Sole Mates launch party for community Walking Guide

BY NATE SCHWARTZ

A group of community members received funding from Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) to create a free walking guide for Coos Bay and North Bend. The Sole Mates, twenty locals with a passion for the outdoors and improving public health, came together to make resources available for anyone who feels the same.

The Sole Mates origin story was quite unorthodox. OHSU partnered with 20 public libraries throughout the state to conduct studies around walking as a means for improving health and fitness. Librarian Paul Addis of the Coos Bay

Public Library (CBPL) headed the project and recruited 20 community participants for the twoyear survey. Participants were not allowed to exercise more than three times a week. Instead, the group would meet-up every Saturday, starting in May of 2023, at the library to talk and get some walking done, in addition to meeting with OHSU researchers every 6 months to mark their progress.

"We started out, because we were not a fit group, with maybe just a few blocks walk around where the library is. We increased that every week and then

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Gold Beach Aquatic Safety Program receives grants, seeks expansion into Coos County



BY LINDA LEE Country Media, Inc.

The Gold Beach Aquatic Safety Program is experiencing a surge in support, receiving significant grants to bolster its vital services. The Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) recently awarded the program \$35,000 for the 2024 fiscal year.

These funds, combined with an additional \$10,000 support from the City of Gold Beach as well as regional tourism and recreation partners, will enable the program to expand its reach and impact.

"This funding is crucial for us to continue growing and better serve our community," said Luke Martinez, Curry County Aquatic Safety Officer. "With increased resources, we can enhance our outreach, education, and response capabilities, particularly focusing on underserved populations."

This funding, combined with a pending \$50,000 grant from the Oregon



Department of Human Services (DHS) would allow the program to hire an additional Aquatic Safety Officer also known as Lifeguard I.

This expansion would significantly increase the program's coverage area,

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North Bend Fire Department trains with ARFF team at regional airport







Firefighters from the North Bend Fire Department participated in specialized training this week with the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) team at the Southwest Oregon

Regional Airport. The collaborative training focused on preparing firefighters to handle aircraft-related emergencies.

Key components of the training included aircraft

familiarization, managing aircraft incident operations, and responding to crash scenarios, such as

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Local Politicians receive concerning letter calling for blatant profiling

REPORT & OP-ED BY NATE SCHWARTZ

Coos Bay City Councilor Stephanie Kilmer was shocked to find a patently bigoted letter in her mailbox last week calling for citizens to profile their own neighbors and report them to the Department of Homeland Security. This letter, concerned with reporting "brown folks" to authorities for deportation contained dangerous and misleading advice.

"What the hell... Whoever sent this, you're sick. I am assuming it's because I'm an elected," said Kilmer in a Facebook post admonishing the

Copies of this letter were sent to a large swath of public figures and likely private citizens. The list includes Lincoln County Sheriff Curtis Landers, and the city council and mayor of Toledo, Oregon.

In Oregon, which is classified as a sanctuary state, police are unable to participate in federal

What Would Founding Father,

Benjamin Franklin, do... with

It is my understanding the

U.S. postal service (USPS) was

conceived by Benjamin Franklin

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immigration enforcement without proper warrants. Said letter, titled "The Brown Round-Up Part 1", which contained a deeply concerning line of thinking, made no effort to distinguish between actual illegal aliens and "brown people."

For example, the letter called for community members to "sit in your church's parking lot and write down the license plates # of the brown folks", claiming that "many brown folks are catholic". They urged people to do the same while grocery shopping or picking their kids up from school.

This level of flippant disregard for the massive cultural differences and origins of people with darker skin tones shows that some people view the Trump administration's coming deportation plans as a way to reclaim their communities for white people, and white people

It should go without saying that illegal immigration can be done from any number of

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future. That was ended in 2022,

The same forces that have

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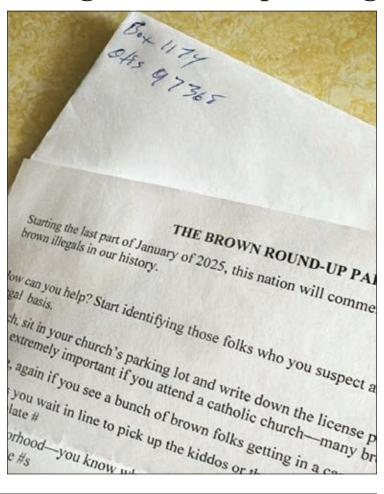
but not before causing major budgetary problems for the post

countries, not just ones that are predominantly "brown". It should also go without saying that any number of "brown folks" could very well be here fully legally, and therefore would be victims of blatant profiling should they be reported simply because of their skin color.

The Coos County area is home to three distinct Native American tribes, within which are 4 Bands: the Hanis Coos, Miluk Coos, the Lower Umpqua Tribe, and the Siuslaw Tribe. These groups were present in Coos Bay long before it was settled as Empire City back in 1853. Should they be reported for deportation? Obviously not.

The deportation program, for which we have vet to see detailed plans outlining how illegals will be identified, will be a massive undertaking and much scrutiny will be placed on how fine-toothed a comb

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Guest Column

Merkley Monthly: 2024 Accomplishments for Oregonians

By JEFF MERKLEY Guest column

As 2024 draws to a close, I'm reflecting on what my team and I accomplished over the past year to give families across Oregon and around the country the foundations they need to thrive. Here are a few highlights important to Oregon's coastal communities.

As Oregon's representative on the committee that funds the federal government, I secured critical funding for wildfire relief and 139 homegrown community-initiated projects across our state. These investments address local priorities up and down the Oregon Coast and beyond, including \$1 million for Tillamook County's project to build out broadband infrastructure and increase services to homes, and \$4 million headed to the City of North Bend to construct affordable housing.

I also fought for vital infrastructure projects, including \$54 million for Port of Coos Bay's transformative container port project and many other investments to rebuild and strengthen our roads, bridges, and ports. It's projects like these that will boost our economy, create good-paying union jobs, and keep our communities connected.

In addition, I held the first Congressional hearings on dangerous plastic pollution choking our waterways and oceans, littering our land and beaches, and harming everyone's health. I also spearheaded the comprehensive Break

Free from Plastic Pollution Act. Not only that, I shone a light on the salmon-killing chemical called 6PPD and championed the end to importing and manufacturing asbestos, both of which the EPA took action to address.

We had a lot to celebrate in Oregon, too. After working alongside Tribes and stakeholders for 16 years, I celebrated the removal of four Klamath River dams, which was the largest dam removal project in our country's history. A vast stretch of the Klamath River is flowing free for the first time in generations, and the salmon have returned and spawned!

In July, I successfully pushed state and federal agencies fighting wildfires in southern and western Oregon to renew their agreement on the Western Oregon Operating Plan—known as the WOOP—that boosts coordination, cooperation, and preparedness.

And the Senate unanimously adopted my bipartisan National Pollinator Week resolution. I also helped secure more funding for conservation efforts that reaffirm our commitment to protecting critical pollinators, including the Western Monarch Butterfly.

My amazing Constituent Services team continued to help hundreds of Oregonians with delayed Social Security and disability benefits, delayed visas, mail delivery snafus, and many other issues—including working tirelessly to secure transportation to Oregon for Palestinian children



Jeff Merkley

needing vital medical care.

And I created the Oregon Treasures Quest-encouraging folks to get out and enjoy all of the beauty and wonder that our state has to offer, with sites to visit in each of Oregon's 36 counties, from Marion to Malheur. Keep an eye out for the 2025 Oregon Treasures Quest coming next year and prepare to hit the road!

These are just a few of 24 major accomplishments in 2024, and you can watch my video recap of all of them on my YouTube channel.

Thank you all for being partners in making Oregon—and our world—a better place. Whether you call my office, write in, or attend one of the 36 town halls I hold in each of Oregon's counties every year, your input guides my work in the Senate. In 2025, let's keep working together to build a

Opinion: Bay Area Hospital enters deal with the devil

By TRACY SWEELY and JUDY MOODY Guest column

We have been attending the Bay Area Hospital's Finance Committee Meetings periodically since June of 2023. We did so after we became aware of the April 11, 2023 Lund Report online article on the financial problems posing an existential threat to the hospital.

According to the report, rising costs during the pandemic and issues with billing had essentially left the hospital with a \$61 million loss and in violation of the terms of a \$47 million bank loan. While technically in default, the bank had not called in the note but did double the interest rate. The hospital had engaged an outside consulting firm and implemented a turnaround plan to go net positive within 2 years. Steps taken to stabilize finances included renegotiating reimbursement rates, repositioning investment portfolio for greater gains and lower fees, solving billing issues, attempting to refinance the loan with a new bank, lowering dependence on expensive temporary contract workers, ending mental health services, and ending home health services among other things.

Our primary concerns were that the hospital would unexpectedly

shutter its doors like PeaceHealth did in Eugene, or that the hospital would be acquired by a larger entity and the cost of services would increase as the new entity sought to increase profits. Finally, we were concerned that a private equity firm would purchase the hospital and strip it of its assets for profit, leaving it bankrupt and inoperable as has been happening in rural communities across the US. At the second Finance Meeting we attended in July of 2023, we asked CFO Mary Lou Tate about this possibility. She assured us that since BAH is a hospital district meant to ensure access to and local control of healthcare, the hospital could not be purchased without a vote from the community.

Since we have been attending the Finance Meetings, we have been both impressed by the heroic efforts and hard choices made to bring the finances under control, but shocked at the ongoing lack of transparency as the situation continued to evolve. With mastery and deftness, CFO Mary Lou Tate could always be relied upon to corral and explain the endless complexities of the hospital's financial operations. However, whether the details showed progress or setbacks, the board did not share them with the public. At the meeting we attended in August 2023,

Dr McAndrew point blank asked the board "When are we going to tell the public?" There was silence and mumbling and the meeting proceeded without a response.

Months later we were astounded opportunities to partner with or be to read CEO Brian Moore's Guest Column in the World newspaper on June 19, 2024, where he revealed the hospital was exploring

acquired by a larger institution. We

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Sole Mates

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our first park was Mingus Park. We got to know that one very well. Then we started branching out and learning about all the different parks in our area," said Karen Forsyth, a group member.

"Many of us, whether we've been here a few years or our whole lives, may not have been to all these parks. So, we broadened our horizons and visited many, many different locations. It was a very democratic process."

Half of the libraries selected by OHSU had a second component to their study. Funds were provided for a civic engagement project of the group's choosing, alongside the exercise. Coos Bay was one of those groups and they debated the best way to use the opportunity. While there was discussion over sponsoring a bench or lighted crosswalks, the group eventually came to the decision to put together the walking guide as a community resource, and share the knowledge they

had gained.

"The 20 of us voted that our civic engagement project would be a printed walking guide of local parks and trails in Coos Bay and North Bend. Our community skews older, so we decided a printed version would be great for older folks. We also have, in the guide, a QR code and URL. The digital version of the guide will continue to live on the Coos Bay Library website," explained Forsyth.

"We wanted to make sure that all the locations were areas that are good for older folks and families to walk. We made sure to include in our guide what the surface was like... Whether it's appropriate for wheelchairs or strollers. Other things like, if there are flush toilets, what kind of parking there is, if dogs are allowed."

An important group member, Catie Loy, offered a wealth of knowledge of the parks for the group, as well as acting as the graphic designer who took lead on putting the guide together. Loy is the treasurer for Oregon Bay Area Beautification, who's

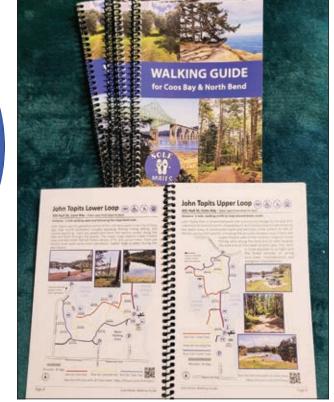


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Cleanups
have been
instrumental for keeping
litter and overgrowth out
of our local parks. Loy is
also a founder of the Coos
Bay & North Bend Park
Pack, a resource for folks
who want company, or
just the safety of numbers,
while exploring our parks
and trails.

The group has gone beyond their original project to 'adopt' John Topitis Park through the City of Coos Bay's adopt a park program. They sponsored trail markers and dog stations among resources now available in Coos Bay's beautiful 120acre city park.

At a launch party on January 4th, the Sole Mates will celebrate the completion of the walking guide as it is sent to local businesses and organizations, who have engaged fully with the project.

"The reception so far has been overwhelming," said Forsyth. "We thought that there was a need and boy were we right... Everybody is just so excited to share



this resource with the community... It feels like we're going to be able to bring back people to enjoy these wonderful resources in the community, who might have been a little bit hesitant to do that."

The Sole Mates and the Coos Bay Public Library invite the whole community to join them for the launch party,
Saturday January 4th, from
11 AM to 1 PM in the
Myrtlewood Room. Come
out to receive a copy of the
guide and hear more about
the wonderful work the
Sole Mates have done to
get locals and tourists alike
out to enjoy the beautiful
natural resources Coos Bay
and North Bend afford us.



extricating patients from wreckage. These exercises are critical for equipping firefighters with the skills needed to address highrisk, low-frequency incidents that require specialized knowledge and rapid response.

"This type of hands-on, realistic training is invaluable," said North Bend Fire Chief Jim Brown. "It ensures our firefighters are prepared to serve the community effectively during emergencies."

The North Bend Fire Department expressed gratitude to the ARFF team for their partnership and the opportunity to enhance their readiness for rare but potentially devastating incidents.



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Bandon Dunes tournament begins Thursday

The annual Bandon Dunes Invitational holiday basketball tournament starts Thursday, with eight girls and eight boys teams competing, including several South Coast schools.

In the Girls bracket, host Bandon opens against Siuslaw at 6 p.m. in the high school gym.

Myrtle Point battles North Douglas at noon in the Harbor Lights gym and Coquille meets Santiam Christian at 3

p.m. at Harbor Lights.

Pacific faces South Umpqua at noon in the high school.

In the boys bracket, the host Tigers face La Pine at 7:30 p.m. in the main gym. Myrtle Point battles Coquille at 4:30 p.m. in the main gym and South Umpqua faces North Douglas at 1:30 p.m.

The boys game at Harbor Lights on Thursday features Siuslaw against Santiam Christian at 1:30 p.m.



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ODFW announces bear issues in Bandon

Coastal biologists are dealing with trash addicted bears, particularly in Bandon, Curry County, and Mapleton. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) officials would appreciate any reporting you could do on this issue.

Below is information on how to be "BearWise" and if you have any questions, my contact info is below. Thank you in advance, Meghan

Will you help bears take a long winter's nap? While they should be snuggled in their dens with visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads, they are actually wide awake and munching those holiday goodies they find in neighborhood trash cans. Please keep bears, people and pets safe by securing your garbage and other items that attract bears.

Use bear-resistant trash cans or at the very least, take garbage out the morning of pick up and not the night before. Keep garage doors closed, vehicles locked and secure buildings storing garbage, compost, pet food, birdseed, etc. Pick fruit from trees and don't leave fallen fruit on the ground.

Most issues between humans and bears are preventable by taking a few easy steps! Bear-Wise tips:

 Never feed or approach bears. Feeding bears, whether vou mean to or not, will cause them to associate humans with food. It is also against the law in Oregon (ORS 496.730).

• Secure food, garbage and recycling. Ensure trash and dumpsters are secure by using locking or screw-on lids, metal bars over dumpsters, or fully enclosed trash storage. Take trash out immediately before pick-up, not the night before pickup.

• Remove bird feeders. Birds have plenty of naturally available food sources, especially in the spring.

• Feed pets inside and store food indoors. Pet food attracts bears and other wildlife, putting your pets and wildlife at risk. Keep pets under your control when outside.

• Clean and store grills after each use.

 Alert neighbors to unusual bear activity (continued sightings during daylight hours, lack of wariness around humans or pets, etc.). Share these tips with your neighbors!

Contact your district ODFW office if you need help with a bear-human conflict or observe unusual or aggressive behavior from a bear. ODFW offices:

Charleston: 541-888-5515 Gold Beach: 541-247-7605 Newport (covers Mapleton): 541-867-4741 Report human safety con-

cerns to Oregon State Police at 1-888-452-7888

Area roundup

Powers girls reach title game in tournament

The Powers girls basketball team reached the championship game in the Clemens Holiday Tournament over the weekend.

The Cruisers topped Toledo 34-27 and beat Falls City 57-28 to advance to the final, where they faced the co-host of the tournament, the combined Monroe/Alsea squad (the other host was Eddyville Charter). The score of Saturday night's game was not available by deadline.

Powers hosts Gold Beach on Jan. 6 before opening Skyline League play Jan. 10 at Glen-

BULLDOGS BEAT RANGERS: North Bend topped visiting Estacada 57-28

for the Bulldogs' fifth straight win last week.

North Bend improved to 7-2 heading into a game Monday at Siuslaw (the score was not available). The Bulldogs host Creswell on Friday and open Sky-Em League play Jan. 7

against Marist Catholic.

PIRATES WIN: Marshfield topped Brookings-Harbor 52-45 to improve to 5-5 in the preaseason.

The Pirates open Sky-Em League play at home against Junction City on Jan. 7.

PACIFIC WINS ONE:

Pacific lost its opener in the Clemens Holiday Tournament to Monroe 58-23 before bouncing back with a 38-34 win over Junction City's JV team. In the consolation final, the Pirates faced Toledo (the score was not available).

Pacific face South Umpqua on Thursday in the first round of the Bandon Dunes Invitational.

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REEDSPORT: Camas Valley beat Reedsport 59-21 last week. The Brave also hosted Mapleton on Monday and are home against Glendale on Jan.

BOYS

BULLDOGS WIN: North Bend beat visiting Estacada 55-42 to finish a frantic stretch of five games in seven days. The win came after the Bulldogs had lost all three games in the Les Schwab Holiday tournament and improved North Bend's record to 3-7.

The Bulldogs were at Siuslaw on Monday and host Creswell on Friday in their final tuneup before Sky-Em League play begins with a home game against Marist Catholic on Jan. 7.

PIRATES POUND BRUINS: Marshfield topped

visiting Brookings-Harbor 88-28 in the Pirates' final game before league play.

Marshfield improved to 8-2 heading into the Sky-Em opener at home against Junction City on Jan. 7.

PACIFIC GETS WIN:

Pacific won its first game in the Clemens Holiday Tournament before losing its other two contests in the tournament.

The Pirates edged Alsea 34-32 before losing to Monroe 56-26 in the semifinals. In the third-place game, Eddyville beat Pacific 54-25.

The Pirates are at Reedsport on Friday before opening Skyline League play at home against Elkton on Jan. 10. **CRUISERS WIN ONE:**

Powers lost its opener in the Clemens Holiday Tournament to Toledo 66-30, but bounced back with a 45-9 win over Falls City in the consolation semifinals. In the consolation final, Powers faced Junction City's junior varsity squad. The score was not available.

Powers hosts Gold Beach on Jan. 6 before opening league play at Glendale on Jan. 10.

REEDSPORT WINS: Reedsport won at Camas Valley 62-52 last week for Reedsport's third win in four games.

The Brave were home against New Hope on Monday and also host Pacific on Thursday.

Resort courses enjoy strong rankings

The golf courses at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort continue to enjoy high acclaim from the national golf media in terms of course rankings.

Golf Digest ranks the resort's five 18-hole courses among the top 16 among the best public courses in the United States.

Pacific Dunes ranked second (behind Pebble Beach), with Bandon Dunes eighth, Bandon Trails 11th, Old Macdonald 13th and Sheep Ranch 16th.

In Golf Digest's list of greatest 100 courses in the country, a list that includes private courses, Pacific Dunes was at No. 21, Bandon Dunes at No. 40, Bandon Trails at No. 65 and Old Macdonald at No. 72. Sheep Ranch was among the second 100, at No. 115.

Golf.com's list of the country's top 100 courses had Pacific Dunes at No. 19, Bandon Trails at No. 39, Bandon Dunes at No. 49 and Old Macdonald at No. 79.

The list of top 100 courses you can play (public) from Golf.com included Pacific Dunes at No. 3, Bandon Trails at No. 7, Bandon Dunes at No.



The 11th hole at Pacific Dunes. Pacific Dunes ranked second behind Pebble Beach according to national golf media course rankings recently.

9, Old Macdonald at No. 13 and Sheep Ranch at No. 24.

GolfWeek ranked all five of the resort's 18-hole courses as the top five public courses in Oregon, with Pacific Dunes

first, followed by Old Macdonald, Bandon Trails, Bandon Dunes and Sheep Ranch.

GolfWeek also released a list of the top par-3 or short courses in the country and both

Bandon Dunes courses were on that list. Bandon Preserve, the 13-hole course, was ranked first and Shorty's, the new 19-hole course that opened in May, was ranked 11th.

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Mazzucchi wins title in Grants Pass for North Bend

North Bend's Kaylianna Mazzucchi won the title in her weight class in the girls division at the Grants Pass Winter Kickoff wrestling tournament.

Wrestling at 155 pounds, Mazzucchi won all four of her matches, including pinning Arcata's Rory Bickmore in the championship

Alana Wirebaugh placed sixth at 145 pounds for the

Bulldogs. Siuslaw got a trio of second-place finishes, by Abby Riggs (115), Macali Lade (120) and Danin Lacouture (145). Tosha Abraham placed third at 125 pounds

for the Vikings.

Siuslaw was fifth and North Bend 19th in the team race, won by North Medford.

In the boys tournament, North Bend's Jackson Swanson was fourth at 157 pounds after reaching the semifinals.

Justin Mann was champion at 215 pounds for Siuslaw, beating Crater's Travis Ege by technical fall in the championship bout. Leonardo Robertson was fifth at 150 for the Vikings.

Crater won the team title with Burns second. Siuslaw was 13th and North Bend 26th among 35 teams.

North Bend's new visitor center opens at 745 California Ave.

The City of North Bend has unveiled its new Visitor Information Center at 745 California Avenue, marking a significant milestone in the city's efforts to revitalize its downtown area and enhance the visitor experience.

The center replaces the decades-old facility at Simpson Park, which was demolished this week as part of a broader redevelopment effort. The project was made possible through a partnership between the City of North Bend, the Urban Renewal Agency, and the State of Oregon Brownfield Grant Program. Funding for the renovation came from transient lodging tax (TLT) dollars, which are collected from visitors staying in hotels, motels, and RV parks.

Located at the intersection of California Avenue and Highway 101, the new center is strategically placed to attract tourists and guide them into North Bend's downtown core. In addition to housing the North Bend Main Street

Program, the facility includes rental space for local nonprofits and serves as a hub for community engagement.

Surrounding the center, plans are underway for additional amenities, including:

- Expanded parking to accommodate increased downtown traffic.
- A \$50,000 T-Mobile stage for hosting community events and performances.
- · A dedicated dogwalking area and other visitor-friendly features.

The Visitor Information Center is currently open to the public, offering tourists and residents alike a chance to explore the facility and learn more about North Bend's attractions. A grand opening celebration is planned for 2025, promising to bring further excitement to the area.

"This new facility represents a significant investment in the future of North Bend," said city officials. "We're proud to provide a space that

welcomes visitors and supports our vibrant community."

Stop by the new Visitor Information Center today to experience the progress firsthand. For more information, visit the City of North Bend's Facebook page at:

Facebook.com/ <u>VisitNorthBendOregon/</u>





Longshoremen's Local 12 donates toys to Kids for Christmas Program

Volunteer Fire Department received a generous donation of over 100 toys from Longshoremen's Local 12 I.L.W.U. to support its annual Kids for Christmas Program.

For several years, the local union has partnered with the fire department to bring holiday cheer to families in need. This year, their efforts once again ensured that children in the community could experience the joy of the season.

The Kids for Christmas Program is a cherished tradition in North Bend, with fire department members personally purchasing toys and food for families. The support from organizations like Longshoremen's Local 12 helps make this initiative possible, ensuring that no child goes without during the holidays.

Aquatic Safety

extending services into Coos County, where

currently, the program's presence is limited. The

new officer would focus on providing water safety education in schools,

after-school programs, and better outreach within

underserved communities.

among young children,"

Martinez emphasized. "By

providing comprehensive

water safety education and training, we aim to reduce

this tragic risk within our

communities."

"Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death

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"We're incredibly gratecollective efforts of its ful for the unwavering generosity of Longshoremen's dedicated to spreading Local 12," said North Bend holiday joy. Fire Chief Jim Brown. The fire department

truly makes a difference." The spirit of giving is alive and well in North

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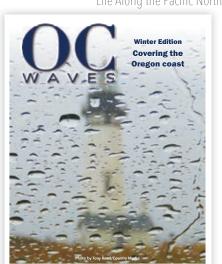
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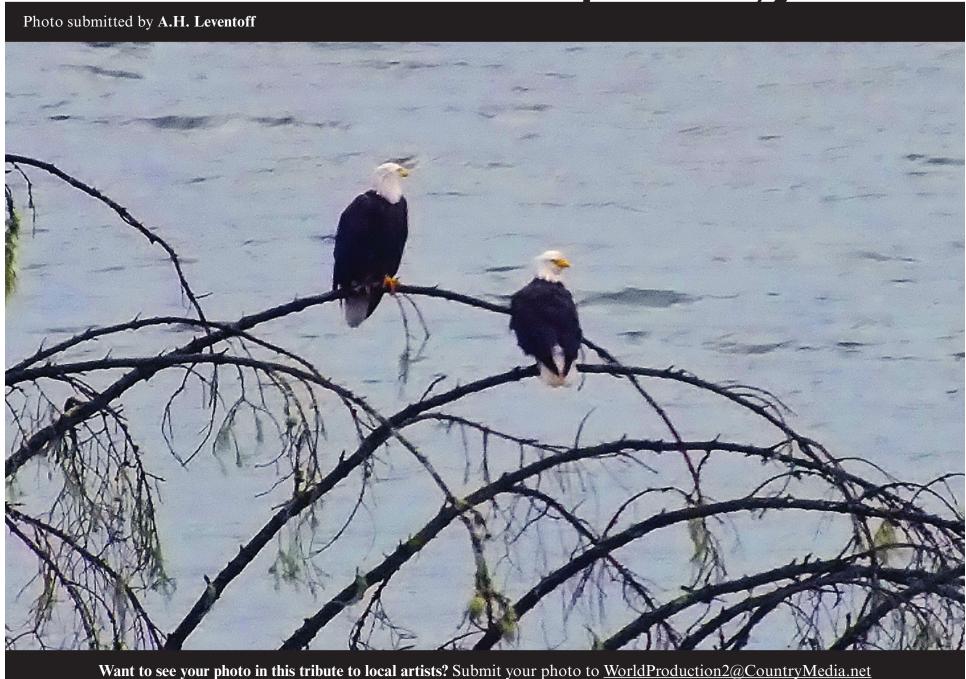
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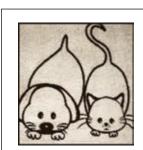
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF OREGON FOR COOS
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In the Matter of the Estate

of JANETTE J. ERVIG, Deceased. Case No. 24PB11095 NOTICE TO INTERESTED

PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Nancy Doll and Lesa Simpson have been appointed and have qualified as Co-Personal Representatives of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the claim, with proper documentation, within four months after the date of first publication of this Notice, as stated below, to the Co-Personal Representatives at the office of GOULD LAW FIRM, P.C., 243 W. Commercial, P.O. Box 29, Coos Bay, Oregon, 97420, or the claim may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate

may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, 250 N. Baxter, Coquille, Oregon 97423, the Co-Personal Representatives or the attorney for the Co-Personal Representatives. Dated and first published: Nancy Doll and Lesa Simpson Co-Personal Representatives 633 Miluk Dr. Coos Bay, OR 97420 (541) 888-0290 12/31/2024, World 406219 **999** Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY

In the Matter of the Adoption of: JACKSON ROBERT NOAH, a minor child.

Case No. 24AP00588

Case No. 24AP00588
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TO: KELSEY JEAN
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PETITIONERS have filed a petition for the adoption of Jackson Robert Noah in the above-entitled court. You must file with the court a written answer to the motion for order to show cause and the order within 30 days after the date on which you are served with this summons or, if service is made by publication or posting under ORCP 7D(6), within 30 days from the date of last publication or posting. If you fail to file a written answer to the motion for order to show cause and to the order within the time provided, the court, without further notice and in your absence, may take any action that is authorized by law, including but not limited to entering a general judgment of adoption of the child if the court determines, on the date the answer is required or on a future date, that your consent is not required and that the adoption is in the child's best interests. In your answer, you must inform the court and the Petitioners of your telephone number or contact telephone number and your current residence, mailing, or contact address

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If you file an answer to the motion for order to show cause and to the order, the court will schedule a hearing to address the motion for order and, if appropriate, the adoption petition, will order you to appear personally, and may schedule other hearings related to the petition and may order you to appear personally at those hearings You have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer, please retain one as soon as possible to represent you in this proceeding. If you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are entitled to have a lawyer appointed for you at state expense. To request appointment of a lawyer to represent you at state expense, you must contact the Douglas County Circuit Court immediately. You are responsible for maintaining contact with your lawyer and keeping your lawyer advised of your whereabouts.

This Summons is published by order of The Honorable Ann Marie Simmons, Judge of the above-entitled court, made and entered on the 3rd of October, 2024, directing publication of this Summons once each week 999 Legal Notices

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COOS COUNTY CASE NO. 24PB09509

NOTICE TO INTERESTED

PERSONS in the matter of

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the Estate of STEPHANIE LYNN PECK, deceased. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at P.O. Box 1608, Roseburg, OR 97470, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings of this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Any objections or other filings made herein may be filed in the Coos County Circuit Court located at

this 24th day of December, 2024.

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forfeiture counsel; and (c) A statement that the claimant has an interest in the seized property. The "claim" must be filed with forfeiture counsel within 21 days after the last publication date of this notice. This notice will be published on four successive weeks, beginning DECEMBER 18, 2024, and ending JANUARY 16, 2025. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. Where to file a claim: Mail to: Coos County Forfeiture Counsel, 250 N Baxter St, Coquille OR 97423, (541) 396-7550 or hand deliver to the Coos County District Attorney's Office. Summary statement of basis for civil forfeiture: On or about the dates of 12/10/2016, 03/25/2018, 09/25/2019, 11/19/2019, 04/02/20, 05/06/2022, 02/23/2023, 12/07/2023, 07/08/2024 and 08/21/2024 the properties described above was seized for civil/criminal forfeiture by agents of the South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT). The property is subject to forfeiture pursuant to the laws of the State of Oregon (ORS Chapter 131A), because it is drugs, equipment, and money that are the proceeds of, or that were used to facilitate, a violation of the criminal controlled substance laws of the State of Oregon, specifically the manufacture, possession, and distribution of a controlled substance. Forfeiture means that ownership of the property will be transferred to the government and any person with an interest in the property will be deprived of that interest without compensation.

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All questions can be directed to ghamblet@coosbayor. gov, 541-269-1181 ext. 3541 12/31/2024, World 406101

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TS No. OR08000204-22-5S APN 331112 | 331111 TO No 628856AM TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, VIRGINIA L ROUSH AND RICHARD L. ROUSH HUSBAND AND WIFE as Grantor to U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee, in favor of U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION N.D. as Beneficiary dated as of June 5, 2008 and recorded on July 9, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-7315 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Coos County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 331112 | 331111 BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD ON THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOT 1 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, A DISTANCEOF 128.33 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SAID SECTION 17; THENCE SOUTH 01 **DEGREE 34 MINUTES** EAST ALONG THE SAID EAST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 17 FOR A DISTANCE OF 250.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID EASTBOUNDARY OF SECTION 17 NORTH 78 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 150.74 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST **BOUNDARY OF A** ROADWAY; THENCE ALONG SAID ROADWAY ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A 316.50 FOOT RADIUS, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE 48 **DEGREES 10 MINUTES** 52 SECONDS FOR A DISTANCE OF 266.15 FEET; THENCE NORTH 08 **DEGREES 50 MINUTES** 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 3.42 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 25 SOUTH, RANGE 13 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, COOS COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 1675 MAXWELL ST, COOS BAY, OR 97420 Both the Beneficiary, U.S. Bank National Association, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said

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been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Payment(s): Total Payments from 06/10/2021 to 11/12/2024 at \$81,453.01 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$75.00 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$199,050.29 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.50000% per annum from May 10, 2021 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on March 19, 2025 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statues, Main Entrance, Coos County Courthouse, 250 North Baxter Street. Coquille, OR 97423 County of Coos, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other

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required under the

obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: October 24,2024 By: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, Esq., OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0467855 12/10, 12/17, 12/24, & 12/31/2024, World 404777

STORAGE AUCTION for Bay Park Mini Storage 93645 Shoshone Ln. Coos Bay, OR 97420 Bid online at: www.bid13. January 16, 2025 @ 2 p.m. #16 Deane Norton, furniture, household items #28 Deane Norton, boxes, life-size alien 12/31/2024 & 1/7/2025, World 405927

OR-42 Coquille, Oregon 97423 will be selling the following Storage Units at Public Auction, January 9, 2025, at 10:00am for Non-Payment & Other Fees: Adrianne Simpson Unit#025, Zacchaeus Mullin Unit#032, Michael Mulvihill

Cedar Point Storage 98286

Unit#091, Katie Compton Unit#418 12/24 & 12/31/2024, The World, 405580

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE **COUNTY OF COOS** (Probate Department) In the Matter of the Estate of: JULIA LAVATA GILLETT, Deceased.

Case No. 24PB08733 NOTICE TO HEIRS OR DEVISEES AND POTENTIAL CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY **GIVEN** that Jeanette A. Jackson has been appointed as personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative, c/o James A. Gardner of Gardner Beckley Meadows, 975 Oak Street, Suite 625, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred Per 115.005(2). 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 at the above address **PERSONAL** REPRESENTATIVE Jeanette A. Jackson 101 Jensen Wav Lakeside, Oregon 97449 (541) 759-2020 ATTORNEY FOR **PERSONAL** REPRESENTATIVE James A. Gardner, OSB# 083315 Gardner Beckley Meadows,

Public sale Minnesota Storage Lockers, LLC 1147 Minnesota Ave, Coos Bay Or,97420 will sell at auction for cash only at 10:00am on Saturday January 18th AT 1147 MINNESOTA AVE, COOS BAY, OR 97420, THE POSSESSIONS OF: KERSTIN **DAHLSTROMSTORAGE** LOCKER #21, AND LISA **KELLER-STORAGE** LOCKER #16 THE SALE IS SUBJECT TO TENANT REDEMPTION. 12/31/2024 & 1/7/2025, World 406277

975 Oak Street, Suite 625

Dated and first published:

12/31/2024, World 406210

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December 31, 2024.

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Community Calendar of Events

Please email WorldCirculation@CountryMedia.net to submit an event

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9:00am - 10:30am

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Artisans Market

Black Market Gourmet Building 495 Central Ave., Coos Bay

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County Line Dancing

Every Thursday 5:00pm - 6:30pm

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

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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: https://friendsof cooscountyanimals.org

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 11:00am - 12:00pm

Coos Bay Library

525 Anderson Ave.

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.

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Build it Challenge

2nd Thursday of every

month 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Coos Bay Library 525 Anderson Ave.

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

Building Programs using Lego Building Blocks:

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Jimmy "Jimi" Dee Pruitt

March 18, 1982 - December 8, 2024

Jimmy "Jimi" Dee Pruitt, 42, of Bandon, Oregon, passed away on December 8, 2024 in Bremerton Washington. Born March 18, 1982, Jimi lived a life filled with passion creativity and a love for his family and friends.

A standout athlete during his youth, Jimi was a star player on the Bandon Tigers proudly wearing #54. His exceptional talent led him to play college level, semi pro also in Germany.

Jimi grew up in a tight-knit, well blended family of siblings. Family trips were fun, filled with one of the summer highlights being camping at Loon Lake.

Jimi inherited an eye for detail from his two fathers: Jimmy Pruitt, a general contractor and Randy Scott, a finish Carpenter. These qualities propelled him to become a union carpenter and master craftsman at a young age.

His artistry lives on through the epoxy tables and countertops in well-known establishments in the community.

Jimi had a radiant personality that brought joy to those around him. His smile could light up any room and made it impossible to stay upset with him. He had a deep love for animals and raised and showed Bully's breeds. He enjoyed mushroom hunting with John and Nita Batson. Jimi held a love for the Lord.

He is survived by his three beloved children: Jeremiah Pruitt, Angelina Pruitt



and Finley Pruitt; his mother, Kelly and spouse, Randy Scott; his father, Jimmy and wife Michelle Pruitt; siblings, Keith and wife Leslie McCombs; Melissa Derilo, Robert Senn: Daniel and wife Kari Senn: Andrea and husband Joe Hamann; Richard and fiancée, Ali Pruitt; grandparents, Betty Lee Crook and Juanita Batson.

Services will be held Saturday January 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bandon Aero Club 87718, Kehl Lane, Bandon.

Nellie Ruth Konkel

September 1927 - December 2024

Nellie Ruth Konkel, a beloved matriarch, passed away peacefully at home in New Hampshire in early December at the age of 97.

Nell lived a long and fulfilling life, cherished by her family and friends.

A kind and gentle soul with a passion for life, Nell had a green thumb and loved tending to her garden, often sharing her harvest with friends and neighbors. In her spare time, she enjoyed solving crossword puzzles, losing herself in a good mystery novel or singing along to old musicals.

Her professional life included 30 years as a hospital administrator in a large hospital in Michigan, followed by 20 years of part-time work in the mental health field in Oregon until she finally retired at the age of 85.

A devoted family woman, Nell took great joy in sending birthday cards and gifts to her entire family. She is predeceased by her husband, Bill, of 60 years. Nell is survived by her three children: David (Lisa), and John (Beate), Leah; her six grandchildren: Nils (Elisa), Gareth (Nicole), Brandon (Courtney),



Adrienne (Kevin), Colin (Meliza), and Jonathan; her two step-grandchildren: Molly and Bridget; and her eight greatgrandchildren: Liam, Maverick, Dane, Ethan, Elle, Julian, Olive, and Lennox.

See all obituaries first online at: www.TheWorldLink.com

Alice S. Ellis

December 5, 1932 - Nov 17, 2024

It is with great sadness that the Ellis family announces the passing of Alice S. Ellis, at age 91. Alice passed away on Sunday, Nov 17, 2024. Alice was born on December 5, 1932 in Adrian Michigan.

From an early age Alice loved adventure, and had many interests including her love of the museum in Toledo, where her favorite exhibit was the King Tut exhibit. She always thought it would be great to be an archaeologist and travel the world. Alice was well educated, and combined her passion of art and teaching by earning her degree at the University of Toledo.

Alice belonged to a sorority while attending the university. This was where she met many of her lifelong friends. Once graduated, she was able to combine her two favorite things, teaching and love of art. Alice loved the impressionist period. Monet, Renoir, Degas and Van Gough were a few of her favorites. A lifelong dream of hers was always to visit and paint in Monet's Gardens. In 2003

she was able to visit France and achieve that dream.

Alice met the love of her life, husband, Hank Ellis, who she married on November 20, 1965. They lived in Toledo, Ohio until 1972, then moved out west to Coos Bay, Oregon. Alice always wanted to live in the country on a farm. Once they bought their dream house that came with over three acres, her dream had come true.

There they raised their three children, along with many different animals, dogs, cats, horses, cows, chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, even a pig and lamb. Oh what fun we all had.

Alice was a member of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Coos Bay. Alice's love of art had her, later in life, form a group named the Plein Air Artist. They would all meet once a week at Gloria Dei Church to share their love and passion for painting. Alice has always been a very independent woman who was passionate in everything she did.

She loved painting in her art studio and tending to her roses in her rose garden, as she had a very green thumb; along with bird watching, crocheting, and spending time with her family.

Alice along with her husband owned and operated Bay Area Doors and Gutters until they retired in 2019, where then their lives became a lot less busy and both were able to enjoy the things they loved to do. Alice is preceded in death by her mother, Alice L Adrian; father, Alex F. Adrian; and brother, Richard Adrian.

Alice is survived by her loving husband, Hank Ellis; children, Barb (Gary) Grassham; Tracy Ellis; and M. Ellis. Grandchildren, Jay Grassham; Tim (Wendi) Grassham; and Nick(Richelle) Grassham. Great- grandchildren, Elizabeth (Edwin) Emily; Trevon Grassham; and Jory Vose.

Alice may be gone but never forgotten. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-nana. Always there when we need her the



most, offering support, wisdom and unconditional love.

Alice will be deeply missed. She will live on in our hearts, and we all will cherish all the wonderful memories we were able to create with her throughout the years.

Alice, thanks for all the memories.

Profiling

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will be used to find the undocumented immigrants that will end up in staging camps and county jails. This is before being sent, at best to their country of origin, or at worst to any of the other countries the Trump administration has identified as a destination. These include but may not be limited to: Turks and Caicos, the Bahamas, Panama, and Grenada, should those countries of origin refuse to take immigrants back.

Councilor Kilmer pointed out how absurd the idea of turning on your neighbors in this way is:

"How do we know

anything about a person? The reality is our lives as elected officials are out there and still people don't know everything about me, even. So, how could I be asked to sit in a parking lot and make judgment on somebody just because of their skin color, or just because they look different

"We are all unique individuals in this country, in this community... It was very bothersome to me that someone who didn't know me, felt the need to send that to me. But also, that I would feel that it was my place to judge a person or their situation," said Kilmer.

Kilmer also spoke to the fact that Coos Bay, being the largest community on the South Coast, is

and always has been a relatively diverse place for rural Oregon.

"[The City] sets goals every two years, and one of those goals that we have is to focus on diversity and inclusion. We have a very rich culture here, three tribes, just a lot of heritage. Oregon itself is fairly new when you look across the country, but we have a lot of people that came here through our port," said Kilmer.

The letter closed by invoking the period of Japanese Internment in the U.S. during World War II, widely regarded as one of the darkest periods in modern US history, as a positive. They claimed that property would be confiscated, making it available for "us white

folks to purchase".

During this time, many other Asian ethnic groups were profiled and attacked in their communities. Koreans and Korean-Americans were known to wear Korean flag pins, or buttons that stated "I am Korean" to avoid persecution. The United Korean Committee sent ID badges to citizens and encouraged them to carry them on their person at all times.

Many Chinese and Chinese-Americans did the same, and would put up signs in their homes and businesses indicating that they were indeed not Japanese. Is this the dystopic vision we have for our community in 2025 and beyond? I'd like to believe that isn't the case.

According to a report by the American Immigration Council in 2020, 10% of Oregon's population are immigrants. A further 11% are native born Americans with at least one immigrant parent. These immigrants represent dozens of nations of origin.

Local law enforcement has been made aware of the situation, and according to the LA Times, Sheriff Landers of Lincoln County has reached out to federal authorities concerning the situation. A federal investigation is underway alongside local law enforcement looking into the letters.

If you or someone you know has received this letter, or something similar, you are urged to reach out to the proper

authorities and report it. Councilor Kilmer did so herself, as reflected in an update to her original Facebook post:

"This has been turned over to police and the Post Office. I hope my fellow elected officials or anyone who may receive anything like this will do the same. There are ways to handle things, but this is not one. For those who say we have leadership promoting this, I disagree. Extremists exist unfortunately. But we can work against that because knowledge is power. Kindness overcomes. And civility must be ingrained in all of us to come to better solutions for everyone. It saddens me that hate still exists. I will leave you to think about what we can do better."

Death Motices



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Funeral Homes www.cooshavareafunerals.com Marie Kathering Cochran, 91, of Coquille, died December 7, 2024 in Coos Bay at the age of 91. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Coquille.

Paul J. Quarino, 82, of Lakeside died December 15, 2024 in Coos Bay. Services will be announced under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Robert J. O'Neill, 56, of Coos Bay passed away December 16, 2024 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

Edward George Lewis, 79, of North Bend, passed away on December 17, 2024 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Linda Faye Robertson, 82, of North Bend passed away December 18, 2024 in North Bend. Cremation rites and inurnment will be held at Ocean View Memory Gardens, Coos Bay under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www. coosbayareafunerals.com

Michael R. Grundy, 53, of Bandon, passed away on December 18, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

George "Scott" Woodworth, 72, of North Bend, passed away on December 19, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Dennis R. Jones, 67, of Coos Bay died December 22, 2024 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.

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BAH

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attended the following general Board Meeting where public comment is allowed. We both gave comment, along with maybe a dozen or more members of the staff and larger community. John Witty, who helped establish BAH 40 years ago, suggested the board see the local community as a resource of knowledge and connections and reach out to them. Most of the commenters shared our concerns and requested other options be pursued. In each subsequent board meeting, and in the couple of news reports that have come out since, the board was moving forward with a partnership search. This process has been wholly non-transparent.

The latest board meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 was packed to standing room only capacity with community members, staff, many area physicians and representatives from the local medical facilities. The meeting agenda went off the rails the moment public comment began, running for a long and grueling hour and a half. While it was amazing to see prominent physicians and leaders from the medical clinics implore the board, it was in equal measure, heartbreaking to hear from the staff.

Two main points came out of the comment period. First, twenty-four of the most senior nurses had been notified the previous week that their Defined Benefit retirement

plans would be frozen for an indeterminant period of time. Second, a consortium comprised of North Bend Medical Center, Bay Clinic and the South West Oregon Independent Physicians Association, had recently submitted a proposal to BAH. The proposal would create a local healthcare system in order to avoid an out-of-state corporate partnership. This was referred to as the Local Proposal and had overwhelming support from public members in attendance.

Although he appeared appreciative of the turnout and comments, once the comment period was done, **Board Chair Troy Cribbins** gave a shockingly dismissive response. His comments provided a comprehensive history but lacked accountability. His main point was that "a perfect storm" of events had landed the hospital in a financially unsustainable position and that they have already looked at all the options and the only remedy was to partner with a larger corporate entity.

Local Proposal would be too difficult and complicated, would take more than a year to implement and so was, to use his own words "magical thinking," since the hospital would again be in default of the conditions of their loan by the end of 2025. Neither the hospital, nor those promoting the Local Proposal, currently have the cash to continue to fund the hospital's turnaround efforts. At another point in the meeting, CEO Brian Moore

Chair Cribbins said the

expressed his unwillingness to present the Local Proposal to the bank loan officer as a possible legitimate path forward. This, along with Chair Cribbins' comment that "it would take more than a year" was like a gut punch to us in light of Dr McAndrew's question posed 15 months earlier of when to notify the public, and John Whitty's suggestion 6 months ago, to reach out to the community.

The meeting proceeded to a summation and vote on moving forward with a Letter of Intent to partner with Quorum Health. It was the only company out of 22 solicited that expressed interest in the affiliation. The summary points that stood out to us included:

- Leasing the hospital to Quorum for 30 years
- Quorum agreeing to maintain essential services for 10 years
- Retaining staff pay at current rates
- Retaining the CEO
- Including local voices on the board
- By entering into this partnership, the board would be fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility
- A partnership agreement would be executed in 90 days

The vote to enter into the LOI passed with only one board member, Carma Erikson-Hurt, dissenting by stating the Local Proposal warranted further consideration. At this point we left the meeting and despite feeling exhausted and defeated began to do research on the proposed partner.

Quorum Health is owned by Quincy Health LLC, a private equity firm that was created July 2020 to take over Quorum as it emerged from its own bankruptcy. Since its creation Quincy Health has itself had debt adjustments and unstable credit rating concerns. Prior to, during and since its bankruptcy, Quorum Health lost 28 hospitals to sale or closure, gained two, and now operates 12 across multiple states. Its financial situation appears to continue to be unstable. According to Private Equity Stakeholder Project, as of Oct 31, 2024, Quorum was at risk for default as reported by Moody's Investors Services, which suggests that Quorum could sell its hospital assets to remedy its financial challenges. Private Equity Stakeholder also reported that as of August this year Goldentree Asset Management is Quorum Health's majority stakeholder. Goldentree is also a private equity firm and a quick internet search shows it has a history of murky and abusive dealings.

abusive dealings.

Regardless of these questionable financial conditions, history and relationships, if one searches for "Which private equity healthcare groups are good for patients" Google's AI search result states: "There isn't much evidence that private equity ownership improves the quality of healthcare for patients. In fact, some studies suggest that private equity-owned hospitals may lead

to poorer health outcomes for patients...Other studies have found that patients in private equity-owned hospitals have an increased risk of infections, falls, and other

adverse events." The Private Equity Stakeholder Project provides a searchable list of all 460 hospitals currently owned by private equity firms. The list includes 1-to-5-star ratings based on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Hospital General Information Catalogue. Out of 12 hospitals owned by Quorum, seven are rated as 1 or 2 stars and only one, in Kentucky, is rated as 4 stars. The remaining four have no rating information available from CMS, but two have 2 1/2 star Google reviews and the other two have 3.

We find ourselves mortified that our fears look like they will be realized. Whether or not this ends in a sale, thirty years is a long time to be locked into an arrangement with private equity firms. We do not believe that Quorum's interest in BAH should be seen as a lifeline, but rather a baited hook. Private Equity chooses rural hospitals not out of the goodness of their hearts but because so many of these hospitals find themselves in dire financial distress and, like BAH, have no clear good choices. The primary directive of private equity firms is to make money for their shareholders. All indications show they will do so at the expense of providing quality care. No one would argue this is a desperate situation, but it is

no less "magical thinking" to believe that Quorum will not try to extract every bit of value they can from this arrangement.

While the public has predominantly been left in the dark, we have seen the extraordinary efforts to which the board and leadership have gone. But we question whether the board is, realistically, fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility by entering into a partnership with such a questionable and unsound entity. We are sure board members are fatigued, but this is not a time to just go along. At the very least it is time for the board to be wholly transparent about how, during negotiations, they are countering the variety of strategies that private equity firms use to extract value at the expense of quality care. More than a year ago, Senator Ron Wyden expressed concerns at the federal level about private equity's impacts on healthcare and likely could be of assistance here. Perhaps it has already been explored (how would we know) but has the board reached out to local philanthropic organizations and individuals to possibly piece together enough cash in support of the Local Proposal and to avert default, or at least live to fight another day?

For more information see the AFT Education Healthcare Public Services article "How Private Equity Has Looted Our Hospitals" and the Vox article "The Profit-Obsessed Monster Destroying American Emergency Rooms."

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Oregon Bay Area Beautification

Every 2nd Saturday 9:45am

Locations vary; visit www.4obab.orgl 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 & 12:30pm

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

For more information, call Leonard Kokel at 541-888-0846.

ASL Practice Place

Every third Thursday 12:00pm

12:00pm **Zoom:** <u>bit.lyl3m6j2WG</u>

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.

Community Cooking with the Co-Op

Every 4th Thursday 5:30pm

Zoom: <u>bit.lyl3powyqG</u>

Coos Bay Library has teamed up with Coos Head Food Co-op to provide safe, easy, and healthy recipes to create at home. This event is FREE and open to everyone.

Monthly Preschool Art Program

Every third Thursday of every month until January 2025 10:00am

Coos Bay Library 525 Anderson Ave.

Ages 3- 6. January 16. Free and no registration required. Each program features a different craft project.

Sole Mates Walking Guide Launch Party

Saturday, January 4 7: 11:00am – 1:00pm **F**

Coos Bay Library (Myrtle room) 525 Anderson Ave.

This partnership began a two-year research study to learn the effects of walking as a group and engaging civically to improve public health and walkability in our community. The event is free and open to everyone! Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

Thursday, January 9

6:30pm

Online meeting

Please join the meeting at: meet.goto.com/ UmpquaSWCD/ umpquasoilandwater conservationdistrict meeting-8

You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 157-346-789, United States (Toll Free): 1 877 309 2073

Egyptian Theatre

Presents: Ford V Ferrari

Friday, January 10 7:00pm

Egyptian Theater 229 S. Broadway, Coos Bay

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

CHW Presents: The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Saturday, January 11 1:00pm

Egyptian Theater 229 S. Broadway, Coos Bay

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

Unlimited Book Club

Thursday, January 16

This meeting will be an opportunity for members to meet and discuss our next title, selected by book club members, Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey by Lillian Schlissel. Suggestions for future readings will come from members of

Unlimited.

Monthly Preschool Art Program

Thursday, January 16 10:00am

Every third Thursday of every month until January 2025

10:00am

Coos Bay Library
525 Anderson Ave.

Ages 3- 6. Free and no registration required. Each program features a different craft project.

SCDC Presents: Pitch Night

Friday, January 17

Egyptian Theater 229 S. Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open 4:30 p.m. Admission is free!

William Stafford Birthday Party

Friday, January 17 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Coos Bay Library (Myrtlewood Room) 525 Anderson Ave.

Join us to celebrate William Stafford's Birthday. Stafford was Oregon's Poet Laureate from 1975-1990. Bring your favorite Stafford poem to read aloud and share with the group. Or just come and listen to fans read their favorite Stafford poems.

Pathways to Positive Parenting Presents: Despicable Me 2

Saturday, January 18 10:00am

Egyptian Theater 229 S. Broadway, Coos Bay

Doors open 9:30 a.m. Admission is free with popcorn and juice or water.

Egyptian theatre Presents: Some Like it

Hot

Saturday, January 18 3:00pm

Egyptian Theater 229 S. Broadway, Coos Bay

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

Egyptian Theatre Presents: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Saturday, January 25 3:00pm

Egyptian Theater 229 S. Broadway, Coos Bay

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

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

Wednesdays, January 29 - March 5, 2025

2025 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Coos History Museum 1210 N Front St., Coos Bay

Admission price is \$80 for non-members and \$75 for members. Pre-registration is required, payment is required at booking.

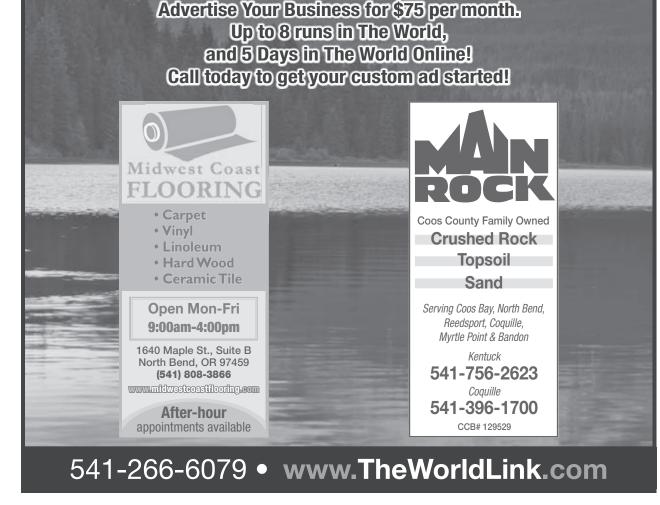
Reservations can be made online https://cooshistory.org/event-registration/, by phone at 541-756-6320 or register in person at the museum's front desk. Program fills up fast, sign up early!

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





THE WORLD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024 | 11

The World Weekender

Friday, January 3, 2025

The Egyptian Theatre remembers Paul Quarino,

The Mighty Wurlitzer Wizard

BY NATE SCHWARTZ
Editor

We would like to take a moment to talk about a very special person, who dedicated his time and energy to the Egyptian's mighty Wurlitzer organ, Mr. Paul Quarino. Paul, who unfortunately passed on December 15th at 82-years-old had a very long history with the Egyptian Theatre.

Executive Director, Egyptian Theatre

& JILL RASMUSEN

"Oh Paul," said Jill Rasmusen, the Egyptian's Executive Director with a smile, "He was a jolly man... He always had a grin from ear to ear. He was a performer, and he made people love him."

Originally from Wisconsin, Paul was known as the Mighty Wurlitzer Wizard and spent over 40 years looking after the nearcentury old organ. The Wurlitzer will reach that milestone along with the Egyptian next year. Paul was known for his time as music director of the Organ Grinder in Portland, as a public-school music teacher, and evaluator for Rodger's Instruments in Hillsboro.

In 1980, Paul lived in Hillsboro and decided to take a theatre organ tour that led him here to the Egyptian. After the tour was over, he asked and was allowed to play the organ. Once he played, he fell in love with it.

"He was just in awe of the organ here, he had asked to play, and then fell in love. He would come down on weekends from Portland because he knew how to take care of the pipes, and how to work on the organ," said Rasmusen.

The Egyptian Theater's Wurlitzer organ was specifically built and designed for the theatre and was there on opening night in 1925. Originally used for silent movies, after the talkies came out it was used for entrance or intermission music and special events. The Wurlitzer is the only one in the State of Oregon known to be fully operational in its original factory installation.

The Theatre was sold 4 different times over that period, with Coming Attractions being the owner before the City of Coos Bay bought the Egyptian and the Egyptian Theater Preservation Association (ETPA) was formed to manage its operation. Coming Attractions had different ideas about what they would offer, and the organ

was not used as often.
In 2006, the ETPA took over and Lee Littlefield, who had been playing the organ annually at the Sounds of Christmas concert since 1974, brought Paul back. Paul again would come down every couple of months to



Photo by Amanda Loman – The World Paul Quarino sits at the Mighty Wurlitzer organ in the Egyptian Theatre.





Contributed photos

"I am so saddened by this. What a special man he was entertaining generations for so many years with a gift that is seldom seen and taught. A rare moment when he was doing work that he picked up my young granddaughter who was intrigued and placed her on the bench of that beautiful instrument. Rest in peace, Paul. May you enjoy eternity filling hearts, minds, and souls with the gift of your laughter and song" -Stephanie Kilmer, Coos Bay City Councilor

maintain the organ, and always before the Sounds of Christmas concert.

"If I had noted a problem, I'd leave him a little note and everything would be taken care of. And we did this for 35 years," said Lee Littlefield, "Paul I won't say was a typical musician, he was an old school gentleman... He always treated everybody with old fashioned manners and respect. Dressed properly and all that." In 2010, Paul became a lifetime member of the Egyptian and in 2014 moved down to our area. Once he was here permanently, he became a full-time board member. He served as a director and as vice president for the last 6 years.

"Paul always said the organ is happiest when it's played... Paul and I were both classically trained, and you almost have to have that kind of background to sit at an instrument like that... He became a professional Wurlitzer concert artist. He

played them with all the bells and whistles, he could play silent movies. It was the core, the pearl of his life. He loved that, I think, more than doing anything," said Littlefield.

When Dr Wilbur Jensen's brass band retired from playing in the Sounds of Christmas concert a few years ago, Paul stepped up to join Lee in playing the organ at the concert. He liked to call on his angels during this concert, who were normally the theatre's executive director and Lee

"The story that I love the most, the first year that I saw him perform at the sounds of Christmas. He was up there, and he was having fun. Having fun and engaging with the audience and making everybody have fun... Just the feeling, the atmosphere that you walk into. I was downstairs in the lobby, and I'd walk in and heads are bopping and people are dancing and singing. He's cracking jokes. He was fun, he really was," said

Rasmusen.

Paul was also the pipe organist at Harmony United Methodist Church, playing worship and special services for 8 years after his move to the area.

"He had a tremendous talent, a god given gift, that he used and he shared, and he was joyous in sharing that gift wherever and whenever he could," said Reverand Donald Ford, "He was a joyful presence in our congregation."

Though Paul had a protective side too, especially when it came to the instruments he cared so deeply for. Though by most accounts, that was a rare side to see. Much more common to see was the immense talent he'd bring to the bench.

"There would be time's that I'd come in on Sunday morning and say I need this changed... and he would do it. It would be immediate. For example, there's times when I'd asked for secular music for a specific reason, and he knew it by memory. He

didn't have to look it up or get a book. My wife and I went to hear him as often as we could on Wednesdays at the Egyptian... He would play all that music for an hour without having a music book in front of him, it was amazing," said Ford.

The World newspaper is happy to honor Paul Quarino's legacy and service toward preserving an important piece of Coos Bay History, and for sharing his talent with so many members of our community. The Egyptian is in talks for a memorial event of their own. Stay tuned for more news on that.

The World interviewed Paul back in 2015. That piece, along with a video demonstration of all the Wurlitzer's bells and whistles can be viewed here: TheWorldLink.com/news/neighbors/peopleoftheworld/organ-expert-keeps-the-mighty-wurlitzer-playing/article_9e917149-0903-5d27-b249-bff8ad956c23.html



POLICE BLOTTER

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

Monday 12/16

North Bend

- 1:33 am, suspicious subject, 2160 block of Monroe Avenue.
- 4:16 am, business alarm, 2323 block of Pacific Street.
- 5:19 am, theft, 2951 block of Oak Street.
- 6:21 am, suspicious subject, 1225 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 11:51 am, suspicious subject, 1611 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 12:52 pm, violation of restraining order, 1033 block of Ohio Avenue.
- 1:48 pm, criminal trespass, 2222 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 2:30 pm, menacing, 2323 block of Pacific Street.
- 3:59 pm, criminal trespass, 1501 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 4:03 pm, threats, 2670 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 4:04 pm, alarm, 2558 block of Pine Street.
- · 5:21 pm, criminal trespass, 3303 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 5:55 pm, accident, 1611 block of Virginia Ave-
- 6:01 pm, dispute, 3855 block of Vista Drive.
- 6:08 pm, harassment, 1285 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 9:53 pm, 34 year old

- male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 1611 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 10:11 pm, disorderly conduct, 3303 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 11:15 pm, 38 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Broadway and Virginia.

Coos Bay

- 12:26 am, 21 year old male transported to Coos County jail on reckless driving and eluding, 1200 block of North Bayshore Drive.
- 3:02 am, injured animal, 1900 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 8:10 am, criminal trespass, 862 block of South 2nd Street.
- 8:52 am, theft, 490 block of Fulton Avenue.
- 9:24 am, unlawful vehicle, 1729 block of Cottonwood Avenue.
- 10:37 am, suspicious subject, area of Taylor and Cammann.
- 10:48 am, disorderly conduct, area of CCAT Bus Stop.
- 10:53 am, alarm, 465 block of Elrod Avenue.
- 11:55 am, fraud, 1001 block of North Bayshore
- 12:05 pm, disorderly conduct, 522 block of South 4th Street.
- 12:08 pm, dispute, 640 block of Newmark
- 12:48 pm, theft, 1710 block of Ocean Boule-
- 2:21 pm, criminal mischief, 355 block of South 8th Street.
- 2:41 pm, missing person, 579 block of Bessie

Street.

- 2:42 pm, threats, 1775 block of Thompson
- 2:49 pm, fraud, 561 block of South 12th
- 2:54 pm, theft, 1770 block of Iowa Avenue.
- 6:14 pm, threats, 95045 block of Stevens Lane.
- 7:26 pm, weapons offense, 550 block of South 4th Street.
- 9:51 pm, 59 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Myrtle Point Newmark and Morrison. • 10:35 am, phone ha-
- 10:38 pm, 21 year old female cited on driving while suspended, area of Johnson and South 1st.
- 11:01 pm, business alarm, 171 block of South Broadway Street.
- 11:07 pm, 42 year old female cited on driving while suspended, 1925 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 11:28 pm, 33 year old female cited on driving while suspended, 550 block of Schetter.

Coquille

- 4:07 am, 57 year old transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 240 block of West Highway 42.
- 9:13 am, threats, 596 block of East 11th Street.
- · 10:10 am, criminal trespass, 141 block of North Gould Street.
- 11:06 am, suspicious subject, 54 block of West Highway 42.
- 2:11 pm, criminal trespass, 23 block of East 1st Street.
- 4:58 pm, criminal trespass, 343 block of North Elliot.

• 5:20 pm, accident, area of Central and Knott.

- 6:38 pm, criminal trespass, 343 block of North Elliot Street.
- 9:23 pm, 50 year old female transported to Coos County Jail on burglary I, criminal mischief II and attempted trespass I, 97 block of East 1st Street.

Reedsport

9:26 am, trespassing, 395 block of Winchester Avenue.

- rassment, 930 block of Bender Street.
- 4:58 pm, dispute, area of Highway 42 and Stover.

North Bend

- 8:30 am, criminal trespass, 690 block of
- 8:30 am, harassment, area of Ash Street.
- 11:56 am, suspicious subject, 2470 block of
- 11:58 am, fraud, 1735 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 12:54 pm, 32 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on violation of restraining order, 888 block of Vermont Street.
- female cited on theft II, 1921 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 2:32 pm, criminal trespass, 1942 block of Sheridan Avenue.
- trespass, 1976 block of Sherman Avenue.
- 4:46 pm, suspicious subject, 2320 block of Wall Street.
- trespass I, 745 block of California Avenue. 8:00 pm, 29 year old
- male cited on driving while suspended, area of Newmark and Liberty.
- 8:29 pm, 39 year old female cited on driving while suspended, 2290 block of Newmark Street.
- male cited on driving while suspended, 705 block of South Empire Boulevard.
- duct, area of Thompson and Koos Bay Boule-
- 9:22 am, disorderly conduct, 1290 block of Thompson Road.
- 9:45 am, found dog, 1077
- 9:51 am, disorderly conduct, area of Koos Bay and Teakwood.
- block of South 7th Street.
- 10:01 am, shoplifter, 1075 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 10:08 am, criminal trespass, 1283 block of
- trespass, 2021 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 12:32 pm, accident, 1900 block of Woodland Drive.
- 1020 block of South 1st Street. • 1:58 pm, theft of mail,
- 395 block of South Empire Boulevard.
- 54 year old males cited on criminal trespass II, 1195 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:22 pm, harassment, 1729 block of Cottonwood Avenue.
- 4:47 pm, harassment, 1638 block of Newmark Avenue.
- block of Newmark

- 5:23 pm, shoplifter, 1020 block of South 1st Street.
- 6:02 pm, dispute, 227 block of South Marple Street.
- 8:10 pm, lost dog, 1130 block of Fenwick Street.
- 9:53 pm, 28 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of South 2nd and Lockhart.
- 10:07 pm, injured animal, area of Ocean and Woodland.
- 10:50 pm, 20 year old male cited on DUII, area of South 1st and Hall.

Coquille

- 12:51 am, 57 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 343 block of North Elliot Street.
- 8:02 am, 57 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 343 block of North Elliot Street.
- 8:02 am, 57 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on failure to register as a sex offender, 343 block of North Elliot Street.
- 10:48 am, suspicious subject, 75 block of East 1st Street.
- 2:26 pm, criminal trespass, 400 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 10:07 pm, 57 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 343 block of North Elliot Street.

Reedsport

- 12:30 am, disturbance, 937 block of Greenwood Avenue.
- 4:22 am, trespassing, 395 block of Winchester Avenue. • 11:02 am, animal prob-
- lem, 940 block of Rowe Street. • 11:48 am, disorderly con-

duct, area of Umpqua

- Bank. • 1:23 pm, theft, area of
- Ace Hardware. • 5:13 pm, trespassing, area of Riverbend Mo bile Resort.
- 7:14 pm, fire, 2675 block of Lower Smith River.

Wednesday 12/18

- 2:33 am, unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 2605 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 2:40 am, business alarm, 1300 block of Airport Lane.
- 4:38 am, accident, area of Sherman and Newmark.
- 6:53 am, criminal mischief, 2121 block of Newmark Street.
- 10:44 am, criminal mischief, 2175 block of Hayes Street.
- 12:35 pm, theft of mail, 2115 block of Hayes Street.

• 1:15 pm, criminal

- Virginia Avenue.
- mailed cited on warrant service, area of Highway 101 and MP 234. • 3:59 pm, accident, area
- of Newmark and Brussells.
- male transported to Coos County Jail on DUII, failure to perform duties of a driver, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another person, 2506 block of Sherman Avenue.
- 5:01 pm, accident, area of Broadway and New-
- 5:16 pm, threats, 3067 block of Sheridan Ave-

- and Virginia.
- 7:25 pm, criminal trespass, 1324 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 8:45 pm, criminal trespass, 1954 block of Union Avenue.
- 10:16 pm, 76 year old transported to Coos County Jail on domestic assault IV, 2056 block of Sherman Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 12:56 am, disorderly conduct, 1432 block of
- 12:58 am, dispute, 718
- · 3:00 am, 42 year old while suspended, 245 block of South Scho-
- 3:59 am, 43 year old cited on driving while suspended, 522 block of
- · 6:59 am, criminal trespass, 1195 block of
- 7:12 am, alarm, 1460 block of North Bayshore Drive.
- 7:43 am, criminal trespass, 481 block of
- pass, area of North 10th Street and West Commercial Avenue.
- 8:43 am, 41 year old male cited on failure to appear on criminal mischief I, theft III, criminal trespass II, 2 counts of attempt to commit class C felony, failure to report as a sex offender, failure to appear I, failure to appear II and false information, 180 block of
- 8:48 am, criminal mischief, 1590 block of Newmark.
- block of Central Avenue.
- conduct, 2045 block of Newmark Avenue. • 11:07 am, theft, 1313
- Drive. • 11:12 am, theft, 302 block of South 10th
- Street.
- way Street. • 11:52 am, criminal trespass, 50 block of Central
- block of South 4th Street.
- block of North 14th Street.

• 12:15 pm, alarm, 1980

6th Street. • 12:50 pm, alarm, 951

block of Fulton Avenue.

- 3:44 pm, theft, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- tigation, 1775 block of Thompson Road. • 7:10 pm, dispute, 522
- block of South 4th Street.
- pass, 212 block of South 5th Street.
- 8:43 pm, 60 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of Salmon Avenue. • 9:43 pm, hit and run, 155
- 9:45 pm, criminal mischief, 1200 block of

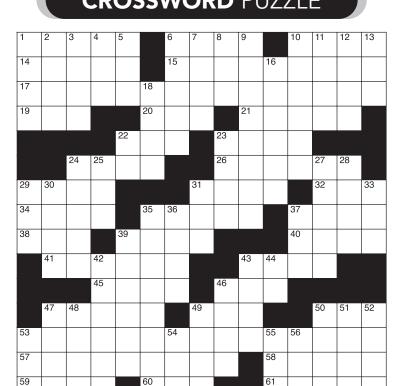
Newmark Avenue.

• 11:02 pm, narcotics investigation, area of Taco

Coquille • 8:41 am, criminal

trespass, 1036 block of North Myrtle Street. • 1:57 pm, unlawful vehi-

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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- 3. You plug it in 4. Each 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. King of Thebes 7. English name meaning "mythical hunter" 8. Indicates near

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- 10. Gas-powered cars need one 11. Dishonest individual
- 12. Systems, doctrines, theories 13. The woman 16. The whole of one's holdings

18. Witnesses

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29. Cage for trained hawks

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- 52. Monthly apartment cost 53. Young women's association 54. Tourist destination
- 55. "Woman" in Ojibwe language 56. Pointed end of a pen

. American

- Tuesday 12/17
- Chappelle Parkway.
- Tremont Avenue.
- 1:47 pm, 50 year old
- 2:34 pm, criminal
- 6:45 pm, 53 year old male cited on criminal
- **Coos Bay** • 12:46 am, 49 year old
- 8:08 am, disorderly con-
- block of Canyon Terrace.
- 10:00 am, threats, 755
- North 13th Street. 10:24 am, criminal
- 1:34 pm, shoplifter,
- 2:31 pm, 56 year old and
- 5:01 pm, threats, 1432 Avenue.

- **North Bend**
- 2:47 am, assault, 2232 block of Broadway Avenue.
- trespass, 1600 block of • 2:27 pm, 65 year old
- 5:00 pm, 21 year old
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- Newmark Avenue. block of F Street.
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- Bennett Avenue. • 8:07 am, criminal tres-
- 8:08 am, criminal trespass, 281 block of Laclair Street.
- North West 5th Street.
- 9:53 am, alarm, 500 • 10:20 am, disorderly
- block of North Bayshore
- 11:50 am, threats, 925 block of South Broad-
- Avenue. • 12:10 pm, fraud, 931
- 12:17 pm, unlawful vehicle, area of F Street and
- 7:06 pm, narcotics inves-
- 7:10 pm, theft from vehicle, area of Dollar Tree. • 7:41 pm, criminal tres-
- block of South Empire Boulevard.
- bell and Newmark.
- - See POLICE BLOTTER Continued on Page 15

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As I See It

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deaths) and migration.

and GQ population are

from your jurisdiction

Changes in housing units

based on responses obtained

through participation in the

Annual Housing Updates

Five-year population

information was included in

Bandon's total population as

of April 1, 2020, was 3,321.

It had grown to 3,591 by

showed a no percentage

tion of 3,592.

size is 1.89.

city limits.

Dec. 14.

July 1, 2023, and for 2024

growth rate, with a popula-

96 residents between 2021

and 2022 (3,407 to 3,503.)

The number of housing

units had grown from 2,077

indicates the number of sec-

ond-homes in the communi-

The latest voter list for

the City of Bandon showed

a total of 2,682 registered

voters. According to these

figures, it would mean that

there are only 910 residents

My friend Jean Albrich

daughter Suzanne Endsley's

Ironman world champion-

ships held in New Zealand

In spite of what she

ished 24th in her age group

(59). The event included a

ride and a 13.1 mile run.

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ty. The average household

in 2020 to 2,287 in 2024,

with a vacancy rate of 19

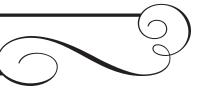
percent, which probably

The population grew by

and Population Survey."

the notice, showing that

By Mary Schamehorn



I found a great story in a 1959 Western World with the photo of the "new lighthouse" on the north bank of the Coquille river, under construction. It shows a gang of workmen who posed long enough to have their picture taken.

"This was 65 years ago; the 'new lighthouse' is now the 'old lighthouse' that needs a sponsor to preserve it as an historic landmark."

Now more than 65 years after this article was written, the need is even greater for the lighthouse to be restored

Western World is indebted to Mrs. J.E. Walstrom for the photo which was taken September 6, 1895.

"No question about the permanency of construction, as will be noted from the accompanying photo. The base is of concrete blocks and the superstructure and tower of solid brick. Few realized that the main portion of the building was of brick as it is covered on the outside with a coat of stucco plaster. The cracks that show in present photos are only stucco deep.

The building is safely anchored on a solid rock and is, in fact, a portion of the north jetty and for the latter reason cannot be sold by the government. It is generally agreed that the building should be reconditioned and preserved, both as a landmark of historic interest, and as a picturesque adjunct to the scenic landscape.'

The second item I am sharing came from the July 28, 1927, Western World celebrating the fourth anniversary of the Hartman Theatre (second photo).

"A special program was given at Hartman theatre Tuesday evening in celebration of the fourth anniversary of the opening of the theatre. Stage decorations were centered about a huge birthday cake decked with four candles, and the fover was adorned with a profusion of beautiful flowers. A short concert of popular and classical numbers was given by the Bandon Concert Band under the direction of Chas. F. Atwood.

The program was opened with a ballet dance number by Martha Virginia Felsheim (my mother), as the birthday sprite. This was followed by a soprano solo by Florence Thrift, 'Maid of the Ganges.' The misses Lois, Leila and Dorothy Manciet appeared in the Javanese dance, and the Bowery dance given recently at Silver Spray Gardens (third photo) was repeated by the six girls. All of the numbers were exceptionally well given and greatly enjoyed by the audience. The picture, 'Her Big Night,' was one of the best pictures shown in a long time."

Her Big Night was described as a 1926 American silent comedy film directed by Melville W. Brown. Laura Le Plante shone in the delightful comedy of mistaken identity. Her resemblance to film star Daphne Dix offered her passes to the star's personal appearance."

The latest population numbers for the City of Bandon were released recently by Portland State University's College of Urban and Public Affairs.

The preliminary population estimate was as of July 1, 2024, and revised estimates for years since the most recent census.



"For each year since the Suzanne and her three most recent census, populasiblings, Liam, John and Bandon High School. Their based on net housing unit father Mike Albrich was population changes, average manager of a bank and their household size, and occupancy rate, accounting for School District. natural increase (births less

Coos County is reeling from the apparent loss of of the Electric Hospital in Coos Bay. At this writing, there appears to be no new pened to the popular businessman, who had apparently gone out Sunday to take pictures of the King Tides.

Later that night, his belongings, including his hat, cell phone, a business card belonging to his wife and his camera (although one press release said camera case) were located on located in the area.

His family speculates that for a picture, and he may

An extensive search was conducted until the authorities determined that he was not at that location, based on what they had found on the bridge.

The latest post from the family, dated Dec. 21, gave some key details: "If he had fallen from the train bridge on the side near Jordan Cove during the morning of

Maureen, all graduated from mother taught in the Bandon

Joe Neill, long-time owner information as to what hap-

the railroad bridge in North Bend. His vehicle was also

he had put his camera down so he could adjust his tripod have fallen from the bridge at that time.

Sunday, Dec. 15, (maybe around 10:15) the tide would have been rising. A fall into the middle of the channel may have sent him inland. Places to check out (again?). Would the current have taken him toward the marshlands in the Coos Bav Estuary? Today we drove down East Bay Drive with our dad's high-powered spotting scope and binoculars and tried to get vantage points where we could search the shoreline, oyster bed poles, etc. we also went along the boardwalk, checking pier pilings, buoys, floats, etc. We also went out along the channel, past the North Bend Airport, and all the way out to the jetty at

Bastendorff. It's a daunting

out, the beachcombers, dock

workers, fishers etc. might

task, but maybe if we can

continue to get the word

see something and make the connection to our dear Papa," said the post. They gave a heart-felt thanks to all those who continue to search by boat and on foot.

I talked last week with long-time District Attorney Paul Frazier, who did not seek re-election after 17 years as Coos County's DA, and 40 years as a prosecutor. Actually, he won't be leaving the job at the end of the year as there are several pending murder cases, and he's been asked to stay on and handle those cases, which he expects will keep him at his desk until mid-summer. His service to Coos County has been invaluable.

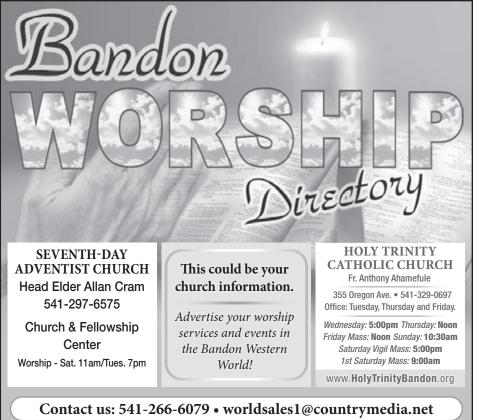
I also spoke with Bobbie

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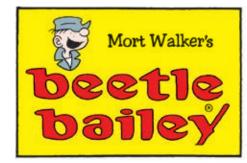




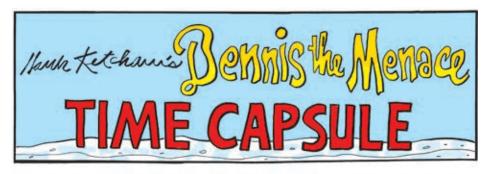














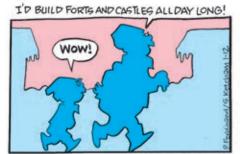






















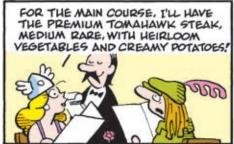






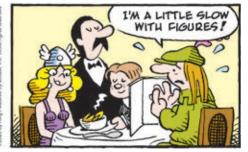




















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assistant to the board of commissioners, who has been in that same job for 27.5 years.

I want to alert Bandon residents to the latest scam. Not sure I have all the details, but apparently a man pretending to be a plumber called the City Office last week and requested that the

water be turned off at a house where he was supposedly working. Linda told the man that the City would need a signed letter by the property owner before we could do that. And they didn't hear from him again. But a short time later, the person who manages the property for the owner, who is here only part of the time, noticed that a key lock box had been installed on the house. He called her, asking if she had sold the house ... which she had not.

Our guess is that the scammer planned to rent the house, that he did not own, and would give people the key lock combination to enter the house ... that he did not own, after he had taken a down payment of some kind to reserve the rental, which as we all know, are in short supply.

To make a long story short, if your house is vacant the address is Food and part of the time, it would be well for you to alert the neighbors to keep an eye out for suspicious activity.

My siblings and I have chosen to donate to the new entity, Food and Faith, which helps care for the homeless population in our community, instead of exchanging Christmas pres-

For anyone who might want to join us in helping support this important cause, Faith, Marissa Nuez, 230 15th St. SE, Bandon, 97411. Your contributions are deductible, and she will send

you a receipt.

I received a question last week after what is perceived to be a very expensive upgrade to the Sixes Airport, located on the west side of Highway 101 near Pacific High School.

I asked several elected officials if they knew what is happening there and why. State Representative Court Boice said it's work by the Oregon Department of Aviation for long-term commercial and emergency

management. He said he would look for an update from the Oregon Department of Aviation and get back to me.

Just a note to let people know that there won't be any Meet and Greet events at Bandon Fisheries Warehouse until February. The last event, hosted by the museum, proved to be popular with the big crowd on hand who asked all sorts of questions of me, Reg Pullen and Jim Proehl.

Police Blotter

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cle, area of West 4th and

 8:57 pm, criminal mischief, 436 block of East 7th Street.

Reedsport

- 9:16 am, domestic disturbance, 339 block of Fir Avenue.
- 12:18 pm, fraud, 2452 block of Arthur Drive.

Myrtle Point

- 8:45 am, threats, 301 block of Railroad Street.
- 12:09 pm, lost dog, 1821 block of Sunset Lane.

Thursday 12/19

North Bend

- 8:14 am, fraud, 2506 block of Broadway Court.
- 10:13 am, criminal mischief, area of Spruce Street and Newmark Street.
- 10:57 am, disorderly conduct, area of California and Union.
- 12:02 pm, theft of mail, 2115 block of Hayes Street.
- 1:59 pm, criminal mischief, 750 block of Connecticut Avenue.
- 3:01 pm, pedestrian accident, 2323 block of Pacific Street.
- 5:40 pm, theft of mail, 1855 block of Steelhead
- 4:16 pm, disorderly conduct, 1735 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 4:47 pm, dispute, 1189 block of Virginia Ave-
- 6:33 pm, criminal trespass, 3411 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 6:37 pm, harassment, 3855 block of Vista Drive.

Coos Bay

- 12:12 am, suspicious subject, 1400 block of Lakeshore Drive.
- 12:49 am, fight, 1075 block of Newmark.
- 1:11 am, 47 year old male cited on driving while suspended, 1297 block of Ocean Boulevard.
- 1:41 am, business alarm, 880 block of South 1st Street.
- 3:33 am, 38 year old female cited on driving while suspended, 63033 block of Highway 101. • 8:05 am, criminal
- trespass, 1049 block of South Broadway Street.
- 8:20 am, alarm, 500 block of Central Avenue.
- 8:34 am, 47 year old male cited on shoplifting, 130 block of North Cammann Street.
- 8:58 am, threats, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 9:13 am, criminal trespass, 1750 block of Thompson Road.
- 10:09 am, 28 year old female cited on driving while suspended, 295 block of Holland

ınogen

Avenue.

- 10:57 am, hit and run, area of 1st Street and Johnson.
- 11:42 am, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 151 block of North 8th Street.
- 1:38 pm, 39 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on false information to police, 1988 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 2:42 pm, theft, 149 block of North 4th Street.
- 3:03 pm, 43 year old female cited on driving while suspended, area of Koos Bay Boulevard and Yew.
- 3:37 pm, accident, area of 10th and Anderson.
- 3:42 pm, 30 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on possession of firearm and probation violation, 1250 block of South 2nd Street.
- 3:57 pm, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 324 block of Ackerman Avenue.
- 4:29 pm, criminal trespass, 2051 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 4:37 pm, harassment, 814 block of North Morrison Avenue.
- 4:46 pm, theft, 705 block of South Empire Bou-
- 5:04 pm, alarm, 333 block of South 4th • 5:22 pm, accident, 1313
- block of North Bayshore Drive. • 5:47 pm, criminal
- trespass, 1298 block of North Bayshore Drive.
- 9:50 pm, suspicious subject, 781 block of Kentucky Avenue.
- 11:23 pm, suspicious subject, 100 block of South Wasson Street.

Coquille

- 10:05 am, disorderly conduct, area of Highway 42.
- 10:11 am, 29 year old male cited on robbery, disorderly conduct and theft III, 240 block of Highway 42.
- 2:52 pm, animal neglect, 1203 block of North Folsom Court.
- 5:19 pm, criminal trespass, 866 block of North Dean Street.
- 8:19 pm, business alarm, 1115 block of North Baxter Street.

Reedsport

- 6:11 pm, theft, 1051 block of Highway Avenue.
- 6:41 pm, trespassing, 2136 block of Fir Ave-
- 10:16 pm, disturbance, 2655 block of Frontage Road.

Friday 12/20

North Bend

- 3:00 am, assault, 2056 block of Sherman Avenue.
- 4:24 am, criminal trespass, 1890 block of Newmark Street.
- 4:28 am, criminal

- trespass, 1911 block of Newmark Street.
- 6:15 am, disorderly conduct, 1067 block of Newmark Street.
- 11:06 am, theft of bike, 2666 block of 11th Street.
- 1:14 pm, disorderly conduct, 2131 block of Newmark Street.
- 1:22 pm, suspicious subject, area of Foot Bridge.
- 1:40 pm, accident, area of Newmark and Sher-
- 1:47 pm, unlawful vehicle, 1700 block of Hamilton Avenue.

• 2:29 pm, stalking, 1988

- block of Grant Street. • 3:00 pm, 72 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal mischief II and disorderly conduct II, 1100 block of East Airport Way.
- 3:28 pm, theft, 2131 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 3:37 pm, disturbance, 2257 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 4:13 pm, theft, 2235 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 5:23 pm, suspicious subject, area of Virginia and Broadway.
- 9:21 pm, 59 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on disorderly conduct, 2 counts of harassment, 3 counts of assault, 4 counts of burglary I and 5 counts of menacing, 768 block of Virginia Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 8:06 am, criminal trespass, 1049 block of South Broadway.
- 9:22 am, theft, 500 block of Central Avenue.
- 9:45 am, criminal mischief, 745 block of Koos Bay Boulevard.
- 10:59 am, fraud, 2038 block of Grant Street.
- 11:00 am, 46 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on 4 counts of luring a minor, 8 counts of sexual abuse II, 3 counts of encouraging child sexual abuse II, tampering with a witness and official misconduct I, 861 block of South
- 5th Street. • 12:31 pm, criminal mischief, 456 block of North Marple Street.
- 12:37 pm, threats, 456 block of North Marple
- 1:01 pm, hit and run, 657 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 1:57 pm, harassment, 355 block of South 8th Street.
- 2:32 pm, unlawful vehicle, area of North 19th and Juniper.
- 2:55 pm, animal abuse, 100 block of South 9th.
- 3:53 pm, 34 year old male cited on parole violation and possession for schedule II, area of 10th and Greenwood.
- 6:04 pm, suspicious subject, 810 block of North Central Avenue.
- 8:03 pm, 27 year old cit-

ed on driving while suspended, area of Salmon and Schoneman.

- 8:30 pm, criminal trespass, 674 block of Marshall Avenue.
- 8:58 pm, restraining order service, 250 block of North Baxter Street.
- 9:38 pm, business alarm, 550 block of South 4th Street.
- 10:24 pm, dispute, 660 block of Date Avenue.
- 11:09 pm, 47 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on probation violation, 893 block of Central Avenue.
- 11:59 pm, business alarm, 1295 block of South Broadway Avenue.

Coquille

- 6:19 am, 57 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on resisting arrest and disorderly conduct II, 2 block of North Central Boulevard.
- 7:30 am, criminal mischief, 940 block of East 5th Street.

Reedsport

- 3:46 pm, animal problem, area of Holly Knolls Mobile Home Park.
- 8:39 pm, animal problem, area of Reedsport K9 Shelter.
- 9:29 pm, theft, area of Reedsport Police Department.

Saturday 12/21

North Bend

- 2:47 am, criminal trespass, 3201 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 4:12 am, business alarm, 2323 block of Pacific Street.
- 8:57 am, alarm, 2323 block of Pacific Street.
- 9:42 am, criminal trespass, 2080 block of Marion Avenue.
- mischief, 1611 block of Virginia Avenue. 10:56 am, dispute, area

of Highway 101 and

• 10:09 pm, criminal

Ferry. • 12:34 pm, business alarm, 1300 block of

Airport Lane.

- 12:57 pm, suspicious subject, 3201 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 1:06 pm, criminal trespass, 2121 block of
- Madrona Avenue. • 2:06 pm, dispute, 1733 block of Ash Street.
- 5:51 pm, criminal trespass, 3201 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 5:56 pm, business alarm, 1300 block of Airport Lane.
- 6:50 pm, dispute, 3510 block of Brussells Street.
- 7:43 pm, dispute, 1475 block of Sherman Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 12:00 am, assault, 3290 block of Ocean Boulevard
- 12:44 am, dispute, 832 block of 8th Terrace. • 2:27 am, criminal tres-
- pass, 270 block of North

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- Main Street.
- 7:12 am, suspicious subject, 150 block of South Wall Street.
- 7:35 am, criminal trespass, 674 block of
- Marshall Avenue. • 9:46 am, 27 year old male transported to Coos County Jail on criminal trespass II, 674 block of Marshall
- Avenue. • 9:46 am, fraud, 955 block of South 5th
- Street. • 10:13 am, disorderly conduct, area of 4th and
- Central. 10:36 am, alarm, 1255 block of Hemlock Avenue.
- animal, 1266 block of South 14th Street. • 12:32 pm, fight, 1020 block of South 1st

12:22 pm, injured

- Street. • 2:31 pm, criminal mischief, 1935 block of Thompson Road.
- 406 block of North Marple Street. • 3:53 pm, shots fired,

2:40 pm, theft of mail,

- area of Elrod and South 8th. • 4:49 pm, criminal trespass, 2051 block of
- 8:45 pm, shots fired, 100 block of Ackerman Street.

Newmark Avenue.

• 10:07 pm, disorderly conduct, 150 block of East Johnson Avenue. 10:40 pm, 50 year old male arrested on failure

to appear on assault IV

failure to appear II, 225

and harassment and

block of West Olive Street. 11:11 pm. unlawful vehicle, 919 block of

Sanford Street.

- Coquille 6:13 am, business alarm, 499 block of West Cen-
- tral Boulevard. • 10:58 am, disorderly conduct, 23 block of
- East 1st Street. • 12:09 pm, alarm, 184 block of West 2nd

Street.

- Reedsport • 2:19 pm, trespassing, area of Riverbend Mobile Resort.
- 3:57 pm, fire, 272 block
- of 16th Street. • 4:23 pm, animal problem, area of Henderson Park.

Sunday 12/22

North Bend

- 8:16 am, suspicious subject, 2271 block of Marion Avenue.
- 8:52 am, unlawful vehicle, area of Harbor Avenue.
- 11:02 am, sexual abuse, area of Inland Point. • 2:45 pm, suspicious
- subject, 1503 block of Virginia Avenue. 5:58 pm, suspicious

subject, 1611 block of

• 9:08 pm, 40 year old male transported to Coos County Jail

Virginia Avenue.

on failure to appear on theft III, area of Bayshore and Pine. 11:46 pm, suspicious

Broadway Avenue.

Coos Bay • 12:23 am, unlawful vehicle, area of Anderson

subject, 3229 block of

- and 8th. • 5:20 am, business alarm, 1544 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 5:33 am, business alarm, 925 block of South Broadway Street.
- 7:46 am, unlawful vehicle, area of South 10th and Elrod.
- use of motor vehicle, 245 block of South Schoneman Street • 8:56 am, unlawful vehi-

• 8:04 am, unauthorized

Cammann. • 10:23 am, harassment, 1155 block of Newmark

cle, 200 block of North

- Avenue. • 11:24 am, business alarm, 1200 block of Newmark Avenue.
- Radar. • 1:03 pm, threats, 1075 block of Newmark

Avenue.

• 11:33 am, suspicious

subject, 1700 block of

- 1:18 pm, disorderly conduct, 1880 block of North 7th Street.
- block of South Empire Boulevard. • 1:46 pm, alarm, area of

• 1:45 pm, stalking, 520

- North 5th Street. • 2:21 pm, 30 year old transported to Coos County Jail on failure to appear on theft I and theft II, failure to appear on failure to appear I, criminal trespass I, theft III, escape III and unlawful possession of
- Newmark Avenue. 3:37 pm, dispute, 1020 block of South 1st

meth, 2051 block of

Street. • 5:34 pm, alarm, 1544 block of Newmark

Avenue.

of Highway 42 and MP 44.5. • 6:33 pm, criminal trespass, 1103 block of

• 5:48 pm, accident, area

Newmark Avenue. • 7:05 pm, 48 year old male cited on driving while suspended, area of

7th and Commercial.

• 7:11 pm, accident, area of 10th and Central. • 7:46 pm, dispute, 702

block of Newmark

Avenue.

Street.

pass, 200 block of South 4th Street. • 9:41 pm, accident, 149

8:26 pm, criminal tres-

• 10:54 pm, runaway juvenile, 1275 block of Anderson Avenue.

• 11:40 pm, business

alarm, 1200 block of

North Bayshore Drive.

block of South 7th

Coquille • 7:19 am, dispute, 153

Street.

Myrtle Point • 11:44 pm, prowler, 1516 block of Maple Street.

block of North Baxter

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North Bend honors author Dick Wagner and 150th anniversary of Oregon's last clipper ship

Local author and historian Dick Wagner was honored during a North Bend City Council meeting for his latest book, The Last True Clipper: Western Shore - the Oregon Clipper, co-authored with Steve Priske and published by the Coos History Museum.

Wagner's book chronicles the history of the Western Shore, the last clipper ship built in the

in 1874 in North Bend at the Simpson shipyard under master shipbuilder John Kruse, the ship gained fame for its exceptional speed, including a record-setting 101-day voyage from Astoria to Liverpool in

Mayor Jessica Engelke presented Wagner with a proclamation declaring Dec. 10, 2024, as Western

Day in the city. The proclamation celebrates the Western Shore as a symbol of North Bend's maritime innovation and craftsmanship.

"The Western Shore represents an era of bold vision and ingenuity that helped shape our coastal community," Engelke said.

Made from local Douglas-fir and Port Orford cedar, the ship

highlighted the region's natural resources and craftsmanship, with its interior adorned in myrtlewood and mahogany. The Western Shore's tragic loss near Duxbury Reef in 1878 serves as a reminder of the

maritime explorers.

Wagner's book provides detailed insights into the ship's specifications, construction, and eventual demise, offering readers a glimpse into a pivotal era of maritime history.

The city encourages residents and visitors to commemorate this milestone and reflect on the rich heritage of North Bend's coastal community. Wagner's book is available for purchase through the Coos History Museum.





North Bend awarded \$50K T-Mobile grant to Launch Community Hub

The City of North Bend is thrilled to announce that we've been awarded a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant to bring the North Bend Community Hub to life! This project will feature the T-Mobile Stage & Performance Corner as part of the North Bend Visitor Center Master

We're proud to be one of only 25 communities nationwide this quarter selected for this prestigious grant, joining a network of small towns revitalized through T-Mobile's remarkable \$15 million investment in rural development since 2021. Competition was fierce

with more than 850 applicants!

What's Coming? The T-Mobile Stage & Performance Corner will become the beating heart of our community—a vibrant space hosting live performances, art installations, and public gatherings. This ADAaccessible hub will include:

- · A permanent stage for music, theater, and more
- · Public art, including a mural celebrating North Bend's rich cultural heritage
- · Seating and landscaping, featuring magenta blooms

This project celebrates our local history, uplifts community voices, and ensures access to arts and culture for everyone. With an estimated 6-9 month timeline to completion, North Bend's downtown will soon transform into a bustling center of creativity and connection.

Hear from Our Leaders: The T-Mobile Hometown Grant is a transformative opportunity for North Bend, helping us bring the vision of a vibrant community hub to life," said Mayor Jessica Engelke. "The T-Mobile Stage will foster creativity, connection, and cultural celebration for years to



come."

This initiative continues our commitment to innovative placemaking, as seen with our Four Point Wayfinder and other community-led projects.

Thank You, Partners! A huge thanks to Main Street America and T-Mobile for supporting our vision and to our local community for contributing their ideas and excitement to this effort.

Stay tuned for updates and announcements as we kick off construction in early 2025. Let's come together to celebrate and build our future, one step at a time.



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