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Grand Jury: Police shooting was justified

By **DAVID RUPKALVIS**
The World

A Douglas County grand jury met Monday and decided law enforcement officials were justified when the shot and killed 30-year-old David Robert Ruozi Jr. earlier this month.

After the grand jury met, District

Attorney Rick Wesenberg held a press conference, where he outlined what happened March 9 when law enforcement officials negotiated with Ruozi for five hours before shooting him.

Wesenberg said the events leading up to the shooting began Feb. 25 when Ruozi shot a man in Springfield. After the shooting,

Springfield police received a tip that Ruozi admitted to the killing, giving details only the shooter would know.

Working with the FBI, Springfield police were able to track Ruozi's phone to a home in Reedsport. Douglas County Sheriff's Office deputies observed Ruozi leaving that home as a passenger in

a white Acura. They made a traffic stop at the Recreation Station gas station in Reedsport.

Officers ordered both men out of the car, and the driver complied and was detained. Ruozi, however refused to get out.

"Ruozi was ordered out of the car," Wesenberg said. "When that didn't work, officers asked him to

get out of the car. But Ruozi was extremely agitated. Ruozi announced to officers that he was not going to be arrested, that he was going to Valhalla."

Wesenberg said officers on scene attempted to negotiate with Ruozi in an attempt to get him out of the

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What's going on at mill in Gardiner? Hospitals plan for expanding vaccine access



Zack Demars/The World

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is using an old mill site in Gardiner to temporarily house trailers that will be moved to be used for shelter in parts of the state where people lost their home due to wildfires.

Site provides staging area for wildfire housing

By **ZACK DEMARS**
The World

GARDINER — The now-vacant site of the former International Paper mill north of Reedsport is seeing new activity to help wildfire victims.

The trailers moving onto the property aren't lasting long there: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is using the site for staging temporary housing trailers headed for the victims of the summer's devastating wildfires in Lane

County and the Medford area.

"They'll probably be there for at least six months," said Paul Corah, a FEMA spokesperson.

Trailers move in and out regularly, Corah said — in a "logistical circus," the agency moves trailers from other parts of the country to respond to disasters.

Once at the Gardiner site, the trailers wait until the lots they'll end up in are ready to hold them. Oftentimes, that means extending the sewer and water lines and entrance paths in pre-existing trailer

parks.

"That's what takes us so long," Corah said.

Around 250 families have qualified for the housing, and Corah said about 80 trailers are still yet to be delivered to families in the Medford area, and around a dozen will be headed to Lane County. Some could go straight to their destinations while others wait at the Gardiner lot.

Families who'll be living in the one- to three-bedroom trailers have been living in hotel rooms pro-

vided by the agency since historic wildfires in September destroyed the cities of Talent and Phoenix as well as other regions across the state.

In all, the fires burned over a million acres and destroyed over 4,000 homes across the state, according to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

Temporary housing trailers were originally being staged at the Jackson County Fairgrounds be-

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Hospitals plan for expanding vaccine access

By **ZACK DEMARS**
The World

Hospital leaders in Coos County are hoping to smooth out the process of finding and making appointments to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

A coalition of hospitals is currently in the process of developing a centralized appointment scheduling system and phone number for questions and is planning for increased doses in the coming weeks, according to Larry Seston, the interim chief operating officer at Bay Area Hospital.

"And that's what you're seeing is that evolution toward a single registry capability and a single phone number to call and ask questions. We think that will appeal greatly to the community," Seston said Thursday.

Currently, each hospital in the community schedules its vaccination appointments through a separate system — meaning anyone seeking an appointment has to filter through several websites or phone numbers to find an appointment at an area provider.

"From the user point of view, that's not particular friendly," Seston said. "Because they have to figure out where

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Harbor Lights Middle School principal to leave post

By **JILLIAN WARD**
For The World

BANDON — Harbor Lights Middle School principal has resigned.

According to a press release from the Bandon School District, former middle school principal Dustin Clark resigned for "personal and professional reasons."

District Superintendent Doug Ardiana was not able to expand on the circumstances surrounding the resignation, but stated it was official as of Friday, March 26.

"I, as superintendent, will be taking on the principal duties for the remainder of the school year," Ardiana said.

Becky Armistead, Ocean Crest Elementary principal, is moving up to become the new principal at Harbor Lights Middle School on July 1, Ardiana said.

"We are hiring Courtney Wehner (as) our elementary school principal," Ardiana said.

Wehner is currently a teacher in the district but will officially become the new elementary principal on July 1.

"We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time of change," the release said.

Lehman takes on regional housing role

By **ZACK DEMARS**
The World

A new effort is in the works on the South Coast to coordinate housing efforts across the region.

Mike Lehman, who led Oregon Coast Community Action for seven years, has been tasked by local agencies to establish an advisory group to bring together local governments, nonprofits and businesses to respond to a lack of housing from Reedsport to Brookings.

"Our goal is to get a commission formed and parameters of how that works, and get people on that commission," Lehman said.

The plan responds to a housing studies conducted in Coos and Curry counties around 2018.

One of the key takeaways from both studies: The region needs more housing, and the community needs to come together to make that happen.

Through a series of grants, NeighborWorks Umpqua is sponsoring the effort, with the help of Coos and Curry counties and the



File photo

Mike Lehman, the former executive director of Oregon Coast Community Action, speaks in January 2020 during a grand opening of the Deer Springs Terrace housing project in North Bend.

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Trailers are being stored in Gardiner before being moved to other parts of Oregon to help families displaced by wildfires.

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fore that county began using that site for something else, Corah said.

For the past couple weeks since then, around-the-clock security and a few temporary

office buildings have been overseeing the trailers moving through the old mill site.

Corah said the federal government is leasing the property from its private owner.

The site's been largely empty since 2006, when the International Paper mill that closed in 1998 was demolished.

It was purchased by Tacoma-based Industrial Harbor USA, LLC, in 2016 with big plans to bring in new tenants to the 427-acre lot.

The property is still owned by Industrial Harbor, according to Douglas County property records.

Rumors have circulated on social media and elsewhere about why security guards,

trailers and other deliveries had begun appearing on the property.

"We've heard everything," Corah said.

But the purpose is far less sinister than many of those rumors would suggest, with the property now playing a small role in Oregon's recovery from the most devastating fire season on record.

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vehicle.

"Ruozi was not going to surrender," Wesenberg said. "He said he was not going back to prison and there was going to be a shootout resulting in his death."

For hours, sheriff's deputies negotiated with Ruozi, trying to get him to voluntarily leave the car.

"At times, Ruozi would seem calm and he would laugh with officers as they attempted to build rapport," Wesenberg said. "However, such moments were short-lived, and Ruozi would cycle

back to being angry and upset and directing officers to shoot him."

During the standoff, he confirmed he murdered the man in Springfield. He claimed he had split personalities and one of his personalities committed the killing. "Ruozi knew details of the murder only the killer could have known," Wesenberg said.

At one point, Ruozi requested a quarter pounder from McDonald's and officers got him a Big Mac, fries and a pie. At another time, he requested cigarettes, and officers got him cigarettes.

"They wanted to take Ruozi safely without any members of the public, any

officers or Mr. Ruozi getting hurt," Wesenberg said. "But they weren't going to allow Ruozi to hurt anybody either."

Several times, Ruozi demanded to speak to his 7-year-old stepdaughter, but Wesenberg said that could not be allowed. He did call his family and ex-wife during the ordeal.

Wesenberg said around four hours into the incident, Ruozi announced he was smoking methamphetamine, after which he stopped talking to negotiators, threw his phone away and began yelling.

Law enforcement then moved to block the car in completely, and in an attempt

to defuse the situation attempted to throw tear gas through the back window.

"Even then, he could put up his hands and yell he surrendered, and Ruozi would simply be in jail right now," Wesenberg said. "Instead, Ruozi looked around for targets. Now, Ruozi actually grabbed the gun with his right hand. He started getting out of the Acura with the gun in his right hand. That's as far as he got."

Wesenberg said four officers fired six shots, killing Ruozi on the spot.

"Make no mistake, Ruozi was a cold-blooded killer," the DA said. "He had spent time watching and calculating positions of each surrounding officer, and when Ruozi raised up the gun he was enraged. His only purpose was to murder yet another person. Ruozi had to be stopped."

Wesenberg said he and the grand jury agreed the officers involved acted properly.

"They did everything in their power to bring this to a peaceful resolution, and it was just not meant to be."

Wesenberg said after the shooting, the Roseburg Police Department led an investigation into the incident. Their findings, and testimony from 12 witnesses were presented to the grand jury.

Sheriff John Hanlin also spoke about the incident, offering condolences to Ruozi's friends and family.

Hanlin said any time a person chooses "suicide by cop," it is devastating not just to the person's family but to the officers, medical personnel and others who respond to the incident.

Hanlin said he believes his deputies acted properly in the situation in an effort to keep each other safe.

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they want to go and call or go online. Essentially they have to go online shopping."

Instead, Seston said Coos County acute care providers, including Bay Area Hospital, Coquille Valley Hospital and Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center, are planning to eliminate that "online shopping" with a single phone number to take vaccine appointment questions and a single registration site to make appointments.

The hospitals, which meet each week to discuss the county's vaccination plans, are currently developing the systems which could be online in the next few weeks, Seston said.

They're hoping to establish a system which can stand up to the high demand for vaccine doses — the system state officials are using to schedule appointments in high-population areas has seen crashes, slowdowns and errors, which Seston said is part of the reason local hospitals have opted to develop their own.

Seston is hopeful the system will improve the vaccination process when the state and county begin receiving more doses and can begin vaccinating more individuals.

And the demand for doses is there — Seston said Bay Area Hospital's 500 vaccine appointments for this week filled up quickly after the county expanded its eligibility guidelines.

Meeting that demand will still be a challenge, though, Seston said. The amount of vaccinations the hospital is able to administer is still dependent on the number of doses it receives, he said.

Just last week, Bay Area Hospital officials were expecting to start receiving up to 1,000 doses per week — but that bump didn't yet materialize.

Data from the Oregon Health Authority show Coos Health & Wellness, which

distributes doses to the hospital, is set to receive only 800 first doses of the vaccine for the week of March 28 (plus around 2,000 doses designated for booster shots).

"I think it's important to understand that expanding the clinic is completely dependent on getting more doses allocated by the state, who in turn rely on the feds, the U.S. government, to send them more doses," Seston said.

Still, Seston said Bay Area Hospital is focused on getting whatever doses it has available out to the community.

"We're very focused here at Bay Area Hospital, when we get doses, we give them to people," Seston said. "That's our mission. We don't want anything sitting in our fridge, waiting for people to show up. We get doses, vaccinate people, so that we're maximizing that move toward herd immunity."

To do that, the hospital's planning to shift its vaccine clinic from Saturday-only events to weekday appointments.

"What you're seeing I think is an evolution. When we started, we started with events. It was like, 'we're not sure how this is going to shake out, we want to get some experience,'" Seston said. "Now we see that it's going to be a longer-term thing, we've got to become more efficient and we've got to provide our patients with more options and more convenience."

Getting county residents vaccinated is going to be essential in getting out of the extreme-risk category of restrictions, Seston said.

"As soon as the community can, based on their age group, get vaccinated," he said Thursday. "Between that date and today, they need to be as safe as they possibly be. That means wear your mask, maintain social distancing. The end is in sight for all this, so let's try and be as good as we can be and get out from this extreme category so we can start opening up again."

Portland man arrested after K-9 tracks him down

A Portland man was arrested after a police chase that only ended when the Coos County Sheriff's Office K-9 officer located the man hiding in brush.

According to a press release from the sheriff's office, 28-year-old Landon D. Rondema was taken into custody following the events Saturday afternoon.

The incident began just before 1 p.m. when an Oregon State Police trooper located a stolen vehicle in Coos Bay near Highway 101 and Golden Avenue. The trooper called in the information but had to circle the block due to one-way traffic, and when he returned the car was gone.

Deputies with the sheriff's office as well as officers from other agencies responded to the scene and began looking for the stolen vehicle. A sher-

iff's deputy on Highway 42 overheard the call and began heading toward Coos Bay in case the vehicle was driving southbound on Highway 101.

The deputy saw the vehicle driving at a high rate of speed near Coos Sumner Lane and immediately attempted a traffic stop. Rather than stop, the driver fled, leading to a pursuit that reached speeds of 110 mph.

Due to the high rate of speed, the deputy used a "slack" technique while following the car. In the "slack" technique, the pursuing deputy backs off about 300 yards to give a suspect opportunity to abandon the vehicle and flee on foot. The goal is to diffuse the pursuit to protect the public.

Ultimately, the technique worked, and the suspect abandoned the vehicle on Highway 101 near Meadowhill Road. He then fled on foot into brush on the west side of the highway.

Deputies and officers from the Bandon Police Department and Oregon State Police set up a perimeter in the area, and called in Odin, A K-9 deputy with the sheriff's office.

Odin tracked the suspect about 450 yards before locating him in thick brush and gore. The sheriff's office said it was Odin's 103rd successful track. Landon was then taken into custody without further problems.

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No one hurt when chip truck slides off highway

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An unloaded chip truck heading north veered off U.S. Highway 101 Wednesday morning just north of the David Dewett Veterans Memorial and the McCullough Bridge.

The accident left the truck right-side-up inches from the tide flat and about 75 feet off the roadway. The truck crossed a lane of oncoming traffic and crashed through heavy brush on the side of the highway before coming to a stop.

Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Transportation crews were on scene after the accident. By 9 a.m., a towing crew was on scene inspecting the mangled front end of the truck in the marsh.

An OSP spokesperson said there were no serious injuries as a result of the accident and the cause is under investigation. A road closure could be required to move the truck and ODOT officials say drivers should be careful in the area as crews work on the shoulder.



An unloaded chip truck heading north veered off U.S. Highway 101 Wednesday morning, leaving the vehicle's mangled front end inches from the tide flat. No one was injured in the accident. Photo by Zack Demars

Tenant COVID Protection Bill crosses first hurdle in Senate

The COVID Tenant Protection bill passed the Senate Housing and Development Committee Tuesday by a bipartisan vote after a workgroup led by Sen. Kayse Jama reached agreement on the policy.

SB 282 will provide protections for renters facing COVID-era financial challenges after the eviction moratorium ends June 30, and give renters certainty that they will have more time to

make up any back rent owed.

"Dozens of tenants like me testified in favor of this bill and the senators listened. Now we need the full Senate to pass the bill without delay," says Erin Meechan of Gresham.

She is among the 11-15% of renters who are behind on their rent, owing her landlord about \$2,500.

She has filed a hardship declaration form and is waiting to hear if the landlord

compensation fund will come through.

Oregon renters desperately need them to step up now and extend the grace period for repayment while the state and federal housing assistance gets distributed."

After the eviction moratorium ends on June 30, SB 282 would:

- Extend the repayment grace period for back-due rent to February 28, 2022 and continue temporarily an

extended non-payment termination notice.

While renters must make timely payment of current rent after July 1, this will give renters extra time to access rent assistance funds or earn income to get caught up on back-due rent from the moratorium period.

- Protect tenants' ability to rent in the future.
- Prohibit potential landlords from screening out applicants based on COVID-era

evictions and allow sealing of evictions during COVID from a tenant's record.

o Prohibit credit history reports on any late payments during the moratorium and prohibit landlords from screening out tenants based on nonpayment during the eviction moratorium and grace period.

- Protect the right to share resources in a crisis. Prohibit eviction for doubling-up/occupancy limits imposed by

landlords that are narrower than current law, during the COVID period when people have had to share housing due to the pandemic and wildfires.

• Protect against landlord retaliation. Extend HB 4401's increased damages provision for retaliation violations during the COVID era.

The bill is now scheduled to go to a full vote of the Senate.

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city of Reedsport. Together, Lehman said the region shares a lot of similar needs.

"The coast has some unique properties," Lehman said.

Regionally the economy — and, by extension, the housing market — has struggled to recover from economic declines in the 1980s and the late 2000s.

More often than in other areas, Lehman said people across the region can only afford to grow old in their homes, meaning they keep living in the homes they raised their families in as they age instead of moving to a smaller place. That means their homes stay off the market for other families, and the aging owners have more difficulties taking keeping their homes in good condition.

"We've also lost a lot of our housing construction folks," Lehman said, adding that coastal terrain and climate can make building more challenging, too.

Lehman, a former state representative who retired from ORCCA last year after leading the organization out

of years of controversy, said his time with the nonprofit gave him experience with both sides of the region's housing crisis.

On one hand, his organization worked to help people who couldn't afford housing.

On the other hand, he'd often have qualified candidates for jobs at the nonprofit turn down offers because they couldn't find affordable housing in the area.

"It cuts to the very core of the community," Lehman said. "We can't grow as a community when we can't bring in folks to the community."

In some ways, the problem is a double-edged sword: It can be hard to expand housing without economic development, but it can be hard to see economic development without adequate housing.

"It stymies both ends of the equation," Lehman said.

A concerted effort to address the region's shortage will speed up the process, Lehman and other local leaders hope.

Lehman's been a part of the regional housing conversation for years, making it a topic he was excited to come out of retirement for.

"Part of it feels like I'm completing something,"

Lehman said. "It felt like something I was completing, rather than something I'm starting over on."

He's looking to Tillamook County as a possible example of how the process could work: There, in 2019, county leaders set up a housing commission to examine that region's housing crisis.

Since then, the Tillamook County group has met monthly, bringing nonprofit, government and business leaders together to collaborate on the topic, and has developed a lengthy to-do list of policy, outreach and financing projects.

Lehman said the South Coast commission won't be actively building housing or directly financing projects, but will be advising local leaders on what policy steps they could take to attract housing developers.

"You try to streamline some of the building processes to make it easier for developers to come in and build," Lehman said. "We have to make it attractive for contractors and developers to make it work."

The effort's in its earliest stages, but Lehman said some of those strategies could include incorporated cities promoting high-

er-density neighborhoods or promoting the construction of tiny homes on single-family lots.

"There's no magic pill. It's probably a variety of responses," Lehman said.

His role with the commission will be limited: He's planning to stick around only through the end of the year, which he hopes will be long enough to get the team up

and running.

He's got a goal to host a regional housing summit in the fall to bring housing leaders together to identify the region's needs and discuss possible responses, he said.

"An opportunity for people to sit down and talk about opportunities and solutions. That gets everybody in the same room," Lehman said.

Any details about how that

event — and most details about how the commission will operate — are still up in the air, as Lehman began leading the effort just recently.

But he's hopeful that promoting the conversation will move the region forward in dealing with the crisis.

"It's stunning to me that that's a problem we have locally," Lehman said.

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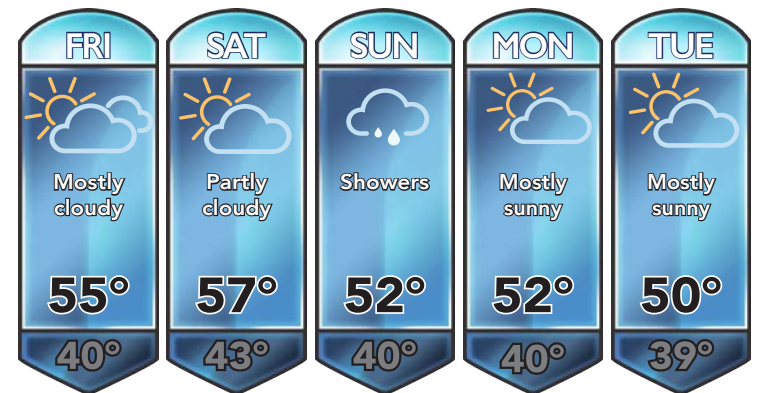
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Will there be summer travel and vaccine booster shots?

Oregon State University panel discusses post-COVID future

By ZACK DEMARS
The World

As vaccines spread across the globe, and cities around the country thaw from under virus restrictions, one topic has been top of mind: What does a post-pandemic future look like?

A panel of experts from Oregon State University took up pieces of that question Tuesday in a forum addressing questions about the next steps for getting the population vaccinated, what it might take to travel internationally this summer and what lessons we can all take away from the COVID-19 crisis.

Summer fun?

International travel might be a possibility this summer — but it'll be important for travelers to be vaccinated and aware of their surroundings, according to Chunhui Chi, the director of OSU's Center for Global Health.

"Even before vaccination, there's a component of travel that's safe, and there's a component of travel is not so safe," Chi said Tuesday.

According to Chi, airplane flights are actually safer than some might expect: With planes constantly filtering the air, that regular scrubbing can make them cleaner than other indoor spaces.

But areas outside the plane can be more challenging: Security check areas and other common spaces in airports can promote higher risks if they're not adequately spaced apart or cleaned regularly, Chi said.

And since each country has had a different virus response, every corner of the globe faces a slightly differ-

ent state of the virus.

Chi said some regions are still experiencing significant virus spread and mutation, while others are living life close to normal after strong lockdowns all but kept out the virus.

"I would suggest, look at the destination," Chi advises travelers. "You want to see the country you're traveling to be relatively safe, and there's no new variants"

An annual vaccine?

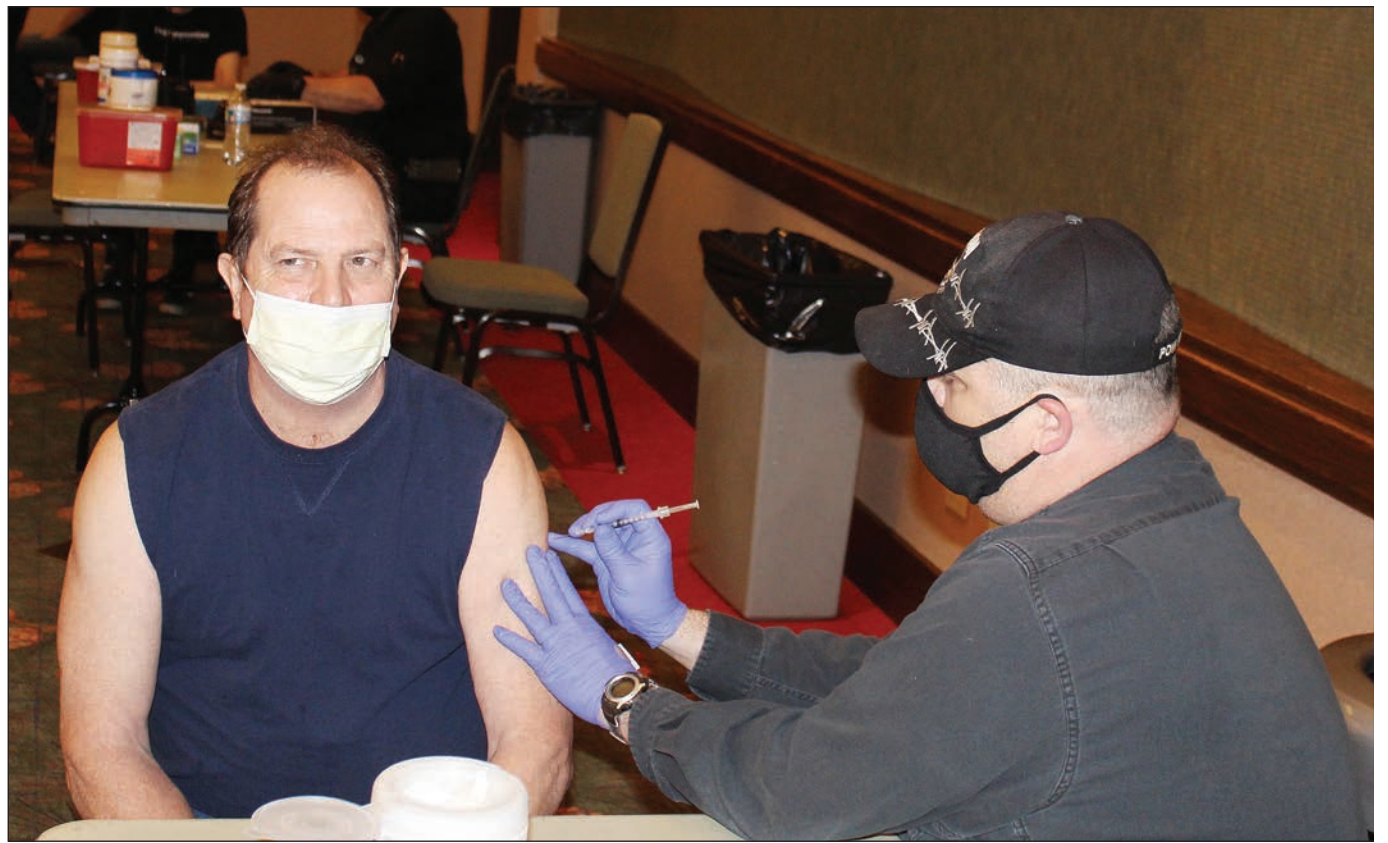
The first round of COVID-19 shots might not be the last, according to Gaurav Sahay, an associate professor of pharmacy who's an expert in vaccine development.

Since the virus won't be going away even when many more people are vaccinated, continued mutations could reduce the effectiveness of already existing vaccines, Sahay said. That could make it necessary to get a new shot every year, just like for the flu.

"There is an assumption that perhaps this might be an annual event, because the virus will still be around," Sahay said. "But having said that, new technologies are being built and the hope is that this would really go down. So they are working on basically doing a booster shot."

And according to Brett Tyler, who directs the university's project to sequence and catalogue variants of the virus in Oregon, making sure populations across the globe are vaccinated could help reduce variants in the future.

That's because the more the virus spreads, the more it mutates — meaning there's a higher likelihood it'll mutate



Montgomery Allen, left, receives a Moderna vaccine during a clinic. Experts at Oregon State University said getting the vaccine is the key to returning to normal.

By David Rupkalvis/The World

in a way that makes it less susceptible to the vaccine.

"It's going to be very important to help countries all around the world control the virus," Tyler said.

"If we vaccinate all Americans but the virus is running unchecked elsewhere in the world, that creates the possibility of more and more variants appearing and returning back onto our shores, and this is one of the challenges that China is facing right now."

Public health failures?

Tuesday's experts agreed: The response to COVID-19 has exposed plenty of cracks in public health systems across the country and state that can be improved before future crises.

"It's also laid bare the systemic inequities in our healthcare system — the

lack of access particularly for persons with disabilities, the lack of access for vulnerable and minority communities and special populations," said Courtney Campbell, who's researching the prioritization of vaccine distribution.

Since some groups already have more difficulties getting access to health care — like those with lower incomes, those who aren't as mobile or those without internet — the stress the pandemic has put on the system has made it even harder.

Campbell points to vaccine distribution as an example, and how the state's Latino population has made up a larger share of Oregon's virus cases but a smaller share of its vaccinations.

The distribution's also shown how struggles in pub-

lic health staffing can stymie vaccination efforts, said Joseph Agor, who studies vaccine supply chains.

"I can have millions or trillions of pounds of supplies, but if I don't have the people to distribute it, then really it's just going to create longer lines, waits and inefficiencies that really weren't planned to be there to begin with," Agor said.

And the hesitancy among some groups to get vaccinated has shown the impact systemic healthcare challenges, according to Daniel López-Cevallos, an associate professor of ethnic studies.

"It takes a consistent, thoughtful, conscious effort to reach out to those communities, so if those systems haven't been there in the past, it makes it that much harder," López-Cevallos said.

Or reasons to cheer?

But an analysis of the public health response to the virus shouldn't be all doom and gloom, according to Marion Ceraso, an associate professor who studies public health communication.

The fact that experts have gotten effective vaccines onto the market in less than a year is something to celebrate, Ceraso said — and something that celebrating might actually encourage more people to get vaccinated.

"I think as that community experience grows, the resistance to accepting the vaccine will get lower," Ceraso said. "These vaccines are an incredible, amazing public health success story, and I think we need to share that information with the public to really fully inform them of this picture."

Wyden urges FCC to make rural broadband a priority

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden urged the Federal Communications Commission to close the digital divide by making rural broadband a priority in 2021 that expands internet access to all communities in Oregon and nationwide.

"As Congress looks ahead to an infrastructure package that will help communities recover from the COVID-19 crisis, in line with President Biden's Build Back Better agenda, we have a unique

opportunity to close this country's digital divide and jumpstart future job and wage growth across the country," Wyden wrote in his letter to Acting FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel. "I believe it is time for our country to state unequivocally that it is an American priority to make broadband in 2021 what electricity became eighty years ago: an essential service on which every household could count,

in every nook and cranny of rural America.

"During the heart of the Great Depression, this country built out energy infrastructure to light up rural America and ensure that every community benefited from modern technology," wrote Wyden, chair of the Senate Finance Committee. "Now, almost a century later, the internet is that modern technology necessary to drive economic growth, promote

education and health care, and improve Americans' daily lives in all communities across the country."

Wyden, who is holding 10 online town halls throughout Oregon through April 8, wrote how he has seen and heard firsthand from Oregonians statewide how high-quality, reliable broadband can lift towns up but also witnessed how rural and lower-income communities risk being left behind

without first-class broadband infrastructure.

"If there were any debate about the fundamental role that broadband plays in today's digital world, the COVID-19 public health and economic crisis made the answer abundantly clear: fast, reliable broadband is now as essential as electricity, and the federal government must make sure everyone can access it," he wrote Rosenworcel.

Wyden

praised Rosenworcel for taking important steps already, such as addressing the broken

broadband mapping system and implementing the Emergency Broadband Benefit program. And he also noted that Congress has appropriated more than \$20 billion for initiatives to promote broadband adoption and deployment during the pandemic and beyond.

"However, the federal government cannot stop there. In 2017, the FCC estimated it would cost \$80 billion to expand broadband access to every household, and the price tag has likely risen since then," Wyden wrote. "I believe now is exactly the right time to state clearly and publicly that this is a national priority."

"Congress and the administration are already working on a major infrastructure package," he wrote. "As chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, which has a lead role in infrastructure financing, I am committed to working with you and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure that investments in broadband are at the center of any comprehensive infrastructure bill. This commitment must and will remain unshakable until every American can count on high-speed, reliable broadband service. Only in this way can the United States continue to lead on the global stage in today's digital world."



Sen. Ron Wyden

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EPA ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN SUPERFUND CLEANUP PLAN FOR DEL NORTE COUNTY PESTICIDE STORAGE AREA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) report for the Del Norte County Pesticide Storage Area Superfund site. The site is located at 2650 Washington Boulevard in Crescent City, Del Norte County, California. Federal law requires an ESD to be done when significant—but not fundamental—changes are made to an approved Superfund remedy.

- This ESD includes removing a waiver to allow for cleaning up the chemical 1,2-dichloropropane (1,2-DCP). 1,2-DCP is the only remaining chemical for EPA to clean up at the site and is found in the groundwater. Because the amount of 1,2-DCP has gone down significantly through natural breakdown, it is now possible to clean up the groundwater to drinking water standards.
- This ESD also sets a cleanup goal of 5 µg/L for 1,2-DCP, which is EPA's drinking water standard.

There are no other changes to the remedy.

Learn More
For more information, visit the site's webpage at: www.epa.gov/superfund/delnortepesticide

The site's Administrative Record—a set of key documents about the ESD and site cleanup—and other important cleanup documents can be found on the above EPA website or at:

Region 9 Superfund Records Center
75 Hawthorne Street, Room 3110
San Francisco, CA 94105
Please call (415) 947-8717 for assistance (Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5pm)

EPA also maintains a free local information repository—which contains paper copies of important site documents—at the Del Norte County Library for the community to use. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Del Norte County Library's reference desk material is not available. You may call the Superfund Record Center to obtain copies of documents.

For more information or to obtain a hard copy of the ESD for review, please contact Cynthia Ruelas, EPA Remedial Project Manager, at (415) 972-3329 or ruelas.cynthia@epa.gov, or David Yogi, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (415) 972-3350 or yogi.david@epa.gov.

Background
Starting in 1970, the site was used to store pesticide containers from Del Norte County. In Fall 1981, the State of California's North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the California Department of Health Services discovered the soil and groundwater under and near the site were polluted. This was likely caused by rinsing of pesticide containers on-site and dumping of the waste. EPA added the site to its Superfund cleanup program in 1985. Since then, EPA has worked at the site to clean up polluted groundwater and remove polluted soil, among other activities.

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Guest Opinion

Dying for powder

By MOLLY ABSOLON

Sometimes you hear a crack or a roar. More often the first sign is snow shifting around your feet. The snow starts in a slab and then breaks into blocks that knock you off your skis, careening down in a slide moving as fast as 60-80 mph. If you're lucky, you live through it, plastered with snow; if not, you're entombed, hurtled over a cliff, killed.

There have been 36 avalanche fatalities in the United States this winter, a streak of avalanche deaths not seen since 1918.

The accidents all occurred at a time when forecasters had rated the avalanche danger considerable or high. Both ratings mean avalanches are likely and travel in avalanche terrain is not recommended, and yet people, including me, chose to venture out despite the warnings. The question is, why?

Research shows that people push the limits of safety in pursuit of a reward, usually in the form of a flush of dopamine. Dopamine is a neurotransmitter that is released when your brain is expecting pleasure. All of us seek it out in some form. For winter recreationists like me, powder skiing — which at its best feels like flying — is the ultimate dopamine high.

"Dopamine is how we use positive reinforcement to train dogs," writes Jake Hutchinson, in the April 2021 issue of *The Avalanche Review*. Hutchinson is an avalanche educator based in Utah. "In the same way, it unwittingly trains us. Each ski run we take that doesn't have consequences subconsciously reinforces our behavior."

Snow is often described as a "wicked" learning environment, a term first used by psychologist Robin Hogarth in 2015. He says a learning environment is like a game of chess, where rules are rigid, the board and pieces visible and feedback immediate. "Kind" learning environments allow people to learn from their mistakes. But in wicked environments, feedback is delayed or nonexistent; people never learn.

Backcountry skiing is thus a classic wicked environment. Every time you successfully ski a slope without it avalanching, the lesson you take away is "OK, you made a good decision."

This winter, many skiers became cautious because of the dangerous snowpack and were able to safely recreate even when avalanches were

a concern. Others pushed the envelope, and while most got away with it, 36 people went from the euphoria of a powder run to the terror of being caught in an avalanche.

"We so well understand the rewards of powder skiing, but we as humans fail to grasp the consequences," says Drew Hardesty, a forecaster for the Utah Avalanche Center. "The subconscious mind does not know death... and on a visceral plane, it remains this esoteric concept... But who among us has experienced the absolute joy and ecstasy of a powder run? Yes, that would be all of us."

Avalanche educators believe that their efforts over the past 10 to 15 years have had a positive effect in reducing avalanche accidents. Even as numbers of backcountry winter recreationists have risen, avalanche fatalities have been flat or even decreased in recent years. Per capita, the likelihood of dying while skiing in the backcountry still remains rare. Yet deaths by avalanche always make headlines, leaving non-skiers to question what can seem like reckless behavior.

"I don't know anyone who's stood at the top of a slope and thought, 'Well, this could kill me, but it's going to be epic powder skiing!'" says Jenna Malone, an avalanche educator and physician's assistant in Salt Lake City. "All of us who ski tour have loved ones, families, people who care about us. No powder turn is worth the pain we would cause them by dying in an avalanche, and on a deep level we all know that. We go anyway. We believe that with training, a solid ski partner who calls us on our blind spots, planning and good decision-making, we can make it safer."

All of us rationalize our choices. It can be easy to call someone's decisions foolhardy or risky, especially when we don't understand what they are doing. We backcountry recreationists are aware of the potential danger of our sport, but like anyone who puts on a seatbelt when they get in a car, we take steps to minimize our exposure. Unfortunately, some mistakes will always be tragic.

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Guest Opinion

An isolated area in Colorado gets the vaccine job done

By DAVE MARSTON

Southwestern Colorado is used to spending winters partially isolated from the rest of Colorado, thanks to treacherous mountain passes that hem communities in when bad weather strikes.

That may explain the spirit of can-do volunteerism that drove the county's early COVID-19 vaccine efforts. Nurse practitioner Karen Zink took on the push for organizing with a Dec. 30 call to San Juan Basin Public Health director Liane Jollon, who gave Zink permission to start planning.

"We were out of the gate in 18 days, with first vaccinations January 18," says Zink. Their base was the La Plata County Fairgrounds, which Zink credits with being a trusted place, not clinical or political.

Basin Health, which oversees Archuleta and La Plata counties, has since taken over, but Zink's team pushed the region into the lead statewide, at one point vaccinating 254 people an hour. Now the proof is in the numbers: 70 percent of seniors over 70 are vaccinated in La Plata County alone.

Why was the county so successful? One answer can be found in the Latinx community. La Plata County is smothered by federal immigration employees, with more working in the Four Corners area than in any other region in the state.

"That consistent threat forced us to organize," says Enrique Orozco, lead community advocate for Compañeros Immigrant Resource Center, a nonprofit based in Durango. "When the chance for mass vaccination came, we had the beginnings of a network to get the word out if vaccines became available."

But challenges were everywhere:

Few people had access to computers, many had a deep-seated fear of any governmental authority and the population was widely dispersed.

But Orozco had a superb organizer in Beatriz Garcia, program manager at Compañeros who distributes food on Fridays from Compañeros' office. Orozco says the network she grew to distribute food was perfect for developing a get-the-vaccine chain.

Orozco credits early vaccine recipients for helping to counter COVID vaccination fears. They went out in the community, explaining that the side effects were mild and ensuring that "Latinx vaccine sites (run by Basin Health) had no police presence and brown Spanish-speaking people were on site for comfort," says Orozco.

The last 12 months have been painful and sometimes desperate for the people in his community, says Orozco. There were no three rounds of stimulus checks or extended unemployment help: "If you're undocumented, and you don't work, you don't eat."

Zink, whose family has ranches in the area for several generations and who is founder and co-owner of Southwest Women's Health Associates, was key to the two counties' success.

Her fast start was spurred by a Durango Herald article, which ultimately led to 400 volunteers signing up, all of whom had to be certified as health workers via the nationwide Medical Reserve Corps.

"I think people were tired of being cooped up," Zink says.

The big volunteer base meant Zink's team fielded 15 separate vaccination teams, each with intake personnel, post-shot caregivers and even traffic directors. Combined with other vaccination teams, this gave Executive Director Liane

Jollon confidence to tell Gov. Jared Polis that the Durango community could take every shot he could spare when 40,000 doses landed in Denver.

The two small counties, including the indigenous community of the Southern Ute Nation, were ready when 4,000 of those doses — 10% of the state's total — arrived. The Anglo community helped by calling at-risk residents. A crucial link between Zink and the Latinx community was Anne Markward, who handled technology for the effort with her husband Doug. She had a Zoom meeting with Orozco about getting his list of recipients together. At the time, state guidelines mandated only elderly and folks with impaired health, but once they were vaccinated, the excess went to the Latinx community and other service workers.

With everyone working together, every dose found an arm.

La Plata and Archuleta counties now brag they have one of the highest rates of COVID-19 vaccination in the state, and this is crucial for an economy that depends on tourism for one-third of its economic activity. No one should forget, says vaccine volunteer Jessica Wheeler, that "our economy could not survive without the Latinx community. Whether it's skilled labor, housekeeping, maintenance or kitchen staff, they support us all."

Orozco has another group to thank. He credits public health officials for making sure people get protected: "They don't ask for your age or your job and are doing it on trust."

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The inside story of the homeless campground

I would like to clear up what I feel are misconceptions expressed in *The World* newspaper article of Tuesday, March 9, about the "Homeless Campground at Methodist Church."

It was an area where those who could not afford or find other housing could stay at and would be semi-safe. Each resident was interviewed by the minister — they were asked what their plan was to transition out of the camp. Rules were outlined and it was emphasized that if rules were broken, they would meet with the minister or the police or both, and, if necessary, they would have to leave — not to return.

In order to help them with their transition, arrangements were made to have representatives of multiple agencies come to the church so residents without transportation could meet with them. Sanitation, hand washing facilities and garbage services were provided. Each morning (seven days a week), the minister would check on each resident and check their temperature and, if necessary, arrangements would be made to transport them to the emergency room.

Each morning, volunteers would be present to make coffee and hot cereal. Security was provided by the residents, the minister and Coos Bay Police Department. The

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minister became a councilor as well as problem solver at time. All of this was supported by generous donations from the community and the work of volunteers. Successful transfer of housing a jobs did happen.

This activity was possible only with the dedication and many hours put in by Pastor Don Ford, to whom the area owes a deep sense of gratitude. I am glad to see that the plan put forward by The Deveraux Center and the city of Coos Bay are an extension of the plan Pastor Ford had initiated at the "Homeless Campground at the Methodist Church."

Wayne Murray
North Bend

Care for our seniors

Have you checked on your oldest loved ones recently? A few days ago, I was shopping in Walmart, and I noticed a little tiny old lady trying to push a heavy shopping cart that she could barely get down the aisle. So, I asked if I could help her get it to a checkout line and she obliged me. So, as we stood there talking and I unloaded her cart for her, she told me her name and that she was 91 years old, and admitted that this cart was too heavy and this is just too much to do for her now that she's so frail. I asked where her grandchildren were and she said they were busy.

And I get that, I was busy sometimes when I should have taken the time to check to see if my grandma was doing OK. Or checked if she needed somebody to come do the shopping with her. Old people in our society are forgotten, they're looked over a lot. We need to remember that they are precious and should be treated as such.

It broke my heart in two thinking if this was one of my grandmothers trying with all her might and dignity to push a full grocery cart not asking for help, but what if somebody didn't ask my lovely new friend if she needed help? What then?

I'm ashamed and embarrassed about how many people just watched her struggle. I made a new friend that day, I gave her my phone number and told her to call me whenever she needed somebody to help her shop. I sat there and listened to her in line tell her stories. What a beautiful soul. I was lucky to have met her.

I'm telling you, nobody's ever too busy to just take five minutes help somebody.

We need it more than ever in this world right now. I still have hope for humanity. One day soon enough I'll be 91, and I sure hope that somebody would offer to help me. Do something good for someone today.

Christy Ashcraft
Coos Bay

OBITUARIES

Leroy Walton Gray

May 22, 1946 – March 22, 2021



Leroy Walton Gray was born May 22, 1946 in San Fernando, California to Marjorie (Maxwell) and Walton Gray. He was raised on the Montgomery Ranch in Simi Valley in California. After finishing high

school he served four years in the Navy. Upon return he lived in Stockton and Tracy, California. This is where he developed his love for god and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. In 1975 he moved to Coquille and married his loving wife, Judy. They were blessed with one child in 1987 named Hazel. Leroy worked for ODOT for over 23 years then retired.

To say that Leroy will be missed is an understatement. Leroy was a kind and loving husband, father, brother, and friend. His laugh was contagious and he always wore his beautiful smile. He genuinely cared for all his friends and family. He always put others first, he was humble, loyal, sweet, and kind. He

never knew a stranger. Leroy loved all people and treated them as equals.

Leroy was preceded in death by his father, Walton; his mother Marjorie; and his brother, Arthur. He is survived by his wife, Judy; his daughter, Hazel; and his two sisters, Sandra Powers (Bob) and Joanie Faux (Bob). As well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial will be held at a later date over Zoom.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service – Coquille Chapel, 541-396-3846

Merkley, Wyden announce funding for crucial conservation projects

Oregon's U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden recently announced that more than \$5 million in federal funding is being distributed among conservation projects in the Siuslaw, Ochoco and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

The funding is being allocated by the U.S. Forest Service's portion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and was made possible by the Great American Outdoors Act — legislation introduced and championed by Merkley and Wyden.

"Oregon's forests and waters are among our most precious treasures, and we have a responsibility to make sure we're protecting and maintaining them," said Merkley, who serves as the chair of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that funds the Forest Service and allocates LWCF projects funded by the Great American Outdoors Act. "When we're responsi-

ble stewards of our lands and waters, we all benefit—from hikers, anglers, and hunters to local business owners, workers, and community members. I'm grateful that we were able to secure this federal support, and thank all of the Oregonians who are on the ground, day in and day out, completing the work that will help conserve Oregon's special places for generations to come."

"These federal resources for the Siuslaw, Ochoco, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests ensure these key pieces of our state's world-renowned natural riches will be protected and kept up for all Oregonians and all Americans who come to visit these gems," Wyden said. "This is great news for everybody who enjoys getting outdoors and the local recreation businesses that create jobs throughout Oregon. And it's exactly the kind of investment I expected the Great

American Outdoors Act to generate when I worked with colleagues to pass that legislation."

\$3,298,263 of the funding is headed to the Wasson Forest within the Siuslaw National Forest, to support the completion of a three-phase land acquisition near Reedsport, in partnership with EcoTrust.

\$1,100,000 of the funding is being allocated to Elk Creek conservation efforts in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. In partnership with the Western Rivers Conservancy, the project will improve recreation access and camping opportunities.

\$975,000 of the funding is being distributed to conservation efforts along the Crooked River Gorge in the Ochoco National Forest. The project, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, will improve recreation and river access for hiking, hunting and paddling.

SERVICE NOTICES

A graveside service for **Donald E. Dausel**, 64, of Coos Bay who died March 25, 2021 in Coos Bay will

be held Friday, April 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Ocean View Memory Gardens 1525 Ocean Blvd. under the di-

rection of Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

DEATH NOTICES

George Stuart Nixon III, 71, of Coos Bay, passed away March 25, 2021 in Springfield. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131 www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Charles L. Evans, 100, of Coos Bay, formerly of Coquille, died March 28, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling/Schroeder Funeral Service - Coquille Chapel, 541-396-3846

Charles Cravey, 62, of Coos Bay died March 27, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel 685 Anderson Ave. 541-267-3131. www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Wanda Sue Craig, 66, of North Bend, passed away on March 28, 2021 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440, www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Myrtle Ivy Wilmot, 103, of North Bend, passed away on March 28, 2021 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440, www.coosbayareafunerals.com

Ross Payton, 81, of Coos Bay, passed away March 26, 2021 in Portland, Oregon. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

George D. Martin, 65, of Coquille, passed away March 24, 2021 in Coos Bay. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

Ilse J. Von Roon, 80, of Bandon, passed away March 27, 2021 in Bandon. Cremation Rites under the direction

of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

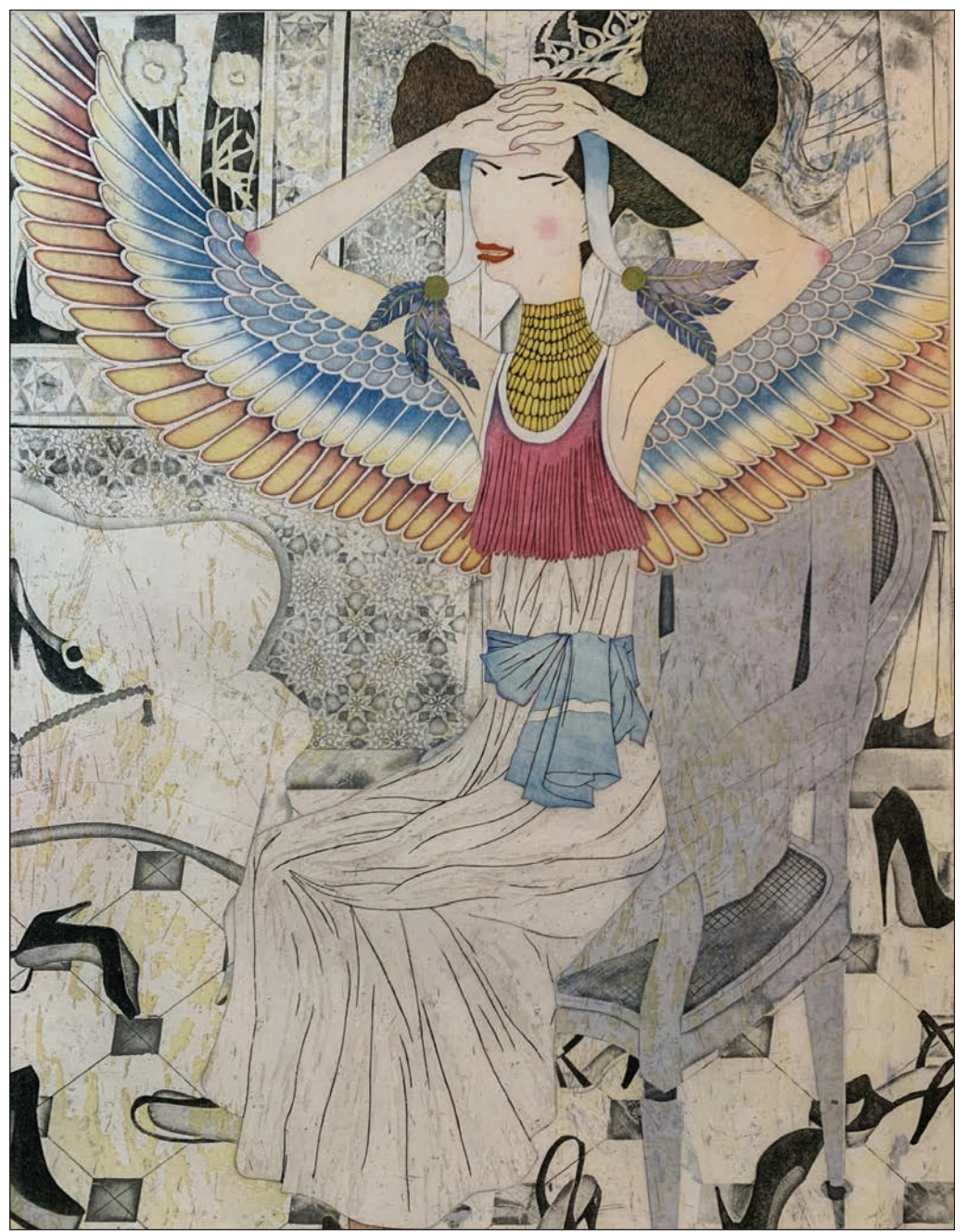
Joseph D. "Joe" Tripp, Jr., 66, of Coos Bay, passed away March 28, 2021 in North Bend. Cremation Rites under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary, 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay, Oregon 541/267-4216

James E. Haworth, 42, of North Bend, passed away on March 28, 2021 in North Bend. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend

Chapel, 541-756-0440, www.coosbayareafunerals.com.

Edith Wilkerson, 85, of Reedsport, passed away on March 29, 2021 in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440, www.coosbayareafunerals.com.

James R. Perkins, 92, of North Bend, passed away March 30, in Coos Bay. Arrangements under the direction of Nelson's Bay Area Mortuary 405 Elrod Ave., Coos Bay 541 267-4216.



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Beginning April 16, the Coos Art Museum will host a solo exhibition of Oregon artist Yuji Hiratsuka. Among the work exhibited will be Featherlie.

Yuji Hiratsuka to exhibit work at Coos Art Museum

From April 16 through June 26, Coos Art Museum will be featuring a solo exhibition by Oregon State University professor of art and Corvallis resident Yuji Hiratsuka. The exhibition Contemporary Narratives: Prints and Works on Paper will take place in the museum's second floor Mabel Hansen Gallery. Hiratsuka is the juror of this year's Expressions West western states art competition and his exhibition is timed to coincide with it.

Hiratsuka will be conducting a virtual walk-through tour of Expressions West and his own exhibitions. This walk-through will be available through both YouTube and the museum's Facebook page.

Hiratsuka has taught printmaking and drawing in OSU's College of Liberal Art

since 1992. He is a nationally and internationally known artist and printmaker with 53 solo and 150 multi-artist exhibitions. He was born in Osaka, Japan.

Hiratsuka has a B.S. in art education from Tokyo Gakugei University and degrees in printmaking from New Mexico State University and Indiana University. In January 2020, he was named as OSU distinguished professor, the highest academic honor the university can bestow on a faculty member.

The artist says of his work, "The enigmatic figures I draw are reflections of human conditions such as; wry, satire, whimsy, irony, paradox or the mismatches that happen often in people's daily lives. My figures also employ a state of motion or movement suggesting an

actor/actress who narrates a story in a play".

Of his print-making technique he states "With continuous alterations to a copper plate, I print a sequence of black, yellow, red and blue, passing the same plate through the press for each design and color change. To start with, the first tones to the plate are given with line-etching, drypoint, aquatint, softground, photocopy transfer or roulette. I pull my first color. With these first impressions, I work back into the plate with a scraper, burnisher and emery paper to enhance the lights and accent the motif. I then go on to the second, third and fourth colors. I print on the paper that best suits my work; this is a thin Japanese Kozo paper known as Mulberry paper in the west."

DEAR ABBY By Abigail Van Buren

MOVING BACK HOME COMES WITH QUESTIONS OF PRIVACY

DEAR ABBY: At the age of 30, I recently had to move back with my parents. I am not the tidiest person in the world, but I thrive on the saying, "Dust, not dirt."

I recently went on vacation. I knew my room was a little messier than I'd like, but I also knew I'd return from vacation ready to tackle the pile of laundry and sweep and mop the floor. Lo and behold, when I walked into my room, it was clean and organized! Abby, I felt my privacy had been invaded.

I was embarrassed and ashamed, but also hurt because my parents had trespassed beyond my closed door. I feel betrayed and like my personal privacy was undermined. What should I do? -- INVADED SPACE

DEAR INVADED: I'm glad you asked. I think you should get over it, and fast. I assume you are staying rent-free in your parents' home.

You are no longer a teenager, and nobody trespassed. While you are under their roof, make an extra effort to keep the room you occupy free from dust and a pile of dirty laundry. If you act like a gracious guest instead of a spoiled child, there will be no reason to feel embarrassed or ashamed.

DEAR ABBY: I'm married and the mother of two kids, ages 5 and 7. My husband is a very involved father and partner in our marriage. My complaint is that he's too trusting of other people and doesn't keep an eye on the kids in public places.

An example: He'll take them to the grocery store and let them hang out in the toy department while he's getting groceries. They will be 100 yards away from each other. I have told him several times that I'm not comfortable with this, yet he continues to do it. I'm not sure what to do about it anymore. Have you any suggestions? -- NERVOUS IN NEBRASKA

DEAR NERVOUS: Yes. Because your husband can't be trusted to watch the children when they accompany him shopping, talk to the kids and impress upon them the importance of staying close to their father. However, if this doesn't work, then YOU will have to take over the errands until the children are older.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 60 and was a stay-at-home mom for 20 years. I have an associate degree in the field that I just got a job in. My problem is, at this age, I'm a little slower at learning new things. My supervisor was willing to help me for the first week, but now she seems to have lost patience with me.

I have been here barely two weeks, and she made a comment that made me feel terrible. She was trying to teach me a filing system, and I was having a hard time understanding it. She said in front of the entire office that "around here we have to use our brains." Should I talk to her or just push through? -- A LITTLE SLOWER

DEAR SLOWER: Let it slide this time. However, if her lack of tact continues, talk to her about how her comment made you feel. And in the meantime, learn that filing system.

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Cases declining, but spring break impact still unknown

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COVID-19 rates in Coos County are slowly improving — but local public health officials aren't celebrating quite yet.

The county's two-week case rate and percent positivity are both lower than they have been in several weeks, leaving open the possibility the county could leave the extreme-risk category of virus restrictions in the coming weeks.

"We are optimistic, cautiously optimistic, that we're moving in the right direction, but again as we said before, we just finished spring break, so we need to see how the numbers really shake out for the next few weeks," Gleason said.

According to state figures, the county reported around 253 cases per 100,000 in population and had a test positivity of 7.6% between March 14 and 27. The two reporting periods before that both had case rates above 300 and positivity rates of 10%.

Gleason said the decreases could be because several high-case days are now more than two weeks in the past, putting them out of the state's calculation period.

"It could be a variety of things," Gleason said. "We could have had a day two weeks ago that was really big, where we had a lot of numbers in day, and that is now outside of that two weeks. So it could have something to do with just what the data looked like for

the specific day."

To keep the county's case rate declining, Gleason said the county probably needs average daily case rates in the single digits.

"We'd prefer to stay down below ten," Gleason said. "We'd like to see more of those kind of days and less of the 12, 13."

But the outlook isn't all positive — March was the county's deadliest month of the pandemic, with 10 virus-related deaths reported.

That includes one reported over the weekend. A 65-year-old male tested positive for the virus March 25 and died at Bay Area Hospital March 27, according to information from the Oregon Health Authority and confirmed by CHW.

So far, 29 in the county have died with the virus, according to CHW.

"It's been a shocking month for us and for the teams to look and see how this has gone. But there's nothing that we can put our finger on and say, 'well this was the reason,'" Gleason said. "This month just happens to be kind of a really sad month as far as our numbers go in that category."

What's more, the county hasn't yet felt the impact of spring break gatherings. It wouldn't be the first time the county's reported a decline in case rates, only to see another spike as a result of holidays and events.

"This is our fourth decline in our data numbers," Gleason said. "And every one of them has been matched by a significantly higher increase

on the backend. So we're going to keep our fingers crossed, but we're hoping that things are moving in the right direction."

And while the downward trend is an improvement, the county's numbers are still high — its test positivity rate is still tied for the state's highest, and its case rate is the state's third highest.

That means the county needs to work to continue decreasing its case count — and ideally get to a lower risk level than the high-risk category, which still leaves a lot of restrictions on businesses.

"High should not be our goal. Our goal should be to get down to the low part of moderate and into low, so we can actually go back to whatever we think normal might look like," Gleason said. "High would be great, but low would be pretty awesome if we could find our way down there."

The state will announce new risk categories Tuesday, using data based on the March 21 through April 3 period.

If Coos County reports fewer than 200 cases per 100,000 in population and a test positivity rate below 10%, it'll move out of the extreme-risk category.

Coos Health & Wellness this week also received a lower allocation of first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine than it has in weeks past.

According to Gleason, the agency is hopeful that actually signals an improvement in the state's vaccination effort, as supplies are reallocated from agencies to health facil-

ities that are more accessible.

"We're going more and more to where the health care organizations are going to be requesting allocations from the state as far as doses go," Gleason said.

"That is a good sign that we're moving it in the right direction."

So far, just over 18,000 in the county have been vaccinated, putting the county's per-person vaccination rate at ninth in the state.

Who's eligible for a vaccine?

As of March 31, the group able to get vaccines will again expanded to include frontline workers, those in multigenerational households and those 16 and older with certain underlying health conditions — as well as those over 45 with certain conditions, those in congregate housing, seafood and food processing workers and seniors who were already eligible.

The state has a complex series of definitions for each newly eligible group: Frontline workers include those whose jobs put them close to other people, like grocery and retail workers, food service workers, and many other professions.

Underlying conditions include cancer, COPD, obesity and heart conditions, among others. A complete slate of eligibility guidelines are available on the state's website at covidvaccine.oregon.gov/.

Starting May 1, anyone 16 or older will be eligible for a vaccine in Oregon.

Where are vaccines available?

In Coos County, Coos Health & Wellness is maintaining a vaccine waitlist, which it uses to invite eligible residents to vaccination events put on by the agency and other health partners.

CHW invites people to events in the order they became eligible, meaning health care workers and the oldest individuals are at the top of the list. Sign-ups are available online at cooshealthandwellness.org/.

In Reedsport, the Lower Umpqua Hospital District has established a call center for vaccine pre-registration. Only those who are currently eligible for the vaccine can call 541-271-2175 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and more information is online at www.lowerumpquahospital.org/.

Other locations in Reedsport are also offering vaccines, and the Douglas County Public Health Network is coordinating some mass vaccination events. Instructions on signing up for those events, and information about signing up with other providers, is available online at douglaspublichealth-network.org/index.php/covid-19-vaccination-information/.

Several pharmacies are administering vaccines separately. Each has its own policies, but is bound by the state's guidance, meaning those who are currently eligible for vaccines can sign up for appointments.

Bay Area Hospital is

offering some vaccine doses. Appointments can be made online at <https://www.bayareahospital.org/>.

Coquille Valley Hospital is also offering some vaccine doses, and appointments can be made online at www.cvhospital.org/vaccine/.

In Bandon, Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center is offering appointments, and more details are online at <https://southerncoos.org/>.

Safeway pharmacies at multiple locations are administering doses. Appointments can be made online at www.mhealthappointments.com/covidappt.

Walmart has begun administering vaccines. Appointments can be made online at www.walmart.com/COVID-vaccine.

Bi-Mart pharmacies at some locations are administering vaccines. Appointments can be made online at www.bimart.com/pharmacy/covid-19-vaccine.

Fred Meyer is administering vaccines at some locations. Appointments can be made online at www.fredmeyer.com/tx/covid-eligibility.

North Bend's Broadway Pharmacy has begun taking appointments for a limited supply of doses. A sign-up form is at the top of the pharmacy's website at rxbroadway.com/.

Some Health Mart pharmacies, which have locations in Reedsport and Gold Beach, are administering vaccines.

Appointments can be made online at www.healthmartcovidvaccine.com.

Several arrests made at weekend capitol protests

Several people were arrested during protests at the Oregon state capitol Sunday.

In a press release from the Oregon State Police, troopers said events were held by two separate groups intending to meet at the state capitol grounds. The Oregon State Police along with partner agencies the Salem Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office were actively monitoring the protests.

The first event, billed as the Freedom Rally, appeared on social media streams in February. A second event appeared soon after, named Fascist Free 503, indicating a counter response to the Freedom Rally. Social media posts connected to the group indicated their intention to prevent the Freedom Rally caravan from meeting at the state capitol.

The following individuals were arrested and lodged at the Marion County Correctional Facility on charges related to criminal activity during the event:

- Andrew Alan Foy, age 34: Disorderly conduct in the second degree and criminal trespass in the second degree
- Nathan McFarland, age 33: Disorderly conduct in the second degree
- Anthony Villaneda, age 18: Unlawful pointing of a laser, five counts
- William Lloyd Isham, age 34: Interfering with Police Officer

These are open criminal cases and will continue to be investigated.

Anyone with information related to these incidents or any other criminal acts which took place March 28 are encouraged to contact the Salem Police Department

tips line at 503-588-8477.

The Oregon State Police would also like to clarify misinformation regarding the circumstances around the man who was detained after displaying a firearm.

The person in the photo was the victim of extensive damage to his vehicle. When he stopped to assess the damage, he was assaulted with pepper spray. After being assaulted with pepper spray, the person pulled a handgun from his waistband to defend himself.

He did not point the weapon at anyone and dropped it when ordered to do so by law enforcement. This person has a valid concealed handgun license.

He was detained, interviewed and then released.

Reports will be forwarded to the Marion County District Attorney's Office for review.



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In addition to arresting several people Sunday, police at the state capitol seized weapons and other materials from protestors.

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After almost 50 years, Allen retiring

Long-time nurse at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center reflects on decades caring for patients

BANDON - When Debbie Allen graduated from nursing school in Montana, she wasn't sure where her new career would take her, but she knew it was something she'd wanted to do since she was in seventh grade.

After all, her mother set the example.

"I grew up in a small farming community near Missoula and my mom worked as a nurse at a small hospital there. I got to work with her sometimes," Allen said.

In high school, Allen focused her studies on what she'd need to get into nursing school, including college-level courses. After high school, the rigorous three-year program at a private nursing school had students working from day one while also completing their studies. Of the 75 people in her class, 42 successfully graduated.

Allen received her nursing degree in 1977 when she was 21. With her college roommate, she moved to the southern Oregon coast to work at Bay Area Hospital. She worked there for one year, then at the former Coquille Clinic in Coquille before taking a job in Bandon at Southern Coos Hospital on Sept. 1, 1979.

She has worked "just about every nursing job" over the years, including in the pharmacy, as an employee health nurse, in discharge planning, as a swing bed coordinator, in cataract recovery, as a charge nurse in the Emergency Room, as a floor nurse and as a nurse manager.

Her final assignment at Southern Coos was in the hospital's pharmacy.

Allen started at the hospital in its former location and moved to the new campus when it was built in 1999. She worked under Edie Beckner, director of nursing for the hospital for 17 years. Allen is



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Registered Nurse Debbie Allen is retiring from Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center after 41 years. Here, she holds nursing school graduation photos of herself and her mother, Jeanette Denison, who inspired her to pursue her career. Below, Allen, right, receives flowers and a gift on behalf of the staff from Chief Nursing Officer Cori Valet during a daily staff meeting at the hospital.

among only a few employees left who have served the district in both locations.

Nursing has changed over the years, but the biggest change has been the implementation of computers and, more recently, electronic health record systems, Allen recalled.

"When I was growing up, we didn't have computers," she said. "We took computer classes at Bandon High School to learn how to use them at work."

So many things are now monitored electronically in health care. Allen remembers when nurses had to count the drips on an IV pump to make sure a patient was getting the accurate amount of fluid.

"We all got very good at it, believe me," she said.

Nurses used to work eight-hour shifts. Now, 12-hour shifts are standard.

In the pharmacy, nurses used to have to mix medications under the guidance of a consulting pharmacist. Now, they are mostly purchased pre-mixed from an off-site pharmacy. She always enjoyed working in the pharmacy, learning the different medications and how they interact.

A few years ago, her department implemented a Pyxis machine – an automated medication dispensing system – that helps



clinicians dispense the right medications, for the right patients at the right time.

Allen also spearheaded the SCHHC drive-through flu shot clinics for the past 16 years.

While giving to the community as an RN, Allen also devoted time to her family, including Tony, her husband of 42 years, who worked for many years as a truck driver for Bandon Concrete, and her two children, Michael, 38, and Megan, 33, who were both adopted from Calcutta, India, as infants.

Michael is now a mechanic in Albany and Megan lives in Wilsonville, where she works with adults facing mental health challenges.

In retirement, Allen hopes to travel with Tony, now also retired,

to visit family. She also has many projects at home she'd like to complete, such as organizing boxes of photos and creating scrapbooks.

"I know (retirement) will be bittersweet," she said. "My last day will probably be full of tears and Kleenex. It's going to be nice to be at home and decompress but I'm sure it will take time to get into that retirement mode."

Allen said she will miss the camaraderie of the hospital staff – people who have been there to vent to and cry with. She's enjoyed meeting new people and training new nurses over the years.

But taking care of patients is what she will remember most.

"That's why I got into nursing in the first place," she said.

Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center announces employees of the month

Clinical Employee of the Month

Ardis Rock has been with SCHHC since October 2018 as a CNA II in the Medical/Surgical Department. She has worked for the Southern Coos Health District for 28 years overall, starting at Ocean View Care Center, a former senior care facility owned by the district.



Ardis Rock

Rock was nominated because she always serves her patients with exceptional care, compassion and kindness. She has a soft and gentle voice whenever providing support with her patients. She understands the emotional support that goes with patient care.

Rock also is described as a team player. She gets all her charting/tasks done and when she has extra time, she helps her co-workers, too.

Rock grew up along the South Coast and graduated from Gold Beach High School. She's been in Bandon for 35 years. She received her nursing training at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Rock has two grown children and five grandchildren, who all live in the area. In her free time, she enjoys the outdoors – hunting, fishing and camping, as well as gardening.

Nursing has become a rewarding career for Rock.

"I really do enjoy taking care of folks," she said.

Non-clinical Employee of the Month: Carolyn Randolph

Carolyn Randolph is a billing counselor in the Patient Financial Services department. Randolph has been an employee of SCHHC since 1996.

She was nominated because "she is always very patient and



Carolyn Randolph

calm when speaking with people who have outstanding bills with SCHHC. She understands 'owing money' is not a positive topic, yet she has compassion and takes the time to explain things in order to reach a resolution."

Randolph's professionalism shows in everything she does. It is not uncommon to hear the words, "Carolyn gives great customer service and we appreciate her!"

Randolph is married and her husband is a retired commercial fisherman, who fished out of Port Orford. She lives in Coos Bay up the Coos River and enjoys the quiet surroundings. She has three grown children – one daughter and two sons – and five grandchildren ages 4-10 who she enjoys spending time with.

In her spare time, Randolph also likes to garden and sew, some of which is done for charity.

"I really do like helping people," Randolph said.



Fake \$20 bills in Bandon

The Bandon Police Department is warning the community that fake \$20 bills have been found circulating in the community. A local bank found the fake bills and alerted the police. While the bills look like real money, there is one easy way to be sure. On the top of the fake bills, it is printed "For Motion Picture Use Only."

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AS I SEE IT

By MARY SCHAMEHORN

The first picture I am sharing is the launch of the Telegraph, which drew a large crowd to the dock in February of 1914.

The 103-foot long steam sternwheeler was built at Prosper by Carl Herman.

In his book "Wooden Ships and Master Craftsmen," published in 1978, Ernie Osborne talks about the Telegraph, which he said was probably "the best remembered vessel among old-timers in the Bandon area. She was a powerful vessel and, in 1916, was lengthened to 115 feet. From her launching until the end of her career, she was owned by the Panter family of Bandon.

"She was involved in a bitter rivalry with the Charm, and once as the Charm was going into Jarman's landing to pick up a passenger, the Telegraph put her bow against the stern of the Charm, pushed her out of the landing and picked up the passenger herself. The fare was 15 cents. Obscene language turned the air blue; oil cans were thrown; tie-up lines were cut, and as a final result, the U.S. Steamboat Inspectors were called in and ruled for suspensions."

The Telegraph was finally beached at Paris "Hap" Ward's ranch at Randolph in 1927 along with the Myrtle and later the Dora.

Recently, I shared a picture of the Grace Dollar, which generated so much excitement when it first crossed the bar into Bandon ... and heralded the possibility of even larger vessels carrying lumber out of Bandon. And that is why I chose this picture of the Pacific No. 2 as it crossed the bar in February of 1961 carrying more than four million board feet of lumber. Note how the South Jetty area has changed in the last 60 years.

But it is the Grace Dollar that I want to talk more about, after I found an interesting article in the March 11, 1913, Bandon Recorder, talking about a reception held for the captain and officers of the Grace Dollar at the Commercial Club Hall, with club president E. H. Fish presiding.

G.T. Treadgold, well-known attorney, was called on to deliver an address of welcome.

"In part he said, 'When I saw the S.S. Grace Dollar coming over the bar today I was moved and impressed at the sight of this grand ship entering the harbor of Bandon. I believe it is only a step to the time when we will have a great harbor here, and ships at Bandon take on lumber carrying it through to the ports of the Atlantic without transshipment.

"The fact that the harbor has developed from comparative insignificance to its present stage of importance gives promise of greater things.

"To advance the opinion that a large city will grow upon the present site of Bandon is considered by many here as fanciful as a mere dream. I believe that the ideas of dreamers supported by practical work will make of Bandon a harbor that will be open to ships as much larger than the Grace Dollar as she is larger than the ships which came into this port, fifteen years ago."

Today, of course, our harbor is primarily used by recreational vessels and the days of the large lumber carrier is long gone.

Mr. Treadgold, who also served as city attorney, was murdered three years later (in 1916) when he was gunned down in a mechanic's garage across from the court house in Coquille by a Bandon man, who harbored a grudge. He was only 31 years old but had already distinguished himself as a community leader. His murder is a story for another day.

The third picture I am sharing was taken in August of 1978 as Elmer and Grace Gant celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Elmer was in the clothing business in Bandon before and after the fire of 1936, along with other members of the Gant

The launch of the Telegraph

family. Grace was a member of the pioneer Thorn family and both were active in the community.

The Gants spent that weekend with all five of their children and other relatives camping on the Sixes River. From left are son Tom, Grace and Elmer, daughter Susan Winnop, son Dr. Jim Gant and daughters, Gloria Haga, and Glenda Hawkins who died recently at the age of 86. The article says their grandson, Gary Gant, flew up from Boulder Creek, Calif., to join the Sixes River gang. Tom, Gloria and Gary still live in Bandon today. Jim lives in Cottage Grove and Susan lives in Satsuma, Alabama.

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I am not sure how many people will remember him, but Dan Harper was a well-known chiropractor in Bandon years ago, before lifestyle choices took him in a different direction.

I understand he was found deceased at a property up Two Mile last week. I do not know the particulars, but the woman who told me estimated that he was probably in his 70s.

I also learned Sunday that BHS alumni Chuck Cravey had died in his sleep recently of complications from diabetes. I believe he was in his early '60s. Chuck graduated from BHS in the class of 1976 with Susie Korenko and my youngest sister, Mindy.

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Since October there has been an epidemic of marijuana shops in Portland being robbed, including eight involving a firearm, and most attributed to teenagers. The DA's office said 12 of the 21 suspects charged so far have been teenagers.

Initially most of the thefts were smash-and-grabs, but later morphed into armed robberies, one of which ended in the murder of a shop keeper. To make it more dangerous for marijuana shops, they deal only in cash because on a federal level, it is still considered an illegal drug.

The owner of a cannabis shop in Southwest Portland kept his money stored in two black, refrigerator-sized safes in the backroom of his dispensary, with the code known only to the owner and his manager. One contained \$125,000 in cash, \$25,000 of which the owner was planning to pay to the state in a few weeks' time when his taxes were due. But robbers zip-tied the manager's wrists and ankles, leaving him face-down on the floor after they forced him to tell them the code to the safe. They left the dispensary through the back door (with the money) and peeled out of the parking lot. The ordeal lasted 18 minutes.

Shop owners can also have their bank accounts shut down if they try to run cannabis money through their personal bank accounts.

Some are hoping for the passage of a bill called the Secure and Fair Enforcement Banking Act, which would significantly reduce the number of marijuana robberies and burglaries, because there would be little to no cash on the stores' premises. If



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A large crowd watches at the Telegraph is launched for the first time in 1914. Middle, the Pacific No. 2 crosses the bar with more than 4 million feet of board. Bottom, Elmer and Grace Gant celebrate their 50th anniversary.

passed, the SAFE Banking Act would provide a "safe harbor" that allows banks to offer financial services like loans, credit card processing, and access to capital to the cannabis industry without criminal risk.

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Cities and counties across the country will be receiving COVID 19 relief, although the details as to how the money can be used is sketchy at this time.

Bandon is set to receive \$641,669, although it may be over a two-year period.

Others in the area and the amount they will receive are Myrtle Point \$521,611; Coquille \$802,698; Powers \$138,607; Port Orford \$235,020; Brookings \$1.3 million; North Bend \$1.9 million and Coos Bay, \$3.3 million.

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Having undergone cataract surgery Thursday on my second eye, I can certainly attest to its success as I can see things I did not even know were there ... cobwebs for one; wrinkles for another, but as many have said, the brightness of colors is amazing. I should have done this several years ago, but kept putting it off.

Having to put eye drops in four times a day for a month is a bit of a drag, but it's a small price to pay for having my vision restored. So, if any of my readers are hesitating about having the surgery, don't. There is really nothing to it, and it is definitely painless.

I feel the same way about getting my second COVID vaccine, although I will say I did experience a bit of soreness for a few days, but again the feeling of relief is overwhelming after a year of worrying if I might contract it.

The more people who get vaccinated the sooner we will be able to return to some form of normalcy. I personally can't wait for that to happen ...

The crowds were in town this week for Spring Break and thankfully the weather



was mostly good as people were sitting outdoors every place they could find a seat. Many restaurants had tables lining the sidewalk, and most were full.

It would be wonderful if our restaurants and bars could just open for inside seating, but I am not sure that will happen anytime soon based on our COVID numbers. But hope springs eternal ...

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It's been a week since a

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There has also been no

information put out about an incident which occurred on Highway 101 at Dollar Hill Saturday evening involving numerous police, fire and other emergency responders. All I know is what I saw on Facebook, which indicated that the driver had been traveling 100 miles an hour and officers were trying to stop him with tack strips north of town. One person said they saw what appeared to be a male being detained alongside of the road. I am sure the story will eventually come out ...

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Coast Community Health Center welcomes new nurse practitioner

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She is a licensed family nurse practitioner and studying for her doctorate in nursing practice.

"We are excited to bring Stephanie onto our team of professionals. She has accomplished a lot in her career and brings expertise for all ages," stated Linda Maxon, chief executive officer.

Empson attended Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, where she studied science of nursing, becoming a licensed practical nurse in 2000 and a registered nurse in 2002.

In her early days as a nurse, she worked in a local skilled nursing facility, where she quickly rose to become the director of nursing. Because she started as a caregiver and worked up her nursing department levels, her dedication was recognized in her field by other doctors and health centers. As a physician, this is one of the essential attributes, as it illustrates a commitment to learning and perseverance in challenging tasks.

After working for 12 years in the career as a nurse, she enrolled at Western Governor's University in Utah, completing her studies in science of nursing and earning her bachelor's in 2016.

In addition to her studies, she worked as the dialysis nurse for acute-dialysis patients at the local dialysis unit in Coos Bay.

Empson completed her master of science in nursing in 2020 from Frontier Nursing University and became accredited as a family nurse practitioner through the AANP.

Empson is returning to Coast CHC after completing her clinical rotations for her master's in nursing program there. Working side-by-side with Laura Franklin, FNP, she built relationships with patients and will continue to do so.

One of her previous patients said, "I am thrilled to have Stephanie return to Coast. Stephanie listened to my health needs and asked questions to reveal the root problem causing my pain. She pointed out areas in my life leading to the health problem and referred to lifestyle changes instead of prescriptions. I am now able to control my health with easy, small alterations like 20-minute walks on the beach, daily stretching before bed and an increase in water intake."

Reward of \$1,500 for information on three black-tailed bucks poached near Coos Bay

Poachers shot three black-tailed bucks over the weekend of March 19, likely using a spotlight, and then left them to waste on the North Spit of Coos Bay. There is a \$1,500 reward offered for information that leads to a citation in the case.

All three deer were shot in the head, from relatively close range, according to Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Sergeant Levi Harris. Because the deer were found so close together, Harris believes they were blinded by a spotlight, which gave a shooter time to aim and drop each deer individually. In a normal hunting situation, a single shot at one deer would have startled others into flight. Black-tailed deer hunting season is currently closed.

There were no footprints or tire tracks leading to the site according to US Department of Agriculture employee, Joseph Metzler, who discovered the scene as he began rounds the morning of Monday, March 23. Metzler, a member of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service team, specializes in survival strategies of Oregon Snowy Plover populations among the dunes along the North Spit.

Only off-road or four-wheel drive vehicles can access the roads.

That morning, traveling on his ATV, Metzler noticed crows congregating in the area. As he rounded a bend in the road, he came upon the deer carcasses directly in front of him, on the hillside. Metzler agrees that the deer were likely spotlighted.

"As soon as I came around the corner, there they were, and if it had been dark, they would have been standing right in front of my headlights on the hillside," he said.

Metzler, no stranger to Oregon coast wildlife, has spent his career working with various wildlife agencies. On that day, Metzler saw a side of the occupation dreaded by all wildlife managers.

"This is the worst that I've seen," he said, "All three of these animals would have matured to be nice bucks for people to take next hunting season. Each one would have filled a



Contributed photo

Three blacktail bucks were killed sometime before March 23 near Coos Bay. A reward of \$1,500 is being offered for information that leads to the identity of the person who shot and killed the deer.

freezer."

Reducing the number of poaching incidents across the state is a primary objective of the Oregon Hunters Association, according to Duane Dungannon, who serves on the state board.

"Oregon's deer are facing so many threats from predation, habitat loss, disease and vehicle collision, that last thing we can afford is to have them senselessly slaughtered by poachers," he said.

OHA manages the Turn In Poachers reward fund for report-

ing poachers. The reward for information leading to a citation in this case now stands at \$1,500, or 12 hunter preference points.

Oregon State Police requests that any person with information about this incident contact the TIP line and leave information for Trooper John Cooper. Individuals wishing to remain anonymous may also contact the Oregon State Police through the Turn in Poachers line at; TIP Hotline: 1-800-452-7888 or *OSP (677).

The Stop Poaching Campaign

educates the public on how to recognize and report poaching. This campaign is a collaboration among hunters, conservationists, land owners and recreationists. Our goal is to increase reporting of wildlife crimes through the TIP Line, increase detection by increasing the number of OSP Fish and Wildlife Troopers and increase prosecution. This campaign helps to protect and enhance Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitat for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

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Marshfield gets key soccer win over Lions SWOCC

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COOS BAY — When Marshfield and Cottage Grove met in boys soccer early in the season, the host Lions scored in the final seconds to secure a tie with the Pirates.

Cottage Grove scored again late in their rematch Tuesday at Pete Susick Stadium, but the goal didn't matter because the Pirates had built a 4-0 lead to that point.

The 4-1 victory capped Marshfield's regular-season schedule and was a final statement as Marshfield hopes to earn a spot in the Class 4A soccer playoff structure as the second-place team from the Sky-Em League.

Two runners-up will join the six league champions in the quarterfinals next week and Marshfield hopes its 7-1-1 record, the lone loss coming to Marist Catholic by a 2-1 margin, will be good enough for the selection committee to pick the Pirates.

"It gives us a good argument we should be one of the No. 2s," Marshfield coach Drew Jones said.

The Pirates had been anticipating the rematch with the Lions, and jumped in front almost immediately.

In the fourth minute, Marshfield's Jose Yanez-Torres attacked from the left side, drawing Cottage Grove's goalkeeper out of the box.

He deflected a shot by Yanez-Torres, but the ball went to waiting Roberto Castillo, who easily put it in the back of the net.

"I was just ready there if the ball was deflected," Castillo said.

The Pirates stretched the lead to 2-0 in the 23rd minute when Ismael Rodriguez blasted a shot past the goalie from the right side.

The lead gave the Pirates a big boost, Castillo said. For most of the second



John Gunther, The World

Marshfield coach Drew Jones talks strategy with Jacob Eastwood, left, and Roberto Castillo during the first half Tuesday.

half, the Pirates kept that lead with solid team defense, and in the final few minutes Marshfield added the insurance goals.

First, with just over 4 minutes left on the clock, Castillo scored his second goal when he headed in a corner kick by teammate David Flores.

"It was good timing," Castillo said, adding that Flores made a perfect kick.

"I was there and open, ready for it."

Then in the final two minutes, Rodriguez had another goal when he sprinted up the right side and scored.

Cottage Grove got the late goal, but it did nothing to dampen Marshfield's excitement about the match.

"I think we played really good," Castillo said. "When we played over there, we didn't play real good."

But on Tuesday, Marshfield's passing was on the spot and the Pirates routinely beat the Lions to loose balls and were stellar on defense.

"Everyone was motivated," Rodriguez said. "Everyone was ready to win."

The Pirates kept their intensity all game, he added.

Jones noted that most of the Pirates played the full 80 minutes.

The early goals provided a big boost.

"All year we've been slow starters, today we weren't," Jones said. "We got two

goals before half. That gave us control."

Daniel Garcia made several saves and had a lot of help in front of him.

"Ernesto (Hernandez) did a good job at center back," Jones said, adding that his fellow defenders were solid.

"Defensively, we were really strong. The midfield worked their butts off."

Marshfield won its fourth straight since the loss to Marist Catholic.

"For a young team with a lot of sophomores and juniors, they are coming together at the right time," Jones said.

Now the Pirates just hope they get a chance to show it in the playoffs.

GIRLS

Marshfield 0, Cottage Grove 0: The Pirates and Lions played to a scoreless draw on Tuesday.

It was the fourth shutout of the season for Marshfield, which will finish second in the Sky-Em Standings.

The Pirates were 3-1-1 in Sky-Em play heading into their final league match at home against Marist Catholic on Thursday and also hosted Brookings-Harbor on Wednesday. Results of those matches were not available.

The Pirates shut out Cottage Grove and Junction City in all four of their matches.

"We have a strong young defense," coach Pio Figueroa said.

Marshfield takes two matches from Elmira

THE WORLD

Marshfield's volleyball team swept Elmira on Monday, beating the Falcons 28-26, 25-17, 25-11.

The match was played at Reedsport, Marshfield's home away from home because the Brave can host matches since Douglas County is not in the extreme-risk category for COVID-19. They also were scheduled to play both Siuslaw and Junction City at Reedsport on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively (results were not available).

Raegan Rhodes had 12 kills and 12 assists and Cedar Ward and Paige Macduff each had five kills and six aces for the Pirates in the victory.

Aryanna Mill had six kills and Abby Warrick and Kate Miles three each.

Gracie Peach had 17 assists and four aces.

The Pirates improved to

4-4 in Sky-Em League play.

Reedsport wins two:

Reedsport beat visiting Myrtle Point and Bandon in volleyball matches at Reedsport on Monday. In the third match, Myrtle Point beat Bandon.

The other schools were grateful for the opportunity to play inside, since they can't have matches, or even practice with more than six players at a time, in Coos County.

"Playing in a gym was amazing and hopefully our girls can get better prepared before Friday's matches (also at Reedsport)," said Bandon coach Mariah McMonagle.

Myrtle Point, which had played two matches in Gold Beach's gym and a series outside, edged Bandon two sets to one.

"It was nice to play in a gym again and the girls' hard work finally paid off with a win," said Myrtle

Point coach Tami Brown. "We have had so many close matches this year and to finally finish on top was great for the girls."

The Bobcats weren't able to get into its groove against the Brave.

"Partly because of fatigue and also they have some very good servers and we just weren't able to return a lot of the serves."

Bandon, meanwhile, hadn't yet gotten a chance to play inside, their other matches this winter all coming on outdoor courts.

That didn't play as big a role in their losses as having spring break without practices last week.

"A week off was very evident in how we played as a team," she said. "Lots of unforced errors on our part collectively."

The Tigers also had a few injuries during the day, including to senior leader Kennedy Turner.

"There were not a lot of positives on the day of us, but definitely some areas to work on this week in practice."

Bulldogs on a roll: North Bend beat Reedsport on Wednesday to stay unbeaten in the delayed indoor season. The 25-7, 25-21, 25-11 victory over the Brave along with wins over Douglas and Brookings-Harbor at Douglas late last week improved North Bend's record to 5-0.

"Any time we get a chance to get on the court as a team and play a match, it's a great night," North Bend coach Summer Sawyer said. "I was able to get everyone on the court and try some people out at different positions, so that was exciting."

"We played really solid and for the most part took care of the ball."

Sawyer said the entire front row played well and Olivia Knutson had 14 ser-

vice points. Mya Massey was a strong presence at the net, she added.

Sawyer said the match against Douglas was good because her team played against strong hitters that challenged the Bulldogs' defense.

Briana Hood and Sydney Wilson had four aces each and Knutson and Gould each had three.

"Brookings gave us a run for our money and was a tough matchup at the middle position," Sawyer said. "Olivia did a great job distributing the ball to our hitters, where Hood, Gould and Massey had great games."

The coach praised the efforts of Wilson at libero and also the defense of Katie Tellei and the net play of Emily West.

The Bulldogs traveled to Harrisburg Wednesday night and will be at Creswell on Saturday, where they also will face La Pine.

Pirates move up to No. 2 in Class 4A football rankings

THE WORLD

Marshfield was up to second in the latest rankings of the Class 4A football committee, meaning the Pirates will most likely play for the state title if win in their regular-season finale at Marist Catholic on Saturday.

Mazama, which ended Thurston's long win streak last week, is ranked first with 80 points, followed by Marshfield with 68.

Marist Catholic is third with 65. Gladstone is fourth with 52.

The top two teams in the final ranking will play for the state title at a neutral site.

The third- and fourth-ranked teams will play for third place.

Meanwhile, Class 4A has scheduled its playoff dates for the eight-team playoff structure for volleyball and boys and girls soccer.

The quarterfinals will be held on Tuesday, with the semifinals on Thursday and the championship and third- and fourth-place matches on Saturday, April 10.

In each of those other sports, the league champion, or another representative will be chosen for the playoffs, along with the next two highest-ranked teams. Some top teams might opt out of

the playoffs.

There is a chance Valley Catholic, for example, will not have its league-champion girls soccer and volleyball teams participate.

Class 4A also has a state cross country championships scheduled for Alderbrook Golf Course in Tillamook on Saturday, April 10.

Each league will have a chance to determine its two league team representatives and any individuals.

The Sky-Em League, for example, held its league meet Thursday (results weren't available by press time).

The state's smaller schools also have a state champi-

onships planned, on April 10 at Cheadle Lake Park in Lebanon.

The South Coast teams

competed in their district meet Thursday at Valley of the Rogue State Park in Rogue River.

Local Schedule

Friday, April 2

High School Football — North Bend at Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.; Bandon at Coquille, 7 p.m.; Reedsport at Oakland, 7 p.m.; Yoncalla at Myrtle Point, 7 p.m.; Gold Beach at Camas Valley, 7 p.m.

High School Volleyball — Coquille at Reedsport, 11 a.m.; Coquille vs. Bandon, 1 p.m.; Bandon at Reedsport, 3 p.m.

High School Boys Soccer — Coquille at Glide, 10:30 a.m.

College Baseball — Linn-Benton at SWOCC (2), 1 p.m.

College Volleyball — SWOCC at Lane, 6 p.m.

College Softball — SWOCC at Big Bend (2), 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 3

High School Football — Marshfield at Marist Catholic, 1 p.m.

High School Girls Soccer — North Bend at Thurston, 1 p.m.

High School Boys Soccer — North Bend at Thurston, 3:15 p.m.

High School Volleyball — North Bend vs. La Pine (at Creswell), 2:45 p.m., and at Creswell, 4:30 p.m.; Gold Beach and Bandon at Reedsport, 1 p.m.

College Baseball — SWOCC at Linn-Benton (2), 1 p.m.

College Softball — SWOCC at Big Bend (2), 10 a.m.

Monday, April 5

High School Volleyball — North Bend at Willamette, 7 p.m.

SWOCC swimmers win two dual meets

The Southwestern Oregon Community College swim team competed in a different pool, but still in virtual fashion against two other teams, and had similar results, beating Barton Community College and South Georgia State Community College.

The Lakers performed their portion of the meet in Lebanon, rather than at Mingus Park, where they have been competing in preparation for the upcoming NJCAA championships.

SWOCC's women beat South Georgia State 169-51 and Barton 176-38. The Lakers men topped South Georgia State 167-68 and Barton 136-119.

Women who posted the fastest times in their events included Bethany Foster in the 1000 freestyle (12 minutes, 26.17 seconds), Lucy Brenner in the 100 butterfly (1:11.00), Ximena Lucio Calzada in the 50 freestyle (27.50), Jacqueline Feurtado in the 100 freestyle (54.89) and 50 butterfly (27.81), Libbey Ketchum in the 500 freestyle (6:03.23), and LynDea Turner in the 400 individual medley (5:05.98).

The Lakers also won both relays, with Turner, Meredith Mandall, Feurtado and Lucio Calzada teaming to win the 200 medley relay in 1:59.38 and Foster, Luci Brenner, Lucio Calzada and Feurtado teaming in the 800 freestyle relay in 8:43.00.

Second-place finishers included Gabbi Kincaid in the 1000 freestyle (12:31.31), Luico Calzada in the 200 freestyle (2:11.77) and 50 butterfly (30.81), Turner in the 50 backstroke (30.20) and 100 backstroke (1:03.46), Lizzy Mulanax in the 50 breaststroke (36.46 and 100 breaststroke (1:18.58), Foster in the 500 freestyle (6:03.90), and Mandal in the 400 individual medley (5:08.87).

The Lakers also finished second in both relays with their second teams, with Brenner, Rhylee Sinks, Foster and Mulanax finishing in 2:08.35 in the medley relay and Mulanax, Ketchum, Avy Wats and Kincaid finishing in 9:33.94 in the 800 freestyle relay.

Men posting the top times included Rainey Lambert in the 50 backstroke (27.43), Alejandro Robles Ruiz in the 100 butterfly (50.68) and 100 freestyle (46.26), Lyle Fortune in the 100 backstroke (55.26), Wyatt Smith in the 500 freestyle (5:07.18) and Emile Dost in the 400 individual medley (4:14.48).

The Lakers also won both men's relays, with the group of Robles Ruiz, Dost, Connor Spanos and Fortune taking the 200 medley relay in 1:38.68 and Robles Ruiz, Fortune, Smith and Hunter Fosler winning the 800 freestyle relay (7:33.51).

Men with the second-best times included Smith in the 1000 freestyle (10:24.46), AJ Kliever in the 50 backstroke (28.87), Dost in the 100 butterfly (51.40) and 100 freestyle (49.10) and Fosler in the 500 freestyle (5:07.64).

VOLLEYBALL

A pair of Southwestern Oregon Community College volleyball players were honored by the NWAC South Region as players of the week. Sophomore Amanda Clark was defensive player of the week and freshman Halen Riness was the setter of the week.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

SWOCC had more than 20 student-athletes earn academic excellence honors for the spring 2020 and/or fall 2020

Oregon State's NCAA run comes to an end against Houston

Oregon State's remarkable and unsuspected run in the NCAA tournament at Indianapolis came to an end in the regional finals against Houston on Monday when the Beavers erased a 17-point halftime deficit against No. 2 seed Houston, but couldn't make the plays down the stretch to beat the Cougars in a 67-61 loss to the Cougars.

Maurice Caloo scored 13 points for the Beavers, who struggled on offense and at the foul line and gave up 19 offensive rebounds to Houston, many at critical moments.

The Cougars advanced to the Final Four, where they

will face Baylor.

Oregon State, which won the Pac-12 tournament to get into the NCAA field as the No. 12 seed in the regional, beat No. 5 seed Tennessee, No. 4 Oklahoma State and No. 8 Loyola-Chicago to reach the Elite Eight. In the 65-58 win over Loyola, Ethan Thompson had 22 points for the Beavers, who made 18 of 20 free throws (they were 11-for-20 against Houston).

If the Beavers had won they would have been the lowest seed ever to advance to the Final Four.

The Pac-12, which didn't have a team seeded higher

than No. 5 in any region, placed three teams in the Elite Eight.

But Oregon was not one of them, with the Ducks falling to league foe USC on Sunday 82-68.

Eugene Omoruyi had 28 points for Oregon, but the Ducks couldn't overcome USC's 31-for-54 shooting overall and 10-for-17 shooting from 3-point range. By contrast, Oregon was 37 percent overall and 5-for-21 from long range.

USC lost to Gonzaga in the regional final, but UCLA made sure the Pac-12 had a team in the final four by edging top-seed Michigan in

its region 51-49 on Tuesday after beating No. 2 seed Alabama in overtime Sunday.

UCLA will face Gonzaga in the Final Four.

WOMEN

Oregon was eliminated in the Sweet 16 on Sunday, but the Pac-12 put two teams in the Final Four.

The Ducks fell to Louisville 60-42. Erin Boley led Oregon with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Louisville fell to Stanford in the regional final when the Cardinal outscored the Cardinals 52-25 in the second half to erase a 38-26 halftime deficit.

The other Pac-12 team in the Final Four is Arizona, which beat Indiana 66-53 in its regional final.

In the Final Four at San Antonio, Arizona plays top seed Connecticut and Stanford faces South Carolina, which earlier eliminated Oregon State.

NCAA Tournament Men

Regional Semifinals
Oregon State 65, Loyola Chicago 58
Baylor 62, Villanova 51
Arkansas 72, Oral Roberts 70
Houston 62, Syracuse 46
Gonzaga 83, Creighton 65
Michigan 76, Florida State 58
UCLA 88, Alabama 78, OT
USC 82, Oregon 68
Regional Finals
Houston 67, Oregon State 61

Baylor 81, Arkansas 72
Gonzaga 85, USC 66
UCLA 51, UCLA 49

Final Four
Saturday
Both games on CBS
Houston vs. Baylor, 2:14 p.m.
UCLA vs. Gonzaga, 5:34 p.m.

Women
Regional Semifinals
Connecticut 92, Iowa 72
Baylor 78, Michigan 75, OT
Indiana 73, North Carolina State 70
Arizona 74, Texas A&M 59
South Carolina 76, Georgia Tech 65
Stanford 89, Missouri State 62
Louisville 60, Oregon 42
Texas 64, Maryland 61
Regional Finals
Connecticut 69, Baylor 67
Arizona 66, Indiana 53
South Carolina 62, Texas 34
Stanford 78, Louisville 63
Final Four
Friday
Both games on ESPN
Stanford vs. South Carolina, 3 p.m.
Arizona vs. Connecticut, 6:30 p.m.

New players help DevilCats to easy win over Douglas

JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COQUILLE — The Coquille-Myrtle Point boys soccer team celebrated senior day Tuesday and honored four players.

Only one, captain Ruendy Indalecio, was a four-year player for the DevilCats.

Julien Temps and Ethan Elmer played when they were freshmen.

Brayden Clayburn was a career football player until this winter.

But that trio contributed to Tuesday's 9-1 win over Douglas and the team's other recent victories in a run that lifted the DevilCats to third in the league standings.

And they are having a blast doing it.

"It's been really fun," said Elmer, who scored his first goal of the season in Tuesday's win.

Like Clayburn and a few of the others, Elmer was recruited by coach chance Liles, who also is the school's wrestling coach.

Temps, meanwhile, joined the soccer team to get ready for the upcoming basketball season.

"I feel like I'm faster and in better shape," he said.

But he's grown fond of Liles' coaching style.

"He makes it fun during practice," Temps said.

As for soccer skills, Temps and Elmer pass credit to Indalecio and Godfred Amonoo, two of the team's veterans.

"They try to make us better," Temps said.

In Tuesday's match, Clayburn, Temps and Amonoo had two goals each.

Indalecio, Elmer and Luke Donaldson, another veteran on the team, each scored once.

Douglas got its goal on a penalty kick.

The DevilCats won for the fifth time in their last six matches.

The loss was a 1-0 setback to second-place Umpqua Valley Christian, a team that tied league champion Brookings-Harbor the first meeting before losing to the Bruins 3-0 Tuesday.

Liles continues to enjoy working with the DevilCats.

"They are just having fun," Liles said. "They are a great bunch of kids."

Coquille finishes the season at Glide on Friday.



John Gunther/The World

Coquille's Ruendy Indalecio works the ball as Galo Parker of Douglas defends. Below, Coquille's Trace Edwards and Mya Skurk of Douglas race toward the ball during the second half Tuesday.



Gymnastics Plus athletes compete well Boys & Girls Club accepts track registrations

THE WORLD

Gymnastics Plus was well-represented in the Emerald Team Challenge last weekend, including numerous high finishes.

Shannon Young had the top individual finish, winning the floor exercise in her Level 4 division and also finishing second in the all-around. She also finished in the top four on all three other individual events.

Drew Hood finished second on the balance beam in her Level 7 division and was fourth on the floor exercise.

Annabelle VanHoof was fourth on the floor exercise in her Level 5 division and Iona Speidel was fourth on the vault in her Level 4 division. Sarah Smith, Elsa Villers, Henley Reeves and Ava Skeen all had fourth-place finishes in their Level 3

divisions.

Several other members of the team recorded top-10 finishes in at least one event. Results are included below.

Gymnastics Plus is part of the Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon.

Emerald Team Challenge Gymnastics Plus results

Level 8 Senior
Vault: T7: Aliyah White and Kiana Thomas, 8.550; 11. Ali Kirby, 8.450.
Uneven Parallel Bars: 10. White, 8.200; 13. Thomas, 7.550; 14. Kirby, 7.300.
Balance Beam: 10. White, 8.550; 12. Kirby, 8.200; 13. Thomas, 8.175.
Floor Exercise: 11. Kirby, 8.925; 12. White, 8.825; 13. Thomas, 8.500.
All-Around: 10. White, 34.125; 13. Kirby, 32.875; 14. Thomas, 32.775.
Level 7 Senior
Vault: 9. Drew Hood, 8.700.
Uneven Parallel Bars: 19. Hood, 7.025.
Balance Beam: 2. Hood, 9.000.
Floor Exercise: 4. Hood, 9.325.

All-Around: 12. Hood, 34.050.
Level 5 Junior
Vault: 11. Annabelle VanHoof, 8.500.
Uneven Parallel Bars: 16. VanHoof, 5.000.
Balance Beam: 8. VanHoof, 8.700.
Floor Exercise: 4. VanHoof, 9.000.
All-Around: 16. VanHoof, 31.200.
Level 4 Senior
Vault: 10. Calli Muffett, 8.400.
Uneven Parallel Bars: 14. Muffett, 7.500.
Balance Beam: 10. Muffett, 8.600.
Floor Exercise: 8. Muffett, 8.500.
All-Around: 12. Muffett, 33.050.
Level 4 Junior
Vault: 3. Shannon Young, 8.700; 21. Kayleigh Sampson, 7.200.
Uneven Parallel Bars: 4. Young, 9.400; 14. Sampson, 8.600.
Balance Beam: 2. Young, 9.350; 19. Sampson, 8.400.
Floor Exercise: 1. Young, 9.150; 19. Sampson, 7.800.
All-Around: 2. Young, 36.600; 19. Sampson, 32.000.
Level 3 Junior
Vault: 4. Iona Speidel, 8.400.
Uneven Parallel Bars: 20. Speidel, 7.200.
Balance Beam: 6. Speidel, 9.300.

Floor Exercise: 15. Speidel, 8.500.
All-Around: 18. Speidel, 33.140.
Level 3 Junior
Vault: 4. Sarah Smith, 9.150; 8. Tie-Elsa Villers and Lilly Stuhlmiller, 8.800; 10. Laalia Mendez, 8.750.
Uneven Parallel Bars: 5. Tie-Smith and Stuhlmiller, 8.600; 9. Villers, 8.300; 10. Mendez, 8.200.
Balance Beam: 4. Villers, 8.700; 8. Mendez, 8.100; 9. Smith, 7.800; 11. Stuhlmiller, 7.500.
Floor Exercise: 6. Villers, 8.900; 7. Mendez, 8.800; 9. Stuhlmiller, 8.500; 11. Smith, 8.400.
All-Around: 7. Villers, 34.700; 8. Smith, 33.950; 9. Mendez, 33.850; 10. Stuhlmiller, 33.400.
Level 3 Child
Vault: 4. Henley Reeves, 9.350; 6. Karli Celoni, 9.300; 11. Ava Skeen, 8.900.
Uneven Parallel Bars: 11. Skeen, 7.700; 12. Reeves, 7.600; 13. Celoni, 7.000.
Balance Beam: 7. Celoni, 8.100; 8. Tie-Reeves and Skeen, 8.000.
Floor Exercise: 4. Skeen, 9.100; 5. Reeves, 8.900; 13. Celoni, 7.700.
All-Around: 9. Reeves, 33.850; 11. Skeen, 33.700; 13. Celoni, 32.100.

Boys & Girls Club accepts track registrations

THE WORLD

The Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon is now accepting registrations for the 2021 track season.

Parents can sign students up their students at www.epuertosports.com.

Practices will start once

teams are formed and the practice and meet schedule should be announced by April 12.

The fee is \$85 and participants also must have a current club membership, which costs \$15.

For information, call 541-267-6573.

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terms.

Spring winners included Camden Chose (golf), Patrick Hurney (baseball), Lindsay Janzer (track and field), Andrew Nakashima (baseball), Gabrielle Pond (baseball), Jeremy Pottie (track and field), Sophie Richmond (softball), Marco Robinson

(baseball), Kayla Tso (track and field), Sydney Walker (baseball), Kristopher Wood (golf) and Vohn Ymaguchi (baseball).

Fall honorees included Amanda Clark (volleyball), Khaleb Fields (soccer), Tyler Garner (golf), Grayson Goodale (cross country), Cacia Larsen (soccer), Kaycelani Lautaimi (soccer), Alexander Schultz (golf) and Daniela Vimbela (cross country).

This week in Coos County history: March 31-April 3

100 YEARS — 1921

Fire destroys slaughter house

Oregon Meat Company plant is burned down

Loss \$14,000 and insurance \$7000 — cold storage plant, machines and buildings lost

The slaughter house of the Oregon Meat Company of which N.D. Oswald is manager was destroyed by a fire which started about 1 o'clock this morning. It was a well equipped place and practically a total loss. Only the hide house was saved. The loss is about \$14,000 and the insurance \$7000.

The slaughter house was located a quarter of a mile beyond the end of the bridge across Coal Bank Inlet near the radio station. Besides the slaughter house there was a cold storage plant and sausage making machine, smoke house and other equipment. Quite a quantity of smoked meat was lost as well as the building being burned to the ground and the machinery ruined.

There was some cattle at the place but these were released in time to save them.

It is not known just how the fire started but possibly from the boiler.

New fire signals for North Bend

Siren will be operated from central office Fire Chief Loomis distributes cards about the city for use of the people

New arrangements have been made for sounding the fire signals at North Bend. The siren will still remain at the Buehner mill, but it will be operated electrically from the telephone central office instead of by steam.

A new set of signals has been arranged for the plants on water front. Formerly there was only one signal for the water front but now there will be separate ones for the different plants.

Cards giving the signals have been printed and a thousand of these are being distributed throughout the city by Fire Chief Loomis. Everyone who has a telephone is given a card and there is a blank space for each person to fill in the ward in which their house is located so they can act.

Is organizing sheep breeders

J.B. Cornett of Shedd visiting Coos and Curry

Is here in interests of proposed Oregon Wool and Mohair Growers Association

J.D. Cornett, Shorthorn breeder and sheep man of Shedd, Oregon, is in Coos and Curry counties this week in the interest of the proposed Oregon Wool and Mohair Growers Cooperative association which is fostered by the State Farm Bureau Federation. There are 2,136,363 sheep and goats in the state of Oregon and of these 16,849 are in Coos and Curry counties.

It is proposed by this contemplated organization to form a cooperative marketing association pool for a term of five years for the wool and mohair produced by at least fifty per cent of these animals.

The wool and mohair will be assembled at one central point and sold on the basis of grade. Wool of equal grade and quality thereby making up sufficient lots to offer inducements for wool manufacturing buyers to offer better prices on account of a less expensive purchasing system; and the wool having been graded by government graders it affords the means for the purchasing of uniform quality.

Concrete plant ready for work

McGeorge Gravel Co. will soon have machinery installed to supply tile, building tile and blocks

The concrete products plant for the McGeorge Gravel Company has been completed, and everything is in readiness for the installation of machinery which is expected to arrive within the next few days.

This plant will have ample capacity to supply the requirements of this Southwestern Oregon territory and is strictly up-to-date in every respect. Before making a decision as to the type of machinery to be installed an extensive survey was made of available equipment; the company employing the services of G.E. Warren, civil engineer, of Chicago, who has a national reputation as an authority and consulting engineer on concrete and allied industries. It is therefore felt that the products from this new factory will be absolutely satisfactory in every respect as it is now generally conceded that concrete products well made are vastly superior to the clay article.

The plant at present will be equipped to manufacture both common and faced brick, hollow building tile, Anchor "Dri-Wall" blocks, drain tile and silo tile. All these products will be manufactured on power operated machinery which assures a uniform product of high quality at all times.

Funeral to be held Sunday

Services for late Dean Horsfall are arranged

Remains will be brought from Bandon Saturday evening — Bishop Sumner is coming

Arrangements have been completed for the funeral of the late Dean Horsfall. Saturday morning services will be held at the Episcopal church in Bandon. Bishop Sumner of Portland passed through here today and will be at Bandon and read the service there, assisted by Rev. J. Claud Black of Marshfield and Rev. Mr. Couper, of Coquille.

The body will be brought to Marshfield on the evening train Saturday and will lie in state at Emmanuel Episcopal church in this city.

There will be a requiem service morning at 8 o'clock and the burial Sunday will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday from the church, Bishop Sumner officiating, assisted by Rev. Black



North Bend Fire Department volunteer captain Leroy Griggs may have found a way to mix pancake batter enough to serve an expected record attendance for the Sixth Annual Pancake Feed Sunday at North Bend's main fire station. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children. The feed will be held 8 a.m.-2 p.m. — World photo by Keith Topping.

and Rev. Couper.

The burial will be at Coos River Cemetery.

Boy Scout saves girl from death

Jimmy Dingman of North Bend proves a hero

Jumps into the bay and prevents Thirsa Bacon from drowning after falling from wharf

Jimmy Dingman, aged 13, Boy Scout of North Bend and son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Dingman, proved himself a hero yesterday afternoon. Little Thirsa Bacon, ten year old daughter of George Bacon, while playing with other children on the water front, fell through a hole in the wharf. She struck her head and became unconscious and was floating out on the tide.

Jimmy jumped in the water which was very cold, fought against the tide and held up the little girl until Jack Metzel rescued them both. The boy was exhausted when taken out. He will be recommended for the Boy Scout honor medal.

50 YEARS — 1971

Coos Bay girl wins \$100 in SOLV design contest

Janet Bedingfield, a Marshfield Junior High 8th grader, has been announced winner of a \$100 gift certificate from Meier and Frank Co., in the statewide design contest for Save Oregon from Litter and Vandalism (SOLV) program. The announcement came from Mrs. Roger Flanagan of Coos Bay, Coos County SOLV chairman, who was notified by Frank Quinlan, SOLV, Inc., director.

Janet, 14, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Bedingfield Jr. Her design entry showed a hand holding SOLV stretched across a map of Oregon.

More than 10,000 Oregon students entered designs in the SOLV contest. Janet's design was chosen as runner-up in grades 4 through 8.

Marshfield, Bandon battle to 2-2 standoff in debut

BANDON — Visiting Marshfield and

Bandon battled to a 2-all standoff in their 1971 prep baseball opener Thursday in a game called after seven innings on account of darkness.

Bandon rallied to force the deadlock after giving up a pair of first-inning tallies to the Pirates.

A throwing error following a free pass to Dave Brown and a single by Jeff McKay brought in one run for Marshfield while Larry Johnson stroked a single to right to drive in McKay with the second tally.

Bandon went until the third inning before gaining its first run which came on a walk to Steve Clausen, a single by Russ Francer and an error. In the fourth inning, Bandon loaded the bases with one out before Jim Verger replaced McKay on the mound and struck out the side to end the threat.

But in the fifth, Gordy Groshong smashed a three-bagger to lead off the frame and then romped home on Truett Forrests's ground out to the right side of the infield.

Neither club could mount an offensive threat the rest of the way. Verger and McKay combined for a two-hitter against the Tigers, fanning 14 and walking five. Gary Chrismon, Scott Sutherland and Charles MacDonald retaliated with a two-hit effort of their own against Marshfield.

20 YEARS — 2001

State workers help curb area's hunger

Governor's Food Drive: More than a ton of food donated by agencies in Coos, Curry counties

At the Ecumenical Food Bank on Market Street, in Coos Bay, Martha Springer stocks the cupboards with a fresh load of canned goods, dry foods and pasta boxes.

The scene repeats itself throughout 22 other South Coast food banks as Community Action food trucks move quickly through Coos and Curry counties, delivering a payload. The shelves at the two counties' food banks aren't bare for now, thanks to thousands of dollars and pounds of food donated by state employees for hungry South Coast residents.

"I think we're very excited, first of all, that

the governor has provided this opportunity for state employees to contribute to our system and to people in need," said Phil Handsaker, program coordinator for Housing and Emergency Services at Southwestern Oregon Community Action.

For state workers, another year has passed, during which the Governor's Food Drive has contributed to curbing hunger in Oregon.

Coos and Curry counties' state agencies combined for a donation of \$9,188 and 2,191 pounds of food. All of that money stays in the local communities to provide hunger relief.

"My sense is that it has been a significant increase," Handsaker said. "A part of that is people becoming more aware of the need."

Handsaker estimated it takes approximately 2,100 pounds of food per day to feed everyone in need in the two counties.

"I don't think people really realize the tremendous amount of food that goes through the system," Handsaker said. "We're going to push a million pounds this year."

Airport name topic of talk

What is in a name?
North Bend Municipal Airport.
What's not in a name?
Coos Bay.

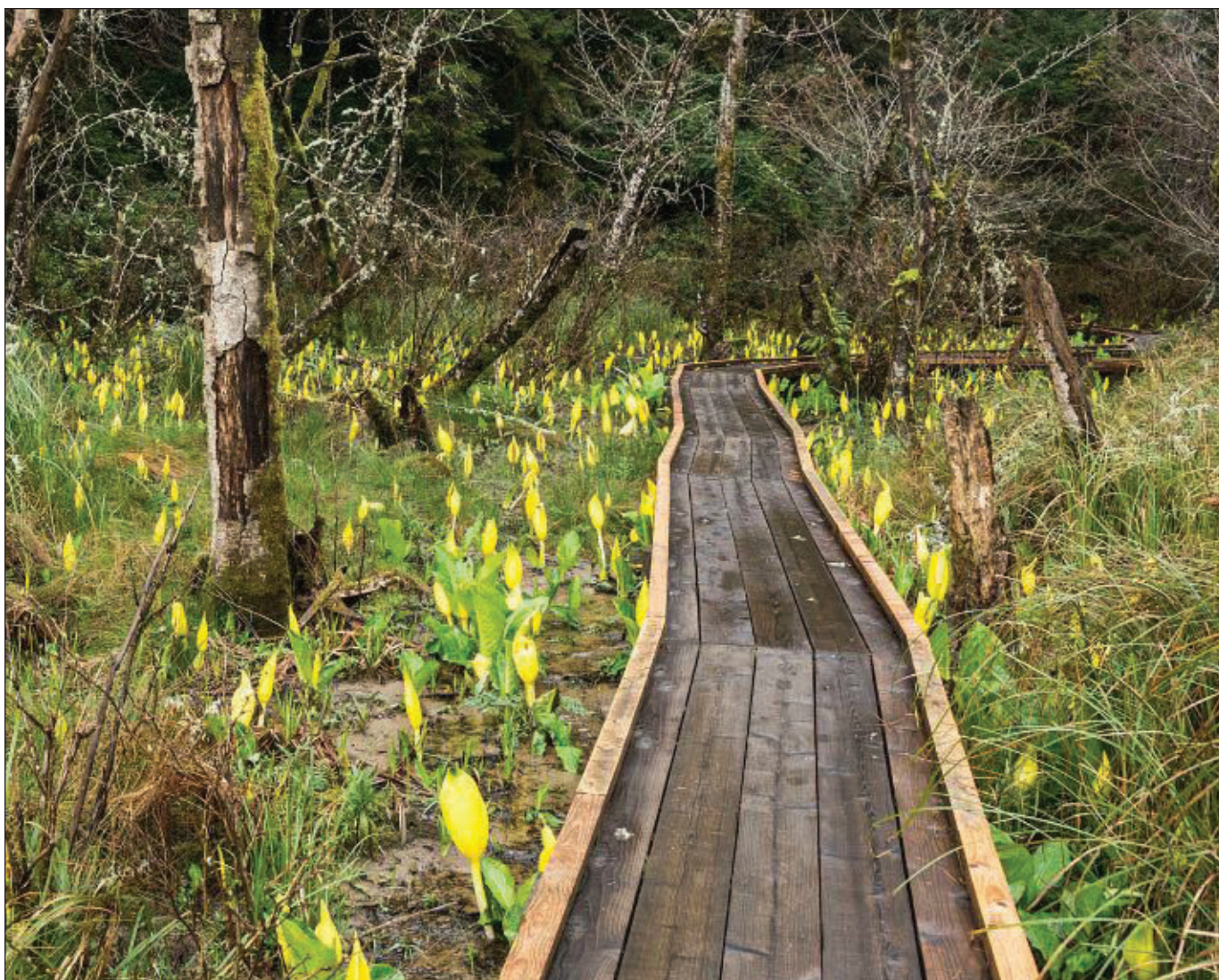
Some people want to change that. "It's a practical thing," says Ingvar Doessing.

A business thing. Doessing is on the board of commissioners with the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay. Last week he asked port staff to approach North Bend officials about the idea.

It's a tricky issue. "There's something to be gained by changing the name to include Coos Bay, but you have to be sensible to the fact this is North Bend's airport," said Martin Callery, who is the port's director of marketing and communication.

The port just manages it. Any decision to change the name is totally 100 percent up to the North Bend City Council.

These stories were found in the Marshfield Sun Printing Museum newspaper repository stored in Marshfield High School courtesy of Coos Bay Schools.



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Hikers are invited to hike the South Slough Trails on Saturday.

South Slough Trails hike planned

Local residents are invited to hike the South Slough Trails this weekend.

On Saturday, hikers will meet at the South Slough National Estuarine Reserve Interpretive Center parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Hike leaders will take lead hikers on a series of trails through the reserve, including the Middle Creek trail, the Hidden Creek Trail, the Tunnel Trail and the Sloughside trail. Short

hikers can return to the Interpretive Center via the Railroad Trail and the Middle Creek Trail.

Those wanting a longer hike can take the North Creek Trail back to the Interpretive Center.

Please note that there are no dogs allowed on the North Creek Trail, so if you are bringing your pet, you may be limited to the shorter hikes.

Hikers wanting to explore more may want to complete the day with some hikes on the South Reserve Trails.

New Hike Guidelines

1. Hike groups will be limited to 15 people.
2. You will be asked to complete a registration form so the number can be controlled.
3. Hikers will be asked to maintain social distance (as

much as 10-12 feet) on the trail

4. Hikers will be asked to have face covering (like a bandana) that can be pulled up at tight spots on the trail

5. Hikers should step off the trail to let others pass
To register, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeFtc0WkFGPMn-QYkvy-JdueKhyp8ydaM-WcE001e3KgODBIMPA/viewform?usp=sf_link



Photo courtesy of Conrad Gowell, Native Fish Society

Spring-run Chinook salmon.

Lawsuit launched to protect Oregon Coast spring Chinook salmon

The Center for Biological Diversity, Native Fish Society and Umpqua Watersheds filed a notice today of their intent to sue the National Marine Fisheries Service to force it to decide whether Oregon coast spring-run Chinook salmon warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act. The decision has been overdue since last September.

Spring Chinook once thrived in all of Oregon's coastal watersheds but have disappeared from many rivers due to logging, roads and other sources of habitat degradation like dams and poorly run hatcheries. Spring-run Chinook no longer exist in the Siuslaw, Coos or Salmon rivers, and only small runs remain in the Tillamook, Nestucca, Siletz, Alsea and Coquille rivers.

While the North Umpqua River supports the only remaining large spring-run Chinook population along the Oregon coast, by contrast, the South Umpqua River population is severely depleted, with only 51 adult springers returning in 2019.

"We can't stand idly by and allow our beloved springers to be another casualty of science denial," said Meg Townsend, a staff attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity. "The science is clear that genetically distinct, spring-run Oregon coast Chinook desperately need protection now. The loss of these magical, early-returning salmon would be truly devastating."

Recent scientific studies show that spring-run fish are genetically distinct from the more abundant fall-run Chinook. The evolution of early-returning fish occurred in both salmon and steelhead trout millions of years ago. This difference in spawning-timing is highly unlikely to occur again if these distinct populations are lost.

Four salmon hatcheries operating on the Oregon coast artificially breed spring-run salmon. The goal of these hatcheries is to produce fish for anglers, but in recent years there have not been enough returning adults to produce the next generation. Additionally, hatcheries

not aimed at helping rebuild fish stocks may be jeopardizing wild spring Chinook by creating competition between farmed and wild fish and unintentionally producing hybrid spring-run and fall-run chinook. Hybrid salmon are not fit for long-term survival in natural habitats and are likely contributing to the disappearance of spring chinook.

"Spring Chinook salmon are iconic, treasured fish and yet, they have nearly disappeared from our coastal landscape. Timely and science-based federal leadership

is critical for reviving them to abundance," said Merk Sherwood, executive director of the Native Fish Society. "We need National Marine Fisheries Service to act now and protect Oregon Coastal Spring Chinook under the Endangered Species Act."

The conservation groups filed a listing petition with the Fisheries Service in September 2019, and a decision was due in September 2020. If the agency doesn't make its required finding, the groups plan to file a lawsuit over its violation of the Endangered Species Act.

Police Briefs

Drain man charged with sex abuse

A Drain man was arrested on Sunday for sex abuse.

On Sunday, March 28, the Douglas County Sheriff's office became aware of a report of sex abuse

which had occurred at a residence in the Drain area. The investigation ultimately led to the arrest of 24-year-old Caleb Phillips Hartman. The victim, an adult female, was known to Hartman.

Hartman was taken into custody and transported to the Douglas County Jail where he was lodged on a single count of Sex Abuse in the Third Degree.



Caleb Phillips Hartman

of Transportation

Man jailed for threatening ex

A 40-year-old man is behind bars after he threatened his ex-wife and violated a restraining order while doing so.

According to the Coos County Sheriff's Office, Adam Akers is facing multiple charges after the incident March 26 in Bandon.

According to a press release, the sheriff's office was called to Highway 101 near milepost 255 at 6:49 p.m. Friday. When they arrived, deputies learned Akers had encountered his ex-wife at the location.

Akers' ex-wife has a restraining order out against him.

During the encounter, Akers yelled at his ex-wife and then swerved towards her vehicle, causing the driver to swerve into the oncoming lane in order to avoid a collision. The incident was caught by two separate video recordings.

Based upon the evidence, Akers was arrested for two counts of violation of a restraining order, driving while suspended – misdemeanor, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another. Akers was transported to the Coos County Jail where he was booked on those charges with an additional hold placed upon him by his probation officer.

Akers' ex-wife has a restraining order out against him.

Man sentenced to 17 years for child porn

A Portland man who previously served 12 years in California state prison for sexually abusing a child was sentenced to federal prison today for enticing an adolescent boy to produce sexually explicit videos of himself and share them via Facebook Messenger.

Scott Andrew Lawrence, 57, was sentenced to a total of 17 years in federal prison and a life term of supervised release after pleading guilty to receiving and distributing child pornography.

"Scott Lawrence is a sexual predator who posed online as a woman to prey on a vulnerable teenager," said Acting U.S. Attorney Scott Erik Asphaug. "Online sexual exploitation is a grave threat to children and families, even older children. We implore parents and guardians everywhere to talk frankly with their children about the risks posed by online predators, and to monitor their children's use of social media."

"Seventeen years is a rightfully long sentence for a man who has repeatedly abused children. The victims targeted by Scott Lawrence, however, are the ones who will pay a higher price as they must live with the effects of that exploitation for a lifetime," said Kieran L. Ramsey, special agent in charge of the FBI in Oregon.

According to court documents, in April 2001, Lawrence was convicted in San Diego County Superior Court of sexually abusing a child and sentenced to a total of 14 years in prison. He was paroled in 2013 and completed his parole term three years later. Three months into his supervised release term, Lawrence began communicating via Facebook Messenger with a 16-year-old boy.

Three-vehicle crash results in fatality

A three-vehicle crash Monday evening claimed the life of a Roseburg man.

At 4:49 p.m., 911 dispatchers received reports of a three-vehicle crash in the 3100 block of Highway 99 South near the Green District. Deputies arrived on scene and learned a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, driven by an adult male, had been traveling north on Highway 99 when it drifted into the oncoming lane and side-swiped a southbound 2007 Saturn driven by 72-year-old Colleen Bendan of Winston, before colliding head-on with a 2021 Jeep Renegade operated by 65-year-old William Metcalf of Roseburg.

The male driver, a Roseburg resident, of the Ford Crown Victoria, whose name is being withheld pending next of kin notification, was pronounced deceased at the scene. A passenger in the Ford Crown Victoria, 31-year-old Winston resident Elizabeth Ann Calvillo-Hawelu, was transported to Mercy Medical Center by ambulance. Metcalf was also transported by ambulance to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Bendan sought medical attention at the hospital by private vehicle.

The roadway was closed in all direction for approximately 2.5 hours.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted by Douglas County Fire District #2, Umpqua Valley Ambulance, Winston-Dillard Fire District, Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office, Winston Police Department, Oregon State Police, Douglas County Public Works, Oregon Department of Transportation and Kokua Towing.

Body found in submerged vehicle

The body of a 72-year-old Coos Bay man was recovered Monday, three days after he was reported missing.

In a press release from the Oregon State Police, troopers say they were called to the Coos River Highway near milepost 11 Monday afternoon for signs that a vehicle may have left the roadway and entered the river.

Troopers searching the area located a Chevrolet Camaro submerged in the water. When the vehicle was retrieved, troopers found the body of Darius Oaks inside.

The Oregon State Police were assisted by the Bandon Fire Department Dive Team, Millington Fire Department and the Oregon Department

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T.S. No.: **OR-20-877312-BB**
Reference is made to that certain deed made by, **RIEKA S. VALENTINE** as Grantor to **FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY**, as trustee, in favor of **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SUNSET MORTGAGE CO., ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS**, as Beneficiary, dated **11/3/2006**, recorded **11/13/2006**, in official records of COOS County, Oregon as fee/file/instrument/microfilm/reception number **2006-15308** and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded **7/2/2010** as Instrument No. 2010-6142 and subsequently assigned or transferred by operation of law to **Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-FRE2, U.S. Bank National Association**, as Indenture Trustee covering the following described real property situated in said County, and State. **APN: 28S1430CC02100 3154900** LOTS 1, 4, 5, 8 AND 9, BLOCK 19, WOODLAND ADDITION TO BANDON, COOS COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 960 Baltimore Avenue SE, Bandon, OR 97411 The undersigned hereby certifies that based upon business records there are no known written assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary, except as recorded in the records of the county or counties in which the above described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor in interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of

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such provision. The default for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when due the following sum: **TOTAL REQUIRED TO REINSTATE: \$21,905.60 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$280,611.12** Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day-to-day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. It will be necessary for you to contact the Trustee before the time you tender reinstatement or the payoff amount so that you may be advised of the exact amount you will be required to pay. By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following, to-wit: **The installments of principal and interest which became due on 9/1/2019, and all subsequent installments of principal and interest through the date of this Notice, plus amounts that are due (if applicable) for late charges, delinquent property taxes, insurance premiums, advances made on senior liens, taxes and/or insurance, trustee's fees, and any attorney fees and court costs arising from or associated with the beneficiaries efforts to protect and preserve its security, all of which must be paid as a condition of reinstatement, including all sums that shall accrue through reinstatement or pay-off. Nothing in this notice shall be construed as a waiver of any fees owing to the Beneficiary under the Deed of Trust pursuant to the terms of the loan documents.** Whereof, notice hereby is given that **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON**, the undersigned trustee will on **6/22/2021** at the hour of **11:00 AM**, Standard of Time, as established by section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the **Main Entrance to the Coos County Courthouse, located at 250 North Baxter Street, Coquille, OR 97423** County of **COOS**, State of Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real

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property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Other than as shown of record, neither the beneficiary nor the trustee has any actual notice of any person having or claiming to have any lien upon or interest in the real property hereinabove described subsequent to the interest of the trustee in the trust deed, or of any successor in interest to grantor or of any lessee or other person in possession of or occupying the property, except: Name and Last Known Address and Nature of Right, Lien or Interest Rieka Valentine PO Box 96 Bandon, OR 97411 Original Borrower **For Sale Information Call: 800-280-2832 or Login to: www.auction.com** In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to this grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the trust deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the Trustee's deed has been issued by **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON**. If any

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irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. **Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO TENANTS: TENANTS OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY HAVE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO THEM UNDER ORS 86.782 AND POSSIBLY UNDER FEDERAL LAW. ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE OF SALE, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, IS A NOTICE TO TENANTS THAT SETS FORTH SOME OF THE PROTECTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A TENANT OF THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY AND WHICH SETS FORTH CERTAIN**

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REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH BY ANY TENANT IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE AFFORDED PROTECTION, AS REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771. TS No: **OR-20-877312-BB** Dated: **2/11/2021** **Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington, as Trustee** Signature By: **Jeff Stenman, President** Trustee's Mailing Address: **Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241** Trustee's Physical Address: **Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 Toll Free: (866) 925-0241** IDSPub #**0173182 3/12/2021 3/19/2021 3/26/2021 4/2/2021** Published: **March 12, March 19, March 26 and April 2, 2021** The World & ONPA (ID:309054)

City of Bandon Urban Renewal Agency
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Minor Amendment to Area 2 Urban Renewal Plan
Notice is hereby given that the Bandon Urban Renewal Agency will hold a public hearing to consider a proposed resolution adopting a minor amendment to the Area 2 Urban Renewal Plan clarifying provisions related to the community center and Sprague Theater. The public hearing will be held at the meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, Bandon City Hall, 555 Highway 101 North, Bandon, Oregon. Additional information and a copy of the proposed resolution may be obtained by contacting Dan Chandler, City/Urban Renewal Manager, P.O. Box 67, 555 Highway 101 North, Bandon, Oregon 97411, Telephone 541-347-2437, or e-mail citymanager@cityofbandon.org Published: April 2, 2021 The World & ONPA (ID:313183)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CASE FILE NO. PAR 1-21: PRELIMINARY PARTITION PLAT (PONY CREEK DEVELOPMENT)
The City of North Bend Planning Commission will hold a remote public hearing on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 835 California Avenue to consider the possible partition of property addressed 1520 Virginia Avenue. The subject property is vacant land identified as Tax Lot No. 100 on Coos County Assessor Map No. T.25S, R.13W, Sec. 15B. The property is located in the General Commercial (C-G) zone district and will be partitioned into three separate parcels.
Applicant: **Pony Creek Development, LLC**
Owner: **Jeff Marineau**
Criteria: **Title 17 NBCC, Subdivisions; Title 18 NBCC Zoning; Chapter 10.12 NBCC, Transportation Facilities and Improvements; Chapter 92 ORS, Subdivisions and Partitions** Planning Commission shall make findings concerning the preliminary plat, and based on such findings it may give approval to the preliminary plat as submitted or as it may be modified, or it may deny the preliminary plat. Comments and objections may be submitted in writing. Written comments and oral public comment requests must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person, or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the board based on that issue.
Further information may be obtained by contacting Chelsea Schnabel, City Planner at 541-756-8535 or by visiting the City website at the following link: <https://www.northbendoregon.us/pc/-page/planning-commission-meeting-61>.
KayLee Marone
City Recorder
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CASE FILE NO. SUB 1-21: PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION PLAT OF SUNSET CREST ESTATES PHASE 3

The City of North Bend Planning Commission will hold a remote public hearing on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 835 California Avenue to consider the possible subdivision of property adjacent to the west city-limit line. The subject property is vacant land identified as Tax Lot No. 100 on Coos County Assessor Map No. T.25S, R.13W, Sec. 16BC. Phase 3 of Sunset Crest Estates Subdivision includes 17 lots in the Residential (R-7) zone district. Applicant: **Wayne Schrunck Construction, LLC**
Owner: **Sunset Crest Estates, LLC**
Criteria: **Title 17 NBCC, Subdivisions; Title 18 NBCC Zoning; Chapter 10.12 NBCC, Transportation Facilities and Improvements; Chapter 92 ORS, Subdivisions and Partitions** Planning Commission shall make findings concerning the preliminary plat, and based on such findings it may give approval to the preliminary plat as submitted or as it may be modified, or it may deny the preliminary plat. Comments and objections may be submitted in writing. Written comments and oral public comment requests must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing. Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person, or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the board based on that issue.
Further information may be obtained by contacting Chelsea Schnabel, City Planner at 541-756-8535 or by visiting the City website at the following link: <https://www.northbendoregon.us/pc/-page/planning-commission-meeting-61>.
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City Recorder
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A Sunday Drive

Shore Acres is full of little surprises

By DAVID RUPKALVIS
The World

As a newcomer to the South Coast, and with my family finally in tow, I am going to spend some time every week exploring the fun and exciting things to do up and down the coast. In this series, I am going to share what I find. Much of what I explore will be no surprise to locals, but I hope to find some hidden gems there as well.

I am calling this series A Sunday Drive, with the idea of finding places you can drive to, enjoy and return from in one day.

I am starting with a gem in the Coos Bay area, Shore Acres State Park.

I heard about Shore Acres almost immediately after I arrived in the area, but I intentionally avoided it because I wanted my wife and children to experience it with me the first time.

So, we made our way through Charleston and went to Shore Acres as a group. During the cooler months, it is not overly crowded, so there was plenty of parking and plenty of space to avoid others.

After getting out of the car, you immediately see the Pacific Ocean pounding against rocks. During whaling season, you can also apparently catch glimpses of the whales as you walk by.

As we walked through the trail, we followed my youngest son, who often takes the trail less traveled. Every one of his trails ended with another view of the ocean, with waves pounding into the rocks below.

When we reached the botanical gardens, Shore Acres is most known for, we eagerly went inside. Early March is not the best time to visit the gardens, but it was still amazingly beautiful. Many of the flowers, and the rose garden, will be in full bloom in May, but even in early March there was a lot to see. A variety of trees, complete with signs explaining what they are, stand proudly in the garden. Even in March, some of the flowers were starting to bloom. A group of deer



Photos by Donna Rupkalvis

When you visit Shore Acres, the first sight is the Pacific Ocean crashing into rocks below. The area is also popular for whale sightings. Below, the botanical gardens are just beginning to bloom as weather warms up.

grazed just outside, adding more mystery to the air.

For me, the highlight of the gardens was simply the peace. It was quiet, with only the occasional bird chirping to break the silence.

After walking through the gardens, we continued down the trail only to find what on that day was our own little private beach. Simpson Beach is just a short walk from the gardens, but it opens a new world to explorers, especially little explorers.

We hit the beach at low tide, which I highly recommend. With the water out, we got to climb around rocks and find a variety of tide pools to explore. Inside the tide pools, my children found living sea anemones that moved around as the water moved nearby.

There were sea snails and hermit crabs on the edges of the pools and small fish left behind waiting for the ocean to return. A whole area was covered in mussels, which we

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Expressions West exhibit set at Coos Art Museum

From April 16 to June 26, Coos Art Museum will be exhibiting the Expressions West 2021 juried art competition. Artists from 13 western states were invited to compete in this annual event. Juror Yuji Hiratsuka has selected 73 artworks by 71 artists residing in California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington.

Hiratsuka will be conducting a virtual walk-through tour of Expressions West and his own exhibitions. This walk-through will be available through both YouTube and the museum's Facebook page.

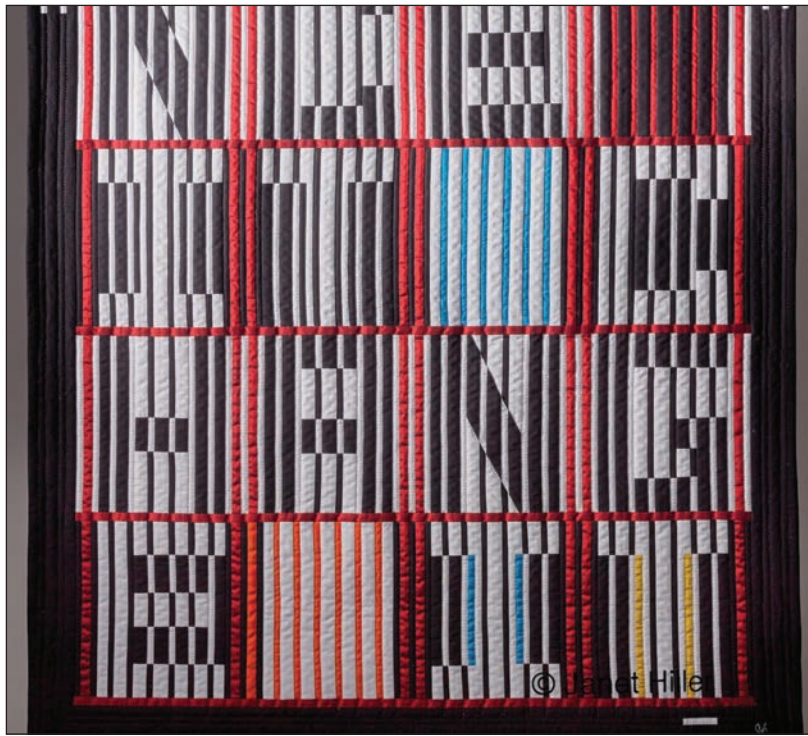
Juror Yuji Hiratsuka is a Corvallis artist and associate professor of printmaking at Oregon State University. In his work, Hiratsuka combines the techniques of intaglio, relief and chine collé to produce images drawn from both traditional and contemporary sources. He expresses the mismatched hodgepodge of daily life and whimsical and spontaneous aspects of human nature. Hiratsuka's works can be

found in many important collections including the British Museum, Tokyo Central Museum, Cincinnati Art Museum, Portland Art Museum and The House of Humor and Satire in Bulgaria. In 2018, he won the first place award in Coos Art Museum's Ink and Print exhibition and his print "Diamonds, Always and Forever" was added to the museum's Permanent Collection.

Artists accepted into the Expressions West 2021 exhibition include:

Oregon artists – Fred Amos, Susan Applegate, Rebecca Arthur, Patty Becker, Victoria Biedron, Marjorie Black, Sandi Bonn, Cindie Brewer, Sherrie Brooks, David Castleberry, Brian Childers, Bets Cole, Bryan Coleman, Rick Crawford, Elaine Dunham, Joan Goodman, Colleen Goodwin-Chronister, Heather Halpern, Carol Hausser, Janet Hiller, Tracy Hodson, Don Hudgins, GERALYN Inokuchi, Morgan Johnson, Tara

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The Coos Art Museum will host the Expressions West 2021 exhibit beginning April 16. Included in the exhibit is Chance it, Change it by Janet Hiller of Eugene.

Nature Guide Journal Understanding science

How do we "know" something in the world to be true?

Understanding comes from personal observation and experience, of course, but that source can be rife with error. Previous experience (or desire) can skew how we interpret new observations (justified or not); unnoticed or underrated complications or errors in the observation can cause our interpretation to be incorrect; or we may make an erroneous broad inference from a single observation or from too-few, outlier observations.

One time-tested way to improve the reliability of what we think is true is through methodical procedures, working with others: science.

"Science" is not simply a body of knowledge. Science is as a dynamic and interactive process of learning about the world, a way of gathering and organizing information to build understanding.

The classic scientific process has specific steps: 1) make an observation or ask a question; 2) develop a "hypothesis," a prediction or question that can be observed or tested; 3) make further, focused observation to test the hypothesis; 4) apply that information to build or alter theories; 5) repeat.

In everyday language "theory" usually means a guess or an opinion. In science, however, a theory is an underlying construct built over time by testing many related hypotheses. As theories are fine-tuned, improved - or even thrown out - with new observations, they produce new questions and predictions while they better explain the world.

Other guidelines apply to the process of science. Observations must be empirical, based on the senses. We often use tools, such as telescopes and microscopes, to make such observations more precise and more reliable. Observations (including setting up a specific observation, an "experiment") must be reproducible - that is, other people must be able to make the same observation, or run the same experiment, with the same results. Our observations need substantiation because "eyewitness accounts" are quite fallible. (Other people must have seen the UFO, or observed indisputable evidence of the UFO, for your sighting to be credible.)

In science, hypotheses and theories must be "falsifiable" - that is, the questions or statements, even the broadest concepts, must have the potential of being proven false.

Experiments are controlled observations that usually involve some set-up or manipulation. A typical experiment would compare two groups or subjects, the test group with the manipulation and the control group with no manipulation.

Non-experimental observations can be science, too: using thoughtful, meticulous observations to understand patterns - then using those patterns to make predictions



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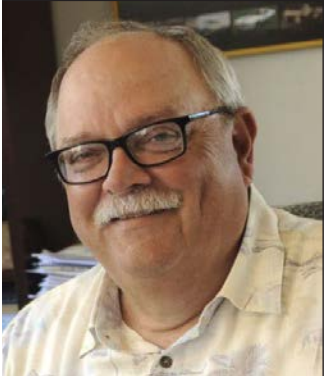


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The Chamber Minute: Banquet celebrates excellence



The first virtual Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Award banquet was held March 27.

Besides acknowledging the officers, board members and committee chairs for the past year and introducing the members who will serve in those roles for the upcoming year, the chamber had a variety of awards and recognitions that made it a community celebration.

Citizen of the year is an honor given to a member of the community who, by consistently giving of their time, energy and resources, has made Oregon's Bay Area a better place to live. For 2020 that award was given to Deena Gisholt.

The citizen of the year has focused much of her community volunteer work on the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce programs and projects. Besides her own efforts, she encourages her employees to participate and supports the chamber through

her business. Her work covers many aspects of chamber operations. In addition, she has served on the chamber board as a director for six years and as part of the executive committee for several of those. Gisholt leads by example and invites you come along. She is a successful business person, but her main business is people and this community.

The **Business of the Year** award is given to a business that has exhibited excellence in products and customer service; contributed time, manpower and resources to community improvement projects; and excelled in employee relations and training. This year's business recipient is well known for their excellent service and professional quality. They have continued to expand their operation for even better results for customers and employees. Beyond business their focus is community.

They provide a drop off site for

Cell phones for Soldiers and blessing bags given at Thanksgiving, Mother's Day and more and Halloween giveaways for the kids. They also contributed 2020 senior high school graduation gifts. The 2020 award went to Tom's Bulldog Automotive Inc., honoring their excellence in business and strong commitment to the community.

Chamber Member of the Year is given to that member, who through their efforts, has carried the chamber to a new level of community service and impact. In 2020, the chamber member of this year is actually a group.

They looked at the financial challenges facing the chamber and crafted solutions to enable it to succeed in its mission. For their drive, vision and dedication to see things through, the 2020 Chamber Member of the Year is the 2020 BACC Executive Committee.

Additionally, Chef Frank Murphy, North Bend High School culinary arts teacher, was recognized as the **Educator of the Year**. Frontline health care workers were given the **2020 Community Award** to honor a group of volunteers that continuously works toward a healthier future for our communities while taking on significant personal risk to ensure we get the care we need.

The current crisis demonstrates the essential, tireless, innovative and too-often undervalued role of health care workers in ensuring strong, resilient health systems for everyone, everywhere.

Remember our business is helping your Business. And like us on Facebook.

(Timm Slater is executive director of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information on your Chamber, email timmslater@oregon-bayarea.org.)

NeighborWorks Umpqua announces new CFO

Rebecca Heinricy, former financial officer for Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, has been named chief financial officer for NeighborWorks Umpqua, effective April 5.

Heinricy comes to NeighborWorks Umpqua from Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission, a nonprofit community action agency located in California with over 1,200 employees. She served as a financial officer and brings years of experience and expertise in finance and accounting practices.

Previously, she started at Fresno EOC in 2002 as a senior accountant and progressively advanced to her current position as financial officer in 2016. She also worked at BDO Seidman, LLP as an audit associate for three years before joining Fresno EOC.

"We are excited and fortunate to have gotten someone of Rebecca's caliber to join NWU; I am really looking forward to Rebecca's contributions," said John Fowler, the interim chief executive officer.

Heinricy earned her master's degree in accountancy and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting, graduating with magna cum laude from the University



Rebecca Heinricy

of Denver in Colorado. She also is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in two states.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to bring leadership, vision, and integrity within an organization that has a positive impact in the community," Heinricy said.

She will bring immediate financial support and success to NeighborWorks Umpqua and its staff. She will be starting in her position remotely on April 5, and then relocate to the Oregon area with her family in June at the end of the school year.

Geology Lecture at Southwestern: 'You Are What You Eat'

Southwestern Oregon Community College's popular Geology Lecture Series continues virtually with Dr. Jessica Labonté, on the topic "You Are What You Eat: How Nutrients in Coastal Sediments Affect Life" at 7 p.m., Friday, April 9, via Livestream at the college website (<https://livestream.com/swocc/geology2020-21>).

Labonté received her bachelor of science and master of science degrees from Laval University, and her Ph.D from the University of British Columbia.

She was a post-doctoral researcher at Bigelow Laboratory before heading to Texas A&M University at Galveston, where she currently is an assistant professor.

Her research focuses on determining the role of viruses in aquatic environments, from the surface to below the seafloor, through the characterization of their relationships with their hosts.

"You are what you Eat" will focus on microbes, which make up the majority of the biomass

in sediment, where they play a role in cycling organic carbon and regulate the fluctuation of organic matter.

In the past year we have heard a lot about viruses, messenger RNA and more. This talk will look into how anoxic sediments (those lacking oxygen) play a role in the chemistry, genetics and virus-host interactions. This is a field that has limited research.

Labonté and her team will take us to the Bahamas and the anoxic sediments found in the Blackwood Sinkhole.

She will present the results of their analysis of the chemistry (looking at nutrients, carbon and nitrogen in the pores of the sediment), the biology of the microbial community (genetics and rRNA) and the virus-host interactions. Looking at these relationships they hope to gain a better understanding of the role nutrients play in shaping viral and simple single celled communities, as well as how those communities shape their environment.

Additional talks scheduled in the series this year include: a double header of IRIS/SSA Distinguished Lecturers on Tuesday, May 11, with Guoqing Lin (University of Miami) with "The 2018 Kilauea Volcano Eruption: Expected or a Surprise?" at 3 p.m. and Ben Holtzman (Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University) with "Seismology with your Ears: Listening to Patterns in Tectonic, Volcanic and Human-induced Earthquakes?" at approximately 4:15 p.m.

All lectures in the series are free. The 2020-21 series of talks are streamed live from the college website via Livestream and archived for future viewing at: <https://livestream.com/swocc/geology2020-21>.

Lecture Series Sponsors include: DB Western, Southwestern Foundation, The Mill Casino, IRIS/SSA, Ocean Discovery Lecture Series and the college. For information (or to submit questions prior to the talk), contact Ron Metzger at rmetzger@socc.edu or 541-888-7216.

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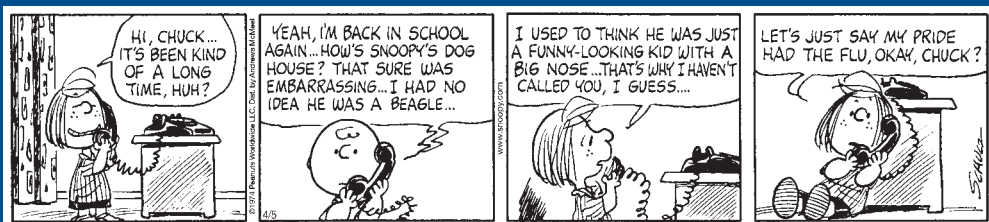
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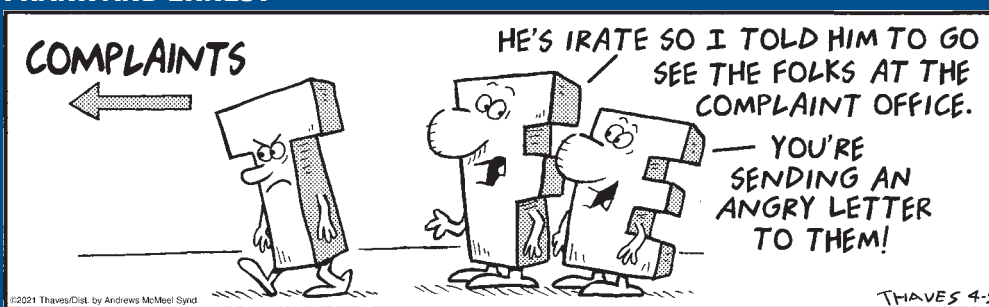
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



FRANK AND ERNEST



SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

ACROSS

- 1 Ms. Arthur
- 4 Wire nail
- 8 Repair
- 11 Winner's take
- 12 Drama prize
- 13 Mammoth
- 14 Embroider, maybe
- 15 Noted tennis tournament
- 17 Colorful parrot
- 19 Permafrost region
- 20 Use a scythe
- 22 9-digit ID
- 23 Taipei's land
- 26 Custom
- 30 Rock band booking
- 31 Where Anna taught
- 33 Incites to attack
- 34 Extra
- 36 Keg party site
- 38 Upper part
- 39 Gray rock

DOWN

- 1 Liniment
- 2 Lamb's pen name
- 3 Actor — Baldwin
- 4 Barks
- 5 Box score column

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 6 Point
- 7 Bills
- 8 Elmer of cartoons
- 9 Composer — Stravinsky
- 10 Lucy Lawless role
- 13 Redheads' tints
- 16 Verdant
- 18 Gigi's boyfriend
- 21 Very thin model
- 23 Cash drawer
- 24 Water, in Tijuana
- 25 DEA operative
- 27 Sharpness
- 28 Desktop picture
- 29 Salt meas.
- 30 Some MDs
- 32 Lady's honorific
- 35 Pieces of tape
- 37 Damsel's locks
- 40 Practically forever
- 42 Prior to
- 44 Wyoming range
- 46 Sailor's greeting
- 47 Solitary
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- 52 Time long past
- 54 Pride
- 55 Gas pump abbr.

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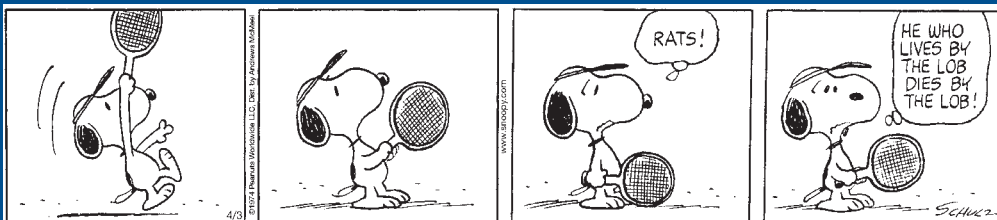
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CLASSIC PEANUTS



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ACROSS

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- 4 Hack
- 7 Wet
- 10 Ms. Rand
- 11 Type of reef
- 13 Keats opus
- 14 Pastoral spot
- 15 Excel
- 16 Oxford tutor
- 17 River mouth
- 19 Get on the bus
- 21 Denver clock setting
- 22 Pro vote
- 23 Cope with change
- 26 Lively
- 30 "Porgy and —"
- 31 Roomy vehicle
- 32 Mouths, in zoology
- 33 Fergie's daughter
- 34 Annapolis grad
- 35 Containers

DOWN

- 1 Cabbage cousin
- 2 Watches carefully
- 3 Tiny insect
- 4 Game area
- 36 Soothe
- 39 Twist violently
- 40 Model, to begin with
- 41 Kind of coat
- 42 Lockable
- 45 Acknowledged
- 49 I, to Nero
- 50 Shortstop's slip
- 52 Gun owner's org.
- 53 Goalie's protection
- 54 Like a chimney
- 55 Berlin article
- 56 Ms. Lupino
- 57 Grand Teton st.
- 58 Reaction to a mouse

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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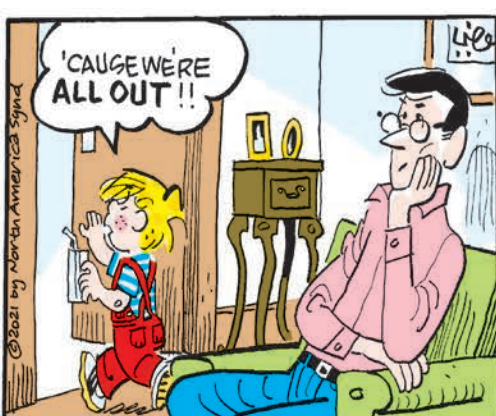
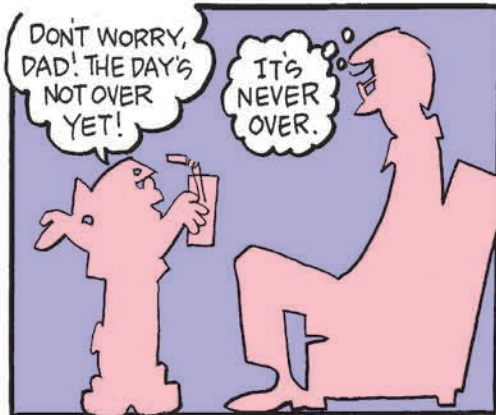
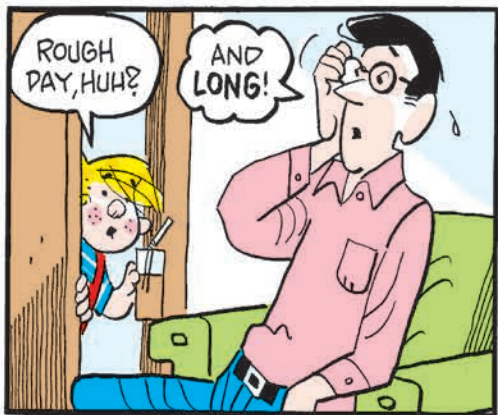
- 5 Bohemian
- 6 Wretched
- 7 Carbonated water
- 8 Smell
- 9 Remain undecided
- 11 Beach location
- 12 Earring sites
- 18 Refs' cousins
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- 22 Sudden urges
- 23 Mr. Eban
- 24 —dish pie
- 25 PDQ
- 26 Big name in Western novels
- 27 Pate de — gras
- 28 Decorative vases
- 29 Keep on going
- 31 Goose-down garment
- 35 Wheat husk
- 37 Make do with
- 38 Helpers
- 39 Worn out
- 41 Scrapbook item
- 42 Military cap
- 43 Mild rejoinder
- 44 Luke Skywalker's guru
- 45 Actor — Donahue
- 46 Toddler's perch
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- 48 Wet and chilly
- 51 Ply an oar

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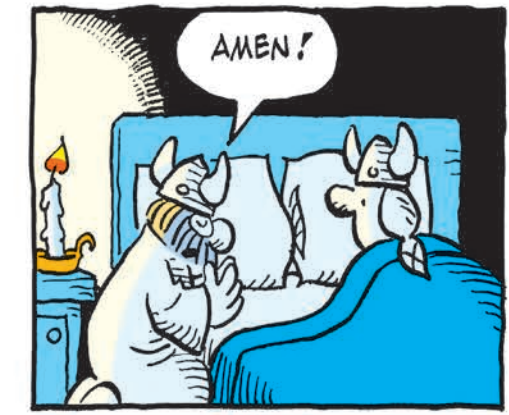
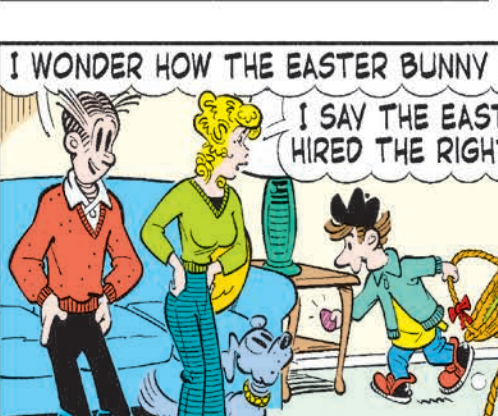
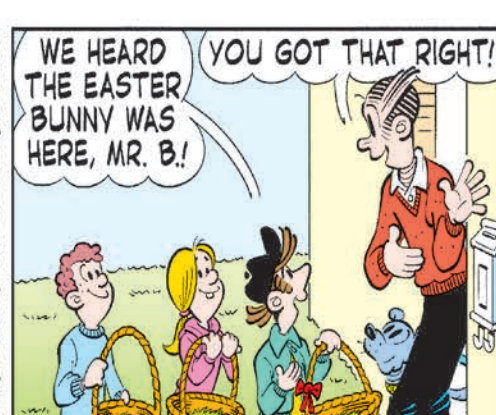
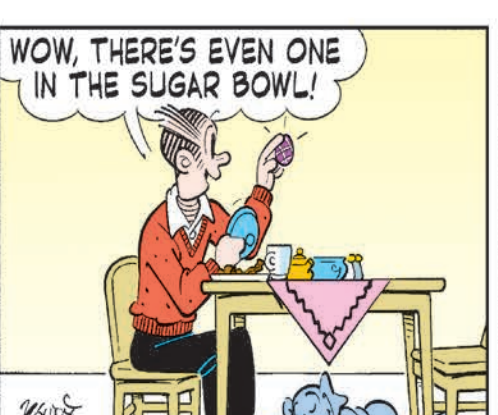
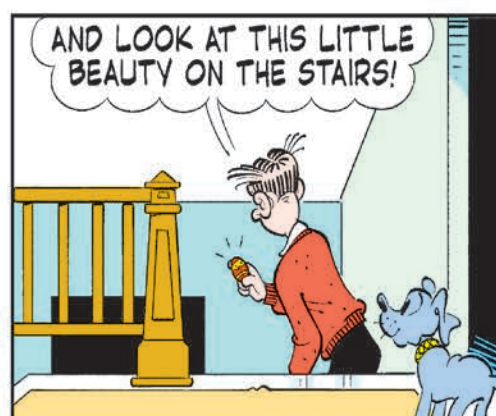
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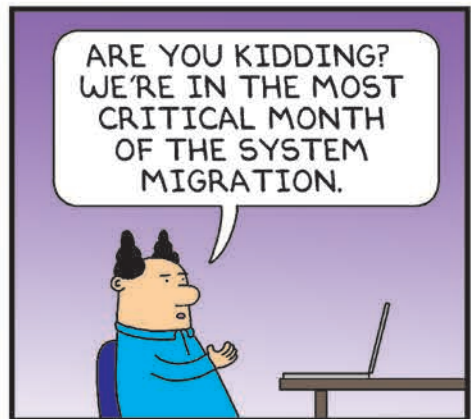
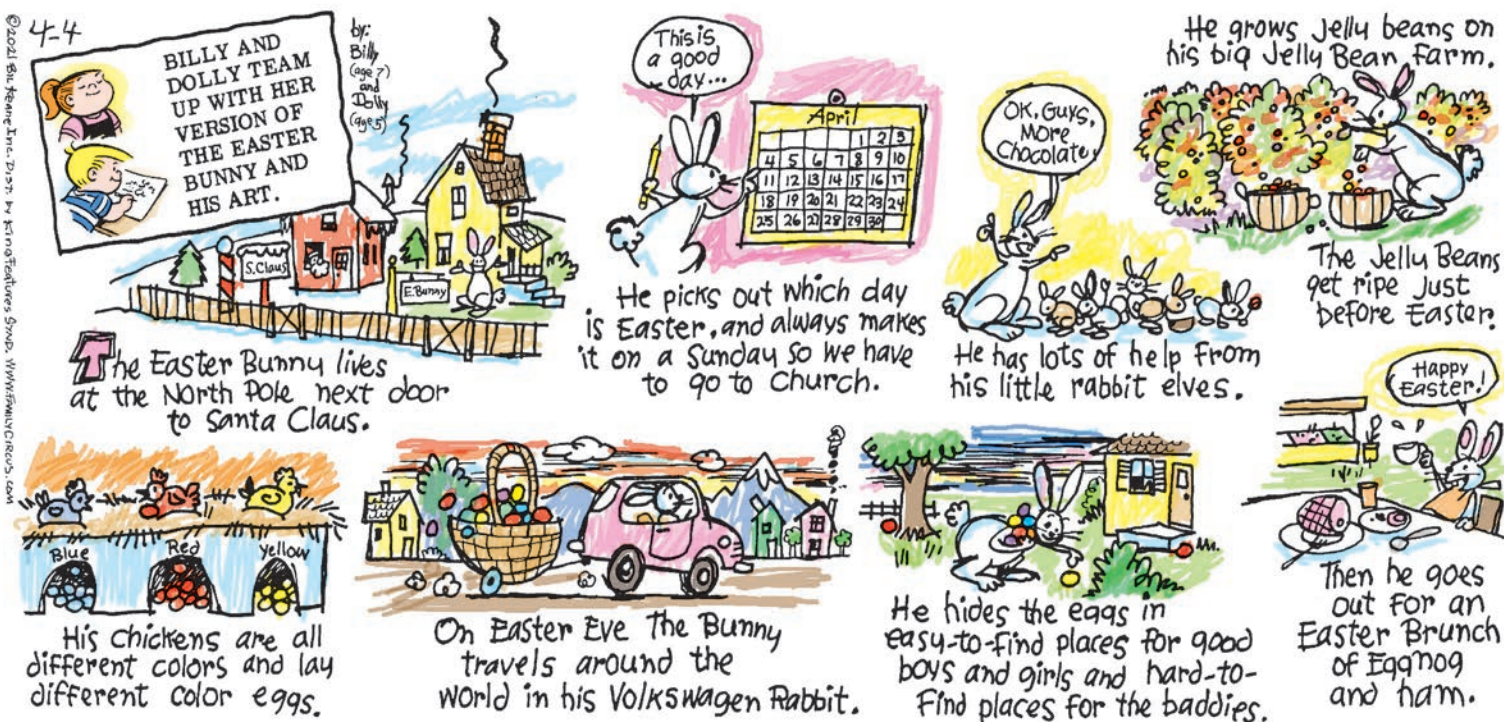
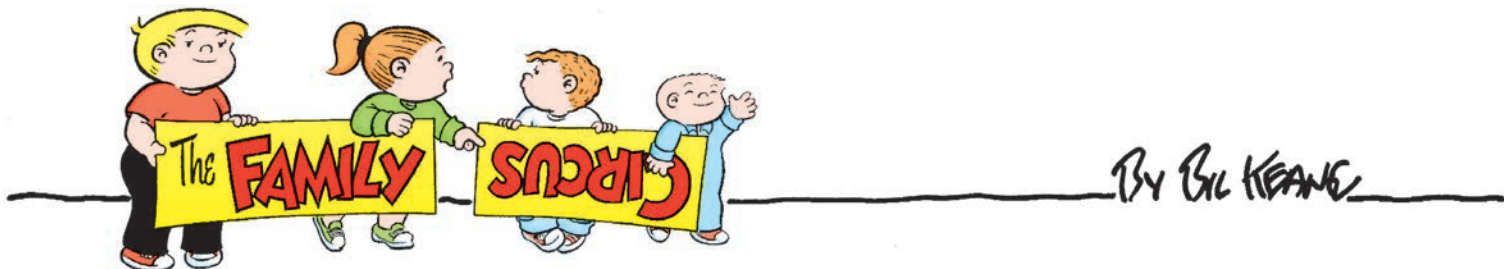
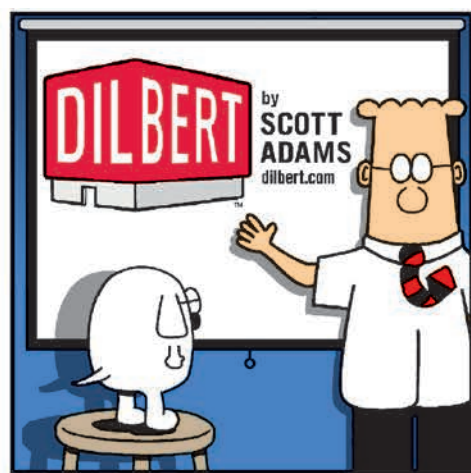
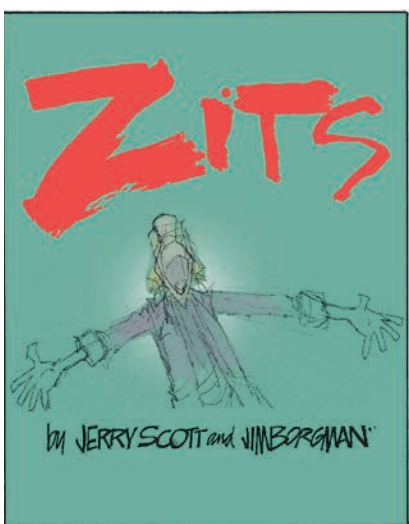


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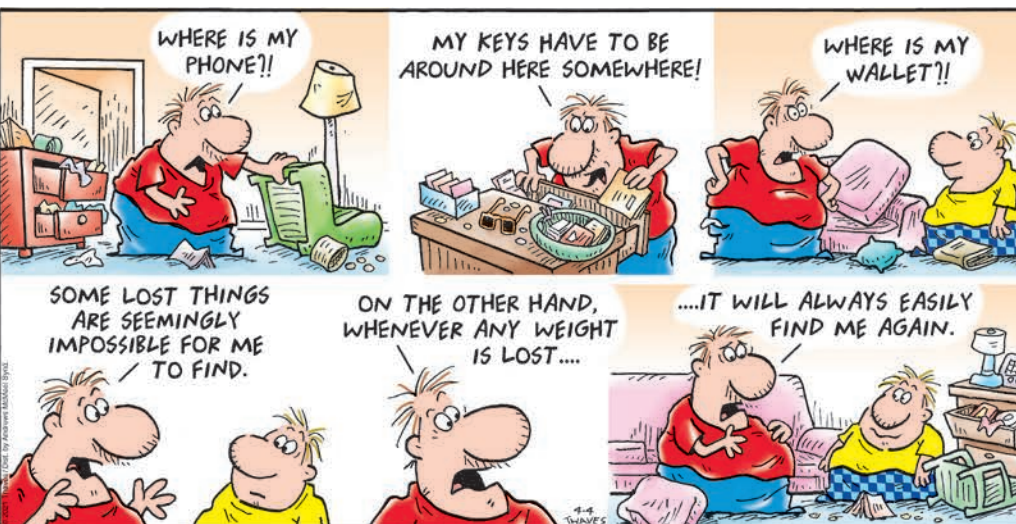
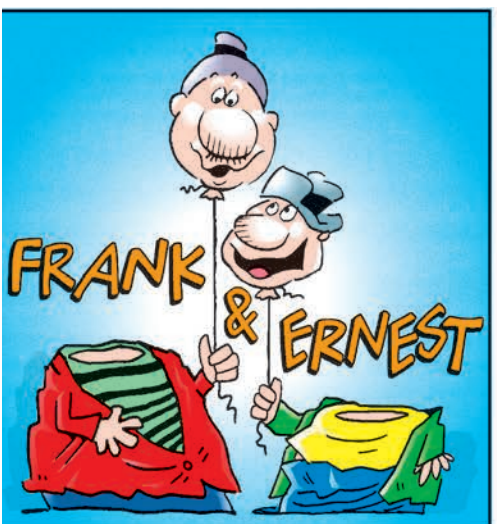
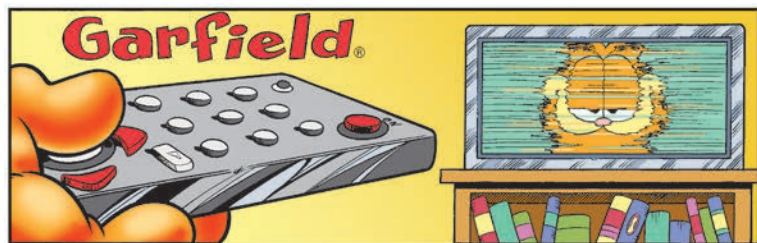
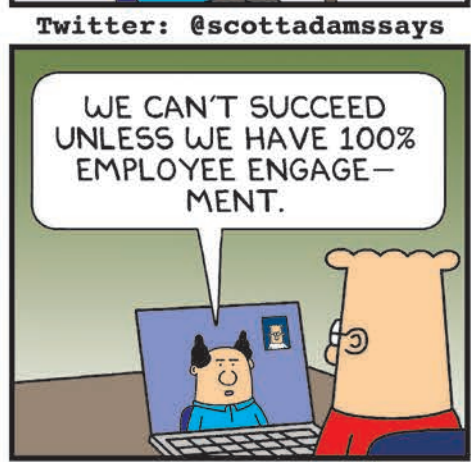
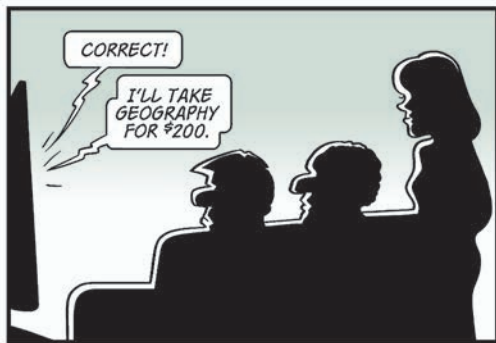
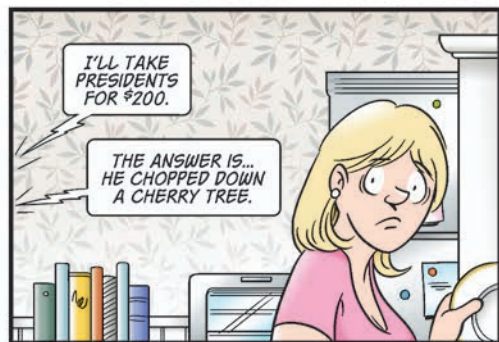




Photo by Donna Rupkalvis

At Simpson Beach, there are a lot of little surprises to be found, especially during low tide.

Shore Acres

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did our best to avoid as we explored.

My wife and son even ventured up to a cave, looking inside a little, although slippery rocks and the darkness inside drove them away before going in much.

In a brisk March morning, it was chilly with a steady breeze, but we had a hard time leaving. After about three hours, we made our way back out of Shore Acres fully content.

While many areas around are free, there is a \$5 per car charge to visit Shore Acres. Believe me, it's money well spent.

Talking to those who work there, it sounds like the best

time to visit it probably late May through the summer as the flowers are in full bloom. But even in the winter, it was well worth the visit. If you can, shoot for low tide. It's worth it.

To reach Shore Acres from Coos Bay, follow the signs for state parks and beaches through Charleston. Follow Cape Arago Highway past Sunset Beach and the park will be on your right.

Exhibit

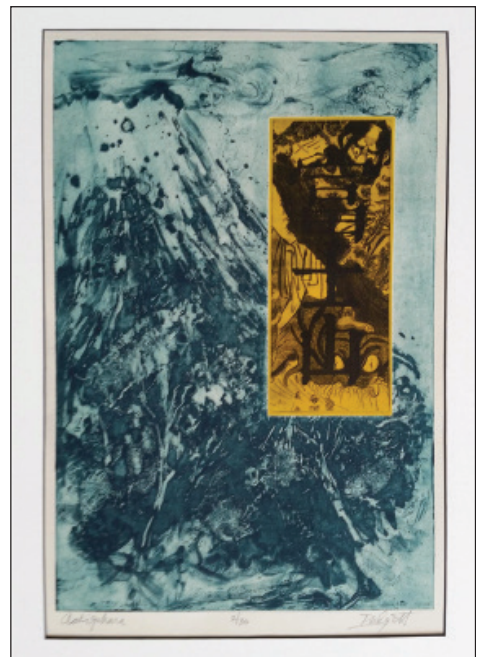
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Kemp, Beth Keyser, Carol Kumpula-Clark, Jean Kyle, Barbara Martin, Geoffrey McCormack, Katherine McDowell, Walt Padgett, Sarah Peterman, Steven Seals, Monte Shelton, Pat Snyder, Debby Sundbaum-Sommers, Bruce Ulrich, Bruce Vincent, Stephen Wright, Kimberly Wurster, Lizzy Young-Sky, Alex Zenzuni
 California artists – Séraphine, Jared Barbick, Suzie Buchholz, Julie Cavaz, Halina Domanski, Pamela Ingwers, Dana Mano-Flank, Jim Matthew, Lawrence Montgomery, Dusanka Reynolds, Patricia Sundgren Smith, Jami Taback, James Vogel, Jane Zich
 Washington artists – Carole Barrer, Charles Fawcett, Steven Hill, Steve Hu, Newel

Hunter, Coral Lehtinen, Naoko Morisawa, Jon Pokela

Idaho artists – Pam Demo, Jerry D. Mitchell
 New Mexico artists – Natalie Christensen, Alan Paine Radebaugh
 Colorado artist - Shelley Hull
 Montana artist – Terrel Jones

Coos Art Museum has been a cultural focal point of Oregon's scenic Southern Coast since 1966. It occupies the historic 1936 Art Deco U.S. Federal Building in downtown Coos Bay. The museum offers a wide range of arts activities including exhibitions, art classes and lectures.



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Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Museum admission is \$5 general, \$2 students, veterans and seniors and free to museum members.

Nature

From B1

that are "tested" by later observation.

The critical importance of questioning makes the scientific process distinctively skeptical.

The requirement of reproducibility and the weaving of various data to build theories make science a community effort, with many people adding their input to eventually reach consensus or majority opinion.

This process is not a straight, plodding line - there are side-trails and backslides, and there are flashes of inspiration and creativity that leap to fresh insights.

And part of the beauty of this system is that even "wrong"

answers add to the body of knowledge.

Our image of a meticulous, well-educated scientist with lots of technical equipment has some validity: Having solid knowledge in a particular field makes it easier to ask good questions; technology greatly expands the observations that generate and answer questions; keeping records fuels more questions while documenting the process for others to scrutinize or follow.

Anyone can be a "scientist" by making rigorous observations, then asking straight-forward, answerable questions to develop a fundamental understanding of what's observed.

The key result of the scientific method is that it does change our understanding. Science - and knowledge - progresses as new informa-

tion tailors or supplants old. Explanations evolve as the science community expands their observations and hones our grasp of the processes behind those observations. "Good" theories fit well with the empirical information, continuously building a harmonious framework for understanding our world.

As our knowledge base grows and our technology improves, our understanding of what is true evolves and improves.

For information on how you can arrange an exploration of our fascinating natural history, contact Marty at 541-267-4027, mgiles@wavecrestdiscoveries.com, or www.facebook.com/wavecrestdiscoveries .

Questions and comments about local natural history are welcome. www.wavecrestdiscoveries.com

Worship DIRECTORY

Creating communities through faith & fellowship

Coos Bay

Catholic

ST. MONICA - COOS BAY

357 S 6th St., Coos Bay
541.267.7421

Saturday Mass:.....4:30pm
Sunday Mass: 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:00pm

Nazarene

CORNERSTONE CHURCH-NAZARENE

886 S. 4th St, Coos Bay (Coos Bay Senior Center)
Pastor Ron Halvorson
541-808-9393 or 541-290-8802

Sunday School.....9:15 am.
Sunday Traditional Worship Service.....10:30 am.
See us live on Facebook • 10:30 am Sunday at CoosBayCornerStoneNazarene
All are Welcome - www.cornerstonenaz.com

North Bend

Baptist

SKYLINE BAPTIST CHURCH

"A Christ Centered, Biblically Based, Family Oriented, Dynamic Fellowship"
3451 Liberty St., North Bend • 541-756-3311
(1 block off Newmark behind Boynton Park)
www.sbcnb.org

David Woodruff, Sr. Pastor - Tim Young, Associate Pastor
Loy Huntzinger, Children's Director - Chad Frantz, Youth Pastor
Sunday School.....9:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday Worship.....9:00 am & 10:30 am
AWANA Wednesday Nights.....6:30pm to 8:00 pm

Presbyterian

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, N. BEND

541-756-4155 2238 Pony Creek Rd, North Bend

Live Stream Worship
Every Sunday at 10:30am from our website.
FirstPresnorthbend.org

Pastor Eric Lindsey
First Sunday of each month is Communion

Christian Science

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY

444 S. Wall, Coos Bay • 541-888-3294

Sunday Service & Sunday School.....10:00 am

Christian Science Reading Room
Adjacent to church - Open after services, or by Appt.
541-751-9059

Salvation Army

THE SALVATION ARMY

Worship & Service Center
1155 Flanagan, Coos Bay • 541-888-5202
Dennis and Tawnya Stumpf, Corps Envoys

Sunday Free Kids Breakfast9:00 am
Sunday School9:30 am
Worship Service.....10:15 am

Catholic

HOLY REDEEMER -NORTH BEND

For mass updates or for more information, please visit us at holyredeemernb.org or call 541-756-0633 ext. 2

Unity Worldwide Ministries

UNITY BY THE BAY

"Honoring diversity and the many paths to God. A spiritual community to come home to."

Sunday Celebration Service.....10:00 am

Office Hours: Wednesday - Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
2100 Union - North Bend
541-751-1633

Episcopal

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In-person Worship EASTER SERVICES
Saturday April 3, 2021: Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00pm
Sunday April 4, 2021: Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00am
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00am
For reservations please call 541.269.5829
You may also view the 10 o'clock service on: [YouTube.com Emmanuel Parish, Coos Bay](https://www.youtube.com/EmmanuelParish)
www.episcopalcoosbay.org

United Methodist

HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

123 SE Ocean Blvd., 541-267-4410
Church at the top of the Hill Coos Bay
www.harmonyumcoregon.org
Due to Covid-19 our in person services have been cancelled until further notice. We do have our Sunday Worship Services being shown on Harmony UMC Facebook page. Our services begin 11a.m. each Sunday morning. Please grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us!

Church of Christ

CHURCH OF CHRIST

2761 Broadway, North Bend • 541-756-4844
Sunday Bible Study..... 9:30 am
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
Wednesday Meal and Worship..... 6:00 pm
Where You Can Find A Friend

Lutheran

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Home of Cartwheels: A Christian Preschool
2741 Sherman, Ave., North Bend
Pastor Israel Jurich 541-756-4035
Office Hours Mon.-Fri., 8:00 am-12:00 pm
Worship Every Sunday..... 10:30 am
All are welcome! faithlutheran-nb.org - faithlutheran_nb@frontier.com

Lutheran

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church-ELCA

Join us Online
10 am every Sunday

Facebook Live or call our office for the Zoom link.

1290 Thompson Rd. Coos Bay
541 267-2347
www.gloriadeifamily.org

Foursquare

BAY AREA FOURSQUARE CHURCH

466 Donnelly (across from the new Coos Bay Fire Station)
Glorifying, Proclaiming and Showing Christ to all
Pastors: David & Marilyn Scanlon
(541) 269-1821

Sunday School.....(all ages through Adult)..... 9:00 am - 9:45 am
Sunday Worship.....(Nursery & Children's Church Provided)..... 10:00 am
We also have small group ministries meeting throughout the week.
E-mail: Ba4@ba4.org Website: www.ba4.org

Foursquare

COQUILLE FOURSQUARE CHURCH

1546 North Hemlock St., Coquille • 541-396-5548
All are Welcome - Christ is the center of who we are and all we do
Pastors: Sam & Lovena Flaherty

Sunday School.....9:20 am - 10:20 am
Sunday Worship.....10:30 am
Celebrate Recovery (meal provided) every Thursday 6-9 pm
www.pcfoursquare.org

Reedsport

Christian

Reedsport Christian Church

2795 Frontage Road in Reedsport

Sunday School.....9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am

Pastor Whiteman
541-271-3756