

Council takes step to rein in Noordhoff

By DAVID RUPKALVIS
The World

The North Bend City Council voted 6-1 last week to temporarily suspend council rules and ban Councilor Susannah Noordhoff from directly contacting city staff after repeated allegations of outbursts against staff and at public meetings.

The vote came one day after Mayor Jessica Engelke refused to allow Noordhoff to discuss an agenda item related to an ongoing dispute between Noordhoff and City

Administrator David Milliron. At the council work session, Noordhoff and Milliron both presented written statements to the council. When Noordhoff tried to discuss the issue, Engelke stopped her.

"I realize you have brought this forward for your agenda item, and I do want to remind you of a couple of things," Engelke said. "Our work sessions are for items that are appropriate for our council goals. I want to remind you that it's for our council goals and our council priorities. I also want to remind you that

you are under investigation for potentially causing a toxic work for environment for our city administrator. You have been given a warning, you have been spoken to by the city attorney and myself that your action could be considered retaliatory. I have the document here you wanted to discuss in the meeting. The mayor does have the ability to decide what is discussed in a meeting. So, I want to ask you if there's anything new."

Noordhoff did have the opportunity to ask City

Attorney Mark Wolf a question.

"I would like to ask the city attorney if he's present with us today. I have a question for the city attorney," Noordhoff said. "Mr. Wolf, I would like to ask you whether it's within the city administrator's prerogative to place a dissent on my agenda item. I would like to quote from the council rules on dissent. Any member of the council will have the right to express dissent of any action on the council

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Reedsport welcomes first new business of the year

By NATE SCHWARTZ
The World

Numerous figures from Reedsport City Hall were on hand for the first business opening of 2024, Oregon Coast Signs. Mayor Linda McCollum, City Manager Deanna Schafer, and City Councilman Chuck Miller were present alongside Rosa Solano, director of the Reedsport Main Street

Program. Owner Angela Wicks is excited to provide her services to the Reedsport Community.

A full-service sign and graphics company, OC Signs seeks to provide high quality signage and other promotional materials to businesses and individuals alike. This includes business cards, pamphlets, menus, and promotional items as well as the expected banners,

posters, and window graphics. OC Signs is located at 335 Fir Avenue, right along the main strip. Visit their location with any inquiries or reach out to them by phone at (541) 293-8020, or via email at ocsigns_reedsport@outlook.com.

Previously owning a sign business in Houston, Texas, Wicks has a long history with the Reedsport area and returned as a resident in 2019.

"Reedsport was home for me during the summers... You just kind of fall in love with this place. I would come back in the summers when I was older to visit, and I was down on the beach every day. It's just the most beautiful place ever," Wicks said about the town.

Wicks also sells a selection of crafts and home decorations, all designed and

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Mayor Linda McCollum officially cuts the ribbon to welcome OC Signs to Reedsport. The new business offers signs as well as a variety of home décor.



Angela Wicks, left, owner of OC Signs, and April Hultman, owner of April's Fables to Tables, hope to reinvigorate the economy in Reedsport.

New lecture explores Oregon's prehistoric

By BREE LAUGHLIN
The World

Paleontologist Win McLaughlin is introducing the community to a part of Oregon's history that they likely never knew existed.

Her presentation "Whales of the Oregon Coast – Present, Past, and Really Past," will explore Oregon when it was largely underwater.

McLaughlin said the whales from that time period are very different from the whales we see off the coast today.

"One of the big questions that I get asked a lot as a paleontologist is, 'Would you time travel if you could?' And the answer is, 'Absolutely not.' Most of these fossilized creatures are terrifying," McLaughlin said.

Prehistoric whales are not the mostly-peaceful giants we think of today, she said, they are "terrifying beasties."

"One of the fossil whales that we are starting to believe lived off the coast of Oregon 15 million years ago, is literally named Leviathan," McLaughlin said.



Paleontologist Win McLaughlin will take her audience on a tour through deep time on the Oregon coast to investigate everything from miniature fossil dolphins to the oldest baleen whale, to fearsome predators of the past during the presentation, "Whales of the Oregon Coast – Present, Past, and Really Past" is the kick off to Southwestern Oregon Community College's latest Geology Lecture Series.

This biblical sea monster was related to a sperm whale, but it was about twice the size of the modern sperm

whale, she said. It also had far larger teeth and likely ate Megalodon sharks.

"So the largest shark to

have ever lived was whale food – and we had things like

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Two arrested in Walmart robbery

By NATE SCHWARTZ
The World

On Wednesday, January 10, 2024, the Coos Bay Police Department (CBPD) detained two perpetrators of a robbery outside the Walmart on Newmark Ave. Two suspects, identified as Joshua Wells and Mason Albano, were apprehended by the Oregon State Police (OSP) swiftly after the crime.

The incident occurred at 5:39 p.m., with multiple 9-1-1 calls reporting a robbery involving a knife in the Walmart parking lot. The victim reported that three men, whom he recognized, assaulted him with a knife and stole his black Mazda MPV van.

The suspects, who arrived in an RV, fled the scene in both vehicles. The victim received medical attention at Bay Area Hospital, but thankfully only suffered minor injuries.

In a prompt response, the Oregon State Police observed the reported RV being driven in Coos Bay at approximately 5:43 p.m. The trooper successfully stopped the RV, leading to the arrest of Joshua Wells and Mason Albano. Both individuals were transported to the Coos County Jail to face charges related to the robbery.

Joshua Wells is charged with Assault 3, Theft 2, and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1.

Mason Albano faces charges of Assault 3 and Conspiracy to Commit Robbery 1. Additionally, he had outstanding warrants from the Coos County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear on an original charge of Theft 3 and a failure to appear on a criminal citation.

A third suspect, Deven Dunn, was initially being pursued, but the CBPD announced that they no longer had probable cause to arrest. His involvement remains in question as the investigation continues.

The victim's stolen vehicle has not yet been found as active investigation by the CBPD continues. Authorities are urging anyone with information on the whereabouts of Deven Dunn or details related to the incident to come forward.

The Oregon State Police, Coos Bay Fire Department, and Bay Cities Ambulance collaborated with the CBPD to ensure a comprehensive response to this situation.

Updates on this story will be provided as they become available.

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 01/01:

Coos Bay

- 8:56 am, 26 year old male lodged Coos County jail on criminal trespass II, 100 block of Norman Avenue.
- 9:25 am, threats, 200 block of S Cammann Street.
- 9:54 am, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 9:56 am, dead deer in yard, 1000 block of E 15th Street.
- 11:02 am, dogs locked inside unattended vehicle, Marple and Montgomery.
- 11:42 am, 41 year old male transported to Coos County jail on warrants, Newmark and Wasson.
- 12:23 pm, 39 year old male cited on warrant, 800 block of 8th Terrace.
- 1:41 pm, fight, 1000 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 1:44 pm, located wanted subject, 500 block of S 9th Street.
- 3:33 pm, 41 year old female cited result of

two vehicle non injury accident, S 1st and Johnson.

- 3:35 pm, theft, 1900 block of Newmark Avenue.

Tuesday 01/02:

North Bend

- 5:24 am, theft from vehicle, 1900 block of Arthur.
- 9:58 am, unlawful entry into motor vehicle, 2200 block of Everett Avenue.
- 3:14 pm, 62 year old male arrested and transported to Coos County jail on criminal trespass II, 2100 block of Marion Avenue.
- 4:32 pm, ID theft, 1800 block of Garfield Street.

Coos Bay

- 12:53 am, 53 year old male transported to Coos County jail for criminal trespass II, Seagate and Margaretta.
- 2:50 a.m., 54-year-old male arrested for DUII after traffic stop at Highway 101 and Lighthouse School.

Coquille

- 3:12 am, disorderly conduct, E 2nd and N Baxter.
- 12:10 pm, threats, 900 block of E 5th Street.

Reedsport

- 8:56 am, burglary, Little Mint.
- 3:34 pm, sex offense, Reedsport Community Charter School.
- 6:06 pm, domestic disturbance, 700 block of Winchester Avenue.
- 7:18 pm, harassment, 300 block of Winchester Avenue.

Wednesday 01/03:

North Bend

- 4:39 am, 48 year old cited for driving while suspended, SW end McCullough Bridge.
- 6:51 am, criminal mischief, 2100 block of Jackson Avenue.
- 6:56 am, criminal mischief, 2200 block of Broadway Avenue.
- 7:22 am, located stolen property, 3400 block of Stanton Street.

- 8:07 am, animal abuse, 1600 block of Virginia Avenue.
- 8:42 am, unauthorized use of motor vehicle, 3000 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 9:26 am, dispute, 2400 block of Everett Avenue.
- 10:45 am, theft, 2500 block of Newmark Street.
- 1:31 pm, 71 year old male transported to Coos County jail on warrant, Virginia and Pony Village Mall.
- 4:08 pm, threats, 2100 block of Oak Street.
- 7:35 pm, 30 year old male transported to Coos County jail on warrants, 2100 block of Tremont Avenue.
- 9:28 pm, disorderly conduct, 3100 block of Tremont Avenue.

Coos Bay

- 8:16 am, missing person, 1700 block of Thompson Road.
- 11:18 am, criminal mischief, 200 block of E Johnson Avenue.
- 1:40 pm, threats/online harassment, 1100

- block of S 10th Street.
- 2:16 pm, fraud/fraudulent use of food stamp card, Empire area.
- 3:30 pm, 28 year old male transported to Coos County jail on criminal trespass II, 1000 block of S 1st Street.
- 3:40 pm, shoplifter, 1000 block of S 1st Street.
- 4:02 pm, violation of restraining order, 1400 block of Newmark Avenue.
- 5:52 pm, located wanted subject, 100 block of N Cammann Street.
- 6:01 pm, custodial interference, 1400 block of N Bayshore Drive.
- 6:08 pm, hit and run accident, S Broadway and Johnson Avenue.
- 7:03 pm, caught a woman inside his vehicle, E Anderson Avenue and S Bayshore Drive.
- 7:20 pm, harassment, 300 block of S Wall Street.
- 8:06 pm, 33 year old male cited for driving while suspended, 1000

- block of Newmark Avenue.
- 8:23 pm, 47 year old male cited for driving while suspended, 400 block of N Marple.
- 9:03 pm, 56 year old female cited for driving while suspended, O'Reilly's.
- 10:21 pm, 41 year old male lodged Coos County jail for driving while suspended and probation violation/46 year old male lodged Coos County jail on warrant, Cascade Farm.
- 10:41 pm, 32 year old male arrested and transported to Coos County jail on warrant, 300 block of Radar Road.

Reedsport

- 3:11 pm, theft, 400 block of Camellia Court.
- 3:35 pm, disorderly conduct, Jim's Used Appliances.
- 7:27 pm, disturbance, 900 block of Rowe Street.
- 8:59 pm, disorderly conduct, Reedsport Community Charter School.

NB Council

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by placing a one-page written document within four days of the council action. So, Mr. Milliron's treatment of my item, which he has termed as a dissent, I would maintain that he does not have the authority to add to my agenda item with his written dissent, which was lengthy."

Noordhoff said council rules say city administrator may move items, but does not give him the authority to add items.

I maintain if Mr. Milliron wanted to have a discussion with council, he could have placed an item on the agenda, but not add to mine. I think he should have gotten his own agenda item or taken part in the discussion after my presentation," Noordhoff

said. "I have no problem with the city administrator placing an issue on the agenda item," Wolf said. "If you have something new to add, this is the time to add it. It is not the time to debate whether the city administrator has the right to add something to the agenda."

Engelke then moved on to other issues, stopping Noordhoff from having a discussion.

During the regular meeting the next night, Councilor Larry Garboden made a motion to suspend council rules temporarily and order Noordhoff to:

Not contact any staff directly;

All requests from Noordhoff to staff would go through the full council; and

Noordhoff can only contact the mayor or city attorney with concerns. The vote passed 6-1

with Noordhoff voting no.

The vote came after the council meeting two weeks earlier. At that meeting, Milliron was not present, so Fire Chief Jim Brown was the acting city administrator. During a discussion, Noordhoff grew frustrated and threw a pen against that wall that almost hit another councilor.

Brown, Police Chief Cal Mitts, Finance

Director Jeff Bridgens, Main Street Manager Stephanie Wilson, City Planner Derek Payne and Public Works Director Ralph Dunham all sent letters expressing concern over what they saw.

In the letter from Mitts, he said he has seen Noordhoff's action escalate in recent months and expressed his concern for other city councilors if nothing was done.

Business

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made in-house. "When I do the crafts, I do things I think people will like, or I like. But when I make signs, I'm really making them

for someone. It feels so good to be able to do that, to give people something that they really want and need," said Wicks. "We're going to be adding more and more things as we go, and we're going to have more and more equipment as we work

to help us do as much as we can right here in Reedsport."

OC Signs is currently sharing space with April's Fables to Tables, a resale and consignment business. With curated pieces ranging from vintage home décor to early

printings of classic books, owner April Hultman is hoping to rehome a range of unearthed treasures.

"I'm always looking for unique pieces and I'm hoping to share that with the town, and with the world," said Hultman.

The ribbon was cut by Mayor McCollum, officially welcoming both business to the Reedsport community. Though it was the first grand opening of the new year, it certainly won't be the last. Solano was excited to share that by months-end there will

be more businesses opening their doors for the first time in Reedsport.

For more local business stories and spotlights visit TheWorldLink.com or pick up a print edition of the Coos Bay World today!

Whales

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that swimming around off the coast of Oregon," the paleontologist said.

McLaughlin will be teaching her audience about these prehistoric whales and more during the kick off of a popular Geology Lecture Series returning to Southwestern Oregon

Community College.

Her presentation will take the audience on a tour through deep time on the Oregon coast to investigate everything from miniature fossil dolphins to the oldest baleen whale to fearsome predators of the past.

The SWOCC geology lecture series first gained popularity from now-retired geologist Ron

Metzger.

The new SWOCC geology professor said the upcoming lecture series is a good way to introduce herself and her work, as well as bring in other professionals from around the nation to talk about relevant geology topics.

"It's sort of my chance to introduce myself to the broader community, 'Hey, we have a new

Ron Metzger in town.' Ron, but spicier, might be the more accurate description of me," McLaughlin said.

The SWOCC professor also wants to teach her students, and the community, that there is more to the field of geology than just rocks.

Since her specialty is in paleontology – McLaughlin is going to teach the community

about the rich history of fossils in Oregon.

"When someone thinks about fossils, they probably think of Montana or Utah, or going to some big fancy museum. But we have such a really cool story right here in our backyards," she said.

The "Whales of the Oregon Coast – Present, Past, and Really Past," presentation will be

held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Coos County residents can join in-person at the Umpqua Hall lecture room 184 on SWOCC's Coos Campus, 1988 Newmark Ave. in Coos Bay.

Curry County residents can join for a watch party in the Community Room on the Curry Campus, 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway in Brookings.

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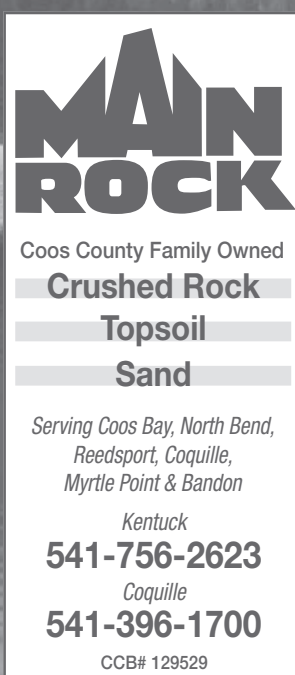
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Freeman appointed as AOC's WIR representative

Douglas County recently announced that Commissioner Tim Freeman has been appointed by the Association of Oregon Counties as the Western Interstate Region representative. This seat is placed by presidential appointment. Additionally, this particular seat is also an AOC Board of Directors seat, as part of AOC's Legislative Committee. The appointment was announced last week by Gina Firman Nikkel, the executive director of AOC, and Mallorie Roberts, legislative affairs director of AOC.

According to AOC, Freeman's role and participation as a member of the AOC Legislative Committee is critical to achieving AOC's adopted 2024 legislative session priorities as well as working toward our long-term strategic goals of: Increasing AOC's partnerships and role in developing and informing state-county relationships and policies and, increasing the effectiveness of AOC's legislative advocacy.

Leadership at the state, regional and national level comes with serious

responsibility. This work includes testifying or speaking before state, participating on regional and national legislative committees and attending conferences and meetings in order to advance AOC counties' policy and issue priorities, especially during the next few months as the Legislature convenes for the 2024 Legislative Session. This work will be in addition to and in concert with the work Freeman does as a Douglas County commissioner.

"I am incredibly honored to be selected for AOC's WIR Representative seat. I am thankful to have the support of the members of the AOC, who trust me to participate in this crucially important work." Freeman said. "Together with the leadership and staff at WIR/NACo and AOC, I will work hard to protect and advance the interests of rural Oregon counties at all levels of government."

The AOC has been in existence for more than a century. AOC was formed in 1906 to share information and build consensus among Oregon counties. Since then, that original mission has expanded as counties'

responsibilities have grown more complex and complicated. Their mission is to connect and strengthen Oregon's 36 counties by developing and sharing solutions to county issues through advocacy, research, and leadership development. Additionally, the AOC Legislative Committee formulates public policies and legislative positions, including policies and positions on state or federal legislation, and directs the legislative activities of the executive director and AOC legislative affairs team. For more information on the AOC, log onto: <https://oregoncounties.org/>.

The WIR is affiliated with the NACo and is dedicated to the promotion of Western States interests within NACo. These interests include public land issues (use and conservation), community stability and economic development, and the promotion of the traditional Western way of life. Its membership consists of fifteen Western states: Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California., Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming., Colorado, New



Mexico, Utah, North Dakota, South Dakota. WIR exists to be the counties' advocate for public policy issues affecting

the Western United States. For more information on the WIR and NACo, log onto: <https://www.naco.org/>.

Crossword Puzzle 1/15

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ACROSS

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- 4 Psychedelic drug
- 7 Child
- 10 Playwright's creation
- 12 -- Claire, Wisc.
- 13 Mimic
- 14 Made public
- 15 Producing heat
- 17 Surpasses
- 18 "Harper Valley --"
- 19 Holler
- 20 Chowed down
- 21 Puncture
- 23 Gear position
- 25 Bother
- 28 Flower part
- 30 Working -- -- five
- 32 Disinclined
- 34 Put the kibosh on
- 35 Pay- -- -view
- 36 Car parts
- 39 Arrival
- 40 Golf standard

DOWN

- 1 Woodworker
- 2 City in Iowa
- 3 Launch site
- 4 Epistle
- 5 Like an African desert
- 6 In -- time
- 7 Not at all fierce
- 8 Stone used in jewelry
- 9 Reveal
- 10 Numbers to be crunched
- 11 Uprising
- 16 "The Catcher in the --"
- 18 Orchestra's place
- 21 Throbbled
- 22 Customer
- 24 Corn spike
- 25 Coverlet
- 26 Sporty truck
- 27 "So help me --!"
- 28 Food for babies
- 29 Night before
- 31 Opposite of SSW
- 33 Surround completely
- 37 Makes do (2 wds.)
- 38 Abbr. in business
- 39 Pother
- 41 Grammatical gaffe
- 42 Took the bus
- 43 Pate de foie --
- 44 Pause in music
- 45 "-- Breaky Heart"
- 47 Ill humor
- 49 Taxing org.
- 50 -- and far between

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Pirates sweep Bulldogs in league hoops openers

Marshfield's boys and girls beat host North Bend in the Sky-Em League openers for the two schools on Friday night.

Marshfield's boys won 69-47 to continue a strong season for the Pirates, who now have a 10-4 overall record.

The Pirates were ranked eighth in the most recent Class 4A boys coaches poll.

Marshfield hosts Cottage Grove in its lone league game this week on Tuesday and then visits Hidden Valley in a nonleague game Thursday. A game against Madras scheduled for Saturday was canceled due to the weather.

Next Tuesday, the Pirates are at Marist Catholic, which beat Junction City in its league opener on Friday, the Spartans' first win over the Tigers since 2021.

North Bend, which fell to 8-8 overall, hosts Marist Catholic on Tuesday and visits Junction City on Friday before hosting Hidden Valley for a nonleague game Saturday.

RED DEVILS WIN: Coquille got a half-court shot at the buzzer by Jerico Jones to beat Glide 43-42 on Friday and improve to 3-1 in Far West League play.

The Red Devils, who lots to Douglas 76-22 on Tuesday, have a busy week facing teams from the league's south division with a home game against Brookings-Harbor on Wednesday and a two-day trip that includes games at Cascade Christian (Medford) on Friday and Lakeview on Saturday.

Douglas is No. 5 in the

coaches poll, while two-time defending state champion Cascade Christian is No. 1.

BANDON BEATS BRAVE: Bandon snapped a losing streak by beating Reedsport 64-40 in a Valley Coast Conference game on Thursday.

"It was a much-needed win," Bandon coach Vince Quattrocchi said. "The boys looked good on both ends of the floor. We really did a good job of moving the ball on the offensive end and looking for each other. Our defense looked much better than it did Tuesday."

The Tigers lost to Gold Beach 53-47 on Tuesday when the Panthers made plays late to win. That was Bandon's fourth loss in a row.

In the win over Reedsport, Carter Brown had 17 points, Tyler Senn 11 and Eli Freitag and Peyton Simonds nine each. Jay B. Noel and Cody Schuttpeltz had 11 points each for Reedsport.

Simonds had 17 points against Gold Beach and Freitag and Brown scored 10 each. Jake Westerman had 19 points for Gold Beach, 14 in the fourth quarter.

Bandon, now 2-4 in league play, hosts Waldport on Tuesday, Illinois Valley on Friday and East Linn Christian on Saturday.

The East Linn Christian game had been scheduled for last weekend but was postponed because of hazardous traveling conditions in the Willamette Valley.

Reedsport, still seeking its first league win, is at Gold Beach on Tuesday and hosts

Oakland on Friday.

Gold Beach, which lost to Oakland 78-42 on Thursday, hosts Reedsport on Tuesday and Waldport on Friday.

BOBCATS SPLIT GAMES: Myrtle Point split its two games in Skyline League play, beating visiting Pacific 60-43 and losing at Umpqua Valley Christian 61-30.

The Bobcats, 2-2 in league play, are at Elkton on Friday and host Glendale on Saturday.

PIRATES SPLIT: After losing to Myrtle Point, Pacific edged Riddle 42-41 in overtime to also improve to 2-2 in league play.

Tucker Long hit a 3-pointer early in overtime to give the Pirates the lead and Pacific relied on its hustle to maintain the edge.

"We play hard," Pacific coach Ben Stallard said, adding that the team was able to overcome two starters fouling out.

Long and Logan Knapp had 12 points each and Jonah Lewis added eight points in the fourth quarter and overtime in the win.

The Pirates host Days Creek on Friday and visit New Hope Christian on Saturday.

POWERS DROPS TWO: The Cruisers lost both their games during the week to remain winless in league play, falling to Camas Valley 58-38 and New Hope 58-26.

Powers hosts North Douglas on Friday and is at Umpqua Valley Christian on Saturday.

GIRLS BASKETBALL MARSHFIELD TOPS BULLDOGS:

The Pirates beat North Bend 56-42 in their league opener Friday night.

Marshfield improved to 6-8 overall and snapped a three-game losing streak heading into Tuesday's game against Cottage Grove. Like Marshfield's boys, the girls are at Hidden Valley for a nonleague game Thursday and then at Marist Catholic on Tuesday.

North Bend, now 10-6 overall, hosts Marist Catholic on Tuesday, visits Junction City on Friday and hosts Hidden Valley on Saturday during a busy week.

COQUILLE WINS TWO:

Coquille bounced back from its first loss of the season to Sutherlin last week by shutting down Douglas 60-18 and Glide 39-17 during the week.

The Red Devils, who are fifth in the Class 3A coaches poll, host Brookings-Harbor on Wednesday before big games Friday at Cascade Christian and Saturday at Lakeview.

TIGERS TAKE TWO:

Bandon, ranked No. 1 in the Class 2A coaches poll, beat Gold Beach 65-13 and Reedsport 64-30 to improve to a perfect 6-0 in Mountain Valley Conference play.

The Tigers' showdown with East Linn Christian, also unbeaten in league, was delayed a week due to weather, so this week Bandon hosts Waldport on Tuesday, Illinois Valley on Friday and East Linn Christian on Saturday.

Reedsport, still seeking a league win, also lost to Waldport 41-27 during the week and is at Gold Beach on Tuesday and home against Oakland on Friday.

The Brave were scheduled to play Central Linn on a Saturday and a make-up date for that game had not yet been scheduled.

POWERS WINS ONE: The Cruisers edged Camas Valley 41-40 on Tuesday to stretch their win streak to seven games, but lost at New Hope Christian 44-21 on Saturday, their first defeat in Skyline League play.

This week, Powers faces the league's top teams, with games at North Douglas on Friday and home against Umpqua Valley Christian on Saturday.

Those two schools and New Hope are the only unbeaten teams in league play. In the coaches poll, North Douglas is No. 2, UVC No. 10 and New Hope No. 11.

PACIFIC SPLITS: Pacific lost at Myrtle Point 60-35 on Tuesday but bounced back to win at Riddle 44-17 on Friday.

The Pirates, 2-2 in league play, host Days Creek on Friday and visit New Hope Christian on Saturday.

BOBCATS SPLIT: Myrtle Point followed Tuesday's win over Pacific with a 51-36 loss at Umpqua Valley Christian.

The Bobcats also are 2-2 heading into games at Elkton on Tuesday and home against Glendale on Saturday.

SWOCC men beat Linn-Benton in hoops

The Southwestern Oregon Community College men's basketball team used a strong second half to beat visiting Linn-Benton 71-65 on Wednesday, improving to 2-1 in NWAC South Region play.

The Lakers' scheduled Saturday trip to Chemeketa in Salem was postponed due to inclement weather in the Willamette Valley.

Linn-Benton led the Lakers 32-30 at the

break, but SWOCC pulled ahead in the final 20 minutes, despite another cold night shooting from outside.

Logan Prince had 20 points and O'shen Cazimero and Merrick Sherwood added 15 each in the win.

Both Cazimero and Sherwood came up big at the free throw line in the win, combining to hit 15 of 17 free throws (Sherwood went 8-for-8).

The Lakers hit 27 of 35 free throws overall (77 percent) to offset shooting just 39 percent from the field and 10 percent (2-for-20) from 3-point range.

Cazimero and Luke Fotheringham each also had eight rebounds for SWOCC.

TJ Zimmerman had 25 points for the Roadrunners.

The result left Portland as the lone unbeaten team in the South

Region at 2-0. The Lakers and Roadrunners, along with Chemeketa, Lane and Clackamas, all have one loss early in league play.

Even with the trip to Chemeketa postponed to Friday, the Lakers were still scheduled to host Mount Hood on Monday despite sustained cold temperatures in the valley (results were not available by press time).

The Lakers also are

home for Umpqua on Wednesday and visit Clackamas on Saturday.

SWOCC's women fell to Linn-Benton 90-56 as the Roadrunners raced out to a 50-34 lead at halftime and added to it.

Jaci Powers had 15 points, Raegan Bruner 12, Jessi Knudsen 11 and Skylar Willey 10 for the Lakers in the loss. Bruner had all her points from 3-point range, converting four

of seven attempts.

Linn-Benton shot a sizzling 69 percent from the floor, including 8 of 14 from 3-point range.

Brooklynn Walters and Hannah Berschauer, both non-starters, scored 15 points each to lead Linn-Benton.

SWOCC fell to 0-3 early in the league season. Linn-Benton is 1-1. Umpqua, Chemeketa and Portland all still have unbeaten league records.

Marshfield beats North Bend in wrestling dual

Marshfield's wrestling team beat North Bend 76-18 in the annual dual wrestling match between the Bay Area rivals.

In a display of the growth of the two programs, matches were contested at all but two of the weight classes — forfeits for Marshfield at 106 pounds (Garron Castro) and 165 (Alex Sinnott).

Marshfield also got pins in eight weight classes. Hadyn Widdicombe pinned Micah Herbert at 113, Brody Cross pinned Demetrius Mavola at 120, Trayton Forbes pinned Connor Perez at 126, Ethan Flood pinned Eirik Vickoren at 138, Gage Saxon pinned John Willett at 157, Aryan Wright pinned Orion Truong at 175, Wyatt Pettey pinned Diego Rojas at 190, Ricardo Chacon pinned Dylan Swanson at 215 and Bryson Harvey pinned Gavin Walter at 285.

For North Bend, Wyatt Smith pinned Joseph Williams at 144 and Parker Pruetz pinned Hunter Baker at 150.

There were also a pair of girls matches at 120 pounds. Marshfield's Annabelle Van Hoof pinned North Bend's Ilana Maguire and Maguire pinned Marshfield's Amina Palacios.

Next weekend, Marshfield

hosts the Bay City Duals, which will include the Bulldogs and several other South Coast squads.

NICK LUTZ INVITATIONAL: Marshfield had four individual champions and took the team title in the tournament at Siuslaw High School on Saturday.

Champions for the Pirates included Garren Castro (106 pounds), Trayton Forbes (120), Reese Hite (132) and Ricardo Chacon (215).

Marshfield finished with 237.5 points to easily beat runner-up North Bend (177) and host Siuslaw (150) in the 14-school event.

The only other champions from the South Coast were Siuslaw's Leonardo Robertson (144 pounds) and Jacob Mann (175) and Gold Beach's Kane Lemberon (285).

South Coast wrestlers who were runners-up in their weight classes included Marshfield's Christian Woodram (113), North Bend's Damian Jaszay (126) and Wyatt Smith (144), Marshfield's Aryan Wright (175) and Wyatt Pettey (190), Siuslaw's Darrell Mills (215) and Myrtle Point's Jonathan Padgett (285).

Third-place finishers were

Marshfield's Hadyn Widdicombe (113), North Bend's Connor Perez (126) and Nicholas Campbell (132), Marshfield's Ethan Flood (138), Siuslaw's Derrick Vanduch (150), and North Bend's John Willett (157) and Kaleb Delph (215).

Wrestlers to place fourth were Marshfield's Brody Cross (120), North Bend's Orian Garcia (132) and Parker Pruetz (150), Siuslaw's Charles Nelson (157), Myrtle Point's Raine Carle (175), Darryn Westerman of Gold Beach (215) and North Bend's Gavin Walter (285).

South Coast athletes won six of the weight classes in the girls portion of the tournament.

Myrtle Point's Zoe Crabill won at 110 pounds, while Siuslaw's Macali Lade was champion at 115, Brookings-Harbor's Lexie Newman took the title at 135, Marshfield's Rowan Hampton was the winner at 145, Siuslaw's Jane Lacouture was champion at 155 and Myrtle Point's Jayme Padgett won at 190.

South Coast girls to finish second were Marshfield's Aniya Guyton at 110, Siuslaw's Abby Riggs at 120 and Danin Lacouture at 135,

well as a kids' fun run. Both the longer races take runners past the Coquille River Light-house.

The cost for the 5K and 10K races is \$15 for embers of the South Coast Running Club and \$25 for non-members who register early. Race-

day registration increases by \$5.

There is no fee for the kids run and students pay \$5 for the longer two races.

For more information about the race or to join the running club, visit www.southcoastrunningclub.org.

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Letter to the Editor

Does it matter?

The recent discord among North Bend city councilors (with the city administrator stoking the fire) has left me thinking—a lot. Once I was so idealistic that I thought perhaps I would hold a local office someday. I believed that an elected official would surely be heard and be able to make a difference in the community. However, watching meeting after meeting of the North Bend City Council has changed my mind. Susanna Noordhoff is an elected councilor, but over and over she has been told that she cannot speak. She represents us—the ordinary citizens who want to understand why Pittham Loop was cleared or whether NB lessees are being treated fairly (not just legally). I have not heard of any grassroots movement to recall her from office, yet the other council members treat her with disdain. Additionally, one member has suggested she resign, and a formal vote on January 9 barred her from speaking to staff.

I think, as I bounce across the rough NB streets, that I was wrong: Even if the council considers a motion to allow

the streets to deteriorate to their original gravel state, I can't make a difference as a city councilor because being a councilor doesn't mean being heard. One question remains in my mind: Does voting for a councilor even make a difference?

Irene Stoops
North Bend

Why so much

I would like to see the World do an in-depth piece on the recent surge with sewer and water prices. My bill jumped almost \$10 in the last month with all of that being on the sewer. I posed a question on "What's Happening in Coos County" and found out that many, many others have had the same problem. Why? The sewer rates were to go up in July but nothing was said about any further increases. I think this would be an excellent topic for an article in the World. Sending an email to the Water Board to ask why has been a joke. Some investigative reporting on this topic would really be an asset.

June Willoughby
Coos Bay

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Guest Column

Together, we can do hard things

By GOV. TINA KOTEK
Guest Column

Last year when I was sworn in to serve as your governor, I told Oregonians that this job would mean waking up, every day, with a mission. That mission, simply put, is to deliver results for Oregonians – to take on our biggest challenges and make things better.

In my first year as Governor, I prioritized strengthening connections with Oregonians from every part of our state because I knew that we could not make progress and deliver results on issues of shared concern—affordable housing and homelessness, behavioral health, education, public safety—without working together. In my inaugural address, I asked Oregonians to believe in our state and its future and to join me in being a force for positive change.

Today, I want to thank the Oregonians who are stepping up to make a difference in their communities and move the needle on the state's most pressing challenges.

Over the last 12 months, I visited all 36 Oregon counties in order to dig in and listen to Oregonians living, working, and making things better in every corner of the state. The One Oregon Listening Tour was about bringing Oregon together. We didn't solve all the divisions across our beautiful state. But we made a sincere, authentic effort to listen to Oregonians in their home communities, to understand their hopes and challenges, and to walk alongside them through

engaged dialogue to build new relationships and strengthen partnerships.

Building these partnerships gives the state a chance to support projects that are already being developed – rather than reinventing the wheel. The foundation we set in 2023 could not have been possible without the willingness of Oregonians to have conversations about what is and isn't working and how we can make it better.

From balancing housing availability and tourism needs on the coast to confronting how counties across the state are grappling with workforce shortages due to a critical lack of housing supply, communities throughout Oregon are facing similar and unique challenges. Housing and homelessness is impacting all corners of the state. And, I have been so impressed and inspired by the innovative plans being developed to tackle these problems in a way that benefits local communities, even with limited resources.

Together, we have made meaningful progress on serving individuals who are at risk of losing their housing, who are currently sleeping outside, and who are ready to move into housing. We paved the way to change how Oregon students are taught to read, as well as started a conversation about how we fund our schools. Just this month, we announced a \$25 million partnership with Oregon Health Plan providers to increase behavioral health capacity for young people across the state. Meanwhile,



Governor Tina Kotek

greater access to naloxone has been saving lives in every corner of Oregon. We partnered with the Legislature to commit resources so rural highways are kept clean and safe this winter. And we brought a renewed focus to tackling the immediate and long-term water quality needs in the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUBGWMA).

Oregonians are hungry to tackle problems – and they have the drive and ideas to be forces for positive change. The first year of my administration has left me incredibly optimistic because of the fortitude, resilience, and can-do attitude I've seen and heard all across the state. I am endlessly thankful for the Oregonians that have taken time to talk with me and my staff, and who have put their trust in our office to be a partner in our state's success.

One year into my administration, it is clear: working together, we can do hard things and make things better.

Guest Column

They struggle to come to America: One woman's story

By LAURA PRITCHETT
Writers on the Range

Exactly what causes people to leave their homeland and make a difficult trek of 3,000 miles?

A young woman I'll call Jhovid, who came here from Venezuela, has asked me to listen to her answer, so that I and others may understand.

Her hair is neatly ponytailed, her clothes tidy, she looks composed — but her food is uneaten and tears streak her face. She tells me that people are starving to death in Venezuela. She looks at me to make sure I understand. Starving.

We know about the dire conditions generally, and we know that our Colorado town of Fort Collins, like many, has absorbed large numbers

of newly arrived immigrants who fled for their safety. But she hopes someone will bear witness to her particular journey, and so we gather with my friend, bilingual author Laura Resau, who has collaborated with other South American women to help them share their stories.

Jhovid is one of the many Venezuelan refugees who climbed off a bus months ago with no coat, food, shelter or contacts. She's 32, she tells us, and graduated from college with a degree in business administration, but Venezuela was sinking economically as she was growing up. Jobs were scarce and gangs were everywhere.

She traveled with her sister to Colombia, where they worked for five years in a tennis shoe factory. But

economic conditions soured there too, so the women went to Chile, traveling 23 days by foot and bus.

"We were crossing a banana plantation on the Ecuador-Peru border and men approached, asked for valuables, but we didn't have any, so they said, 'You'll have to pay with something else, then.'"

I wince, predicting what is to come, but she offers a small smile. "I gave them my cheap cell phone and they left."

Luck, kindness and perseverance seem to be the themes of her story, where, time after time, good people—in law enforcement, nonprofits, people living in poverty themselves—offered help.

Like the time that

immigration officials in Chile "gave us medical help and food, and we got jobs in fruit processing." She liked the factory, the country, and sending money to her family.

Pero después. But then. Her father, a retired police officer, who had been kidnapped and rescued, developed Parkinson's disease. Her family was desperate for help. Jhovid knew that if she could make it to the U.S.-Mexico border where there was a "Very Famous Hole" through the border wall, she could get to America and find work that paid more.

For the next three months, the sisters traveled north, walking and hitchhiking through three countries. In Panama, they foraged for food in the jungle with los animales. Worst of all, her sister became very "sick from the river, because the river was contaminated from dead people."

But then her eyes light up: A kind person gave them food, medicine, tickets to Costa Rica. Then it was on to Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico. They hid under cars at a mechanic shop to avoid the Mexican Mafia. Caught twice by immigration patrols in southern Mexico, they were sent to towns near the Guatemalan border.

By the third time, she knew how to avoid la migra, and after making it through the Very Famous Hole, they arrived in El Paso. Finally, she and others were bused to Denver, where a stranger directed them to a homeless shelter, and later, a bus to Fort Collins.

Various groups stepped up with lightning speed,



Laura Pritchett

including churches and the nonprofits Fuerza Latina and Alianza NORCO. She's grateful for all the help but is happy to have found a full-time job.

As Jhovid wraps up her story, I breathe out a sigh. This woman walked thousands of miles through country after country because she had to. Determination and the kindness of strangers helped her succeed. But as I listen, I think of a family member's response to immigrants—one echoed by many in this country: "They're ruining the country, why would you want to help them?"

My answer: Why wouldn't you respect their desperate quest for a decent life?

Laura Pritchett is a contributor to *Writers on the Range*, an independent nonprofit dedicated to spurring lively conversation about the West. She has two novels coming out this year from Torrey House Press and Ballantine; for more, see laurapritchett.com.



OBITUARIES (Continued on Page 8)

James Clinton

July 7, 1942 - January 5, 2024

James Kenneth Clinton, Sr., passed away from natural causes Friday, January 5th. A celebration of Jim's life well-lived will be held at the family ranch on his birthday, Sunday, July 7th.

Jim was born in Coquille in 1942 to Orville and Jeannie (Drake) Clinton. He was raised as the fourth generation on the family ranch in Arago. Jim graduated Myrtle Point High School in 1960 and soon after enlisted in the Air Force. He proudly served and maintained strong friendships with his brothers of Travis Air Base until his last day.

While serving at Travis Air Base, Jim met and married Helen Case Clinton, and had his son, James K. Clinton, Jr., in 1964. After his service, Jim came back to the ranch and had a daughter, Jennifer K. Clinton, in 1967.

Jim worked at the Georgia Pacific Mill in Coquille with his father, Orville. He then drove chip truck for Christianson Bros., Burr Trucking, and Terrain Tamers until going to work for the Coos County Road Dept. in 1976. He retired from Coos County in 2002 and worked the ranch with his second wife, Debbie (Clark-Dery) Clinton. Jim raised his grandsons, Colton and Raven Dery, on the ranch after Debbie's passing in 2011.

He then met and fell in love with Cindy Martin, and they were loving partners until his death.

Jim is survived by "his Lady", Cindy; his son, James; his daughter, Jennifer and her husband, Darren Cagley; and his sister, Randee. He will also be missed by his amazing step-children: Holli and Zack Hickman, J.R. Dery, Gidget Dery Bowen, Ken Dery and Amanda, Cherina Cordell, Chelcie Cordell and Dustin Williams, Luke & Jodonn Cordell, Alex Martin, Steven and Angel Martin, Leonard and Carrie



Cordell; his beloved grandchildren Colton James Dery, Raven Philip Dery and Destiny; Lily, Ashly, Kaylee, Lindsay, Karley, Aliyah, MacKenley, Deklan, Theryn, Sophia, Emma, Ayvrie, and Gavin; and his first wife, Helen. He was proud to welcome another grand-daughter, Charli Sue Dery, and his first great grandchild, Arlen James Dery, this past year.

Everyone who loves him will carry Jim's strength, work ethic, wisdom, courage, and sense of humor with us for all of our days. We shall always be grateful for our time with him.

If it is so desired, donations in Jim's honor may be made to the Eagles' Aerie Lodge in Coquille. And again, a celebration of life will be held at Poverty Flats Ranch on Jim's birthday, Sunday, July 7th. BBQ and BYOB.

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

Rose Rapida

December 22, 2023

Rose Marie Rapida (Hayes) 69, of Lakeside, Oregon passed away December 22, 2023, at Lower Umpqua Hospital in Reedsport, Oregon.

Rose was born in Zanesville, Ohio to Hazel and Everett Thomas Hayes. She attended John Glenn H.S and was a longtime resident of New Concord, Ohio and Lakeside, Oregon.

Rose is survived by her children Keith (Diana), Jamie (Vaughn), Benjamin (Krystal), Jonathan (Tara), Christopher, Aaron, and Amanda. Ten grandchildren Jacob (Nichelle), Vincent, Ella, Eva, Joslyn, Brendan, Caitlin, Alayna, Kaitlyn, and Janelle and four great grandchildren. She is also survived by the father of her children Jeff Gibson and Dave Barbour. Rose is also survived by sister Doris (Dick), and brothers Charlie (Linda) and Larry.

Rose is preceded in death by her parents and brothers Tom and Stan.

Rose was passionate about gardening, nature, reading, her dogs and multiple other pets. She once quoted Confucius, "We have two lives, and the second begins when we realize we only have one." She was



never afraid to find her own way. Rose will be greatly missed by all that loved her.

Rose will be cremated in Lakeside. Arrangements are being made by Dunes Memorial Chapel in Reedsport, Oregon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Rose's name to the chapel.

Bobbie Jo Nelson

December 31, 2023

Kind, gentle, supportive, and spirited, Bobbie Nelson, left her beloved family on December 31st, 2023. Bobbie was born in 1955 in Myrtle Point, Oregon to parents Joe and Myra Sturgill. She is survived by her father and stepmother Ruth, siblings: Randy, Laurie, Gary, Deanna, Donna, Norman, Michael, Joe, John, sons: Jason, and Justin, daughter Kylie, two stepchildren Jamie and Christie, and seven grandchildren.

Bobbie led an exciting life and loved to spend time camping and exploring the Rogue River, spending time with family and friends. She loved horseback riding, bowling, fishing, canning, telling stories of her loved ones, and cooking for others on special occasions. She was a beautiful soul, had a great sense of humor and a heart full of compassion.

Bobbie graduated in 1973 from Myrtle Point High School, she worked as a waitress at Tubby's Restaurant and Roseburg Forest Products for many years. Bobbie was owner operator of the Colony Restaurant and Lounge in Myrtle Point for 16 years. She donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and for two years donated more than any other business in the State of Oregon to the cause. She was passionate about child illness and their family support.

A celebration of life will be held at



the Coquille Community Center on January 27th at 2:00pm. 105 North Birch Street, Coquille.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Association: Muscular Dystrophy Association, Inc. 1016 W Jackson Blvd #1073 Chicago, Illinois 60607 Online Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.westrumfuneralservice.com

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Reverend E. J. Niles Celebration of Life

June 8, 1930 - November 13, 2023



Reverend Niles was one of the early ministers of Unity of Bandon with over 30 years in the ministry. She was the founder of Spiral Pathways based on the ever-upward evolution of human consciousness and a world full of possibilities. She believed in the power of goodness and that collectively we can make a positive impact on the world.

Reverend Niles was born in Oklahoma on June 8, 1930, and made her transition on November 13, 2023. She had a successful career in government working at the Pentagon as a senior systems analyst and in the early 1980's found a calling to become a Unity minister. She served as a minister in

Fairfax, Virginia, and Bandon. She married her beloved Harv in the 1980's and after his passing made her way back to Bandon through a series of synchronicities. She was a bright light, always reminding us to see the big picture and to take the long view of our ever-unfolding world because what we see is not what is. She imparted much wisdom, joy, and grace, always giving attention to anyone who crossed her path. Once you met her you would not forget her. She is survived by her son Les Andrews Sr. and grandson Les Andrews Jr. of Florence, Oregon, and numerous extended family members and friends across the U.S.

Please join us for her celebration at 2:00pm, January 20th Unity of Bandon; 50211 U.S. 101 (Located one mile south of 11th Street in the Business Center).

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Howard "Goose" Keller, age 86 of Coos Bay, passed away December 28, 2023, at Coos Bay. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary 541-267-4216.

Gifford Dale Barnes, 92, of Port Orford, passed away on December 28, 2023 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, www.coosbayareafunerals.com, 541-756-0440.

Rose Ellen Potter, 84, of North Bend & Coos Bay, passed away December 27, 2023 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com.

Gifford Dale Barnes, 92, of Port Orford, passed away on December 28, 2023 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, www.coosbayareafunerals.com, 541-756-0440.

JoAnn L. Billings, age 88, of Coos Bay passed away December 31, 2023, at Coos Bay. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 541-267-4216.

David G. Gould, 81, of North Bend, passed away on January 1, 2024 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Patricia A. Youngman, 78, of Coos Bay died January 2, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Herbert William Seefeldt, age 88, of Bandon passed away January 3, 2024, at Bandon. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary 5451-267-4216.

Judy D. Paragas, age 70, of Myrtle Point passed away January 3, 2024, at Coos Bay. Burial arrangements under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary 541 267-4216.

Patricia "Pat" Ann Lee, age 75, of Coos Bay passed away January 4, 2024 at Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, www.coosbayareafunerals.com, 541-267-3131.

Edna May Brooks, age 74, of Coos Bay, passed away on January 7, 2024 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, www.coosbayareafunerals.com, 541-756-0440.

Jerry R. Hartzell, 80, of Brookings died December 24, 2023 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Myrtle Grove Funeral Service - Bay Area, Coos Bay. 541-269-2851. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Janice "Jan" E. Tonole, 84, of North Bend, passed away on January 2, 2024 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, www.coosbayareafunerals.com, 541-756-0440.

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C-9, Michelle Burgan, ~ Household goods
Jan 16, 2024:
B-13, C-50, Sarah Diane Harper, gaming/ restaurant equipment; Jan 16, 2024:
A-9 Trixie Standley Household goods
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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:
JONNA MAE RAMSEY, Decedent.
Case No.: 23PB10818
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shari Denfeld and Cathy Ramsey 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 2nd day of January, 2024.

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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:

MAVIS MARIE HEROLD, Decedent.
Case No.: 23PB10569
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dana Herold 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 2nd day of January, 2024.

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In the Matter of a Spray Program for Coos County Road Department
NOTICE OF SPRAY PROGRAM
TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
1. In order to maintain County roads, the Coos County Road Department intends to institute a brush control program on March 1st, which may include the use of herbicides on the rights-of-way of certain Coos County roads.

2. Property owners may request the Coos County Road Department not spray the right-of-way abutting their property. Property owners who do not wish the County to spray must contact the Road Department. The Road Department will provide the property owner with a "NO SPRAY" Agreement to complete and return by February 15th. These agreements are free of charge and must be renewed annually.

3. The property owner must post the right-of-way to indicate the "NO SPRAY" area with signs provided by the Road Department. The County will no longer recognize homemade no-spray signs. If you do not want us to spray the right of way adjacent to your property, you must come in to the Road Department and fill out a no-spray agreement.
4. Failure to contact the Road Department, enter into the agreement or failure to post the required signs will result in the Road Department spraying the right-of-way as planned.

5. If the property owner posts the abutting right-of-way as a "NO SPRAY" area, the property owner is responsible for controlling the vegetation on the right-of-way. If the property owner fails to clear the right-of-way, the County may do so, with the cost charged to the property owner. Failure to pay this cost will result in a lien being assessed against the property.

6. Contact the Coos County Road Department at 1281 West Central, Coquille, Oregon 97423; or call 541/396-7660 for further information.
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
City of North Bend

Sealed Bids for the **Cast in Place Pipe** project for the City of North Bend, Coos County, Oregon (Owner) will be received by the City Recorder or Recorder's designee at the City of North Bend, 835 California Ave, North Bend, Oregon 97459, until 2:00 p.m. **Tuesday, February 6th, 2024.** Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud immediately following the specified closing time. All interested parties are invited to attend. Subcontractor declarations must be submitted to the above mentioned City representative no later than 4:00 p.m. (PDT) on the day of the bid opening.

The work on this project is for public work. A brief description of the scope of work is provided below:

Cast in Place Pipe Project - Base Bid:
Furnish all labor, equipment, and materials as required for the Cast in Place Pipe Project project consisting of the construction and placement approximately 577 feet of 10" CIPP on Virginia Ave, 287 feet of 10" on Broadway Ave, 1249 feet of 12" CIPP on Chester St, associated lateral reinstatements, and manhole rehabilitations. Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Civil West Engineering Services, Inc. 486 E Street; Coos Bay, OR 97420
Ph: 541-266-8601; fax: 541-266-8681
City of North Bend 835 California Ave North Bend, OR 97439
Bidding Documents can also be examined on line at the following location:

To be eligible to Bid and be listed on plan holders' list, bidders must download Bidding Documents and/or purchase them from Engineer. Complete digital project bidding documents are available for **Project#8915573** at www.civilwest.com under Current Bidding. You may download the digital plan documents for \$20.00. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free-membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is available for a nonrefundable price of **\$140** per set which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check payable to Civil West Engineering Services and send it 486 E Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420. Please contact us at 541-266-8601

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if you have any questions. Bidders must be qualified to perform the work properly and to comply with applicable laws and bonding requirements.

This contract is for public work and is subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870. Pre-qualifying wage rates for public works' contracts in Oregon are required for this project. No bid will be received or considered by the Owner unless the bid contains: 1) a statement that bidder will comply with the provisions of ORS 279C.840 2) a statement as to whether the bidder is a resident bidder as defined in ORS 279A.120. Dated this 10th day of August, 2016.

By order of: Ralph Dunham
Title: Public Works Director
Published:
The World Newspaper Coos Bay, OR
Tuesday, January 16th, 2024
Friday, January 26th, 2024
Daily Journal of Commerce Portland, OR
Wednesday, January 10th, 2024
Wednesday, January 24th 2024

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On FEBRUARY 12TH, 2024, at the hour of 10:00am at the front door of the Coos County Sheriff's Office, 250 N. Baxter St; Coquille, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 2321 OAK STREET, NORTH BEND, OR 97459. The court case number is 22CV22616, where REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING, LLC is plaintiff, and THE ESTATE OF BEVERLY J. MCDANIEL; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF BEVERLY J. MCDANIEL; DOUGLAS D. MCDANIEL; JENNIE M. POWELL; DAVID J. MCDANIEL; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2321 OAK STREET, NORTH BEND, OR 97459 is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Coos County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/> Publish on January 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2024
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NOTICE OF PORT BUDGET COMMITTEE VACANCY.

The Port of Umpqua is seeking applicants to fill one vacancy on the Port's Budget Committee. This is a volunteer position; appointees will not receive compensation. To be eligible for appointment, applicant: 1) Must live within the Port District (includes Gardiner, Reedsport, Winchester Bay, Ash Valley, Scottsburg, Elkton, parts of Smith River area and other rural areas within Western Douglas County); and 2) Must be a registered voter in the Port District. The budget committee will meet at the Port Annex in Reedsport on April 17, 2024 to hear the proposed budget. For more information and to apply, please can contact the Port Office at 541-271-2232.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON FOR COOS COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of

TERRY D. JENSEN
Deceased,
Case No. 23PB11004

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tad Jensen has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative 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 the first publication of this Notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative 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 Street, Coquille, Oregon, 97423, the Personal Representative or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: January 16, 2024

Tad Jensen
Personal Representative
94768 Brunswick Lane North Bend, OR 97459 (541) 297-5023
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
Notice is hereby given that the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay will conduct a public auction at 4:00 p.m. on January 25, 2024. Sealed bids for the auction items will be received until 4:00 p.m. at the Charleston Marina office, at which time the sealed bids will be opened and publicly awarded to the highest bidder to satisfy moorage and/

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or storage charges for which the Port has possessory chattel lien under the provisions of ORS 87.152 through 87.212. **All reasonable bids will be considered.** The description of the items, the name of the owners or reputed owners of such items, and amounts due on the liens are as follows: **Lucaina Camarillo Contents of Storage Unit #054 \$1,937.17**

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Yvonne Calvert Contents of Storage Unit #016 \$1,409.47
Sealed bids will be stamped in date order and must have the bid numbers clearly marked on the envelope. All items can be viewed by appointment only on January 24, 2024, 9:00am-11:00am and 2:00pm-4:00pm. Please call the Charleston Marina at 541-888-2548 to schedule an appointment. The pur-

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chasers will be required to remove the purchased items from Port property within five (5) working days.
Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
Charleston Marina
PO Box 5409
Charleston, OR 97420
Telephone: (541) 888-2548
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CITY OF COQUILLE PUBLIC NOTICE
The Council of the City of Coquille is accepting letters of interest and qualifications to fill a position for a Municipal Judge. The position requires at least one court date a month. The compensation is \$250 per court date. All applicants must be members of the Oregon Bar Association and in good standing. The

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closing date for receiving letters of interest and qualifications is January 31st 2024. Letters may be mailed to the City Recorder at **851 N. Central Blvd. Coquille, OR 97423** or email them **ewright@cityofcoquille.org**
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Liberty Theatre sign lighting celebration

The community is invited to celebrate with the Liberty Theatre on Friday, January 19, at 5:30 p.m., for a spectacular event - the Liberty Theatre sign lighting celebration.

The re-creation and installation of a magnificent neon blade sign on the Liberty Theatre, an iconic landmark in our community has been completed. This exciting development is made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Little Theatre on the Bay, in partnership with the North Bend Main Street program, and the generous support of Oregon Heritage.

Event Highlights:

- **Free Liberty Sign Stickers:** Show your pride with complimentary Liberty sign stickers.
- **Free Popcorn:** Enjoy free popcorn from 5 to 6 p.m.
- **Commemorative Sign Lapel Pins:** Purchase limited-edition lapel pins to commemorate this historic moment.
- **Meet Miss Coos County:** Get a chance to meet Miss Coos County.
- **Meet the von Trapp Children and Maria:** Be introduced to the talented cast from the upcoming show "Sound of Music."
- **Mystery Guest:** Witness the grand moment as a mystery guest "Flips the Switch" to illuminate the neon lights.
- **Ribbon Cutting:** The Bay Area Chamber Ambassadors will assist in the official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The Liberty Theatre, designed in the Moorish style by renowned architect John Tourtellotte, opened its doors on Easter Sunday in 1924. Over the years, it has played a pivotal role in our community's cultural life. The original neon blade sign was

installed in 1931, becoming a cherished symbol of downtown North Bend's vibrant arts scene.

Standing at an impressive 20 feet tall, the newly designed blade sign is a faithful recreation based on historic building photographs. Crafted from aluminum and painted in a rich dark blue, the sign will be lit with stunning gold neon lighting. On show nights, a captivating 9-point sequencer will animate the sign, with yellow, red, and dark red lightning bolts activating in sequence, followed by arrows pointing down to each letter. The ES&A Sign & Awning Company in Eugene has expertly manufactured and installed the sign, ensuring that the Liberty Theatre continues to shine as a beacon of performing arts in our community.

Jeanne Woods, chairperson of the Liberty Theatre Restoration Committee, remarked, "Our historic theatre consultant, George Kramer, likes to say, 'The show starts at the sidewalk.' And we agree. The return of the majestic neon blade sign on the outside of the Liberty Theatre will remind everyone that downtown North Bend is a hub for the performing arts."

Aymée Pedder, president of Little Theatre on the Bay, expressed her gratitude, saying, "This new signage will make our community proud as it lights up North Bend's central downtown business district. We are thankful for our incredible donors and patrons."

The North Bend Main Street Program, with the support of Oregon Heritage, awarded a matching grant worth \$174,805, which includes a 30 percent contribution from the Little Theatre on the Bay. This grant has funded the neon blade sign, replacing the auditorium's main stage

flame-resistant curtain, and repairs to the exterior concrete entryway. These improvements contribute to economic revitalization in North Bend's central downtown business district, aligning with the goals of the Oregon Main Street Network.

Little Theatre on the Bay is committed to preserving and enhancing the Liberty Theatre, and its multi-year/multi-phase capital campaign, initiated in 2015, is on track to reach its completion goal by Liberty's 100th birthday in spring 2024. The campaign focuses on accessibility, youth programming, school partnerships, and downtown economic development. Over \$3.5 million has already been raised to support the restoration effort's eight phases.

About Little Theatre on the Bay:

Little Theatre on the Bay is a non-profit organization with a mission to cultivate the arts in Coos County. Established in 1947, it has been an integral part of the North Bend/Coos Bay arts community, providing a platform for actors, directors, and technicians of all ages to showcase their talents. LTOB operates as an all-volunteer organization and encourages community involvement in various capacities.

- **Other Desert Cities:** January 19 – February 3
- **The Sound of Music:** March 15 – April 7

For more information about the Liberty Theatre Sign Lighting Celebration and other upcoming events, please visit thelibrarytheatre.org or follow on Facebook at facebook.com/thelibrarytheatrenorthbend.



Contributed photos

The historic Liberty Theatre on the Bay will host a celebration January 19 when the new neon blade sign will be lit.

OBITUARIES

Bryan Hudson

June 7 - December 28, 2023

Bryan Jay Hudson Jr., 45, of Bloomington passed away on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at the IU Health Bloomington Hospital.

He was born on June 7, 1978 in Coos Bay, Oregon the son of Bryan Jay and Julie Ann (Smith) Hudson. He was a 1996 graduate of North Bend Senior High School in North Bend, Oregon. He went on and graduated in 2003 from the University of Oregon with his bachelor's degree in Native America Linguistics, and also attended the University of Utah.

Bryan professional life started as an English teacher at Susong High School in Seoul Korea, and then he was a second-grade teacher at Chief Tahgee Elementary School in Fort Hall, Idaho teaching the Shoshone language. He was also the Adjunct Instructor of Anthropology at Idaho State University, he then went to work for The Language Conservancy as a Numic Linguist which brought him to Bloomington.

He loved his family and loved spending time with them. He enjoyed playing native hand games, traveling, cooking, playing native drums and singing, and he loved learning he was

always studying something. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Bryan is survived by his parents, Bryan Sr. and Julie Ann Hudson of Coos Bay, OR; two sisters, Yvonne (Paul) Elkins of Cottage Grove, OR, Charla (Chris) Bryant of Tucson AZ; four nieces and nephews, Josh Hughes, Shalyn Steffel, Marissa Morrison and Alexis Rodriguez; his aunts and uncles, Margo Erickson, Julie Hudson, Linda (Mike) Gibson, Gogi (Tim) Lobato and John Smith; and cousins, Angela, David, Jillian, Nate, John, Shane, Justin, Jamie and Cory.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dave and Lucinda Hudson, and Margaret Ball; a cousin, Bernard Smith; and his uncle, David Hudson Jr.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com



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Olio: January 30, 7pm

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541-396-4563 (office)

info@sawdusttheatre.com, www.sawdusttheatre.com

Holly Hack-A-Thon

WHEN IS IT?
FROM NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY 29TH 2024!

PURPOSE?
ENGLISH HOLLY IS AN INVASIVE SPECIES! THIS WEED IS TAKING OVER THE UNDERGROWTH AND ALTERING OUR FORESTS. JOIN US IN THEIR REMOVAL!

PRIZE?
WOOD WORKING CLASS!

OBJECTIVE?
REMOVE THE WIDEST DIAMETER HOLLY!

HOW TO SUBMIT?
BRING THE TRIMMED INVASIVE PLANT TO OCATEC, 64065 SEVEN DEVILS RD BY 5 PM ON FEB. 29, 2024

Questions? Contact kklietz@cooswatershed.org

** For directions, watch the "Holly Hack-A-Thon Instructions" video on our website: cooswatershed.org **

Crossword Puzzle 1/16

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13				14				
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45	46	47				48	49				50
51				52		53			54		
55				56					57		
58				59					60		

- ACROSS**
- 1 Witty one
 - 4 Again
 - 8 Soapstone
 - 12 Yoko -- Lennon
 - 13 Capital of Peru
 - 14 Understanding remark (2 wds.)
 - 15 Actor -- Lowe
 - 16 Advantage
 - 17 Tie together
 - 18 Potato turnover
 - 20 "-- porridge hot ..."
 - 21 Beret
 - 23 Director's directive
 - 24 -- avis
 - 27 Bouquet
 - 29 Opposite of NNE
 - 32 Astringent substance
 - 33 Apple remnant
 - 34 "-- of the Worlds"
 - 35 Unruly group
 - 36 Outer layer
 - 37 Hindu goddess
 - 38 Place for farm animals
 - 39 Folk singer -- Seeger
 - 40 Ivan's denial
 - 41 Ancient lang.
 - 42 Pair
 - 44 Crisp cookie
 - 47 Raise
 - 51 -- vera
 - 52 Stamping animals
 - 55 Bill and --
 - 56 Prince in opera
 - 57 Atwitter
 - 58 Doctrine suffix
 - 59 "-- Sings the Blues"
 - 60 Cupola
 - 61 Poor grade
- DOWN**
- 1 Function properly
 - 2 Unknown auth.
 - 3 Desert in Asia
 - 4 First Greek letter
 - 5 Zero
 - 6 Big bird
 - 7 "I -- only joking"
 - 8 Where Lhasa is
 - 9 -- Minor
 - 10 Microscope part
 - 11 Yield
 - 19 Con game
 - 20 Unadulterated
 - 22 8-ball destination
 - 23 Horn
 - 24 LA players
 - 25 "That means -- --!"
 - 26 Prized gem
 - 28 "Go ahead!" (2 wds.)
 - 29 Swing
 - 30 Retail event
 - 31 Court order
 - 36 Practice with gloves
 - 37 Fort --, Kentucky
 - 41 Suspicious
 - 43 Force in
 - 44 Lament
 - 45 Pond growth
 - 46 Viduals
 - 48 Something corrosive
 - 49 Suffer defeat
 - 50 Book
 - 52 "It -- To Be You"
 - 53 The "I"
 - 54 CD- --

PUZZLE ANSWERS

E	S	E		E	A	S	E					
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	O	O	M	O		G	R	U	S			
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Crossword Puzzle 1/17

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

- ACROSS**
- 1 Unskilled actor
 - 4 Mount Olympus queen
 - 8 Shut
 - 12 Hosp. area
 - 13 Golden --
 - 14 Soft drink flavor
 - 15 Daystar
 - 16 "You've -- That Lovin' Feelin'"
 - 17 Laugh out loud
 - 18 Motionless
 - 20 Doomed ocean liner
 - 22 Letter after zeta
 - 23 Easy mark
 - 24 Mischievous child
 - 26 Enthusiast
 - 27 Faithless one
 - 30 Sun-dried brick
 - 32 "-- that's the truth!"
 - 33 Argentina's -- Peron
 - 34 Persona -- grata
 - 35 Get bronzed
 - 37 Glowing coal
 - 39 "To be sure!"
 - 40 Carpet
 - 41 Low
 - 42 Mail-order option, quickly
 - 43 Young canine
 - 45 Actress -- Portman
 - 49 Doctrine
 - 51 Lacking rainfall
 - 52 Con -- (with spirit)
 - 54 Actor Daniel -- Lewis
 - 55 Swerve
 - 56 Rich soil
 - 57 Sixth sense, for short
 - 58 Relaxation
 - 59 Anglo-Saxon laborer
 - 60 Fourth letter
 - 6 What the doctor ordered
 - 7 Skilled worker
 - 8 Discard
 - 9 Crackpot
 - 10 Jai --
 - 11 Singer -- Anthony
 - 19 Stew meat
 - 21 Bicycle for two
 - 25 Gasoline, British style
 - 26 Tooth
 - 27 Sprang back
 - 28 Old greeting
 - 29 Sailor
 - 30 "At -- rate ..."
 - 31 Average guy John --
 - 36 Loud enough to hear
 - 38 Sulk
 - 42 Military group
 - 44 "-- porridge hot ..."
 - 45 Wheel hub
 - 46 Region
 - 47 Makes the same score
 - 48 Desire, personified
 - 49 Big book
 - 50 Variety
 - 53 Actor -- McKellen

PUZZLE ANSWERS

I	R			N	R				T	O	R	
B	E	E		A	B	E			S	O		
E	R	G		C	A	V	E		O			
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				A	H	A			E	G	O	
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Sudoku Puzzle 1/15

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

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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

Sudoku Puzzle 1/16

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

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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

Sudoku Puzzle 1/17

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

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

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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

Steele pleads guilty to manslaughter in death of baby

On January 5, Hayley R. Steele (28) appeared in Circuit Court in Coquille to accept a plea of guilty to manslaughter II in the Baby Owen case.

District Attorney Paul Frasier offered the plea to Steele and her attorney after consulting the victim's family, who supported the offer.

This has been an exhaustive and

emotional case, and all involved are to be commended on their efforts to bring this case to resolution, including the victim's family, Coos County Sheriff's Office, Major Crimes Team (Multi-Agency Team of investigators), and the Coos County District Attorney's Office.

Steele is currently out on security, pending sentencing on January 22nd, 2024.

The city of Reedsport is accepting applications to fill a vacant City Council position.

The appointee's term of office will begin at time of appointment and expire on December 31, 2024. At the general election in November 2024, the position will be open for election for a new four-year term.

Per the Reedsport City Charter of 2006, Chapter VI, Elections, no person shall be eligible for an elective office of the city unless at the time of that person's election

or appointment that person is a qualified elector within the meaning of the Constitution of the State of Oregon; has resided in the city continuously during the twelve months immediately preceding the election or appointment and continues to reside in the city. No person who is an employee of the city of Reedsport shall be eligible to serve as a member of the City Council.

The council shall be the final judge of the qualifications and

election of its own members subject, however to review by a court of competent jurisdiction. Anyone interested in applying for this position may pick up an application at Reedsport City Hall, 451 Winchester Avenue or online at www.cityofreedsport.org.

Questions regarding the position or the application process may be directed to Deputy City Recorder Christina Crockett at (541) 271-3603 ext. 1005.

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Oregon Republican delegates must back winner of May presidential primary, party says

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Oregon delegates to the Republican National Convention this summer must pledge to back the winner of the state's presidential primary, a top state party official confirmed Thursday.

Tracy Honl, Oregon's Republican national committeewoman, clarified the party's rules for the 31 delegates who will cast the state's votes for the GOP presidential nominee at the July convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A national reporter sparked confusion among some Oregon political analysts earlier Thursday by asserting that the state party would select delegates at a May 25 convention independent of the May 21 primary.

"As it stands right now, our rules that were passed are that we are bound for the first two ballots to whoever wins the primary in Oregon," Honl told the Capital Chronicle.

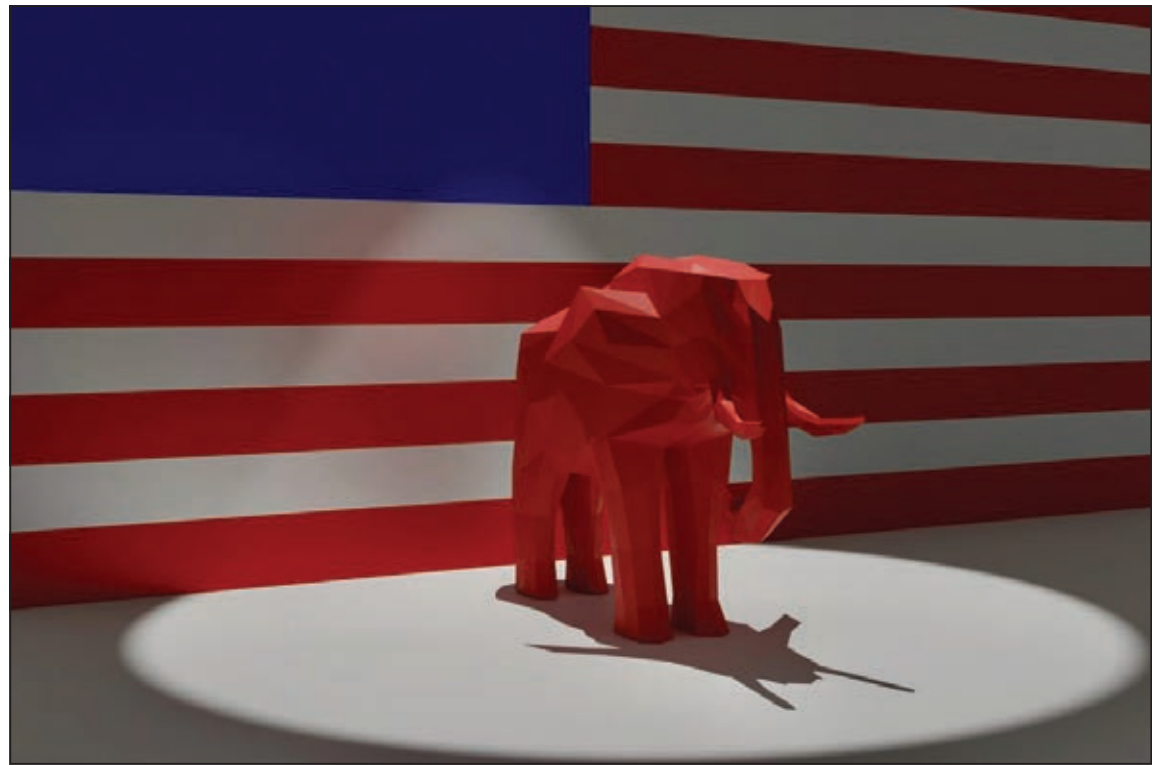
The Oregon Republican Party's bylaws call for a convention where precinct committee members – the elected local party officials who vote on party business, including nominating

replacements for candidates or elected officials who don't finish their terms – will select their delegates and alternates.

While the bylaws don't require delegates to support the winner of the primary, a separate set of rules adopted by the state party's central committee do. Those rules lay out qualifications for delegates, including that they submit a written pledge to support the presidential candidate who wins the state's primary election.

Oregon's delegates would be free to vote for other candidates if the national convention doesn't choose a nominee after two rounds of ballots.

How delegates are chosen could take on special importance this year as both the Oregon Supreme Court and the U.S. Supreme Court weigh legal challenges to former President Donald Trump's eligibility. The 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution bars candidates who previously took an oath to uphold the Constitution and then "engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof" from holding office.



Oregon Republican delegates have to pledge to vote at the national convention for the winner of the state's primary, according to party rules.

Photo by Getty Images

Trump critics contend that his efforts to overturn the 2020 election and support for the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol constituted an insurrection, and the Colorado Supreme Court and Maine secretary of state agreed.

Oregon's secretary of state,

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, told critics pushing to get Trump off the ballot that she didn't have the authority to bar any candidate in a presidential race. That case is now on appeal before the Oregon Supreme Court, which has asked for legal briefs by Jan. 9. Trump has appealed the

Colorado case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Honl said Oregon Republican leaders are starting to think about contingency plans should either court bar Trump, but she doesn't think it's likely Trump will be blocked from the Oregon primary.

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