

Bay Area Hospital leadership holds open house for citizens concerned with aquisition

By NATE SCHWARTZ
Editor

We are now 5 months into the 6-month deliberation period granted by Bay Area Hospital's (BAH) letter of intent to be acquired by Quorum Health, a private equity firm with a portfolio of similar rural hospitals. BAH, as with many hospitals like it, has been in a challenging position since covid, hemorrhaging money due mostly to a large reduction in insurance reimbursement. Having recently defaulted with BMO Bank, BAH's elected hospital board has spent the last two years exploring its options to keep the hospital open and out of the bank's hands.

To help address questions from community members, board members and hospital



Photo by Nate Schwartz
(At table, L) BAH CEO Brian Moore and (R) Board President Troy Cribbins answer questions from a contingent of concerned locals.

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President's Day protest at Coos Bay Boardwalk

By NATE SCHWARTZ
Editor

On a grey President's Day, Monday February 17th, dozens of sign-toting protesters took to the Coos Bay Boardwalk to protest the current administration. Despite typical February weather for Oregon, upwards of 235 people gathered to voice their displeasure and receive supportive honks, and the occasional derision, from passing cars along the 101.

A table with hot drinks and poster making supplies was provided by Coos County Democrats, though the event was independently organized through social media in conjunction with a multitude of protests happening nationwide over a slew of grievances with the current Trump administration, and the seemingly unchecked access that Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency has been given over private citizens' information, and his apparent ability to lay-off thousands of federal employees.

"I think this has been probably the biggest [protest] since we did the original women's march," said Ronni Jennings, a Coos Bay resident and organizer of that original Women's March

back in 2017. "People are not wanting Felon 47 in or Muskrat, so they're happy to be here... They're your neighbors. They're your friends and people in the community, and they're sick of all this stuff that's going on."

All that 'stuff' ran a gamut as diverse as the various signs on show, with many voicing a general opposition, but just as many showing concern over specific issues. Some were upset with Trump's stated plans for the United States to seize Gaza and use it for real estate development. Others were furious at Elon Musk's accessing of private financial information. A large contingent of federal employees were on hand to protest the mass layoffs and demonstrate their importance to the community.

One such employee was concerned about their fellow workers at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and beyond as a National Federation of Federal Employees union member, though they were clear they were present as a private citizen not a representative of those organizations.

"In 2024, the local BLM gave Coos County \$2.6 million from our timber program. As employees, we are looking at



Over 200 protesters lined 101, including a contingent of federal employees who fear they may be next in the mass federal lay-offs.

Photos by Nate Schwartz

getting illegally fired. We are very concerned because we've heard other agencies losing their employees this last week... We are part of this community. We contribute; we are employees that pay taxes.

"We are public land, part of the timber program that gives its timber receipts to the County for them to spend on what they see fit. If we get illegally fired, it's not going to be \$2.6 million

anymore... This is huge. We are very concerned about what the future lies for us. I'm sure we're on the list... Federal employees are being looked at like we're the problem, is contributing millions to the county a problem?"

Around 25% of Coos County is federal land managed by BLM (with over 50% of Oregon the same) who, in addition to timber sales, conduct firefighting and general conservation efforts.

Should the department see cuts to funding and employment, it could have huge consequences on the area, especially following a record fire season in 2024. This is in addition to thousands of rangers and park employees fired last week from the Parks Department. Conservationists throughout the country are concerned with what the future may hold for our forests and federally designated nature areas.



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Guest Columns



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They say getting there is half the fun. That wasn’t the case for one man 175 years ago. In fact, his trip was anything but pleasant. However, the sweet reward he received at the end of his incredible journey more than made up for the hardship.

From the moment the first slaves arrived in the Virginia Colony in 1619, those in bondage began looking for a way out. For the next 230 years, they devised many ways to escape their enslavement.

The simplest, most direct of all was simply to run away, of course. They fled by foot, often at night and heading north, sometimes via hills and mountains whenever possible.

That entailed the very real risk of capture and punishment.

Some used rivers and streams. Swamps provided another route because it was harder to track runaways in the murky water. (Though the danger from alligators and other threats was just as great to those in flight as it was for those trying to stop them.) A few daring souls in coastal communities set out to sea on makeshift

HOLY COW! HISTORY: Box Brown’s Strange Trip to Freedom

vessels they assembled from whatever materials they could find.

In time, a secret, informal network of safehouses and volunteers seeking to assist fleeing slaves was cobbled together. By 1840, it began being called the Underground Railroad. Its ranks grew considerably after Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850.

But Henry Brown tried a very different approach.

Born into slavery in Virginia, Brown eventually married and had two children. He was rented to work in a tobacco factory in Richmond. When his pregnant wife and children were sold to another owner in another state, Henry decided it was time to make his move.

He enlisted the help of two men, one a free African-American and the other White. Together, and planning in coordination with an abolitionist group in Philadelphia, they devised an audaciously simple scheme.

It was set into motion one day in late March 1849. Henry intentionally poured sulfuric acid on his right hand, burning it to the bone. Though terribly painful, it provided a pretense for missing work.

Next, Henry crawled into a 3-by-2.67-by-2 feet wooden box labeled “Dry Goods.” Then, the lid was nailed shut behind him. The interior was covered with a coarse woolen fabric. Henry had only a handful of biscuits and the least amount of water he could get by with. A single tiny hole provided the only fresh air. The box was secured with leather straps.

A deeply religious man, Henry no doubt prayed as the box was dropped off at the office of Adam’s Express, the

FedEx or UPS of its day. (The postal service only carried letters at the time; it didn’t begin delivering parcels until 1913). The company was chosen because of its reputation for efficient delivery and complete confidentiality.

The box departed Richmond on March 29 with Henry hidden inside. Delivery was made first by wagon, then railroad, followed by steamboat, a ferry, and railroad again, with a final wagon trip to Philly’s Adams Express office. The people who handled packages then apparently paid as close attention to them as they do today, for although the box was clearly marked “handle with care” and “this side up,” it was manhandled and placed upside down several times.

Henry didn’t dare make a sound. Discovery would carry swift and serious consequences. He knew the risk was worth it. “If you have never been deprived of your liberty, as I was,” he later wrote in his autobiography, “you cannot believe the power of that hope of freedom.”

The drive from Richmond to Philadelphia today usually takes about four hours (providing I-95’s fickle traffic cooperates). Henry’s trip took 27 hours, which was considered rapid at that time.

A group of local abolitionists was waiting at the shipping office. A crowbar pried off the lid, Henry sprang to his feet and said, “How do you do, gentlemen,” followed by singing a version of Psalm 40.

The only thing more incredible than the fact that the plan worked was there had been no difficulties. Henry’s wounded hand (and two very cramped knees) were the only injuries.

From that moment on, the newly freed



J. Mark Powell

man had a nickname: Henry “Box” Brown.

His journey received widespread news coverage. That displeased abolitionists because the leaked details of the operation prevented it from being used again.

And so, to the best of history’s knowledge, “Box” Brown was the only person who was ever shipped out of slavery.

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Opinion: Do not fly other country flags in the U.S.A.

By COURT BOICE
Oregon State Representative

I wish to address a matter that strikes at the very foundation of our Republic. America is more than just a place – it is a set of ideas and values passed down from generation to generation.

When we see foreign flags raised in place of Old Glory, we must ask ourselves: What message do we send to the Gold Star Mothers who received a carefully folded American flag in exchange for their child’s sacrifice? What do we tell our veterans who bled beneath those stars and stripes in faraway lands?

The brave men and women of our armed forces do not deploy under hyphenated banners. They serve beneath one flag, representing one nation – indivisible! When our service mem-

bers make the ultimate sacrifice, we do not drape their caskets in the flags of their ancestors’ homelands – they return home beneath our beautiful Stars and Stripes.

A national flag is no mere symbol like any other. It is, by its very nature, a declaration of political allegiance – a symbol of sovereignty, governance - of community and belonging. To fly another nation’s flag in place of our own is not an expression of heritage; it is a declaration of divided loyalty.

We need only look across the Atlantic to see the bitter fruits of failing to fully embrace a singular national identity. The tragedy of Rotherham stands as stark testament to the consequences of allowing parallel societies to flourish, where women and children suffer beneath the shadow of foreign flags and foreign

values. We cannot – we must not – permit such a future here.

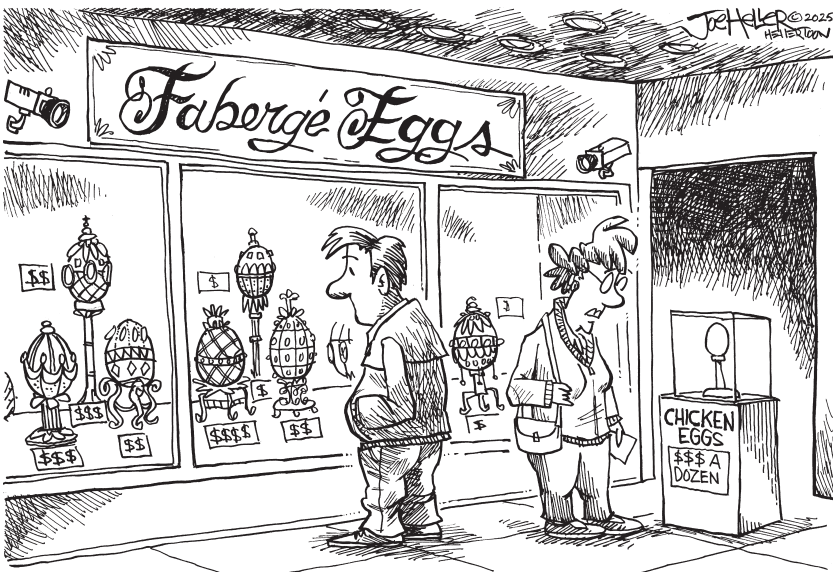
In other nations, you must be of a certain race or religion to truly belong. In other nations, an immigrant and their children can never truly belong. But in America, you can become fully American, and all we ask, and we must ask, is make our Country, your Country – The U.S.A. First!

To those who would call this view intolerant, I say this: We can celebrate our diverse and wonderful heritages while standing united under one flag. This is the genius of the American experiment - that we have forged one people out of many by adherence to the principles of liberty, justice, and equal opportunity under law.

I urge my fellow Oregonians to accept these truths... Thank you...

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Letters to the Editor

BOC Proclamation

I read your coverage of the proposed proclamation on immigration enforcement that failed to gain the approval of the Coos County Commissioners. I spoke against the proclamation at that public meeting and summarize here the remarks I shared there.

I served for 43 years as a mission worker of the Presbyterian Church USA in Latin America. Because I am qualified as a simultaneous interpreter, I have often been able to provide language services to both SWOCC and the Equity Coalition in their engagement with Spanish-speaking neighbors in our community.

I am not a member of any political party.

I opposed the proclamation because I believe it would make all of us accomplices in the imposition of a regime of fear in Coos County, especially among the Spanish-speaking population. We are already seeing that law-abiding, tax-paying members of our community whose mother tongue is Spanish are responding with fear to this and similar proclamations.

Many no longer feel free to work, go to school, participate in a faith community, seek healthcare, feel free to report suspected criminal behavior or, in case of emergency, request the assistance and protection of our local authorities and first responders.

I certainly agree that US immigration policy is in urgent need of bipartisan reform and I would hope that could be addressed creatively, securely, and humanely by Congress, recognizing that in today’s troubled world all nation states have the right to establish secure borders, but also recognizing that seeking asylum is a fundamental human right.

As a follower of Jesus, my beliefs and actions are rooted in the oldest and most basic teachings of the

Judeo-Christian tradition: If you love God, you show that love by caring for the most vulnerable members of your community. In the Old Testament, that meant caring for widows, orphans, and the strangers living in your midst. In the New Testament, Jesus expressed that as loving God with all our heart, mind, and soul; and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

This proclamation promoted fear, not public safety. I’m glad it didn’t pass.

Dennis A. Smith
North Bend

Lies

Thank you, Nate Schwartz, for your January 28th editorial “When...fascism Dawns...” It led me to the following reflections:

“Of, by and for the people” seems to have died with the majority of our current elected and unelected supposed representatives.

The blatant lies, propaganda and alternative reality that are now considered acceptable in politics have reached a critical level.

Most parents, teachers and religious groups consider lies detrimental to moral and ethical behavior. Under our nose there now exists a breach of trust to answer to the people that fall on the executive branch that now openly cater to the affluent few.

The executive branch may as well tear down the statue of Liberty and replace it with a golden calf. Throw out the “tired, the poor and the huddled masses.” Chant a new creed: “of, by and for the rich!”

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Wyden, Merkley demand answers from Trump on BPA cuts, impact on electric grid reliability

Oregon senators: “These cuts are not only reckless but also financially ludicrous.”

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley said today they are demanding Donald Trump answer questions about his administration’s deep job cuts at the Bonneville Power Administration and how those reckless and financially ludicrous decisions add up to undermine the dependability of the electric grid for Oregon and the entire Pacific Northwest.

“The imminent departure of nearly 20% of BPA’s workforce -- including linemen, engineers, and power dispatchers -- poses a direct and immediate threat to the reliability of the electrical grid that serves millions of American families and businesses in the Pacific

Northwest,” Wyden and Merkley wrote in their letter to Trump on Friday. “We do not believe there is an energy emergency, but your actions certainly appear to be creating one through these cuts that actively jeopardize the stability of our energy infrastructure, right now.”

The Oregon senators’ letters noted how BPA plays a critical role in the Pacific Northwest’s power grid, distributing hydropower from 31 federal dams through more than 75 percent of the region’s transmission infrastructure.

“Your administration’s directives to simultaneously buy out workers and freeze hiring has resulted in the resignation of approximately 200 employees, the rescinding of 90 new job offers, and the looming layoff of up to 400 probationary employees,” they wrote. “The weight of this destabilization will bear down on the entire region, most heavily in rural

areas that rely on public utilities purchasing BPA power.

Wyden and Merkley wrote how employees are already warning these actions will make it nearly impossible to strengthen and expand the grid as needed, forcing BPA into “damage control” mode, struggling just to “keep the lights on.”

“These cuts are not only reckless but also financially ludicrous,” Wyden and Merkley wrote. “BPA is an entirely self-funded agency that does not rely on taxpayer dollars, meaning these workforce reductions do absolutely nothing to reduce the federal deficit. If the administration’s goal is truly to ensure reliable, secure, and affordable energy, then why are you actively dismantling the most effective and self-sustaining power system in the country?”

The senators pressed the administration to answer by Feb. 28 its justification for these cuts;



how it will address the operational and safety risks posed by the loss of experienced linemen, engineers, and dispatchers; how it intends to prevent grid failures caused by understaffing; how its actions align with its stated priority of strengthening U.S. energy infrastructure; what it will do to reduce the risks from these job

cuts, especially on rural communities and public utilities; if it will lift the hiring freeze on key BPA positions; and what role the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) played in these job cuts and what qualifications DOGE leadership has in managing complex energy infrastructure.

Public Health Alert: Pet owners warned about raw pet food

By JEREMY C. RUARK
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The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) are warning pet owners about the risks of raw pet food after two cats in Multnomah County tested positive for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).

The owners of the cats, in consultation with their veterinarians, elected to humanely euthanize the pets due to the severity of the illness. ODA confirmed both cats ate the same brand of raw pet food before becoming ill.

In both cases, the veterinarians followed the correct protocol in reporting the illness to ODA, according to a release from the ODA. Agency staff collected samples from the affected cats and opened containers of the raw pet food,

providing additional unopened containers to the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) for additional testing.

Tests conducted by the Oregon Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (ODVL) at Oregon State University and the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of HPAI in both cats and the food samples.

In response to these findings, as well as additional testing performed by WSDA, a public health alert has been issued by WSDA warning consumers about the risk of HPAI in certain lots of raw pet food produced by Wild Coas Raw in Olympia, WA.

Consumers are urged to check the lot numbers on Wild Coast Raw products and not to feed the product to their animals.

Cats, including both

domestic and wild cats, such as tigers, mountain lions, lynx, etc., are particularly sensitive to H5N1 avian influenza, and care should be taken not to expose these animals to the virus,” the ODA said. “Dogs can also contract H5N1, though they appear less susceptible to the virus than cats.”

The two agencies offered the follow tips to help protect your pet from H5N1:

- Do not feed your pet undercooked or raw meat, including uncooked or freeze-dried meat-based diets, treats, or animal products.
- Do not feed your pet raw (unpasteurized) milk or colostrum.
- Prevent pets from eating birds or other wild animals.
- Wash your hands after touching raw meat and



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- interacting with poultry, livestock, or animals outside your household.

 - Consider changing clothing and shoes after interacting with animals or birds with unknown health status and before interacting with your own pets.
 - Contact your veterinarian if your pet appears sick. Tell your veterinarian if your pet has been exposed to raw
- meat, raw milk, or wild waterfowl.

If you suspect your pet has H5N1, ODA and WSDA urge you to immediately contact your veterinarian and tell them about any risk factors. Veterinarians must immediately report any suspected cases of influenza in animals to the Oregon Department of Agriculture at 503-986-4711.
- Public health monitors all people exposed to animals infected with HPAI through 10 days following their last exposure.

There have been no documented human cases of HPAI following exposure to an infected cat.

For more information about the health alert involving Wild Coast Raw pet food, contact the Washington State Department of Agriculture.



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Buskerud twins win events at Western U.S. Kata Championships

By JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

North Bend twins Haley and Brynn Buskerud added to their collection of big accomplishments in judo tournaments during a recent event in San Francisco.

The Buskeruds, who train at Shipyard Judo, competed in the United States Judo Federation's Western U.S. Kata Championships on Feb. 8.

It was their first event of the season, and they opted to compete in the Open divisions, rather than the U23 divisions, which are more in line with their age.

"We wanted to test the water outside of the U23 Division, which they normally compete in at large regional or national tournaments," said Rob Schab, who coaches the twins. "They had an awesome day with precision performances, decisively earning gold medals in both katas they performed."

The Buskeruds took first place in the Nage no Kata (forms of throwing) and Ju no Kata (forms of gentleness) competitions.

Through Schab, the twins

offered a joint statement about the event.

"It's always exciting going to tournaments and seeing the turnout of competitors," the twins said. "This time there was a group of younger athletes, which was encouraging to see, and we are hopeful that the kata competition community is growing."

The season for the twins continues with regional tournaments in Oregon and Washington and with the USA Judo Nationals in May in Birmingham, Ala. The USA Judo Nationals is the qualifying event for the 2025 PanAm Championships, which will be held in the United States, and the 2025 International Judo Federation World Championships in Sarajevo.

Brynn and Haley are the top-ranked U23 judo kata team in the United States and are students at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

For more information about judo on the South Coast, contact Shipyard Judo at www.Shipyardjudo.com.



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Brynn and Haley Buskerud, center, pose for photos with fellow competitors after winning their events in the Western U.S. Kata Championships in San Francisco.

Marshfield girls join boys as league hoops champions

By JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

Marshfield's girls basketball team has joined the Pirates' boys squad as Sky-Em League champions.

The result of the twin titles is a pair of home playoff games during the upcoming 3A state basketball tournament co-hosted by the Pirates and North Bend. Wins in those two games would put the Marshfield squads in the state tournament at Forest Grove High School.

Marshfield's girls beat host Cottage Grove 60-39 last Tuesday for their ninth straight league victory and improved to 10-1. That assured their spot

as league champions. Marist Catholic had a chance to pull even with the Pirates in the win-loss column in their regular-season finale Friday night in Eugene (the result was not available by the print deadline), but Marshfield won the first two meetings with the Spartans, ensuring the Pirates the top spot.

Marshfield's boys already had clinched the title, but improved to 11-0 in league play by winning at Cottage Grove 60-49 last week.

The win improved Marshfield to 20-2 overall, the losses coming early in the season to Crook County by one point in the second game of the season and Redmond in the championship

game of the Les Schwab Holiday Basketball Tournament hosted by the Pirates.

Marshfield is ranked first in the OSAA power rankings and third in the most recent 4A coaches poll behind defending champion Baker and Cascade.

The Pirates won't know their playoff opponents until after the 4A play-in round is completed.

The girls will play a late-night game Friday, after the semifinal contests in the 3A tournament. The tip-off is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 7.

For the boys, the playoff contest will come before the tournament's championship session, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 8.

Mazzucchi is athlete of the week

By JOHN GUNTHER
For The World

North Bend's Kaylianna Mazzucchi was named an athlete of the week by the Oregon School Activities Association after winning the title for her weight class at the recent district tournament.

Mazzucchi is undefeated this season, now 22-0, heading into the state tournament Feb. 27-28 at the Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

She won the 155-pound weight class for the 4A/3A/2A/1A District 2 tournament with four easy victories — two by technical fall and then with pins in the

semifinals and championship bouts.

She also won five other regular-season girls tournaments.

Last year, Mazzucchi finished fourth at the state tournament, becoming North Bend's first girl to place at state.

The OSAA athlete of the week program is presented by Toyota.

Other South Coast athletes honored this year include Coquille's Peyton Leep for boys basketball (Jan. 20-26), Marshfield volleyball player Tatum Montiel after the Pirates won the state title (Nov. 11-17) and Brookings-Harbor girls soccer player Sawyer Adams (Oct. 21-27).

Warning issued concerning 'pig butchering' scams

By JEREMY C. RUARK
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Oregon residents should avoid responding to an unexpected text or direct message from a stranger, according to the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR).

The DFR has issued a warning to be wary of such messages because they might be the first step in a relationship investment scam, also known as a romance scam or "pig butchering."

These scams often involve fraudsters contacting targets seemingly at random, using social media or common communication apps, according to the Oregon Department of Business & Consumer Services (DFR).

"The scammer gains the target's trust, often by starting a romantic relationship or a friendship," the DFR states in a release. "The scammer then starts to convince the victim to invest in phony investments, including fraudulent cryptocurrency schemes, before falsely claiming the initial investment grew significantly. The scammer then asks for more money and demands payment of fees or taxes if the victim requests to withdraw the funds."

Even when the victim pays the withdrawal fees, the fraudster does not refund the victim's money, but rather disappears with the funds without any further communication, the DFR states in the release.

According to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), there are several warning signs to be aware of involving these types of scams:

Unexpected contact: Never respond to unsolicited messages from unknown contacts, even about seemingly benign topics,

especially through text message or on encrypted messaging applications like WhatsApp or Telegram.

Refusal to participate in video chats: If someone you have been messaging declines to interact face-to-face, they likely are not the person from the profile photo.

Request for financial information: Don't share any personal financial information with anyone you have never met in person. If a new virtual friend or romantic connection starts making financial inquiries, put the brakes on the relationship.

Invitation to invest in specific financial products: Be wary of any unsolicited investment advice or tips, particularly from someone you have spoken to only online, even if they suggest you trade through your own account. Always question what a source has to gain from sharing tips with you and whether the transaction fits with your financial goals and investment strategy.

Unknown or confusing investment opportunity: Carefully evaluate the product, as well as the person or company requesting your investment. Along with a basic search, try adding words such as "scam" or "fraud" to see what results come up. Consider running recommendations by a third party or an investment professional who has no stake in the investment and use FINRA BrokerCheck to see if the promoter is a registered investment professional.

Unfamiliar trading platforms: Do extensive research before moving any money, particularly in an emerging market such as cryptocurrency, which has hundreds of exchanges and new avenues for trading that continue to evolve. Who controls the



Courtesy image

In 2023, investment fraud caused the highest losses of any scam reported by the public to the FBI's Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3), totaling \$4.57 billion, a 38 percent increase from 2022.

platform? What security measures are in place? How can you withdraw funds if needed? If you don't know the answers to those questions, do not put your assets there.

Exaggerated claims and elevated emotions: Take a closer look at any investment that offers much higher than average returns or is touted as "guaranteed." Fraudsters will also often use their knowledge about you to appeal to your emotions -- for example, "Don't you want to have money to send your kids to college?"

Sense of urgency about an upcoming news announcement or share price increase: Remember that insider trading is illegal. You should never trade in shares of a company on the basis of material, nonpublic information.

"Romance and crypto scams continue to be the source of significant losses for consumers," DFR administrator TK Keen said. "Consumers who receive contacts out of the blue through messaging apps on their phone or other means should be especially suspicious of those trying to entice them into cryptocurrency or any other investments."

Several states and federal authorities have issued warnings about this type of fraud.

By the numbers

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investment scams, increased from \$2.57 million in 2022 to \$3.96 billion in 2023, a 53 percent rise.

Resources

DFR accepts consumer complaints relating to investment fraud and will forward other scam complaints to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. Consumers should also report scams to the FBI's IC3 at <https://www.ic3.gov/>. Learn more about relationship investment scams and how to outsmart scammers by visiting DFR's website.

Anyone who thinks they may have been a victim of a relationship investment scam can fill out our online complaint form or contact DFR's consumer advocates at 1-888-877-4894 (toll-free) or email dfr.financialserviceshelp@dcbs.oregon.gov.

BAH Concerns

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leadership held an open house with five tables, each taking on a different area of concern. Table 1 was a catch-all for general questions. Tables 2 and 3 covered employment concerns and hospital services and their quality, respectively. Table 4 was titled ‘Who is Quorum?’ for those wanting more information about the private equity backed service provider, who owns 12 rural hospitals across the country, one of which is McKenzie-Willamette in neighboring Springfield.

Despite the intention for groups to cycle through tables every 20 minutes or so, most of the action happened around Table 5, where BAH CEO Brian Moore and Board of Directors Chairperson Troy Cribbins were heading their section titled ‘Decision Making’. Aimed at addressing the questions of how we got into this situation in the first place, the executives answered questions (some friendlier than others) for the better part of two hours.

Some citizens asked about the for-profit nature of a firm like Quorum, with many worried about the hospital being stripped for parts or losing services. Moore made it clear that the structure of the deal will prevent that from being the case, at least over the next decade. The negotiations are not public, but they have shared that a part of the agreement includes retention of core services for at least 10 years, with only a board made up of staff physicians and local community members being able to amend that.

“I don’t see them being predatory,” said Cribbins when asked about the oft-seen worst impulses of private equity potentially rearing their ugly head.

“We’ve tried to structure the deal in a way that keeps the worst of private equity out,” said Moore.

Many citizens were concerned with what other options were available, and what the Plan B would be should the deal fall through. Cribbins dismissed other options as temporary fixes, or not large enough to allow for BAH to

expand services down the line.

Legislative options were discussed, with State Senator David Brock Smith working on a multi-million-dollar funding package for the hospital. Meanwhile, the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) are doing the same, though in a separate effort. UFCW Local 555 make up a large percentage of BAH’s employees.

Medicaid would be the only government insurance with a chance to increase its reimbursement rates, as it can be voted on in the state legislature. Medicare, being entirely federal, is more likely to see cuts in the current administration.

One other option is a local consortium including service providers all over the county, though the board sees two major issues with that option: that it would just turn one struggling hospital into a collection of multiple struggling facilities without increasing the consumer base, and that there would be a lengthy process of defining how to organize those separate entities, and BAH simply does not have the time left to do so.

Because the hospital has never taken local property taxes, it would need to dissolve the district and reconstitute it to institute them now. A bond measure or levy is another option, but with multiple tax levies failing convincingly in recent elections, BAH does not have the confidence to leave the hospital’s fate up to a vote of the people, who have been clear about not being able to afford more taxes.

“They talk about the bond measure, and they talk about the local plan, that each one of those things on their own isn’t going to do anything, but all of those things together could do something,” said Tracy Sweely, who has closely followed the situation with skepticism. “To save it from having to partner with such a risky entity as Quorum.”

Much of the frustration stems from a perceived lack of transparency. While the BAH Board may argue that their meetings are noticed and all are always welcome, many feel they didn’t know about the situation until the options were already narrowed down.



(Foreground) Former Coos County DA Paul Frazier asks (L) Board Vice Chairman Thomas McAndrew about the BAH’s Kids’ HOPE Center, a non-profit wing which provides services to victims of child abuse. CEO Brian Moore said the retention of the HOPE center is of upmost priority through the negotiations.



(L-R) Chief Medical Officer Lee Saltzgaber MD, COO Gretchen Nichols, and Board Member at Large Renee Nelson take questions as they pertain to Quorum specifically.

“I wish they would have done this two years ago,” said Judy Moody, another concerned citizen who has followed the issue closely. “Over-and-over we’ve asked them to be more transparent with the public. They finally heard us.”

With a little over a month left in negotiations, many feel that it’s too late for the handbrake to be pulled. If a merger is agreed upon it will still require approval from

the Oregon Health Authority’s (OHA) Healthcare Market Oversight program (HCMO).

“This is not just your standard merger or acquisition. This is a very unique situation,” explained Sweely. “It’s possible that the HCMO program could require a comprehensive review, instead of a preliminary review. A comprehensive review takes months and months and months and requires committees.

“Most transactions require a preliminary review, which just takes 30 days. We feel that there’s such a public concern, that a lot of people are probably going to write in to the public comment section of the HCMO, and that really could shape what happens next.”

The World will continue to follow this developing story as it continues.



(L-R) Interim Chief HR Officer Denton Gruzensky and Board Treasurer Barbara Taylor discuss the merger’s impact on employee retention and benefits. BAH’s board has made it clear that keeping the pension plan solvent through the transaction is a priority.



(L-R) Chief Quality Officer Kelli Dion and Board Secretary Patrice Parrott clarify potential changes (or lack thereof) in services to patients who rely on said services.

Oregon crab fishery faces scrutiny after record whale entanglements

By **LINDA LEE**
Country Media, Inc.

Oregon’s commercial Dungeness crab fishery is under increasing pressure to address whale entanglements after a record-breaking four incidents in 2024, including one as recently as January 6th.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has issued an advisory to crabbers, urging them to be vigilant and avoid setting gear in areas where whales are transiting or foraging; however, conservation groups like Oceana, a leading ocean conservation organization, criticized the advisory as inadequate and the voluntary measures are insufficient and they are calling for stronger, more decisive action.

The ODFW advisory, while acknowledging the high number of entanglements, relies on voluntary compliance from the fishing fleet. It reminds crabbers to use best practices, such as minimizing surface gear, avoiding areas with high whale activity and promptly removing gear from the ocean. The advisory follows a recent incident where a humpback whale was found

entangled in crab gear off the central Oregon coast.

“Advice to remain vigilant and keep tight lines is woefully insufficient,” said Ben Enticknap, Oceana’s campaign director and senior scientist.

He pointed out that whale entanglements in Oregon crab gear have increased since risk reduction measures were first implemented in 2021. Oceana is urging ODFW to implement a conservation plan that includes closing fishing grounds to conventional crab gear when entanglement risk is high.

National Marine Fisheries Service data shows a concerning trend, with at least thirty-four whale entanglements reported off the West Coast in 2024; the highest number in six years. Experts estimate that approximately seventy-five percent of these entanglements result in serious injury or death.

Humpback whales, both threatened and endangered, are particularly vulnerable to entanglement in the vertical lines used in crab fishing. Other species, including gray whales, fin whales and orcas, are also at risk.

The ongoing entanglements place the



Photo courtesy of NOAA Fisheries
Protected Status: Humpback Whales have been on the Endangered Species List since 1973.

Oregon crab fishery in a precarious legal position. Federal law prohibits harming endangered or threatened species without an “Incidental Take Permit.”

While ODFW drafted a conservation plan in 2021, as part of the permit application process, the plan has yet to be finalized. Oceana argues that the current rate of

entanglements violates federal law and jeopardizes the recovery of endangered humpback whale populations.

Oceana has repeatedly called for stronger conservation measures, but their recommendations have not been adopted. The National Marine Fisheries Service plans to convene a “Take Reduction Team” later this year to address

whale entanglements in several West Coast fisheries, including the Oregon Dungeness crab fishery.

One potential solution being explored is the use of “pop-up” fishing gear, which has been tested successfully in other regions. This technology could allow fishing to continue in a whale-safe manner during periods

when conventional gear poses a high risk.

Oceana continues to advocate for stronger protection for whales and is working to promote the adoption of sustainable fishing practices. They encourage the public to report whale sightings using the WhaleAlert app and to report any entangled marine mammals by calling 1-877-SOS-WHALE.

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LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF MASON L. CLINK, a deceased individual; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF ZELLA RANEY-CLINK a/k/a ZELLA MAY RANEY a/k/a ZELLA M. RANEY-CLINK a/k/a ZELLA M CLINK a/k/a ZELLA M RANEY, a deceased individual; JOHNNY L. CARLSON, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; CHARLENE RANEY, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; DEBORAH M. SAPP, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; RACLEY R. VASS, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; RANDY HALE BROWN, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; BILLY BROWN, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; BOBBY BROWN, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 64604 EAST BAY DRIVE, NORTH BEND, OR 97459 a/k/a 64604 EAST BAY RD, NORTH BEND, OR 97459; and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 64608 EAST BAY DRIVE, NORTH BEND, OR 97459 a/k/a 64608 EAST BAY RD, NORTH BEND, OR 97459-8217, Defendants.
CASE NO.: 24CV46412 SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
To: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF MASON L. CLINK, a deceased individual; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF ZELLA RANEY-CLINK a/k/a ZELLA MAY RANEY a/k/a ZELLA MAY RANEY-CLINK a/k/a ZELLA M. RANEY-CLINK a/k/a ZELLA M CLINK a/k/a ZELLA M RANEY, a deceased individual; DEBORAH M. SAPP, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; BILLY

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BROWN, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; BOBBY BROWN, as Heir and Devisee of the Estate of Zella Raney-Clink; ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 64604 EAST BAY DRIVE, NORTH BEND, OR 97459 a/k/a 64604 EAST BAY RD, NORTH BEND, OR 97459; and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 64608 EAST BAY DRIVE, NORTH BEND, OR 97459 a/k/a 64608 EAST BAY RD, NORTH BEND, OR 97459-8217
TO THE DEFENDANT / RESPONDENT(S) ABOVE NAMED:
You are hereby directed and required to appear in, and defend against, this legal action within 30 days after the first date of publication of summons, which is the 11th day of February, 2025, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, ZBS LAW, LLP, at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. This is a Complaint for Judicial Foreclosure of Deed of Trust. 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” must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days 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 any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503) 684-3763 in the Portland metropolitan area. If you are a veteran of the armed

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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 a 2-1-1 information service. DATED: January 31, 2025 ZBS LAW, LLP
By: /s/ Dirk Schouten Dirk Schouten, OSB# 115153
Amber L. Labrecque, OBS No. 094593
dschouten@zbslaw.com alabrecque@zbslaw.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, & 3/4/2025, World, 408169
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS
In the Matter of the Estate of CAROL JO SPENCER, Deceased.
Case No. 25PB00767
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lori L. Taylor has been appointed as Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative, c/o Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, OR 97420, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court - Probate Department, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille, OR 97423, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative, Daniel M. Hinrichs, Attorney at Law, 590 Commercial, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Dated and published: February 25, 2025. 2/25/2025, World, 408851
PERSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87
Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be Sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/11/2025. The sale will be held at 10:00am by:
Metric Motorworks inc
3500 Ocean Blvd, Coos Bay, OR
2013 Audi Q5 VIN = WA1CFBFP7DA083187
Amount due on lien \$5950.00
Reputed owner(s) LONGSTON, ERICA
RELIABLE CREDIT ASSN
2/25 & 3/4/2025, World, 408614

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for **City of Coquille URA - North Adams Streetscape Improvements Phase 1: Underground Improvements** project, will be received by the City of Coquille no later than the bid closing time of **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 22, 2025.** Bids shall be submitted to the City of Coquille URA by mail/hand delivery: Coquille City Hall, 851 N Central Blvd., Coquille, OR 97423. Bids shall be identified as: BID for City of Coquille URA - Phase 1: North Adams Streetscape Improvements. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the bid closing time at 2:00 P.M in the Coquille City Hall Council Chambers, 851 N Central Blvd., Coquille, OR 97423. Phase 1 work on this Project consists of the removal of overhead utilities along North Adams Street from the intersection at Highway 42 through the intersection of E. 3rd Street. Improvements include placing overhead utilities underground, electrical service upgrades to existing buildings, upgrades to the existing sanitary sewer system, upgrades to the existing water system, and other improvements to accommodate the preparation of the complete buildout for Phase 2 improvements. Contract Documents for this work, including Instructions to Bidders and Bid Form, may be examined at the Office of the Landscape Architect, HGE Architects, Inc., 333 South 4th Street, Coos Bay, Oregon, phone: 541- 269-1166, email: general@hge1.com, and at the following locations: Coquille City Hall, various Plan Centers, and on the HGE website at <http://www.hge1.com/bidding-area/>. General Contractors are encouraged to contact HGE ARCHITECTS, INC., by phone or email and register their interest in submitting a bid and to be included in the plan holders’ list. One set of large format drawings, specifications and contract documents may be obtained by prime bidders from HGE ARCHITECTS, INC., upon refundable deposit of \$100. **A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk-through will be held at the job site on March 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** Contractors shall meet near the project

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site, at the Coquille Public Library at 259 N. Adams Street, Coquille, Oregon for the pre-bid meeting, immediately followed by the site walk-through. Contractors and subcontractors are encouraged to attend. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any technicalities or informalities in connection therewith. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the hour set for the opening thereof until the lapse of thirty (30) days from the bid opening. By: Forrest Neuerburg, City Manager, City of Coquille 2/25/2025, World, 408488
FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS
In the Matter of the Estate of: JEFFREY BERNARD KRALL, Deceased.
Case No. 25PB00181
INFORMATION TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that JOHN KRALL has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate of JEFFREY BERNARD KRALL are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at 714 Ash Dr., Myrtle Point, OR 97458, or through their attorney, Nathan B. McClintock, at PO Box 1178, Coos Bay, OR 97420, or in person at 936 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Nathan B. McClintock. Dated and first published on February 4, 2025. Nathan B. McClintock, OSB #841520, Attorney for Personal Representative **Personal Representative:** John Krall 714 Ash Dr. Myrtle Point, OR 97458 Phone: (541) 290-6255 Email: cathyewelch@aol.com
Lawyer for Personal Representative: Nathan McClintock PO Box 1178 Coos Bay, OR 97420 Phone: (541) 269-1123 Fax: (541) 269-1126 Email: nmcclintock@epuerto.com 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, & 2/25/2025, World, 407560

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the matter of the Estate of: Donna Marie Fellows, Decedent. Case No.: 24PB09018 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Debra J. Clark has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at PO Box 119, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative, Stebbins & Company, PO Box 119, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Dated and first published February 25, 2025. Debra J. Clark, Personal Representative 2/25, 3/4, & 3/11/2025, World, 408529
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the matter of the Estate of: Terry Scott Richter, Decedent. Case No.: 25PB00538 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Joseph B. Richter has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at PO Box 119, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative, Stebbins & Company, PO Box 119, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. Dated and first published February 25, 2025. Joseph B. Richter, Personal Representative 2/25, 3/4, & 3/11/2025, World, 408536

POLICE

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 2/10

North Bend

- 12:40 am, alarm, 3522 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 7:57 am, domestic harassment, 2107 block of Meade Street.
- 9:32 am, business alarm, 2468 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 10:12 am, 40 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on DUII II and reckless driving, 1430 block of Vermont Avenue.
- 11:55 am, 53 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 1860 block of Union Avenue.
- 2:00 pm, indecent exposure, area of Public Square.
- 2:53 pm, domestic assault, 2087 block of Meade Avenue.
- 7:12 pm, criminal mischief, 400 block of Virginia Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 12:39 am, 37 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Schoneman Street and Newmark Avenue.
- 12:46 am, 51 year old

male cited on driving while suspended, area of Michigan Avenue and Madison Street.

- 4:04 am, business alarm, 289 block of Laclair Street.
- 6:32 am, alarm, 259 block of North 2nd Court.
- 6:41 am, criminal trespass, 1195 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 6:56 am, unlawful vehicle, area of Wallace and Newmark.
- 8:31 am, 33 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 1200 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 10:08 am, unlawful vehicle, area of Marple and Michigan.
- 10:34 am, 41 year old male arrested on failure to appear on resisting arrest, criminal trespass II and criminal mischief III, 9109 block of North East Cascades Parkway.
- 10:53 am, alarm, 175 block of South 3rd Street.
- 11:29 am, 29 year old transported to Coos County Jail on theft II, probation violation and possession of meth, 1195 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 12:36 pm, missing person, area of Empire.
- 12:59 pm, dispute, 1006 block of Maryland Avenue.
- 1:47 pm, unlawful vehi-

cle, 384 block of North Marple Street.

- 3:40 pm, injured animal, area of Fenwick and Virginia.
- 7:38 pm, dispute, 312 block of South 10th Street.
- 7:41 pm, armed subject, 705 block of South Empire Boulevard.
- 9:10 pm, 24 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Bassett Hyland.
- 9:15 pm, theft, 392 block of South 4th Street.
- 9:52 pm, dispute, 543 block of South 12th Street.
- 11:15 pm, disorderly conduct, area of 6th and Bennett.

Coquille

- 7:15 am, 22 year old cited on driving while suspended, area of 4th and Elliot.
- 8:49 am, dispute, 624 block of East 11th Street.
- 10:28 am, harassment, 890 block of East 9th Place.
- 10:34 am, sex offender registration, 851 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 11:33 am, criminal trespass, 155 block of East 1st Street.
- 11:41 am, suspicious subject, 115 block of North Collier Street.
- 2:02 pm, fraud, 624 block of East 11th Street.
- 2:59 pm, 33 year old fe-

male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II and disorderly conduct II, 155 block of East 1st Street.

- 3:50 pm, criminal trespass, 142 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 5:33 pm, phone harassment, 725 block of East 3rd Street.
- 11:55 pm, disorderly conduct, 620 block of West Central Boulevard.

Reedsport

- 9:51 am, harassing phone calls, 183 block of South 6th Street.
- 11:55 am, theft, 888 block of South Hill Drive.
- 1:54 pm, fraud, area of Holly Knolls Mobile Home Park.
- 7:41 pm, harassment, area of Winchester Court Apartments.

Myrtle Point

- 11:11 pm, criminal mischief, 367 block of Reedsford Road.

Tuesday 2/11

North Bend

- 3:35 am, suspicious subject, 3201 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 10:48 am, missing person, 2345 block of Marion Avenue.
- 12:13 pm, 57 year old male transported to Coos County jail on failure to appear on a class A misdemeanor, harassment, disorderly conduct and

failure to appear II, 1300 block of Virginia Avenue.

- 2:43 pm, sex offender registration, 835 block of California Avenue.
- 5:09 pm, dispute, 2200 block of Marion.
- 7:47 pm, suspicious subject, area of Spruce and Kinney.

Coos Bay

- 1:36 am, Business alarm, 1255 block of Hemlock Avenue.
- 10:35 am, criminal trespass, 401 block of South Marple Street.
- 11:24 am, criminal trespass, 130 block of North Cammann Street.
- 11:49 am, 34 year old female cited on driving while suspended, area of Newmark and Brussels.
- 12:01 pm, 37 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Tower and Sherman.
- 12:37 pm, 61 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Elrod and 7th.
- 1:02 pm, criminal trespass, 1735 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 1:23 pm, 41 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on unauthorized use of motor vehicle and possessing a stolen vehicle, failure to appear on disorderly conduct II and criminal trespass II, 1701 block of Newmark Street.

- 2:07 pm, criminal mischief, 3333 block of Walnut Avenue.
- 2:10 pm, unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 245 block of South Schoneman Street.
- 2:11 pm, theft, 605 block of North Bayshore Drive.
- 2:34 pm, threats, 325 block of South Marple Street.
- 3:20 pm, juvenile problem, 64253 block of Solari Road.
- 4:02 pm, disorderly conduct, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 4:14 pm, theft, 1729 block of Cottonwood Avenue.
- 5:13 pm, criminal trespass, 893 block of Central Avenue.
- 5:36 pm, disturbance, 772 block of South Broadway Street.
- 6:27 pm, criminal trespass, 1235 block of South Wall Street.
- 8:53 pm, shoplifter, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 10:25 pm, shoplifter, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 11:23 pm, criminal trespass, 123 block of Ocean Boulevard.

Coquille

- 4:33 pm, 49 year old male transported to Coos

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- County Jail on criminal trespass I, 221 block of West 4th Street.
- 4:48 pm, suspicious subject, 240 block of West Highway 42.
- 5:27 pm, disorderly conduct, area of 1st and Adams.
- 6:21 pm, 44 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on 3 counts of criminal trespass II and theft II, 400 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 8:54 pm, juvenile problem, 1201 block of Shelley Road.
- 9:40 pm, 44 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass, 240 block of West Highway 42.

Reedsport

- 12:21 am, criminal mischief, area of Umpqua Mobile Home Village.
- 11:39 am, disturbance, 2655 block of Frontage Road.
- 12:29 pm, dispute, 545 block of North 12th Street.
- 12:46 pm, harassing phone calls, 2618 block of Greenbriar Street.
- 12:56 pm, harassing phone calls, 1706 block of Ranch Road.

Wednesday 2/12

North Bend

- 8:02 am, hit and run, 1611 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 11:53 am, 60 year old female cited on unlawful possession of inhalant, 2547 block of Pony Creek Road.
- 2:23 pm, criminal trespass, 1988 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 3:03 pm, alarm, 3420 block of Ash Street.
- 8:27 pm, alarm, 1712 block of Sheridan Avenue.
- 10:15 pm, harassment, area of Virginia and Sherman.

Coos Bay

- 2:29 am, business alarm, 925 block of South Broadway Street.
- 7:59 am, 27 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on driving while suspended, 130 block of North Cammann.
- 8:26 am, criminal trespass, 281 block of Laclair Street.
- 8:50 am, 36 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on assault II, 1925 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 9:04 am, 18 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on rape I and sexual abuse II, 1790 block of Thompson Road.
- 10:26 am, threats, 1045 block of Date Avenue.
- 11:13 am, criminal mischief, 1660 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 11:22 am, 47 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Lakeshore and Morrison.
- 12:14 pm, alarm, 149 block of South 7th Street.
- 3:26 pm, criminal trespass, 884 block of South 7th Street.
- 4:03 pm, unlawful vehicle, area of Fulton and Radar.
- 4:54 pm, 37 year old male cited on driving while suspended, 763 block of South Broadway Street.
- 8:03 pm, criminal trespass, 275 block of North Broadway Street.
- 9:11 pm, threats, area of John Topits Park.
- 10:36 pm, prowler, 961 block of Salmon Avenue.

Coquille

- 8:39 am, 50 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 940 block of East 5th Street.
- 10:32 am, dispute, 395 block of North Folsom.

- 4:46 pm, 42 year old female and 33 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, area of Coquille Riverwalk.
- 4:46 pm, criminal trespass, 155 block of East 1st Street.

Reedsport

- 4:53 pm, criminal mischief, area of Snowy River Mercantile.
- 10:55 pm, juvenile problem, area of McKay's.

Myrtle Point

- 11:18 am, alarm, 821 block of 18th Street.

Thursday 2/13

North Bend

- North Bend
- 8:03 am, suspicious subject, 649 block of Colorado Avenue.
- 11:14 am, dispute, 1210 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 12:26 pm, 53 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 1860 block of Union Avenue.
- 1:34 pm, criminal trespass, 2330 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 2:44 pm, phone harassment, 2290 block of Newmark Street.
- 3:04 pm, 32 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on disorderly conduct, offensive littering and 3 counts of reckless endangering, area of Sherman Avenue and McCullough Bridge.
- 4:34 pm, dispute, 1775 block of Sherman Avenue.
- 5:36 pm, suspicious subject, 776 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 6:04 pm, 76 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on 3 counts of domestic harassment, interfering with a 911 call, DUII and recklessly endangering another person, contempt of court, harassment and assault IV, 2087 block of Meade Avenue.
- 8:41 pm, suspicious subject, 1611 block of Virginia Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 7:46 am, business alarm, 212 block of South 5th Street.
- 8:18 am, criminal trespass, area of Empire Lakes.
- 8:20 am, harassment, 114 block of North Wasson Street.
- 9:55 am, 29 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Kruse and 2nd.
- 10:08 am, criminal trespass, area of Empire Lakes.
- 12:23 pm, threats, 446 block of Commercial Avenue.
- 12:44 pm, dispute, 1640 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 1:26 pm, criminal trespass, 130 block of North Cammann Street.
- 1:29 pm, fraud, 562 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:48 pm, phone harassment, 1331 block of Washington Avenue.
- 5:56 pm, criminal trespass, 155 block of South Empire Boulevard.
- 11:18 pm, animal abuse, 277 block of Noble Avenue.

Coquille

- 11:16 am, harassment, 790 block of East 5th Street.
- 12:30 pm, 57 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on disorderly conduct II, area of 1st and Baxter.
- 6:59 pm, 57 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II and disorderly conduct II, 54 block of West Highway 42.
- 9:37 pm, dispute, 865 block of East 5th Street.

Reedsport

- 1:18 pm, disturbance, area of Subway.
- 1:42 pm, trespassing, area of Bisnett Insurance.

Myrtle Point

- 2:05 pm, juvenile problem, area of Old Broadbent Road.
- 7:17 pm, accident, 142 block of Fir Street.

Friday 2/14

North Bend

- 5:23 am, 25 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on probation violation, 3201 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 5:42 am, accident, 62590 block of Highway 101.
- 5:51 am, business alarm, 1285 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 6:25 am, criminal trespass, 1906 block of Everett Avenue.
- 7:39 am, 40 year old female and 35 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on parole violation, 1503 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 8:58 am, accident, 3201 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 9:16 am, stalking, 835 block of California Avenue.
- 9:43 am, theft, 3215 block of Ash Street.
- 3:04 pm, criminal trespass, 2353 block of Montana Avenue.
- 5:31 pm, criminal trespass, 2125 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 6:09 pm, dispute, 2600 block of Sherman Avenue.
- 6:45 pm, criminal trespass, 3390 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 7:40 pm, child related, 1024 block of Ohio Street.
- 8:18 pm, suspicious subject, area of Tremont Avenue and Newmark Street.

Coos Bay

- 6:21 am, alarm, 1200 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 8:57 am, suspicious subject, 2324 block of Southeast Ocean Boulevard.
- 9:26 am, unlawful vehicle, 1000 block of Commercial.
- 10:26 am, phone harassment, 172 block of D Street.
- 11:54 am, criminal trespass, 1999 block of North 7th Street.
- 12:28 pm, dispute, 1642 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 12:30 pm, disturbance, 1660 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 12:42 pm, criminal trespass, 1775 block of Thompson Road.
- 1:16 pm, disorderly conduct, area of Elrod and South 2nd.
- 1:53 pm, disorderly conduct, area of St. John and Sanford.
- 2:26 pm, dispute, 1638 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:38 pm, dispute, 1638 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:38 pm, threats, 1638 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:54 pm, 39 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on theft III, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:56 pm, fraud, 326 block of 8th Avenue.
- 4:42 pm, theft, 275 block of North Broadway Street.
- 5:44 pm, burglary, 1602 block of North 10th Street.
- 9:13 pm, 22 year old male cited on DUII, area of Highway 101 and Hackett.
- 10:04 pm, found dog, 500 block of Central Avenue.
- 10:35 pm, criminal trespass, area of South Bayshore Drive.
- 10:53 pm, shoplifter, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.

Coquille

- 7:01 am, 57 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 54 block of West Highway 42.

Reedsport

- 12:40 pm, dispute, 2111 block of Greenwood Avenue.
- 5:57 pm, trespassing, area of McDonald's.

Myrtle Point

- 7:01 am, criminal mischief, 54 block of West Highway 42.
- 7:30 am, accident, area of MP 9 and Sitkum Lane.
- 11:16 am, alarm, 821 block of 18th Street.
- 5:21 pm, stalking, 648 block of 5th Street.

Saturday 2/15

North Bend

- 1:20 am, 20 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Edgewood and Newmark.
- 7:18 am, business alarm, 3690 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 1:22 pm, dispute, 2800 block of Oak Street.
- 1:33 pm, criminal trespass, 1954 block of Union Avenue.
- 1:38 pm, criminal trespass, 1611 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 1:53 pm, criminal trespass, 1055 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 2:09 pm, criminal trespass, 2070 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 2:20 pm, criminal trespass, 2932 block of Ash Street.
- 2:44 pm, criminal mischief, 2087 block of Meade Avenue.
- 4:38 pm, disorderly conduct, 1700 block of Hamilton Avenue.
- 4:58 pm, theft, 2065 block of Hamilton Street.
- 8:40 pm, violation of restraining order, 2496 block of Broadway Court.
- 9:08 pm, 37 year old transported to Coos County Jail on 2 counts of domestic assault III, 2049 block of 11th Court.

Coos Bay

- 2:11 am, 47 year old male cited on DUII, area of Empire and Pacific.
- 5:46 am, 33 year old male cited on criminal mischief II, 149 block of South 7th Street.
- 6:29 am, 40 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on aggravated harassment and resisting arrest, 1195 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 6:54 am, 37 year old female cited on criminal trespass, area of South Bayshore Drive.
- 7:56 am, disorderly conduct, area of Ocean and Central.
- 8:16 am, criminal trespass, area of North Morrison Street.
- 10:40 am, unlawful vehicle, area of West Park Roadway.
- 10:59 am, dispute, 1638 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 11:05 am, suspicious subject, area of Newmark and Laclair.
- 11:26 am, 44 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, area of North Bayshore and Teakwood.
- 11:41 am, shots fired, 1191 block of Anderson Avenue.
- 1:40 pm, 33 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on robbery III, harassment, theft III and criminal trespass I, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 1:56 pm, 30 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on unlawful entry into motor vehicle, criminal trespass II, theft III, possession of a controlled substance-meth and failure to appear on escape IIII, 63033 block of Highway 101.
- 2:58 pm, 33 year old female cited on criminal trespass II, 135 block of South Wall Street.
- 3:09 pm, suspicious subject, 985 block of Lakeshore Drive.
- 3:32 pm, 27 year old male transported to Coos

County Jail on probation violation, 2 counts of aggravated harassment, 2 counts of attempt to commit a class C felony, escape III, identity theft and felon in possession of restricted weapon, 180 block of North Scho-neman Street.

- 4:23 pm, threats, 121 block of Norman Avenue.
- 4:48 pm, business alarm, 602 block of West Hemlock Avenue.
- 5:06 pm, theft of services, 755 block of South Empire Boulevard.
- 5:24 pm, hit and run, 325 block of South Marple.
- 8:22 pm, 50 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on DUII, 123 block of Ocean Boulevard.
- 8:24 pm, accident, 1152 block of Southwest Boulevard.
- 9:51 pm, criminal trespass, 1103 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 9:54 pm, 35 year old female cited on driving while suspended, 1712 block of Cottonwood Avenue.
- 11:48 pm, 27 year old transported to Coos County Jail on driving while suspended or revoked and theft III, 997 block of Newmark Avenue.

Coquille

- 7:57 am, hit and run, 844 block of North Dean Street.
- 11:08 am, business alarm, 1115 block of North Baxter Street.
- 1:50 pm, criminal trespass, 400 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 1:51 pm, male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass, 400 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 2:48 pm, 46 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on disorderly conduct II, 600 block of East 11th Street.
- 3:24 pm, 33 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass I and theft III, 400 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 5:12 pm, disorderly conduct, area of Highway 42 and Adams.
- 5:21 pm, 42 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on criminal mischief II, 97 block of East 1st Street.
- 9:09 pm, 32 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on criminal mischief II and resisting arrest, 98 block of East 1st Street.
- 9:35 pm, alarm, 516 block of West 4th Street.
- 11:39 pm, criminal mischief, 155 block of east 1st Street.

Reedsport

- 1:12 pm, animal problem, area of Reedsport Community Charter School.
- 1:18 pm, animal problem, 1960 block of Fir Avenue.
- 1:23 pm, dispute, 937 block of 2nd Street.
- 6:44 pm, animal problem, area of Reedsport Mobile Home Park.

Sunday 2/16

North Bend

- 1:39 am, 28 year old male cited on failure to appear on resisting arrest and criminal trespass II, 1701 block of Newmark Street.
- 1:44 am, dispute, area of Kinney Road.
- 2:54 am, 41 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on 2 counts of failure to appear on DUII and driving while suspended or revoked, 1380 block of Sherman Avenue.
- 7:24 am, accident, area of Wall and Union.
- 7:30 am, criminal trespass, 515 block of California Avenue.
- 10:43 am, unlawful vehicle, 3421 block of Edgewood Drive.

- 10:50 am, business alarm, 1500 block of 16th Street.
- 11:13 am, 39 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal mischief I, disorderly conduct II and failure to appear I, area of Newmark and Sherman.
- 11:28 am, found dog, 1735 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 1:06 pm, dispute, 3440 block of Stanton Avenue.
- 4:38 pm, dispute, 3908 block of Edgewood Drive.
- 5:23 pm, disorderly conduct, 1225 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 6:21 pm, criminal trespass, 230 block of East Johnson Avenue.
- 10:38 pm, suspicious subject, 1324 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 11:33 pm, alarm, 2410 block of Pine Street.

Coos Bay

- 12:00 am, 26 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on theft II, criminal trespass I and driving while suspended, area of Empire Carwash.
- 12:18 am, 24 year old female cited on DUII accident, area of North 6th and Kingwood.
- 2:12 am, burglary, 297 block of South 9th Court.
- 4:59 am, 33 year old female cited on criminal trespass II, 1195 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 8:12 am, indecent exposure, area of Harris and Wall.
- 9:46 am, criminal trespass, 1265 block of Embarcadero Circle.
- 10:21 am, criminal trespass, 1103 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 10:30 am, accident, area of North Front and date.
- 11:45 am, dispute, 1660 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 12:00 pm, suspicious subject, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 12:06 pm, dispute, 2275 block of Woodland Drive.
- 12:11 pm, disorderly conduct, 1155 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 1:01 pm, criminal trespass, 1005 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 1:38 pm, hit and run, area of North 6th and Myrtle.
- 2:09 pm, 33 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 1159 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 2:44 pm, alarm, 328 block of South 2nd Street.
- 4:56 pm, theft, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 7:06 pm, criminal trespass, 1094 block of Flanagan Avenue.

- 7:49 pm, 37 year old male cited on driving while suspended, 281 block of Laclair Street.
- 8:59 pm, 36 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear, criminal mischief II and harassment, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 11:02 pm, disorderly conduct, 123 block of Ocean Boulevard.
- 11:18 pm, 50 tear old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Market and North 3rd.

Coquille

- 2:28 am, dispute, 1203 block of North Dean Street.
- 3:36 am, business alarm, 250 block of North Baxter Street.
- 12:03 pm, 47 year old female cited on driving while suspended, 900 block of dean Street.
- 4:57 pm, 33 year old female transported to Coos County jail on theft III, 9 block of North Adams.
- 5:39 pm, criminal trespass, 155 block of East 1st Street.

Reedsport

- 5:55 pm, theft, area of Ace Hardware.

Tribes, 34 organizations, receive \$23 million to support home repairs

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Healthy Homes Grant Program seeks improved housing conditions, health outcomes for low-income residents to prevent displacement

OHA has awarded \$23 million to repair and rehabilitate homes of low-income residents to eliminate risks to residents' health to the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of

Oregon and 34 local organizations. The funds are from the Healthy Homes Grant Program (HHGP), established to improve health by rehabilitating living environments in Oregon.

"Research has shown there is an inextricable link between a person's health and housing status, and that quality of housing is a social determinant of health," said Oregon Public Health Division

Director Naomi Adeline-Biggs, MBBS, MPH.

"With the Healthy Homes grants, Oregon is helping to prevent and reduce short- and long-term negative health outcomes by addressing the quality of housing as a public health issue."

People living in poverty are more likely to live in substandard housing that is not healthy or safe and are at higher risk of losing homes that are not well-

maintained or repaired. Older and substandard housing is more likely to contain hazards such as peeling or deteriorated lead-based paint. Delaying maintenance can lead to leaking roofs or pipes, which can cause mold. Uninsulated homes can be drafty and uncomfortable for residents and result in higher energy bills.

Homes that are not well-maintained or repaired can also lead to lead poisoning, asthma and other respiratory diseases, cancer, unintended injuries, increased stress, poor school attendance for children and missed workdays for parents. Improved housing conditions for low-income families can prevent illness and reduce their health care costs, improve safety, conserve natural resources and reduce energy costs for occupants.

The organization's nonprofits, local housing authorities, community action agencies and local governments serving communities in all areas of the state are each receiving between \$199,980 to \$750,000 to use over a three-year period. The grants are intended to help homeowners and landlords repair and rehabilitate homes inhabited by low-

income residents, including renters, to improve their environmental health and safety.

The Oregon Legislature established the HHGP in 2021. It directs OHA to provide grants to local organizations serving low-income residents to repair and rehabilitate homes, including rental properties, throughout the state.

Funding recipients

OHA is awarding nearly \$20.4 million in HHGP funds to 34 organizations through a competitive grant process and were selected from a pool of 75 applicants. The grantees with the strongest proposals for meeting the priorities set in state law include organizations experienced in improving the health or safety of occupants of residences, maximizing energy efficiency or extending the usable life of homes which serves eligible households in Oregon; and organizations serving historically unrepresented and underserved communities, including people of color, those who are low income, and American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

In addition, OHA has set aside \$3 million in HHGP funds for the Nine

Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon, honoring government-to-government relationships. OHA is working with each Tribe to award this funding.

Project examples

Examples of funded projects include home assessments to identify priority structural, health and safety repair needs; energy efficiency updates to protect against extreme temperatures; roof replacements; making homes less susceptible to wildfire damage; and abatement of radon, mold, mildew, and lead-based paint.

The projects will use HHGP funds to fill gaps and leverage other state and federal funding, such as Community Development Block Grants, Weatherization Assistance Program funding and the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund.

Grant funding schedule

OHA sent letters of intent to successful grant applicants in August and has been working with individual organizations to finalize grant agreements. The agency hopes to finish executing the grant agreements by the end of January. Grant recipients will have up to three years to complete their projects.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Absence of effort
 - 5. Preserve a dead body
 - 11. Gratitude
 - 14. The act of coming together again
 - 15. Simpler
 - 18. Visionaries
 - 19. Large, fish-eating bird
 - 21. Indicates near
 - 23. Former CIA agent and critic
 - 24. Icelandic poems
 - 28. Pop
 - 29. "Hammer" is one
 - 30. Senses of self-importance
 - 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
 - 33. Not around
 - 35. Electronic data processing
36. Licenses and passports are two types

39. Snakelike fish

41. Air Force

42. Popular computers

44. Of a withered nature

46. Wings

47. Used in combination

49. Laid back

52. Jeweled headdress

56. In slow tempo

58. ___ Falls

60. Assertions made again

62. Periods of history

63. Hyphen
3. Expel large quantities rapidly

4. Sea eagle

5. A type of subdivision

6. Variety of Chinese

7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"

8. Consumed

9. Chinese dynasty

10. NFL great Randy

12. Ireland

13. Palm trees with creeping roots

16. Fungal disease

17. Impressionable persons

20. Affirmative! (slang)

22. Instinctive part of the mind

25. "The First State"

26. A way to develop

27. Fraternities

29. Woman (French)

31. Sunscreen rating

34. Beer

36. Spiritual leader

37. Indigo bush

38. Burn with a hot liquid

40. Junior's father

43. Ray-finned fishes

45. Morning

48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)

50. Double curve

51. A small bundle of straw or hay

53. Got older

54. Crater on Mars

55. Humanities

57. Relating to the ears

58. "To the ___ degree..."

59. Residue of a burned product

61. It cools a home

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Level: Beginner

PUZZLE ANSWERS

To solve the sudoku puzzle:

The numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box.

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The  World *Weekender*

Friday, February 28, 2025

South Coast Clambake Music Festival gets the party going on the Oregon Coast

A great long weekend on the coast, the festival spotlights a variety of live music genres at The Mill Casino March 13-16

Coos Bay, Ore. – Music lovers looking for a reason to escape to the Oregon Coast for a long weekend of swing, rock, blues, jazz, doo-wop and just about every other musical genre should block off March 13-16 for the 34th Annual South Coast Clambake Music Festival on Oregon’s Adventure Coast – Coos Bay, North Bend and Charleston.

Held on the beautiful Coos Bay for more than three decades, the annual festival brings together dancers and musicians from up and down the West Coast to wow the crowds at the The Mill Casino – Hotel & RV Park in North Bend. Musical acts come from across the country to pack the stage. This year’s artists include the Alpha Rhythm Kings, Ocean Blvd, the Shaymus Hanlin Quartet and The Throttles, to name just a few.

“Every year, the South Coast Clambake Music Festival draws music-loving crowds from far and wide to

Oregon’s Adventure Coast for a fun and memorable weekend of music, dancing and great times,” said Janice Langlinais, Executive Director of the Coos Bay-North Bend-Charleston Visitor and Convention Bureau, commonly known as Oregon’s Adventure Coast.

“There’s a musical style for everyone, along with opportunities to experience something new. Throw in all the other attractions this region has to offer, not to mention the beautiful setting, and you’ve got the makings for an unforgettable time on Oregon’s Adventure Coast.”

An old-time word for a musical jam session, a clambake is all about music and good times. And there’s plenty of that in store for the South Coast Clambake Music Festival, which will spotlight at least a dozen musical acts. The festival also offers a wide range of dance lessons and opportunities for anyone looking to get their feet moving.

The Mill Casino – Hotel & RV Park boasts four music venues, each with state-of-the-art sound systems, dance floors and bars. Multiple hotels in the area, including The Mill, are offering special discounted rates to guests attending the

festival.

Tickets to the festival are available now and range from \$15-\$110. A portion of the proceeds helps support the festival’s Youth Music Education Fund, which brings live music to elementary and junior high schools in Coos County during festival week. Area high school bands are also invited to play at the festival

on the morning of Friday, March 14.

The historic Egyptian Theater in Coos Bay will also be playing the classic Elvis Presley beach party film “Clambake” at 7 p.m. on the Friday night of the festival.

Visitors who come to the area for the South Coast Clambake Music Festival will also find

plenty of other attractions nearby, from hiking along the coast to shopping, birding, fishing and even forest bathing.

For more information about the South Coast Clambake Music Festival, visit: <https://www.oregonsadventure-coast.com/event/south-coast-clambake-music-festival/>



Community Calendar of Events

Please email WorldCirculation@CountryMedia.net to submit an event

Dance and Fitness Class

Every Monday (All year long, except holidays)
9:00am – 10:30am

North Bend Senior Center
1470 Airport Lane

Fun paced world music exercise class for women and men. New dancers are welcome. Free!

Free Community Yoga Classes

Every Monday
5:30pm – 6:30pm

Coos Bay Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Beginner friendly yoga class led by Mona Dunham. No experience is necessary. Increase your flexibility and strength, get centered, and enjoy a workout in a supportive environment. Wear comfortable workout clothes and bring a yoga mat if you have one. This Free event is open to everyone age 12 and up.

Folk Dancing Classes and Talk on Basque Culture

Every Tuesday in March
10:00am

North Bend Community Center
2222 Broadway Avenue in North Bend

Join us dance classes in preparation for the Dance on the Bay Festival. Additionally, on Friday, March 28 at 12 p.m., folk instructor will offer Basque Cultural Hour. Dance on the Bay 2025 is a one day dance festival held March 29, 2025, at N. Bayside Grange in North Bend. They will have morning and afternoon workshops featuring Basque, Scandi, Latin American folk dances, a culture hour, and an evening dance party. For more information, go to Dance on the Bay 2025 - Stacy Rose, Dance Instructor.

Bay Area Farmers and Artisans Market

Every Wednesday until April 30
10:00am – 2:00pm

Black Market Gourmet Building
495 Central Ave., Coos Bay

Our vendors feature produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, candy, coffee, jewelry and custom crafted gift items, unique clothing and Plate Food Truck

CHM Winter Class – Mysteries of the South Coast with Steve Greif

Every Wednesday, now until March 5

Coos History Museum

6:00pm – 7:00pm

1210 N Front St, Coos Bay

Steve Greif for a six-week journey in the unknown. Admission price is \$80 for non-members and \$75 for members. Pre-registration is required, payment is required at booking. Reservations can be made online <https://cooshistory.org/event-registration/>, by phone at 541-756-6320 or register in person at the museum’s front desk.

Yoga in the Museum

Every Wednesday
9:30am – 10:30am

Coos Art Museum
235 Anderson Ave

\$5.

County Line Dancing

Every Thursday
5:00pm – 6:30pm

Upstairs at the Eagles Lodge
568 S 2nd St., Coos Bay

\$5 per person. Teaching step-by-step for beginners & advanced dancers too!

Friends of Coos County Animals (FOCCAS)

Every Saturday
12:00pm – 3:00pm

Pony Village Mall

1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend

All of our adoptable cats and dogs live in foster homes. For more information, visit: friendsofcooscountyanimals.org

Coos Sand 'n Sea Quilters

First Thursday of the month until June 2025
6:00pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1290 Thompson Rd., Coos Bay

New members are welcome to attend. Dues are \$20.00 a year. A program is presented each month on quilt related topics. <https://coosbayquiltguild.com>

Pacific Home Health and Hospice: Grief and Loss support group

1st Friday of the month
12:00pm – 2:00pm

Kaffe 101
171 S Broadway, Coos Bay

All are welcome. For questions, call 541-266-7005.

Women's Empowerment Book Club

1st Saturday of the month

Coos Bay Library

525 Anderson Ave.

Join our women’s empowerment book club where we read and discuss books that celebrate the achievements and resilience of women from all walks of life.

Building Programs using Lego Building Blocks: Build it Saturdays

1st Saturday of every month
12:00pm – 1:30pm

Coos Bay Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Ages 0 - 14. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. No preregistration required.

For additional information about programs being offered by the Coos Bay Public Library please contact the library by calling (541) 269-1101 x 3606 or visit the Library’s website at www.coosbaylibrary.org

Sketchbook Club

1st Saturday of the month
11:00am – 12:00pm

CAM Studio
187 Central Ave, Coos Bay

Free.

Building Programs using Lego Building Blocks: Build it Challenge

2nd Thursday of every month
3:00pm – 4:00pm

Coos Bay Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Ages 0 - 14. Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. No preregistration required.

Use library’s brick collection to build. For additional information about programs being offered by the Coos Bay Public Library please contact the library by calling (541) 269-1101 x 3606 or visit the Library’s website at www.coosbaylibrary.org

The Coos Bay and North Bend Parkinson's Support Group

Second Thursday of each month
1:00pm – 2:30pm

Coos Bay Public Library (Myrtlewood Room)
525 Anderson Avenue

The support group is sponsored by Parkinson’s Resources

Calendar

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of Oregon (PRO). Local contact information: Aaron - 541.808.1336. Learn more about PRO's services at www.parkinsonsresources.org

Oregon Bay Area Beautification

2nd Saturday of each month
9:45am

Locations vary; visit www.4ohab.org for details

Whether you're someone who enjoys light duties or someone who's ready to dive into more demanding tasks, we have a project for you.

The American Council of the Blind of Oregon, Southwest Chapter

Every 2nd Saturday 11:30am for lunch 12:00pm for meeting

The Venture Inn Restaurant
2265 Inland Point Dr., North Bend

For more information, call 541-707-2226

CAM Studio Presents: Life Drawing Group

Every 2nd Sunday, February 9, March 9 and April 13
2:00pm – 4:00pm

187 Central Ave, Coos Bay

\$120 for 6 sessions. 21 and up. Register online at coosart.org

Free Admission to the Museum

Every 2nd Sunday 11:00am – 5:00pm

Coos Art Museum
235 Anderson Ave

ASL Practice Place

Every 3rd Thursday of the month
12:00pm

Zoom: bit.ly/3m6j2WG

Attendees will have the opportunity to sign in ASL as a group for one hour in a casual, informal environment. This is not a class, but we will provide ideas for conversational topics

This program is free and open to anyone who wishes to sharpen their ASL conversational skills. Register for this event @ <https://bit.ly/3m6j2WG>

Unlimited Book Club

Every 3rd Thursday 6:00pm

Virtual

Discuss “Fair Play: How Sports Shape the Gender Debates” by Katie Barnes. Go to <http://bit.ly/3R6E57M>

Arts and Crafts: Craft Takeout

Every 3rd Saturday 12:00pm – 6:00pm

Coos Bay Public Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Pick up a free monthly Craft Takeout kit each month. How-to instructions and everything needed to create the monthly project will be included in each Craft Takeout kit. Limit one Craft Takeout kit per person. Kits are available for pickup in the library while supplies last. A limited number of kits are available and are first come, first serve.

Community Cooking with the Co-Op

Every 4th Thursday 5:30pm

Zoom: bit.ly/3powyqG

Sam Baugh, Community Engagement Manager at Advanced Health, and his daughter Alex, will be making Saka Saka (Congolese Cassava Leaf Stew) with Fufu.

This event is FREE and

open to everyone. For ingredients and access, please register by going to <https://bit.ly/3powyqG>.

CAM Studio Presents: Life Drawing Group

Every 4th Sunday starting February 23, March 23, and April 27
2:00pm – 4:00pm

187 Central Ave, Coos Bay

\$120 for 6 sessions. 21 and up. Register online at coosart.org

North Bend Housing Authority Meeting

Tuesday, February 25 2:00pm

1700 Monroe St, North Bend

Zoom Meeting ID: 993 3961 7298

Passcode: 784560

Coos-Curry Housing Authority Meeting

Tuesday, February 25 4:00pm

1700 Monroe St, North Bend

Zoom Meeting ID: 984 9741 7226

Passcode: 817851

Regular board meeting of the Lower Umpqua Hospital District

Wednesday, February 26 7:30am

Lower Umpqua Hospital (Main Conference Room)
600 Ranch Road

The agenda with remote access details will be sent once available.

Bandon Playhouse Presents: Crimes of the Heart

February, 28 & March 1

Friday and Saturday 7:00pm

Sundays 2:00pm

The Sprague Community Theater
1202 11th St. SW in Bandon City Park

Admission is \$18 for adults and \$15 for teens. Advance tickets are available on Eventbrite and at the door. Find ticket links at <https://www.BandonPlayhouse.org> or on the Bandon Playhouse Facebook page. This production includes mature themes, and strong language, and is recommended for teen and adult audiences.

Birds on the Estuary

Wednesday, February 26 10:00am – 11:30am

Charleston Welcome Center
91141 Cape Arago Hwy, Coos Bay

Dress for the weather. Programs may be cancelled due to low enrollment or hazardous weather. Meet at the Charleston Visitors Center. Max is 15 participants. Free!

Unbook Club

Thursday, February 27 1:00pm

Virtual

Discuss your latest read in a book club without assigned reading. Meeting virtually at <http://tinyurl.com/fyn7uz2vx>

The Bay Area Hospital Quality and Patient Safety Committee

Thursday, February 27 3:30pm

Myrtle Conference Room
1775 Thompson Rd.

If you would like to attend the Bay Area Hospital Quality and Patient Safety Committee, please contact Tina Warlick, Executive Assistant, Administration Office of Bay Area Hospital, at 541.266.7923 or by email at tina.warlick@bayareahospital.org to make arrangements and/or get dialing access codes for the meeting.

Dr. MLK Coos County Student Art Exhibit

Now until Friday, February 28

Pony Village Mall
1611 Virginia Ave, North Bend

Come see the fabulous artwork that Coos County elementary school students painted, drew and wrote about how they are inspired by Dr. King's legacy of peace and nonviolence.

On Broadway Thespians: Rent Musical

From Friday, February 28 – Sunday, March 16

Friday & Saturday 7:00pm

Sunday matinee 2:00pm

Hales Center for the Performing Arts at SOCC
1988 Newmark Ave, Coos Bay

Rent is a pop cultural phenomenon with songs that rock and a story that resonates with audiences of all ages. For Mature Audiences: Caution recommended for strong language and adult content. <https://onbroadwaythespians.com/>

Offspring Comedy

Friday, February 28 7:30pm

Sawdust Theatre
120 N. Adams Ave, Coquille

Join us for a night of stand-up comedy for parents. This adult-oriented show follows Taylor Clark, Ty Boice and Josh Cousins share hilarious tales of raising kids.

Egyptian Theatre Presents: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

Saturday, March 1 3:00pm

229 S Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Regular admission.

Egyptian Theatre Presents: Silent Film Matinee

Sunday, March 2 2:00pm

229 S Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open at 1:30 pm. Free admission. Donations accepted.

Coquille Valley Seed Community Seed Swap

Sunday, March 2 10:00am to 1:00pm

Coquille Community Center, 105 N Birch St, Coquille

We'll have Live Celtic Music, an hourly Raffle, Plant Based Foods, and local Nursery Vendors, so bring some spending money for great bargains. Ask your plant questions at the Coos County Master Gardeners' Mobile Clinic, and find educational information from OSU Extension Programs and other regional environmental groups.

First Tuesday Talk with William Robbins

Tuesday, March 4 6:00pm – 7:00pm (doors open @ 5:30pm)

Coos History Museum
1210 N Front St, Coos Bay

Join Robbins to discuss “Hard Times in Paradise: A Retrospective.” Admission price of \$7 for non-member adults, \$3 for youth, \$5 for zoom regardless of membership, or FREE for CHM members in person. Pre-registration is encouraged. Reservations can be made online at <https://cooshistory.org/event-registration/>, by phone at 541-756-6320 or register in person at the museum's front desk.

Coquille Valley Seed Community

Ongoing now

Coquille Community Center, 105 N Birch St, Coquille

Coquille Valley Seed Community Call for Board Member Applicants and Volunteers

Coquille Valley Seed Community is looking for two people to join the Board to fill current vacancies for Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. We also need volunteers for new Committees: Digital Communications (Facebook, Website and Emails), Educational Programs, and Events. Please contact Rowan Keltz at cvsc.rowan@gmail.com for details.

Women in STEM

Saturday, March 8 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Coos Bay Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Join us for an event for kids and teens highlighting women in STEM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) in honor of international Women's Day. Professionals who work in STEM fields will offer hands-on activities. The event is free and no registration is required.

Adult Spelling Bee

Saturday, March 8 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Black Market Gourmet-495 Central Avenue, Coos Bay

Catch the spelling bee buzz. Teams of undaunted locals will test their spelling abilities at Coos Bay Public Library Foundation's Adult Spelling Bee fundraiser. The fee to register a team is \$75 and spectator tickets are \$25. Call (541) 269-1101 for more information.

CHW Presents: Wreck it Ralph

Saturday, March 8 1:00pm

Egyptian Theatre
229 S Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Admission is free with free popcorn and juice or water.

Bandon Showcase Presents: Arcis Saxophone Quartet

Monday, March 10 7:30pm

Sprague Community Theater
1201 11th St. SW Bandon City Park

City Park. General admission is \$35. Tickets are available in advance on Eventbrite and at the door the evening of the show. The box office opens at 6:30 p.m., and doors to the auditorium open at 7 p.m. Find ticket links at BandonShowcase.org.

Coos County Community Concert Association Presents: Jason Lyle Black Concert

Wednesday, March 12 7:00pm

Egyptian Theatre
229 S Broadway, Coos bay

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$39. Black returns with an all new show, “100 Hits of Stage & Screen,” featuring 100 iconic songs from the hits of rock legends. This fast-paced show is packed with familiar hits and fun for the whole family!

Get tickets at Coos History Museum. For more information, call 541-297-4008 or visit www.cccca.net

Zonta Club Patty J. Barton Memorial Scholarship

Deadline is Friday, March 14

Online

The scholarship with the potential to total \$20,000 is paid directly to the students' accredited school of choice for tuition, books and other education

related fees & costs. The total award amount will be divided and paid over several qualifying terms of study until fully expended. The scholarship will be awarded by May 31, 2025. Application is available now on the club's website www.zontacoosbayarea.org.

Egyptian Theatre Presents: Clambake

Friday, March 14 7:00pm

229 S Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Regular admission.

Read Across America

Friday, March 14 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Coos Bay Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Join us for a party in honor of reading with free books, cupcakes and crafts! Volunteer students from Marshfield High School will share books and provide hands- on crafts and games. The event is geared towards kids and families 18 and under. Children under 18 will receive a free book as part of the festivities.

Cooking Club

Friday, March 14 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Coos Bay Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Each session will focus on a different cooking skill with hands-on activity. Free! Pre-registration is required on the library's website at www.coosbaylibrary.org

Four Shillings Short

Friday, March 14 6:30pm – 8:00pm

North Bend Community Center
2222 Broadway Ave

A concert with Aodh Og O'Tuama & Christy Martin. For more information about Four Shillings Short go to www.4shillingsshort.com/home

Spanglish: Spanish Conversational Program

Every third Saturday (Next meeting March 15) 10:30am – 11:30am

Coos Bay Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Attendees will have the opportunity to converse in Spanish as a group for one hour in a casual, informal environment. This is NOT a class, but we will provide ideas for conversational topics. Beginners are welcome. Let's talk! This program is FREE and open to anyone who wishes to sharpen their Spanish conversational skills.

Pathways to Positive Parenting Presents: Sing 2

Saturday, March 15 10:00am

Egyptian Theatre
229 S Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Free with free popcorn and juice or water.

Oregon Small Business Summit Coos Bay Event

Wednesday, March 19 8:00am to 1:00pm

Southwestern Oregon Small Business Development Center

2110 Newmark Ave, Coos Bay

This invaluable educational event is designed to empower small business

owners and aspiring entrepreneurs by connecting them with the resources and information needed to start, grow, and strengthen their businesses. Registration is free and space is limited. Lunch will be provided.

Egyptian Theatre Presents: Ghost Hunters

Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22 7:00pm

229 S Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$20.

Walk in Her Shoes

Saturday, March 22 11:00am – 3:00pm

Coos history Museum

Walk in her shoes with a guided walking tour of Front Street and downtown Coos Bay, bringing to life the stories of the remarkable women who shaped local history. Ticket pricing: \$20 for members, \$25 for mom-members and \$10 for youth (5-17). Ticket includes: walking tour, museum admission and tea and refreshments.

Hard Day's Night Presents: A Tribute to the Beatles

Saturday, March 29 7:00pm

Egyptian Theatre
229 S Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open at 6 p.m. Admission is \$35.

The Artist Loft Gallery Presents: Pet-themed Art Show

Saturday, April 12 12:00pm – 4:00pm

134 S. Broadway, Coos Bay

Art show runs from April 1- May 3. Artists Reception is Friday, April 11 from 5- 7 p.m.

Art show rules and registration at www.theartistloftgallery.com You must bring or mail a 4x6 photo and \$5 entry fee to our address. Entry fee will be 100% donated to CCAS. Voting takes place April 1 - 11 at the gallery and the winner will be announced April 12. The winner will receive a generous gift basket. A slideshow of Coos County Animal Shelter pets with be shown.

Coos Art Museum Exhibits: Collector's Series

Now until April 13

Coos Art Museum
235 Anderson Ave

We will be showcasing work from the collection of Karen Thomas, owner of the Torizaka Art Gallery in Sisters, Oregon. Museum admission: \$5 general, \$2 student, veterans and seniors. Free to museum members. Our hours are Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Pigs on the Wing: Echoes of Pink Floyd tour

Friday, April 25 8:00pm (doors open 7:00pm)

Egyptian Theatre
229 S Broadway Ave.

\$35 for advance and \$40 at the door. Tickets are on Eventbrite. All ages are welcome. The tour will feature a new selection of the Pink Floyd cuts organized into 2 distinct sets. Expect to hear the band focus on their favorite sections of the classic albums.



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Bandon WESTERN WORLD

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As I See It

By *Mary Schamehorn*

Less than four months after the Bandon Fire of 1936, the headline in the Jan. 21, 1937, Western World told about the city moving into the WPA City Hall (first picture).

Today that is the home of the Bandon Historical Society museum. "Bandon's new WPA City Hall will be occupied today. The offices of the City of Bandon are being moved from the temporary building, formerly Red Cross building, to the larger and more serviceable structure just completed. It is a monument to the practicability and the efficiency of the Works Progress Administration.

"The structure is 60x90 feet, one story, and contains the Recorder's office, council chambers, library room, city truck garage, storeroom, lavatory complete with hot water heater, firemen's recreation room, four bedrooms for firemen and the fire hall.

"The northeast end of the building will contain city offices, including the utilities office, recorder's office and a room for the city attorney, as well as the council chamber. To the rear, with entrance from Fillmore avenue (second picture) is the library. The west side contains the fire department with space for two fire vehicles and equipped with automatic doors that slide overheard by a spring arrangement, also quarters for a number of firemen. At the rear is warehouse space for hydro-electric and water equipment. At the rear of the entire building is a garage to accommodate three city trucks."

The former warehouse space is now a parking lot for the museum.

A week earlier, the paper had covered a story about the first meeting of the new library board (after the Fire), including the names of the new officers: R.T. Moore, Mrs. C.W. Linn, Mrs. L.D. Felsheim (my grandmother), Mrs. G.R. McNair and O.C. Shindler. Miss F. Amelia Henry was again to be the librarian.

"The board decided to set up milk bottles in the various business houses in town for the purpose of receiving contributions for the library fund, as the city of Bandon can at present make no provision for library expenses."

The third photo appeared in the Feb. 23, 1961, Western World about restrooms at the jetty.

"These little white cabins speak for themselves. They were installed at the South Jetty parking lot by Coos County authority.

"Since a paved roadway leads to the jetty area, where a large parking space has been provided, hundreds of people gather there for hours at a time, especially during weekends. Sanitary conditions became an immediate problem.

"The county road department is reported to have further plans for landscaping and improving the jetty area in order to make it more convenient for the many Coos county visitors and attractive for tourists."

Many years ago, the City took over ownership and maintenance of the South Jetty area and restrooms.

Although I have no official way of learning who was involved in the head-on collision between two pickups last Thursday



on Highway 101 near Billy Smoothboards, I do know the identity of at least one of the drivers.

A friend told me that Steve Holmes, 60, whose wife Paula owns the Tin Thistle restaurant in North Bend, spent a day in the hospital being evaluated for injuries, which included a concussion. Steve is well known around the Coos Bay area as an arborist.

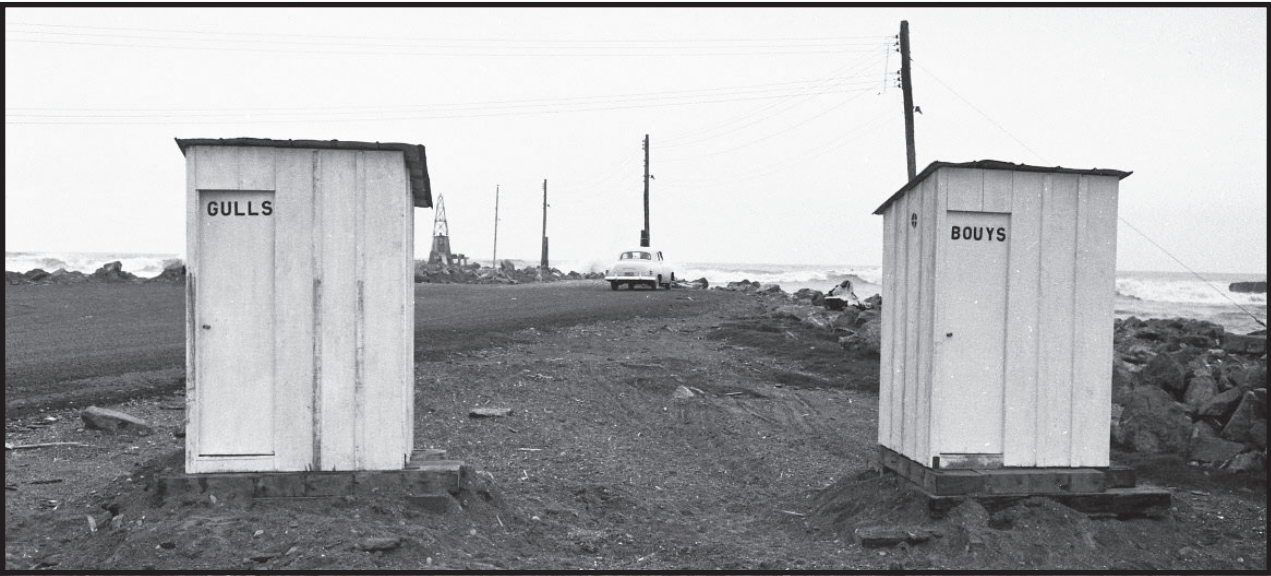
I do not know who was driving the other vehicle, or if the driver was injured. The Oregon State Police, who cover accidents on the highway, send out a press release only if a fatality is involved.

A big crowd attended the town hall meeting last week at The Barn where the Transportation Safety Plan was discussed by a representative of the city's consultant Parametrix, as well as a representative of ODOT.

Discussed were four alternatives to reconfigure Highway 101 through town, which included two that would enlarge the rights of way (but would be almost impossible because of the configuration of the existing buildings), one that would reduce the traffic lanes to two, with a median turn lane (a road diet) and the fourth would be a modified road diet, with two lanes headed south and one lane coming north. People attending the meeting were invited to mark on large scale drawings which alternative they preferred. Much of the emphasis in the plan presented by Parametrix was on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

At the end of the presentation, I pointed out that the fifth option, which the city council had approved in 2019, was to make no change to the highway. Since then flashing lights have been installed at both Ninth Street and at Chicago Avenue with the Ninth Street installation (near the schools) making the area safer and also reducing speed.

My personal feeling is that since there have been almost no fatal accidents inside the city limits in years, ODOT would do well to spend their dollars on improving safety on Highway 101 north between Bandon and Davis Slough, where the number of fatal accidents has



reached what one could call epidemic proportions in the last couple of years.

The issue is expected to come before the Bandon City Council again as we work to adopt a revised Transportation Safety Plan.

I received a call from a constituent Saturday who was concerned about the fact that 10 percent of the U.S. Forest Service workforce was fired on Friday by the Trump administration. She said that thirty percent (or 40 people) were fired from the Rogue River/Siuslaw National Forest, which includes the Powers Ranger

District and the Gold Beach Ranger District, both of which will be seriously impacted.

Most of them were temporary employees, who

were scheduled to move into permanent status, and who were making about \$16 an hour. They include staff who handle prep for timber sales. She described

this as low-cost savings that will impact local

See *As I See It*
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Bandon WORSHIP Directory

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- Full-time Maintenance
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FLASH GORDON

THE BARMAID FINISHES OPENING THE KOMOK'S BRIDE, THE ONLY PUBLIC HOUSE IN LOWLAND STATION.

A STORM'S BREWING. TRAINS AND ROCKETS WILL BE STALLED, DELAYED, CANCELED EVEN.

WHICH MEANS A HORDE OF WET, STRANDED TRAVELERS.

WHICH MEANS A LONG NIGHT.

LOWLAND STATION.

A LONE TRANSIT HUB IN THE MIDDLE OF A VAST STRETCH OF NOWHERE...

...CHOKED WITH TRAVELERS FROM ALL CORNERS OF PLANET MONGO.

WAR IS LOOMING, AND EVERYONE'S TRYING TO GET SOMEWHERE ELSE BEFORE IT HITS.

THEY WERE TOLD THERE'D BE PEACE NOW.

AFTER ALL, MING HAD BEEN DEFEATED...

...BY FLASH GORDON.

A LIBERATOR. A WARRIOR. A HERO--

--TO SOME.

TO OTHERS, HE'S AN INTERLOPER. A TERRORIST. AN ALIEN INVADER.

HE'S TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES. SIX OF THEM ARE HERE IN THIS PUB.

THESE ARE THEIR STORIES OF THE MAN FROM EARTH...

NEXT: THE GLADIATOR

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

HEADS UP WE JUST CAUGHT A HERO SKULKING IN THE DUNGEON.

PERFECT TIMING!

BE PATIENT, PRETTY. LUNCH IS ON THE WAY.

RELEASE ME, SEA HAG!

I DEMAND MY FREEDOM!

JUST 'CUZ THIS IS AN EVIL LAIR DOESN'T MAKE BREAKING AND ENTERING ANY MORE LEGAL.

VILE CUR, I WAS LOOKING FOR THE LOST EYE OF THE BASILISK, AN ARTIFACT YOU STOLE--

I USED TO HAVE A CAT NAMED "CUR."

HOH?

A LIL' TUXEDO!

WHY WOULD I CARE ABOUT YOUR PETS?

I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING.

LISTEN, YOU DOTTY OLD BAT--

YOU DON'T GOTTA BE RUDE.

ZAP!

DISINTEGRATING HIM SEEMS RUDER.

WHO KEEPS DUMPIN' HEROES IN ME TRASH CAN?!

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

THOSE YOUR VALENTINES, SUZY?

YUP

THIS ONE'S FROM HUGO ASKING ME TO BE HIS VALENTINE

HEY! HE SENT ME ONE JUST LIKE IT!

THAT RAT! I HATE HIM

ME TOO!

THIS YEAR I DID IT RIGHT, TIGER

I SENT BONNIE AND SUZY THE SAME CARD SO NOBODY WOULD GET HURT FEELINGS

SMART, HUH?

I THINK YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TROUBLE WITH WOMEN ALL YOUR LIFE, HUGO

Hal Foster's

Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

VAL AND GUNDAR HARL MAY HAVE PREVENTED THE BESOTTED CREW OF THE SKJALDDIS FROM DESTROYING THEMSELVES, BUT NOW HARALDR WATCHES IN HORROR...

... AS HIS FATHER'S SHIP IS SUCKED TOWARD ITS DOOM! HIS CREW DESPERATELY BACKWATERS TO AVOID A SIMILAR FATE ...

...AND BARELY MANAGES TO ESCAPE THE TERRIBLE GRIP OF THE TIDAL CURRENT.

THE ISLAND QUEEN, HOWEVER, IS SWEEP HELPLESSLY BETWEEN CLAW-LIKE ROCKS, WHICH FUNNEL THE GREAT CURRENT...

... INTO A MASSIVE WHIRLPOOL DWARFING EVEN THULE'S MAELSTROMS-- WHICH VAL HAS SEEN DEVOUR ENTIRE SHIPS!

NEXT: The narrow margin

GRIN and BEAR IT

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RAM ROD ACADEMY - SUCK IT UP

COMA

"Figby, we've had reports that you've been combative. Congratulations!"

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Vest is shorter. 2. Arm is longer. 3. Chair is taller. 4. Foot is moved. 5. Chart is different. 6. Curtain is not as wide.

MINI SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 6-box square contains all of the numbers from one to six.

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Micro Crossword

By Elizabeth C. Gorski

Across

1 Sloe Gin ____

5 Count with an orchestra

6 Dishwasher brand

7 Katherine of "27 Dresses"

8 Sums things up?

Down

1 World-renowned

2 "To reiterate ..."

3 Witty criticisms

4 Gusto

5 ____ Men ("Who Let the Dogs Out" band)

Micro Crossword

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MINI SUDOKU

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Out on a Limb

"J," TRY "J"

WHEN THE WOLF'S AWAY THE SHEEP PLAY WORDLE

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by Gary Kopervas

Obituaries

Douglas T. Laird

March 30, 1948 - January 22, 2025

Doug was born in Coos Bay on March 30, 1948, to the late Dr. Jack and Gretchen Laird and died January 22, 2025, of natural causes. He was the third of six brothers in a large, close-knit, pioneer family with deep roots in Coos County. Doug graduated from Marshfield High School in 1966, where he was a proud member of the Pirate football team. He played the trombone and performed in the marching band as well. He later graduated from Southern Oregon College in 1970. Throughout his life, Doug maintained strong connections with many of his former teammates, always proudly rooting for his “Pirates.”

A lifelong lover of the outdoors, Doug cherished his time spent on the Rogue River. Whether fishing, running the river, cutting firewood, or simply enjoying family time, those moments were among his happiest.

Doug spent his entire career in finance and insurance across Coos and Curry Counties, retiring in 2018. In retirement, he focused on his many hobbies, including salmon and tuna fishing with his brother David, playing bridge and gardening—passions that brought him much joy in his later years.

Doug is survived by his five brothers:



David, Clint, Bruce, Andy, and George; their wives; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends who will remember and miss him dearly. A member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Doug’s family and friends will gather for a memorial service at the family property on the Rogue River at a later date to celebrate his life.

Richard Kuznitsky

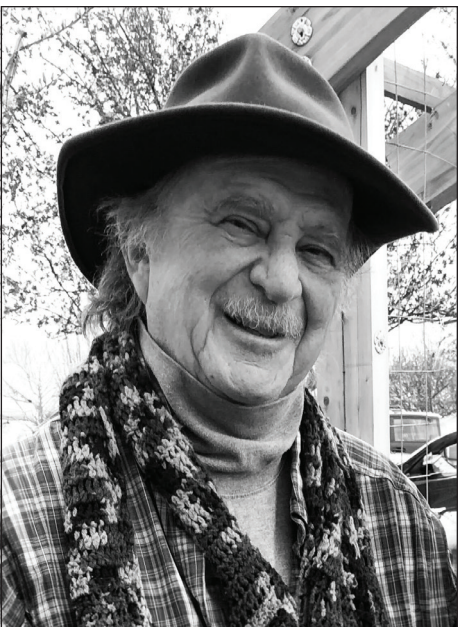
June 17, 1944 – February 5, 2025

Richard passed away February 5, 2025 in Springfield, due to complications from an auto accident near his home in North Bend. Richard was born June 17, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois to Gershon and Ida Kuznitsky. He was raised in Chicago, the youngest of five children and graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He relocated to the West Coast in the early 1970s.

Throughout his life, Richard cultivated numerous friendships and relationships in the Coos County area. He was an active member of the local Democratic Party, serving on its board and more recently as a non-board member. He also played a pivotal role in the establishment of Coos Head Food Co-op. Richard possessed exceptional skills in construction and design, co-founding Kuznitsky and Rubin Construction Inc. with his cousin Daniel Rubin.

Richard is survived by his sister, Pauline; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; his son, Eric (Melissa); granddaughter, Ella; his life partner, Bonnie Richmond; her daughters, Erin (Braden), Leigh (Zach) and grandchildren, Flora, Jasper, Neil and Nolan. Richard also cherished many dogs throughout his life and they held a special place in his big heart.

Private services were held at Sunset Memorial Park, Coos Bay. A celebration of life will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday,



March 16, at Black Market Gourmet, 495 Central Avenue in Coos Bay. Memorial contributions in Richard’s name may be made to: coosdems.org or The Beet Food System (thebeetfsc.org) As Richard said: “The best part of any journey is the people we meet along the way.” Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Toni Michele Johnson

May 17, 1958 – February 15, 2025

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Toni M. Johnson, 66, of North Bend, will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1290 Thompson Road in Coos Bay. Toni Michele Johnson was born in Orange, California to Michael and Corrine McCullough on May 17, 1958. Toni met Tom Johnson in 1980. Three years later they married on August 6. They had a strong, supportive, loving marriage for over 40 years.

Toni was a mother of two children, Audri and Ryan. She nurtured, protected, and advocated for them through their childhoods. She was so proud of them. Toni was a doting grandma to her favorite people who called her Grandma Darling and Nana. She loved spending time with them and creating feasts of all their preferred dishes when they visited. Toni was a loyal and generous friend. She loved her friends like family. They were so important to her. Toni retired from the Payroll Specialist position at the North Bend District Office after 20 years of service. Toni enjoyed curating a beautiful home. She loved surrounding her yard with a colorful array of flowers each spring. Her true passion was “playing” in the kitchen. She loved creating delicious meals that she could share with family and friends.

Toni was so much more than daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She embodied fierce love for those who were close to her. She had a soft heart and showed her love through her words and deeds for others. Toni is survived by her husband, Tom Johnson; mother, Corrine McCullough; sister, Diane Hammond (Dan); brother, Tim McCullough (Karen); children Audri Lambert (Jason) and Ryan Johnson (Alysha); four grandchildren, Nicole,



Travin, Ryan Jr. and Kelsey; and nieces and nephews. Toni was preceded in death by her father, Michael McCullough and her aunt, Patricia Hoff. 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.

Marie Johnson Stewart

December 26, 1923 - February 13, 2025

Marie Johnson Stewart, a beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away in Coos Bay, February 13, 2025. She had recently celebrated her 101st birthday, the day after Christmas. Marie was born December 26, 1923, in Marshfield, OR to John and Edna Johnson. Marie was the only daughter, raised in a Swedish household. She was surrounded by the love of her parents and brother, Stan. Marie was raised on her family’s farm, located up Coos River. She attended Coos River School, where she traveled daily by milk boat to and from school. Marie graduated from Marshfield High School, class of 1942. During World War II, Marie met George Darrell Stewart. They were married for over 50 years. Marie worked at North Bend Medical Clinic for over 27 years, retiring early to focus on Darrell’s medical care. She was an excellent cook and baker, something she inherited from her mother. Marie was known for her sincere kindness, never looking her age and her bright blue eyes that always seemed to twinkle. She was extremely shy, a trait not inherited by her daughters. Marie loved her family, friends, faith and the Dallas Cowboys. Marie is preceded in death by her husband, George Darrell; daughter, Janet Reed and son-in-law, Bill Reed. She is survived by daughters, Carol Luce of Coos Bay and Deb Stewart-Dezotell of Maricopa, AZ. Her memory will be held dear by her 7 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and their families. Marie’s life was filled with grace, dignity,



determination, humor and love. Marie was extremely fortunate to have Loretta as her primary caregiver for over five years. Lisa and Kathy cared for Mom for up to 2 years. They all provided exceptional comfort, support and professionalism. The family is deeply grateful for their dedication and compassion, which made a significant difference in our lives. A private family service will be held at Sunset Memorial Cemetery. A celebration of life will be scheduled for a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Death Notices

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William “Bill” L. Smith, 56, of Coos Bay died February 13, 2025 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites have been held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

L. Lee Pierson, age 52, of Coos Bay, passed away February 5, 2025, at Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson’s Bay Area Mortuary, Coos Bay, 541-267-4216.

Myron Derald Marchant, 92, of Coos Bay, passed away February 10, 2025 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Dustin D. Kohl, 34, of Coos Bay, passed away on February 11, 2025 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Terese “Teri” Knighten, 66, of Brookings, passed away on February 14, 2025 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Fawney Nadine Hart-Clark, 38, of North Bend, passed away on February 14, 2025 in Portland. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

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Jerry W. Utterback, 76, of North Bend, passed away on February 13, 2025 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Barbara “Bobbie” Lee McCune, 81, of Coos Bay, passed away February 13, 2025 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service-Bay Area, 541-269-2851. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Sherry M. Montgomery, 69, of Coos Bay died February 13, 2025 in Coos Bay. Cremation rites will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens Crematory with inurnment at Sunset Memorial Park, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Kenneth “Buzz” Taylor, 84, of Charleston, passed away on February 13, 2025 in Charleston. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.


Robert “Bob” J. Forbus, 83, of North Bend, passed away on February 13, 2025 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

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The Chamber Minute

From the desk of Rosey Thomas

By ROSEY THOMAS
Executive Director, Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Lately, it seems division has become the norm. Whether it's national politics or local issues, social media is filled with heated debates, name-calling, and lines drawn in the sand. But here's the thing—anger and division don't build businesses, create jobs, or strengthen communities. Working together does.

At the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, we don't always agree, and that's okay. In fact, it's necessary. Our 13 committees are made up of people with different perspectives, experiences, and ideas. But we have one thing in common: a commitment to

moving our community forward.

Instead of getting stuck in arguments, we roll up our sleeves and get to work—advocating for business-friendly policies, supporting workforce development, and creating opportunities for entrepreneurs to thrive. We focus on solutions, not sides. Our Bi-Weekly Legislative calls with our Legislative Action Team and our local legislators go over bills and policies to ensure our area has a voice in government. To ensure those leaders hear it from us. It will require many people putting their heads together from both sides of the aisle to ensure a better business climate for all.

In a time when so many are looking for reasons to divide, let's be an example of what can happen when people come together. Our businesses, our economy, and our community depend on it. We ultimately all want to help our area succeed, we want our families here to prosper, we must work together, and fight the urges to "go off" on each other, think solutions....

Let's move forward—together.

EVENT: Business After Hours Chili'n with NW Natural
Feb 27th 5-7pm, Food & n/a drinks & Celebration Cake of our New 2025 Community Profile & Directory...coming



Rosey Thomas

out soon... Don't miss this wonderful annual event 1625 N 7th street in Coos Bay!

Remember, our business is helping your business. Don't forget to like us on Facebook and heart our page on the Community Plus App!

Creating a Stronger Tomorrow, Together.

Bandon: Upcoming town hall on growth management

The City of Bandon invites you to participate in an important Town Hall meeting to discuss growth management and its impact on our community at 6 pm on March 19th, 2025. We encourage all members of the community to join us for this vital discussion and share your thoughts about how Bandon can grow sustainably while maintaining its unique character! While the event will be held in person, there will be a virtual option to join as well.

As Bandon continues to grow, there are many planning issues to consider, including housing, transportation, infrastructure, and vacation rentals. The City has been working on these topics through grants to assess our housing code and transportation system plan, as well as through Planning Commission discussions on vacation rentals. While these topics are often in the spotlight, the broader topic of growth management also deserves our attention.

Growth management refers to the strategies a community uses to ensure that essential services and infrastructure keep pace with population growth and development demands. Much of Bandon's Comprehensive Plan was written 20–30 years ago, and this meeting is an opportunity to revisit and reimagine our approach to managing growth for the future.

Key Questions for Discussion:

- Does Bandon have sufficient infrastructure—or funding for infrastructure—to meet future population demands?
- How will services and infrastructure be affected by the annexation of areas within the urban growth boundary?
- What role should local government play in addressing these challenges?

While these will serve as the guiding questions for the Town Hall, we want to hear from you! If you have additional questions or topics you'd like addressed



What is Growth Management?

during the meeting, please submit them in advance. This will help us incorporate your concerns into the agenda and ensure a productive discussion.

Submit Your Questions:
Please use the comment section below to share your questions and contact information. Only the required

fields with the red asterisk are required to submit a comment. We value your input and look forward to including your voice in the conversation.

Obituaries

Kenneth H. Lawrence

August 8, 1947 - February 14, 2025

Kenneth H. Lawrence, 77 years old, went home to be with the Lord February 14, 2025. Ken was a resident of the central Oregon Coast for 50 years. As a pharmacist at Bay Area Hospital for 25 years, he made many friends and touched many lives throughout the bay area. He also owned the Hole in the Wall Gun Shop, before closing in 2023. Ken was an avid hunter and overall outdoorsman. Never happier than when he was out hunting.

Born in Cody, Wyoming in 1947, Ken was quite the athlete in high school, holding the high school state record in mile run, and state runner up in wrestling. He initially went to college on a full ride wrestling scholarship, but then enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. Ken rose to the rank of Sergeant, then came home to marry his sweetheart Paula. After marriage and welcoming his son Derek into the world, Ken decided it was time to get serious about his education and went to University of Wyoming, where he became a pharmacist. While completing his degree, he welcomed his daughter Deborah into the world. After graduating from college, Ken moved his family to North Bend, Oregon.

Ken is survived by his brother, Dennis Lawrence (sister-in-law, Carol Lawrence); son, Derek Lawrence (daughter-in-law, Reagan Lawrence); daughter, Deborah Lawrence Hastings (son-in-law, Daniel Hastings); grandchildren, Avery Lawrence Abele, Celia Lawrence, Olivia Lawrence, Karen Hastings, Danny Hastings, Jerry



Lawrence, Mac Lawrence and great-granddaughters, Lyla and Zoe Abele.

Ken was preceded in death by his mother, Arlene Davis, and his wife, Paula Lawrence

Ken's family would like to invite all of his friends to a celebration of his life at the Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Avenue in Coos Bay at 3 p.m., Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com

As I See It

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communities.

"We need to talk to each other about the facts as the costs and the impacts are real," she told me ... "to small towns like Powers. It was the lowest paid whose jobs were cut."

I've been asked by another constituent to make a statement about immigration, and while it is not a city issue, it is a humanity issue. I want to share a statement written by Wall Street Journal columnist Peggy Noonan, which expresses how I feel.

"I truly believe that violent illegal immigrants need to be returned to their home countries, but I stand with peaceful hard-working families doing no harm and in fact contributing."

Just when I thought it couldn't get any worse in Curry County government, it did. A press release issued Jan. 22 explained that the Board of Commissioners has filed a declaratory judgment suit against Curry County Sheriff John Ward in circuit court to resolve a long-standing disagreement between the Board and the Sheriff about their respective roles and responsibilities in county government.

Stay tuned for this one ...

I want to remind people that the Bandon City Council will be taking up the issue of fireworks at the March 3 meeting after receiving a request by a resident to ban the sale/discharge of fireworks in Bandon. He said: "The city provides a wonderful fireworks show on the fourth of July, so why then do we permit the sale of fireworks in our city? Bullards does not allow fireworks."

During the meeting I plan to share an article about what was described as a "mass casualty incident" on Crescent City beach last year, which nearly killed a young boy and injured 14 people when a box of fireworks ignited prematurely, sending mortars flying into the crowd.

Judging from the number of cars in town over the weekend, both the Gorse Blossom Festival and the Wine and Seafood Festival had big crowds, and Facebook posts were extremely positive.

Several of us Bandon Rotarians went to Port Orford Saturday evening for the Rotary Club Crab Feed to support a club which has been so supportive of our Bandon club.

The Meet and Greet schedule for the Tuesday programs at Bandon Fisheries Warehouse, where people gather at 11:30 for the noon program include: Feb. 18, Jim Proehl of the Bandon History Museum with "A Basketball Tale: With Boats." Feb. 25, Marissa Nuez of Food and Faith will talk about the new program to help those in need; March 4, Kellie Andrews and Gary McElroy of the Coos County Amateur Radio Club, will present; March 11, Ray Hino, CEO of

Southern Coos Hospital and Health Center; March 18, the Bandon Museum; March 25, Sheriff Gabe Fabrizio will talk about preparedness for a tsunami or wildlife fire.

I understand it's sold out, but Saturday, Feb. 22, is the Bite of Bandon, which is a fundraiser for the Bandon Youth Center, being held at the Barn.

Shoreline Education Awareness is presenting Birds of the Oregon Coast, at 10 a.m., Feb. 22, in the Bandon Library Sprague Room. The program will be presented by Alex Cook, Bandon Marsh Refuge Manager. Come in person or join by Zoon at SEA-EDU.ORG/WEBINARS-2.

You don't want to miss the Bandon Playhouse Production of Crimes of the Heart, set for Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 28-March 2, at the Sprague Theater, with Friday and Saturday shows at 7 and Sunday matinees at 2. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students, and can be purchased online or at the door.

A program titled "History Minutes Live: With Music" will be held Saturday, March 1, at the Bandon Historical Society Museum, at 1 p.m. Enjoy musician Bob Shaffar and friends and storytelling by Jim Proehl.

Another great show coming up is the Arcis Saxophone Quartet, being presented by Bandon Showcase at The Sprague on Monday, March 10. I really urge you to support the Bandon Showcase and the Playhouse so they can continue to bring top quality entertainment to Bandon.

A free concert, sponsored by Bandon Library Friends and Foundation, will be held Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Sprague featuring Lisa Lynne and Aryeh Frankfurter, with Celtic harps and wonderful stories.



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