band won its second straight Class 2A/1A title in the activity recently and also had the highest team grade point average of any group in the division, 3.66.

The band, led by Dave Weston, won the championship with a total of 286 points, with scoring from three judges and a fourth score for sight reading. Riddle finished second at 281. Bandon also won last year and was third in 2022.

It was one of five sports and activities this spring where Bandon's teams finished in the top 10 in the Academic All-State Program.

Bandon's state champion girls track team was third in

the classroom (3.75). The state champion boys golf team was fourth (best among 2A schools) in Class 3A-2A-1A with a GPA of 3.86. The Tigers also were eighth for Class 3A in boys track (3.03), Bandon was sixth for choir (3.25).

North Bend was fifth in boys track and field for Class 4A (3.46). The Bulldogs were 10th in boys tennis (3.59).

Siuslaw was fourth for Class 3A in girls track and field (3.84) and 10th in boys track and field (3.42).

Gold Beach was eighth for boys golf (3.75).

Other Bandon programs with GPAs of at least 3.0 included the baseball and softball teams, which have a cooperative agreement with Pacific High School (3.26 and 3.27,



respectively); speech (3.53). Other programs with GPAs of at least 3.0 for North Bend included baseball (3.09), softball (3.12), girls track and field (3.55), girls tennis (3.66), boys

golf (3.22), girls golf (3.18). Programs with at least 3.0 GPAs for Siuslaw included baseball (3.25), softball (3.45), boys golf (3.44) and girls golf (3.33).

Marshfield, North Bend, Azalea and Siuslaw all win Far West middle school track titles

Four different schools won team titles in the far west league middle school track meet, held recently at Siuslaw High School in Florence.

Marshfield won the eighth-grade boys title with 134 points, followed by Siuslaw (92.5) and Driftwood of Port Orford (69).

North Bend took the eighth-grade girls crown with 88 points. Marshfield edged Coquille by a single point (79-78) for second with Siuslaw next (67).

Siuslaw edged Marshfield by a single point, 77-76 in the seventh/sixth grade boys meet.

Azalea's girls easily won the team title for the seventh/sixth grade girls with 104.5 points. Marshfield led the way in a tight race for second with 79 points, followed by Siuslaw (78.5) and Coquille (75).

Marshfield's eighth-grade boys had three different athletes win two events and participate on both winning relay teams. Jackson Herbert won the shot put and discus, Nicoya Pruess took the 200 and 400 and Dax Johnson won both hurdles races. They teamed with Christian Baugh on the relays and Baugh won the 100, but finished second to Winston's Easton Bachmeier in his other individual event, the high jump.

Four different schools had double-winners in the eighth-grade girls meet.

Reedsport's Lily McIntire won both the high jump and long jump, North Bend's Jordyn Mickelson took the 100 and 200, Coquille's Ella Henthorn won the 800 and 1,500 and Marshfield's Rylee McNally won both hurdles races.

McNally also was part of Marshfield's winning 4x100 relay and Henthorn was part of Coquille's winning 4x400 relay, teaming with fellow eighth-grader Grace Gerner and two seventh graders, who are allowed to move up an age group for relays, Skylar Duffy and Brielle Nelson.

North Bend's Lauryn Garrigus won the 100, 100 hurdles and 200 hurdles in the seventh/sixth grade girls meet.

North Bend's Junae Morrow won the shot put and javelin.

Delaney LaFranchi of Myrtle Point cleared an impressive 4 feet, 11 inches in the high jump and Jael Legutki of Harbor Lights won the 800 in a speedy 2:30.77, with LaFranchi second (2:37.54).

In the seventh/sixth grade boys meet,

Myrtle Point's Wyatt Richards won both the discus and javelin and his winning mark in the discus, 129-11, was more than 57 feet better than the runner-up and also better than Herbert's winning throw in the eighth-grade division. Myrtle Point's Ryder Blanton won the eighth-grade javelin with a mark slightly better than Richards' throw of 143-5, which won by 31 feet.

Richard Sanchez of Driftwood had an odd double, winning both the shot put and the 100 hurdles.

Sutherlin's Blythe Vosgien won three events, the long jump, 200 and 400. Teammate Curtis Martz won the 800 and 1,500.

Far West League Middle School District Results

Eighth Grade Boys

Team Scores: Marshfield 134, Siuslaw 92.5, Driftwood 69, Winston 59, Azalea 54, North Bend 42.5, Myrtle Point 35, Harbor Lights 25, Coquille 22, Waldport 18, Reedsport 15, Sutherlin 9.

Shot Put — 1. Jackson Herbert, Mar, 37-6 ½; 2. Konnor McCall, Win, 35-4 ½; 3. Aris Lade, Siu, 35-1 ¾. Discus — 1. Jackson Herbert, Mar, 126-10; 2. Tyler LeBrun, Coq, 120-7; 3. Benny Brown, MP, 114-4. Javelin — 1. Ryder Blanton, MP, 147-5; 2. Raudy Thrall, Siu, 125-8; 3. Anthony Rostock, Sut, 119-2. High Jump — 1. Easton Bachmeier, Win, 5-1; 2. Christian Baugh, Mar, 4-10; 3. Tie-Logan Garmon, NB, and Raudy Thrall, Siu, 4-8. Long Jump — 1. Sebastian Olivera, Aza, 17-10 ½; 2. Carter Stoffal, Win, 16-9; 3. Yair Brito Xilot, Siu, 16-6 ½. Pole Vault — 1. Jonah Brown, HL, 9-0; 2. Beckett Pahls, HL, 9-0; 3. Max Johnston, Mar, 9-0. 100 — 1. Christian Baugh, Mar, 12.42; 2. Jare Velasco-Ramos, Aza, 12.63; 3. Carter Stoffal, Wil, 12.68. 200 — 1. Nicoya Pruess, Mar, 25.68; 2. Easton Bachmeier, Win, 25.92; 3. Carter Stoffal, Win, 26.29. 400 — 1. Nicoya Pruess, Mar, 57.24; 2. Santiago Hernandez, Dri, 58.78; 3. Tyler Martell, MP, 59.11. 800 — 1. Santiago Hernandez, Dri, 2:12.54; 2. Henry Stone, Siu, 2:12.88; 3. Sailor Jensen, Siu, 2:20.89. 1,500 — 1. Henry Stone, Siu, 4:41.12; 2. Sailor Jensen, Siu, 4:43.34; 3. Bentley Nelson, Siu, 4:46.25. 100 Hurdles — 1. Dax Johnson, Mar, 18.20; 2. Fynn Lau, Dri, 18.23; 3. Wesley Slack, Wal, 18.94. 200 Hurdles — 1. Dax Johnson, Mar, 29.84; 2. Marlino Eason-Lopez, Dri, 29.91; 3. Damon Steers, Dri, 30.60. 4x100 Relay — 1. Marshfield, 48.44; 2. Driftwood, 49.50; 3. Azalea, 49.53. 4x400 Relay — 1. Marshfield, 3:57.27; 2. Driftwood, 4:03.41; 3. Siuslaw, 4:06.01.

Eighth Grade Girls

Team Scores: North Bend 89, Marshfield 79, Coquille 78, Siuslaw 67, Azalea 57, Riley Creek 45, Winston 35.5, Harbor Lights 34, Reedsport 29.5, Sutherlin 24, Driftwood 16, Myrtle Point 11.

Shot Put — 1. Maely Chiang, Siu, 34-11; 2. Zoya Wilson, NB, 34-7; 3. Makala Snider, Siu, 32-1 ½. Discus — 1. Coral Averett, Coq, 84-7; 2. Makala Snider, Siu, 76-5; 3. Zoya Wilson, NB, 73-1. Javelin — 1. Keira Morrow, NB, 97-11; 2. Macy Johnson, MP, 97-9; 3. Sunny Thompson, HL, 92-0. High Jump — 1. Lily McIntire, Ree, 4-4; 2. Jaden Filipi, Sut, 4-2; 3. Ella Christensen, Aza, 4-2. Long Jump — 1. Lily McIntire, Ree, 14-5; 2. Bristol Layton, Coq, 14-1; 3. Jane Moon, RC, 14-0 ½. Pole Vault — 1. Kaydence Parker, Siu, 6-6; 2. Taylor Donohue, Win, 5-6; 3. Lily Richards, NB, 5-0. 100 — 1. Jordyn Mickelson, NB, 13.01; 2. Kaiya Evans, Aza, 13.08; 3. Claire Biggs, HL, 13.68. 200 — 1. Jordyn Mickelson, NB, 27.40; 2. Kaiya Evans, Aza, 28.25; 3. Claire Biggs, HL, 28.57. 400 — 1. Coco Plaep, RC, 1:30.95; 2. Kaiya Evans, Aza, 1:06.07; 3. Briana Huggins, Dri, 1:09.13.

SWOCC men finish third at NWAC golf championships

The Southwestern Oregon Community College men's golf team took third place at the recent NWAC championships at Apple Tree Golf Course in Yakima, Wash.

The Lakers finished the two days at 36-over par. North Idaho won the title with a team score of 3-under and Spokane was second at 10-over.

SWOCC's two rounds were 303 and 309.

Nathan Coleman led the Lakers with a ninth-place effort, finishing at 5-over (73-76).

Connor Paulson finished at 12-over and teammates Nick Anderson and Finn Smolders were both 13-over. Shane Sundberg was 14-over and Rune Van den Bosch 18-over. They all finished between 21st and 27th places.

Spokane's Trey Lecheminant had an opening round 67 on the way to a two-day total of 7-under par, which was one

better than North Idaho's Josh McCartain.

SWOCC's women did not field a complete team. Claire Huff was 14th for the Lakers at 34-over and Morgan Hoefs was 21st at 51-over.

Centralia's Jayda Thomas and Olympic's Nyah Dayton shored the individual title at 18-over and North Idaho won the team title, finishing 30 shots better than Bellevue.

TRACK & FIELD

SWOCC's women finished fourth in the NWAC championships at Mount Hood Community College and the Lakers were eighth in the men's team race. Spokane won the women's title and Lane won its 10th straight men's crown.

Aurora Parsons won the individual title in the discus for the Lakers with a throw of 122-1. She also was seventh in the shot put (39-4).

The Lakers also had the

winner in the heptathlon, which was contested a couple of weeks before the NWAC meet. Alannah Gee won the event and Nevaeh Dewitt was third.

During the championship meet, Dewitt finished second in the 100 hurdles for SWOCC's women, in a time of 15.81. She also was fourth in the high jump (4-7 ½), with teammate Maddi Reynolds sixth (4-5 ½).

Aneyai Smith was eighth in the 100 (12.92).

SWOCC as fourth in the 4x100 relay, the group of Cameron Dumas, Bailey Wallack, Dewitt and Smith funning 50.62.

In the 4x400, the Lakers took fourth with the quartet of Dewitt, Olivia Loui, Alannah Gee and Wallack running 4:18.72.

Gee was third in the long jump with a leap of 16-0 ¼.

She also finished fifth in the pole vault, clearing 9-7 ¼.

Skylar Willey was seventh in the javelin (114-3).

For the men, Gabriel Weaver was second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, finishing in 9:47.26, just behind winner Dublin Gingerich of Lane (9:46.41). Justus Jackson was fourth in the 800 (1:56.07) and fifth in the 1,500 (4:10.72).

Drew Lockner was seventh in the 5,000, finishing in 15:55.30.

Logan Prince led the Lakers' efforts in the field events, placing third in the high jump (6-2 ¼), with teammate Tanner Hunt eighth (5-10 ½).

Malique Parkinson was sixth in the triple jump (44-6 ¾) and Elijah Douglas was eighth (42-7 ½).

Douglas also was eighth in the long jump (21-2 ¾). Ben Swank finished eighth in the javelin (163-0).

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Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest APRIL HUNTER 94067 HOWK HILL LN NORTH BEND, OR 97459 Original Borrower For Sale Information Call: 800-280-2832 or Login to: www.auction.com In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the	999 Legal Notices trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: OR-24-988496-BF Dated: 4/18/2024 Quality Loan Service Corporation, as Trustee Signature By: Daniel Lazos, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Mailing Address: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 108 1 st Ave South, Suite 450, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee's Physical Address: Quality Loan Service Corporation 2763 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241 IDSPub #0202015 Published: May 21, 28, June 4, and 11, 2024. The World & ONPA. (ID:390049) CW24-2063 CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR CANDIDATES Packets will be available for pickup June 5,2024, for anyone who intends to run for the office of Mayor or City Councilor in the upcoming November 5, 2024, election. For more information, please contact June Hinojosa, Elections Officer at (541) 347-7929.	999 Legal Notices LEGAL NOTICE COQUILLE VALLEY HOSPITAL DISTRICT SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING The annual Budget committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20th, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Coquille Valley Hospital, (940 E. Fifth Street, Coquille, OR, in the North/ South Conference Room) regarding the proposed budget for the Hospital District for the upcoming fiscal year: July 1st, 2024 through June 30th, 2025. This proposed budget will then be presented in a Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Hospital's Board Room on the second floor. The proposed budget will be presented to the Hospital District Board of Directors for review and final approval at the regular monthly Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 27th, 2024, at 7:30 a.m. A copy of the proposed budget will be available from the Finance Department at Coquille Valley Hospital during normal business hours beginning on June 14th, 2024, as well as online, through the Coquille Valley Hospital website at: www.cvhospital.org, along with a schedule of these meetings and general hospital events. Please direct any questions to Michelle Reyna, CFO, at 541-396-3101. 06/04 CW24-2092 NOTICE OF ELECTION The City of North Bend hereby gives notice that an election for the mayor and three council positions will be held on November 5, 2024. City Council positions are four-year terms and the term for Mayor is two years. The Council Positions of Pat Goll, Susanna Noordhoff, and Matt Hamilton will be open as well as the Mayor position of Jessica Engelke. Interested citizens may pick up a packet with the City Recorder/ Elections Officer in the City Recorder's office by appointment during normal business hours beginning Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Recommended filing with City Recorder/ Elections Officer for signature verification is before August 22, 2024. The deadline for filing with the City Recorder/ Elections Officer by completed petition is 4:00 p.m. August 27, 2024. To qualify a citizen must be a registered voter and must have resided within the city limits of North Bend for at least one (1) year preceding the election date. Maycie Jaehinig, City Recorder/Elections Officer, City Hall, 835 California Ave., North Bend, OR 97459, 541-756-8178. CW24-2072 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MATTER OF THE SALE OF COUNTY FOREST LANDS TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS Notice is hereby given that the Coos County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on June 18, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. during the regular board meeting in the conference room at the Owen Bldg., 201 N. Adams Street, Coquille, Oregon. The purpose of the hearing will be to hear public comments on the sale of County Forest Land. Pursuant to ORS 275.330, properties may be sold if the Board of Commissioners finds it in the best interests of the public to do so. Proceeds from any sale will be used to maintain or improve existing County Forest or Park lands or for future acquisition of lands to be set aside as County Forest or Park lands. The County Forest Lands are described as follows: Approximately a 6 acre portion of County Forest Land contained within Tax Account 542303 T26S, R13W, Section 32 TL501.
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Case No.: 24CV20451 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST AB2, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DONNA JUNE GRIGGS AKA DONNA J. GRIGGS AKA DONNA GRIGGS; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MERLE V GRIGGS AKA MERLE GRIGGS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants. To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DONNA JUNE GRIGGS AKA DONNA J. GRIGGS AKA DONNA GRIGGS; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MERLE V GRIGGS AKA MERLE GRIGGS; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY. You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must “appear” in this case or the other side will win automatically. To “appear” you must file with the court a legal paper called a “motion” or “answer.” The “motion” or “answer” (or “reply”) must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff’s attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. If you are a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans’ service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a local county veterans’ service officer and community action agency may be obtained by calling the 2-1-1 information service. Additionally, contact information for a service officer appointed under ORS 408.410 for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves your area can be found by visiting the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/odva/services/pages/county-services.aspx> and selecting your county. You can also access

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a list of Veterans Services for all Oregon counties by visiting the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/odva/Services/Pages/All-Services-Statewide.aspx>. The relief sought in the Complaint is the foreclosure of the property located at 250 NORTH AVENUE NE, BANDON, OR 97411. Date of First Publication: 6/4/2024 McCarthy & Holthus, LLP _ John Thomas OSB No. 024691 _ Grace Chu OSB No. 220848 _ Michael Scott OSB No. 973947 920 SW 3rd Ave, 1st Floor Portland, OR 97204 Phone: (971) 201-3200 Fax: (971) 201-3202 gchu@mccarthyholthus.com Of Attorneys for Plaintiff IDSPub #0202590 6/4/2024 6/11/2024 6/18/2024 6/25/2024

CW24- 2052 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS In the Matter of the Estate of: CHRISTINE CARMEL ANDERSEN, Deceased. Case No. 24PB03136 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Julie J. Dill has been appointed 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 at P.O. Box 600 Coos Bay, OR 97420, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Drew Scott Betts. Dated and first published on May 28th, 2024.

/s/ Drew Scott Betts, OSB #205521 Attorney for Personal Representative

CW24-2031 NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE On June 24th, 2024, at the hour of 10:00am at the front door of the Coos County Sheriff’s Office, 250 N. Baxter St; Coquille, the defendant’s interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 3012 Pine Street, North Bend, OR 97459. The court case number is 20CV22959, where SARA L. STRAIN, ELIZABETH L. POTTER, JENNIFER L. ISENHART, AND MARY L. KISTNER, individually and derivatively on behalf of BUSSMANN CRANBERRIES LLC, an Oregon limited liability company is plaintiff, and BUSSMANN CRANBERRIES, LLC is defendant and BUSSMANN CRANBERRIES, LLC, Nominal Defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier’s check, in hand, made out to Coos County Sheriff’s Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

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TS No. OR07000272-23-1 APN 6161600 TO No 2978987 TRUSTEE’S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, RUBY ELLEN PHILLIPS as Grantor to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (“MERS”), as designated nominee for GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of June 26, 2023 and recorded on June 30, 2023 as Instrument No. 2023-04604 and the beneficial interest was assigned to GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC and recorded October 17, 2023 as Instrument Number 2023-07277 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Coos County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 6161600 LOT 24, EXCEPT THE NORTH 10 FEET THEREOF, AND ALL OF LOT 25, BLOCK 28, TOWN OF NORTH BEND, COOS COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 1779 MCPHERSON STREET, NORTH BEND, OR 97459 Both the Beneficiary, Guild Mortgage Company, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor’s failure to pay: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the death of all mortgagors, pursuant to paragraph 7(A)(I) under the Note, and pursuant to paragraph 10(a)(I) of the Deed of Trust. By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$43,800.13 together with interest thereon from July 24, 2023 until paid; and all Trustee’s fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on August 22, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, inside the main lobby of the Coos County Courthouse, 250 N Baxter St, Coquille, OR 97423 County of Coos, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations

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thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee’s or attorney’s fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee’s disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee’s sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee’s sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word “Grantor” includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words “Trustee” and “Beneficiary” includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: April 11,2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0459443 To: WORLD (COOS) 05/21/2024, 05/28/2024, 06/04/2024, 06/11/2024

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Case No.: 24CV20104 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JUDITH A CASCEGNO; ANDY R SHARP AKA ANDY ROSS SHARP AKA ANDY SHARP; BARBARA A STEELE AKA BARBARA ANN STEELE AKA BARBARA STEELE; STATE OF OREGON; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY, Defendants. To: UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF JUDITH A CASCEGNO You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this summons upon you, and in case of your failure to do so, for want thereof, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! You must “appear” in this case or the other side will win automatically. To “appear” you must file with the court a legal paper called a “motion” or “answer.” The “motion” or “answer” (or “reply”) must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff’s attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. If you are a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans’ service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a local county veterans’ service officer and community action agency

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may be obtained by calling the 2-1-1 information service. Additionally, contact information for a service officer appointed under ORS 408.410 for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves your area can be found by visiting the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/odva/services/pages/county-services.aspx> and selecting your county. You can also access a list of Veterans Services for all Oregon counties by visiting the following link: <https://www.oregon.gov/odva/Services/Pages/All-Services-Statewide.aspx>. The relief sought in the Complaint is the foreclosure of the property located at 396 N Wall, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Date of First Publication: McCarthy & Holthus, LLP s/ Michael Scott _ John Thomas OSB No. 024691 _ Grace Chu OSB No. 220848 X Michael Scott OSB No. 973947 920 SW 3rd Ave, 1st Floor Portland, OR 97204 Phone: (971) 201-3200 Fax: (971) 201-3202 mscott@mccarthyholthus.com Of Attorneys for Plaintiff IDSPub #0202434 5/28/2024 6/4/2024 6/11/2024 6/18/2024

CW24-2058 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COOS BAY NORTH BEND CHARLESTON VISITOR & CONVENTION BUREAU. The Coos Bay-North Bend, Charleston Visitor & Convention Bureau (VCB) will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2024, at 8:30 am. This meeting will be at the Mill Casino Hotel in the 2nd Floor meeting rooms. Public comment will be accepted at the meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, as approved by the VCB Budget Committee. Copies of the approved budget are available upon request to the Coos Bay Finance Department (541) 2698915 or finance@coosbayor.gov. The budget is for an annual period and was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year.

FORM UR-1

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the North Bend Urban Renewal Agency will be held on June 11, 2024 immediately following the North Bend City Council meeting, which begins at 7:00 pm at 835 California Avenue, North Bend, Oregon in the City Council Chambers. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 as by the North Bend Urban Renewal Agency Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 835 California, North Bend, Oregon, between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. or online at www.northbendoregon.us. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Contact: Jeff Bridgens, Finance Director

Telephone: 541-756-8529

Email: jbridgens@northbendcity.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2022-2023	Adopted Budget This Year 2023-2024	Approved Budget Next Year 2024-2025
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	2,900,000	2,845,200	2,181,800
Federal, State and All Other Grants	0	0	0
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
All Other Resources Except Division of Tax & Special Levy	40,000	40,000	407,200
Revenue from Division of Tax	562,532	594,854	900,000
Revenue from Special Levy	287,468	255,146	0
Total Resources	3,790,000	3,735,200	3,489,000

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION

Personnel Services	83,600	86,900	88,868
Materials and Services	1,241,900	2,395,500	0
Capital Outlay	2,100,000	1,250,000	290,000
Debt Service	0	0	0
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0
Contingencies	100,000	2,800	0
All Other Expenditures and Requirements	0	0	0
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	264,500	0	3,110,132
Total Requirements	3,790,000	3,735,200	3,489,000

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
Urban Renewal Agency	3,790,000	3,735,200	3,489,000
FTE	0.35	0.60	0.61
Total Requirements	3,790,000	3,735,200	3,489,000
Total FTE	0.60	0.60	0.61

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0

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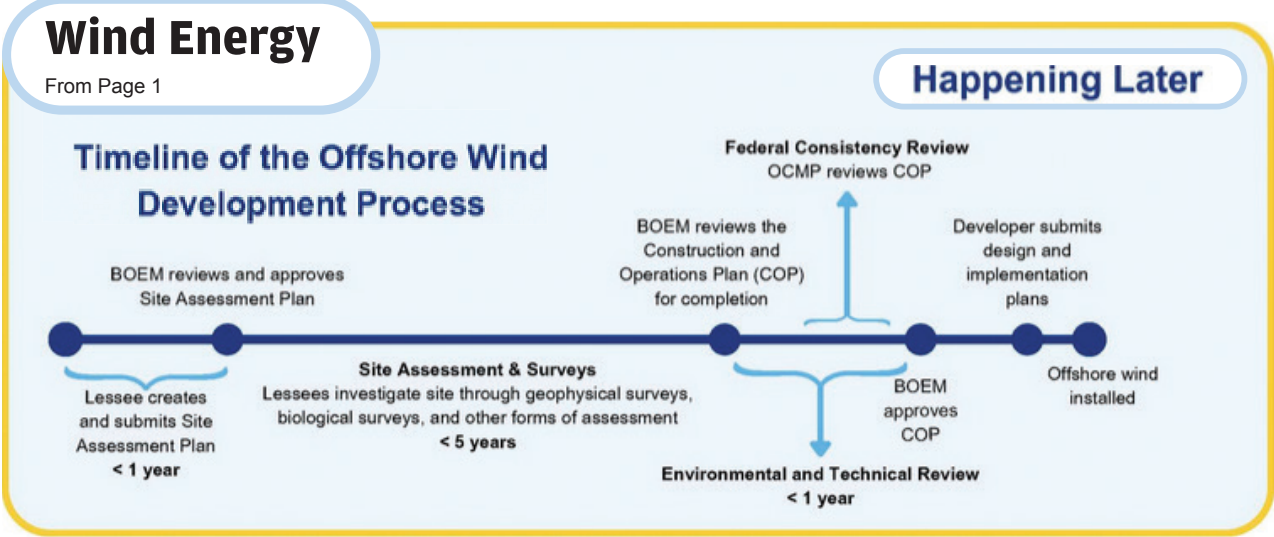
Administration	352,200	332,100	417,752
FTE	2.08	1.90	2.06
Finance	279,400	331,300	447,257
FTE	2.42	2.50	2.57
City Hall	120,100	167,300	152,960
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Works	558,700	535,700	461,827
FTE	1.44	1.44	1.76
Parks / Park Improvement	584,400	521,300	528,710
FTE	2.97	2.97	3.23
Police	3,620,000	3,624,200	4,079,325
FTE	19.50	19.00	21.00
Fire / Fire Equipment	2,462,600	3,325,300	2,624,146
FTE	10.10	11.00	11.00
Streets / Traffic Control	2,921,800	3,972,800	3,002,400
FTE	3.57	3.22	3.35
Library / Library Donation	2,580,400	3,259,300	2,981,000
FTE	10.25	9.53	8.44
Municipal Pool / Pool Improvement	2,231,500	1,765,700	1,973,193
FTE	1.00	2.00	1.75
Building Program	422,500	494,600	521,300
FTE	1.85	1.45	1.60
Transient Room Tax / Tourism	1,308,500	941,000	735,270
FTE	1.15	1.15	1.11
Wastewater / Wastewater Capital	8,087,200	14,766,600	13,349,119
FTE	8.50	8.45	8.65
Stormwater	1,828,000	2,050,200	1,768,308
FTE	1.44	1.84	1.81
Community Building	66,700	68,800	72,800
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	11,911,900	12,885,300	14,744,324
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Requirements	39,388,100	49,095,100	47,902,291
Total FTE	66.25	66.43	68.33

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *			

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed 2022-2023	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2023-2024	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2024-2025
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$6.1831 per \$1,000 Assessed Value)	\$6.1831 per \$1,000 AV	\$6.1831 per \$1,000 AV	\$6.1831 per \$1,000 AV
Local Option Levy	\$0.56 per \$1,000 AV	\$0.56 per \$1,000 AV	\$0.56 per \$1,000 AV
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$2,528,484	\$0
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$631,926	\$0
Total	\$3,178,753	\$0

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That is still just the beginning of the process, however. After acquiring the lease, hopeful developers still have a multi-year planning and review process they must adhere to. First they must release a Site Assessment Plan, subject to review from BOEM. That process is expected to take under a year.

Next, they must execute that Site Assessment through a multitude of impact surveys and other assessments including geophysical and biological studies of the area. That assessment is suspected to take multiple years to complete. After which BOEM will take up to another year to review the lessee’s Construction and Operations

Plans.

All of this must occur before development plans can be approved and any ground, or seafloor, can be broken to start construction. Those with passionate opinions about the implementation of wind energy will still have a long time to have their voices heard.

To that end OCMF is hosting a series of town hall style meetings on the South Coast, with the goal of providing important information to local residents and hearing their feedback and opinions on the project. The listed meetings are as follows if you wish to attend:

Brookings: June 3, 2024, from 5:30-

8:30 P.M. @ Brookings-Harbor High School

Coos Bay: June 4, 2024, from 5:30–8:30 P.M. @ Sunset Middle School

Florence: June 6, 2024, from 5:30-8:30 P.M. @ Siuslaw Middle School

Newport: June 7, 2024, from 5:30-8:30 P.M. @ Newport High School

Those who wish to provide comments but are unable to attend any of the meetings can still do so. There is a 45-day window to submit. You can find more information and a way to submit written feedback here: <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/ocmf/pages/offshore-wind-energy-leasing.aspx>

Mussel closure extended to include entire North Coast

The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announce a new shellfish closure.

The mussel closure has been extended from the central coast to include the entire north coast. Illnesses consistent with paralytic shellfish poisoning have been reported from mussels harvested from the north coast. Mussel harvesting is now closed from the Washington border to Seal Rock State Park.

Mussel harvesting remains open from Seal Rock State Park to the California border.

Razor clam harvesting is open from the Washington border to Cape Blanco. Razor clam harvesting is closed from

Cape Blanco to the California border.

Crab and bay clam harvesting are open along the entire Oregon coast. Oregon Department of Agriculture will continue to test for shellfish toxins twice per month, as tides and weather permit.

Reopening an area closed for biotoxins requires two consecutive tests with results below the closure limit. Contact Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for recreational license requirements, permits, rules and limits.

For more information call Oregon Department of Agriculture’s (ODA) shellfish biotoxin safety hotline at (800) 448-2474, the Food Safety Division at (503) 986-4720, or visit the ODA recreational shellfish biotoxin closures webpage.

Researchers closing in on genetic treatments for hereditary lung disease, vision loss

By STEVE LUNDEBERG
Guest Article

Researchers who work with tiny drug carriers known as lipid nanoparticles have developed a new type of material capable of reaching the lungs and the eyes, an important step toward genetic therapy for hereditary conditions like cystic fibrosis and inherited vision loss.

Unlike other types of lipid nanoparticles that tend to accumulate in the liver, the ones in this study, based on the compound thiophene, are able to navigate their way to the tissues of the lungs and retina, where they deliver their therapeutic payload. The researchers refer to these new lipids as Thio-lipids.

The collaboration demonstrated, by using animal models, the possibility of using Thio-lipids in lipid nanoparticles to deliver messenger RNA, the technology underpinning COVID-19 vaccines, to combat genetic blindness and pulmonary disease.

“These nanoparticles filled with fatty lipids can encapsulate genetic medicines like mRNA and CRISPR-Cas9 gene editors, which can be used to treat and even cure rare genetic diseases,” said Eygeris, a senior research associate at OSU. “Chem-

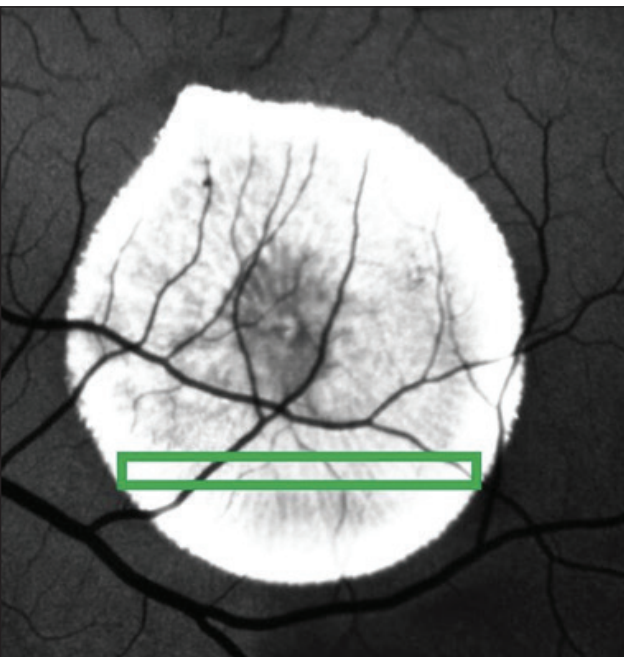
ical structures of the lipids determine how potent are the lipid nanoparticles and which organ they can reach from the bloodstream.”

Lipids are organic compounds containing fatty tails and are found in many natural oils and waxes, and nanoparticles are tiny pieces of material ranging in size from one- to 100-billionths of a meter. Messenger RNA delivers instructions to cells for making a particular protein.

With the coronavirus vaccines, the mRNA carried by the lipid nanoparticles instructs cells to make a harmless piece of the virus’ spike protein, which triggers an immune response from the body.

As a therapy for vision impairment resulting from inherited retinal degeneration, the mRNA would instruct cells in the retina – which don’t work right because of a genetic mutation – to manufacture the proteins needed for sight. Inherited retinal degeneration, commonly abbreviated to IRD, encompasses a group of disorders of varying severity and prevalence that affect one out of every few thousand people worldwide.

An example of a genetic pulmonary condition is cystic fibrosis, a progressive disorder that results in persistent lung infection and



Researchers said the research is an important step toward genetic therapy for hereditary conditions like cystic fibrosis and inherited vision loss.

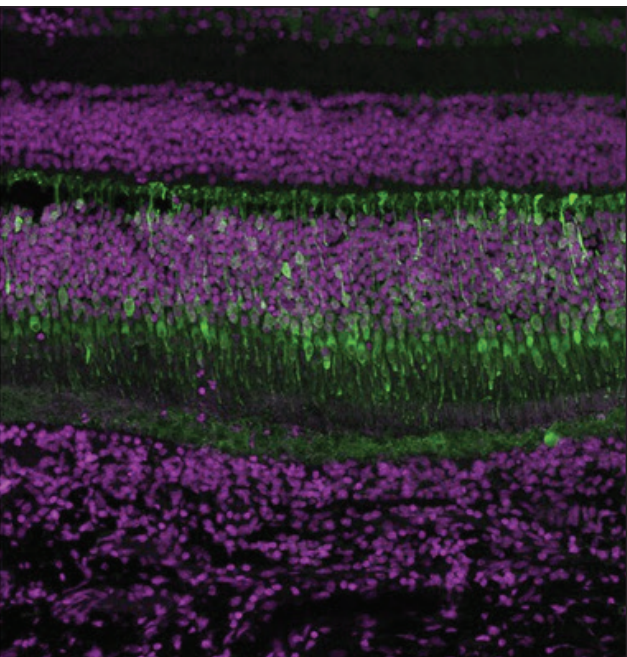


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affects 30,000 people in the U.S., with about 1,000 new cases identified every year.

One faulty gene – the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator, or CFTR – causes the disease, which is characterized by lung dehydration and mucus buildup that blocks the airway.

The thiophene-based lipid nanoparticle study, which involved mice and non-human primates, stems from a \$3.2 million grant to Sahay and Ryals from the National Eye Institute. The grant’s purpose is addressing limitations associated with the current

primary means of delivery for gene editing: a type of virus known as adeno-associated virus, or AAV.

“AAV has limited packaging capacity compared to lipid nanoparticles and it can prompt an immune system response,” said Sahay, a professor of pharmaceutical sciences. “It also doesn’t do fantastically well in continuing to express the enzymes the editing tool uses as molecular scissors to make cuts in the DNA to be edited.”

Sahay calls the Thio-lipid findings “highly encouraging” but says more studies are needed,

including research on the lipids’ long-term impact on retinal health.

“But we think our results serve as a proof of concept and we will continue to explore Thio-lipids in potential treatments of pulmonary and retinal genetic diseases,” he said.

Other OSU College of Pharmacy researchers contributing to the study were Mohit Gupta, Jeonghwan Kim, Antony Jozic, Milan Gautam, Jonas Renner, Dylan Nelson and Elissa Bloom.

In addition to the National Eye Institute, funding and research sup-

port were provided by the Oregon National Primate Research Center and the Casey Eye Institute.

The study led by Gaurav Sahay and Yulia Eygeris of the Oregon State University College of Pharmacy and Renee Ryals of Oregon Health & Science University is published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

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Police Blotter

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

Monday 5/20:

- North Bend**
- 8:32 am, theft of mail, 1900 block of 14th Street.
 - 4:17 pm, criminal trespass, 3600 block of Tremont Avenue.
 - 9:19 pm, criminal trespass, 900 Commercial Avenue.
- Coos Bay**
- 10:41 am, theft, 900 block of West Ingersoll Avenue.
 - 11:38 am, theft, 1100 block of Newmark Avenue.
 - 11:44 am, criminal trespass, 900 block of South 7th Street.
 - 1:11 pm, theft of mail, 200 block of North Baxter Street.
 - 1:26 pm, fraud, 700 block of Hemlock Avenue.
 - 4:36 pm, forgery, 1100 block of South 5th Street.

- Coquille**
- 9:41 am, 46 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on felony elude, disorderly conduct II, escape III, 800 block of North Central Boulevard.
 - 11:59 am, criminal trespass, 40 block of South Cedar Street.
 - 2:05 pm, criminal trespass, 400 block of North Central Boulevard.
 - 2:40 pm, criminal mischief, 200 block of North Baxter Street.
 - 5:59 pm, disorderly conduct, 200 block of North Baxter Street.
- Tuesday 5/21:**
- North Bend**
- 8:56 am, criminal mischief, 2700 block of Sherman Avenue.
 - 10:55 am, theft, 2000 block of Everett Avenue.
 - 11:01 am, criminal trespass, 1700 block of Sherman Avenue.
 - 12:43 pm, fraud, 2000 block of Lincoln Street.
- Coos Bay**
- 7:51 am, criminal trespass, 400 block of Fulton Avenue.
 - 8:03 am, criminal trespass, 900 block of

- South 2nd Street.
- 8:30 am, disorderly conduct, area of Sunset Memorial.
 - 10:00 am, harassment, area of 11th & Golden.
 - 10:10 am, criminal trespass, 500 block of North Wall Street.
 - 11:27 am, disorderly conduct, 1000 block of Newmark Avenue.
 - 11:43 am, criminal trespass, 100 block of North Morrison Avenue.
 - 12:03 pm, fraud, 1000 block of South 1st Street.
 - 12:24 pm, fraud, 100 block of South 2nd Street.
 - 12:25 pm, assault, 200 block of South Cammann Street.
 - 1:26 pm, 54 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, area of Morrison.
 - 1:35 pm, indecent exposure, 100 block of North Wall Street.
 - 2:33 pm, 26 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on unauthorized use of motor vehicle, unauthorized entry of motor vehicle, 4 counts felon in possession of restricted weapon, 2 counts felon in possession

- of burglary tools or theft device, burglary I, criminal mischief II, theft II, failure to appear on hit & run, area of Flanagan & Newport.
- 2:45 pm, criminal trespass, 1000 block of South 1st Street.
 - 2:52 pm, disorderly conduct, area of Ocean Boulevard & Umpqua Dairy.
 - 3:19 pm, criminal mischief, 800 block of South 4th Street.
 - 3:25 pm, criminal trespass, 200 block of LaClair Street.
 - 4:57 pm, criminal mischief, 500 block of South Empire Boulevard.
 - 5:39 pm, criminal trespass, 900 block of South 2nd Street.
 - 6:37 pm, criminal trespass, area of Newmark & Wasson.
 - 7:10 pm, 41 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on theft III, Theft II, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
 - 9:57 pm, criminal trespass, 900 block of South Broadway Street.
 - 11:36 pm, criminal trespass, 900 block of South Broadway Street.
 - 11:38 pm, threats, 600 block of E Street.

- Coquille**
- 8:40 am, disorderly conduct, area of 3rd & Baxter.
 - 3:45 pm, fraud, area of Coquille Police.
- Reedsport**
- 9:18 am, theft, area of Ace Hardware.
 - 6:04 pm, harassment, area of 76 Gas Station.
 - 6:45 pm, disorderly conduct, area of Lower Umpqua Hospital.
- Wednesday 5/22:**
- North Bend**
- 6:19 am, am, criminal mischief, 1900 block of Meade Avenue.
 - 8:05 am, 54 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on violation no contact release agreement, area of Ferry Road.
 - 10:04 am, stalking, area of Coast Guard Station.
 - 10:06 am, criminal trespass, 3600 block of Vista Drive.
 - 10:53 am, domestic assault, 3200 block of Tremont Avenue.
 - 11:04 am, threats, 2000 block of Virginia Avenue.
 - 4:48 pm, ID theft, 800

- block of Vermont Avenue.
- Coos Bay**
- 10:34 am, criminal trespass, 100 block of South 7th Street.
 - 12:35 pm, fraud, 1400 block of Cedar Avenue.
 - 12:43 pm, phone harassment, 700 block of South 7th Street.
 - 1:49 pm, 25 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on theft III, criminal trespass I, robbery III, failure to appear on criminal mischief II & disorderly conduct II, failure to appear on criminal trespass I, theft II, 100 block of South 7th Street.
 - 8:35 pm, 27 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on probation violation, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- Coquille**
- 8:16 am, disorderly conduct, 200 block of North Baxter Street.
 - 1:11 pm, threats, 40 block of South Cedar Street.
 - 2:22 pm, disorderly conduct, 200 block of North Baxter Street.
 - 11:48 pm, criminal trespass, 900 block of East 5th Street.

Crossword Puzzle 6/4

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10
11				12				13			
14				15				16			
17			18				19	20			
		21				22		23			
24	25					26	27				
28				29	30			31	32	33	34
35			36		37			38		39	
			40	41				42	43		
	44	45				46	47				
48					49		50			51	52
53					54	55			56		
57					58				59		
60					61				62		

ACROSS

1 Court divider

4 -- tide

7 Luggage

11 "Much -- About Nothing"

12 Tom, Dick and Harry

13 Pennsylvania port

14 Pay- -- -view

15 Fleming and Somerhalder

16 Swarm structure

17 Silliness

19 Drink after a drink

21 Lay to rest

23 Regular

24 Do a certain dance

26 Fairy tale heavy

28 Pointed tool

29 Sugar shape

31 Disreputable place

35 Blueprint

37 Japanese wrestling sport

39 Actress -- Farrow

40 Sherbets

42 Shoe part

44 Neutral color

46 Give to a church

48 Toiled

50 Enthusiasm

53 Isle of exile

54 Rights org.

56 401(k) alternative

57 Check

58 Tune for two

59 Elec. unit

60 "-- Karenina"

61 Six-pack muscles

62 -- Vegas

9 Granted

10 Prophet

12 Mint brand (2 wds.)

18 Printer's need

20 "On -- Majesty's Secret Service"

22 Healthy

24 Soft food

25 Hooting bird

27 Jewel

30 Application

32 Regal

33 Eau-de- --

34 Corn spike

36 Kurt Cobain's band

38 What's produced

41 Stage signal

43 -- Beta Kappa

44 Actress -- Burstyn

45 Rustic home

47 British --

48 Antitoxins

49 Arp's art

51 Shirley MacLaine role

52 Knocks

55 Baby bear

PUZZLE ANSWERS

S	A	L		S	B	A		V	N	N	V
P	M	A		T	E	U	D	N	I	E	R
A	R	I		U	L	C	A	V	B	L	E
T	I	R	I	P	S		D	A	V	A	S
		E	H	I	T	I		S	C	R	U
		E	R		P		S		I	C	
A	I	A		U	O	M	S		N	A	P
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Crossword Puzzle 6/5

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

ACROSS

1 That woman

4 Guided

7 Package with a bow

11 Smoked salmon

12 Angry

13 "Garfield" beagle

14 Abbr. in business

15 Gigantic

16 Skeletal part

17 Card with 2 pips

19 Crush

21 Fish eggs

22 Unexploded bomb

23 Russian monarch (var.)

24 Chili -- carne

25 Blue bird

28 Track

29 "-- may I help you?"

30 Horse's hair

31 Love god

32 Samovar

33 Portent

34 Spanish title

35 "Parks -- Recreation"

36 Yarn ball

37 Finale

38 Word in place names

39 Eye makeup

43 Satellite's path

46 Colorful stone

47 Birthright seller

49 Poem

50 Designer -- Wang

51 Skillful

52 Born (Fr.)

53 Go offstage

54 Perched

55 Beavers' creation

7 Pepo

8 Run in neutral

9 Fish features

10 Brewed beverages

12 Transparent

18 Embers

20 Play on words

23 Arum family plant

24 Cable

25 Famed agent (2 wds.)

26 Again

27 Strong desire

28 Blushing

29 Scores

30 Back tooth

35 Santa -- winds

36 Influence

37 Brilliance

39 Change location

40 Top

41 Wraparound garment

42 On water

44 Brainwave

45 Be abundant

48 Rearward

PUZZLE ANSWERS

M	A	D		I	A	S		T	I	X	E
E	E	N		T	F	D		E	A	R	E
E	D	O		U	A	S		E	L	A	P
T	I	B	R	O		A		V	C	S	A
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		E	W		L	C		D	N	O	D
N	E	M	O		N	U		S	O	R	E
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A		J	A		N	O		C	R	A	S
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S	S	E	S		R	P		O	P	C	E
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Sudoku Puzzle 6/3

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

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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

Sudoku Puzzle 6/4

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

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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

Sudoku Puzzle 6/5

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

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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

Merkley announces June town halls

Washington, D.C. – Oregon’s U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley announced today he will be holding six in-person town halls for Oregon communities in June: Coos and Curry counties on Friday, June 7; Klamath and Lake counties on Saturday, June 8; and Crook and Wheeler counties on Sunday, June 9. The events continue Merkley’s 2024 town hall tour of Oregon, where he is holding a community conversation for each of the state’s 36 counties.

“I hold a town hall for every Oregon county every year because there is

simply no substitute to hearing directly from folks about the ideas and priorities that matter most to them and their communities. Oregonians’ thoughts help shape my work in Congress, including positions on policies, ideas for bills, and strategies for securing resources for every corner of our state,” Merkley said.

“Over the course of the more than 560 town halls I’ve held since Oregonians sent me to the Senate, I’ve seen how these events provide respectful, safe spaces for people to

express their unique points of view during these often-divisive times. We all benefit significantly when we leave our comfort zone and open ourselves up to new ways of looking at issues—me included.

“I am thrilled to be hitting the road again to meet with Oregonians from all walks of life in their communities.”

Since taking office in 2009, Senator Merkley has kept his promise to hold an open town hall for each of Oregon’s 36 counties every year. His upcoming town hall conversations are as follows, with

additional details to be sent to local media ahead of each event:

Friday, June 7:

Coos County Town Hall
Time: 12:30 p.m. PT
Location: North Bend Community Center – Auditorium
2222 Broadway Ave, North Bend, OR 97459

Curry County Town Hall
Time: 4:30 p.m. PT
Location: Curry Public Library – Meeting Hall

94341 3rd St, Gold Beach, OR 97444

Saturday, June 8:

Klamath County Town Hall
Time: 12 p.m. PT
Location: Oregon Institute of Technology, College Union Building (Upper Level) – Crater Lake Complex
3201 Campus Dr, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Lake County Town Hall
Time: 4 p.m. PT
Location: Lakeview High School – Cafeteria

906 S 3rd St, Lakeview, OR 97630

Sunday, June 9:

Crook County Town Hall
Time: 12 p.m. PT
Location: Crook County Middle School – Library
100 NE Knowledge St, Prineville, OR 97754

Wheeler County Town Hall
Time: 3 p.m. PT
Location: Mitchell School – Cafeteria
340 SE High St, Mitchell, OR 97750

Vitamin discovered in rivers may offer hope for salmon

By STEVE LUNDEBERG
Guest Article

Oregon State University researchers have discovered vitamin B1 produced by microbes in rivers, findings that may offer hope for vitamin-deficient salmon populations.

The authors say the study in California’s Central Valley represents a novel piece of an important physiological puzzle involving Chinook salmon, a keystone species that holds significant cultural, ecological and economic importance in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

Christopher Suffridge, senior research associate in the Department of Microbiology in the OSU College of Science, and doctoral student Kelly Shannon examined concentrations of thiamine and the microbial communities in rivers of the Sacramento River watershed. Thiamine is the compound commonly referred to as vitamin B1 and is critical to cellular function in all living organisms.

“This study is the first-ever report of thiamine compounds in salmon spawning rivers and the associated gravels where salmon spawn,” Suffridge said. “This source of thiamine has potential implications for

reducing health impacts on naturally spawning salmon that are suffering from thiamine deficiency complex.”

TDC, an emerging threat to the stability of West Coast salmon populations, has affected salmon and trout in lake systems in northeastern North America and Atlantic salmon in the Baltic Sea.

Chinook salmon in the Central Valley have recently been diagnosed with TDC, the researchers note. Afflicted female salmon that return to rivers and streams to spawn can pass the deficiency on to their hatchlings, which have problems swimming and experience high mortality rates.

“In California, most hatchery-spawning Chinook salmon are treated with thiamine to prevent TDC,” Suffridge said. “However, it was previously unknown if there was a source of thiamine in the environment that could potentially rescue naturally spawning salmon afflicted with TDC. We have now identified microbially produced thiamine in natural salmon spawning habitats.”

“It’s a complicated issue,” Shannon added. “The broader context

is that Central Valley Chinook salmon, as well as some populations of salmon in other places, are becoming thiamine deficient because of shifts in their diet in their feeding grounds.”

Historically, Shannon said, Central Valley Chinook salmon ate a diverse, healthy diet consisting of many different species of prey fish. But in recent years, shifts in the ocean ecosystem have caused northern anchovy populations to explode, meaning they’ve become the primary dietary component for salmon. This change in diet is the likely cause of TDC, he said.

“Northern anchovies are high in an enzyme called thiaminase that degrades thiamine,” Shannon said. “So by the time many California Central Valley Chinook salmon are ready to spawn they have been feeding on so many anchovies that they have become deficient in thiamine from the activity of the thiaminase enzyme in anchovies.”

The results of the new study implicate river sediments as likely sources of microbial thiamine, which could supplement early life stages of Chinook salmon that experience TDC,



Photo courtesy from OSU

This study is the first-ever report of thiamine compounds in salmon spawning rivers and the associated gravels where salmon spawn, according to researchers.

he said. Future studies will examine to what degree environmental thiamine acquisition by adult Chinook salmon, their incubating eggs and hatched fry could alleviate the negative health outcomes caused by TDC.

“It was unknown if the vitamin could even be measured in rivers in the first place, and the thiamine concentrations we measured were much lower – more than a million times lower – than a hatchery thiamine bath,” Shannon added. “The data have implications for salmon health but are not concrete enough to

say anything definitive. More research is needed to determine what role the environmental thiamine might play, but obviously learning that it’s there is an important first step.”

The collaboration included Rick Colwell, a professor in the OSU College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, and Hailey Matthews, who graduated from the Oregon State Honors College in June 2023.

Also taking part in the study were scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the University of California,

Davis, Bronx Community College and the California Department of Water Resources.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife was the primary funder of this research. Additional support was provided by the National Science Foundation.

The findings are published in Applied and Environmental Microbiology.

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A rise in sea urchins and related damage to kelp forests impacts Oregon’s gray whales and their food

By MICHELLE KLAMPE
Guest Article

A recent boom in the purple sea urchin population off the southern Oregon Coast appears to have had an indirect and negative impact on the gray whales that usually forage in the region, a new study shows.

When urchin numbers rise, the spiky marine invertebrates can devour kelp forests that are a critical habitat for zooplankton, the tiny aquatic organisms that are the primary prey of many marine animals. Damaged kelp forests lead to reductions in zooplankton, and with fewer zooplankton to feed on, gray whales spend less time foraging there, researchers with Oregon State University’s Marine Mammal Institute found.

“This study shows the cascading impacts of a change in the coastal ocean ecosystem in a

way that has not been documented before,” said the study’s lead author, Lisa Hildebrand, a doctoral candidate in the Marine Mammal Institute’s Geospatial Ecology of Marine Megafauna Laboratory. “These impacts extend indirectly to a top predator, the gray whale, and it affects them in a negative way.”

The study was recently published in Nature Scientific Reports. Co-authors are Associate Professor Leigh Torres, who leads the GEMM Lab at Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, and researchers Solène Derville and Ines Hildebrand of Torres’ lab.

Sea urchin populations began to explode off the coast of Oregon following the Sea Star Wasting Syndrome pandemic that began in 2013. The pandemic led to an estimated 90% decline in sunflower sea stars, which are now listed as critically

endangered.

Historically off the coast of Oregon, sunflower sea stars have been one of two natural predators of sea urchin. The other is the sea otter, which was wiped out of Oregon waters by fur trappers more than 100 years ago.

“In ecology, we think about the important role of redundancy in an ecosystem,” Torres said. “This is a good example of an ecosystem that lacks redundancy due to the loss of sea otters. The system could not sustain itself without both the otters and the sea stars.”

Sea urchins are naturally occurring in kelp forests, but the decline in sunflower sea stars meant there was no predator to keep the population in check. The researchers began to see the effects of that change in the ecosystem during their annual gray whale monitoring research in Port Orford.

Torres and her team have been monitoring gray whales and their environment in that region since 2015 as part of a 10-year study of the foraging ecology of gray whales in the Pacific Coast Feeding Group. This small subset of whales frequents near-shore waters along the Oregon and Pacific Northwest coast rather than traveling to the Arctic to forage each summer.

The research team, which includes local high school students and college undergraduates, spends six weeks each summer at OSU’s Port Orford Field Station. The location is ideal because there’s a large, protected cove that allows researchers to monitor whales easily from shore and also gives them access to the water, where they can collect zooplankton samples by kayak and use GoPro cameras to monitor

underwater conditions.

“The overall goal of the research is to better understand what gray whales are feeding on near shore,” Lisa Hildebrand said. “We first started to see these dramatic images of sea urchins feeding on the kelp in 2018 and even more in 2019.”

The sea urchin-kelp dynamic has been well-studied, but this is the first study that looks beyond that relationship to the impacts on zooplankton that inhabit the kelp forest and their predators – the gray whales.

The researchers found that as the kelp was damaged or destroyed, fewer zooplankton, and in particular the tiny mysid shrimp that make up a big portion of the gray whale’s diet, remained in the near-shore waters. With fewer zooplankton in the area, the gray whales spent less time foraging there.

“In 2020 and 2021, we saw fewer whales and the whales we saw spent less time in that area,” Torres noted. “We also noted declines in gray whales’ body condition during these years while conducting other field studies off the coast of Newport.”

The researchers can’t say how exactly the decline in kelp leads to a decline in zooplankton, but they suspect the zooplankton may be using the kelp as a type

of shelter, and it may be that zooplankton are retained within kelp beds because tides and currents are weaker inside these areas than outside, Hildebrand said.

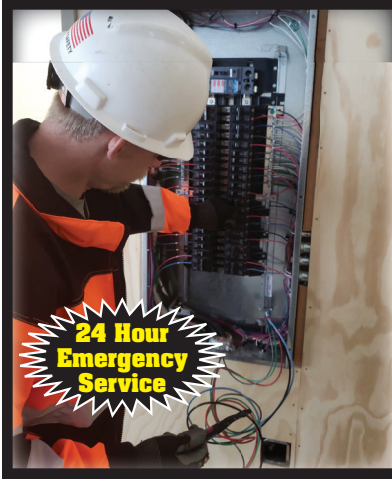
The study highlights the ripple effects of ocean warming due to climate change, the researchers noted.

“Marine heatwaves and warmer ocean waters likely worsened the Sea Star Wasting Syndrome pandemic and young kelp tends to grow better in colder water. As a result, there was less drift kelp available for urchins to feed on in the nearshore system,” Lisa Hildebrand said.

In 2023, the researchers noted that the region showed signs of recovery, with fewer urchins and more kelp, zooplankton and whales. These recent observations may be signs of the ecosystem returning to conditions favorable for kelp growth.

“We think and we hope this system is recovering and we’ll continue to monitor it through our research,” Torres said. “Oregonians love having gray whales feeding along our coast and they need a healthy habitat to ensure that continues.”

The Marine Mammal Institute is part of Oregon State’s College of Agricultural Sciences and is based at Hatfield Marine Science Center. The study was funded in part by Oregon Sea Grant.



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