

City of Brookings honors retiring Deputy Director Lauri Ziemer

By WENDY GIORDANO
City of Brookings

After 21 years with the City of Brookings, Deputy Director of Public Works and Development Services Lauri Ziemer is retiring from a career shaped by public service, community connection and a deep appreciation for the people and places that make Brookings special.

Ziemer first came to work for the City as a half-time employee in the City Manager's Office, a schedule that allowed her to continue helping in her children's classrooms at school. As her children grew older — and, as she jokes, “decided when it was time for me to stop showing up at school” — her role with the City continued to grow.

“What surprised me most was how the half-time job evolved into a full-time job with growing responsibilities that I look forward to coming to every day,” Ziemer said.

Over the years, Ziemer worked in several departments and learned many aspects of city government, from individual department functions and procedures to regulations, events and public service operations. She said she has loved her work with the City of Brookings and especially valued working alongside people who care about serving the community.

Among the places closest to her heart is the Capella by the Sea. After Elmo Williams built the Capella in 2009, Ziemer became responsible for organizing the volunteers who keep it open to visitors during the summer, coordinating maintenance and scheduling events.

“I am very attached to the Capella,” Ziemer shared.

The Capella has since become a meaningful destination for visitors from around the world, as well as a wedding and elopement venue for couples from across the country. Ziemer said people have traveled from places such as Maine, Florida, Minnesota and Montana to be married there and explore the southern Oregon



Deputy Director of Public Works and Development Services Lauri Ziemer is retiring after 21 years with the city. Photo courtesy of the City of Brookings.

coast. Each December, thousands more visit the Capella as part of Nature's Coastal Holiday Light Show.

Ziemer also played an important role in helping organize the Azalea Festival after the City took on the event. She credits the team behind the festival for continuing to improve it each year, including bringing back the Street Market and adding concerts in the park.

“It has become a traditional annual event everyone comes back to or comes home for,” she said.

For Ziemer, public service was influenced early by her father, who built roads for Federal Highways and encouraged his children to consider government work. More importantly, she said, he instilled a sense of pride,

responsibility and dependability.

“Most of all he said, ‘Like what you do, and do a good job,’” Ziemer said.

It was advice she carried through nearly 50 years of public service and related work, including positions with two cities, three county governments and four colleges. Her 21 years with the City of Brookings mark the longest chapter of that career.

Ziemer said she has continued learning throughout her time with the City. Even after more than two decades, each workday brought something different.

“Every morning I drive to work asking myself, ‘I wonder what issue, question, research, person, and/or thing will happen today,’” she said. “Some days it can be easy things, others not so easy. But I like to figure those

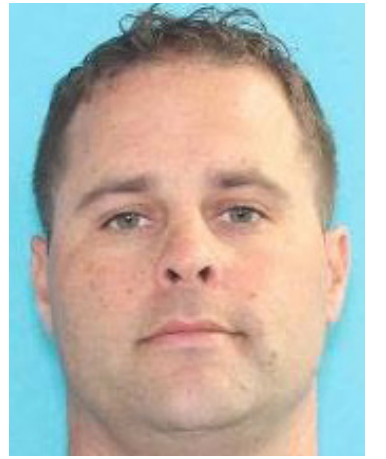
things out and I like being the person people ask.”

City Manager Tim Rundel said Ziemer made an immediate impression when he joined the City.

“Lauri Ziemer was the very first City of Brookings staff member to reach out to me shortly after the City Council announced my hiring in June of 2024,” Rundel said. “Her message was warm, welcoming, and immediately told me something important about who she was: a true team player and a quality person.”

Rundel said that in the two years he has worked with Ziemer, he has come to deeply

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Kenneth Leatherwood

Texas felon caught in Agness after seven-day manhunt

Staff Report

After a weeklong manhunt in the heavily wooded area around Agness, Oregon, the Curry County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) announced that Kenneth Leatherwood of Bastrop, Texas had been found and arrested following felony warrants for sex crimes involving minors, along with a stolen vehicle and reported stolen weapons.

The CCSO first put out an announcement that Leatherwood was being searched for on June 17, including a description of the man in his late thirties after he evaded law enforcement the day prior. Searches continued for the man and his Australian Shepherd.

On June 23, the CCSO announced that Leatherwood had been apprehended. At around 12:35 PM, two Sheriff's deputies, an Oregon State Trooper and six U.S. Marshalls located Leatherwood camping near Lucas Lodge.

“After a long week of searching, Leatherwood was located and taken into custody without incident. Leatherwood's dog was found in good shape and will be returned to Leatherwood's family,” stated Sheriff John Ward.

The Sheriff's Office thanked all of the agencies that worked together to conduct the search and make the arrest, and made a point of acknowledging the Agness community.

“We would also like to express our thanks to the Agness community and beyond for their diligence, cooperation and patience,” wrote Ward.

Check out State Park parking permit at Chetco library

For the Pilot

Chetco Community Public Library is excited to announce a new addition to its Library of Things collection: Oregon State

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Mayor Phoebe Pereda announces plans to relocate at the end of her term

From the City of Brookings

During the Brookings City Council meeting on June 22, 2026, Mayor Phoebe Pereda announced that she will not seek election to continue serving as Mayor and will be relocating out of state following the completion of her term in January 2027.

While the announcement marks the beginning of a new chapter, Mayor Pereda remains committed to serving the residents of Brookings through the remainder of her term and helping ensure a smooth transition for the City's future leadership.

Pereda was appointed Mayor earlier this year following the resignation of Mayor Isaac Hodges and previously served three years on the Brookings City Council. Throughout her time in public service, she has been known for her thoughtful leadership, collaborative spirit, and unwavering commitment to the community.

Reflecting on her time in Brookings, Pereda shared, “I grew up in Texas and spent most of my adult years in Arizona, but



City of Brookings Mayor Phoebe Pereda.

Brookings became the backdrop for a chapter of life in which Jesus changed me in ways I never expected. I used to say you can take the girl out of Texas, but you can't take the Texas out of the girl. Then I moved to Brookings. Somewhere along the way, this place became home. I've joked that I'm now an Oregonian Texan—and yes, Oregon comes first. My heart and soul will always

be connected to this community. The love I have for Brookings was unexpected, but it runs deep. I will miss it tremendously and am certain I will always believe it to be the most beautiful place on God's green earth.”

Over the past several years, Mayor Pereda has helped guide important conversations and decisions affecting the community while advocating for a strong future for Brookings. Her leadership has been grounded in a sincere desire to serve others and contribute to the continued success of the city she came to call home.

“Phoebe has led with compassion, integrity, and a genuine love for Brookings,” said City Manager Tim Rundel. “She stepped forward when the community needed leadership and has served with grace and dedication. Her commitment to Brookings has always been rooted in a desire to make this community an even better place to live, work, and build a future. She worked hard to grow in the role, including

attending multiple League of Oregon Cities trainings, and brought that knowledge and commitment back to her service on behalf of the community. We are grateful for her contributions and wish her nothing but success in the future.”

As she completes her term, Mayor Pereda remains focused on the work ahead and optimistic about Brookings' future. Her belief in the community, its people, and its potential has been a hallmark of her service.

The City of Brookings extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mayor Pereda for her years of dedicated service and wishes her and her family the very best as they embark on this next adventure.

Mayor Pereda will continue serving as Mayor through January 2027, when her term ends.

If you are interested in running for Mayor during the November General Election, please contact City Recorder/Elections Officer, Brooklyn Osterhage at 541-469-1102.

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Guest Column

From Hardware to Headliners: A new performing arts venue in Brookings — and why it belongs to everyone

BY CHRIS KLAUS
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Do you remember the first time you heard the story of Narnia as a kid? Ordinary old piece of furniture leads you to a magical land? That's what it was like being a part of the original Oregon Coast Dance studio. If you never had a chance to visit, let me paint a picture: it lived inside a double storage unit, and when you rolled up the metal door you saw a false-front threshold that opened onto a fully built-out, thousand-square-foot dance space on the other side — and people said "it's like stepping into Narnia."

That was our first proof that you can take a forgettable building and turn it into something this community needs and wants.

The Sea Spray Center for Arts and Education is what happened when we did that on a larger scale.

From the outside it's just a metal-sided warehouse, roll-up door, pole-barn construction — solidly built, right on point for our stretch of coast. For more than a decade, it was Fastenal. When we took over the space, we focused on the inside, where the kids would benefit from it most. The magic, as ever, happens past the threshold.

We built the Sea Spray Center because this region needed a real performing

arts venue — not one borrowed from a distant school or a casino ballroom — and we wanted that stage to belong to the kids first. To the community, the local groups, the musicians and artists who don't have a Portland budget but deserve a real stage anyway.

What's inside: a forty-inch elevated stage with a professionally-built sprung floor and professional dance surface — the exact floor that's engineered to protect dancers' bodies and joints and used in top-tier studios; custom-built proscenium curtain; adjustable wing fabrics; full theatrical lighting on electronic controls (on loan from Brookings-Harbor Community Theater); a full sound system; two large viewing screens; dressing rooms; a backstage area; a fully-stocked Snack Shack; and a spacious lobby. Configured for live theater or dance, the auditorium seats up to 180. Flip the stage footprint to a concert or speaker event, and you're easily over 200.

Over the past 8 months, we've showcased some truly incredible local talent on our stage: Oregon Coast Dance's full cast production of Oz with over ninety dancers on that stage, a 2BDetermined (all teen band) rock show, Brookings-Harbor Com-

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Holy Cow! History

'Happy 5th of July?' It almost happened

BY J. MARK POWELL
InsideSources.com

It was a typically muggy summer in Philadelphia. The oppressive heat and humidity made conditions miserable inside the Pennsylvania State House's Assembly Room. That aggravated conditions for the four dozen or so men gathered in that sweatbox. Since most of them were lawyers, they were prone to arguing; the ovenlike heat in the meeting room as June gave way to July made it miserable.

There was plenty to argue about, too, because the fate of their homeland was hanging in the balance.

Think we're talking about the run-up to passing the Declaration of Independ-



ence? Nope, guess again. One year earlier, almost to the day, before the upstart colonials cut ties with the mother country, they threw one last Hail Mary diplomatic pass in an attempt to make up with King George III and Parliament.

This is the story of the largely forgotten Olive Branch Petition. The Second Continental Congress had a lot on its plate in the spring of 1775. The Revolution against British authority, which had simmered for a dozen years, finally broke out in battle in April. With no other governing authority around, the Congress met in May and immediately got to work. Delegates from 11 of the 13 colonies were on hand for the first

session. (Rhode Island's guys got there late; strong loyalist support in Georgia prevented that colony from joining the body until July.)

The immediate task was raising, equipping and paying for an army. They were 75 days into the conflict when some delegates felt it was time to (in John Lennon's words) "give peace a chance."

And so, they set about debating and hammering out what came to be called the Olive Branch Petition.

It basically boiled down to a simple plea stating that, despite the recent fighting, the 13 colonies were still loyal to King George III (Honest! Scout's honor!) and wanted to work things out so they could remain part of the mother country. They insisted that it was still possible to craft a plan that would avoid future bloodshed so that everyone could go on living, in the words of classic English fairy tales, "happily ever after," just as they had done for the preceding 150 years.

The petition was passed on July 5, 1775. John Hancock affixed his famous signature, followed by the

other delegates, on July 8, and it was promptly sent by sailing ship to London.

John Adams was displeased with the decision to make a final pitch for peace. He was moving closer to wanting nothing less than full independence from Britain, and he wrote in a letter to a friend that the petition was a complete waste of time. Unfortunately for Adams, the Brits intercepted his letter and rushed it to London, where it arrived about the same time as the petition. That was seen by many as proof that the colonists were insincere at best and two-faced at worst.

As it turned out, the king never read it. George III had already branded the colonists rebels with a royal Proclamation of Rebellion in August, refusing to so much as receive their petition. And that was that. From that point, it was "on like Donkey Kong," as future generations would say.

London heard from the gang in Philadelphia again 365 days later, when the Continental Congress passed a little thing called the Declaration of Independence.

The original Olive Branch Petition (the one sent to George & Co.) is housed in the U.K. National Archives at Kew, in southwest London. (A second signed copy survives, too; the New York Public Library acquired it in 1948.)

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Off the charts: Flu v Cold

BY DR. GIGI REED, MD

Season after season, the same question arises as coughs and congestion move through households, classrooms, and workplaces: Is this just a cold, or could it be the flu?

For those of us in healthcare, the distinction is important. Although both are viral respiratory illnesses, influenza typically comes on more abruptly and brings more severe symptoms than the common cold.

Colds are most often caused by rhinoviruses, which target the upper respiratory tract, especially the nose and throat. Symptoms usually develop gradually over a couple of days. People commonly experience a runny or blocked nose, sneezing,



a mild sore throat, and a light cough. Fever is uncommon in adults and, when present, tends to be low. Most individuals feel mildly unwell but can continue with daily activities, and symptoms generally improve within seven to ten days.

Influenza, by comparison, tends to strike suddenly. Many patients can recall the exact moment their symptoms began. Hallmark signs include a

high fever, chills, severe headache, significant muscle and body aches, overwhelming fatigue, and a persistent dry cough. It is often described as feeling like being “hit by a truck.” Children may also experience nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. While recovery usually occurs within one to two weeks, fatigue can persist longer.

Complications further separate the two illnesses. While colds can occasionally lead to sinus or ear infections—especially in children—the flu carries a higher risk of serious outcomes. It can progress to pneumonia and may require hospitalization for vulnerable groups, including older adults, pregnant individuals, young children, and those with chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or heart

disease. In severe cases, influenza can be fatal.

Treatment reflects these differences. Neither illness has a cure, and antibiotics are ineffective against viruses. For colds, recommended care includes rest, hydration, saline nasal sprays, throat lozenges, and over-the-counter medications to relieve symptoms. Flu treatment involves similar supportive care, but antiviral medications may be prescribed if started early—ideally within 48 hours of symptom onset. These medications can shorten illness duration and lower the risk of complications.

Prevention remains the most effective strategy. Regular handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, avoiding close contact with sick individuals, and staying home when ill can

significantly reduce the spread of both viruses.

One key difference in prevention is vaccination. There is no vaccine for the common cold due to the many viruses that cause it. However, an annual flu vaccine is recommended for nearly everyone over six months of age, with few exceptions. While not foolproof, the vaccine reduces the risk of infection and often lessens symptom severity if illness occurs.

As cold and flu season continues, it is important to pay attention to how symptoms develop and how severe they feel. Gradual onset with mild congestion and a sore throat may indicate a cold, while sudden high fever, intense aches, and extreme fatigue are more consistent with the flu. In either case, medical care should be sought if

symptoms include difficulty breathing, chest pain, confusion, persistent high fever, or if the individual is in a high-risk group.

Ultimately, understanding the difference between a cold and the flu helps people make informed choices—for their own well-being and for the health of those around them.

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

Threepenny Theater Co. revives historic Harbor venue with production of 'The Laramie Project'

Threepenny Theater Co. is proud to announce its upcoming production of *The Laramie Project*, running from July 17 through July 26, 2026. This deeply moving modern theatrical experience offers a complex portrait of a rural community in crisis, exploring both the depths of human cruelty and the incredible heights of human compassion in the wake of the tragic 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard in Laramie, Wyoming, and the media firestorm that followed.

In a bold move for

the local arts scene, the production will be staged at the old Performing Arts Center Building in Harbor (located at 97900 Shopping Center Avenue, Unit 28, Brookings, OR 97415). Once the long-term home of two separate theater companies, The Chetco Pelican Players in the 1990s, and Brookings Harbor Community Theater for a period in the 2010s, the 5600-square-foot venue has not hosted a live theatrical production in nearly a decade.

Reviving the space for

one month only, Threepenny, a traveling, non-profit theatrical troupe, is offering audiences in 2026 a rare opportunity to experience a performance in a space defined by its unique, atmospheric charm.

"We are incredibly thrilled to bring live theater back to this space," said Director Kat Liddell. "I remember acting in and seeing plays in this spot when I was a kid growing up in the 90s and early 2000s, and it was an unforgettable experience. The old Performing Arts

Center has this almost abandoned church feel that lends an unbelievable layer of reverence and intimacy to a story like *The Laramie Project*."

To match the gravity and scale of this piece and its performance space, Threepenny has assembled a powerhouse ensemble of 14 local actors spanning four generations—the young theater company's largest cast to date.

Performance Schedule & Special Nights

• Friday, July 17 at 7:00 PM (Opening Night)

• Saturday, July 18 at 7:00 PM (Includes a post-show discussion with the cast & crew)

• Sunday, July 19 at 2:00 PM (Matinee)

• Friday, July 24 at 7:00 PM — FREEPENNY Friday (A pay-what-you-want performance, making the arts accessible to everyone, no questions asked!)

• Saturday, July 25 at 7:00 PM

• Sunday, July 26 at 7:00 PM (Closing Night)

Ticket Information

Tickets are available for \$17, with discounts

are available for seniors, students, and veterans.

Due to the limited run and unique venue capacity, advanced booking is highly recommended. For more information, full cast details, or to purchase advance tickets, please visit threepennytheater.com or call 541-373-0534

Audience Suitability
Note: This play discusses adult themes, contains strong language, and details acts of violence. Viewer discretion is advised.

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munity Theatre's youth production of *The Baker Street Irregulars*, and the inaugural performance: Oregon Coast Dance's *Bah Humbug, Brookings!* holiday show. A venue that can host a ninety-person en-

semble with 700 attendees on one weekend and a live band the next is a venue this town can actually use.

But the Sea Spray Center is part of a larger mission: Oregon Coast Youth Project — a local nonprofit built on the conviction that small towns have to be deliberate about building space for young

people to grow. Sports gets that without much argument. The arts, STEM, and apprenticeship programs have to keep making the case. The Sea Spray Center is where OCYP turns its vision to train, mentor, and inspire our youth into something concrete — a real room, a real stage, real quality programs, and a

real audience that shows up to support them. That's how a community stays a community.

The venue is now open to local organizations — dance, drama, choirs, concerts, conferences, speakers, STEM programs, classes, even private events, anyone trying to put something in front of

an audience. Community groups can reach us at info@seaspraycenter.org, and if you're an audience member, what we ask is simple: come. Every seat filled at a youth show, a theater or dance performance, or a local band's big night brings our community together.

If you'd like to support

OCYP's broader work — youth programming, mentorship, the arts and education access the Sea Spray Center makes possible — you can find us at OregonCoastYouth.org. But come to a show first. Bring somebody. Sit down. See what your neighbors have been quietly building.

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Parks Annual Day-Use Parking Permits.

Thanks to a partnership between Oregon State Parks and the State Library of Oregon, more than 200 permits were made available to public libraries across the state. Chetco Community Public Library received two permits to circulate to library cardholders.

The permits provide free day-use parking at any Oregon State Park that charges a parking

fee. Locally, this includes Harris Beach State Park, where Oregon State Parks recently began charging for parking. The permits are also available for use at state parks throughout Oregon, making them a convenient resource for library patrons planning trips around the state.

An Oregon State Parks Annual Day-Use Parking Permit normally costs residents \$60 per year. Through the Library of Things program, Chetco Community Public Library cardholders can check out a permit for one week at no cost.

Permits may be checked out for seven days with no renewals. Borrowers are responsible for returning permits on time. Lost or unreturned permits will result in a replacement charge, and library cards will be blocked from future checkouts until the charge is resolved.

"We are so excited to be able to offer our cardholders a way to continue to use all of our incredible local parks for free," said Director Julie VanHoose. "Whether someone wants to spend a day at Harris Beach, take a day trip up to Umpqua Lighthouse, or

take a weekend trip up to explore other parks across the state, these passes make it easier for our patrons to enjoy the outdoors without having to worry about parking fees."

The Oregon State Parks Day-Use Parking Permits are available now at Chetco Community Public Library. Library cardholders can place a hold through the library catalog or ask staff for assistance.

For more information about the Library of Things collection, visit Chetco Community Public Library or contact the library at 541-469-7738.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chetco River Bar Closure – July 4

The Port of Brookings Harbor advises all mariners and the public that the **Chetco River Bar will be temporarily CLOSED on: July 4 9:45 PM – approximately 10:45 PM**. This closure is necessary to ensure safety during the **Independence Day fireworks display** at the Port of Brookings Harbor.

During this time:

- The **U.S. Coast Guard will enforce safety zones** and monitor fire works fallout areas
- **All vessel traffic will be prohibited** from transiting the bar

The bar will **reopen immediately following the event**, once the pyrotechnics team has issued an official **"all clear."**

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our waterways safe.
For updates, please monitor local marine channels or contact the Port of Brookings Harbor.

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appreciate her commitment to public service, communication skills, organization and the kind way she treats others.

"It says a great deal about a person when you can work in an organization and never hear a

negative word from an employee or resident, and that has certainly been my experience with Lauri," Rundel said. "She has made a lasting impact on the City of Brookings, and she will be missed — a lot."

Tony Baron, Director of Public Works and Development Services, said Ziemer's steady presence and deep knowledge have

been invaluable to the department.

"Lauri is one of those people who quietly keeps things moving and makes everyone around her better," Baron said. "She has a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge, but what stands out just as much is the way she shares that knowledge — with patience, kindness and a genuine desire to help. From community events to public facilities to the many behind-the-scenes details residents may never see, Lauri has had a hand in so much of what our department does. Her dedication to Brookings and to the people she works with has left a lasting mark."

As she prepares for retirement, Ziemer said what she will miss most is the people she works with.

"The City of Brookings employees are a great group," she said.

In retirement, Ziemer looks forward to traveling, spending time with family and friends, taking road trips to places she has long wanted to explore, and spending the summer in her greenhouse and garden.

Her gardening goal is simple, though not necessarily easy on the coast: growing flowers and trying to grow tomatoes that turn red.

After 21 years with the City of Brookings, Ziemer leaves behind a legacy visible in the community spaces, events and services residents and visitors continue to enjoy — and in the many people who came to rely on her knowledge, care and steady presence.

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States that won't obey Trump order will have their mail ballots halted, postmaster says

BY JONATHAN SHORMAN
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The U.S. Postal Service won't deliver mail ballots in states that refuse to turn over lists of voters under a proposed rule, the agency's chief executive said Wednesday, angering Democrats who warn the decision will disenfranchise voters.

Postmaster General David Steiner defended the rule at a Senate hearing and dismissed accusations that the Postal Service was acting politically after President Donald Trump signed an executive order in March restricting voting by mail.

"If a state refuses to turn their absentee voter list over to the federal government, will the Postal Service still mail their ballots under this proposed rule?" Sen. Gary Peters, a Michigan Democrat, asked Steiner.

"Under our proposed regulation, no," Steiner replied.

Steiner's testimony, before the Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee, marked the clearest acknowledgment yet by a federal official that the rule threatens to upend voting by mail

across the country.

If the rule takes effect and Democratic-led states refuse to comply, the requirements would effectively limit mail voting to Republican-led states during November midterm elections to decide control of Congress.

The Postal Service put forward the rule after Trump ordered Steiner to require states to submit lists of anticipated mail voters to the agency as a condition of having ballots delivered.

Trump cancels signing ceremony

The executive order is one of several steps the Trump administration has taken this year to influence how elections are administered, along with the Department of Justice suing states to obtain sensitive voter data.

Underscoring the depth of Trump's interest, as Steiner was speaking Wednesday morning the president abruptly called off a U.S. Capitol ceremony to sign a bipartisan housing bill because of the Senate's refusal to pass the SAVE America Act. The legislation would require voters to show documents, such as a birth certificate or passport, proving their



Brookings ballot drop site, sits next to a USPS mailbox drop box.

citizenship.

"Now we have this new rule you've put out saying that states have to turn over their voting rolls and you, the U.S. Postal Service, will decide who's approved to send their ballot through the mail," Sen. Elissa Slotkin, a Michigan Democrat, said. "It's just another backdoor way of trying to influence this election."

Slotkin said Trump's decision to cancel the housing bill signing demonstrated the "level of obsession this president has" over elections.

Turning over names

Every state would have to provide the names of residents expected to vote by mail. Additionally, eight states and Washington, D.C., conduct elections by mailing all voters a ballot, meaning election officials

would have to provide information on every voter. Those states include California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

Trump and his aides argue the restrictions are needed to combat noncitizen voting, which occurs very rarely. Democrats and voting rights groups have sued over the order, arguing it's an unconstitutional assertion of presidential authority over state-run elections. No judge has yet halted it.

Steiner sought to place himself outside the controversy and said, in response to a question, that the Postal Service would adhere to a court order blocking the rule if one were issued. Asked about the legal authority underlying the rule, he said he would "have to defer that to the courts to understand the authority."

Steiner, who became the postmaster general in July 2025, cast the rule as primarily focused on best practices for election mail, a description that understates the scope of the proposal, which postal experts call unprecedented.

"I'm not a political person and the Postal Service is not a political organization," Steiner said.

Dems urge Steiner to withdraw rule
Democrats expressed

sharp disagreement with Steiner and accused him of folding to Trump's efforts to exercise more control over elections. Steiner answers to the USPS Board of Governors, not the president, and his critics say he is endangering the agency's independence by complying with the executive order.

Every Senate Democrat, as well as two independents who caucus with the party, on Tuesday signed a letter to Steiner urging him to withdraw the rule. The letter warns that aside from the rule's legal and constitutional problems, it's not feasible for state and local election officials to meet its requirements.

"The proposed regulation demands that the Postal Service set up an entirely new system and database to process and transmit millions of absentee ballots that is secure and accessible to every American election official, just months prior to a general election," the letter says.

At Wednesday's hearing, GOP senators mostly steered clear of the mail ballot rule, instead focusing on the official topic, the Postal Service's finances. But Sen. Bernie Moreno, an Ohio Republican, accused Democrats of hypocrisy over their past support of the "For the People Act." The sweeping bill, of-

ferred when Democrats last controlled Congress, would have required states to offer same-day voter registration and expand mail voting. Opponents said it amounted to nationalized elections.

"Three years later all of them are testifying, 'It's outrageous, President Trump is trying to nationalize elections.' No, he's not, he's trying to get rid of voter fraud," Moreno said, adding that Democrats had now "dug up from their bottom desk drawer" the Constitution.

"Should we get back to post office stuff now?" Moreno said.

"Absolutely," Steiner replied.

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2026/06/24/repub/states-that-wont-obey-trump-order-will-have-their-mail-ballots-halted-postmaster-says/>

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Instead of celebrating Independence Day on July 4, we might be commemorating Reconciliation Day on July 5 — while waving the Union Jack and singing "God Save the King."

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His nonfiction book "Witness to War: The Story of the Civil War Told by Those Living Through It" is available at jmarkpowell.com. He wrote this for Inside-Sources.com.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY Case No. 26PB05025 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of: KEVIN ALLEN PATRICK, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Administrator or her attorney at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyer for the Personal Representative, David C Johnston. Dated and first published on July 1, 2026. /s/ Lynn B Patrick Personal Representative Lawyer for Personal Representative: David C Johnston, OSB #140957 Law Office of David C Johnston P.O. Box 4884 Brookings, OR 97415 (541) 373-8706 7/1, 7/8, 7/15/2026 Pilot 428219

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY Case No. 26PB05027 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of: GARY MASCHMEYER, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative or his attorney at the address below, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyer for the Personal Representative, David C Johnston. Dated and first published on July 1, 2026. /s/ David Smith, Personal Representative Lawyer for Personal Representative: David C Johnston, OSB #140957 Law Office of David C Johnston 15957 Hwy 101 S, #6; P.O. Box 4884 Brookings, OR 97415 (541) 373-8706 7/1, 7/8, & 7/15/2026 Pilot 428220

TS No. OR08000007-26-1 APN 3615-36AD-02000 / R20782 To No 260005833-OR-MSI

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, RAY R. BARMORE AND BARBARA A. BARMORE, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of March 16, 2007 and recorded on March 22, 2007 as Instrument No. 2007-1661 and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded September 27, 2012 as Instrument Number 2012-03660 and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement and recorded January 30, 2020 as Instrument Number 2020-00391 and the beneficial interest was assigned to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2021-2 and recorded March 5, 2026 as Instrument Number 2026-00655 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Curry County, Oregon to-wit: APN: 3615-36AD-02000 / R20782 THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND LYING IN GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 15 WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN

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THE CITY OF GOLD BEACH, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON BAR DRIVEN AT A POINT ON THE WEST BOUNDARY OF JUNE STREET NORTH 01° 30 WEST 20.0 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1, FITZWATER SUBDIVISION. THENCE NORTH 01°30 WEST 76.5 FEET TO AN IRON BAR. THENCE NORTH 86°50 WEST 134.2 FEET TO THE EAST BOUNDARY OF COLVIN STREET. THENCE SOUTH 11° EAST 77.4 FEET. THENCE SOUTH 86°15 EAST 121.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF OREGON, BY AND THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAY DIVISION, BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED DECEMBER 28, 1989 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 89-02554, OFFICIAL RECORDS, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 94260 JUNE STREET, GOLD BEACH, OR 97444 Both the Beneficiary, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2021-2, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due Total Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 09/01/2025 to 05/01/2026 at \$8,081.75 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$211,691.25 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.87500% per annum from August 1, 2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on October 6,

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2026 at the hour of 11:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Main Entrance, Curry County Courthouse, 29821 Ellensburg, Gold Beach, OR 97444 County of Curry, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's or attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70.258) may

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impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers> Dated: 5/21/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0489683 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, & 7/15/2026 Pilot 427750

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

Case No. 26PB05160 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the Estate of: GRACE MAY WEISHAAR, Deceased NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at P.O. Box 4884, Brookings, OR 97415, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Sonya Astad. Dated and first published on July 1, 2026. /s/ Sonya Astad Personal Representative Lawyer for Personal Representative: David C. Johnston, OSB #140957 Law Office of David C Johnston, LLC 15957 Hwy 101 S, #6; P.O. Box 51 Brookings, OR 97415 (541) 373-8706 7/1, 7/8, & 7/15/2026 Pilot 428221

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 146305-OR Loan No.: *****3325 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by TRACY CLOUGH, AS AN ESTATE IN FEE SIMPLE, as Grantor, to OLD REPUBLIC, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC DBA VETERANS UNITED HOME LOANS, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 12/6/2017, recorded 12/7/2017, as Instrument No. 2017-04913, in the Official Records of Curry County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Curry County, Oregon: A TRACT OF LAND IN SECTION FIVE (5), TOWNSHIP FORTY-ONE (41) SOUTH, RANGE THIRTEEN (13) WEST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF BROOKINGS, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON, AND ADJACENT TO LANDS AS PER MAP ENTITLED PLAT NO. 1 OF BROOKINGS, OREGON, AS APPROVED AND FILED DECEMBER 1, 1920 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 5, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TOWN PLATS, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON. SAID TRACT BEING PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF MYRTLE STREET, BROOKINGS, SAID POINT BEING SOUTH 21 DEG 50' EAST 60 FEET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE SAID EASTERLY LINE OF MYRTLE STREET AND THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF PINE STREET EXTENDED: THENCE FOLLOWING SAID EASTERLY LINE OF MYRTLE STREE, SOUTH 21 DEG 50' EAST 60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 68 DEG 10' EAST 300.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT WHICH ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF NORTH BANK CHETCO RIVER ROAD; THENCE FOLLOWING ROAD LINE, NORTHWESTERLY, TO A POINT WHICH BEARS NORTH 68 DEG 10' EAST FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 68 DEG 10' WEST 250.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. APN: R16041 / 4113-05CA-00101-00 Commonly known as: 520 MYRTLE ST BROOKINGS, OR 97415 The current beneficiary is: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums:

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Total Required to Reinstate:			\$16,576.72
TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF:			\$236,200.73

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

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Monday, June 22
 7:57 am, Railroad St, alarm.
 9:37 am, 5th St, traffic crash.
 10:47 am, Elk Dr, harassment.
 1:47 pm, Railroad St, criminal trespass.
 2:55 pm, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.
 5:13 pm, Dawson Rd, alarm.
 5:37 pm, Hwy 101 S, disorderly conduct.
 6:51 pm, Natural Bridges, traffic crash.
 8:17 pm, Chetco Ave, illegal camping.
 9:23 pm, Boat Basin Rd, fire.
 9:29 pm, Cape Ferrello Rd, tree down.

Tuesday, June 16
 10:32 am, Bridge St, illegal dumping.
 10:44 am, Cottage

St, criminal trespass.
 12:38 pm, Parkview Dr, civil problem.
 1:25 pm, Highway 101 S, assault.
 2:10 pm, BPD, juvenile problem.
 5:06 pm, Oak St Stout Park, threats.
 5:32 pm, Hwy 101 and Benham, traffic crash.
 5:33 pm, Ransom Ave, dispute/fight.
 5:46 pm, E Cougar Dr, traffic crash.
 6:19 pm, 5th St, criminal trespass.
 9:04 pm, Highway 101, criminal trespass.
 9:40 pm, Ransom Ave, fire.

Wednesday, June 17
 7:57 am, Chetco Ave Bankus Park, illegal camping.
 9:31 am, Old County Rd, alarm.

10:18 am, Railroad Ave, illegal camping.
 12:28 pm, Toner Ln, dispute/fight.
 12:51 pm, Mount Emily Rd, tree down.
 2:17 pm, Old County Rd, person down.
 2:40 pm, Crissey Cir, harassment.
 5:01 pm, 6th St, dispute/fight.
 5:14 pm, Mill Beach Rd and Smith Dr, illegal camping.
 6:02 pm, Sunset Strip, harassment.
 7:22 pm, Sunset Strip, hit & run.
 7:26 pm, Lively Ln, burglary.
 8:15 pm, Mt Emily Rd, tree down.
 9:15 pm, Oceanview Dr, fire.
 9:46 pm, Chetco and Center, violation of city ordinance.

Thursday, June 18
 5:51 am, Hwy 101 MP 345, traffic crash.
 12:12 pm, Railroad St, fire.
 2:43 pm, Park Ave, civil problem.
 4:22 pm, Southbank Chetco and Salmonberry, tree down.

Friday, June 19
 9:50 am, Macklyn Cv, criminal mischief.
 11:46 am, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.
 12:19 pm, Hallway Rd, criminal trespass.
 1:51 pm, Bankus Park, disorderly conduct.
 1:52 pm, Spruce St, alarm.
 2:51 pm, North Bank Chetco River Rd, disorderly conduct.
 3:00 pm, Chetco Ave, theft.

3:49 pm, Wharf St, theft.
 4:58 pm, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.
 6:36 pm, Mill Beach Rd, civil problem.
 7:24 pm, Pacific Ave, harassment.
 7:26 pm, W Benham Ln, dispute/fight.
 9:05 pm, Tolman Ln, assault.
 9:07 pm, Chetco Ave, attempt to locate.
 9:15 pm, Payne Rd, fire.
 9:22 pm, 5th St, warrant service.
 9:47 pm, Redwood Bar, illegal burn.

Saturday, June 20
 12:40 am, Dawson Ave and Chetco Ave, DULL.
 2:14 am, Highway 101 S, dispute/fight.
 2:14 am, Highway

101 S, warrant service.
 9:25 am, Chetco Ave, assault.
 11:27 am, Chetco and Frontage, criminal mischief.
 3:11 pm, Cottage St, criminal trespass.
 5:50 pm, 5th St, criminal trespass.
 8:21 pm, Hassett and Rosichelli, loud noise.

Sunday, June 21
 12:55 am, Chetco Ln, loud noise.
 2:04 am, Krista Ln, loud noise.
 8:23 am, 1/2 Mile Up FS Rd 1108, fire.
 9:46 am, Cottage St, criminal trespass.
 6:45 pm, Mill Beach Rd, illegal camping.
 7:02 pm, Braynard Ln, dispute/fight.
 9:35 pm, Highway 101 S, loud noise.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DAILY

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

All Year Long

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

pm (146.88).
 • Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
 • Ukulele Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Music provided.

Wednesdays

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

• Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.

Thursdays

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

Fridays

• Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm.
 • The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. 541-412-8664.
 • Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
 • T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity

Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
 • Threads, Hooks, & Needles, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Fiber arts club for knitters, sewers, and more.

Saturdays

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

Sunday, June 28 - Sunday, July 5

• Jed Smith Mountaimen Rendezvous, Rowdy Creek, Smith River, Calif. Black powder shooting, knife and hawk throwing, primitive archery, traders row, modern and primitive campsites, and activities for kids and adults. Details and registration: Facebook at Jed Smith Mountaimen Club or Phil Range, 208-863-8396.

Wednesday, July 1 - Thursday, July 23

• Summer Food Service Program, Brookings-Harbor High School cafeteria, 629 Easy St.: Monday - Thursday, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm. Free breakfast and lunch to go for children ages 1-18. Parents, guardians, family members, siblings and babysitters may join for \$6 lunch. Enter from the back parking lot. Cindy Devos: 541-469-2108 ext. 8 or cindy@brookings.k12.or.us.
Wednesday, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
 • D&D One-Shot Adventure, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Youth ages 10-16 learn character creation, dice rolling and teamwork in a short tabletop role-playing adventure. No experience needed. Space limited; registration required.

Wednesday, July 1

• From Seed to Sprout: A Kids' Zinnia Planting Workshop, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Brookings-Harbor Garden Club and Curry County

Master Gardener volunteers teach kids ages 5-10 how to plant and care for a zinnia. Supplies limited; registration required.

Wednesday, July 1, Saturday, July 11, Wednesday, July 15, Saturday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 29

• Library Farmer's Market Visits, Brookings-Harbor Farmer's Market: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Browse and check out a mini-collection of library books, get drop-in tech help or sign up for a library card.

Thursday, July 2

• Pocket Pet Chicken craft, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm. Tweens and teens ages 10 and older sew a soft felt chicken. Hand sewing with needles involved.
 Tuesday, July 7
 • Locally Sourced: The People and Places Feeding Your Community, Chetco Library: 5:00 pm. Part of a summer speaker series with local business owners covering facets of the local food scene.
 • Tween Terrarium Workshop, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Youth ages 10 and older learn about terrariums and build one to take home. Space limited; registration required.

Wednesday, July 8

• Musical Petting Zoo with Harmony & Me Music, Chetco Library: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Children and parents can see, touch and try instruments while exploring sound and rhythm.
 • Bookworm Buddies Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. For 2nd through 5th graders. July's book is Baby-sitter's Little Sister: Karen's School Picture by Katy Farina.
 • Community Drumming Circle, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Drop in for community and expression through percussion; bring a drum or clap along.

Thursday, July 9

• SWOCC Summer Curry Campus Lecture Series, Southwestern Oregon Community College Curry Campus, 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway, Brookings: 1:00 pm. Marine biologist Bill Gorham presents 'Mollusks: snails, clams, octopuses, and their relatives.' Free; brown bag lunches welcome. 541-813-1667.
 • Afternoon Game Hub, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Open gaming on the library's Nintendo Switch 2 and board games for K-12 students.
 • Pub Grub Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Adult comics and graphic novels club discusses The Department of Truth, Volume 1 by James Tynion.

Friday, July 10

• Nature Journaling for Tweens & Teens, Brookings Botanical Garden: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm. Chetco Library and Garden Club members host an afternoon of noticing plants and wildlife and capturing observations. Registration and signed permission slip required.
 • Summer Poetry Circle, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Poets may recite original poetry or share a favorite poem. Discussion encouraged; readers entered for a door prize.

Saturday, July 11

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

Saturday, July 11 - Sunday, July 26

• Sawdust Theatre Season 58, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: Calamity at the Coquille Creamery or "Udder Confusion." Shows are July 11, 18 and 25 at 7:00 pm and July 12 and 26 at 2:00 pm. Tickets \$10, with online service charge. Sawdusttheatre.com or 541-396-4563.

Monday, July 13

• Spice World Bags, Chetco Library: All day. Monthly spice bags include a tester sample, trivia and recipe suggestions. Supplies limited; first-come, first-served.
 • Learn to Crochet, Chetco Library: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Beginner-friendly class hosted by Makeala covering the first steps of crochet.

Tuesday, July 14

• BEE Amazed! A Visit from the Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Families can enjoy hands-on science activities while exploring bees and other mini-beasts.
 Wednesday, July 15
 • Brookings Rural Fire District meeting, Brookings Fire Department: 9:30 am. Thursday, July 16

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FORM LB-1		NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING		
A public meeting of the Southern Curry Cemetery Maintenance District will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 5:30 pm at The Cemetery Office, 1035 7th Street, Brookings, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Southern Curry Cemetery Maintenance District Budget Committee. Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected at the Cemetery Office between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on the cash basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.				
Contact: Pam Potter, Treasurer, Budget Officer Telephone: 541-469-4826 Email: pamp@sccmd.us				
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-2025	Adopted Budget 2025-2026	Approved Budget 2026-2027	
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	430,777	360,151	309,425	
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	87,540	53,535	53,535	
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	2,500	35,000	0	
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	4,000	4,000	4,000	
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	11,047	11,640	7,214	
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	81,083	84,000	88,000	
Total Resources	616,947	548,326	462,174	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION				
Materials and Services	179,429	194,200	175,700	
Capital Outlay	75,483	187,799	49,939	
Interfund Transfers	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Contingencies	0	0	30,000	
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	358,035	162,327	202,535	
Total Requirements	616,947	548,326	462,174	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY-REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *				
Cemetery Operations	616,947	548,326	462,174	
FTE	0	0	0	
Total Requirements	616,947	548,326	462,174	
Total FTE	0	0	0	
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES				
	Rate or Amount Imposed			
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 0.0368 Per \$1000)	0.0368	0.0368	0.0368	
7/1/2026 Pilot 428266				

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DRINKS: COFFEE, TEA (HOT OR COLD)
MILK, WATER

SALADS SERVED: 11-15
MAIN COURSE: 11-30

MEALS COST \$10.00 TO PREPARE
IF YOU ARE OVER 60 PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6 BUTTERNUT SQUASH RAVIOLI GARLIC BREAD CHEF'S BLEND	7 CORNED BEEF TACO RICE BEANS	8 MEATLOAF BAKED POTATO PEAS & CARROTS	9 TUNA ON A BUN LETTUCE, TOMATO, ONION, PICKLE MELON/ROTI SALAD BEAN SALAD	10 CHICKEN CORDON ROUGE MASHED SWEET POTATOES GRILLED VEGGIES
11 CHEF'S SALAD CRACKERS FRUIT	14 CHICKEN TACOS RICE BEANS	15 OVEN FRIED CHICKEN BAKED BEANS GRILLED VEGETABLES	16 GRILLED FISH MAC 'CHEESE BROCCOLI	17 PIZZA BURGER ROASTED POTATOES ITALIAN BLEND
20 VEGETARIAN SPAGHETTI BREADSTICKS CORN	21 BREAKFAST TACOS SAUSAGE SWEET RICE FRUIT	22 BBQ PORK RIBS SCALLOP POTATOES CHEF'S BLEND	23 LEMON BAKED FISH BAKED POTATO GRILLED VEGETABLES	24 HOT BEEF SANDWICH MASHED POTATOES PEAS & CARROTS
27 TRITATA SPINACH, CHEESE MUSHROOMS ENGLISH MUFFIN CINNAMON APPLES	28 TACO SALAD BEANS CORN	29 SPAGHETTI MEATBALLS GARLIC BREAD BROCCOLI	30 TUNA MELT BAKED BEANS GRILLED VEGETABLES	31 TURKEY STUFFING, GRAY MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS

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Three Rivers Foundation Awards \$40,000 to Curry County Organizations

The Three Rivers Foundation, the charitable arm of Three Rivers Casino Resort, awarded \$850,000 in grants to 83 organizations across Oregon, continuing its mission of investing in programs that strengthen communities, support families, and improve quality of life throughout the region.

"This is one of the best times here at the casino, to see the smiles on everybody's faces when we hand them the checks and announce their names," said Tribal Chief Doug Barrett of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. "It's a proud day for the Tribes and Three Rivers Foundation, for all the work that this money is going to do for the communities."

Established in 2011 by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Three Rivers Foundation has distributed millions of dollars to nonprofit organizations throughout Ore-

gon, supporting programs and services that create lasting change in local communities. This year's grant cycle represents one of the Foundation's largest community investments to date, helping support organizations focused on public safety, youth services, housing, health care, food security, education, cultural preservation, and community development.

At a special luncheon held at Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence, nonprofit leaders gathered to celebrate the impact of the grants and partnerships that are helping strengthen Oregon communities.

Organizations receiving support this year represent communities throughout Oregon, including Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry and Lincoln counties. In Curry, three organizations were recipients of grants:

- Coos-Curry Electric Charitable Foundation (Coos & Curry Counties) – \$15,000



The Three Rivers Foundation, the charitable arm of Three Rivers Casino Resort, awarded Coos-Curry Electric Charitable Foundation, \$15,000 grant recently. This was one of \$850,000 in grants to 83 organizations across Oregon.

Courtesy photo

- The Common Good – \$10,000
- South Coast Community Aquatics – \$15,000

"With the state of the country right now, it's a little rough for a lot of families to make ends meet," said Tribal Chief

Doug Barrett of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. "So if we can help with that, that's a

good thing."

To learn more about the foundation, go to threeiverscasino.com or etclusi.org

Oregon AG Rayfield highlights new Medicaid fraud charges amid national fraud crackdown

By JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield announced new criminal charges Tuesday against four people the state alleges stole taxpayer money and victimized vulnerable Oregonians by filing fraudulent Medicaid reimbursement claims.

Rayfield's announcement coincided with the federal government pressing Medicaid fraud charges against more than 450 people. In Oregon, each of the new cases involved providers investigated by the state's 22-person Medicaid Fraud Unit of investigators, auditors, attorneys and data analysts.

"At its core, combating Medicaid fraud is about fighting for working families, protecting vulnerable Oregonians and holding bad actors accountable when they take advantage of taxpayer dollars," Rayfield said at a press conference.

None of the defendants in the recently filed cases Rayfield highlighted Tuesday have yet listed defense attorneys on the state's court information system, and none responded to calls to publicly listed phone numbers Tuesday

afternoon.

- Edward Morgan III of Beaverton faces two counts of first degree theft, two counts of forgery, two counts of identity theft and one count of computer crimes tied to fraudulently receiving housing assistance for two individuals through the state's health-related social needs funds, according to Rayfield and charging documents.

- Linda Thomas of Corvallis and the company she owns, Gateway of Willamette Valley, each face charges for theft and making false claims for health care payments related to billing Medicaid for day support program services that were not provided to Medicaid recipients, according to Rayfield and charging documents.

- Amanda Thorne of Portland, a former Lane County employee, faces charges for allegedly making personal purchases that included paying rent and a car down payment with a government-issued credit card intended to be used for purchases for clients of Lane County's developmental disabilities services, according to Rayfield and charging documents.

- Tedros Gebrezgabhere, who owns a medical transportation company in Portland, faces multiple charges of theft and making false claims for health care payments for billing for non-emergent medical transportation that he never provided, according to Rayfield and charging documents.

"In addition to holding bad actors accountable, we want to speak publicly about this work and these cases to hopefully deter people who might be considering taking advantage of our Medicaid system," Rayfield said.

Approximately 1.4 million Oregonians — roughly one in three people and more than half of all children in the state — receive health care through Medicaid, known here as the Oregon Health Plan.

Staff from Rayfield's office were among the only employees of Democratic state attorneys general offices to attend a late May meeting on anti-fraud measures Vice President JD Vance led. Rayfield said while he objected to the late notice — his office received an invitation the Friday before Memorial Day for a meeting across the country the following



Attorney General Dan Rayfield listens to a Salem City Club member after his speech at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem on Sept. 12, 2025. (Photo by Laura Tesler/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

Tuesday — he felt it was an important issue.

"This is incredibly bipartisan work that is being done by attorney general offices across the state and their fraud units at the state level," he said. "Currently, there are hundreds fewer people working on fraud investigations at the federal level now than there were when the Trump administration took over, and that's why this work is so important right now at the state level. This is

just another area where the states have had to step up when the federal government has stepped away from protecting consumers and taxpayers."

The Medicaid Fraud Unit has secured 348 criminal convictions, 156 civil settlements and judgments, \$14.9 million in criminal recoveries and \$131.7 million in civil recoveries since 2010, Rayfield said.

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A little shrimp goes a long way in this Summer salad

By PATTI DIAMOND
Divas on a Dime

Summer entertaining doesn't always involve firing up the grill or spending the afternoon in the kitchen. Some of the best warm-weather dishes are made ahead, tucked into the refrigerator and brought out like a cool, blissful surprise when guests arrive.

That's one reason I love make-ahead dishes. When the work is done in advance, everyone gets to relax, including the cook.

This bright shrimp and white bean salad has been one of my favorite warm-weather recipes for years. It combines tender shrimp, creamy white beans, fresh herbs and a bright lemon marinade into a dish that feels special enough for company but simple enough for a weeknight dinner. Best of all, a single pound of shrimp stretches beautifully to serve eight as an appetizer or four as

a main dish, making it a delicious way to entertain without overspending.

Back when I first developed this recipe, shrimp felt like a luxury ingredient. These days, with the price of so many groceries climbing, shrimp isn't necessarily any more expensive than many everyday proteins. Pairing it with beans makes a dish that feels both generous and practical.

This recipe is incredibly versatile. You can serve it with crackers or chips, spooned into lettuce cups for an easy appetizer, tucked into cute little tortillas for street tacos, piled over crisp greens for lunch or arranged over sliced avocado for a first course or light supper. Or eat it straight out of the jar with a fork. I don't judge.

Most recently I served it with cheese tortellini (cooked and chilled) and fresh spinach salad using the marinade as



Photo by www.JasonCoblentz.com

This colorful shrimp and white bean salad is fresh, flavorful and ideal for summer gatherings.

dressing for the pasta and the salad. It was easy and everyone loved it. It's the kind of flexible recipe that earns a permanent place in the warm-weather rotation.

Best of all, it can be made hours ahead. That's my favorite kind of entertaining food. While everyone else is cooking, you're already on the patio with a cold drink.

LEMON HERB SHRIMP & WHITE

BEAN SALAD

Yield: 4 to 8 Servings
Total Time: 2 hrs. 30 mins.

1/2 cup olive oil
1/4 cup lemon juice
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon old bay seasoning
2 teaspoons kosher salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1/2 teaspoon celery seeds
1/4 teaspoon ground

allspice

3 teaspoons fresh garlic, finely chopped
1 cup (packed) fresh herbs, finely chopped, such as parsley, cilantro or dill

1 cup celery, chopped
1 cup red pepper, diced
1 shallot, thinly sliced
1 lemon, very thinly sliced
1 (14 ounce) can Great Northern Beans, drained
1 pound cooked, devined medium shrimp

In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, vinegar, old bay, salt, sugar, celery seeds, allspice and garlic. Then add fresh herbs, celery, red pepper, shallot, lemon and beans. Give that a good stir. Add the shrimp and stir, making sure it's covered in marinade.

Place the mixture into a large glass dish with a lid or a couple of mason jars. Let this sit in the fridge for at least 2 hours before serving.

This salad is best

after 2 to 4 hours in the refrigerator, when the flavors have had time to mingle without changing the texture of the shrimp. Because the marinade contains both lemon juice and vinegar, the acids will continue to "cook" the shrimp over time, similar to ceviche. After a day or so, the shrimp become noticeably firmer. Still delicious, but not quite as tender as they are on the first day.

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