

Curry General Hospital celebrates first robotic-assisted knee surgery

◆ A new era in orthopedic care

For the Pilot

GOLD BEACH - Curry General Hospital entered a new era in orthopedic care on May 21 with the successful completion of its first robotic-assisted total knee replacement surgery using the VELYS™ Robotic-Assisted Solution.

The procedure was performed by orthopedic surgeon Jerod Hines, MD, marking the introduction of advanced robotic-assisted orthopedic technology at Curry General Hospital and expanding access to specialized surgical care for residents of Curry County and surrounding communities.

The first patient to undergo the procedure at CGH was local resident Don Jenkins, who graciously allowed Curry Health Network to use his pre-surgery photo and later posted about his experience on Facebook.

"I was that first surgery done in Gold Beach. It went perfectly. I am happy with the outcome and look forward to having the

other knee done as soon as I'm healed from this one," Jenkins wrote.

The VELYS™ Robotic-Assisted Solution is designed to help surgeons personalize knee replacement surgery to each patient's individual anatomy and alignment. During surgery, the system uses infrared cameras, optical trackers, and real-time data to assist with highly precise implant positioning and alignment. The robotic-assisted technology remains fully controlled by the surgeon throughout the procedure.

Potential benefits of robotic-assisted knee replacement surgery may include improved implant alignment, greater surgical precision, less pain, improved mobility, and faster recovery for some patients.

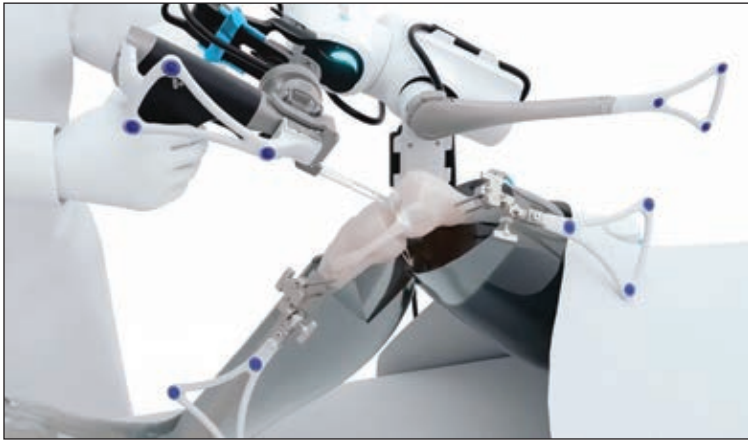
The addition of robotic-assisted technology allows orthopedic surgeons Jerod Hines, MD, and Jose Inzunza, MD, to further personalize knee replacement surgery based on each patient's unique anatomy and alignment.



"This is an exciting advancement for Curry Health Network and for the patients we serve," said Virginia (Ginny) Williams, CEO of Curry Health Network. "Access to advanced healthcare technology should not require patients to leave their community. Bringing robotic-assisted orthopedic surgery to Curry General Hospital reflects CHN's continued commitment to providing high-quality specialty care close to home."

Orthopedic services at Curry General Hospital include evaluation and treatment for joint pain and injuries, as well as total hip and knee replacement surgery.

To learn more about how the VELYS™ Robotic-Assisted Solution works and see it in action, watch the video available through Johnson & Johnson MedTech: https://youtu.be/EU9CzO8ZHyE?si=Y-t_U3X-myg5xEbc



'Left on Tenth' kicks off Brookings concert series

Portland-based indie rock band Left on Tenth will kick off the American Music Festival's free "Concerts in the Park" series at Brookings Azalea Park at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 21.

Left on Tenth, a five-piece indie rock band formed in 2016 by a group of friends on 10th Ave in Bozeman, Montana, delivers music that brings people together with pure energy. From their jam-band beginnings, they've grown into a genre-defying powerhouse act. Their sound fuses funky grooves, reggae rhythms, ska beats, and rock riffs.

Music fans can expect distorted guitars, vibrant horns, and a rhythm section with punch. Each show is different, unpredictable, and always a blast to witness. They're known for high-energy sets, pants-down solos, and crowd interaction. Their only goal on stage? To have the most fun possible.

More about the band at leftontenth.com



sponsors Rogue Credit Union, Oregon's Wild Rivers Coast, South Coast Lumber Co. and Partnership for the Performing Arts. Nearly half of the series' funding comes from crowd donations.

Here is the 2026 lineup:

- June 21: Left on Tenth is a Portland-based 5-piece funk-rock-reggae fusion band that plays mostly all original material. They deliver a strong, danceable and diverse concert every time.

- June 28: Nate Botsford and his band will get folks up and dancing with their feel good, sing-along country rock hits and originals. Their music is similar in style to Old Dominion, Brett Young, Chris Janson, Lonestar and Johnny Cash.

- July 5: Jessie G is a dynamic country-rock artist hailing from Brookings, Oregon. Known for

her gritty vocals and patriotic roots, she was discovered by country star Gretchen Wilson and is the first outside artist signed to Wilson's label, Redneck Records.

- July 12: Tracorom will bring its piano-fueled blend of southern rock, soul, honky tonk, and roots americana. Their rhythmic diversity adds elements of funk, caribbean and gospel stomp to their unique feel good sound.

- July 26: Skynyrd Nation is more than just a tribute band—it's a heartfelt celebration of the music, spirit, and legacy of Lynyrd Skynyrd, the undisputed kings of Southern Rock. With unwavering dedication to authenticity, Skynyrd Nation delivers a full-scale recreation of the iconic sound, electrifying energy, and soulful storytelling that defined the legendary band.

- Aug. 2: The Hank Shreve

Band features harmonica ace and singer Hank Shreve and his powerhouse band that plays high energy blues, rock, funk and soul. They clinched the Muddy Award for Best Regional Act in 2016, 2014, and 2013, building on their inaugural win for the Best New Act in 2012. Shreve has earned recognition such as the Northwest Harmonica Championship in 2008 and multiple Muddy Awards, including Best Harmonica in 2009 and 2013, along with the 2021 Rooster Blues Award of Best Male Vocalist.

- Aug. 16: Simple Dreams Oregon is a six-piece Rogue Valley band that delivers a rich, emotional journey through Linda Ronstadt's most beloved music, as well as the hits of Fleetwood Mac, Heart and Journey. Each performance delivers powerhouse vocals, soaring harmonies, passion and precision.

- SEPT. 6: Huckleberry Road Huckleberry Road is rooted in southern rock, outlaw country, and blue-collar anthems. With a reputation for high-energy live shows and hard-hitting songwriting, Huckleberry Road has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in country and rock, proving they can hold their own with the best in the game.

In case of bad weather, the concerts will move indoors to the Gibney Center at Brookings-Harbor High School or Azalea Middle School cafeteria, 505 Pacific Ave.

Information and videos about the bands can be found at the American Music Festival's Facebook page at facebook.com/AmericanMusicFestivalBrookingsOregon

Curry County Pitch Night seeks business network

The Southwest Oregon Innovation Hub invites the public to Curry County Pitch Night, a live showcase featuring entrepreneurs from Coos, Curry and Douglas counties who are building businesses with growth potential and regional economic impact.

The free event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 12, at Mr. Ed's Underground Pub in Port Orford. The evening will include live business pitches, prizes, pizza and an opportunity for audience members to support local entrepreneurs.

Now in its second year, Curry County Pitch Night highlights businesses with strong growth and traded-sector potential that are bringing new markets, technologies and economic opportunities to Oregon's South Coast. Two January Pitch Night participants, Acting Up / The Hive and Coastal Photo Studio, have already opened brick-and-mortar locations, demonstrating the program's early impact.

Entrepreneurs will deliver five- to six-minute pitches to a panel of judges, followed by audience questions. All participants will receive cash awards ranging from \$650 to \$6,500. An additional Audience Choice Award will be funded through live audience contributions during the event. Attendees who would like to contribute to the Audience Choice Award are encouraged to bring cash.

Participants also will receive annual memberships to the Technology Association of Oregon, Oregon Entrepreneurs Network and their local chamber of commerce, along with sponsorship to participate in the Small Business Development Center's Small Business Management Program. The first-place winner will receive a sponsored trip to either the Oregon Innovation Showcase or the Bend Venture Conference.

This year's pitchers are Ashlee McGeehee of Legends Arcade in Curry County; Carrie Climer of Oceanfront Ceramics in Curry County; Jennifer Head of Synsera Systems in Curry County; Zack Martin of Tactical Adaptability Group in Coos County; and Kyle Casteel of Autoris in Douglas County.

"This year's Pitch Night showcases entrepreneurs building scalable businesses in emerging industries while creating new opportunities for the South Coast economy," said Jude Anderson, entrepreneurship manager for the South Coast Development Council.

The event is free and open to the public. Pre-registered attendees will receive tickets for complimentary pizza and beverages. Additional menu items will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit the South Coast Development Council website or contact Jude Anderson at jude@scdcinc.org or 631-897-3817. Media inquiries may be directed to Lexie Woodward at lexie@scdcinc.org or 541-808-7774.

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Speaker Series

Friends of Curry Campus Speaker Series presents: Voyage to the Galápagos Islands

Southwestern Oregon Community College Curry Campus is pleased to invite the community to a presentation by Dennis Triglia titled "Voyage to the Galápagos Islands." The event will take place on Thursday, June 11, from 1 to 2 pm.

This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of Curry Campus and will be held in the Community Room on Southwestern's Curry Campus, 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway (off Highway 101), Brookings.

At the age of 19, Dennis embarked on his journey of international travel. Following his completion of college and graduate studies, he dedicated himself to a career as a biological research scientist.

Driven by a passion for exploration, Dennis aimed to visit diverse countries to achieve several goals: (1) to observe the rich biodiversity of endemic wildlife, unique geological formations, and expansive landscapes, (2) to engage with local communities and gain insights into cultures that differ from his own, (3) to acquire knowl-

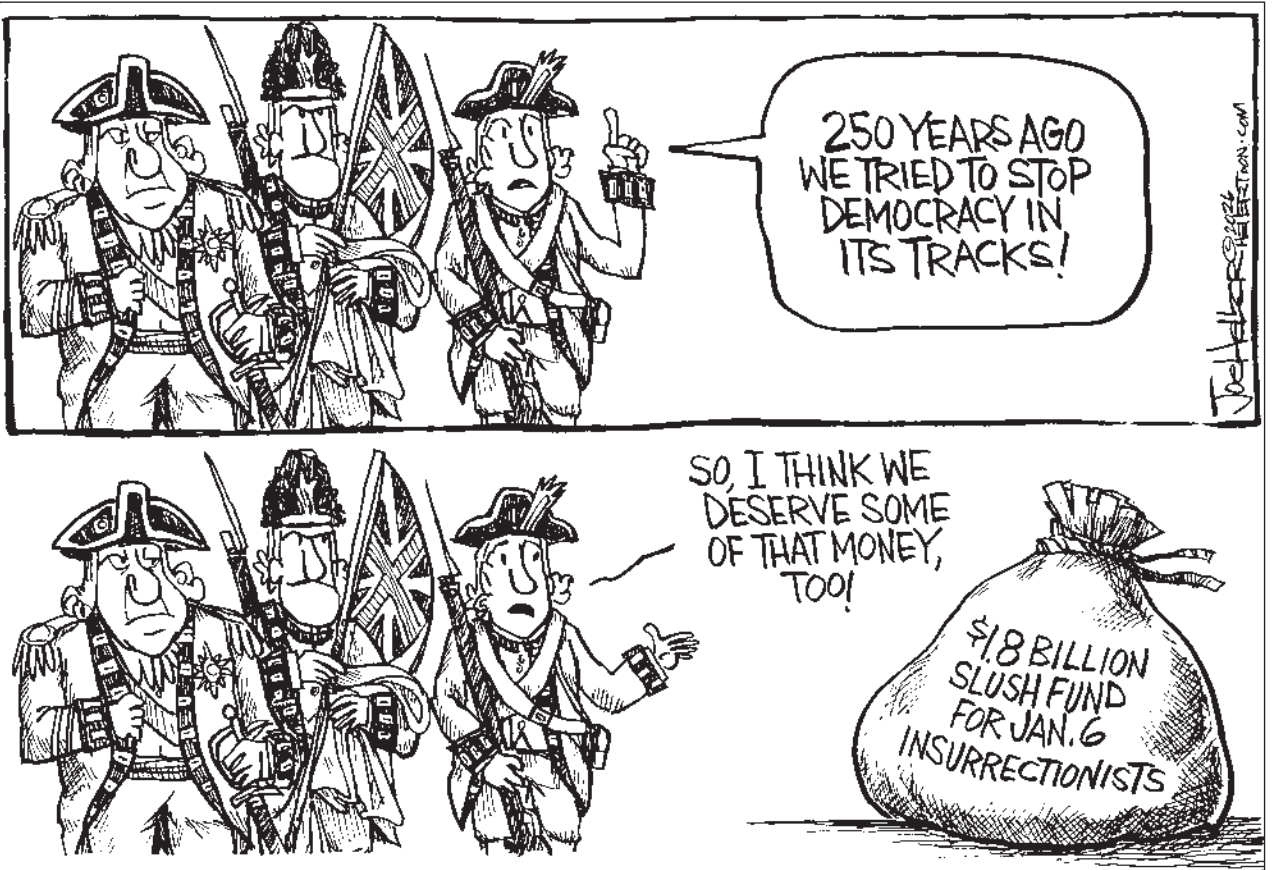
edge of a few foreign languages, (4) to indulge in local culinary offerings, and (5) to challenge himself by stepping outside his "comfort zone."

Dennis has visited 40 countries across Europe, North America, Central America, South America, Asia, and Africa, capturing many photographs during his travels. He has previously delivered presentations at SWOCC regarding his adventures in Greenland and Greece.

Dennis is the President of the Brookings Oregon Monarch Associates (BOMA), an organization dedicated to the conservation of the iconic Monarch Butterfly, the creation of pollinator gardens, and the development of Monarch Waystations.

Please join us for this informative journey to several of Ecuador's Galápagos Islands. Bring a friend.

Stay tuned for upcoming talks in our speaker series. This presentation on June 11 will be the final one before the summer break. For more information contact the Curry Campus at 541-813-1667.



Holy Cow! History

The president's cufflink is missing

By J. MARK POWELL
InsideSources.com



It was a very busy day for Richard Nixon. From the moment Air Force One touched down in Mobile, Alabama, on May 25, 1971, it was a nonstop whirlwind of events.

Gov. George Wallace, who had run against Nixon for the presidency in 1968 and would do so again a year later, greeted him. A newlywed, Wallace's second wife was already making her influence over him known. The Democrat's usual dark business suit was hanging in a closet back in the Governor's Mansion, replaced by a wild, ultramodern white suit with a salmon shirt and plaid salmon tie. (That

was, after all, the mercifully brief "Peacock Revolution," when outlandish, garish colors dominated Swinging Seventies fashion.)

The president was followed by a high-profile entourage, including daughter Julie and husband David Eisenhower — Ike's grandson and the namesake of presidential retreat Camp David — along with three GOP congressmen and Nixon's recent postmaster general, Alabamian Winton Blount.

After formally dedicating the new Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway project, it was off to Birmingham, where Nixon addressed newspaper editors from around the Southeast. It was there that the presidential party encountered

the trip's only momentary unpleasantness. Some Peace Party demonstrators tried to block the motorcade. (This was the waning days of the Vietnam War, and war protests were still common.) Wallace leaned out of the presidential limousine window and was heard telling his security detail, "Tell 'em that's far enough, boys." The motorcade passed on without incident.

Apart from that, Nixon's six-hour visit to the Heart of Dixie was a lovefest. An estimated 180,000 people lined the route in both cities to wave and cheer. A journalist traveling with the president reported reading signs proclaiming:

- "Wetumpka Loves Nixon"
- "Y'all Come Back Soon"
- "Right On, Brother Nixon"
- "Alabama Believes In Apple Pie, Motherhood, and Mr. Nixon"
- "The Nixons Are Beautiful People"
- "Richard Nixon Super Star"

That last point was underscored in an unusual way during the first leg of the trip.

Mobile turned out in

force to welcome the president. As Nixon's limo wound its way through cheering crowds, every so often it would stop so he could jump out and shake hands with the folks he always called "my fellow Americans."

For instance, a group of Azalea Trail Maids, decked out in obligatory Southern belle hoop skirts, each got a handshake.

But pressing the presidential flesh in a jostling, exciting crowd can turn into a contact sport. As people reached, stretched and grabbed Nixon's hand, a cufflink came loose from his shirt. He was seen for a while with the sleeve flapping until a replacement was found for him.

When the exciting moment had passed and the motorcade had moved on, a teenager spotted something lying on the ground. And thus began Debra Norman's 15 minutes of fame.

The 18-year-old was a senior at a local Catholic high school. It didn't take her long to do the right thing. She immediately wrote a letter explaining that she had found the missing link and asked if it was OK for her to hold onto it as a keepsake. But she added she'd be happy to send it to the president if it held sentimental value to him.

Imagine her surprise when, a short time later, a small parcel was delivered to her home with a return address that simply said,

Americanisms

"What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? ... Or does it explode?"
— Langston Hughes

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Off the charts:

The Hidden Tissues That Keep Us Moving

By Dr. Gigi Reed, MD

If we could look beneath our skin during a simple walk, we would see a remarkable network of fibers and cushioning working in quiet coordination. Muscles contract, bones shift, and between them, three unsung structures—tendons, ligaments, and cartilage—keep everything moving smoothly and staying stable. Without them, even something as routine as tying our shoes would become a complex mechanical challenge. Movement is often credited to muscles alone, but they are only part of the story. It is these connective tissues that make motion efficient, controlled, and



sustainable.

Think of the body as a high-tech suspension bridge. Tendons act like steel cables—strong and resilient—anchoring muscle to bone and carrying the force of every step, jump, and stretch. The Achilles tendon, for instance, can support forces

several times a person's body weight during running or jumping.

Ligaments serve as the bridge's stabilizing bands. These slightly elastic tissues connect bone to bone, maintaining joint stability while allowing controlled movement. One well-known example is the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in the knee. When it tears, the joint often feels unstable and unreliable. In many ways, ligaments function as the body's built-in safety system, preventing joints from moving too far or too fast.

While tendons and ligaments manage force and stability, cartilage provides comfort. This smooth,

flexible tissue covers the ends of bones, allowing joints to move with minimal friction. It also shapes structures like the nose, cushions the spine, and gives the ears their pliability.

Under a microscope, cartilage appears as a gel-like matrix rich in water and protein fibers—an effective shock absorber that not only supports movement but refines it. In healthy joints, the friction between cartilage surfaces is remarkably low—even lower than that of ice gliding on ice.

Despite their strength, these tissues share a key limitation: a poor blood supply. Blood delivers oxygen and nutrients

essential for healing, yet tendons and ligaments receive only limited circulation. Cartilage has none at all. This is why injuries to these structures can take months to recover and why joint discomfort often returns with intense activity.

What makes these tissues truly remarkable is how seamlessly they work together. Each step we take involves a coordinated sequence: muscles generate force, tendons transmit it, ligaments guide the motion, and cartilage absorbs the impact. It is a continuous, finely tuned interaction happening thousands of times a day without conscious awareness.

When these connective

tive tissues begin to wear down, the result is often pain and stiffness—something many people eventually experience. Their quiet reliability is easy to overlook, but it is worth appreciating. They are the reason we can move freely, stretch widely, and stay active over time.

Leaving Germany after college, Dr. Gudrun (Gigi) Reed spent over 20 years as a scientist in the U.S. She holds four patents in DNA research and was a university professor. Today she is busy as co-medical director for hospice, acute rehabilitation and practices family medicine in Brookings, OR. Ggiredmd@gmail.com

Fire restrictions: Stay vigilant this summer to reduce human-caused wildfires

From BLM Ore. & Wash.

Statewide fire restrictions remain in effect for all Bureau of Land Management public lands throughout Oregon and Washington, and many local regions have additional restrictions in place. BLM leaders encourage all visitors to be aware of all active restrictions and closures as warmer weather sets in around the Pacific Northwest.

"Every visitor to public

lands can take additional precautions to lower the risk of starting a fire," said Kim Prill, BLM Oregon/Washington Acting State Director. "Just one spark can start a wildfire."

Visitors should research their destinations in advance, as restrictions vary by location and jurisdiction. The use of fireworks, exploding targets or metallic targets, steel component ammunition (core or jacket), tracer or incendiary

devices, and sky lanterns remain prohibited.

"Preventing human caused fires is one of the best ways we can all work together to keep our firefighters and our communities safe," added Josh O'Connor, Northwest Geographic Area Fire Chief for the U.S. Wildland Fire Service.

Many local restrictions address questions of when visitors can use power tools, what kinds of stoves

or campfires are allowed, and what type of safety equipment to have on hand.

Vehicle Maintenance and Parking Safety

As roadside brush dries out, vehicles become a primary source of accidental ignitions. Drivers are urged to properly maintain their vehicles and avoid parking or idling on tall, dry grass. Even without a spark, the intense heat from a

vehicle's exhaust system or catalytic converter can ignite vegetation beneath the car in a matter of seconds. Motorists should stick to established roads, gravel turnouts, or cleared parking areas.

Safe Towing and Equipment Practices

Towing trailers or driving recreational vehicles requires extra vigilance during fire season. Motorists must ensure that tow

chains are properly secured and not dragging on the pavement.

Loose metal links striking the highway create a continuous stream of sparks that can easily ignite the roadside. Additionally, all off-highway vehicles, chainsaws, and portable generators operated on public lands should be equipped with a properly functioning spark arrestor to stop hot embers from escaping.

Summer Concerts continue at Pistol River

The Pistol River Concert Association is proud to welcome the folk/Americana duo Minor Gold to the Pistol River Friendship Hall stage at 7PM on Saturday, June 20th.

Canadian native Tracy McNeil and Australian born Dan Parsons joined forces in her band The Goodlife about 10 years ago. Both strong, prolific and successful songwriters in their own right, they began writing together during COVID and realized they had found something special: Beautifully played instrumentals that serve as a backdrop to the pair's magnificent vocals.

Critics have compared them to 60's/70's folk duos like Emmylou Harris and Gram Parsons, and Simon and Garfunkel. Check them out at minorgoldmusic.com. Tickets are available at Wrights Custom Framing in Brookings, First Chapter Coffee House in Gold Beach.

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Sunday, May 24
6:22 am, Smith Drive, fire alarm.
6:42 am, Oak Street Stout Park, disorderly conduct.
12:51 pm, Highway 101 and Pedrioli, traffic crash.
1:15 pm, Street Fair, harassment.
1:57 pm, Chetco Avenue, traffic crash.
9:15 pm, Easy Street, disorderly conduct.
10:56 pm, Mill Beach Road, civil problem.
10:59 pm, Mill Beach Road, loud noise.

Monday, May 25
5:58 am, Railroad Avenue, alarm.
8:45 am, W Harris Heights, criminal mischief.
9:03 am, N Hazel

Street, civil problem.
2:12 pm, House Rock Road, alarm.
8:44 pm, Chrissy Field, unlawful entry motor vehicle.
9:06 pm, Highway 101 S Of Carpentryville Road, traffic crash.
9:48 pm, Chetco Avenue, loitering.
11:39 pm, Hwy 101 MP 360, traffic crash.
11:56 pm, Hassett Street, alarm.

Tuesday, May 26
3:08 am, 5th Street, warrant service.
3:38 am, Pedrioli Road, alarm.
4:55 am, 3rd and Ransom, prowler.
12:30 pm, Fir Street, criminal trespass.
5:30 pm, Beach Avenue, hit & run.
5:44 pm, Court

Street, dispute/fight.
Wednesday, May 27
9:24 am, Railroad Street, criminal mischief.
9:31 am, Easy Street, criminal trespass.
11:46 am, Highway 101 S, alarm.
1:38 pm, 5th Street, intoxicated subject.
2:26 pm, Marine Drive, loud noise.
2:30 pm, Old County Road and Fir Street, traffic crash.
2:47 pm, Spruce Street, theft.
6:08 pm, Pacific Crest Drive, dispute/fight.
7:57 pm, Fir Street, civil problem.
9:42 pm, Chetco Avenue, DUI.
9:49 pm, Montbretia Lane Montbretia L, fire.

Thursday, May 28
12:03 am, Chetco Avenue, telephone harassment.
10:47 am, Railroad Street, loud noise.
11:19 am, Chetco Avenue, dispute/fight.
11:51 am, 5th Street, theft.
11:48 pm, Del Norte Lane, dispute/fight.

Friday, May 29
3:27 am, Fir Street, loud noise.
11:06 am, Pioneer Lane, civil problem.
1:23 pm, Old County Road Azalea Park, theft.
3:08 pm, Chetco Avenue, disorderly conduct.
6:37 pm, Boat Basin Road, assault.
7:49 pm, Highway

101 N Of Dawson, violation of city ordinance.
10:04 pm, Shopping Center Avenue, dispute/fight.
11:05 pm, North Bank Chetco River Road, shot(s) fired.

Saturday, May 30
1:35 am, Chetco Avenue, illegal camping.
7:30 am, Fifield Street, alarm.
1:59 pm, Chetco Avenue, fire.
3:00 pm, Boat Basin Road, fire.
4:35 pm, Coverdell Road, traffic crash.
9:37 pm, Chetco Avenue, warrant service.

Sunday, May 31
1:01 am, 5th Street, criminal trespass.
1:11 am, Chetco Avenue, criminal trespass.

3:09 am, 5th Street, criminal trespass.
6:15 am, Carpentryville Road, prowler.
9:58 am, 5th Street, criminal trespass.
10:15 am, Lower Harbor and Shopping Center Avenue, traffic crash.
10:55 am, Highway 101 S, traffic crash.
11:23 am, Bridge Street, violation of city ordinance.
3:46 pm, Oak Street Stout Park, harassment.
5:40 pm, Pioneer Road, civil problem.
6:51 pm, Fern Avenue, violation of city ordinance.
9:17 pm, 5th Street, criminal trespass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submissions for events can be sent by email to: pilotofficemgr@countrymedia.net. The deadline for submission is 4:30 pm Monday, the week prior to publication.

DAILY

• Daily Meal, Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane: 11:15 am - 12:30 pm.

All Year Long

• Beyond 250 Oral History Project, Chetco Library. Anyone who has called Brookings-Harbor home is welcome to share lived experiences for the oral history project. Learn more and sign up at chetcolibrary.org/Beyond250.

Mondays

• Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elks Drive: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
• Qi Gong for Health & Vitality, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.

Tuesdays

• Brookings-Harbor Garden Club Work Party, Brookings Botanical Garden: 10:00 am - 11:30 am.
• Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm.
• Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Donations requested.
• Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.
• Tween Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Activities for youth ages 10-13.
• Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
• Amateur Radio Net, Gasquet Net: 6:30 pm (147.18); DN Amateur Radio Club: 7:15 pm (146.88).
• Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.

Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
• Ukulele Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Music provided.

Wednesdays

• T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.
• Qi Gong for Health & Vitality, Chetco Library: 9:30 am. Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.
• Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elks Drive: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
• The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. 541-412-8664.
• Afternoon Creation Station, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop-in activities for school-aged kids.
• Recorder Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Music provided.
• Men's Club Golf, Salmon Run Golf Course: 9:00 am. Friendly team and individual play. All skill levels welcome. Bob K: 701-269-7822.
• Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.

Thursdays

• Rowdy Creek String Band, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Open rehearsal for acoustic string instrument players.
• Bridge, Chetco Activity

Center: 12:15 pm.
• Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach: 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
• Checkmate Corner, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Weekly chess club for all ages and skill levels.
• Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Free class. Participants should be able to comfortably get up and down from the floor. All are welcome; donations appreciated.
• Recreational Table Tennis, 102 Park Street, Brookings: 6:30 pm. Intermediate players welcome; bring your own paddle.
• Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 donation. Jean: 541-251-8998.

Fridays

• Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm.
• The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. 541-412-8664.
• Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
• T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
• Threads, Hooks, & Needles, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Fiber arts club for knitters, sewers, and more.

Saturdays

• Saturday Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.
• Saturday Shuffle: Pokemon, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Play and trade Pokemon cards with guidance from an

experienced player.

Wednesday, June 10

• D&D One-Shot Adventure, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Youth ages 10-16 can learn tabletop role-playing basics and complete a short adventure. No experience needed; space limited, sign up in advance.
• Bookworm Buddies Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. For 2nd- through 5th-graders. June discussion: Princess Cora and the Crocodile and Baby-sitter's Little Sister: Karen's Kitty Cat Club.

Thursday, June 11

• Game Hub, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Open gaming on the Nintendo Switch 2 plus board games. K-12 students welcome.
• Pub Grub Book Club, Misty Mountain Brewing, downtown Brookings: 5:30 pm. Casual book club for adult fans of graphic novels. June selection to be announced.

Friday, June 12

• Creative Cafe, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Free monthly art event for adults and teens. June focus: stop motion animation.

Saturday, June 13

• Disaster Preparedness with the Red Cross, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Free class on wildfire prevention and preparation.
• VFW Post 966 meeting, 507 Pacific Ave, Brookings: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. War-time veterans are encouraged to join. Help us save our Post, buy a brick. 541-412-6236.
• Dress a Girl, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Monthly meeting to sew dresses and shorts for children worldwide. Bring your lunch and

bring a friend. Jane Knox: 209-815-2100.

• Art Walk Open House, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Light refreshments and featured handcrafted glass art by Garrett J. Smith in the Forest Gallery.
• Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: 7:00 pm. All seats reserved; tickets \$10.
• Bootleg on the Boardwalk, Port of Brookings Harbor: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. Two-day waterfront festival with live music, vendors, food and community fun.

Sunday, June 14

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Monday, June 15

• Master Gardener Plant Clinics, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Free help from Curry County Master Gardeners. Bring a question and a picture or small cutting of the plant.
• Screening of Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom with Discussion, 555 Hemlock Street: 5:30 pm.

Wednesday, June 17

• Summer Reading Kickoff Party, Chetco Library. Kick off the Summer Reading Program with a rock painting party. All ages welcome; pick up reading logs and calendars. Pre-register at chetcolibrary.org/SRP.

Thursday, June 18

• Lego Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Afternoon meet-up in the Youth Section for Lego enthusiasts.

Friday, June 19

• Juneteenth Community Equity Coalition Fish Fry, 555 Hemlock Street: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Community event featuring food and celebration.

Saturday, June 20

• Mario Party!, Chetco Library: 11:00 am. Friendly gaming on the Nintendo Switch 2 with library volunteer Dee.
• Juneteenth Community Block Party, 555 Hemlock Street: 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Local block party hosted at the Community Equity Coalition location.
• Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: 7:00 pm. All seats reserved; tickets \$10.
• Solstice Shred, Insider of Southern Oregon: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. Event includes battle of the bands, game of S.K.A.T.E., three-round emcee battle, boarders meet-up, vendors and beer garden, and kick-flip and ollie competition. Band submissions and skate vendors wanted. Hosted by Lee Spivey. Email shredsolstice@gmail.com. More info at insiderofsouthemoregon.com/events.

Tuesday, June 23

• Dragon Theater Puppets Presents: Johnny Appleseed!, Chetco Library: 11:00 am. Whimsical, kid-friendly rendition of the classic folktale.
• Ladies of Liberty Silver Salmon Tournament, Salmon Run Golf Course, 99040 S. Bank Chetco River Road, Brookings: Thursday and Friday, June 25-26. Four-person women's teams; \$540 per team. Call 541-469-4888 for information.

Oregon petition to ban hunting and fishing moves closer to November ballot

By MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Last week, petitioners hoping to ban fishing and hunting in Oregon reached a milestone in their attempt to change state law.

Initiative Petition 28, led by Portland-based animal

rights activists, aims to expand animal cruelty laws and criminalize injuring, breeding or killing animals except in cases of self-defense or for veterinary care, such as spaying, neutering or administering euthanasia.

On Friday, the group surpassed the required 117,000

signatures needed to qualify for the ballot — submitting more than 126,000 signatures to the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

The office must verify those signatures using statistical sampling procedures before the petition can officially make it to the

November ballot. If those signatures are valid, the new signatures bring the state closer to outlawing methods essential to some of its key industries.

It's likely some signatures will be rejected, but petitioners can still submit signatures until July 2. Petition circulators generally aim to gather about 150% of the required signatures to account for invalid or duplicate signatures.

Initiative Petition 28 faces significant opposition across the aisle

Activities such as lawful hunting, fishing, wildlife management, scientific or agricultural research, pest control and slaughtering livestock are exempt from animal cruelty laws.

Initiative Petition 28 aims to remove those exemptions.

"The reason we are seeking to prohibit these activities is not to be punitive towards anyone currently involved with the injuring, killing, or breeding of animals, but rather to be

protective of the needs of the animals and to codify their right to life and bodily autonomy in law," the petition campaign website reads.

Criminalizing those practices would have significant repercussions on key industries such as Oregon's beef industry, which brought in \$127 million worth in exports in 2023, the fishing industry, which generated \$517 million in household income and supported 10,300 jobs in 2025, and for research at public universities that bring in billions across the state.

Major industry groups such as the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon Hunter's Association, the Sportsmen's Alliance and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association all have expressed strong opposition to the petition.

And if it passed, there would be less money for wildlife management because it would eliminate fishing and hunting licenses. "The passage of IP 28

would effectively turn Oregon into a 'no kill or harm' sanctuary state, eliminating in-state meat, dairy, and animal protein production. Oregonians would be forced either into a vegan lifestyle or to rely on food shipped in from other states or countries. This would increase food costs for families, undermine local food security, and make Oregon dependent on the national and global food supply chain," said the Oregon Farm Bureau.

Many Democrats and Republicans alike have denounced this initiative, including the gubernatorial candidates running in November.

Christine Drazan, a Republican Canby state senator, called the petition an attack by Gov. Tina Kotek's allies against the state economy.

"Banning hunting, fishing, and basic animal husbandry would kill thousands of jobs and threaten our food supply at a time when we can least afford it," Drazan said in a post to X.



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF BROOKINGS TIDEWATER RESERVOIR IMPROVEMENTS Sealed bids for the construction of the Tidewater Reservoir Improvements for the City of Brookings (Owner) will be received by 2:00 pm PDT July 9, 2026. A virtual bid opening will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: The Dyer Partnership (541) 269-0732. Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com, QuestCDN Project No. 10227179. Bids will ONLY be received and accepted through QuestCDN. Prospective bidders must be on the QuestCDN planholders list for bids to be accepted and receipt of Addenda. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents. The project consists of: 1) Construct new water line improvements along Eastwood Lane from the intersection of Marina Heights Loop and Eastwood Lane to Tidewater Reservoir site; 2) Construct a new water pump station building adjacent to the Tidewater Reservoir site; and 3) Construct a new 75,000 gallon glass-fused-to-steel reservoir and foundation, site improvements, and other ancillary items. See Bidding Documents for a complete description. Bids not fully completed in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders will not be considered. A Bid Security executed in favor of the Owner in the amount of not less than 10% of the total amount of the Bid is required. Per ORS 279C.385 (2), Bid Security is to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages should the Bidder neglect or refuse to enter into a Contract and provide suitable insurance certificates, bonds, and other required documents for the faithful performance of the work in the event the Bidder is awarded the Contract. All bidders must be equal opportunity employers, provide proof of an employee drug testing program, be registered with the Construc-

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tion Contractors Board and comply with all state and federal laws. A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held. Each Bidder must submit a First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form, Evidence of Authority to Sign Bid, and Evidence to do Business in the State within two working hours of the time for receipt of the Bid. Contractors and all subcontractors shall pay at least the state prevailing rate of wage as determined under ORS 279C.815. ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 will be administered and enforced in accordance with state law and regulations. No Bid will be received or considered by the Owner unless the Bid contains: 1) a statement that Bidder will comply with the provisions of 40 USC 276a and ORS 279C.840 and 2) a statement as to whether the Bidder is a resident Bidder as defined in ORS 279A.120. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive all informalities, and to accept such Bids that in the opinion of the Owner are in the best interest of the Owner. Dated this 1st day of June 2026. Owner: City of Brookings By: Tony Baron Title: Public Works Director 6/10 & 6/17/2026 Pilot 427486

Notice of Budget Committee Meeting A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Southern Curry Cemetery Maintenance District, Curry County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Cemetery office at 1035 7th Street, Brookings, OR 97415. The meeting will take place on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after June 12, 2026, in the Cemetery office window between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. 6/3 & 6/10/2026 Pilot, 427231

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FORM LB-1		NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING		
A public meeting of the Port of Brookings Harbor will be held on June 17, 2026 at 2:00pm at Port Meeting Room 16350 Lower Harbor Road Ste. #202 Brookings Oregon 97415 and via Telephone Conference. Instructions to join the telephone conference: Dial 1 (469) 998-7421 US, enter Meeting ID: 579 455 896#. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Port of Brookings Harbor Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 16330 Lower Harbor Road, between the hours of 8am and 4pm or online at portofbrookingsharbor.com. This budget is for annual budget period FY 2026-2027. This budget was prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting.				
Contact: April Walker		Telephone: (541) 469-2218 ext. 405		
Email: accounts@portofbrookingsharbor.com				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget	
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	
Beginning Fund Balance / Cash Carryover	1,043,012	1,092,800	1,149,000	
Charges for Port Services	2,975,000	3,240,000	3,260,000	
Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	1,214,000	1,080,000	2,071,000	
Interfund Transfers	1,044,572	1,037,838	4,598,838	
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	90,054	108,650	46,650	
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	280,000	280,000	285,000	
Total Resources	6,646,638	6,839,288	11,410,488	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION				
Personnel Services	993,807	1,016,868	1,013,373	
Materials and Services	1,877,000	2,046,500	2,081,500	
Capital Outlay	388,500	413,500	390,000	
Capital Projects	1,070,000	1,080,000	4,042,000	
Debt Service	321,718	310,000	310,000	
RV Park Improvement	57,718	57,718	57,718	
USDA Revenue Bond	130,120	130,120	130,120	
Reserve Fund	563,790	574,000	641,000	
Interfund Transfers	1,044,572	1,037,838	2,577,838	
Contingencies	58,121	7,794	789	
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	141,292	164,950	166,150	
Total Requirements	6,646,638	6,839,288	11,410,488	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY-REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *				
Marina	976,327	1,334,747	1,433,953	
FTE	3.50	4.00	4.00	
Beachfront RV Park	530,327	604,717	513,792	
FTE	3.00	3.50	3.50	
Commercial Retail	587,827	636,717	635,292	
FTE	3.00	3.50	3.50	
Fuel Dock	1164827.00	900,687	901,836	
FTE	3.0	1.50	3.50	
Allocated to Program/Activity	3,259,307	3,476,868	3,484,873	
Not Allocated to Program/Activity	3,387,331	3,362,420	7,925,615	
FTE	12.50	12.50	12.50	
Total Requirements	6,646,638	6,839,288	11,410,488	
Total FTE	12.50	12.50	12.50	
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES				
Permanent Rate Levy Limit 0.1316 Per \$1000)		(Rate	Rate or Amount Imposed	
		0.1316	0.1316	0.1316
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS				
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated	Debt Outstanding July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
Other Bonds	563,000		461,003	
Other Borrowings	3,068,303		2,713,451	
Total	3,631,303		3,174,454	
6/10/2026 Pilot 427193				

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States face tight timeline as feds unveil new Medicaid work requirement rules

By ANNA CLAIRE VOLLERS
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The federal government released new guidance this week on how states should roll out the Medicaid work requirements that will affect healthcare coverage for millions of Americans.

The new interim rule, issued by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, is intended to give states more details on how they're supposed to verify the work status for about 20 million adults enrolled in Medicaid, the publicly funded health insurance program for people with low incomes.

The new details come as states are staring down the January 1, 2027, deadline to put the new work requirements in place, and have requested more clarity from the feds on how they're supposed to implement them.

"States are being asked to carry out a complicated federal mandate without clear rules, without enough time, and with the risk that eligible people lose health care because of paperwork problems and system failures," Oregon Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek said last

week in a statement.

Kotek led a six-state coalition of Democratic governors in asking the Trump administration last week to slow the rollout of the new work requirements, calling the timeline unworkable.

Congress built the new work requirements into last year's so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Under the measure, states that have expanded Medicaid eligibility to more adults under the Affordable Care Act — 40 states plus the District of Columbia and another two that have partially expanded — will have to require those adults to prove they're working, going to school or serving their communities for at least 80 hours a month to receive Medicaid.

The rules released this week are intended to clarify key parts of the new law, including exemptions for people who are considered "medically frail," how to reach out to Medicaid beneficiaries, and methods for verifying Medicaid eligibility.

"This rule helps Americans build skills and independence through work,

education, job training, or community service, creating new opportunities for themselves and their families," said Dr. Mehmet Oz, director for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in a statement announcing the new guidance.

But critics of work requirements point to evidence that it kicks people off Medicaid who are otherwise entitled to it without meaningfully increasing the share of adults who are working.

For example, Arkansas tried instituting work requirements for Medicaid recipients during Trump's first term in 2018. By the time a federal judge halted the policy less than a year later, 18,000 adults had already lost coverage and reported problems paying off medical debt, delaying healthcare and delaying medications due to cost. Studies later found that Arkansas' work requirements didn't increase employment. And data shows that most adults on Medicaid under age 65 are already working.

Supporters say the new requirements are flexible. They say the feds have



Dr. Mehmet Oz, administrator of the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, speaks at the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., in December. CMS this week released guidance on how states should implement new Medicaid work requirements. (Photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images)

created a broad category of "medically frail" people who are exempt from the work requirements, and they're permitting states to allow people to self-attest that they're exempt one time before documentation is required.

The new work requirements will apply to about 20 million people who are eligible for Medicaid through expansion, according to estimates from

health research organization KFF. These expansion enrollees make up about 30% of all Medicaid enrollees.

A recent analysis from the Urban Institute projects that 3-7 million people could lose coverage because of the new work requirements.

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Travel Oregon names new executive director

By James Neff

Kate Sinner, a director at Business Oregon with connections throughout state government, was selected Wednesday to take over as the executive director at Travel Oregon, the state's tourism promotion agency.

Greg Willitts, chair of the Oregon Tourism Commission, said in a statement: "Kate strikes the right balance between government executive leadership and private-sec-

tor acumen. She is passionate about Oregon, and her energy is infectious. Kate is the leader we need for Travel Oregon."

Sinner, 48, steps into an important job at a tough time. Tourism generates about \$14 billion of economic activity annually and supports 120,000 jobs in Oregon. (Travel Oregon's \$45 million budget comes directly from lodging taxes.)

But international travel to Oregon, particularly from Canada, is down,

according to Travel Oregon data, due in part to the Trump administration's tariffs and its rhetoric about making Canada the 51st U.S. state.

Furthermore, domestic travel to the state has been hurt by rising gas prices, which have soared due to the U.S.-Israel war with Iran.

Sinner, whose salary was approved at up to \$249,000, replaces former executive director Todd Davidson, who had a base salary of \$365,000 and

whose total compensation reached \$477,000 in 2024.

The decades-long Travel Oregon leader announced his retirement last May just before OJP published an investigation into the agency that detailed a toxic workplace that flourished from loose oversight by its board of commissioners and the Legislature, and delayed \$9 million in grants for small businesses.

Sinner worked for the past eight years at Busi-

ness Oregon, the state's economic development agency.

Before that, she served as a legislative staffer for Govs. John Kitzhaber and Kate Brown from 2014 to 2017. She lobbied for Oregon State University from 2007 to 2014 and worked as a contract lobbyist in the Capitol for CFM Advocates from 2004 to 2007.

"My entire career has been dedicated to Oregon," Sinner said in a statement, "and I can't think of a better way to contribute to

its economic success than serving in this role with the many partners across the state."

Gov. Tina Kotek, who approved her hiring Thursday, said in a statement: "I am excited for the opportunities ahead under Kate's leadership to broaden our approach to destination management so that we maximize the economic potential of travel and business development in every corner of our state, while staying true to Oregon's values."

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Dates:	No.	Amount	Total:
09/01/25 thru 02/01/26	6	\$1,644.27	\$9,865.62
03/01/26 thru 05/01/26	3	\$1,670.22	\$5,010.66
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By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$226,594.71 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.99 % per annum, from 8/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 9/29/2026, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE ELLENSBURG AVENUE ENTRANCE TO THE CURRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 29821 ELLENSBURG, GOLD BEACH, OR 97444, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, 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 ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 5/13/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, & 7/1/2026 Pilot 427471

History from page 2

"The White House." Nixon wrote back saying, "Losing cuff links has become one of the minor handicaps of a career in public life, but I was glad to learn that your alertness has brought the happy return of the cuff link I lost when I was visiting in Mobile. In this case, it means the return of something my daughter, Julie, had given me."

He wanted to make it up to her, however. He sent her a different set of presidential cufflinks, explaining they were the ones he had worn that day after losing Julie's gift, plus a bronze makeup compact engraved with the presidential seal.

A photo of Debra proudly displaying her presidential swag appeared in newspapers around the country. Then, just as fast as it had happened, the incident disappeared. However, it was never forgotten by the family who had experienced it.

Richard Nixon is remembered today for many things, some good, some less than good. But the case of the missing cuff link reminds us that presidents are just people after all. That brief moment spoke volumes about one chief executive's love for his daughter and his kindness toward the girl who had restored the cherished memento his child had given him.

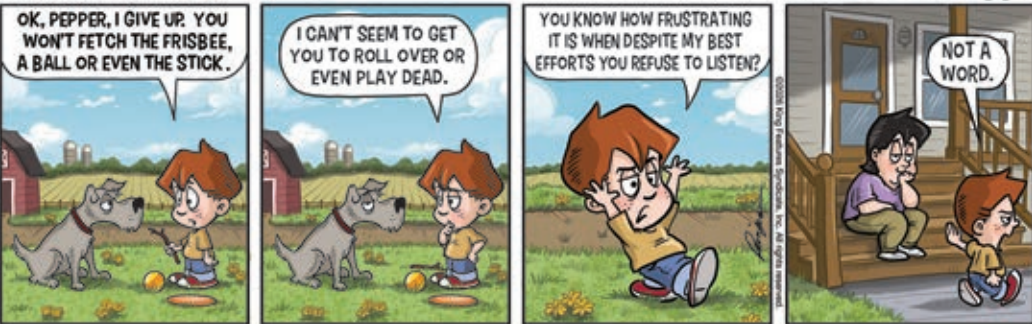
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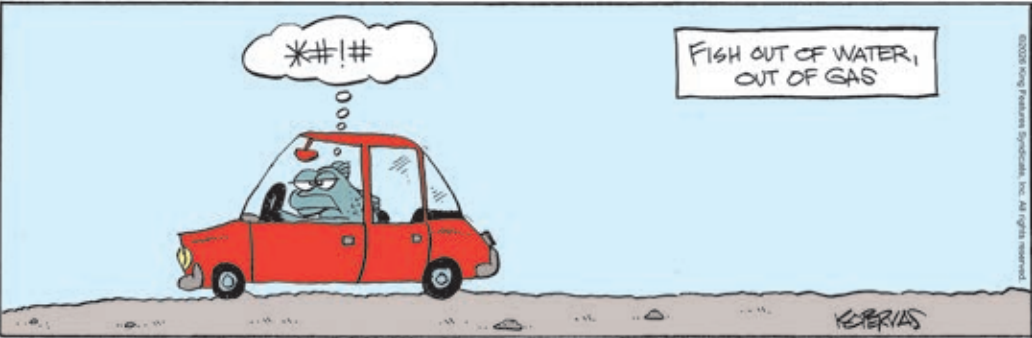
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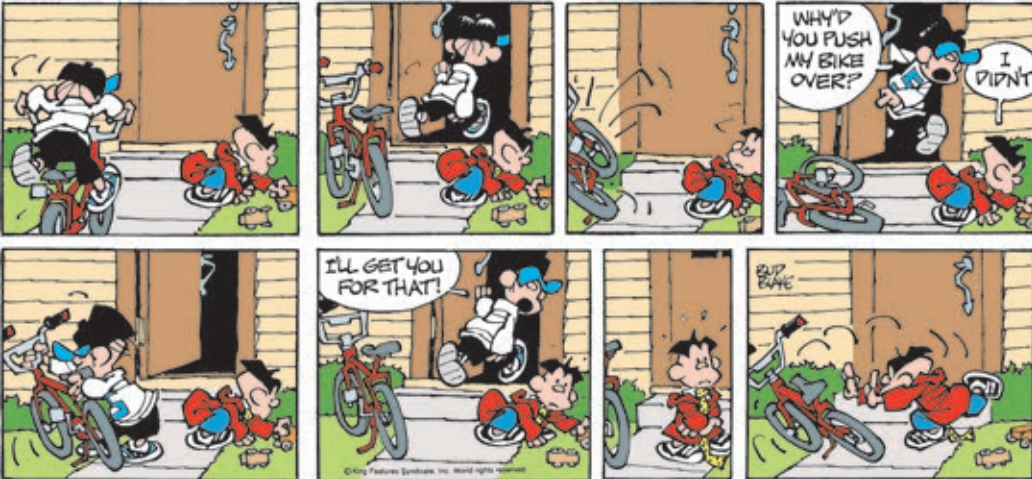
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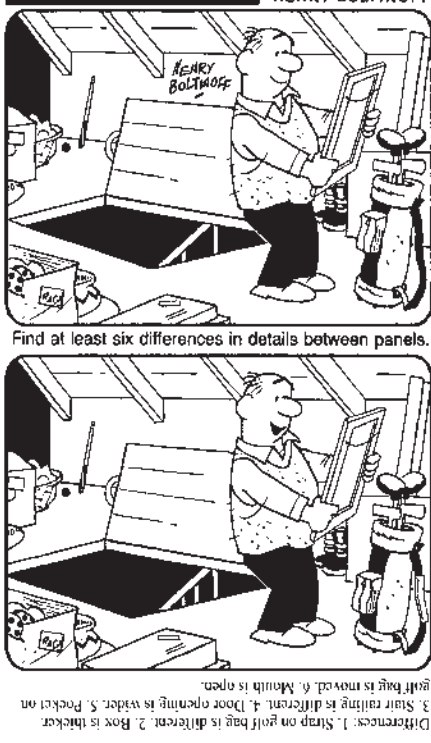
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals a O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals Y

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 VCIBFFCPQ JOYJ JYMRBV JB
 YPHBPC CRZC. OC QMQP'J
 ZNMJ FC UCRR.

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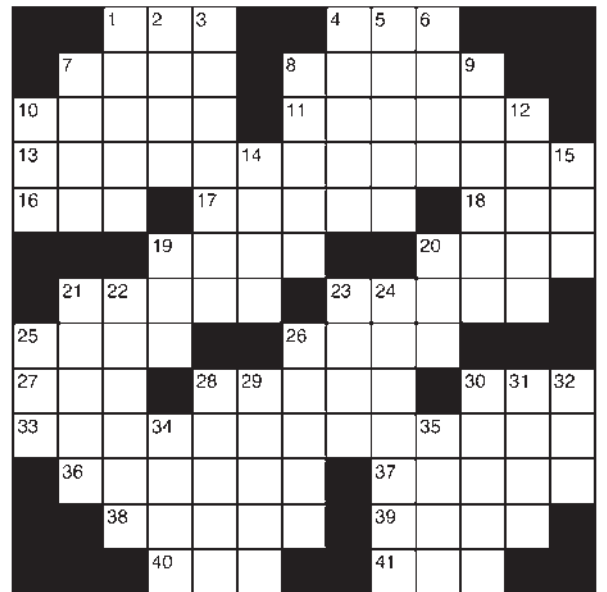
Lift **SHOTI**

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Center
- 4 Solo in space
- 7 Lawn mower brand
- 8 Spoils, with "on"
- 10 Wanderer
- 11 Beethoven's Third
- 13 Time management aids
- 16 Citric beverage
- 17 Got up
- 18 Mosquito barrier
- 19 "— chic!"
- 20 Feel sorry for
- 21 Mom's sister, informally
- 23 "Time in a Bottle" singer
- 25 Impudent
- 26 Owl call
- 27 Solid-rock insert
- 28 Spine-tingling
- 30 Lupino of film
- 33 Commuters' buys
- 36 Turned to mush
- 37 Lounges
- 38 Egypt's neighbor



- 39 Sloth's home
- 40 Ballpark fig.
- 41 Even so
- 10 Secret protect-ing doc.
- 12 Mountain crest
- 14 Quarry
- 15 Farm pen
- 19 Stick with a kick
- 20 Cauldron
- 21 Greek storyteller
- 22 Faraway orb
- 23 Business abbr.
- 24 Author's payment
- 25 Actress Dawber
- 26 "Papa" of classical music
- 28 Molts
- 29 Traction aid
- 30 Archipelago part
- 31 Editing mark
- 32 Ninny
- 34 Verifiable
- 35 Harboring a grudge

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Weekly SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Who is the long-time host of the reality show "Survivor"?
- MOVIES: What is the song playing when the lead characters dance the twist in "Pulp Fiction"?
- U.S. STATES: The first president, George Washington, was born in which colony that would later become a state?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which South American country controls Easter Island?
- MYTHOLOGY: To which mythological character is the Parthenon dedicated?
- LITERATURE: Which war is the background for Anthony Doerr's novel "All the Light We Cannot See"?
- MATH: What is the sum of the first five prime numbers?
- INVENTORS: Which inventor developed more than 300 products from peanuts?
- MUSIC: Who won Album of the Year at the 2026 Grammys?
- HISTORY: In what year did U.S. women earn the right to open credit cards in their own names?

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AUDITOR

Today's Word

1. Module; 2. Enact
 solution

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S	E	A	C	H

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

I would certainly not recommend that labor to anyone else. He didn't suit me well.

answer

CryptoQuip



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

- Jeff Probst
- "You Never Can Tell," Chuck Berry
- Virginia
- Chile
- The Greek goddess Athena
- World War II
- 7, 28 (2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 11)
- George Washington Carver
- Bad Bunny
- 1974

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Pacific High Graduation

A Message from Pacific High School Principal Bonita Stout

Graduating class of 2026, it is a time to celebrate everything you have worked so hard for. Over the past 13 years, you have faced challenges, learned new things, and grown into the people you are today.

Take a moment to be proud of what you have accomplished through your hard work and dedication.

As you move on to the next chapter of your life, remember that it's okay to ask questions. Asking for help and learning from others is a sign of strength. Keep working hard, stay true to yourself, and remember that your actions will always speak louder than words.

Most importantly, know

that you are not alone on this journey. There will be people cheering you on, supporting you, and helping you along the way. Don't be afraid to lean on those who care about you, and be there for others when they need you too.

No matter where life takes you, you will always have a place to come back to. You are now part of Pacific High School's history and legacy, and that connection will always be

with you.

On behalf of the entire staff of Port Orford/Langlois School District, congratulations on this remarkable achievement. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of your journey, and we wish you success, happiness, and fulfillment in all that lies ahead.

Congratulations, Class of 2026! We can't wait to see where your journey takes you next.

Remember: Once a Pirate, always a Pirate.

Graduates

Ashton Wood (Valedictorian) - Working towards a bachelor's degree in Creative Writing from Liberty University online while working in Port Orford.

Tirian Glass (Salutatorian) - Will be attending Louisiana State University for a Naval Architecture degree.

Mason Cassidy- Entering the workforce and saving money to travel, joining ODOT high school to highway program.

Cassius Carpenter- At-

tending South Western Oregon Community College for Diesel Mechanics Program.

Landon Spalasso- Attending University of Portland for a bachelors in Music.

Merrilyn Hensley- Enrolling in the Army, then going to South Western Oregon Community

College for Diesel Mechanics, art, and business then opening her own business.

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Saturday Mass.....4:30 p.m.
Saturday Spanish Mass...6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....8:30 a.m.
First Friday every month Adoration 4 p.m. & Mass 6 p.m.
First Saturday every month Mass 9 a.m.
<https://staroftheseastcharles.org/>

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Fundamental Independent
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541-469-0191

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Brookings

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Sunday School.....11 a.m.
Wednesday Testimony Mtg..6 p.m.

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11:15am Fellowship

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