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Art On The Coast Festival Raises Funds For CASA



By LINDA LEE Curry Coastal Pilot

The Harbor was alive with activity during this year's Art On The Coast weekend. Vendors, musicians and community members came out in full force to support the event that helps raise money for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) organization.

Sponsors for this year's event were: Curry Chamber of Commerce, Curry Transfer and Recycling, Travel Curry Coast, Ocean Suites Motel, Boardwalk Mail and Coos Curry Electric.

Together, they were able to raise \$9,000 from the Art On The Coast event and a check was recently presented to Greg Dalton, the Coos Curry CASA Director.

Thanks to the initiative of Laura Brown, and her hiking group, The Art on the Coast fundraiser for CASA got off the ground four years ago and has been growing ever since.

"Laura approached us with the idea of organizing an event to benefit CASA's work in Curry County," said Gregory Dalton, Program Director for CASA of Coos and Curry Counties. "We were delighted to support it."

Every dollar raised, at the annual gathering, goes to advocate for children in foster care in Curry County. Each year the event generally raises between eight to ten thousand dollars which comes directly from the vendor registration.

To further boost the amount,

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SMART Reading Calls for Community Volunteers to Help Kids Thrive Through Reading

What if one hour of your week could help shape a child's future

SMART Reading, Oregon's longstanding children's literacy nonprofit, is calling on local residents to help support and empower young readers.

As the organization kicks off its 34th year, it's seeking volunteers to read with local students weekly during the 2025-26 school year at Kalmiopsis Elementary.

Since 1992, SMART Reading has helped more than 334,000 Oregon children build reading skills and a lifelong love of books. This year, SMART plans to serve over 1,300 students and give away more than 18,000 books in Coos,

Curry and Douglas counties, ensuring kids have the tools they need to succeed in school and beyond.

"Our volunteers are the heart of our work," says SMART Reading Area Director Della Harp. "Reading with a child for just one hour a week can ignite confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong

love

of

learning. Volunteers often tell us it's the best hour of their week, and the impact lasts a lifetime.' SMART Reading is a state-

wide children's

literacy

nonprofit that serves kids in Oregon's highest need schools and communities with two in-

gredients critical for literacy and learning success: shared reading time and access to books. Volunteers read with PreK through

third-

grade children, building confidence, literacy skills and a love of reading. Since 1992, over 157,000 volunteers have been paired to read with 334,000 children and have put over 4.9 million books in the homes of the children we serve.

In Curry County, volunteers are most needed to read weekly with students at Kalmiopsis Elementary in Brookings. Ready to get started?

Learn more or sign up at www.SMARTReading. org or call 541-266-

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Monday 09/29:

Tuesday 09/30:

Wednesday 10/01:

- 2:18 96465 Coverdell Rd, juvenile problem
- 9:31 1216 Moore St, fire alarm
- 13:31 Hillside and
- Chetco, harassment • 18:55 446 Oak St,
- 19:11 325 5th St, crim-

- traffic crash
- inal trespass

Thursday 10/02:

- 5:10 Hwy 101 and E Hoffeldt Ln, hit & run
- 6:50 2-3 miles up South Bank Chetco River Rd, traffic crash
- 16:16 95982 Cape Ferrelo Rd, threats
- 20:43 Hwy 101 MP 347, traffic crash
- 22:13 349 Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct
- 22:26 16117 Hwy 101 S, theft
- 23:48 658 Chetco Ave,
 13:39 5th and Easy, illegal camping

Friday 10/03:

- 4:03 722 Pioneer Rd, criminal mischief
- 7:26 517 Pacific Ave, dispute/fight
- 8:07 17621 Brown Deer Ln, theft
- 10:07 15705 Oceanview Dr, civil problem
- 10:51 431 Oak St, illegal camping
- civil problem

DUII

• 13:09 711 Chetco Ave,

- 15:00 96707 E Harris Heights, hit & run
- 16:26 898 Elk Dr, warrant service
- 16:56 404 Pacific Ave, theft
- 17:11 514 Myrtle St, custodial interference
- 19:00 236 Memory Ln, threats
- 19:20 650 Easy St, juvenile problem
- 21:50 806 Fawn Dr, disorderly conduct
- 22:54 Mill Beach, loud noise
- Saturday 10/04:

• 4:04 16466 Vista Hills

Dr, dispute/fight • 4:57 800 Chetco Ave, violation of city

warrant service

• 20:11 443 Pine St,

juvenile problem

• 21:03 1026 Chetco

Ave, dispute/fight

• 21:30 Mill Beach, loud

vehicle

noise

- 11:16 906 Chetco Ave, ordinance disorderly conduct • 8:36 1600 Chetco Ave, • 12:06 17012 Parkview
- Dr, illegal burn • 9:50 603 Chetco Ave, • 12:54 Botanical unauthorized use of a Garden, warrant
 - service

Sunday 10/05:

• 10:16 433 Pine St,

juvenile problem

- 14:41 1031 Chetco Ave, alarm
- 18:57 350 5th St, disorderly conduct
- 19:46 97883 Court St,
- juvenile problem • 21:04 625 Chetco Ave,

• 22:24 5th and Easy St, disorderly conduct

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

• Daily Meal, 11:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane

WEDNESDAYS

DAILY

- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity
- Center: 9:00 am 10:30 am. Line dance lessons, Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 11:30-12:00 absolute beginners (new), 12:00 – 1:00 pm improver, 1:00-2:00 pm intermediate.
- 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. For information 541-412-8664.
- Recorders, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your recorder and a music stand. Music will be

provided.

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

THURSDAYS

- Bridge, Chetco Activity
- Center: 11:45 am. Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach: 10:30 – 11:30 am.
- Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. A beginners' yoga class that includes
- standing positions. ESL Class, Chetco Activity Center: 5:30 pm.

FRIDAYS

- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9 - 10:30 am.
- The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. For information 541-412-8664
- · Pinochle and other card

games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

SATURDAYS Men's Club Golf, Salmon

- Run Golf Course: 900 am. Friendly team and individual play. Prizes, laughs, good food and drink. \$65 annual fee (includes OGA membership). All skill levels welcome. For info call: Bob
- K. 701-269-7822 · Saturday Shuffle: Magic the Gathering and more, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Stop by the library every week for Saturday Shuffle, where players can bring their favorite deck and play Magic: The Gathering. Gamers of all kinds are also welcome to bring their favorite card or board games from their own collections, or browse the library's games, and find a crew to play with.

MONDAYS

· Line dance lessons, Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 11:30-12:00 absolute beginners (new), 12:00 - 1:00 pm improver,

1:00-2:00 pm intermediate.

TUESDAYS

- · Brookings-Harbor Garden Club Work Party, 10:00 am - 11:30 am, Brookings Botanical Garden. Come see
- how you can help. • Bridge, 11:45 am, Chetco
- Activity Center • Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge, 6 pm - 8 pmDonations requested.
- Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and simple crafts for young children.
- Pinochle and other card games, Chetco Activity Center 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- · Amateur Radio Net checkins, Gasquet Net: 6:30 pm on

147.18, DN Amateur Radio Club: 7:15 pm on 146.88. If you are a licensed Ham Radio operator, join us. You do not have to be a member of the Del Norte Amateur Radio Club. Find out what is happening around the area

OCTOBER 15

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

OCTOBER 19

- Monthly Potluck, Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane, 4:30 pm. Bring your own or enough to share, either way, we share community and friendship.
- A Latin American Legacy Reverón Piano Trio, Brookings Seventh-day Adventist Church: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Presented by the Partnership for the Performing Arts (PPA), Simón Gollo, Horacio Contreras, and

Ana Otamendi bring vibrant Latin American compositions to life alongside romantic classics, bridging cultural heritage and musical excellence. For more information on concerts. artists, tickets, and how to make a gift to PPA, visit the Partnership for the Performing Arts website at www.ppadelnorte.org/events-and-tickets.

OCTOBER 24

• • Bingo, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Drive: 11:00 am. Early Bird - 3 games for \$3. Regular - 13 games for \$11. Lunch available for \$10.

OCTOBER 27

 Azalea Quilters Guild monthly meeting, Driftwood Estates Club House 16063 Driftwood Lane: 5:30 pm.

NO SURPRISES HERE

Geology STEAM Pathways Lecture Series

Southwestern Oregon Community College invites the community to join us on Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m. for "The Latest Miocene Anaverde Flora, Palmdale, CA: No Surprises Here" with Jeffrey A. Myers, Ph.D., Geology Professor Emeritus, Western Oregon University. This is a free event; all ages are welcome.

About the Lecture: While building the Antelope Valley Landfill near Palmdale, CA, scientists found over 3,000 fossilized plants in rocks from about 10 million years ago (late Miocene period). These fossils come from what's called the Anaverde Formation. Join us as Dr. Myers takes us on a journey back 10 million years to explore an ancient landscape near modern-day

Palmdale, California. Researchers identified 21 different types of plants. Many of these, like poplar, willow, sycamore, magnolia and sedges, likely grew near rivers or streams, where it was moist.

Other plants, like oaks, manzanita, and ceanothus, probably lived on the drier hills nearby and were found less often in the fossil assemblage.

Based on where these types of plants live today, and geologic characteristics of the formation, the area back then was likely a flat coastal plain with swamps and seasonal flooding. Surrounding this flat area were steep hills covered in oak woodlands and chaparral (a kind of dry shrubland common in California). One of the most prominent paleobota-

nists of the mid 1900s, Axelrod previously suggested that it once had tropical forests like those in Mexico. But the new analysis shows that many of Axelrod's plant identifications were based on poorly preserved or incomplete fossils. Instead, the new evidence points to

a plant community that was common in California during the late Miocene, roughly 10 million years ago; not tropical, but more like a mix of plants we still see in parts of California today: The central coast and Central Valley's oak savannahs and chaparral scrublands.

Some plant families that are common in chaparral today (like Rhamnaceae and Ericaceae) had not yet become diverse at that time, meaning they became more widespread after the late Miocene.

Dr. Jeffrey Myers earned his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara in Geological Sciences and Environmental Biology, a master's degree from San Diego State University, and a Ph.D. from the University of California,

Santa Barbara in 1998. He has been a research associate of the University of California Berkeley Museum of Paleontology with his collaborator and co-author Dr. Diane Erwin. He has served as a geology professor and paleobotany researcher at Western Oregon University for over 25

Coos County residents can join us in-person in the Umpqua Hall lecture room (room 184) on the Coos Campus,

1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay. Curry County residents can join us for a watch party in the Community Room on the Curry Campus, 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway, Brookings.

For those not able to attend in person the lecture will be streamed live on the College's YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/@southwesternOR/streams.

For more information about the lecture series contact Dr. Win McLaughlin, Assistant Professor, Geology at win.mclaughlin@socc.edu or 541-888-7002.

For more information on upcoming lectures contact Cassie Coyner, STEAM Pathways Coordinator, at 541-888-7416,

or cassie.coyner@socc.edu. To learn more about STEM degrees at Southwestern visit: https://www.socc.edu/ programs-classes/stem/.



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Rabies found in fox

Positive rabies case in Curry County Curry County Animal Control has been notified of a confirmed positive rabies case in a fox located in Agness, Oregon.

Rabies is a serious and often fatal disease that can affect both animals and humans. While this is a

rare occurrence in Curry County. Animal control urges all residents to take appropriate precautions to safeguard themselves, their families and their pets.

Safety tips for residents and pet owners: • Vaccinate pets: Ensure

that dogs, cats, and ferrets are up to date on their

rabies vaccinations. • Avoid wildlife contact:

Do not approach or handle wild animals, especially those that appear sick, injured, or unusually tame.

Secure animals: Keep

pets under supervision and

livestock properly housed to reduce risk of exposure. • Report suspicious an-

imals: Immediately notify Animal Control, local law enforcement, or Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife if you encounter animals displaying unusual

 Protect yourself: If you are bitten or scratched by a wild or stray animal, wash the wound thorough-

or aggressive behavior.

ly with soap and water and seek medical attention immediately.

Curry County Animal Control is closely monitoring the situation and working with state health officials to ensure public safety.

For questions or to report unusual animal

behavior, please contact: Curry County Animal Control: 541-247-3366 or Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW): 541-247-7605 For more information on rabies prevention, please visit the Oregon Health Authority.

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CASA OF COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES OREGON COAST COMMUNITY ACTION

CASA

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CASA held raffles and openly accepted donations, but beyond the monies needed are also the volunteers that give of their time to help children in need.

"An equally valuable aspect of the event is its role in recruiting new volunteers for CASA," said Dalton. "Each year, we welcome a few more committed individuals ready to serve local children in need."

The State of Oregon only provides about twenty percent of the funds needed to support the CASA program. The rest comes from events like the Art On The Coast and donations.

"Successful fundraising events like Art on the Coast are crucial in keeping our advocacy efforts strong," explained Dalton.

Currently, CASA is on a mission to gather at least 100 CASA Champions. The goal is to find supporters who are willing to give just five dollars per month to help sustain the work that is being done for abused or neglected children.

The reason CASA has

to rely on volunteers is because when a child enters foster care, there just isn't enough professional help to go around because each caseworker, attorney and sometimes therapist can have dozens, if not hundreds, of cases to manage, so it becomes imperative to rely on volunteers.

According to their website, 'CASA are trained volunteers who are assigned to just one child, or one sibling group, at a time. They visit regularly, get to know the child deeply, and advocate for what's best for them in court, at school and in life.'

CASA volunteers of Coos and Curry Counties currently serve 80 out of the 120 children that are in foster care. Without the support from the community, the valuable resources needed to give those children a chance in life would not be possible.

For more information log onto: casacooscurry@ orcca.us.





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THE CHILD AT LEAST

ONCE A MONTH

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regon prepares for federal changes to SNAP

Cottage Grove Sentinel

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is announcing federally required changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in

These changes are required under House Resolution (H.R. 1), a federal law passed on July 4, 2025, according to a release from the ODHS.

More than 740,000 people in Oregon currently receive SNAP benefits, and ODHS expects more than 313,000 people enrolled in SNAP may be impacted by the H.R. 1 changes.

"We are announcing these changes today so that families can prepare for the impact we expect many Oregonians who depend on this resource will feel," ODHS Federal Response team Co-Leader Dana Hittle said. "Oregon families enrolled in SNAP receive an average of \$300 a month, and any reduction makes it harder for families to put food on the table. Oregon has no choice but to follow federal law that will result in increased hardship across our communities, but we remain committed to helping families adjust and prepare."

Hittle said ODHS will begin notifying affected households in mid-October. The people who will be most affected by the new federal law include older adults, immigrants and people living in rural communities with limited access to transportation.

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek has released the following statement about the SNAP

"The federal cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) are simply wrong, and they will hurt Oregon families," Kotek stated. "I strongly oppose these changes. Our top priority now is making sure every impacted Oregonian knows what's changing and where to turn for help. No one should have to choose between food and rent, and my administration is mobilizing to ensure that those affected get the information and referrals for other help that they need."

The changes won't happen to everyone at once — they will roll out over the next year, according to the ODHS.

For people who already get SNAP: The changes will affect those who applied or recertified between July 4 and Oct. 1, 2025. Notices will be sent around Oct. 15, 2025 to this first group of people who are impacted. The first group will have SNAP

benefit reductions or closures on Nov. 1, 2025. For people approved for SNAP before July 4, 2025, the changes will happen over time throughout the next year and a notice will be sent.

For people who apply or reapply for SNAP after Oct. 1, 2025: The new rules will apply right away.

KEY CHANGES

The changes will affect three main groups of SNAP recipients: households receiving utility assistance, able-bodied adults ages 18 through 64 with no child under age 14 in their SNAP group, and certain lawfully present immigrants.

Utility assistance and SNAP benefits

- Households previously eligible for the Heating and Cooling Full Utility Allowance (FUA) through energy assistance programs like Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or "Heat and Eat" will see changes.
- Only households with at least one member who is age 60 or older or a member with a disability will automatically qualify for FUA.
- Approximately 29,000 households will lose this allowance, reducing their SNAP benefits by an average of \$58 per

- About 9,600 households who applied or renewed between July 4 and Oct. 1, 2025 will get notices around Oct. 15, 2025. Their SNAP will be reduced Nov.
- Another 20,000 households will see benefits go down when their SNAP is reviewed.

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD)

- Beginning Oct 1, 2025, people with ABAWD status in 6 counties (Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, Benton, and Hood River) will be reviewed at application or renewal for required work
- People who don't meet work rules may lose SNAP benefits after 3 months.
- The work rules will apply to adults ages 18-64 without a disability or without children under age 14 in their SNAP household. Previously the work rules applied to adults ages 18 to 54 without a child under 18 in their SNAP household.
- People with ABAWD status must work or participate in a qualifying activity for at least 80 hours per month.

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13	14	15	16	17					
Beef & Pot. Cass. Green Beans w/Bac. Roasted Buttnernut Squash	Sausage Scr. Eggs	Slow Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes Gravy Broccoli		Asian Sesame Chick. Turmeric Rice Asian Blend					
20	21	22	23	24					
Chick. Enchiladas Spanish Rice Refried Beans	Corn Beef Hash Eggs English Muffin Fruit	Cabbage Roll Cass. Rice Pilaf Glazed Carrots	Tuna Salad Sand. Clam Chowder						
27	28	29	30	31					
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Merkley Leads Senators to Call for Removal of Political Propaganda from Federal **Agency Websites and Com**munication Channels

Washington, D.C. – As the Trump Administration blatantly tries to weaponize federal funding and misuse official government communications channels for partisan propaganda purposes, Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and Rhode Island's U.S. Senator Jack Reed, both senior members of the Senate Appropriations Committee,

led 22 Senate colleaguesincluding Oregon Senator Ron Wyden-in demanding the Trump Administration immediately remove unprecedented partisan political messages from official government websites and other official communication accounts that violate federal law.

While President Trump has the same free speech rights as every other citizen and may use the 'bully pulpit' of the presidency to express his political views, the rules and regulations of federal agencies and federal law itself clearly restrict the political activities of civil servants using official government resources. Federal agencies have an obligation to operate and serve the American people without regard to politics. Indeed, during the first Trump Administration, the government shut down twice for a length of 3 and 35 days, respectively, and agency websites followed past precedent in notifying Americans about the shutdown.

As early as September 30, 2025, in the lead-up to the ongoing government shutdown, federal agencies began a seemingly coordinated effort to blast partisan political messages from official government websites, accounts, and email correspondence. For example, the U.S. Department of Housing



and Urban Development's (HUD) official website is currently dominated by a misleading red banner that reads: "The Radical Left in Congress shut down the government," while some furloughed employees in the U.S. Department of Education report that their non-partisan out-of-office messages have been modified without their consent to try and make it seem like they blame Senate Democrats for voting against Republican funding proposals.

In their letter to Office of Management and

Budget (OMB) Director Russ Vought, the Senators call for the immediate removal of the illegal, partisan messages to comply with the law. Merkley, who serves as the Ranking Member of the Senate Budget Committee and has direct oversight over OMB, is leading the charge to hold accountable those within the Trump Administration who have directed the behavior.

"These activities are in blatant violation of Section 715 of P.L. 118-47, which prohibits federal funds

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In the Matter of the Estate of
Samuel E. Waller, II, Deceased.
Case No. 25PB08589

Case No. 25PB08589 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required attached, to the undersigned personal representative at the below address, 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 lawyers for the personal representative. Dated and first published on October 15, 2025. Samuel E. Waller, III Personal Representative Attorney for Personal Representative: Beth J. Zilbert: OSB No. 882333 Kell, Alterman & Runstein, L.L.P.

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Signed:/s/ David Wylie
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<u>Dates</u>:

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Total:

\$39,963.36

Total Required to Reinstate:
TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF:

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 \$122,468.95 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7 % per an-num, from 10/1/2023 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 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, uite 400 Hillshoro OR 97006 will on 1/27/2026 at the hour of 11:00 AM standard time established by ORS 187.110, MAIN ENTRANCE, 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 residen-tial 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 plu-ral, the word grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an" obliga-tion, 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: 9/8/2025 CLEAR RECON CORP 1915 NE Stucki Avenue, Suite 400 Hillsboro, OR 97006 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Jessica Lopez, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, & 10/22/2025, Pilot, 418649

Puzzle Answers



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Twin threat:

Cascadia and San Andreas faults may be seismically linked



SEAN NEALON

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Two fault systems on North America's West Coast – the Cascadia subduction zone and the San Andreas fault – may be synchronized, with earthquakes on one fault potentially triggering seismic events on the other, a new study found

"We're used to hearing the 'Big One' - Cascadia being this catastrophic huge thing," said Chris Goldfinger, a marine geologist at Oregon State University and lead author of the study. "It turns out it's not the worst case scenario.'

Goldfinger and a team of researchers drilled deepsea sediment cores representing 3,100 years of geologic history, and analyzed layers known as turbidites that are deposited by underwater landslides often triggered by earthquakes. They compared turbidite layers in cores from both fault systems and found similarities in timing and structure, suggesting the seismic synchronization between the faults.

In most cases, it's difficult to determine the time separation between the Cascadia subduction zone and northern San Andreas fault ruptures, but Goldfinger said there are three instances in the past 1,500 years, including a most recent one from 1700, when the researchers believe the ruptures were just minutes to hours apart.

The findings have significant implications for hazard planning, he said.

"We could expect that an earthquake on one of the faults alone would draw down the resources of the whole country to respond to it," Goldfinger said. "And if they both went off together, then you've got potentially San Francisco. Portland, Seattle and Vancouver all in an emergency situation in a compressed timeframe."

That further analysis

which they call "doublets,"

is best explained by earth-

quakes on both systems

spaced closely in time, as

opposed to aftershocks or

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other causes.

made it clear that the formation of that unique

upside-down layering,

Geologists have hypothesized for several decades that faults could synchronize, but there has only been one observed example of the phenomenon – in Sumatra, three months apart in 2004 and

Goldfinger has been focused on the question for decades. In fact, the origins of the just-published paper date back to a 1999 ocean research cruise. Goldfinger and the research team were drilling sediment cores in the Cascadia subduction zone off the coast of Oregon and northern California, but a navigational error took them off course, about 55 miles south of Cape Mendocino in California and into the San Andreas zone.

They decided to drill a core in that area. Subsequent analysis of the core revealed a unique structure. Turbidites have a typical layering pattern, with coarser sediment on the bottom and finegrained sediment on the top. But the researchers found the opposite pattern in this core: coarse, sandy sediment at the top and finer, silty sediment at the bottom.

This led them to conclude the fine-grained layer at the bottom was caused by a large earthquake on the Cascadia subduction fault and the coarser sediment at the top was caused by subsequent movement on the nearby San Andreas.

They then used radiocarbon to date the turbidite layers of that core and others they collected north and south of Cape Mendocino, the location where the northern San Andreas and Cascadia subduction zone faults converge.



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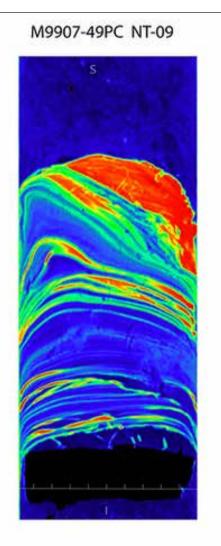


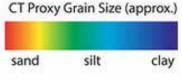




Courtesy from Sean Nealon, Oregon State University Chris Goldfinger, a marine geologist at Oregon State University, with sediment cores.

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CT scan images of turbidites in deep sea sediment cores. On the left, a thin bed of turbidites from a 1906 earthquake. On the right, from an earthquake about 1,500 years ago, the typical "inverted doublet beds" - a doubling or tripling of turbidite thickness. The thick sand up at the top is the San Andreas bed, with the Cascadia bed down below.

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SNAP

From page 4

- Veterans, people experiencing homelessness and young adults aging out of foster care are no longer exempt from the work
- Tribal Members and people who meet the federal definition of "Indian, Urban Indian, or California Indian" are newly exempt from the work rules.
- In January 2026 these ABAWD requirements will be implemented statewide.
- It's estimated that 310,000 adults will have to be newly evaluated to see if they have to meet the work rules.

Refugees, Asylees and certain other lawfully present immigrants

- Refugees, asylees, trafficking survivors and other conditionally allowed non-citizens who were eligible for SNAP as of July 3, 2025, will lose eligibility under H.R. 1.
- In Oregon, it's estimated that at least 3,000 individuals will no longer qualify for benefits.
- About 1,000 people who applied or renewed their SNAP between July 4 and Oct. 1, 2025 will get notices around Oct. 15, 2025. Their SNAP will end on Oct. 31, 2025.
- Another 2,000 people will lose SNAP when their SNAP is reviewed.

Notifications to households Around Oct. 15, 2025,

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sistance to notify them that their SNAP benefits will be reduced starting November 1, 2025.

- Approximately 1,000 refugees, asylees and other lawfully present immigrants whose SNAP cases will close on Oct. 31, 2025.
- · Affected households do not need to take any action. ODHS will adjust benefits automatically.

Preparing for changes

- If you think you may be in one of the impacted groups, go to www.oregon. gov/odhs to learn more.
- Watch your mail for notices from ODHS and open them right away. The first wave of notices will be sent on Oct. 15, 2025.
- If you think the ABAWD work requirements may apply to you, don't wait to start planning how to meet them. Call the ODHS ABAWD team directly at 833-947-1694 or SNAP.ABAWDTeam@ odhsoha.oregon.gov.
- Know what other food resources are in your com-
- The ODHS Food Resources website can help.
- Older adults and people with disabilities can connect with Aging and Disability Resource Connection of Oregon to learn about government programs and community resources at 1-855-673-2372 or www.adrcoforegon.org.
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ABOUT SNAP IN ORE-**GON**

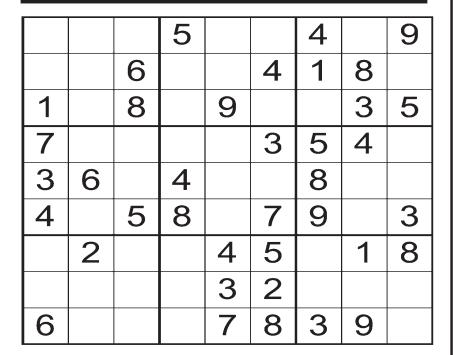
SNAP is a cornerstone of Oregon's fight against hunger, helping more than 1 in 6 people in Oregon, approximately 27 percent of households, afford groceries. This includes children, working families, older adults, and people with disabilities.

Every \$1 in SNAP benefits generates \$1.50 to \$1.80 in local economic activity. SNAP drives an estimated \$1.6 billion into the Oregon economy each year. But even with SNAP benefits, many families still struggle to meet their basic needs, especially amid the rising cost of food and housing, according to the release.

"Everyone deserves access to healthy food, and the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is committed to making sure people in Oregon receive the right amount of SNAP food benefits they qualify for," the release states.

by Dave T. Phipps

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775 Acres of Southern Oregon

Ranchlands Permanently Protected by Wahl Family and Wild Rivers Land Trust

Wild Rivers Land Trust (WRLT) and the Wahl Family have partnered to permanently protect 775 acres of ranchlands in Southern Oregon, safeguarding wildlife habitat, watershed health, and agricultural heritage for generations to come.

The easement was made possible through funding support from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP), a program of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), with partnership and technical assistance from The Conservation Fund.

"This project holds deep personal meaning for me," said Amy Knapp Pettit, Executive Director of Wild Rivers Land Trust. "I have known the Wahl Family my entire life and I have seen firsthand their commitment to steward the land with care and integrity. To be able to partner with them to protect their ranch for future generations is both an honor and a joy."

Pete Wahl, representing the Wahl Family, shared: "We see the conservation easement as the best way for our ranch to stay permanently in its current combination of agricultural production and wild-

life habitat. We are grateful for the federal and state programs that make conservation easements possible for ranch and farm families, and for the land trust community that has long been the backbone of these efforts. The easement tool may not work for all agricultural family businesses, but it's a remarkable option for those who choose to protect both production and habitat in this way."

Sara O'Brien, Executive Director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), which oversees the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program, sees the Wahl Ranch Conservation Easement as a powerful investment in Oregon's working lands and wildlife habitat. The project illustrates how these two important values can coexist.

"The easement will support fish and wildlife habitat and watershed health in a rare landscape on the Southern Coast while ensuring the area remains under working lands management. OWEB is proud to partner with Wild Rivers Land Trust and the Wahl family to protect some of Oregon's treasured lands and those that depend on them," O'Brien said.

Gates Watson, Vice President of Mountain and Northwest Regions at The Conservation Fund, said this project marks another step forward in what he hopes will be a growing legacy of conservation and stewardship in the region.

"We're grateful to Wild Rivers Land Trust, the Wahl Family, and to the committed funders who made this project possible. By protecting Southern Oregon's coastal ranchlands and vital watersheds, we're not only conserving the landscape, but supporting regenerative ranching practices that sustain both the land and the agricultural heritage central to this community," Watson said.

Amy Knapp Pettit added: "This project

would not have been possible without the Wahl Family's determination and patience. They stayed committed to seeing this vision through, and that persistence is what made permanent protection possible. We are also deeply grateful for the collaboration of our funding partners, whose support was essential every step of the way. Together, we look forward to building on this momentum and taking on the next conservation project in Southern Oregon."

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From page 4 from being used for propaganda purposes 'designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress," the Senators wrote. "These activities also appear to violate the Anti-Lobbying Act and the Hatch Act. We urge you to

immediately remove these illegal, partisan messages to comply with the law and hold accountable those who have directed this behavior."

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The letter notes a pattern of abuse and politicization of executive branch agencies that includes official sites for HUD, the Small **Business Administration** (SBA), the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Department of Agriculture (USDA). Additionally, civil servants at the SBA, Department of Labor, Department of Education, and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) were also reportedly instructed by Trump Administration officials to improperly set automatic reply email messages containing partisan political propaganda.

Blasting the administration's blatant attempts to mislead the American public and misuse American tax dollars, they also pointed out, "As you well know, these messages are misleading, given that Democrats have voted four times over the last week to fully fund the government only to be rebuffed by our Republican colleagues."

The Senators continued, "Spirited public debate has its place, but agency resources, including websites or emails, should not be used to send overtly political, and in this case, misleading messages, to the American people."

In addition to Merkley, Reed, and Wyden, the letter was signed by U.S. Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Mark Warner (D-VA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Gary Peters (D-MI), Chris Van

Hollen (D-MD), Andy Kim (D-NJ), Peter Welch (D-VT), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Angus King (I-ME), Adam Schiff (D-CA), Jon Ossoff (D-GA), Ben Ray Luján (D-NM), Tim Kaine (D-VA), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Michael Bennet (D-CO), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN).

Violating the Hatch Act can be cause for removal from federal service, and other penalties may include grade reduction, ban from government employment for up to five years, suspension, reprimand, or a civil penalty up to \$1,000. Violating the Anti-Lobbying Act can result in civil penalties of \$10,000 to \$100,000 per occurrence.



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