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Curry County disbands public health department Oregon Health Authority will take over county responsibilities soon

BY KNOX KERANEN The Pilot

During a special meeting Friday, the Curry County Board of Commissioners voted to disband Curry County Public Health, allowing the Oregon Health Authority to take

over the duties in Curry County. Commissioners voted 2-1 with Chris Paasch voting against the move.

"This is the worst decision this board will make," Paasch said. The vote came after OHA sent a

letter to the county, saying things

must improve in public health or the state would move to take over. Excerpts of the letter read, "we learned that schools and employers

are responsible for doing their own contact tracing, reportable disease investigations and follow-ups are not being carried out...there are

no reproductive health services available in the community, and there are no licensing inspections in restaurants or tourist accommodations being carried out, because there are no staff. The county has been provided funds to perform these functions though it has

failed to submit the required fiscal reports which would allow OHA to understand how the state's money is being spent."

Curry County has only one employee working in the public

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Boice survives attempt to remove him as chair Pieper

BY KNOX KERANEN The Pilot

Court Boice, the chairman of the Curry County Board of Commissioners, has survived an attempt to remove him from chair.

During a Wednesday board meeting, Commissioner Chris Paasch formally requested Boice step down from the chair because he said Boice, "got out of [his] lane and [did] something [he] shouldn't have," on more than one occasion.

Paasch alleged Boice told local businesses they could wait to pay county permit fees. He also accused him of using his chair position to grab power, and undermine Director of Operations Brad Rueckert.

"I don't know why, but you feel like being chair gives you additional power in this county, and it does not," said Paasch.

Boice refused to step down and fired back with accusations of his own. He said Paasch used his commissioner's badge to breach a road barrier at the Wedderburn

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Court Boice, center, the chair of the board of commissioners, will remain chair after a motion by Commissioner Chris Paasch, right, was not supported after commissioners discussed difference in an executive session.

Milburn excited to start as school superintendent

BY KNOX KERANEN The Pilot

Eric Milburn has been named the new superintendent of Central Curry School District 1.

The district's search for candidates began in November when longtime Superintendent Tim Wilhe served as superintendent for Annex and Huntington school districts before taking his current role as superintendent at Perrydale School District—where he has been since 2014. He has a total of 22 years in education.

The Pilot asked Milburn about his plans for Central Curry School

confronted with. Rural districts have a hard time retaining good staff, they have a hard time being able to provide the programs you would like your kid to participate in. There's always small school issues that make things a little more difficult.'



resigns as mayor

BY KNOX KERANEN The Pilot

Jake Pieper has resigned from his position as mayor of Brookings.

In a Facebook livestream last Tuesday, Pieper said he resigned because he lost the support of the city council.

Pieper came under fire at a Monday council meeting for writing a personal letter to the Oregon Community Foundation in support of Project Turnkey in Curry County. Project Turnkey is a statewide initiative which allows local governments to acquire motels and hotels for use as non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness.

During his livestream, Pieper said he expected some backlash from the letter, however, he did not foresee how severe the backlash would be.

"I knew that they wouldn't like it, and I knew it would be a serious issue for them to live with something they didn't have any control over... I was expecting to show up and take my medicine," said Pieper. "What I didn't expect was ... painting a narrative that something malicious or underhanded was going on. That one really surprised me."

At the meeting, Councilor Brad Alcorn and others said Pieper's

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son announced he would be retiring at the end of the school year.

Milburn comes to the role with administrative and teaching experience in rural school districts like Central Curry. He began his teaching career in Idaho, where he taught science at Gooding and Kimberly high schools. In Oregon, District 1.

What are some challenges facing the Central Curry School **District?**

"Making sure we have the proper funding to make equitable decisions for all the students. That seems to be one of the biggest issues we are

How can CCSD1 overcome 'small school issues?'

"A lot of the time it's trying to find the right partnerships within your communities. And seeing how you can build those partnerships, and how you can create interest. I

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Eric Milburn

Officials urge waterway safety

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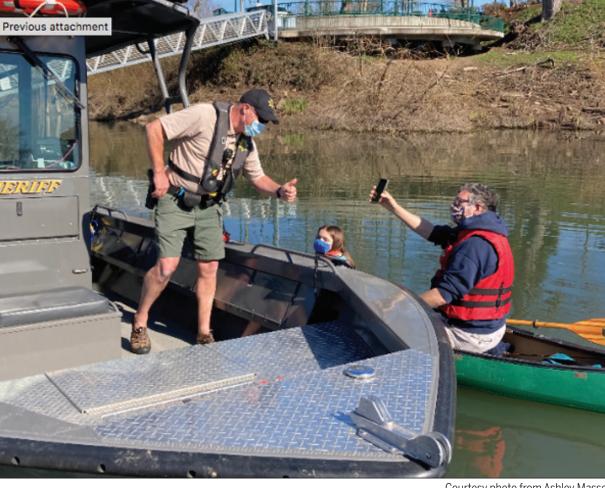
April's early summery weather attracted many who flocked to area waterways over the weekend.

But the early jump on summer recreational activities has also prompted safety concerns from first responders and the Oregon Marine Board.

In the following conversation, The Pilot speaks with board representative Ashley Massey about how to best protect yourself, family and your friends as you head to the local waterways to enjoy the natural beauty of our state.

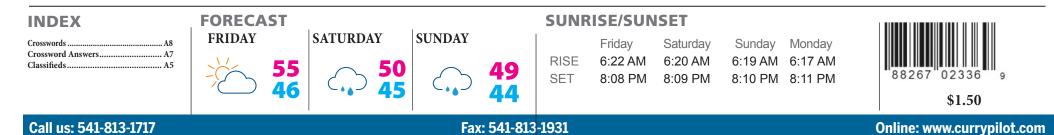
The Pilot: What do you find is the mentality when such a first hot sunny weekend arrives and folks head to the waterways that could lead to injury or even death?

Ashley Massey: The impulse to "get out there" after bouts of cabin fever. It's a natural impulse, but recognize it for what it is. Then pause and take the time to plan ahead. Decide ahead of time where you want to put in/take out and learn if there are any reported waterway obstructions like snags, fallen trees, and strainers.



Courtesy photo from Ashley Massey

More Safety, Page A10 Marine officers in Curry County and across the state will be enforcing waterway rules and regulations.



Hedenskog appointed new mayor **BY KNOX KERANEN**

The Pilot

In less than 30 minutes Monday, the Brookings City Council appointed a new mayor and a new city councilor.

The mayoral seat became vacant when former Mayor Jake Pieper suddenly resigned last Tuesday, following a fallout between Pieper and some members of the council regarding Project Turnkey. At a special meeting Monday, former mayor and current councilor Ron Hedenskog was quickly appointed.

Council President John McKinney nominated Hedenskog.

"There's only one person out there that has the experience, background, dedication, the proven track record. I'd like to nominate Ron to step up into the mayor's position," said McKinney.

Councilors Brad Alcorn and Ed Schrieber agreed with the move, and a vote to appoint Hedenskog carried unanimously.

"In the famous worlds of Yogi Berra, it's like deja-vu all over again," said Hedenskog.

Hedenskog got his start in Brookings local government when he was elected councilor in 2007.

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Obituaries

Ronald "Ron" Clarence St. Marie July 28, 1938 – April 13, 2021

Ronald Clarence St Marie, 82, a resident of the Beaverton community passed away on April 13, 2021 at his home.

Ron was born on July 28, 1938 born in Lewiston, Idaho. He was the older of two children born to Arthur and Evelyn (Janke) St Marie. He grew up in Spokane, Washington but moved to Gold Beach in 1956. He graduated from Gold Beach High School with the Class of 1957. He later on went to Moler Barber School in Portland in 1964

He met his future wife, Dolores Hildreth, while in high school. They married on November 29, 1958 in Gold Beach. They moved to Portland in 1964 and then to Beaverton in the early 1970's.

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Milburn

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playing string instruments,

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we bought a bunch of cellos

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community who could teach

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Ron was a barber and owned the Shear Shack on the corner of 11th and Washington Street in Portland. Later he moved his business to Beaverton where his daughter, Rhonda, joined him.

Ron enjoyed gardening, trail riding motorcycles. hunting and fishing. Dolores and Ron spent the winters in Mexico for over 20 years and while there Ron enjoyed beach combing and the easy life. While his grandchildren where in high school sports Grandpa was their #1 fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his two children and their spouses; Rhonda St Marie of Beaverton, Randy and Wendy St Marie of Banks, his brother and his spouse; Dale and Di-

John Ward-who is married to Sherrie Ward-reiterated Paasch's point.

"This letter that you guys got from the state ... is basically a threat," said Ward. He went on to explain steps Curry Public Health had been taking to rebuild, such as interviewing candidates to hire, and requesting temporary support from Josephine County.

"You guys have jumped the gun on this. I don't know what your hurry was, if you don't like what is going on, let the state decide after they receive the letter today," said

I like to work with my staff to come up with solutions we may need within our school system. Not just with staff, but with community too... It's your community you are ultimately serving, and you want to be able provide them with graduates that are going to be productive. When I say staff, I mean every staff member, not just the teachers, but secretaries, janitors, bus drivers. I think everybody has an integral part in the education of students. I think we can better serve our kids when we collaborate."

COVID-19?

"We will continue to get guidance from the state as to how things will look [and]

ane St Marie of Gold Beach. Three grandchildren; Wyatt and Logan St Marie and Jessie St Marie Blankenship and a great granddaughter; Aleah Blankenship.

The family suggest donations in Ron's name go to the American Cancer Society.

Burial took place at Skyline Memorial Gardens in Portland, Oregon

Ward.

The letter Ward was referring to is Curry County Public Health's rebuttal to OHA's letter, which detailed steps the county was taking to fix staffing issues and others, he said.

County Treasurer David Barnes also spoke publicly in opposition of the move.

Commissioners had another agenda item set Friday, adopting a job description for an administrative assistant in the public health. After the vote to allow OHA to take over, that item become moot and was not considered.

to be lifted. Nobody has a definitive answer.

"We are going to have a lot of work to try and make up for lost time. It's definitely going to be a big effort for our staff to serve our kids. With the right work ethic... we will be able to do that, but it will be a large undertaking when kids are missing a large portion of their school year."

What will be Eric Milburn's legacy as superintendent of CCSD1?

"I've always wanted to make sure I've left a place I've worked at better than when I got there. So, I've made improvements, and [they] may be in instruction, curriculum, facilities, but

Jennifer Adair Cerney July 7, 1985 – April 10, 2021

Corps on the Pacific Coast

trail.

Jennifer Adair Cerney passed too soon from this earth on April 10, 2021. Jennifer's middle name Adair came about while her mother was pregnant and watching a show called Finders of Lost Loves staring Deborah Adair. Her mother loved the actress and the name and that is how her middle name came about. To all who knew her, she like being called "Jenn" not Jenny.

Jennifer was always the fun one, competitive one, the athletic one, and was so generous of her time, money and talents.

Jenn was very mechanically inclined, artistic, and so smart. As a child, Jennifer did not want barbies, she wanted race cars and motorcycles. She was such a tomboy throughout her life.

In her younger years Jenn participated in every sport from t-ball, football, soccer, little league, and in high school cross country at Brookings High School in Brookings, Oregon. Jenn loved fastpitch softball and played centerfield. In the summer of 2002, she spent the summer maintaining trails in the Northwest Youth

Jenn was not a big crowd or people person, and she formed very close and tight relationships. Jennifer loved to talk on the phone for hours at a time. Jenn was an overthinker. In her relationships she was always the sounding board, the yin to the others yang, and just an amazing person to know. You always knew where you stood with her. Jenn loved the songs Bob Marley's - Don't Worry About a Thing, and Don Mc-Lean's "American Pie"

Later in life, Jenn married David Cerney in Brackettville, TX. Their daughter, Collins Adair Cerney was born in 2015.

Jenn was a very loving mother and wife and always put herself last and made sure that her family was taken care of before herself. Jenn always told David, "143 -My love for you is without wax". Jenn was an amazing fur baby mom to her cat Gucci and the two great Danes, Zoey and Flynn.

Jenn is survived by her husband David and daughter Collins of San Angelo, Texas, and son Toby Rosas of Mexico; parents, Mike and June

(Clatfelter) Batty of Florence, Arizona; Surrogate father, Doug Hutton and his wife Linda of Brookings, Oregon; sisters Koni Quinn, Melanie Batty, and brother MAC Batty, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to the Phoenix Children's Hospital, in Phoenix, AZ in her name.

Family and friends can sign the online register book at www.harper-funeralhome. com

A memorial service will be held on May 29, 2021 at 11am at Liberty Baptist Church in Duncan, Oklaho-

George J. Antunes January 29, 1930 – March 26, 2021

George 'Papa' Antunes passed away on March 26th, 2021 at the age of 91 in his hometown of Gold Beach, Oregon. George spent his last days at his home where he enjoyed many of life's simple moments, such as taking in the sunshine on his deck and watching the fishing boats in the bay.

George, a son to Portuguese immigrants, was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He moved out west with a dream and only an 8th grade education when he was 16. It was here that he quickly found his passion for business development and ownership, with the opening of 3 bars/restaurants in California.

California was also where he met and married his wife Joyce Holtham in 1954 and together had 6 beautiful children. In 1973, George moved his family to the small coastal town of Gold Beach, Oregon. There he started Paul Bunyan Burgers, a popular hangout among high school students, many whom would take on the title of employee, and if lucky, would get a burger named after them. However, George was not

content with just one local business, and he eventually went on to open Gooody's (yes, with 3 O's) just across the street. Gooody's was loved by tourists and locals alike, priding itself in offering gifts, wine and specialty food items from the Pacific Northwest. Kids from those days might remember it best from its selection of delicious saltwater taffy, and unique beach treasures.

In his 91 years of life, George wholly owned at least 8 individual businesses, and was a partner in 2 to 3 others as well. This was his work life passion.

George was proud of his Portuguese heritage and loved sharing stories of his family back in Portugal, and the culture and food he enjoyed so much. It was important to him to instill

George is survived by his daughter Anna Antunes Earle, son William Antunes and wife Michelle, daughter Dorothy Antunes, and son Tony Antunes and wife Jackalene. He is also survived by grandchildren Ryan Valentine, Rylie Breeden, Ashley Antunes, Racheal Antunes, Ben Antunes, and Zach Antunes, as well as great grandchildren Halle Harwell, Kai Valentine and Emma Valentine. There are countless nieces, nephews, cousins and friends simply too numerous to mention, but George was loved by all and will be missed by many. Services will be held at a later date.

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the walls of the school and expand into the community, and also the region."

How would you describe your leadership style?

"I'm a collaborative leader.

how we [will] be able to open up our doors. If that means we are going to still have spacial restrictions, or what it may be. That depends on what restrictions are going

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make some positive improvement according to whatever [the] district needs.

"I just want people to know...I really want to serve them and be an integral part of the community, not just somebody who is the leader of the school, but somebody who is a part of the things going on."

this pride into his children and grandchildren, and he would be happy to know that he succeeded.

George is predeceased by his parents Jose and Maria Antunes, brother William Antunes, ex-wife of 21 years Joyce Antunes, son Mark Antunes, and daughter Dora-Lynn 'Dodi' Antunes.

Brookings officer graduates from 406th Basic Police Class

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solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug recognition and dozens of other subjects.

Basic Police Class 406 will graduate during a private ceremony at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem

at 1:30 p.m. April 29.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, the ceremony will be closed to the public.

Included in the graduating class was Police Officer Jacob Harmon, who will join the Brookings Police Department.

Death Notices

Donald Joseph Swenson. 66, Brookings, Oregon. Memorial to be held at the Elks Lodge Friday 4/23/21 at 4 pm.



Curry Health Network (CHN) is asking for your help in conducting a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). A CHNA is a required process for a hospital to identify and analyze the health needs of a community. It helps the hospital and its affiliates prioritize plans and services to meet identified needs.

Curry Health Network values the opinions of its community members, and hopes you will take 10 minutes now to complete and submit your responses to its CHNA survey.

The survey is open to the public and your answers are confidential.

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New Brookings Mayor Ron Hedenskog takes the oath of office after being appointed by the city council. Below, new Councilor Michelle Morosky takes her position on the board.

Mayor

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In 2012, he was appointed to mayor where he served from 2012 to 2017.

He did not run for reelection for mayor in 2017, but ran for councilor in 2018 and was elected.

However, Hedenskog's appointment meant there was still an empty chair at the council.

To fill the seat, the city council called up Michelle Morosky, local real estate agent.

Morosky had been serving on the planning commission. Councilor Brad Alcorn spoke in approval of the move to appoint Morosky to the council.

Pieper

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letter could have been construed as an opinion of the city, rather than his own personal view. Although, Pieper's letter included a disclaimer stating it was a personal opinion, not an opinion of the council or the city.

Alcorn said Pieper did not violate the law by writing the letter, but he did infringe on the trust of the council.

"I was disappointed to learn that the mayor had written a letter of support for a project that would have this level of an impact on our city. What makes me disappointed is that we were never notified, and this letter was never discussed with us," said Alcorn. Then, Alcorn filed a motion to write a new letter to Oregon Community Founda-



"She has a lot of qualities that would make her effective in this role: planning commission, she's a real estate broker, she's from here, she's got a lot of knowledge of the city," said Alcorn.

tion, this time on the behalf of the council, to not support Project Turnkey with the current information about the project. The motion passed 3-2 with votes of support coming from Councilors Alcorn, Ed Schreiber and John McKinney. Councilor Ron Hedenskog voted no, as did Pieper.

As a result of the meeting, Pieper said he felt he had three options.

"Be pony whipped mayor for the rest of my term, or fight back, or resign," he said.

Pieper's career in public

A vote to appoint Morosky also passed unanimously. She said she was glad to step into the role.

"I like the planning commission, but the issues you discuss here are a little more

service began in 2008, when he was appointed to the Brookings City Council as a 25-year-old, making him the youngest councilor in city history. In 2012, Pieper was appointed council president, and was reappointed in 2013 and 2014. He was initially elected mayor in 2016 and was re-elected in 2018 and 2020. His term was set to expire in January of 2023. During his tenure as

mayor, Pieper oversaw the completion and inception of some notable city projects, including the acquisition of the Brookings Airport, the

of interest for me, and a little broader, and that's the level I'd like to get involved in our city and in our community. That's an opportunity I'm very excited to pursue," said Morosky.

construction of the Capella building in Azalea Park, management of the Salmon Run Golf Course, street improvements downtown, implementation of a local fuel tax to fund street improvements, ongoing overhauls of the city water, wastewater and stormwater systems, relocation of the Southwest Oregon Community College and many others.

He said he parked out of

Chetco Pelican Players to offer streaming access to **Shakespeare play**

This May, the Chetco Pelican Players are providing free group streaming access to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's production of Snow in Midsummer.

Tickets are available now; the show will be available for streaming May 3 through May 29.

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Snow in Midsummer interweaves two stories - of a

Chair

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rockslide, which closed down U.S. Highway 101 in March. In doing so, Paasch put members of the public at risk, Boice said.

Afterward, Boice said he did tell a business owner they could wait to pay fees. He denied the allegation of a power grab.

"When it comes to being chair, no, I don't have any more power than anyone else, but I do have a responsibility to set the meetings. I've taken that reasonably seriously," said Boice.

Paasch responded to Boice's allegations by saying he had been given permission by the Oregon Department of Transportation to view the slide.

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the roadway and did not jeopardize public safety. After fielding the allegations against him, Paasch

made a motion to remove Boice from the chair. Before a vote could be made, Vice Chair John Herzog stepped in and tabled

the discussion for a behindclosed-doors meeting Friday. It appears a compromise was achieved during the executive session Friday, as Paasch did not renew his motion to remove Boice.

However, Paasch did use Friday's public meeting to double down on his previous allegation that Boice said businesses could delay payments to the county.

"This is not only an ethical violation, but it is potentially against the law to do this," said Paasch. "These are the kinds of things... a chair cannot do, a commissioner cannot do."

Property tax payments due

Curry County Assessor/ Tax Collector Jim Kolen would like to inform property owners that statements for the third trimester property tax payments of tax year 2020-21 are being mailed out this week. The due date for the third trimester payment is May 17. Property owners should make sure payments are postmarked by the due date to avoid additional interest charges. Property owners who wish a printed receipt should send a self-addressed stamped envelope with their payment. For tax payoffs and other inquiries, contact the tax collector at 541-247-3305.

Payments may be mailed to the Curry County Tax Collector, 94235 Moore Street, Suite 222, Gold Beach, OR 97444 or paid in person in the assessor/tax collector's office at 94235 Moore Street.

Online tax payments are available by accessing the Curry County website at: www.co.curry.or.us Follow the link for Curry County Property Tax Payments. Payments are also accepted over the phone at 1-844-399-5263. There is a \$2.95 fee for a Visa debit \$3 fee for using an e-check payment and a 2.5% fee for using a credit card payment. The tax office is open Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.



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Guest Opinion Do you really appreciate what you have?

BY BRYAN GOLDEN

Life is filled with challenges. There are many external circumstances outside of your control. The weather, actions of others, the economy and politics are just a few examples. However, your response to these circumstances is completely within your control. You chose your thoughts, emotions, and actions.

Two people can exhibit completely different reactions to the same situation. One person will successfully deal with the circumstances, while the other becomes enmeshed in negative emotions. Unfortunately, it is more common for people to focus on the negative instead of the positive.

How you view your life influences your mindset. A positive view creates a positive attitude, while a negative view leads to a negative attitude. People with a positive attitude are much better at coping with stress and challenges.

Although there are many factors contributing to how you react to situations beyond your control, one of the most significant components is whether or not you appreciate what you currently have in your life.

Those who truly appreciate all of their blessings feel as if they have more than enough. Conversely, people who constantly focus on what they believe is lacking continually feel they never have enough.

Taking all you have for granted is too easy because you get lost in negativity. Not appreciating what you have until it's gone is too common. Air, water and food are ignored when plentiful. Yet, you surely appreciate any of them which are in short supply.

Think about how the quality of your life would suffer with the loss of any component you may be taking for granted. This approach also helps you keep things in perspective. Throughout the world, there are too many people struggling to acquire all of the things you may be taking for granted.

No positive aspect of your life is too small to appreciate. Each and every day must be cherished. Begin each day by reviewing a list of everything you are thankful for. Start by appreciating that you woke up. Appreciate what you see and hear. Appreciate the food you eat. Appreciate where you live. Appreciate family and friends. Look in awe at the seemingly endless miracles in nature.

Life is not a contest. Don't compare yourself to others. Someone who seems to have more does not diminish what you have. Also, there are numerous examples of people living very spartan lifestyles who are happy and content.

Appreciate your ability to control your thoughts, emotions, and actions. You are not a victim. You decide how to respond to circumstances. You can find solutions for problems, or you can find problems in every situation.

Decide beforehand to have a positive response to whatever circumstances you encounter. A response is preplanned and thought out. A reaction, on the other hand, is spontaneous and emotional.

A positive response should always be appreciated because it enables you to find the best course of action, while keeping you calm. A positive mindset leads to greater happiness and reduced stress. Your positive attitude generates positive emotions.

Appreciate humor and its wonderfully beneficial effects. Humor boosts your immune system, relieves pain, produces endorphins, reduces stress, and stimulates many internal organs. Humor clears your mind and helps you feel better.

Look for the humor which exists in most situations. There is usually some funny perspective in the circumstances you encounter. Humor is a great coping mechanism, not insensitivity. The more you laugh, the more you'll appreciate the good in your life.

Develop and cultivate an attitude of gratitude for appreciating all of the good in your life. There is no positive aspect of your life too small to appreciate.

You'll be happier and healthier while increasing your enjoyment of life.



Guest Opinion

Some Western states join rush to suppress voting

BY JEFF MILCHEN

Colorado's elections are a bipartisan success story, so when Major League baseball responded to Georgia's new voting restrictions by moving the All-Star Game to Denver, it couldn't have made a better choice.

More than 76% of eligible Coloradoans voted in 2020 - second only to Minnesota in statewide turnout. Every registered voter gets a mailin ballot weeks ahead of election day, there are convenient and safe drop boxes, and in-person voting is also available. People seem to love the choices.

Yet other Rocky Mountain states seem locked in competition to pass the most brazenly anti-democratic election laws.

Montana bills would eliminate Election Day voter registration and impose new restrictions on absentee voting. In Wyoming, many lawmakers seek to abolish voting by mail entirely.

Hold my beer, says Arizona. Following Democrats' success in federal races last fall, GOP legislators unleashed a barrage of bills restricting voting, of which seven are advancing through the legislature. Those measures include requiring absentee voters to get their ballots notarized and banning practices that don't even exist in Arizona, such as automatic voter registration and Election Day registration. And in Idaho, GOP state House Majority Leader Mike Moyle said, "Voting shouldn't be easy," when introducing a bill to make it a felony to collect and return multiple ballots on behalf of others. While the most extreme measures may fail, still harmful bills remain, showing the need for federal protection of political rights. U.S. election overseers called November's contests the most secure in history, yet "stolen election" claims still get pushed to justify rules changes. The first three months of 2021 saw legislators across 47 states introduce more than 360 restrictive bills encompassing dozens of voter suppression tactics.

Obstacles to voting impact people of color most heavily, and in the Interior West, Native Americans are the primary casualty. The 65,000plus votes cast in the Arizona portion of Navajo Nation overwhelmingly favored President Joe Biden in 2020 and easily exceeded his statewide victory margin. In Tohono O'odham Nation, bordering Mexico, about 90% of ballots went for Biden.

It's no accident that indigenous voters would be most inconvenienced or deterred by the four Arizona bills that would create new obstacles for absentee voters. The sheer size of the Navajo Reservation - 27,000 square miles spanning three states - makes in-person voting difficult.

Multiple studies have found that mail-in voting has been politically neutral. And despite being dragged down in federal elections last year by a historically unpopular candidate atop the ticket, Republicans dominated state elections and made a net gain in Congressional seats. Meanwhile, more than 500 state bills were introduced this year to improve voter protections and strengthen procedures, including every West Coast and Plains state but Kansas. Kentucky just proved it possible to pass a bipartisan law that both improves election security and protects voters. But stopping disenfranchisement of vulnerable groups requires federal reform. For decades, our

Voting Rights Act required states with histories of voter suppression to get federal approval for new voting laws, ensuring they had no discriminatory purpose or effect. In practice, the law protected citizens in every state.

In 2006, an overwhelming Congressional majority (and a unanimous Senate) extended the Voting Rights Act for 25 years. But in 2013, Chief Justice John Roberts who worked to restrict ballot access prior to his judicial career - joined the 5-4 Supreme Court majority to gut key protections of the law.

The ruling enabled states to resume voter suppression tactics, which Texas did within hours.

In response, the House of Representatives recently passed the "For the People Act," potentially the most important voting rights advance since the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Now in the Senate, the bill would expand and secure ballot access, increase election security and reduce the power of money over elections.

With not a single Republican supporting the House bill, however, the bill is doomed unless the filibuster is ended. Even if the act passed, one more task remains: passing a constitutional Amendment that embeds an affirmative right to vote and ensures our votes count equally. For as long as our ability to vote depends on the state we live in, and the political party controlling it, voting is merely a vulnerable privilege, not a right.

Bryan is the author of "Dare to Live Without Limits." Contact Bryan at Bryan@columnist.com or visit www.DareToLiveWithout-Limits.com Copyright 2021 Bryan Golden

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those who have not yet reached the age of reason or those who never will; to be classed with infants, imbeciles and domestic animals."

Letters to the editor

Is this not the current state of our state of Oregon?

Joe Wilson Gold Beach

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I don't know if it's possible to brain damage an entire population, but it seems that's what's happening. People are angry, depressed, annoyed, agitated, confused or an awful combination of these. You see it everywhere. We don't need psychiatrists to tell us. It's obvious.

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Doctors with scary stories. Everything we knew turned upside down.

Waking up every day to a completely changed world. Going to sleep at night and praying that come next morning, all this was just a dream, it never happened. Oh, if only that were true.

Now is the time to hold on tight, to grab those you love and draw them near and hold on for dear life for they are the keel that stays your ship. Look to your angels. You are not alone.

> Avery Freauxbischer Brookings

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee if the Upper Chetco RFPD, Curry, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will be held at 17548 Gardner Ridge Rd., Brookings, OR. The meeting will take place on May 5th, 2021 at 5:30 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 May 5th, 2021 at 17548 Gardner Ridge Rd. Between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

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NOTICE OF CCPTSD BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Curry County Public Transit Service District, Curry County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will be held at the Commissioners Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex, located at 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444. The meeting will take place on May 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of Curry County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will be held at the Commissioners Hearing Room, Courthouse Annex, located at 94235 Moore Street, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444. The meetings will take place as follows:

May 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. May 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. May 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (if needed)

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 CCPTSD Budget Committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 11, 2021 at the County Clerk's Office in the County Courthouse, 29821 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m. weekdays.

This notice is also available on the Curry County website: https://www.co.curry.or.us/ Published: April 23, 2021 Curry Coastal Pilot P314227

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person/s is/are doing business as: Wahiti

1180 S. Pebble Beach Dr. Crescent City, CA 95531 This Business is conducted by: individual

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DEL NORTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the County of Del Norte will hold a public hearing to consider the requests listed below. All persons are invited to appear and be heard. Comments may be submitted in writing at, or prior to, the hearing. Those wishing to be notified of the final action must submit a written request. Appeals must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by May 17, 2021. If you challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. The following project(s) are located within the California Coastal Zone:

*** Coastal Development Permit for Garage Addition - An application has been submitted to construct a garage addition to an existing residence located on the west side of Shoreline Drive The zoning is R1-B20-D (Single Family Residential, 20,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size with a density overlay) with a General Plan land use designation of Rural Residential. The attached garage would be 34 feet wide by 35 feet long by 16 feet high. B36300C -APN 101-170-004 located at 405 Shoreline Drive, Smith River.

*** Coastal Development Permit for a Residence and Garage - An application has been submitted to construct a residence on 1.89acre parcel on the west side of Sand Dune Way in Smith River. The zoning is R1-B20-D (Single Family Residential, 20,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size with a density overlay) and Designated Resource Conservation Area -Coastal Sand Dunes (RCA-2(sd)) with a General Plan land use designation of Rural Residential. The proposed single-story residence would be approximately 2,438 square feet in size and 21 feet high and include an attached 792 square feet garage. The residence would utilize on-site sewage disposal and water provided by the Smith River Community Services District. B36339C- APN 101- 170-033 located at 33 Sand Dune Way, Smith River.

*** Use Permit for Residence in a Commercial Zone - An application has been submitted to construct a single family residence DATE OF HEARING: May 5, 2021 TIME OF HEARING: 6:00 p.m. PLACE OF HEARING: Virtual meeting to be accessed via https://media.co.del-norte.ca.us/

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*** Minor Subdivision of a 42.04 acre parcel into parcels approximately 20+ acres in size. The project site is located on the hillside east of Nautical Heights Way, off of Surfsound Drive. The General Plan Land Use is Timberland and the Zone designation is Timberland Preserve. A similar subdivision was previously approved for the subject parcel but subsequently expired. The current proposal calls for both parcels to be accessed from an easement from Nautical Heights Way. The applicant has constructed a single family residence the proposed Remainder parcel that was permitted subject to use permit approval and issuance of a building permit Euture residential development on the undeveloped parcel will also require approval of a use permit and issuance of a building permit. MS2102 - APN 101-021- 004 located at 301 Nautical Heights, Smith River.

*** Rezone to Planned Community and Use Permit for a Planned Community - The applicant proposes to amend the zoning of a parcel zoned Forest and Recreation/Commercial Recreation to Planned Community. The application also includes a use permit to implement the Planned Community as required in County Code. The project would consist of constructing five residences as a dwelling group on a parcel owned by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority. The Planned Community would consist of the long-term, low-income tribal housing as well as an access road, shared sewage disposal area and a well for water. R2102 and UP2110 - APN 127-070-017 located at 15580 US Highway 101, Klamath.

*** Rezone to Neighborhood Commercial and Use Permit for Storage Units in a C-1 Zone -The applicant proposes to amend the zoning of a parcel currently zoned Single Family Residential - 6,000 sq. ft. minimum lot size. The property currently contains legal but non-conforming commercial use, as does the entire block. The application also includes a use permit to permit the use of the property for commercial storage activity. The project would consist of constructing a new 2.400 square- foot warehouse that will rented by contractors or others for storage. The building is proposed to consist of four separate bays that would

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no guarantees. Published: April 23, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314060

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT CAB COMPANY, LLC"

The following person/s is/are doing business as: Coastal Cab Company, LLC 1250 Sixth Street Crescent City, CA 95531 This Business is conducted by: limited liability company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 5/15/2017

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Signed: William Crowell, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 4/14/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder B. McCune-Sokoloski, Deputy File No. 20210054 Publish: April 23, 30 and May 7 and 14, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314109

MEDIA NOTICE:

Health Net of California, Inc., Health Net Community Solutions, Inc., Health Net Life Insurance Company, and California Health & Wellness are committed to protecting the privacy and security of our members' information. On January 25, 2021, we became aware of an incident involving personal information. One of our vendors, Accellion, was the victim of a cyber attack that compromised Accellion's file transfer platform, and allowed a malicious party to view or download our data files from January 7 to January 25, 2021. We are mailing letters and providing resources to members as they are identified whose information was involved in this incident.

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The personal information involved in this incident includes name, and one or more of following: address, date of birth, insurance ID number, health information such as medical condition(s) and treatment information, and in some cases social security numbers.

We have no indications of inappropriate use of members' information. However, out of an abundance of caution we recommend that potentially affected members take reasonable steps to ensure the security of their information.

We are providing members affected by this incident with one year of free credit monitoring and identity theft protection services. Instructions on how to enroll in this service were included in the letter sent to affected individuals.

We have also shared a reference guide of recommendations from the Federal Trade Commission regarding identity theft including information on how to request free credit reports, security freezes and fraud alerts.

Upon discovering this incident, we took the following actions to correct this issue and prevent it from reoccurring:

· We immediately conducted an investigation into the incident and ceased using Accellion's services.

• We have reviewed our file transfer processes and tools to ensure that they are not at risk of a similar attack.

· We have removed all of our data files from Accellion's systems.

Accellion is coordinating their response with the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

We take the responsibility of protecting our members' personal information very seriously, and sincerely regret any concern or inconvenience this incident may have caused our members and their families. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please call 1 (866) 329-9984. Published: April 23, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314483

NOTICE AND INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS - The County of Del Norte is requesting Proposals for Pre-Employment Psychological Evaluation Services. For additional information, contact Antoinette Self (707)464- 7214. Proposal process opened April 19, 2021 and closes May 21, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. Published: April 23, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314456

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Notice of Lien Sale Hewitts Stor All 96650 DeMoss Rd., Brookings, OR.

Lien Sale will be held: Date: May 15, 2021 Time: Walk by 11:30 am, Sale at 12:00 noon Location: Hewitts Stor All 96650 DeMoss Rd, Brookings, OR

Household & Misc items Unit No. 82 Renter: Sharon Steineke, PO Box 264, Wilsonville, OR. 97070 Published: April 23, 30, May 7 and 14, 2021 Curry Coastal Pilot P313188

NOTICE AND INVITATION TO

SUBMIT PROPOSALS - The County of Del Norte is requesting Proposals for Jail and Juvenile Hall Medical Services.

Proposal packages may be obtained from the Del Norte County Office of Administration, 981 H Street, Suite 210, Crescent City, California, or from the County's website at co.del- norte.ca.us under Bid Opportunities.

For additional information, contact Antoinette Self (707)464- 7214. Proposal process opened April 19, 2021 and closes May 21, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. Published: April 23, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314447

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY

In the Matter of the Estate of: AN-GELO P. CASANO, Deceased. Case No. 21PB02562

NOTICE OF INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that Desiree Casano has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers, to Desiree Casano c/o Paul Pierson, 16210 E. Hoffeldt Lane #6, Brookings, OR 97415 within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: **4/8/2021**

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Signed: Scott Ti Kheu Peters

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 4/8/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder B. McCune-Sokoloski, Deputy File No. 20210049 Publish: April 23, 30 and May 7 and 14, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314219

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A virtual public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Brookings-Harbor School District 17C, County of Curry, and State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 will take place on May 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. You will be able to watch a livestream of the meeting from our district website @ www.brookings.k12.or.us . Any person may comment by emailing dedec@ brookings.k12.or.us during the meeting. Your question/comment will be read to the committee to be considered and included as part of the public record. A second meeting may take place on May 12, 2021 if necessary. A copy of the budget may be obtained by request at the BHSD17C District Office 564 Fern Ave. Brookings, Oregon on or after May 3, 2021 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 4:00 pm. To request the copy email dedec@brookings.k12.or.us . Published: April 23, 2021 Curry Coastal Pilot P313990

with an attached garage and accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on a 1.0 acre parcel located at the northeast corner of Cessna Drive and Parkview Lane. The zoning is Light Commercial District(C-2) with a General Plan Land Use designation of General Commercial. The proposed residence would be 2,687 square feet, the attached garage would be 1,209 square feet, and the attached accessory dwelling unit would be 720 square feet. Area has been identified on the parcel for a future office. The residence and ADU would utilize on-site sewage disposal and a private well. UP2109C - APN 112-161-024 located at 100 Cessna Drive, Crescent City.

DATE OF HEARING: May 5, 2021 TIME OF HEARING: 6:00 p.m. PLACE OF HEARING: Via Zoom (https://media.co.del-norte.ca.us/)

Please contact the County Planning Division at (707) 464- 7254 with any questions. Published: April 23, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314209

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DEL NORTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the COUNTY OF DEL NORTE will hold a public hearing to consider the requests listed below. ALL PERSONS ARE INVITED TO APPEAR AND BE HEARD. Comments may be submitted in writing at, or prior to, the hearing. Those wishing to be notified of the final action must submit a written request. Appeals must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by May 17, 2021. If you challenge the decision of the Planning Commission and/ or Airport Land Use Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission and/or Airport Land Use Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

be accessed off Macken Avenue. The project would be served by public water and sewer service. R2101 and UP2003 - APN 120-280-018 located at 205 Meridian Street, Crescent City.

Please contact the County Planning Division at (707) 464- 7254 with any questions. Published: April 23, 2021 Del Norte triplicate T314208

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port of Brookings Harbor, Curry

County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will be held at the Port Conference Room, 16350 Lower Harbor Road Suite #202 Brookings, OR 97415 and via Telephone Conference. Instructions to join the telephone conference: Dial: 1 253 215 8782 US, enter Meeting ID: 771 205 4017, enter Participant ID: #05112021. The meeting will take place on May 11, 2021 at 6pm.

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. The public will be able to listen, ask questions and comment on the proposed programs with the budget committee.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on May 3, 2021 at 16330 Lower Harbor Road, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. and after May 3, 2021 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or access our website, www.portofbrookingsharbor.com to obtain a copy. Published: April 23 and 30, 2021 Curry Coastal Pilot P314200

Notice of Lien Sale Notice is hereby given that a recreational vehicle registered to: Betty or Nolan Haugen or Mark or Proposal packages may be obtained from the Del Norte County Office of Administration, 981 H Street, Suite 210, Crescent City, California, or from the County's website at co.del- norte.ca.us under Bid Opportunities.

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be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative, Paul Pierson. Published April 9, 16 and 23, 2021 Curry Coastal Pilot P313523

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Brookings Rural Fire District will be held on May 12, 2021 at 9:30 am at 541-469-1031 Brookings, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as approved by the Brookings Rural Fire District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Chetco Community Library, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual biennial budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same ast he preceding year.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance Washington, D.C. 20531

Draft Finding of No Significant Impact

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., a Draft Environmental Assessment has been prepared for providing Federal financial assistance to the Yurok Tribe, Klamath, Del Norte County, California. The project is subject to NEPA review because it is being funded, in part, with Federal funding available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Proposed Action

The proposed action will cover the expansion of the existing Justice Center. The expansion would allow the Tribe to increase the functions of the Tribal Court and the Yurok Tribal Police as a multi-purpose justice facility. The expansion of the existing facility will allow the Tribe to create additional space that utilizes existing water and wastewater services. The current space occupied by the Yurok Tribal Police is inadequate to meet the needs of their program and the communities that they serve.

Location

The proposed project will be located on the Yurok Reservation, on an approximately 0.3-acre parcel (APN 140-091-003) located at 230 Klamath Boulevard, within the town of Klamath, Del Norte County, California, east of State Highway 101 (U.S. 101).

Finding

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has determined that the proposed demolition and replacement of the facility would not significantly affect the quality of the human or physical environment. It is not expected that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for this project.

Public Comments

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment from or may submit written comments relating to this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact to the following address:

www.yuorktribe.org

Or Contact:

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: THOMAS C. TRUEBLOOD

CVPB-21-7017 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate. or both. of THOMAS C. TRUEBLOOD.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Alexander Trueblood in the Superior Court of California. County of Del Norte.

The petition for probate requests that Alexander Trueblood be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This Authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 5/14/2021 Time: 10:00am Dept.: 2 Address of the Court: 450 H Street Crescent City, CA 95531

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect vour rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an

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Attorney for petitioner: Anthony S. Franceschi SBN 262297 MacFarlane Legal, Inc. 9701 Fair Oaks Blvd., Ste. 100 Fair Oaks, CA 95628 Telephone: (707) 464-6181 Publish: 4/23, 4/30, 5/7/2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314392

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person/s is/are doing business as: Zeahouse 2285 Norris Ave. Crescent City, CA 95531 This Business is conducted by: individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 4/15/2021

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is quilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Signed: Nancy McClaflin

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 4/16/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder Claire Landay, Deputy File No 20210056 Publish: April 23, 30 and May 7 and 14, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314384

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT LAND SURVEYING'

The following person/s is/are doing business as: Killops Land Surveying 120 Surfsound Court Smith River, CA 95567 This Business is conducted by: married coupl The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 4/6/2021

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Signed: Mark E. Killops and Gwen A. Killops

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 3/31/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder Damon Fletcher, Deputy File No. 20210048 Publish: April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T313681

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dollars (\$1,000) Signed: Craig Strong

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 3/31/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder Damon Fletcher, Deputy File No. 20210047 Publish: April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T313736

CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON **CURRY COUNTY Probate Department**

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT ALLEN EIKER, Deceased. CASE NO. 21PB02208 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

Notice is hereby given that Susan E. Snell has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at: Martin, Elliott & Snell, P.O. Box 575, Tualatin, Oregon 97062, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative.

Dated and first published April 16, 2021. **Personal Representative/** Attorney:

Susan E. Snell, OSB #853356 Martin, Elliott & Snell, P.C. P.O. Box 575 Tualatin, Oregon 97062 Published: April 16, 2021 Curry Coastal Pilot P313741

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE **VESSEL DESCRIPTION:**

Alita Marie, Registration#OR348ADZ, HIN# UMP041020578, 1978 Universal Fiberglass, 41' in length OWNER: John D. and Alita M. Hartt 98825 Pleasant Hill Dr. #21 Brookings, OR 97415 AMOUNT DUE ON LIEN: \$3,640.16 TIME, DATE AND LOCATION OF SALE: The item will be available to view before the sale at the Port of Brookings Harbor, 16330 Lower Harbor Road, Brookings, OR 97415.

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I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Signed: Landon O'Reilly/L&N Golf Company, LLC

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 3/31/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder B. McCune-Sokoloski, Deputy File No. 20210051 Publish: April 16, 23, 30 and May 7, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T313918

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT GOLF, LLC"

The following person/s is/are doing business as: Opt Golf, LLC 1403 Inyo St., #134 Crescent City, CA 95531 This Business is conducted by: limited liability company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 3/31/2021

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Signed: Paul Otello

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF DEL NORTE NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-MINISTER ESTATE OF Cheryl Marie Arpaia aka Cheryl M. Arpaia aka Cheryl Arpaia Case Number: CVPB-2021- 7009

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate. or both. of: Chervl Marie Arpaia aka Cheryl M. Arpaia aka Cheryl Arpaia.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Kathleen A. Baird, in the Superior Court of California,

999 **Public Notices**

Date: April 30, 2021 Time: 10:00 am Dept.: 2 Address of the Court: 450 H Street Crescent City, CA 95531

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner:

Amy A. Hunt 426 First Street Eureka, CA 95501 (707) 443-5643 Publish: April 9, 16, and 23, 2021 **Del Norte Triplicate T313487**

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF DEL NORTE 450 H Street Crescent City, CA 95531

Petition of: Lauren Renae Montez CASE NO. CVPT-2021-1082

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME To all interested persons: Petitioner: Lauren Renae Montez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Lauren Renae Montez to Proposed name: Lauren Renae Lehman

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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Cynthia Bones, Planner III PO Box 1027 Klamath CA 95548 Phone: 707 482-1350 ext 1385 Email: cbones@yuroktribe.nsn.us

No administrative action will be taken on the project before May 15,2021, which is 15 calendar days after the public notice of this Draft Finding of No Significant Impact. Published: April 23 and 30, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T314425

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COASTAL PILOT 541-813-1717

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT COASTAL RESEARCH"

The following person/s is/are doing business as: **Crescent Coastal Research** 260 Hazel Time Road Crescent City, CA 95531 This Business is conducted by: an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 4/6/2021

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a

item will put up for auct May 21, 2021 at www.publicsurplus.com at 9:00am. Minimum bid accepted is the AMOUNT DUE ON LIEN: \$3.640.16. NAME OF PERSON OR BUSI-**NESS FORECLOSING THE LIEN:**

Port of Brookings Harbor PO Box 848 Brookings, OR 97415 POST DATE: April 9, 2021 PUBLISHED DATES: April 16 and April 23, 2021 Curry Coastal Pilot P313556

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT VALLEY GOLF COURSE"

The following person/s is/are doing business as: Kings Valley Golf Course 3030 Lesina Road Crescent City, CA 95531 This Business is conducted by: limited liability company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 4/9/2021

Filed: March 22, 2021. The petition for probate requests that: Kathleen A. Baird be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This Authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be

held in this court as follows:

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: May 7, 2021 Time: 10:00 am Dept.: ONE

The address of the court is same as noted above. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Del Norte Triplicate Date: March 23, 2021 /s/ Robert F. Cochran, Judge of the Superior Court Published: April 9, 16, 23 and April 30, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T313445

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Brookings Police Blotter

Wednesday, April 14

• At 1:06 a.m., police conducted a traffic stop at Chetco and Deer Park Drive. The driver was cited for going 65 in a 35.

• At 5:46 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Pioneer Road after a caller said a man was looking through the dumpster and refused to leave. The man left when contacted by police.

• At 9:39 a.m., a traffic accident was reported at Mill Beach and Chetco. One driver was cited for driving uninsured and careless driving.

• Between 2:56 and 3:57 p.m., police made four traffic stops on Chetco Avenue.

• At 6:12 p.m., a caller reported criminal trespass in the 99600 block of North Bank Chetco River Road.

• At 7:44 p.m., a burglary was reported in the 200 block of King Street.

• At 9:22 p.m., a caller reported suspicious conditions in the 600 block of Meadow Lane.

Thursday, April 15

• At 9:35 a.m., police cited and released a transient man on an outstanding warrant in the 300 block of 5th Street.

• At 9:51 a.m., police cited a minor for possession of tobacco products in the 800 block of 3rd Street.

• At 10:50 a.m., police arrested a transient man for an outstanding warrant at 5th and Railroad.

• At 4:01 p.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Chetco after receiving a report of an assault. The victim was transported to the hospital while the suspect was cited and release on assault charges and for outstanding warrants.

• At 4:56 p.m., a traffic accident with injuries was reported at Highway 101 and Zimmerman.

• At 5:50 p.m., police conducted a welfare check on a woman laying in the bike lane at the north end of the bridge. A taxi was called for the woman.

• At 6:13 p.m., police responded to Spruce and Alder after receiving a report of a dispute. It was verbal only and medical services were declined.

• At 7:07 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of Chetco after a caller reported a driver slapping a child in their vehicle. Police responded and determined it was impossible due to their positions in the vehicle.

• At 8:09 p.m., a woman was cited and released for an outstanding warrant in the 1100 block of Fifield Street.

Friday, April 16 • At 7:42 a.m., police contacted a transient man on Highway 101 after receiving reports he was yelling at traffic.

• At 11:16 a.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Chetco and asked a group of transients to leave the location although they had a key to the building.

• At 12:48 p.m., a small dog was reported running on the highway at Highway 101 and Dawson.

• At 2:55 p.m., a traffic accident was reported in the 900 block of 5th Street.

• At 4:50 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Chetco after a caller said a person took an item from a store. It was determined no items were taken.

• At 5:50 p.m., officers conducted a welfare check on the Smith River.

• At 9:55 p.m., police responded to the library after receiving a report of multiple people and vehicles being disruptive. Officers determined it was juveniles playing the "fugitive game."

• At 10:57 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of 3rd Street after a caller reported a group of juveniles attempting to enter a gate. It was determined the juveniles were playing the "fugitive game."

Saturday, April 17

• At 6:28 a.m., a fire was reported in the 9800 block of Rockwall Lane.

• At 9:18 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of Oak Street after a caller asked for help removing a man from the area.

• At 12:59 p.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Chetco Avenue after a caller reported a woman was refusing to leave or pay. Officers made contact, and the woman was given reasonable time to collect her belongings and leave.

• At 4:40 p.m., officers made a traffic stop in the 600 block of Old County Road after receiving a report of children not secured in the back of a truck. Seats were available and the driver was counseled.

• At 4:55 p.m., officers conducted a welfare check in the 300 block of Cedar Street.

• At 5:54 p.m., police located narcotics on a person in the 200 block of Cedar Street. The drugs were destroyed on scene and dis-

reported she was being following in the 600 block of Old County Road. The woman said she no longer saw the person and felt safe walking home.

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in the 1100 block of Chetco. When police arrived, they learned the person left in a vehicle.

Sunday, April 18 • At 9:22 a.m., a caller reported being harassed by telephone in Fresno.

• At 10:55 a.m., a report of disorderly conduct was received in the 800 block of Chetco Avenue.

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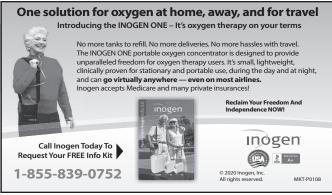


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by Linda Thistle

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ZACK DEMARS The Pilot

Curry County will move back to the moderate-risk category of virus restrictions Friday after COVID-19 cases in the county have continued to decline.

The decreased restrictions expand slightly the capacity limits placed on businesses across the county. Namely, the new restrictions mean:

• Indoor dining may continue up to 50% capacity or 100 people, whichever is smaller, with up to six people per table.

• Outdoor dining may continue with 150 people maximum, with up to eight people per table.

• Indoor recreation, fitness and entertainment establishments may continue to operate up to 50% capacity or 100 people total, whichever is smaller. Indoor full-contact sports are allowed.

• Outdoor recreation, fitness and entertainment establishments may continue up to 25% capacity. Outdoor full-contact sports are allowed.

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"As we face more contagious variants and increased spread of COVID-19 in our communities, the best way to protect yourself and others is to get vaccinated. Until you, your family, your friends, and your neighbors are fully vaccinated, it's also critical that we all continue to wear masks, maintain physical distance, and stay home when sick."

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Curry County risk downgraded to moderate

Governor Kate Brown

ry of virus restrictions, with 10 moving from lower levels this week. Eleven would be eligible for the extreme-risk category if the state met the hospitalization metric now regions of the state Gov. Kate required to send counties to that highest category.

Curry County's case rate has continued to fall, with 33 cases of the virus and a 3.7% test positivity reported between April 4 and 17, the lowest in several weeks.

State health officials will reconsider county-level data and assign new risk categories May 4. To return to the low-risk category of restrictions, the county will need to see fewer than 30 cases for the two weeks prior to that, as well as a test positivity

lower than 5%. On the vaccination front, Curry County holds the state's 13th-highest vaccination rate of the state's 36 counties, with just under 37% of the population having received at least one dose.

That includes about 74% of the county's population over 80, 71% of those between 75 and 79, 66% of those between 70 and 74 and 58% between 65 and 69.

Vaccines are available for anyone over 16, though 17- and 18-year-olds are only eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine, which is less common than the Moderna vaccine in Curry County.

Curry Health Network organizes weekly vaccine clinics at its hospitals and medical centers in Port Orford, Gold Beach and Brookings. Registrations for those events are available online at http://www.curryhealthnetwork.com/education.

Doses are also available during appointments made online at Rite Aid, Safeway and Albertsons stores, Fred Meyer, some Health Mart pharmacies, Bi-Mart and Walmart.

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Sunday Service......11 a.m. Sunday School....11 a.m. Wednesday Testimony Mtg..6 p.m. Reading Room: Monday & Wednesday..1-3 p.m.

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Brookings-Harbor Christian Church 777 Fifth Street, Brookings Sunday Service......10 a.m. Weekly Communion Small Group Ministries Celebrate Recovery...6 p.m. Sunday 541-469-2531 **Pastor Lance Knauss**

Brookings Church of the Nazarene

1600 Chetco Ave. (Hwy 101 N)

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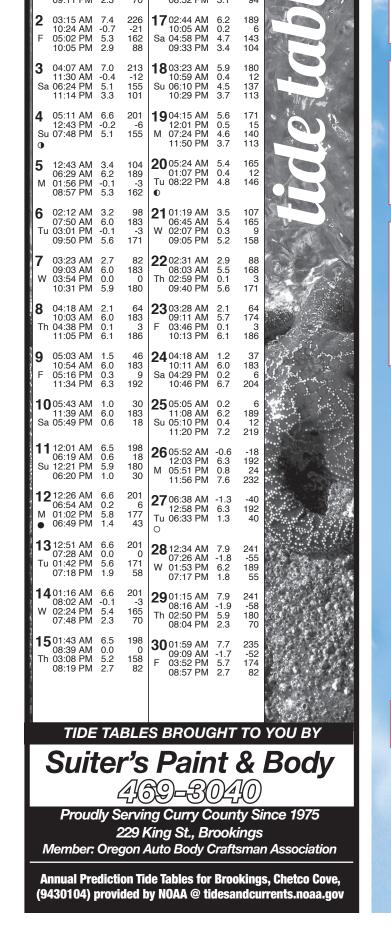
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Officials raise alarm over rising cases, vaccine inequity

ZACK DEMARS The Pilot

Oregon health officials Friday addressed accelerating COVID-19 case counts across the state, ahead of Monday's vaccine eligibility expansion to all adults.

The comments from Oregon Gov. Kate Brown came in a press conference with officials from the Oregon Health Authority.

"It's clear that this virus is persistent and it's stubborn. While we flatten the curve again and again, COVID will not surrender," Brown said.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger said the state's pandemic picture is again worsening, with cases, hospitalizations and deaths all on the rise in recent weeks.

Weekly cases have increased by more than 20% for each of the last three

weeks, "eclipsing even the most pessimistic scenario in our most recent COVID-19 modelling," Sidelinger said.

"Recent data are troubling, showing that the virus is on the march throughout our state, sickening our friends and neighbors," Sidelinger said.

Variants are also spreading rapidly in the state, Sidelinger said, including the faster-spreading UK variant, which now accounts for more than half of virus cases nationwide.

Still, Brown said the increasing cases won't push the state to establish any new virus restrictions beyond the current four-level framework, saying residents know how to take personal responsibility for wearing masks and limiting gatherings.

The state modified that four-tier system earlier this month, making it harder for counties to enter the extreme-risk category which closes indoor dining and other businesses.

"I think Oregon, throughout the entire pandemic, has gotten it right," Brown said. "Oregonians have made really smart decisions and tough choices to protect themselves and their neighbors and loved ones."

Brown did offer one reason for optimism for parents and students across the state: While she didn't commit to mandating it, she said she expects Oregon's students to be in classrooms full time in the fall.

'I've been really clear, it is my expectation that we will have kids in school five days

a week in the fall. Obviously, the virus makes the timeline," Brown said.

Monday marks the deadline for Oregon schools to bring students back to the classroom for at least parttime in-person instruction. Earlier this month, and Oregonian/OregonLive analysis showed vast differences between how much in-class time schools and districts were offering their students during hybrid learning schedules.

That wasn't the only disparity health officials addressed Friday.

Brown and OHA Director Patrick Allen also acknowledged the unevenness of the state's vaccine rollout, with

wealthier ZIP codes seeing generally higher rates of vaccination than others.

"This has been a nationwide phenomenon, and part of the challenge is people of means have got more ways to be able to access vaccines than others do," Allen said. "And that's a headwind that we're running into."

What's more, the vaccine rollout has been disproportionate along racial and ethnic lines, especially among the state's Latino population.

OHA faced criticism Thursday from a group of Latino leaders concerned about the state's lack of effort at vaccinating that population. The group pointed to state statistics showing

that, while about 13% of the state's population is Latino, only about 6% of those vaccinated are.

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Allen said Friday the state's made efforts at outreach to the population specifically through federally qualified health centers, community based organizations and the prioritization of migrant farm workers for vaccines.

But Allen agreed there was more to be done.

"The numbers are stark and clear: For too many people, race and income are predictors of whether you can access a COVID vaccine or not," Allen said. "As a state, we can and need to do better."

Azalea Festival set to go

BY KNOX KERANEN The Pilot

While COVID-19 continues to hamper celebrations and events, the 82nd Azalea Festival will carry on - with some changes.

"The book sale at the library was cancelled, the quilt show is cancelled for now, the flower show is cancelled...the plant sale is cancelled...the art show was cancelled also," said Amber Nalls as she went over the tentative event schedule at an Azalea Festival meeting on Thursday.

However, the fair will regain some normalcy, as it returns to Memorial Day weekend - unlike last year when it was pushed to July because of COVID. Additionally, the parade is on, as well as the park program, shrimp feed and Elks Lodge barbeque.

Some new events will be happening this year also, like a Saturday concert and Curry County Cruisers Show and Shine, both at Azalea Park. During the meeting, a hot

topic emerged: how to slow down the parade. "Last year, we had a lot of

runners," said Nalls. "When you have gaps, you have to fill those gaps, so how those gaps happen is if a float stops and does a performance, it rubber bands the whole parade... I don't know if there is a way we can fix it, we work on this every year."

Nalls said they will try to limit float performances this year to keep the parade gap-free.

The Azalea Festival is looking for sponsors, vendors, volunteers and grand marshall nominations. If you are interested, please visit azaleafestivalbrookings.com or Brookings.or.us.

The theme for this year's festival is "Hometown Pride.'



Courtesy photo from Ashley Massey

Children are naturally attracted to water and keeping a sharp eye on them at all times is very difficult. Having children wear life jackets helps remove some of the worry.

Safety

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Use the Marine Board's interactive boating access map to find boat ramp locations and learn local rules for boat operation.

Have a "plan B" for access and set a location based on

the weather and the tides for tidally influenced rivers and bays.

The Pilot: What is the most critical point the Oregon Marine Board wants folks to understand as they head to local waterways in the state?

Massey: Wear a life jacket. Dress for the water temperature and not the air temperature. It takes the worry out of anything unexpected, but expect to get wet. Life jackets are the most important piece of equipment and significantly improve your chances of survival. In 2020, there were 27 recreational boating fatalities and 17 victims were not wearing life jackets. Also make sure to comply with other equipment requirements based on the boat type and boat length. The Pilot: We understand even though outside temperatures will be in the 80s this weekend, water temps will still be dangerously cold. What is the danger? Massey: If a person experiences sudden exposure to cold water, the reaction is the same for everyone. The body will have a

gasp reflex, and if a person's head isn't above the water or quickly resurfaces, the chances of swallowing water into the lungs is very high. This leads to drowning. Most fatalities are not from hypothermia, they're from drowning relating to the initial cold water shock.

For people wanting to hit local area rivers in float toys,

12 and younger are required to wear a properly fitted life jacket in a boat that's is underway, however, the Marine Board and other boating safety partners advocate wearing a life jacket whenever in or around the water.

Steep drop offs and unstable lake and river banks can be extremely dangerous. Children are also naturally at-

longer prints and mails reports to customers unless requested. The report is available to be viewed online and printed at: http://www.brookings.or.us/DocumentCenter/View/22 Please call 541-469-1103 if you would like the report mailed to you.



City of Brookings Water Users

Annual Water Quality Report Available The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act requires the City to provide their water customers a yearly Consumer Confidence Report advising how the City water quality meets or exceeds established federal and state drinking water standards. We encourage customers to review this report as it provides details about the source and quality

of the drinking water delivered to you. In an effort to be environmentally and fiscally responsible, the City no



your skill level. If you're a brand-new boater learning how to launch, you'll want to practice in an uncongested area. Likewise, for paddlers, go somewhere that's calm and protected from rapidly changing weather conditions until your skills build and you're ready to venture out to other areas.

Do not set out too close to dusk because once the sun starts to set, it gets cold quickly and disorientation happens just as fast. Check

Curry Health Network has administered over 8,000 doses of vaccine!



No more waiting lists!

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recognize they are designed for pools, not dynamic waters with strong current and obstructions. Keep a vigilant lookout downstream and take early action to maneuver away from obstructions. Another consideration along with the temperature difference with air and water, is environmental exposure.

The sun, wind, glare, and other factors contribute to fatigue and dehydration, which slow reaction time and judgment. Be sure to drink water and take frequent breaks to keep your senses sharp.

The Pilot: What steps should parents take to keep their children safe on the waterways?

Massey: Have their children wear a properly fitting life jacket and model the behavior themselves. Children

> Paddlers with craft 10 feet or longer need to purchase and be ready to display a

Fines range from \$115-\$265 for equipment violations, \$265-\$440 for speed/ moving violations, and into the thousands of dollars for more serious offenses such as BUII or reckless operation. Conviction may also lead to jail time, revocation of boating privileges and imposed boating safety education on top of boating safety education card suspension.

Also, remember to share the water. As the weather warms and the waterways become crowded, be patient and courteous, be aware of your surroundings, and recognize the impact your boat and activity have on those around you. Safety is everyone's responsibility.

For more information. contact the Oregon Marine Board at 503-378-8587. The office is located at 435 Commercial Street N.E. in Salem.

tracted to water and keeping a sharp eye on them at all times is very difficult. Having children wear life jackets helps remove some of the worry.

The Pilot: What are you seeing is the range of boating violations and the fines/penalties boaters could face this weekend and into the summer season and how much would that hit their pocketbooks?

Massey: Marine officers will be looking for regulation compliance and other violations, such as distracted, unsafe or reckless operation, improper lookout, overloading, riding on bows, decks, gunwales or transoms of motorboats, and proximity rules for slow no-wake.

Motorized boaters need to have a current motorboat registration and if operating a boat over 10 horsepower, carry a boating safety education card.

Waterway Access Permit.

Treasurer tells board he hopes to hire a deputy

KNOX KERANEN The Pilot

County Treasurer David Barnes notified the Curry County Board of Commissioners he intends to hire a part-time deputy treasurer to support him.

Since former treasurer Debbie Crumley retired last year, the position — typically an elected role — has been a revolving door. Barnes was appointed in January when previously appointed Douglas Baker stepped down after just two weeks at the job. Before that, Terry Hanscam who was actually elected as treasurer last November
 resigned before he took the seat.

At a Wednesday Curry County Board of Commissioners meeting, Barnes notified the board he was considering hiring a deputy treasurer, whom he would split time with. Moreover, he said he never wanted the position in the first place but took it because he saw there was an immediate need.

"I ended up with the job by default, essentially...my sense of civic obligation and responsibility made me stand up and offer my services to the county," said Barnes. "I've found out over the past three months this is a pretty intense job, there's a lot to it.

Barnes said he intends to add the hiring of a deputy treasurer to next year's budget. He said he hopes to find a candidate among existing county employees. Under his proposal, he and another employee would each work 20 hours per week at \$20 an hour.

John Herzog, the vicechair of the board of commissioners, asked if Barnes could hold out until the treasurer position goes on the ballot again in November 2022. Barnes said he could not.

"I've had a heart attack, I've had part of my stomach removed. I spent 12 years on disability, which I left to come take this job. You need somebody else who knows how to do this in case someday I don't," said Barnes.

Court Boice, chair of the board, said he would support the idea of bringing on a part-time deputy, but he was worried whether the county could afford it. He said the board should consider restructuring the treasurer role to reduce some of the workload.

Boice pointed to a model in Jefferson County where a six-member board, which includes the board of commissioners, make all finance decisions for the county.

However, Barnes was concerned the independence of the treasurer's office would be reduced in that type of model. He said one of his primary concerns is to maintain a segregation of duties to prevent corruption.

"You cannot have the person that brings in the money, be the person that counts the money and the person that spends the money...the treasurer's office needs to maintain its independence and stand alone from everyone else," said Barnes.

There was confusion over whether Barnes could hire a deputy without the board's approval. Barnes said if the board approves the budget with the new deputy, the treasurer would not require further authorization from the board. Boice said he was not so sure, but he deferred to Barnes' judgement until he could research the issue.

Steer clear of typical tax return errors

The Internal Revenue Service recently reminded taxpayers to check their tax returns for common errors that could delay refunds or otherwise affect normal processing. Here are some ways to avoid tax return slipups as the May 17 due date gets closer.

Use electronic filing. Filing electronically, whether through IRS Free File or other e-file service providers, is a great way to cut the chances for many tax return mistakes and maximize deductions to reduce tax owed at the same time. The tax software automatically applies the latest tax laws, checks for available credits or deductions, does the calculations, and asks taxpayers for all required information.

Report all taxable income. Be sure to have income documents on hand before starting the tax return. Examples are Forms W-2, 1099-MISC or 1099-NEC. Underreporting income may lead to penalties and interest.

Get names and Social Security numbers right. Enter each Social Security number and individual's name on a tax return exactly as printed on the Social Security card.

Persons generally must list on their individual income tax return the SSN of any person they claim as a dependent.

Learn about filing status. If taxpayers are unsure about their filing status, the Interactive Tax Assistant on IRS.gov can help them choose the correct status, especially if more than one filing status applies. Tax software, including IRS Free File, also helps prevent mistakes with filing status.

Correctly answer the virtual currency question. The 2020 Form 1040 asks whether at any time during 2020, a person received, sold, sent, exchanged or otherwise acquired any financial interest in any virtual currency. If a taxpayer's only transactions involving virtual currency during 2020 were purchases of virtual currency, they are not required to answer 'yes' to the question.

Mail paper returns to the right address. Paper filers should check the right address for where to file on IRS.gov or on form instructions to avoid processing delays. Note that due to staffing issues related to COVID-19, processing paper tax returns could take much longer than usual. Taxpayers and tax professionals are encouraged to file electronically if possible.

Use the right routing and account numbers. Requesting direct deposit of a federal refund into one, two or even three accounts is convenient and allows the taxpayer access to his or her money faster.

Beacon Broadband breaks ground on new fiber network

Beacon Broadband powered by Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative officially broke ground Thursday in Brookings. The ceremonial groundbreaking celebrates the beginning of construction for Beacon Broadband's project to bring the fiber broadband experience where no one else will go.

Brent Bischoff, CEO of Beacon Broadband, said in the late 1930's Sitkum Valley resident Ivan Laird recognized that electricity, the new method to obtain and use energy, was essential to a prosperous future in the rural south coast of Oregon. He made a bold move and founded Coos- Curry Electric Cooperative.

"The same can be said today of fiber broadband, the new method to obtain and use information. I think Ivan Laird would be proud of CCEC's bold move to found Beacon Broadband," Bischoff said.

Beacon Broadband is building a high-speed fiber-optic to the premises network that will span the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative footprint and include surrounding areas that currently have very little internet access. About 20% of households in the CCEC service territory receive inadequate satellite or DSL internet service at this time.

The upcoming fiber to the premises network will close the digital divide between broadband access available in urban areas compared to the southern Oregon Coast. Having the ability to access 21st Century digital services such as telemedicine, remote teleworking and distance learning will greatly improve the quality of life for those who live, work in and visit the rural communities.

Utilizing a rolling design-construction process, Beacon Broadband plans to connect the first homes and businesses by the fourth quarter of 2021 and have the entire network built over the next three years. Upon the final completion, Beacon Broadband will operate a fiber optic network covering Curry County and portions of Coos County.

The project began in 2018 when CCEC first gauged interest amongst its members with a survey and completed other feasibility study work. In 2020, CCEC created Beacon Broadband as a wholly owned subsidiary. Later that year, Beacon Broadband was awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Funding in the amount of \$14,129,000 over 10 years. In the first half of 2021, Beacon Broadband began building staff, creating detailed designs for the first portions of the network and selected vendors and partners to help complete the project. With the groundbreaking, Beacon Broadband begins the construction process in earnest.

The project is moving forward in partnership with Connexon, a leader in helping electric cooperatives build fiber networks in rural areas.

Visit www.beaconbroadband.com to learn more and pre-register or sign up for email notifications about the progress.

DeFazio: Fact sheet highlights Oregon's urgent infrastructure needs

Rep. Peter DeFazio (OR-04), chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, recently highlighted a new fact sheet from the White House which outlines the urgent imperative to address critical infrastructure needs across Oregon.

"For far too long, we have kicked the can down the need of repair • 19% of trains and other

transit vehicles in the state are past their useful life • 9.8% of households are without access to broadband

• Oregon needs \$6.3 billion to upgrade its infrastructure to ensure safe drinking water

These pressing needs underscore the importance portation and Infrastructure Committee, DeFazio is a principal author and key negotiator of the American Jobs Plan.

Led by President Biden and DeFazio, the American Jobs Plan initiative is designed to reenergize our stagnant economy as we begin to recover from the pandemic



road and neglected Oregon's critical infrastructure needs," said DeFazio. "Oregon loses billions in untapped economic potential every year and is falling behind the rest of the world. In order to catch up, we need to build up the systems and structures that support our modern economy. The American Jobs Plan is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to create millions of good-paying union jobs while bringing our infrastructure into the 21st century and addressing the existential threat of climate change. And at every step of the way, this plan will invest in America's workers and turbocharge our nation's competitiveness in the world."

Oregon received a C- grade on its Infrastructure Report Card from the American Society of Civil Engineers, facing many deficiencies that require immediate attention. Below are key statistics on the condition of the infrastructure in our state of Oregon:

• More than 1,287 miles of road and 395 bridges are in



Criminal Law Family Law General Practice 541-247-1332 97829 Shopping Center Ave. Ste. G, Harbor, OR www.nathangarcialaw.com of the American Jobs Plan, which will make historic investments in improving the nation's infrastructure and put millions of people back to work. As chair of the Transand the recession, as well as lay the foundation for future economic growth and ensure our nation is competitive in the global economy for decades to come.

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A12 | FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021 CURRY COASTAL PILOT Native fish vulnerable during current low water flows

Wild winter steelhead and Pacific lamprey are now actively spawning in southern Oregon coastal streams. Unfortunately, spawning is happening during low water flows that are more characteristic of early summer than spring and may put these and other fish species at risk from human activity.

ODFW fish biologists are encouraging people to take steps to protect the fish species in these streams. Landowners should not clear native vegetation along streams that run through their property.

Recreationists should not to drive vehicles across creeks which can destroy redds (fish nests) of wild winter steelhead and Pacific lamprey and the fall Chi-

nook salmon fry that are just beginning to emerge from the gravel.

Normally, flows would be higher this time of year, and people would not be crossing rivers and creeks with ATVs or vehicles.

"We're seeing flows right now that are typical of early summer, and we're concerned about water temperatures heating up sooner if riparian vegetation is removed," said Steve Mazur, Gold Beach district fish biologist. "Spawning activity typically occurs at the bottom end of pools as the water shallows and starts to speed up. This is where livestock and vehicles tend to cross and impact the redds."

Mazur also encourages landowners living along

available in this round.

Round one of the program

some of the smaller south coast streams to start thinking about conserving water and leaving a little bit more in the streams for fish

ODFW is surveying smaller watersheds to monitor wild winter steelhead spawning and help inform development of the draft Rogue-South Coast Multispecies Conservation and Management Plan. The plan identifies habitat (including water quality and quantity) as a main limiting factor for winter and summer steelhead, coho salmon, and coastal cutthroat trout.

The most vulnerable watershed where ODFW is seeing impacts to riparian and spawning areas are in Hunter Creek and the Winchuck and Elk rivers.



Pacific lamprey seen actively spawning in Hunter Creek on April 14.

ODFW photo

Business Oregon announces second round of commercial rent relief grants

On April 22, Business Oregon will open the second round of a grant program for building owners to cover outstanding lease payments from small business tenants that are behind on rent due to COVID-19. The grants can go up to \$100,000 per each business tenant, but not more than \$3 million for each landlord. There is \$42 million

launched March 22, with 2,965 applications requesting \$65.4 million. Most grant applicants from round one are receiving funding, as there was \$49.9M available in round one. The funding is being allocated by region, to ensure it reaches businesses throughout the state. 2,609 grants will be awarded from

the round one applicant pool, with only the Portland Metro region seeing more demand than available funds. Those applicants not selected in round one are automatically entered into round two.

This program helps small business tenants that have 100 or fewer employees. Both the business tenant and property owner will need to participate in the application

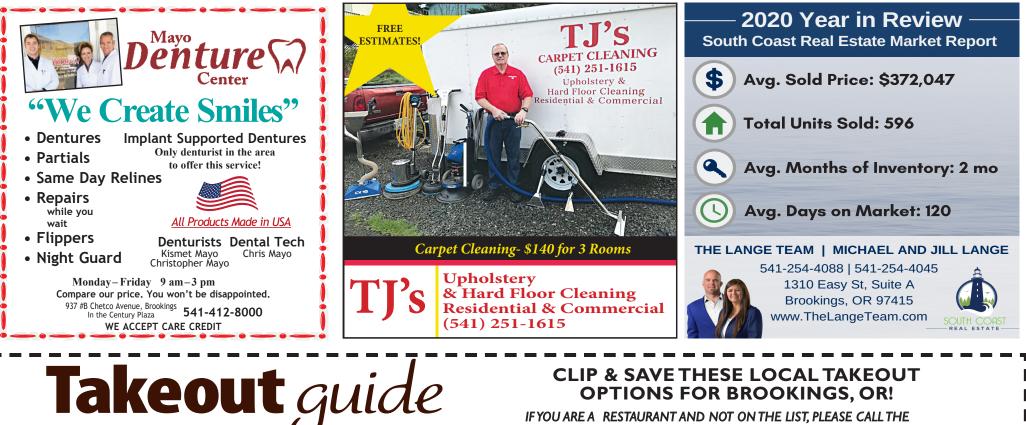
process and sign the grant agreement, but the initial application needs to be completed by the landlord. The online application process is very simple, and information is available in multiple languages. In addition to Business Oregon staff, the agency has contracted with culturally-focused organizations to help small businesses and their landlords with the

process if they have questions. A list is available on the Business Oregon website.

There are some minor changes to round two versus round one to accommodate additional applicants. The minimum grant amount is now \$500 (from \$1,000), landlords can be publicly-traded businesses, and sole proprietors do not need to register their business with

the secretary of state if they are not otherwise required to do so.

The program will open for online applications April 22 and will be open for two weeks, closing May 6. It is not first-come, first-served. Applications will be chosen by a random lottery system in any geographic regions that have more applicants than available funds.



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