

Two Port Orford men sentenced after firearms investigation following a million-dollar burglary

From District of Oregon U.S. Attorney's Office

The last of four co-defendants was sentenced to federal prison last Friday after burglaries of a home in Coos County, Oregon, and stealing cash, gold, silver coins, and firearms. The following individuals have been sentenced:

- Daniel Knapp, 58, of Port Orford, Oregon, was sentenced last Friday to 24 months in federal prison and 3 years of supervised release;
- William Travis Cutlip, 41, of Port Orford, was sentenced July 7, 2026, to 24 months in federal prison and 3 years of supervised release;
- Kyle Vanalstine, 31, of Bandon, Oregon, was sentenced July 7, 2026, to 77 months in federal prison and 5 years of supervised release; and
- Matthew Knapp, 48, of Ashland, Oregon, was sentenced June 24, 2026, to five years of probation.

According to court documents, a federal firearms investigation began after a significant residential burglary. On Dec. 19, 2023, Matthew Knapp, Daniel Knapp, and Cutlip broke into the vault of a Coos County residence and stole approximately one million dollars in cash, gold, silver coins, and at least one firearm. After returning to one of their residences, Matthew Knapp was seen possessing a stolen pistol.

The investigation revealed several messages showing Matthew Knapp's history with firearms and accessories nine months prior, in March 2023. Matthew Knapp is a felon and prohibited from having a firearm. Matthew Knapp was later convicted of Aggravated Theft I

in state court.

Several days later, on Dec. 23, Vanalstine broke into the same vault and stole approximately 40 firearms, including assault rifles, pistols, and at least one silencer and transferred many of them to Cutlip. Several stolen firearms stored at Cutlip's property were later recovered in California.

On Jan. 5, 2024, law enforcement stopped and searched Vanalstine while he was driving in Curry County, Oregon. In his car, Vanalstine had more than one kilogram of methamphetamine, scales and a loaded pistol. Vanalstine was convicted in state court for the burglary of the residence and for a separate possession of a controlled substance case, and was sentenced to prison for both offenses.

On Jan. 9, 2024, law enforcement executed a search warrant on Cutlip's residence in Port Orford and seized a stolen silencer and the assault rifles pictured.

In January 2024, law enforcement executed a search warrant at Daniel Knapp's residence and found a .22 revolver, which was unconnected to the burglary. Daniel Knapp is a felon and prohibited from having a firearm.

On Dec. 11, 2024, Cutlip pleaded guilty to conspiracy to



(Photos courtesy of U.S. Attorney's Office)

The two assault rifles found in the Cutlip residence as part of the firearms investigation.



traffic in firearms. He was convicted in state court for burglary.

On Dec. 4, 2025, Vanalstine pleaded guilty to trafficking in firearms and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

In February 2026, Matthew Knapp and Daniel Knapp pleaded guilty to felon in possession of a firearm.

U.S. Attorney Scott E. Bradford for the District of Oregon made the announcement.

This case was prosecuted by the ATF, FBI, SCINT (South Coos Interagency Narcotics Team), Coos County Sheriff's Office, and Oregon State Police, with assistance from Coquille Tribal Police, Bandon Police Department, Coos Bay Police Department and the Douglas Interagency Narcotics Team (DINT). It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Sweet.



Brent Carver

New city admin tapped in Gold Beach

For the Pilot

The City of Gold Beach is pleased to announce the appointment of Brent Carver as its new City Administrator, effective late July 2026. Carver was selected following a thorough and highly collaborative hiring process that engaged the City Council, City staff, community members, and the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG), which was retained to support the recruitment and evaluation effort.

Mayor Tamie Kaufman expressed confidence in the selection, noting the depth and quality of the candidate pool with the help of LCOG.

"We were fortunate to meet several exceptional professionals during this process," Kaufman said. "Brent's extensive background in municipal finance, leadership, and organizational management—combined with his steady, thoughtful approach—made him the right choice for Gold Beach at this moment in time."

Early in the process, the City Council developed a clear set of priorities outlining the experience, skills, and leadership qualities most important for the City's next administrator. Councilors had an opportunity to participate in multiple stages of the recruitment, and many City staff members contributed to preliminary evaluations and interviews.

After narrowing the field to three strong finalists, two candidates were invited to Gold Beach to meet the community and present directly to the Council.

Carver's deep experience in finance, including his service as a former Finance Director, emerged as a decisive factor. With the City navigating a period of fiscal complexity and long-term planning needs, his expertise aligns closely with the priorities identified by the Council and community.

"I'm honored to join the City of Gold Beach," Carver said. "This City is beautiful and exciting, but the spirit and compassionate character of the people are what really connects me to Gold Beach. I look forward to working with the Mayor, Council, and staff to strengthen operations, support transparency, and ensure a stable financial future. My family and I are excited to be a part of the long-term positive momentum."

As City Administrator, Carver will oversee daily municipal operations, support policy implementation, coordinate across departments, and help advance strategic initiatives identified by the Council.

Curry General Hospital recognized for advancing rural stroke care

For the Pilot

People who live in rural communities live an average of three years fewer than urban counterparts and have a 40% higher likelihood of developing heart disease and face a 30% increased risk for stroke mortality, according to an American Heart Association's presidential advisory on rural health. Curry General Hospital (CGH) is committed to changing that.

For its efforts to optimize stroke care and reduce gaps in rural health outcomes, CGH has received the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Rural Recognition Silver award.

Stroke is the No. 4 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S, according to the American Heart Association's 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Report. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel supplying the brain is blocked by a clot or ruptures, preventing blood and oxygen from reaching brain tissue. When this happens, brain cells begin to die. Early detection and rapid treatment are critical to improving survival, minimizing disability and supporting faster recovery.

The American Heart Association recognizes the importance of health care services provided to people living in rural areas by rural hospitals that play a vital role in initiation of time-



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The American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Rural Recognition Silver award recognizes efforts to address the unique health needs of rural communities.

ly evidence-based care. For that reason, all rural hospitals participating in Get With The Guidelines - Stroke are eligible to receive award recognition based on a unique methodology focused on early acute stroke performance metrics.

"We are proud that our team at Curry General Hospital is being recognized for the important work we do every day to improve the lives of people in Curry County who are affected by stroke, giving them the best possible chance of recovery and survival," said Chief Executive Officer Ginny Williams. "As a hospital in a rural community, we

face challenges such as extended interfacility transportation times and limited staffing resources. We have made it a priority to ensure those challenges never compromise the standard of care our stroke patients receive. Rural communities deserve high-quality stroke care. I'm proud of our team's commitment to stroke care excellence and this achievement."

This recognition goes to hospitals for their commitment to acute stroke care excellence, demonstrated through performance on guideline-directed measures including intravenous thrombolytic therapy, timely

hospital inter-facility transfer, dysphagia screening, symptom timeline and deficit assessment documentation, emergency medical services communication, brain imaging and stroke expert consultation.

"Patients and health care professionals in Curry County face unique health care challenges and opportunities," said Karen E. Joynt Maddox, M.D., MPH, chair of the American Heart Association Quality Oversight Committee and co-author on the Association's advisory on rural health. "Curry General Hospital has advanced the important work of improving care for all Americans, regardless of where they live."

About Curry General Hospital

Curry General Hospital is an 18-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Gold Beach, Oregon, and is part of Curry Health Network. The hospital provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services, emergency care, diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, rehabilitation, surgical services, specialty care, and other essential healthcare services to residents and visitors throughout Oregon's southern Oregon coast. Guided by a mission to foster healthy communities through compassionate, quality healthcare, Curry General Hospital is committed to providing exceptional care close to home

Opinion & Letters

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Letter to the Editor

In response to
From
Hardware to
Headliners

I am writing in response to the recent guest article, "From Hardware to Headliners: A New Performing Arts Venue in Brookings and Why It Belongs."

I support the performing arts and believe every community benefits from opportunities to learn, perform, and experience the arts. However, I would like to clarify an issue that has created ongoing confusion for the Brookings community.

I am the owner of Oregon Coast Dance Center in Tillamook. Our studio has served the north Oregon Coast continuously since 1975, making this season our 50th anniversary. For five decades, we have provided dance education and performance opportunities for families on the north Oregon Coast.

The organization featured in the recent Curry Coastal Pilot article is Oregon Coast Dance in Brookings, which was founded in 2024. While the two studio names are extremely similar, we are two completely separate organizations and are not affiliated in any way.

Despite being located approximately six hours apart, Oregon Coast Dance Center regularly receives phone calls, emails, and Facebook messages from Brookings residents asking about classes, wedding dance lessons, performances, and tickets for events in Brookings because they believe they have contacted Oregon Coast Dance. We are happy to clarify the issue when it arises, but I hope this letter helps provide some additional clarification for the community at-large.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this distinction for your readers.

Lisa Greiner
Owner, Oregon Coast Dance Center

Thank You,
Oregon

Dear Oregonians,
I want to thank you for doing your part in this year's Primary Election—for casting your ballot and making your voice heard. Thank you for participating in our democracy.

Voting is safe and convenient here in Oregon thanks to our vote-by-mail system. We consistently have some of the highest voter turnout in the country because of it, and this election was no exception. More than 1.28 million eligible Oregonians voted in this year's primary. That's the highest turnout we've ever seen in a midterm primary election.

And with several important measures and candidate races on the ballot, Oregonians showed up to shape the future of their communities and our state. Together, you decided who we'll see on the November ballot and helped chart the course Oregon will take in the years ahead.

I cannot overstate how meaningful that is.

Voting is how we hold politicians accountable. It's how we elect representatives to advocate for our communities. It's how we shape the future of our state, and our country.

Your vote is your power.

That's exactly why our most fundamental right has come under increasing

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Holy Cow! History

The hit songwriter veep

By J. MARK POWELL
InsideSources.com

An old joke says, "A woman had two sons. One went to sea as a sailor; the other became vice president of the United States. And neither was ever heard from again."

Let's face it, there are precious few inspiring figures among the 49 men and one woman who've held the nation's No. 2 job. Being a second banana isn't the kind of gig that gets your face on coins or stamps. You've always got to be careful to never outshine the boss. Which is why most veeps have been dull entities who spanned the vast gulf between vanilla and French vanilla.



Yet there was one exception, and he was a remarkable exception at that. Not only were his many accomplishments praiseworthy, but he also did something nobody else in his position has ever done. This is his forgotten story.

Of all the characters who've appeared on American history's stage, Charles Dawes is among the most interesting. Chiefly because so many of his fellow vice presidents were astonishingly uninteresting.

His father had been a Union general in the Civil War. His brothers all became prominent businessmen and political leaders; his sisters married well. But Charles outshone them all.

After law school, he

began practicing in Nebraska, where he struck up a friendship with rising Army officer John J. Pershing, who even suggested they open a law practice together. (Dawes didn't think that was a good idea.)

Moving to Chicago, he became president of two gas-light companies. Managing William McKinley's 1896 presidential campaign in Illinois paid off when Dawes was appointed the Treasury Department's Comptroller of the Currency. The young man was clearly headed to the big leagues.

He suffered a terrible loss in 1912 when his son drowned in a lake, prompting Dawes to open homeless shelters and donate a college dormitory in his memory.

When America entered World War I, he dutifully enlisted and, thanks to help from his old pal Pershing, who now commanded U.S. forces, he quickly became a brigadier general. His logistical and staff services were eventually rewarded with the Distinguished Service Medal, a major military honor. (During a post-

war Senate investigation into wartime spending, an exasperated Dawes erupted, "Hell and Maria, we weren't trying to keep a set of books over there. We were trying to win a war!")

President Warren Harding named him the first director of the Bureau of the Budget (forerunner of today's Office of Management and Budget). In 1923, he chaired a group that came up with the Dawes Plan, enabling American banks to pump money into cash-strapped Weimar Germany's flimsy economy. For that, he received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1925.

By then, he was vice president under the lackluster Calvin Coolidge, whose successor, Herbert Hoover, gave Dawes a prime diplomatic plum: ambassador to Great Britain.

All in all, a solid resume, any way you look at it. Yet Dawes also holds a distinction no other vice president or Nobel Peace Prize laureate can claim.

He was the only one to ever write a hit song.

No, really, he did!

Dawes was a self-taught musician. An avid pianist and flutist, he loved composing scores in his spare time. One piece in particular from 1911 stood out. He gave it the ho-hum title "Melody in A Major."

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Weekly Poll

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Off the charts: Ringworm

By DR. GIGI REED, MD

If you have ever noticed a red, scaly, ring-shaped patch on an arm or leg, you have likely seen ringworm. Despite the name, ringworm is not caused by a worm—it is a fungal infection affecting the skin, hair, or nails. Medically, it is referred to as tinea, with specific names depending on location, such as tinea corporis (body) or tinea capitis (scalp). It is extremely common worldwide, affecting up to one in four people at some point, and is seen most often in children.

Ringworm spreads through direct contact with infected skin, hair, or nails, whether from a person or an animal. It can also be picked up from



contaminated items like towels, clothing, bedding, or shared surfaces such as locker room floors and communal showers. Because the fungus thrives in warm, moist environments, sweaty skin and damp feet—especially after sports—create ideal conditions for infection. Children between the ages of 3 and 12 are particularly susceptible. Close

contact at school, playing outdoors, and sharing personal items like hats, towels, or sports equipment all contribute to its spread.

Animals can also carry the fungus. Cats—especially kittens—along with dogs, cows, horses, and pigs may transmit infection. While some animals show clear signs such as hair loss and scaly patches, others may appear unaffected, making transmission easy to miss until a rash develops in a household member.

For mild cases affecting the skin, over-the-counter antifungal treatments are typically effective. Terbinafine (the generic form of Lamisil) is an option that I prefer and can be applied twice daily as an ointment or cream- and can be prescribed or can be

prescribed in a pill form. Treatment should continue for about two weeks after the rash resolves to ensure the fungus is fully eradicated rather than temporarily suppressed.

Scalp involvement (tinea capitis) is more challenging and usually requires prescription oral antifungal medication along with medicated shampoo, often for several weeks. Nail infections (tinea unguium), a cause of onychomycosis, also require oral treatment—topical therapies are generally not effective for nail fungus.

While home remedies are less dependable than antifungal medications, some people use them for small, well-defined patches alongside proper hygiene. These approaches should be limited to mild cases

and discontinued if the rash spreads, worsens, or fails to improve within about two weeks.

Basic skin care is essential: wash the area daily with mild soap and warm water, dry it thoroughly, and avoid sharing towels or clothing. Coconut oil, which contains mildly antifungal fatty acids, may be applied in a thin layer several times daily. Diluted tea tree oil is another option—mixed into a carrier oil such as coconut oil and applied two to three times daily—but it should never be used undiluted due to the risk of skin irritation. Aloe vera may help soothe itching and offers mild antifungal properties, though it is unlikely to clear the infection alone. Turmeric paste, made with water or oil, may reduce inflam-

mation and mild fungal growth but can temporarily stain the skin.

If the infection involves the scalp, groin, or nails, or continues to spread despite treatment, a medical evaluation is recommended.

Ringworm is common, generally harmless, and treatable—but it can be persistent if not managed appropriately.

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Two simple prosperity proposals

RANDY STAPILUS
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Not everything in the newly-released report of the Governor’s Prosperity Council is uncontroversial, or should be, or points specifically to major systemic problems that limit Oregon’s economic growth.

But some do. Two general proposals especially, which may at first sound almost like anodyne boilerplate, seem on reflection like matters of real significance and specific relevance to the way Oregon works, or doesn’t.

And in theory at least, both ought not to be non-controversial because they touch on matters of simple competence and fairness.

Gov. Tina Kotek formed the 15-member council, which includes a number of business leaders around the state, in January to “recommend actionable steps to accelerate Oregon’s economy, create good paying jobs, and

recruit and grow Oregon’s businesses.

It didn’t stint on recommendations: The report runs 452 pages. Some of its ideas are very specific, such as those concerning taxes and spending, and some still seem a little more vague, even if numbers are attached (such as a recommendation to reduce regulations by a set percentage, without more specificity on which regulations exactly should be dropped).

But at least two ideas have deeper implications for the way things are or should be done in Oregon.

The topline for the first: “The state should transform Business Oregon [a state economic development organization] into the Oregon Commerce Authority, governed by a board of business and innovation leaders and the Governor . . .”

Which sounds like: “Great, let’s set up a committee and slap a new name on it.”

Except that’s not what the report was getting at. (The new name would be beside the point.) There’s an underlying problem in Oregon’s economic development system this proposal is designed to address:

“More than 850 organizations make up Oregon’s economic development system, all broadly focused on business growth and job creation. However, consistent collaboration around shared priorities is the exception, not the norm. For businesses of all sizes, this fragmentation can make it difficult to identify a clear entry point, navigate available programs, or receive coordinated support.”

The simple number of 850 economic development organizations in Oregon suggests the issue: Clearly the problem doesn’t involve inadequate resources or effort, but rather the lack of a unified effort. If Oregon’s economic development efforts are that fractured, that

incoherent, there should be little argument the system presents a real handicap to economic growth.

The point of the Authority would be to place someone in actual charge, someone setting a consistent approach and message and harnessing the grab-bag of small pieces into a larger, comprehensive effort.

It went on: “The Authority should establish measurable statewide economic development goals and maintain a public-facing dashboard tracking key metrics such as business growth, job creation, project timelines, regional investment, customer response times, and economic competitiveness outcomes to improve transparency and accountability . . .”

Simple provision of coordination and competence could help quite a bit. It’s not that all those people working in economic development aren’t capable; lots of them surely are. But

if they’re not working together, the state isn’t going to get traction from them.

The argument for the second point may be a little less clear cut for some people, but the underlying principle should not be: Justice delayed is justice denied.

This relates to the state’s overall system — not so much its content, but its process — of regulation. The Council said that people commenting on it around the state said much of the statewide regulatory system is “fragmented, lengthy, inconsistent, and costly.”

That assessment probably wouldn’t draw a serious argument broadly around the state, and across a large number of agencies, and it would apply to individuals and non-profits as well, and really almost anyone other than people trying to use the flaws in the cumbersome system to achieve a result not through merit but through wearing down

the opposition.

Those too-frequent realities of the system build distrust generally in government systems, and ought to be something advocates of government action would want to address as well.

The proposed solutions involve setting action deadlines and even penalties for unnecessary delays: “The process should prevent projects from being delayed indefinitely and should include accountability measures such as public reporting and partial fee refunds when deadlines are missed.”

The idea is for greater efficiency and timeliness in addressing regulatory issues, not merely as an aspiration but backed up with legal teeth and top-level enforcement. A more rigorous system surely would provide econom-

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attack in recent months.

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the semiquincentennial, we’re reminded that the work of building a more perfect union belongs to all of us.

Every election provides us with another opportunity to do that work togeth-

er, and I look forward to joining you in that effort this November.

Tobias Read
Oregon Secretary of State

History
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While not as catchy as, say, “Play That Funky Music White Boy,” the music did move people. A

piano-and-violin version enjoyed mild popularity in 1912, as did a different orchestra arrangement in

1921. Still, it was missing something.

The piece lay idle for several decades until songwriter Carl Sigman came along and instantly spotted the problem. The tune needed one simple thing: words.

Sigman’s remarkable career stretched from the Big Band era (he penned “Pennsylvania 6-5000” for the Glenn Miller Orchestra) into modern pop (writing the lyrics for

“Where Do I Begin?”), the wildly successful theme song from 1970’s “Love Story”).

He put pen to paper in 1951 and, when he was finished, renamed the song “It’s All in the Game.” Singer Tommy Edwards recorded it as a rock-and-roll ballad and, when it came out in August 1958, it shot straight up to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100, the R&B Best-Seller list, and the UK Singles Chart. It

racked up another important distinction as well; Edwards became the first Black entertainer to reach No. 1 on the Hot 100.

“It’s All in the Game” became a standard over the years, covered by everyone from Nat King Cole to Merle Haggard.

However, Dawes never got to see his creation’s biggest success. He had passed away seven years earlier at the age of 85.

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Norma Lillian Johnson

April 22, 1929 - June 28, 2026

Norma Lillian Johnson, age 97, of Gold Beach, Oregon, passed away peacefully on June 28, 2026.

Norma was born on April 22, 1929, in San Francisco, California, to Mabel and Norman Rapue. She moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, where she grew up under the care of her mother and paternal grandparents. She had no siblings but often spoke fondly of childhood memories of playing with her cousins Norm and Richard Kurkowski. Shortly after graduating from high school, she married Jeffery Barott, and 5 years later they had a daughter, Patricia Ann. After she and Jeffery separated, she moved to Oakland, California, with her daughter and mother. She married Raymond Johnson August 1, 1958, and had an exciting honeymoon in Hong Kong. She had a successful career as a bookkeeper, working full time until she and Ray had Robert Andrew in 1965, followed 10 months later by the birth of David Charles. The

family moved from the big city in November of 1969 to a ranch in Sweet Home, Oregon, where she learned to can (her sweet pickles and peaches were the best) and raise a variety of farm animals. Ray passed away in September of 2003, and in her later years she lived with David and his family for several years, then moved to Gold Beach in March of 2020. She lived the rest of her life in Gold Beach with her daughter, Patty, and Patty's husband, Lamar Savage, and their Pomeranians Bitzy and Wolfie.

Norma was active in Central Lutheran Church in Oakland, where she served as president of the women's group and taught Sunday School. After moving to Sweet Home, she attended Bethel Lutheran Church for a number of years, then attended River of Life Church until she moved to Gold Beach, where she joined her daughter in attending Bethany Lutheran Church. In her 60's she started painting and was very good at it! She took and later taught

classes, and she and her women's painting group also became Red Hatters. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and a generous spirit, and always had the coffee pot on and a batch of Monster Cookies in the jar to share with visitors. For many years she and Ray opened their home to friends and relatives who had run into a rough spot, and they would stay with them for months until they got back on their feet.

Norma is survived by her children Patty Savage and David Johnson; grandchildren William and Huxley, and great-granddaughter Madeline Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, son Robert and mother Mabel.

A Memorial Service is planned for August 29, 2026, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 94190 5th Street in Gold Beach at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Wally's House - Curry Child Abuse Intervention Center, P.O. Box 1845, Gold Beach OR 97444.

Indigenous violence survivors see fewer services after federal cuts

By NADA HASSANEIN
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Organizations serving American Indian and Alaska Native survivors of violence say reductions in federal funding have led to over 1,000 unmet requests for help, according to a new report.

The Urban Indian Health Institute, an Indigenous health research group, surveyed 201 tribes, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations and nonprofits about how funding cuts are affecting the survivor support and safety services they offer. These include safe housing, counseling, transportation, direct cash assistance, and court accompaniment for survivors of crime and violence. Other services include advocacy for victims of elder abuse, people with disabilities or people who had been trafficked.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Adelita Grijalva of Arizona discussed the report at a congressional hearing Tuesday.

Amid cuts under the Trump administration, tribal organizations reported being unable to fulfill 690 safe housing-related requests and 466 requests related to other services. Almost a quarter of those were for children, according to the survey, which collected responses between May and June 28 of last year.

Between 36% and 41% of various services provided by the surveyed groups, ranging from healthcare to legal assistance, "have been or will be reduced due to funding cuts," according to the report. About 20% of services for active duty or veterans were reduced, according to the survey.

The Trump administration cut millions of dollars from and rescinded grants across multiple federal agencies, including the departments of Justice and of Health and Human Services. Following backlash, some grants were restored, but many, including domestic violence and victim services funds, remain slashed. While some of the funds may have been reinstated since the survey was conducted, the uncertainty

and reductions have resulted in staff layoffs or hesitancy to reinstate programs.

For the majority of organizations and tribes surveyed, federal funding covered over half of their program budgets, with the U.S. Department of Justice funding 46%, followed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at 36%. Stateline didn't receive a response from either agency by publication time.

Congressional testimony During a U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources hearing Tuesday, the Urban Indian Health Institute's director, Abigail Echo-Hawk, testified about violence disparities Native communities face, as well as how organizations surveyed in the report are worried about rehiring laid-off staff due to financial uncertainty. Echo-Hawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation, also spoke about her group's work helping trafficking survivors and other victims of violence. The hearing was focused on resources to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people, or MMIP.

Grijalva asked whether the Bureau of Indian Affairs' public safety and justice budget request of \$560 million, a decrease of \$9.7 million from the prior fiscal year, was enough. She pointed to a 2024 report that showed the BIA estimated that in 2021, \$3.5 billion would have been needed to meet Indian Country's public safety and justice needs. The agency spent \$446.7 million that year, the report shows.

Cherokee Nation member Charles Addington, principal director of justice services and law enforcement for Indian affairs at the U.S. Department of the Interior, said the federal government is doing the best it can with limited resources.

"We are trying to take in all of our resources and make sure that we are meeting the needs the best we can with what we are provided," Addington said in response. "We're looking at ways of stream-

lining our resources and working smarter with what we have."

During the hearing, Echo-Hawk also shared her own story of surviving sexual assault as a child. When the assault was reported, "Law enforcement made the decision to not prosecute as a result of what they said was 'lack of resources,'" she said during her testimony.

In the institute's report, nearly half of surveyed organizations said they struggle to recruit tribal law enforcement officers, and 43% said they struggle with keeping them after training.

"I hope that every single one of you recognizes that my rape was not partisan," Echo-Hawk testified. "And you all now have a responsibility to stand with us. This is in your hands to uphold treaty and trust obligations."

Violence against Native women

Violence is a public health issue across Native communities, and Native women and girls suffer disproportionately higher rates than other racial groups.

A federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report showed over half of American Indian and Alaska Native women and men experienced intimate partner violence during their lifetimes. Violence inflicted by an intimate partner was a factor in 38% of homicides among Native women, and 44% of Native women reported being raped.

Native sexual assault victims were most often girls, aged 12 to 17, according to an FBI analysis of crime victim data between 2021 and 2023.

According to the Urban Indian Health Institute survey, more than 25,000 Native survivors received services over the course of a year. Over a quarter — 28% — were Native children, while 8% were women who were pregnant or postpartum.

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ic benefits, but the positive implications would ripple beyond that.

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- 1 cup cored, seeded, finely diced yellow bell peppers
- 1/2 cup peeled, seeded, finely diced cucumbers
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup finely diced celery
- 1/4 cup minced carrots
- 1/4 cup minced celery leaves
- 1/4 cup minced yellow onion



“**The Hawk**” (TV-MA) — This absurd comedy series was co-created by and stars a comedic actor who’s well-versed in absurdity, the fabulous Will Ferrell (“You’re Cordially Invited”). Starring alongside another “Saturday Night Live” alum, Molly Shannon, Ferrell plays professional golfer Lonnie “The Hawk” Hawkins, aka 2004’s top golfer. Determined that he has what it takes to get back to the top, Lonnie signs on for a PGA tour with his son, Lance (Jimmy Tatro). With his can-do attitude, good humor, and awful fashion sense, nothing can stop Lonnie from redeeming his golf legacy. All 10 episodes premiere on July 16. (Netflix)

“**Tron: Ares**” (PG-13) — The sequel to “Tron: Legacy” (2010) didn’t quite make up its \$220 million budget in theaters, with only \$142.2 million recouped at the box office. It also failed to receive glowing reviews from critics, which is surprising considering its lead actor, Jared Leto (“Masters of the Universe”). Rounding out the rest of the cast are “The Morning Show’s” Greta Lee, “Dahmer’s” Evan Peters, and “The Abandons” Gillian Anderson. Taking place in 2025, the film follows two companies that are locked in a race to bring digital programs into the real world. One company, led by Julian Dillinger (Peters), introduces the “perfect expendable soldier” in his program Ares, but what Julian never expected is that Ares’ self-awareness might overpower his expendability. Out now to stream! (Disney+)

“**Reminders of Him**” (PG-13) — Romance and young adult novelist Colleen Hoover keeps cranking out

books, and major studios keep adapting it into films for fans to enjoy! This latest adaptation out now is based on Hoover’s 2022 novel and stars Maika Monroe (“Longlegs”) as Kenna Rowan. After spending six years in prison for vehicular manslaughter that resulted in her boyfriend Scotty’s (Rudy Pankow) death, Kenna plans to start anew in her hometown and meet the daughter she had while she was serving time. Coincidentally, she meets Ledger (Tyriq Withers), who just happens to be Scotty’s lifelong best friend. The two have an instant connection, leaving them both with a choice to remain stuck in the horrors of the past or brave a different future together. (Peacock)



Courtesy of Netflix

Molly Shannon, left, and Will Ferrell star in “The Hawk.”

“**Dancing with the Stars: The Next Pro**” (TV-PG) — This new spinoff of the longtime competition reality show “Dancing with the Stars” is set to premiere on July 14. As the title teases, the spinoff will focus on finding the next dancer who’ll join the “DWTS” cast as a pro. Hosted by reigning mirror ball champ Robert Irwin, the series features 12 contestants who will live and train together in a “grueling audition process” for the length of the eight-episode show. Additionally, the charming mom-and-son duo Shirley and Mark Ballas serve as judges for these 12 contestants, which is a treat for anyone who’s seen them (or dad Corky!) as pros on the original show. Contestants hail from all over the United States, as well as Ukraine, England and Canada. (Hulu)

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- 2 cups tomato vegetable juice (such as V8)
- 1/2 cup clam juice (optional)
- 2 tablespoons minced chives
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- Juice of one lemon
- Salt and pepper to taste

Let your child mix all the ingredients together in a large bowl. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours to chill and enhance the flavor. Scoop into a serving bowl and top with shaped croutons.

SHAPED CROUTONS

- 1 loaf French bread, sliced lengthwise with crust removed
- 3 tablespoons butter or olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, pressed
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste



Make shapes from bread with your favorite mini cookie cutters. Combine melted butter or olive oil with garlic and salt and pepper. Brush on top of cutout bread pieces. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese (optional). Bake in an oven set to 350 F for 10 minutes.

Cook’s Tip: Put freezer-safe serving bowls for gazpacho in the freezer before serving!

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- The “Escape from Alcatraz Marathon,” created in 1980, is an annual event designed to show that it is indeed possible to survive an escape from Alcatraz, and includes a 1.5-mile swim to San Francisco, an 18-mile bike ride and an 8-mile run.
- In the seventh century B.C., the North African Berbers played a soccer-like game as a fertility rite.
- Iceland had a cat reality show called — wait for it — “Keeping Up With the Kattarsians,” in which four lucky kittens lived together in a furnished house and were filmed around the clock.
- Minority children make up 65% of all non-family abductions.
- Some police forces purposely assign at least one woman to their SWAT teams so their male counterparts will have a “den mother” to counteract some of the men’s more violent tendencies.
- The first arrest resulting from an emergency call occurred on July 8, 1937, at 4:20 a.m., when the wife of John Stanley Beard dialed 999 to report a burglar, Thomas Duffy, outside her home in England.
- It is illegal to ride an ugly horse in Wilbur, Washington.
- Of the roughly 300 million tons of plastic produced each year, half consists of single-use items.
- In France, citizens are automatically registered to vote when they turn 18 years old.
- Over the course of several decades, African American blues musician Daryl Davis made a point of befriending KKK members and questioning them about their beliefs. As of 2017, 200 of those Klansmen had given up their robes as a result.
- People who worked at soda fountains were called soda jerks due to the classic jerking motion they used to pump soda water.

Thought for the Day: “It takes a moment to tell someone you love them, but it takes a lifetime to prove it.” — *Erich Fromm*

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POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter is an excerpt of a public record of incidents as reported by law-enforcement agencies. All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty. The information printed is preliminary and subject to change. For a list of missing items found in the Brookings area, you can visit the police services page of the city of Brookings website at www.brookings.or.us/134/police-services and follow the link near the bottom of the page.

Tuesday, July 7

12:15 am, Railroad and Oak, minor poss/purch liquor.
12:54 am, Railroad Near Oxford, curfew violation.
9:43 am, Winchuck River Rd, alarm.
10:14 am, Winchuck

River Rd, theft.
12:23 pm, Zimmerman and Hwy 101, disorderly conduct.
2:22 pm, 5th St, criminal trespass.
2:35 pm, Chetco Ave, hit & run.
5:12 pm, Fawn Dr, dispute/fight.
10:40 pm, Lucky Ln,

illegal fireworks.
10:48 pm, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise.

Sunday, July 12

3:55 am, Timberline Dr, juvenile problem.
8:37 am, Chetco Ave, alarm.
11:10 am, Chetco Ave, threats.

11:32 am, 4th and Ransom, loud noise.
6:18 pm, Chetco Ave and Alder St, panhandling.
6:56 pm, Highway 101 N, strangulation.
7:23 pm, Highway 101 S, fire.

Monday, July 13

11:01 am, Upper Benham Ln, fire alarm.
12:17 pm, Fern Ave, criminal mischief.
1:19 pm, Chetco Ave, traffic crash.
2:38 pm, 5th St, criminal trespass.
3:21 pm, Holmes Dr, civil problem.

5:17 pm, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise.
7:07 pm, 5th St, traffic crash.
8:46 pm, 5th St, disorderly conduct.
9:34 pm, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.

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, July 22 - Thursday, July 23

• Summer Food Service Program, Brookings-Harbor High School cafeteria, 629 Easy St.: Monday - Thursday, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm. Free breakfast and lunch to go for children ages 1-18. Parents, guardians, family members, siblings and babysitters may join for \$6 lunch. Enter from the back parking lot. Cindy Devos: 541-469-2108 ext. 8 or cindyd@brookings.k12.or.us.

Wednesday, July 22 and 29

• D&D One-Shot Adventure, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Youth ages 10-16 learn character creation, dice rolling and teamwork in a short tabletop role-playing adventure. No experience needed. Space limited; registration required.

Wednesday, July 22

• Comic Quest Book Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. Comics and illustrated-book club for tweens and young teens, with creative activities related to the book of the month.
• Locally Sourced: The People and Places Feeding Your Community, Chetco Library: 5:00 pm. Summer speaker series on the local food scene.

Thursday, July 23

• SWOCC Summer Curry Campus Lecture Series, Southwestern Oregon Community College Curry Campus: 1:00 pm. Bill Gorham presents 'Echinoderms: sea stars, sea cucumbers, sea urchins, and their relatives, living and fossils.' Free. 541-813-1667.
• Creature Teachers Reptile Show, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Educational live reptile presentation for kids and families. Space limited; free tickets and registration required.

Friday, July 24

• Elks Bingo, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Drive: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Early bird: three games

for \$3; regular: 13 games for \$11. Lunch available for \$10. Free screen with a nonperishable food donation for the food bank.

• Lighthouse Talk with John Zimmerman, Travel Oregon Welcome Center, 14433 Highway 101, Brookings: 2:00 pm.

Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 26

• Threepenny Theater Co. presents The Laramie Project, old Performing Arts Center Building, 97900 Shopping Center Ave., Unit 28, Brookings. Remaining performances are July 24, 25 and 26 at 7:00 pm. July 24 is pay-what-you-want. Tickets \$17 with discounts for seniors, students and veterans. Viewer discretion advised. threepennytheater.com or 541-373-0534.

Saturday, July 25

• Library Farmer's Market Visit, Brookings-Harbor Farmer's Market: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Browse and check out a mini-collection of library books, get drop-in tech help or sign up for a library card.
• BookTok Book Club, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Adults discuss books going viral on social media. July's selection will be posted by July 1.
• Curry County Jr. Livestock Auction, Curry County Fairgrounds Livestock Pavilion, Gold Beach: Bidders BBQ at 1:00 pm, auction at 3:00 pm. Youth livestock auction during the Curry County Fair, with beef, pork, lamb, goat, rabbit and turkey available. Proceeds support youth in agriculture in Curry County.

Saturday, July 25 - Saturday, August 15

• Sawdust Theatre Season 58, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: Calamity at the Coquille Creamery or "Udder Confusion." Shows are July 25 and Aug. 1, 8 and 15 at 7:00 pm; July 26 and Aug. 9 at 2:00 pm. Tickets \$10, with online service charge. Sawdusttheatre.com or 541-396-4563.

Sunday, July 26

• American Music Festival Summer Concerts in the Park update: The Skynyrd Nation concert scheduled for July 26 has been canceled and will not be rescheduled.

Monday, July 27

• Azalea Quilters Guild monthly meeting, Driftwood Estates Club House, 16063 Driftwood Lane, Brookings: 5:30 pm social time, meeting at 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, July 28

• Bugs'R'Us: Worms & Composting, Chetco Library: 11:00 am - noon. Kids study live worms, learn anatomy and composting, and get tips for compost bins. Space limited; free tickets and registration required.
• Watersheds Art and Exporation, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Curry Watersheds presentation with a nature-based art project.
• Locally Sourced: The People and Places Feeding Your Community, Chetco Library: 5:00 pm. Summer speaker series on the local food scene.

Wednesday, July 29

• Library Farmer's Market Visit, Brookings-Harbor Farmer's Market: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Browse and check out a mini-collection of library books, get drop-in tech help or sign up for a library card.
• Look-Back Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Teens and adults revisit classic childhood books and discuss how they hold up. July's selection will be posted by July 1.

Thursday, July 30

• SWOCC Summer Curry Campus Lecture Series, Southwestern Oregon Community College Curry Campus: 1:00 pm. Bill Gorham presents 'Sponges, anemones, jelly fish, and the many, many types of worms and other weird sea critters.' Free. 541-813-1667.
• Tea and Tarot, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Monthly gathering near the full moon hosted by Kalyca Bell. Bring a tarot or oracle deck, settle in with tea and explore the cards. No experience necessary.

Friday, July 31 - Saturday, August 1

• Library Escape Room: Envy, Chetco Library. The River Room becomes an all-ages, roaring-20s-themed murder mystery escape room. Recommended for ages 14 and older due to puzzle complexity. Registration required at chetco.librarycalendar.com.

Sunday, August 2

• End of Summer Read-

ing Pool Party, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Celebrate the close of the 2026 Summer Reading Program with swimming, giant bubbles, hula hoops and more. Summer Reading Log participants swim free.
• American Music Festival Summer Concerts in the Park, Azalea Park: 1:00 pm. Hank Shreve Band performs blues. Admission free; concertgoers may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic lunches.

Saturday, August 8

• VFW Post 966 meeting, 507 Pacific Ave., Brookings: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Wartime veterans are encouraged to join. Help save the Post by buying a brick. 541-412-6236.
• Dress a Girl, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St.: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Sew dresses for girls and shorts for boys around the world. Bring lunch and a friend. Jane Knox: 209-815-2100.

Friday, August 14

• Lucky 7/PPA Benefit Car Show Show & Shine, Lucky 7 Casino, Smith River, Calif.: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Preview event ahead of the 27th annual benefit car show.

Saturday, August 15

• 27th Annual Lucky 7/PPA Benefit Car Show, Lucky 7 Casino, Smith River, Calif.: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Free admission; classic cars, music, food, raffle prizes, silent auction and T-shirts. Proceeds support performing arts and school music programs. Questions: info@ppadelnorte.org or Nicole Stout, 707-954-6774.

Sunday, August 16

• American Music Festival Summer Concerts in the Park, Azalea Park: 1:00 pm. Simple Dreams Oregon performs classic rock. Admission free; concertgoers may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic lunches.
• Chetco Activity Center monthly potluck, 550 Chetco Lane: 4:30 pm. Bring your own food or enough to share for community and friendship.

Wednesday, August 19

• Brookings Rural Fire District meeting, Brookings Fire Department: 9:30 am.

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13 FISH'S SALAD CAULIFLORS FRUIT	14 CHICKEN TACOS RICE BEANS	15 OVEN FRIED CHICKEN BAKED BEANS GRILLED VEGETABLES	16 GRILLED FISH MAC & CHEESE BROCCOLI	17 PIZZA BURGER ROASTED POTATOES ITALIAN BLEND
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27 FRUITATA SPINACH, CHEESE MUSHROOMS ENGLISH MUFFIN CINNAMON APPLES	28 TACO SALAD BEANS CORN	29 SPAGHETTI MEATBALLS GARLIC BREAD BROCCOLI	30 TUNA MELT BAKED BEANS GRILLED VEGETABLES	31 TURKEY STUFFING, GRAVY MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS

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State/Regional News

Cases of parasitic outbreak remain low in Oregon as other states see surges

By SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon health officials have recorded a handful of verified cases of a parasitic intestinal illness in the state over the past two months, as outbreaks involving the disease continue to grow in other parts of the country.

Data the Oregon Health Authority released last week shows that in both May and June, public health officials recorded seven cases of cyclosporiasis in the state. The parasite cyclospora infects the small intestine, and symptoms of the illness can include watery or explosive diarrhea, loss of appetite, bloating, weight loss, stomach cramps and nausea.

But Oregon’s current case levels remain far below the hundreds of cases confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which has been tracking the outbreak in 31

states since May but lagging behind state-level data in areas where the outbreak has been most pronounced. The Trump administration has gutted funding for local public agencies and reduced state-level surveillance requirements for a federal program to monitor foodborne illness.

The outbreak is currently concentrated in states such as Michigan, New York, Illinois and Texas, but some health officials on the West Coast have expressed concern that there could be spillover from the Midwest.

None of Oregon’s recent cases of cyclosporiasis have been connected to a common food source or broader outbreak investigation, according to Jonathan Modie, a spokesperson for the Oregon Health Authority. He noted that federal health officials are still investigating the source of the outbreak in other states.

“Many other states

have also not reported an increase in cases,” Modie wrote in an email. “The reasons for this pattern remain unknown, and there is a possibility that specific risk factors (e.g., contaminated products or other common exposures) may not be present in Oregon. Until the factors driving the national situation are understood, we cannot know whether case numbers in Oregon will change in the future.”

So far, current cases are lower than previous years’ data. In June 2024 and July 2025, the Oregon Health Authority recorded 12 cases, the highest number for a single month in recent years.

The parasite thrives on produce such as lettuce which is not cooked and can remain contaminated when washed off. Public health experts recommend that people wash their produce thoroughly, avoid pre-cut or bagged salad



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is tracking outbreaks of the intestinal illness cyclosporiasis. (Photo courtesy of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

mixes, cook foods whenever possible and be cautious of the source of drinking water.

Cyclosporiasis is treatable with antibiotics, but people with healthy immune systems can often recover without any additional treatment. Without treatment, the illness may last from a few days to a month or longer, according to the CDC.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/cases-of-parasitic-outbreak-remain-low-in-oregon-as-other-states-see-surges/>

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BLM announces \$10.7 million in revenue from timber sales

STAFF REPORT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) generated more than \$10.7 million in revenue from timber sales during the second quarter of 2026.

The BLM said the sale supports American jobs and increasing domestic timber supply.

During the quarter, the BLM sold approximately 41 million board feet of timber across 1,500 acres in Oregon and California.

That amount of lumber is enough to build nearly 2,600 homes and supports local economies and well-paying jobs in logging, milling, and construction, the BLM states in a release.

The quarterly results come as recently confirmed BLM Director Steve Pearce visited western Oregon to meet with BLM employees, industry partners, and local mills about the BLM’s timber program and the work happen-

ing to support domestic timber production.

“This was such an important trip for me to take,” Pearce said. “It was great to see Americans doing real work on the ground. These folks are part of a crucial industry that is helping rebuild the economy from the ground up.”

The BLM plans to hold six timber sales in July 2026 to offer 31 million board feet of timber across almost 835 acres.

More information about BLM’s timber plans and results can be found at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/natural-resources/forests-and-woodlands/timber-sales>.

BACKGROUND

The BLM manages 58 million acres of forests—including 2.4 million acres in western Oregon—of some of the most productive forests in the world, and is committed to supplying a reliable, secure, and resilient domestic supply



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of timber, according to the release.

BLM forestry supports economic security, reduces risks from wildfire, conserves fish and wildlife habitat, and decreases costs of energy production. Local communities rely on jobs that come from BLM forests, and timber from public land feeds local industry.

More than 20% of BLM-managed lands are forest and woodland ecosystems. The BLM said it ensures the health and resilience of these public forest lands as well as the availability of traditional forest products, such as timber.

CUTS
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Women’s Coalition works with tribes serving domes-

tic violence and sexual assault survivors. Director of Policy Rose Quilt, of the Yakama Nation, noted that under treaty and trust responsibilities, the federal

government has a debt to tribes. “This was already prepaid by the blood of our ancestors, and through the strength of their negotiation for treaties,” she said.

“Programs today are stretching everything,” she continued. “They are delaying hiring, cutting travel, reducing their hours, and trying to prioritize

emergency needs in order to fill these gaps.”

Echo-Hawk told Stateline that recently, an 80-year-old sexual assault victim came to her team for help.

clothes that fit her in one of the most horrifying times in her life.”

Stateline reporter *Nada Hassanein* can be reached at nhassanein@stateline.org.

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