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# A happy ending for Englewood School in sight

**BY JULIE AKINS** 

For The World

The old Englewood School site on the 1400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue in Coos Bay is one step closer to overcoming its recent troubled past.

The Coos Bay City Council on Tuesday approved an intergovernmental agreement with Coos County to offer the site to Northwest Housing Alternatives for low-income housing where the

school once stood. When completed, the nonprofit organization hopes to offer more than 40 multi family units for people living at or below the poverty line.

The county will donate the land and the city is paying to clean it up, that price tags is estimated at roughly \$700,000.

"It's one of those perfect opportunities where the city and county can work together to create something that's really needed. We have a housing

shortage," City Manager Rodger Craddock affirmed.

The cost of clean up exceeds the value of the property, according to Craddock, so a private for-profit developer was unlikely to be interested.

Northwest Housing, which builds low-income housing around the state of Oregon, has five years to complete the project under the agreement.

Family housing is a happy ending for the property which has been called an "eye sore" by city and county officials due to its severe disrepair for roughly seven years.

The Englewood School was first opened in 1900 and refurbished in the 1950's. The school district continued to use the facility for continuing education after the elementary school was closed until it was sold to a private party.

In 2014, a fire destroyed the old school and the former owner moved away and left it in what the county deemed "a dangerous condition."

Coos County eventually foreclosed for back taxes owed in 2018.

Getting the school site to this point of being close to development was a long and drawn out process, according to Coos Bay officials, but they recently got the green light and are slated to

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# Homeless memorial remembers 25 lost



Photos by David Rupkalvis/The World

Tara Johnson, left, reads the names of the 25 homeless people who died in 2021 during a memorial service last week at the Nancy Devereaux Center. Below, from left, North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke, North Bend City Administrator David Milliron and Coos County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins hold candles during the ceremony.

# A record number of homeless died in 2021

BY DAVID RUPKALVIS The World

2021 was a tragic year for the homeless in Coos County.

A record 25 homeless people lost their lives in 2021, and each one was briefly remembered last week during the annual Homeless Persons' Memorial ceremo-

Tara Johnson, executive director of the Nancy Devereaux Center, hosted the first of of several memorials Tuesday around the county to remember those lost in 2021.

A few minutes before the ceremony started, the Devereaux Center was a hive of activity as dozens of people ate lunch,

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# Winter storm brings freezing temps to coast

BY DAVID RUPKALVIS

The World

A winter storm will bring freezing temperatures and possibly sleet and snow to Coos Bay and North Bend this week.

According to the National Weather Service, the coldest temperatures of the year are expected this week, with temperatures dropping to the mid-20s Wednesday night into Thursday morning.

A chance of snow was expected in much of the region Monday night into Tuesday with accumulation of up to an inch dropping to 300 feet above sea level. With high temperatures in the low 40s most of the week, any snow is expected melt away quickly.

With the cold temperatures, the Nancy Devereaux Center is opening its warming center to give the homeless and anyone else facing freezing temperatures a place to escape to and warm up. The warming center will be open Tuesday and Wednesday night from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Snacks and warm drinks will be available to those escaping the frigid weather. While the warming center is not designed as a place to sleep, anyone wishing to warm up is welcome to come by and stay as long as needed.

The Devereaux Center is located at 1200 Newmark Avenue.

Temperatures are expected to rise slightly Thursday, with a low of 37 predicted by the Weather Service, but the near-freezing temperatures will return Friday, with a low of 33. Snow is possible every day of the week in areas 1,000 feet above sea level.

In addition to the homeless, those living in RVs and mobile homes are encouraged to keep an eye on water pipes as temperatures drop below freezing.

# cases dip as Omicron lurks

BY DAVID RUPKALVIS The World

COVID cases in Coos County dipped last week, but the decrease is expected to be

short-lived. As of Thursday, there were 286 active cases in Coos County, with nine people in the hospital. Two additional deaths were reported in the last week, bringing the number of people who have died after contracting COVID

Dr. Eric Gleason, assistant director of Coos Health and Wellness, said any decrease if a good sign, but with Omicron lurking, the numbers will begin to rise again soon. Gleason said there is still a lot to learn about the new variant. but early studies show similar findings.

"If you look at the studies and research coming out of England and South Africa, it seems significantly more contagious," Gleason said. "It looks to be a little more mild than Delta, but it could overwhelm hospitals.'

Results from locations in the United States show a person with Omicron infects, on average, 3.2 other people. The typical flu has an infection rate of 1.7, showing Omicron is twice as infectious at the flu. Most symptoms are mild, almost cold-like. Many are reporting a runny nose, cough and sore throat as symptoms, while others are reporting almost no symptoms. Yet, hospitals are filling up, in many cases with asymptomatic people.

Gleason said with the different symptoms it is vital for people who are sick to stay home.

"We have to be mindful of that," he said. "If we have a cough, we can't just say it's the flu. We need to be mindful that a symptom is a symptom is a symptom."

Gleason said no cases of Omicron have been seen in Coos County yet, but with holiday gatherings and travel, local health officials are preparing for a spike.

"I think we anticipate a mid-January spike, and hopefully it's only a spike," Gleason said. "It's just a matter of time before Omicron

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#### Homeless

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talked, collected their laundry and discussed holiday plans.

But when Johnson called their attention to the fact so many died in 2021, the crowd went silent.

One by one, Johnson read the names of those who died, many known locally only by their first names. Sighs and a few gasps were heard as those listening in heard names of

"This is the most we've had in any year," Johnson

The question of why is one even Johnson is trying to figure out.

"There's a lot of supposition about that," she said. "Several of them passed away from alcohol-related issues. I don't know if the alcohol-related issues increased because of COVID."

The Homeless Persons Memorial was hosted by the Human Rights Advocates of Coos County with assistance from Seven Devils Brewery, So It Goes Coffeehouse, Coos Head Food Co-Op, Bayside Coffee, Seakitty Seafoods, Empire Bakery, Electric Hospital, Devereux Center, Waterfall Health Center, College Park Church and others.

Those who died in 2021 included:

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The Nancy Devereaux Center is full as more than a dozen homeless eat lunch prior to a service remembering the 25 homeless people who died in Coos County in 2021.

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- \* Arthur Severance (Crazy Cross)
- \* Rodney (Caveman)
- \* Scott

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# COVID

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gets here. We're not going to hide from it."

Gleason said his biggest concern is the impact on hospitals and clinics, many that are already running short on employees.

"We've been fighting for 20 months since we found out about COVID," Gleason said. "We've had frontline workers working through the worst condito burnout. We're going to run out of healthcare workers." Gleason said he may

tions I've seen. That leads

sound like a broken record, but the key to beating Omicron and COVID-19 is to get vaccinated.

"The best way to prepare for it is to get your booster if you haven't," Gleason said. "There isn't a way to stop this unless you get both of your vaccines, get your booster and take preventative measures. It doesn't matter if you

believe in the science, the science works. Omicron doesn't care about your beliefs, your political affiliations.

"The way to fight this doesn't change. We can hope hope when the Pfizer pill comes out, it will help. But that's after the fact.' Gleason said as of

Thursday, 70.1% of adults in Coos County have received at least one dose of the vaccine and 24.5% have had a booster shot.

Gleason said with news of Omicron, there has been

to Northwest Housing

a push for more COVID tests. He said one local pharmacy even ran out of tests briefly.

"There's a number of people that are concerned when they get the symptoms, and that's good," Gleason said. "A number of people have been getting at-home tests, but if you do this and you test positive, you really need to tell public health."

To schedule a vaccine for anyone age 5 and up, visit cooshealthandwellness.org.

### **Englewood**

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begin work.

In order to clean the site, a plan had to be approved by state and federal authorities and a contract awarded, which just now occurred.

"I think it'll take a cou-

ple of months to complete the work, and we should be getting started right away," said Craddock.

"This is one of those times when government had to step in because the cost of clean up exceeded the value of the property. Had we not been able to do that, the property would have just sat there," according to Craddock.

The county, in agreement with the city of Coos Bay, offered the property

Alternatives, which plans to build housing for cash strapped workers in a market where prices continue to outstrip incomes of low-income working

26% of Coos Bay residents are considered "severely rent burdened" according to Oregon Housing and Community Services. The designation means that residents are spending half or more of

people in Coos Bay.

their incomes on rent.

Once the site is cleaned of debris, asbestos removed from the area and prepared for building Northwest Housing Alternatives will be able to break ground on the housing units. A fact that the Coos Bay City Council applauded.

"I'm glad to see this move forward. We need the housing," said Councilor Drew Farmer, who was met with nodding approval by the rest of council.

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Date: Dec. 22, 2021 Bob Main, Chair, Board of Commissioner Published: December 28, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:333010)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS, PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of: CINDY ANN BARKLEY, aka CINDY ANN COLEMAN-BARKLEY, aka CINDY ANN COLEMAN, Decedent. Case No.: 21PB10041 NOTICE TO INTERESTED

**PERSONS** 

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** GIVEN that Rosanna R. Forderer has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Amy L. Muenchrath, attorney for the Personal Representative, at MuenchrathLaw, LLC, 280 N. Collier St., Coquille, Oregon 97423, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the probate clerk's office at the Coos County Courthouse, Probate Department 250 N Baxter. Coquille, Oregon 97423, Monday through Friday between 8 am and noon, and 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative, Amy L. Muenchrath, MuenchrathLaw, LLC, 280 N. Collier St., Coquille, Oregon 97423. Dated and first published this 21 day of December, 2021. Published: December 21, December 28, 2021 and January 4, 2022

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# No. 21PB10254 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

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Marshfield's Dom Montiel, left, and Ezra Waterman accept the Class 4A state championship trophy after Marshfield won the title. Montiel was named 4A offensive player of the year while Waterman was named defensive player of the year. Coach John Lemmons, addressing his team below, was named coach of the year.

# Pirates sweep top Class 4A honors for football

Marshfield swept the top awards after capturing the Class 4A state football title in Novem-

The state's coaches voted Marshfield quarterback Dom Montiel as offensive player of the year, linebacker Ezra Waterman as defensive player of the year and John Lemmons as coach of the year.

Several other players also received all-state mention, including DJ Daugherty and Maddux Mateski each being on the first team both at wide receiver and defensive back.

Hayden Murphy was named to the first team as a defensive lineman and to the second-team offense at center.

Tight end Pierce Davidson, offensive lineman Josh Giacomini and kicker Alberto Castillo also were named to the second-team offense.

Running back Miguel Velazquez and receiver Mason Pederson both received honorable-mention recognition on offense, while Toby Johnston was named honorable mention as a defensive lineman.

Marshfield ran through a perfect regular season while winning the Sky-Em League title and then beat Madras, Henley, Mazama and Marist Catholic in the playoffs.





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North Bend's Bridget Gould, above, and Sydney Wilson, below, were both named to the Class 5A all-state first team.

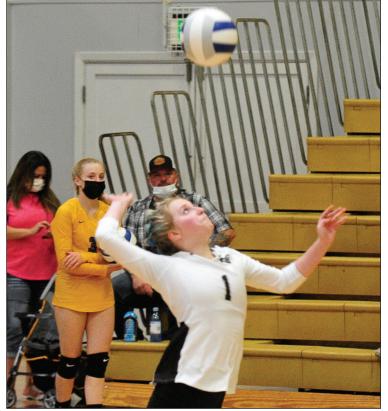
# **Bulldogs Gould, Wilson** earn all-state honors

North Bend's Bridget Gould and Sydney Wilson both were named to the Class 5A all-state first team in balloting by the state's coaches.

Gould, a sophomore middle blocker, and Wilson, the team's libero, helped guide the Bulldogs to their first-ever Midwestern

League title, a crown North Bend shared with Churchill after the teams split two matches.

The Bulldogs finished the season with just two losses, one to Churchill in the league season and one in the playoff quarterfinals to eventual runner-up Wilsonville.



# State wrestling tournaments split into five separate sites

JERRY ULMER

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The OSAA wrestling championships will have a much different look this season.

Instead of taking place at Veterans Memorial Coliseum, its longtime home, the tournaments will be split into separate high school venues: Sandy (Class 6A), Ridgeview (Class 5A), Cascade (Class 4A), La Pine (Class 3A) and Culver (Class 2A/1A and girls).

The OSAA executive board decided to make the change due to the Coliseum enforcing COVID restrictions for spectators and participants.

"It's a bummer, but at the same time, I think it can be a quality experience for kids," OSAA assistant executive director Brad Garrett said. "You're really highlighted at a single venue like that, on four mats."

The executive board opted for separate tournaments after reviewing information provided by the OSAA staff.

Garrett worked closely with Culver coach J.D. Alley – the wrestling representative from the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association – to formulate the alternative plan.

All of the boys tournaments will be single-day events on Saturday, Feb. 26, except for 6A, which will be a two-day event either Feb. 25-26 or Feb. 26-27. The girls tournament is set for Feb. 24.

It will mark the first time the state tournaments will be at a venue other than the Coliseum since 2007, the end of a threeyear run at the State Fairgrounds Pavilion in Salem.

The revised state tournament format is a reflection on the COVID-shortened schedule of last season, when Newberg (Class 6A), Cottage Grove (Class 5A and girls), Cascade (Class 4A), Redmond (Class 3A) and Sweet Home (Class 2A/1A) played host to separate culminating week championship events.

We kind of got a preview to this, a prequel," Alley said. "In terms of running the tournaments smoothly with separate

tournament directors, we did that last year without the help of the OSAA. I feel real confident about that. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, we wouldn't be having this conversation if the wrestling community hadn't accomplished that feat last season."

Garrett said he and Alley were contacted by schools offering to play host to the tournaments.

"We didn't have to go very far," Garrett said. "Those places that were chosen, every one of them has an infrastructure, not only a building but a wrestling community that's involved and understands what kind of things need to be done, and why."

A change in NFHS rules last year that allows for wrestlers to compete in a sixth match in one day – provided it is a qualifying or postseason championship event – was helpful in scheduling single-day state tournaments. But the 6A tournament, with brackets of 24, requires two days to complete.

The OSAA is ironing out details on operating the tournaments within the limited venue capacity.

At the Coliseum, a 200,000-square foot, 10,000-seat arena, the OSAA did not have to

enforce limits on the number of team personnel and spectators. That will change this season.

"In 6A, before you ever start, you have 500 people in the gym, just wrestlers and coaches," Garrett said. "It's likely our ticketing system is going to have to look differently. Potentially something like each wrestler would be allotted a certain number of tickets that they can distribute as they choose. But it's not going to be a free-for-all."

With that challenge in mind, the 6A tournament could be scheduled for Saturday-Sunday instead of Friday-Saturday to avoid conflicting with Sandy's school day.

"That would allow us to at least get more people in," Garrett

Alley, for one, is relishing the atmosphere of a capacity crowd.

"Wrestling or playing a guitar, it's much better to play in a packed house with 900 people, packed to the rafters, than having 2,000 people in a facility of 6,000," Alley said. "That Coliseum is a big, old place. This will give it much more of a Hoosier, packed-house kind of feel.

"On the flip side, it is the state championship, it's our Super

Bowl, and it should be in our biggest, grandest city and its grandest venue. So it's sad."

Garrett said the larger question moving forward is if coaches will want to continue with separate state-championship venues. He said he believes some coaches would support the idea.

"Do you want to be together at a single site, and celebrate a community of wrestling, which I think is very popular with a lot of coaches and spectators?" Garrett said. "Or do you want to separate those out into smaller venues, where you will be focused on more, but we can do less? In some cases, there's an opportunity to do things that are unique, as well."

What about grouping two or more tournaments at a larger

"Moving forward after this year, there could be other options, and you might be able to do some format like that," Garrett said. "Not a lot of that was discussed."

The OSAA cheer and dance/ drill championships also will move from the Coliseum. Both will go to Oregon City High School, with cheer on Feb. 12 and dance/drill on March 18-19.





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### **Guest Columns**

# If you want more of something, subsidize it (population edition)

By Thomas L. Knapp

"There's scientific consensus, US Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) said in a 2019 livestream on climate change, "that the lives of children are going to be very difficult. And it does lead young people to have a legitimate question: Is it OK to still have children?"

Less than three years later, AOC's mad at US Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) for suggesting that perhaps Congress limit itself to one or two, rather than three, federal subsidies (from among a child tax credit, paid leave, or "universal" child care) in its multi-trillion dollar spending

Ditto Bernie Sanders, who in 2019 indicated his support for population control to fight climate change, but in 2021 pronounces himself "delighted" by the expanded child tax credit and thunders that 'we must now either make this Child Tax Credit expansion permanent or, at least, extend it for a number of years.'

I'm agnostic on the relationship between population and climate change, but I can't help notice a contradiction when prominent progressives who claim to believe that overpopulation is a problem simultaneously support paying Americans to have more kids.

And that's exactly what schemes like the child tax credit come down to. It's a time-worn truism: If you want more of something, subsidize it. If you want less of something, penalize it.

True, those same progressives generally support using foreign aid to subsidize "family planning" elsewhere, but if overpopulation is the concern, that amounts to bailing water out of the bow of the boat and pouring it into, rather than off, the

stern. At best.

At worst ... well, paying rich white people to breed and paying poor black and brown people not to sounds like something I'd expect to hear from a Tucker Carlson guest panel on "replacement theory."

In addition to being agnostic on the relationship between population growth and climate change, I'm agnostic on the desirability or undesirability of population growth as such.

Assuming certain conditions - conditions which prevail in the United States, where contraception is inexpensive and widely available - it seems to me that population growth is largely self-regulating.

The costs of having children correlate strongly with the conditions affected by population. Prices will reflect food aplenty, or not enough. Childcare will be easily found and inexpensive, or scarce and costly. Wages will be high and unemployment low, or vice versa. More or fewer people will choose to become parents based on those conditions.

Government subsidies in either direction disrupt the complex but largely rational operations of that "market." To at least some degree, they encourage having children when conditions say not to and discourage it when conditions say to go

Lowering taxes for everyone would be better policy than spending tax money on encouraging, or discouraging, parenthood.

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### **Guest Columns**

# Oregon's Climate **Protection Program** restores our reputation

This year, Oregon regained its reputation for environmental consciousness and environmental leadership.

Oregon became a model for national efforts to address global warming and the looming climate crisis in 2007 when the legislature passed and the Governor signed HB 3543. This established a greenhouse gas emissions reduction trajectory achieving 75% below 1990 levels by 2050.

Unfortunately, that program was purely voluntary. As a result, polluters who were expected to reduce their emissions declined to make a serious effort to do so. Thus, by the middle of the next decade it was clear that voluntary efforts were insufficient and regulations were necessary. Unfortunately, numerous proposals were resisted by those industries expected to reduce emissions. They countered with the false claim that regulations would torpedo the economy despite the evidence from other states reduction programs who boasted growing econo-

mies. Republicans in the legislature repeatedly pushed back against proposals to establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction program, finally walking out in 2019 and 2020 to

prevent action. It was only then that Governor Brown released Executive Order 20-04 charging state agencies to develop programs that would reduce emissions, promote sequestration in natural and working lands, and address the social injustice that plagues our economy. Subsequently, some 16 state agencies embarked on the development of programs to reduce emissions within their authority.

Through an arduous process involving extensive public engagement and input, the Department of Environmental Quality responded to its charge by drafting rules for a state Climate Protection Program (CPP). Following a public comment period when 7,620 comments were received, mostly urging a stronger program than that proposed, DEQ returned with a more rigorous proposal.

Approved by the **Environmental Quality** Commission (EQC) on December 16th, this proposal demands suppliers of fossil fuel (gasoline, diesel, propane, natural gas) reduce their emissions 50% from their 2017-2019 average by 2035, and 90% by 2050. Meanwhile, stationary industrial sources individually emitting greenhouse gases totaling over the equivalent of 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide are required to adopt Best Available Emissions Reduction procedures. These polluters are also expected to reduce pollution 50% by 2035.

With the adoption of this moves to the forefront among states in addressing the climate crisis.

It is little surprise that the same forces of opposition previously defeating legislative action are emerging to undermine the program and offer nonsense about how it will bankrupt Oregonians. Across the country, states have adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction programs amid fear mongering from industry that they would undermine state economies. None has! But an Oregon Business & Industry spokesperson instantly pulled out the old deception and misinformation campaign arguing that the program will cost Oregonians, without acknowledging either the huge economic and health benefits that will accrue to the state or the immeasurable cost of ongoing unabated climate change.

Many Oregonians, rural and urban, know that, if left unchecked, climate change represents a crisis of alarming dimensions that will likely undermine our natural systems and biodiversity, as well as our agriculture, forests and fisheries. We know that our future depends on nations across the planet addressing this problem and also that Oregonians cannot demand others address their emissions unless we address ours. Despite these realities, Oregon Republicans and major industries seem steadfastly committed to steering us collectively over the climate cliff. They have not offered a reasonable proposal to address the problem, only providing criticism of efforts proposed by others or actually undertaken.

The CPP may not be all that we wish it were. We know, for example, that achieving the targets established via science and international agreement, require the 2050 goal be come net zero emissions.

We also question several components of the CPP such as the focus on increasing the biofuel content of transportation fuels, or replacing deceptively labeled natural gas with the equally deceptively labeled Renewable Natural Gas. Nevertheless, the program developed by DEQ and approved by EQC represents a huge step in the direction we need to take if we wish to leave future generations a livable planet.

When we combine establishment of the CPP with the demise of the Jordan Cove project, we can end 2021 feeling Oregon is once again at the forefront for environmental protection.

Alan Journet Cofacilitator Southern Oregon Climate Action Now

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Esther Pauline Winters**

March 7, 1925 - December 17, 2021



A memorial service for Esther Pauline Winters, 96, of Coos Bay will be announced and held at a later date.

Esther was born March 7, 1925 at Dean Creek, Reedsport, the second youngest of ten children, born to Roy and Melissa Jane Waggoner. While a young child, Esther and her family moved to Bandon. When Esther was eleven years old, she, her mother, and younger brother stood on the beach and watched their house burn in the Bandon fire of 1936. To this day, she still had a doll she saved from

the fire. Esther graduated from Bandon High School, class of 1944. She met the love of her life, Owen Winters, in Bandon when he was home on leave from the Navy. They wrote letters while Owen was aboard ship and when he returned to Bandon, they married on August 31, 1946. Owen and Esther moved to Coos Bay, where they would remain for the rest of their lives. Their son, Charlie was born in 1947 and daughter, Ginger, in 1948. Owen followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a watchmaker and jeweler. Esther was a stay-at-home mom until the children were in junior high school. At that time, Owen and Esther entered into partnership with Ken and Betty Corrigan, opening Corrigan-Winters Jewelers. Owen and Esther operated the North Bend store while Ken and Betty, the store in Coos Bay. After a decade in business, both stores were closed.

Esther and Owen were a

devoted couple—working in the business, traveling, shopping, and just being at home, always together. Owen went on to become a finish carpenter and Esther filled her days at their home and with walking. Esther was a tiny woman with a boundless amount of energy. She was known for her immaculate housekeeping and lovely yard. She washed windows on the outside, washed cars, and continued to mow their large yard until she was 86. Esther would walk briskly every day, many, many days, in past years walking 8 miles or more a day. Many days she would walk to the library or grocery store and carry a load of books or groceries the two miles back home. Even in her 90s, Esther would still walk a mile a day while in Ocean Ridge Assisted Living, around the outside of the building twice. Esther was an avid reader, often reading four books a week.

Esther made beautiful pies with delicious crusts. She rarely ate any, but enjoyed making them for her family. She enjoyed visiting with her family and looked forward to the yearly family picnics. Her rhubarb pie was a traditional favorite. Esther also made fruitcakes and cookies to give as gifts for Christmas. Many people looked forward to and enjoyed them.

Esther's middle name, Pauline, was taken from one of her aunts. In honor of Esther, both her granddaughter, Emily and great-granddaughter, Ella were given the middle name of Pauline when they were born. An honor Esther cherished.

Esther mourned Owen's passing in 2005. For many years after his death and until she could no longer drive, Esther took wonderful care of Owen's gravesite. She said it was her way of

still being with him. Even though it was extremely difficult for her to leave her house of 66 years, Esther moved into Ocean Ridge in 2019. She liked her room and said quite often she was grateful for the good care of the kind and compassionate staff.

Esther was a strong, loyal and special woman and will be missed very much by her family and friends. She will always be in our memories and hearts.

Esther is survived by her son, Charlie Winters (Paty) of Thailand; daughter, Ginger (Bob Bancroft) of Casper, Wyoming; granddaughter, Emily Meyer (Gabe) of Rockville, Maryland; grandsons, Denny Winters (Kathy and Kathy's loving extended family) of North Bend, Roy Winters of San Antonio, Texas; great-grandchildren, Owen and Ella Meyer of Rockville, Maryland, and Jasmine Winters; nieces, Sally Petersen of Coos Bay, Linda Schultz (Roger) of Alamo, California and Karen Olson of Cathlamet, Washington; nephews, Howard Waggoner (Jean) of Coquille, Kent Waggoner (Gail) of Dexter, Oregon, Greg Waggoner (Millie) of Puyallup, Washington; grandnephew, Doug Richert (Tiffany, Hope, Allie) of Bandon; niece-inlaw, Pat Richert of Bandon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Owen; her parents; all ten of her brothers, sisters and their spouses; and her sonin-law, Al Howard.

A special thank you to Kathy Spencer and Mike Myers, both of North Bend, for their help and friendship and the staff and residents of Ocean Ridge Assisted Living. She so appreciated them and their friendship.

Memorial contributions in Esther's name can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

# Beverly "Bev" Parks

March 30, 1941 - December 7, 2021



On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, Beverly S. Parks, loving mother, passed away at the age of 80. Beverly, known as Bev, was born on March 30, 1941, to Coleman and Faye Cast in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Bev lived in Chickasha until 1952 when, at age 12, her family relocated to Coquille, Oregon, as

her father had obtained employment with the U.S. Plywood Company.

During Bev's Professional Career as a secretary she worked at Church Pontiac, Lounsbury Ford, Ted's Auto Body and for Nick Nylander Attorney-at-Law. However, Bev has a great love of experiencing all life had to offer. Her loves included camping, cooking, playing cards, canning, gardening, golfing as a member of the Coquille Valley Elks Lodge # 1935, country music and spending time with her family and friends.

Bev is survived by her daughter, Cynthia (Peterson) Schaumburg; son, David and Julie Peterson: son, Steve and Kelly Church; stepdaughter, Debra and Kym Lavel; stepdaughter, Tandy Wolf; brother, Robert Cast; sisters, Betty Holmes and Sharon Forney; brothers, Butch Cast and Dean Cast; halfbrother, Allen Cast; seven grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Coleman and Faye Cast; half-sister, Cheryl Cast; stepdaughter, Sara Van Dalen; and nieces, Dianna Sheridan and Carol LaBranche.

At Bev's request there will be no services.

Online remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www. westrumfuneralservice.

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### Priscilla "Pidd" Hunt

July 23, 1937 - December 14, 2021



Priscilla Hunt "Pidd" was born in eastern Kentucky on July 23, 1937. She raised five children after she moved to Columbus, Ohio where she eventually worked for General Motors. Her early retirement from GM opened a whole new world for her to explore, one where her creativity and personality would shine. She obtained her captain's license and she ran a fishing charter on Lake Erie, and later purchased and rented campers (before it was popular). She eventually sold her house and purchased a fifth wheel camper and traveled across the United States (even to Alaska) doing volunteer work for the park service. Pidd worked both large and small park stations all over the country, made an untold number of new friends and ultimately landed in Bandon, Oregon, where she had time to pursue her passion for quilting, sewing and

meeting new people. She loved the people in Bandon and lived out her life there until her passing on December 14, 2021. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her children (son, Dennis and wife, Chris, son, Dan and wife, Julee, son, Gary and wife, Diane, daughter, Teri Leonard and daughter, in law, Vicki Davison Hunt); numerous grandchildren and a much loved sister in law, Carolyn Thomas, along with her children and grandchildren. Two of her brothers, Newt and Charlie, and one son, Randy preceded her in passing.

The family plans on holding a small, personal, memorial service.

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# **DeFazio** announces funding to clean up abandoned mine

Peter DeFazio (OR-04) recently announced the U.S. **Environmental Protection** Agency is awarding Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding to clean up several ecologically-damaged sites in the Pacific Northwest including the abandoned Formosa mine near Riddle. The Douglas County site is among 49 sites across the nation that will benefit from a \$1 billion investment from the BIL to initiate cleanup and clear the backlog of previously unfunded Superfund sites and accelerate cleanup at other sites across the country.

"The bipartisan infra-

delivering in big ways, with dozens of long-overdue cleanup projects receiving funding, including the long-abandoned Formosa Mine," said Rep. DeFazio. "For decades, the abandoned mine has discharged millions of gallons of poisonous toxic heavy metals annually, which contaminate surface water, groundwater, soils, and sediment with heavy metals.

"The leaching toxins kill everything in its path, destroying critical fish habitat, and poisoning groundwater and drinking water, threatening the health and safety of local communi-

U.S. Representative structure law is already ties near the South Fork of Middle Creek. The funding will go a long way to repair the environmental damage, from which communities have suffered for far too long. It is past time to focus resources and undo the damage that has caused the most environmental degradation by mining in Oregon's history."

> The 76-acre Formosa Mine site is located on Silver Butte in Douglas County. The mine discharges millions of gallons of acid rock drainage and toxic metals into the upper reaches of the Middle Creek and South Fork Middle Creek watersheds every year.

# **DEAR ABBY** By Abigail Van Buren

### **MAN'S WEIGHT GAIN A TURN-OFF FOR WIFE**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm in my late 30s and have been married for seven years. My husband and I have two young children, a beautiful home, good jobs, etc. However, over the last few years, I have lost my attraction to him.

I'm not superficial, but he has gained more than 40 pounds since we met, and he refuses to eat healthy or exercise. He watched me spend countless hours working out to lose all my baby weight. We are rarely intimate anymore, and when we are I do it out of obligation.

I know these things happen, but he seems to be happy. I think if I told him I wanted to leave, he would be floored. Divorced friends of mine who have young children have advised me against it, and say my children's happiness should come before mine. Others say if I'm not happy, the kids won't be happy. I can manage living this life for them, but I feel like I'm too young to cheat myself out of some of my best years. Am I being selfish or smart? --WEIGHTY SUBJECT IN NEW YORK

**DEAR WEIGHTY SUBJECT:** Before your marriage deteriorates further, have a frank discussion with your husband. He seems to be happy because he doesn't know what's going on in your head. For reasons that go beyond animal attraction -- including the welfare of his children -- he needs to make some lifestyle changes and get a handle on his health. I am hoping that when you convey the message to him, he will be receptive. If not, please try marriage counseling before you consult a lawyer.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm in my early 40s. A few months ago, I was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. I keep reading the five-year survival rate is only 28%, and I'm concerned that despite receiving treatment (hormone therapy injections), I don't have many years left. The cancer has been found in my spine and pelvis as well. I am a person of faith, so I'm not afraid of death. I'm just worried about leaving my daughter behind, along with friends and family.

My question is, should I make a will? I live in an apartment and don't have many assets except for some savings. I plan to start a trust, so my daughter will receive that money at the appropriate time. I have never had a reason in the past for a will. I don't know what sorts of things go into a will. I also have a 2-year-old cat, and now I'm worried he will outlive me. I don't want him to have to go back to the Humane Society if I pass on. He's like a child to me, and I only want the best for him. -- MAKING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

**DEAR MAKING PLANS:** Because you have financial assets, a daughter and a beloved pet you want to provide for in the event of your death, it's important that you consult an attorney NOW about ANY endof-life documents you need to have in place. You may decide you need more directives than just a will, which will give you peace of mind and guarantee your wishes are carried out.

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

### DEATH NOTICES

Kathy Ann White, 75, of North Bend, passed away on December 22, 2021 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

John Dale Henderson, 78, of Coos Bay, Bandon and formerly of California died December 8, 2021 in Bandon. A private burial will be held under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel. 541-267-3131. coosbayareafunerals.com

### **SERVICE** NOTICES

A Celebration of Life will be held for **Timothy** Leon Thrush on January 14, 2021 from 3 pm to 6 pm at North Bend Lanes Back Alley Pub & Grill, 1225 Virginia Ave, North Bend in light of his love for the class of 1964 Bulldogs.



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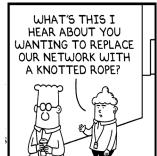


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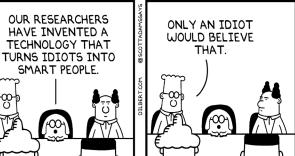


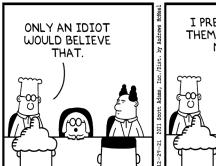
### **FRANK AND ERNEST**



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### **CLASSIC PEANUTS**







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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

### **ACROSS**

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- group
- 5 Full of energy 10 Commotions
- 12 Living room
- 13 Shack (hyph.) 14 Hard sells,
- maybe
- 15 Forearm bone 16 "Say what?"
- 18 Folk song mule
- 19 Smidgens 21 Opposite of
- liability 25 Looks forward
- to
- 30 Sunfish
- 29 Cello cousins
- 32 Destroy data
- 33 Sri -

37 Go right in

38 Is afraid of

34 Hexes

- 53 Harley
- **DOWN**
- writer

flower

- contents 5 Channel-surf 6 Orchidlike

- 40 Kipling
- classic 43 Double helix 44 Be grouchy
- 48 Languishing 50 Pizza topper 52 Trite phrase
- competitor 54 Full amount 55 Lean and

# sinewy

- 1 "The Mammoth Hunters"
- 2 Grain husk
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- - - 8 Vote
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London

12 "Baloney!"

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### **Answer to Previous Puzzle**



- 7 Supplication 17 Ms. Hagen 19 Pays for -
- 9 Cen. fractions 20 Pricey furs 21 Hail, to Caesar 10 Cold-weather 22 Gentlemen 23 Detergent
  - 26 Baha'i origin 27 Circus arena 28 Benefit 31 Spoil

24 Otherwise

- 35 Flowerpot spot 36 Tokyo honorific
- 39 Spicy 40 About 2.2 pounds 41 Put one's foot
- 42 Isinglass 44 Turnpike rumbler 45 Just around
- the corner 46 Wan 47 Tiny legume 48 Interest amt.
- Bruins org. 51 Left, to Dobbin

49 Boston

#### THURSDAY

# SUDOKU

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FRIDAY

**DILBERT** 

75% OF THE PEOPLE WHO

HAD ONE TREATMENT

JITH OUR PRODUCT THAT

MAKES PEOPLE SMARTER

ENDED UP DYING.

**CLASSIC PEANUTS** 

FRANK AND ERNEST

HAPPY NEW

YEAR!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

#### **HOW TO PLAY:**

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

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#### **ACROSS**

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- 12 Zone
- 13 Islet
- 14 Cuzco builder 15 British noble
- 16 High peak 17 Curb 18 Canceled, as
- a launch (hyph.) 20 Sweltering
- 22 Before, to poets
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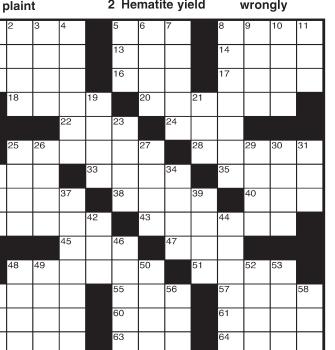
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- 43 Joined
- 45 Smoked salmon
- 47 Aberdeen's river
- 48 Not as hot 51 Greed's
- cousin 54 Asian
- princess 55 Pinch, in a
- way 57 Eggnog time
- 59 Murray or Rice 60 Gold, in Peru
- 61 Jazzy James 62 Thomas
- Hardy heroine 63 Omaha's st. 64 Grass skirt

### **DOWN**

- 1 Chum
- 2 Hematite yield
- accessories cover 8 Interpret



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**DILBERT** 

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### **Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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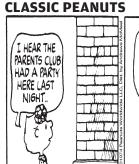
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THERE'S A PROBLEM

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KEPT ME NIGHT!







### FRANK AND ERNEST

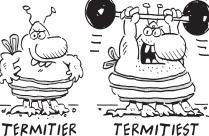


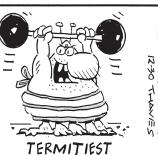


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**HOW TO PLAY:** 

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**ACROSS** 

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- 22 Usher's beat 24 Heat unit
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- grind
- 26 Pulpit 28 Stray dogs

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Keats 33 "Of course!" 34 Shoelace

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- systems 42 Brat
- 43 Vinyl records 45 Where
- Bologna is
- monument 50 Naked
- 51 Fashion accessory
- 52 Historian's word 54 Ready to fight
- 58 Potato st. 59 — liver oil
- 60 Bond return
- 61 Kind of student 62 Alfalfa

### **DOWN**

- 2 Bullfight yell
- RANI

### 63 Freeway ramp

- 1 NY baseballer
- TESS
- Knells
- Luau
- home
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LUCKILY, WE'RE THE

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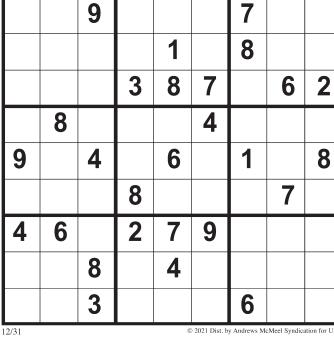
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12-31 THAVES

# SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: 含含含含公



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49 "I say!" 50 Physique 53 Himalayan gazelle 55 Tex- —

48 Ocean motion

- cuisine O.T. judge 57 Banned bug
- spray

# Community Calendar of Events

#### What: Coos County Odyssey 2022

When: Ongoing starting January 1

Where: Sign up at https://runsignup.com/Race/OR/CoosBay/CoosCountyOdyssey2022

You Should Know: Coos County Odyssey 2022 is a virtual fitness challenge that takes you 216 miles through Coos County, passing 'virtually' through many county towns and scenic locations. Each time you complete an exercise activity such as walking, running, biking, swimming, yoga, dance, paddling, golf, and more, you will advance along the route map, starting on New Year's Day at Sunset Bay, and ending at Coos Health & Wellness by the end of April.

#### What: Tiny art program

When: Registration open now

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

#### What: UnBook Club

When: 1 p.m. every fourth Thursday Where: North Bend Public Library

You Should Know: The UnBook Club is a book club without assigned reading. Come tell us what you've been reading and leave with new ideas for your next book.

#### **What: Little Bites**

When: Every Tuesday

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

#### What: Volunteer training for VITA

When: Dec. 29 and January 8

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

#### What: Happy, Healthy Drinks

When: 3 p.m., January 4

Where: Hosted by North Bend Public Library, the event will be on Zoom. Register at https://tinyurl.

You Should Know: Cheryl O'Dell of Natural Grocers will talk about mocktails, shrubs, and other vinegar-based drinks to show the health benefits of vinegar. Focusing on apple cider vinegar, Cheryl says it "provides a laundry list of health benefits. You can even do your laundry with it. Learn how to use apple cider vinegar to support blood sugar regulation, body weight, heart health and more.

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

Where: Coos History Museum

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

#### What: Spanglish

When: Noon-1 p.m., January 5, and 10:30-11:30 a.m., January 15

Where: January 5 class via Zoom. January 15 class at Coos Bay Public Library. Register for Zoom class at https://bit.ly/3bihvqB

You Should Know: The program is for those who wish to practice their Spanish conversational skills and help other learners in a friendly setting. Attendees will have the opportunity to converse in Spanish as a group for one hour in a casual, informal environment. This is not a class, but leaders will provide ideas for conversational topics. Beginners are welcome.

#### What: Little Theatre on the Bay auditions

When: 6:30 p.m., January 6

Where: Little Theatre on the Bay, 2100 Sherman Ave-

You Should Know: The theater will be doing auditions for Shakespeare's Henry the Fourth, Part One. Those interested in auditioning are asked to prepare a comedic or dramatic presentation for any era. There will be some

additional scene work at the audition.

#### What: Intro to PowerPoint Classes

When: 11 a.m.-noon, January 8 and January 22 Where: Virtually via Zoom. Register at https://bit.

You Should Know: Coos Bay Public Library, in partnership with Dennis Dater of Bay Area Seniors Computer Club, will co-host Intro to PowerPoint. The goal of the free class is to be able to create a PowerPoint presentation. It is for beginners or those who need to be refreshed.

#### What: Community Yoga

When: 6 p.m., January 12

Where: Virtually via Zoom. Register at https://bit. ly/3CbG1VR.

You Should Know: This virtual Community Yoga class will be a foundational group practice that includes guided instruction of basic postures, simple movements guided by the breath, and accessible exercises to build strength and flexibility.

Ease of movement, standing postures, supported postures, and some passive stretches will be integrated into class. Time will be given to practice breathwork, visualization and meditation.

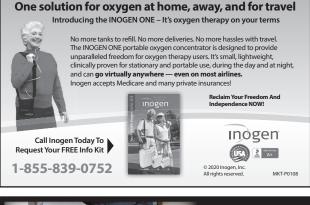
#### What: Unlimited Book Club

when: 6 p.m., January 13

Where: Virtually via Zoom. Register at https://cooshistory.org/unlimited-book-club

You Should Know: Unlimited is a joint venture of Coos History Museum, Coos Bay Public Library and North Bend Public Library. It was formed to encourage awareness and foster community discussions on equity, diversity and inclusion through reading and thoughtful conversation.







Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia

# **ARE YOU AT** RISK?

According to a new study by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Institute on Aging, men and women with hearing loss are much more likely to develop dementia and Alzheimer's disease. People with severe hearing loss, the study reports, were 5 times more likely to develop dementia than those with normal hearing.

### Have you noticed a change in your ability to remember?

"The more hearing loss you have, the greater the likelihood of developing dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Hearing aids could delay or prevent dementia by improving the patient's hearing."

-2011 Study by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and the National Institute on Aging

# IS IT TIME FOR A HEARING TEST?

TAKE THIS QUIZ TO FIND OUT...

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# This week in Coos County history: December 28-30

#### 100 YEARS - 1921

### Railways again buying lumber Southern Pacific asks bids for furnishing ties

Offer \$16 for fir and \$20 for cedar but increase in prices is expected

T.C. James, lumber inspector, left for the north this morning to see about placing some orders for ties for the Southern Pacific for delivery during January and February. The re-entry of the railroads into the lumber market is earlier than was anticipated and will probably cause a strengthening of the price soon.

Mr. James said that the Union Pacific is taking good sized deliveries of hewn fir ties, paying the same price for the hewn as the sawed.

For some time, lumbermen have refused to sell cedar ties at \$20.

Mr. James, who has just returned from Tacoma, where he spent Christmas, says that the lumber market is looking up and instead of waiting until spring as some of the lumbermen had expected, they are now forecasting good business from the first of the year.

He says that the northern lumbermen are advancing the price on orders for export to Japan, with the result that big orders offered by the Japs at the old prices are finding no takers. The Japs have recently been taking considerable hemlock from the northern mills.

# Through trains run to Powers Direct Portland service to return soon

Word as received this afternoon that the afternoon Portland train will be run through to Powers, beginning within the next few days.

The day train formerly ran through to Powers but the service was curtailed about a year ago, the train stopping at Myrtle Point.

This will mean twice a day service each day, between Coos Bay and Powers, the present morning train being continued.

Earlier night train

It is not unlikely that the new time card will also contain provisions for the night train between here and Portland to leave Marshfield about 6:15 instead of 8 o'clock, thereby making southbound connections at Eugene.

#### 50 YEARS - 1971

# Home rule in Coos? Workshop scheduled in February

Coos County citizens will be given a chance to take a look at county governmental systems during a workshop on county home rule next month.

The home rule workshop has been scheduled for Feb. 12, it was announced today by Jack Brookings, president of Southwestern Oregon Community College, and Mrs. Dwight Burch, president of the League of Women Voters.

In addition to a review of county government systems, the jointly sponsored SWOCC-LWV workshop will provide an opportunity to examine the options made available to Oregon citizens by the constitutional amendment of 1958 allowing home rule charters for Oregon counties.

Workshop consultant and keynoter for the opening breakfast session will be Rodney L. Kendig, a staff director of the National Association of Counties, Washington, D.C. Research and surveys under the direction of NACO have put Kendig at the center of home rule movement across the nation, said the spokesman.

He will discuss the role of the counties on the national scene and provide insights into the problems of developing charters for more effective county government.

#### **Expenses offset Coos farm hike**

Cash receipts from Coos County farm products for 1971 are estimated at \$9,749,000, according to Coos county extension agents Lynn Cannon and David Keir. Although this represents an 8 per cent increase over 1970, net farm income is not up due to a continued increase in production

expense

Dairy products continue to be the most important source of receipts for Coos county agriculture followed in order of importance by livestock, farm forest products and cranberries. Cash receipts from dairy products were up seven percent.

Receipts from cattle and calves were up 16 percent due to improved prices for cattle and a steady increase in beef numbers in the county. Sheep and wool cash receipts were up fifteen percent over 1970, but still below 1968 level because of reduced sheep numbers on farms.

Estimated receipts from cranberries are the same as in 1970 even though the 1971 crop is about 12 percent greater than last year.

Record national crops the past two years have depressed prices and the "crop set aside" under the National marketing order has been increased rom 10 per cent to 12 percent for 1971.

### **20 YEARS — 2001**

# Injuries force Belisle to quit football

EUGENE —Oregon offensive tackle Mike Belisle, a junior whose career never developed because of injuries, has decided to quit football.

The 6-foot-5, 317-pound former Parade Magazine All-American from Marshfield High School injured his left foot Sept. 22 against Southern California, and decided another rehabilitation wasn't worth it.

"The doctors had a little suggestive influence on me, but more than anything, I want to be able to run and play with my kids when I'm older," Belisle said.

"I did something that played itself out, so I think it's time for me to go on and find something else."

Since he arrived at Oregon in the fall of 1998, Belisle has suffered a broken ankle and two knee ligament tears. After his last knee surgery, during the 2000 season, he said he promised his family that he would

leave the game if he got seriously hurt again.

As a senior at Marshfield in the fall of 1997, Belisle was named the Midwestern League's most valuable player, a rare accomplishment for an offensive lineman.

He combined with fellow lineman Brian Gray, a guard now at Portland State University, to give the Pirates a powerful diesel running scheme to eat up the clock during Marshfield's undefeated regular season. The Pirates reached the state semifinals that year as both Belisle and Gray, and running back Casey Girt, were unanimous picks for the Midwestern League's first team.

#### Blanton, Adamek named all-state

Powers seniors Tommy Blanton and Frank Adamek were named to the first-team all-state for Class 1A football in voting by the state coaches.

Blanton, Powers' quarterback, punter, linebacker and return star; and Adamek, a running back and linebacker, helped lead the Cruisers to the Skyline League title.

#### Volleyball

Gold Beach teammates Alyson Ringer and Misty Engdahl were named to the second team in Class 2A all-state voting.

Ringer, the Panthers' setter, and Engdahl, an outside hitter, helped Gold Beach to the state's top ranking going into the Class 2A tournament.

#### Pirates honored

Marshfield's Brandon Dorsey, a defensive lineman, was named to the third-team all-state in Class 4A. The only other Pirate to get recognition was senior Brad Huntley, an honorable mention punter.

Marty Johnson, a Marshfield graduate, was named Class 4A coach of the year after leading Sheldon to the state championship game, where the Irish lost to McNary.

These stories were found in the Marshfield Sun Printing Museum newspaper repository stored in Marshfield High School.

# Stronger safeguards needed for popular money saving apps

Oregon Attorney
General Ellen Rosenblum
co-led a bipartisan letter
from 33 Attorneys General
to Rohit Chopra, Director
of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
(CFPB) calling for stronger
consumer safeguards for
money sharing platforms
and apps.

Popular payment apps include Apple Pay, Venmo, Square, Zelle, and others. The Attorneys General highlight a rise in consumer complaints related to these payment platforms, especially complaints from consumers about difficulties reaching customer service representatives, inability to retrieve funds, and fraudulent money transfers by third party scammers. These payment platforms are sometimes marketed as a solution for consumers without access to traditional banks, even though these apps are not considered a bank.

"Especially during the pandemic, consumers have depended on payment apps



Metro Creative Connection

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as a virtual and safe way to send money quickly," Rosenblum said. "But as these platforms explode in popularity, so does the chance of being scammed and defrauded. As our letter urges, it is particularly important these platforms employ safeguards to protect consumers from fraud and provide better customer service when things go wrong."

EOE Employer

The letter addresses three major issues: customer service, account access, and third-party scams. Highlights from the letter include:

### Issue 1: Customer Service

Complainants say that they can't contact customer service representatives, and, when they do, they face long hold times or never reach a human representative. A customer service email address or chat function is often difficult to find or requires navigating multiple layers to access. Speaking directly with a customer service representative is an important feature that is still desired by many, and one that should not be overlooked even with advances in

### technology. Issue 2: Account Access

Other complaints focus on consumers' inability to access or transfer money, including funds directly deposited into their accounts by their employer or the government, e.g., paychecks, unemployment benefits, and CARES Act funds. Such issues prevent consumers from using their own funds, and these problems are exacerbated

by not being able to connect with customer service. Consumers may be locked out of their accounts without warning or explanation, or because the consumer has a problem with their email address or phone number, and the consumer may be left without any further recourse.

**Issue 3: Third-Party Scams** Many consumers have been scammed out of hundreds or thousands of dollars by other users of these payment platforms. Scammers are attracted to real-time payment platforms, in large part, because they do not need to reveal their true identity to set up an account. The complaints describe a wide range of scams. In some, third parties contacted consumers through social media offering investment opportunities or prize entries in exchange for payment.

In others, scammers pose as family members and request money from unsuspecting consumers. In some cases, fraudsters take advantage of the platforms' limited customer support systems. Because it may be difficult to find

contact information for customer service, many consumers resort to trying to find a phone number through an internet search. This leads to consumers encountering fake customer service phone numbers, which direct consumers to scammers who engage in

tech support scams.

The perpetrators of such scams offer to assist consumers for a fee (processed through the payment platform) or convince the consumer to allow them access to their device or their account, allowing the perpetrator to quickly drain the account of funds.

Next steps

If you believe you have fallen victim to a payment app scam, report the fraudulent transaction to the company behind the money transfer app and ask if they can reverse the payment. If you linked the app to a credit card or debit card, report the fraud to your credit card company or bank. Ask if they can reverse the charge.

You can also report the scam to the Oregon Attorney General's Office online at www.oregonconsumer.

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