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## Azalea Princesses Vie for Scholarships in

## 86th Annual Pageant

By LINDA LEE  
Curry Coastal Pilot

Young women are preparing to take the stage for the 86th annual Azalea Festival Scholarship Pageant where they will compete for a share of nearly \$12,000 in scholarship money.

The Azalea Court will showcase their talents, poise and community involvement on Saturday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Brookings Elks Lodge.

Each of the young women participating in the Azalea Court is guaranteed to receive at least a \$1,000 scholarship, highlighting the pageant's commitment to supporting the educational aspirations of these community-minded individuals.

The journey to the pageant stage has been a lengthy one, with the Azalea Princesses dedicating their time since November to volunteering throughout the community.

Their commitment to service has seen them actively involved in various local initiatives, including lending a hand at events such as the Soroptimist's annual tea fundraiser. Recently, the princesses also shared a fun afternoon of crafts and snacks with the Junior Princesses, fostering a spirit of mentorship and community engagement.

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## Rural Oregon Celebrates Landmark Connectivity Milestone



Photo courtesy of Beacon Broadband

5,000 Customer Event: Joe Pestana and Family celebrate with Beacon Broadband

### PRESS RELEASE

A technological revolution is sweeping across Oregon's rural south coast, as Beacon Broadband announced it has connected its 5,000th customer, marking a significant step in bridging the digital divide.

The milestone, celebrated on Thursday, March 20th in Port Orford, signifies more than just a number; it represents a tangible transformation for communities long overlooked by major internet providers.

Beacon Broadband, an initiative of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, began its mission in 2020 with a vision to bring high-speed fiber internet to the region. The network now spans from Brookings through Gold Beach, Port Orford, and recently into Langlois, with further expansion planned.

The 5,000th connection holds particular significance. Joe Pestano, residing in Sixes, Oregon, now enjoys state-of-the-art fiber connectivity at a home that first received electricity from the same cooperative approximately eighty years ago. This connection highlights the cooperative's long-standing commitment to bringing vital services to the area.

"What we've accomplished in just a few years is truly remarkable," stated Bill Gerski, Vice Presi-

dent of Marketing & Sales for Beacon Broadband. He emphasized the company's commitment to delivering symmetrical speeds, local customer service, and a "price for life" guarantee.

Community leaders and partners gathered at Mister Ed's in Port Orford to celebrate the achievement. Brent Bischoff, recognized for his instrumental role in the project's success, acknowledged the community's support.

"This milestone belongs to our entire community," Bischoff said, highlighting the transformative impact of the network on the region's economic prosperity.

The event also spotlighted Beacon Broadband's award-winning Connected Senior Program, addressing the digital divide among older residents. The program provides digital literacy training, empowering seniors to fully participate in the online world.

Beacon Broadband's efforts are opening doors to telehealth, remote work, education, and economic opportunities previously unattainable in these rural areas. The company's continued expansion aims to ensure that geographical location no longer limits access to world-class connectivity.

For more information or to sign up for service, visit [www.beaconbroadband.com](http://www.beaconbroadband.com).

## Curry County Boosts Lodging Tax to Fuel Tourism Growth

By LINDA LEE  
Curry Coastal Pilot

us to invest directly in the success of our tourism economy," Plagge stated. "From improving trail access and signage to supporting small business marketing efforts, these funds will create tangible benefits for both visitors and residents."

The decision to increase the TLT aligns with the long-term objectives outlined in Curry County's Destination Strategy.

This strategy emphasizes the importance of enhancing infrastructure, promoting year-round visitation and fostering strategic partnerships within the tourism industry. County officials believe that improvements to tourism-related infrastructure will not only enhance the visitor experience but also contribute to the overall quality of life for local residents by providing better facilities, safer environments and a more resilient local economy.

Future investments made possible by the increased TLT revenue may include upgrades to restrooms, trailheads, signage, electric vehicle charging stations and the development of ADA-accessible features that benefit both tourists and the local community.

The Economic Development Department has pledged to share detailed information with all lodging operators in advance to ensure a smooth transition; additionally, informational sessions will be hosted in the coming months to prepare businesses for the rollout of the Curry's Destination Development Fund grant program in 2026.

Lodging operators and tourism-related businesses seeking more information about the TLT increase, the implementation timeline, or the upcoming grant program are encouraged to contact the Curry County Economic Development Department.

• Infrastructure Improvements: Providing financial assistance for enhancing physical spaces such as visitor amenities, signage, trail systems and other crucial tourism facilities.

• Advertising Support: Helping businesses expand their marketing reach to attract both new and returning visitors to the county.

Miranda Plagge, the Curry County Economic Development Administrator, expressed enthusiasm for the potential impact of the tax increase.

"This increase will empower

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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](http://www.brookings.or.us/134/police-services) and follow the link near the bottom of the page.

### Monday 04/07:

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### Tuesday 04/08:

- 14:51 Wharf St, suspicious conditions
- 19:17 1200 block of Moore St, unlawful entry of a motor vehicle

### Wednesday 04/09:

- 10:08 900 block of Wharf St, criminal mischief
- 12:20 300 block of Matot St, civil problem
- 12:36 300 block of 5th St, suspicious conditions
- 12:49 500 block of Chetco Ave, criminal trespass
- 13:45 300 block of Railroad St, forgery/fraud/

- bad check
- 14:29 800 block of Elk Dr, warrant service
- 15:36 Hwy 101 MP 343, fire
- 15:59 Chetco Point, juvenile problem
- 17:17 300 block of Alder St, suspicious conditions
- 23:47 97800 block of Court St, dispute/

- of Pacific Ave, harassment
- 14:36 98100 block of W Benham Ln, traffic crash
- 15:37 1000 block of Chetco Ave, littering
- 17:32 200 block of King St, civil problem
- 22:20 400 block of Alder St, criminal trespass
- 22:21 600 block of 5th St, loud noise
- 23:50 Hwy 101 MP 362, traffic crash

### Thursday 04/10:

- 5:56 1100 block of Chetco Ave, criminal trespass
- 9:26 Hwy 101 MP 362, traffic crash
- 12:20 800 block of Chetco Ave, criminal trespass
- 13:19 Chetco and Fern, traffic crash
- 13:40 500 block

### Friday 04/11:

- 2:48 Del Norte and Memory Ln, criminal mischief
- 3:38 400 block of Fir St, criminal trespass

- 4:46 Carpenterville Rd MP 363, fire
- 8:04 800 block of Railroad Dtm criminal trespass
- 9:52 1200 block of Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct
- 13:45 400 block of Oak St, disorderly conduct
- 18:33 300 300 block of 300 block of 5th St, criminal trespass
- 19:51 1100 block of Chetco Ave, civil problem
- 20:47 98100 block of Gavin Ln, suspicious conditions
- 21:36 1300 block of Easy St, suspicious conditions

### Saturday 04/12:

- 2:02 16200 block of Hwy 101, dispute/
- 9:33 98100 block of W Benham Ln, theft
- 11:18 16200 block of Chapman Ln, dispute/
- 13:49 99100 block of Grandview Dr, dispute/
- 14:33 900 block of Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct
- 17:55 900 block of Wharf St, alarm
- 19:51 Smith and Fife, disorderly conduct
- 21:02 800 block of Chetco Ave, juvenile problem
- 21:19 200 block of Alder St, suspicious

- conditions
- 21:50 1100 block of Chetco Ave, criminal trespass

### Sunday 04/13:

- 0:33 98100 block of W Benham Ln, disorderly conduct
- 3:17 400 block of Fir St, suspicious conditions
- 8:22 800 block of Old County Rd, alarm
- 19:40 1000 block of 7th St, fire
- 19:56 98100 block of Gavin Ln, burglary
- 20:49 300 block of 5th St, traffic crash
- 23:19 600 block of Hassett St, menacing

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

### DAILY

- Daily Meal, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane
- Youth Reading Bingo Challenge. March is National Reading Month, where schools, libraries, and other groups celebrate the joys of reading with Read Across America events! Read Across America is a national program that celebrates the joy of reading. Stop by the library to pick up your BINGO style reading challenge card. Complete one row and win a small prize. Complete the whole card for a bigger prize. Need an idea of what to read? Ask Brenna! She'll help you find books you're sure to love.

### WEDNESDAYS

- T'ai Chi, 9 – 10:30 a.m., Chetco Activity Center
- 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, 11 a.m., Azalea Park. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. For information 541-412-8664.
- 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.

- drink. \$65 annual fee (includes OGA membership). All skill levels welcome. For info call: Bob K. 701-269-7822.
- Recorders, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Bring your recorder and a music stand. Music will be provided.
- Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.
- After School Activities, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Homework help, a creation station, and snacks for older kids and tweens ages 10 and up.

### THURSDAYS

- Bridge, 11:45 a.m., Chetco Activity Center
- Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach
- Chair Yoga Class, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. A beginners' yoga class that focuses on seated positions. Please note there will be no chair yoga until November 19th due to the Annual Fall Book Sale.
- After School Activities, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. Homework help, S.T.E.M. projects and games, and snacks for older kids and tweens ages 10 and up.
- Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. A beginners' yoga class that includes standing positions.

### FRIDAYS

- T'ai Chi, 9 – 10:30 a.m., Chetco Activity Center
- The Walking Group, 11 a.m., Azalea Park. 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: 9:00 am. Friendly team and individual play. Prizes, laughs, good food and drink. \$65 annual fee (includes OGA membership). All skill levels welcome.
- 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 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Brookings Botan-

- ical Garden. Come see how you can help.

- Bridge, 11:45 a.m., Chetco Activity Center
- Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Donations requested.

- Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and simple crafts for young children.

- Chair Yoga Class, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm.

- Pinochle and other card games, Chetco Activity Center 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- Amateur Radio Net check-ins, 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.

### APRIL 23

- Arts with Tory, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Join local artist Tory for a step-by-step workshop on creating custom gel-print greeting cards! Due to limited space and supplies, registration for these monthly workshops is required. These workshops are designed for crafters 18+.

### APRIL 25

- 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.

- Spring Poetry Slam, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. April is National Poetry Month. Poetry lovers of all ages are invited to our large meeting room to celebrate the written and spoken word. Poets may recite original poems or may share a poem by their favorite poet. Signups begin at the door half an hour before the event.

- Anyone who performs will be entered to win a door prize.

### APRIL 18

- Celtic Harps, Rare Instruments, & Wondrous Stories with Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Lisa Lynne & Aryeh Frankfurter are a multi-instrumentalist duo playing Celtic Harps, Swedish Nyckelarpa, Ukrainian Bandura, Bouzouki, Cittern and more.

### APRIL 19

- Family Saturday—Nature's Little Helpers: Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. With Earth Day right around the corner, let's give a helping hand to nature's little helpers who do a big job: Pollinators! Bees and butterflies are two pollinators you can find in your own backyard! Families are welcome to make a butterfly bath to take home.

### APRIL 26

- Mario Kart Tourney, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Join Library Volunteer Dee for a friendly Mario Kart competition. All ages are welcome and no need to worry, we'll provide the controllers.

### APRIL 27

- Elmo Williams Day—Free Screening of 'The Amazing Adventure,' Chetco Library: 2:00 pm. The fourth Sunday in April is Elmo Williams Day in the City of Brookings. After a noon tribute to the life of the beloved philanthropist, film-maker, and Brookings resident in Azalea Park, join us at the library for a free screening of the 1936 Cary Grant film "The Amazing Adventure," to which Williams contributed his editing expertise.

### APRIL 28

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

### APRIL 30

- Look-Back Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. In this new book club, adults and older teens are invited to revisit the classic books from their childhoods and dare to ask themselves: how do they hold up now? Are they just as good, worse—or maybe even better than we remember? April's book will be *Matilda*, by Roald Dahl.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Failure by police

I am an investigative journalist reporting stories about missing persons and cold-case murders in Coos and Curry Counties.

I have over 27 years of experience as a police officer and detective, including five years as the Chief of Police in Port Orford, Oregon, and as the Chief of Police for the Burns Paiute Tribe in Burns, Oregon. Additionally, I have over 15 years of experience as a licensed private investigator in Oregon. I am a seasoned investigator, and my credentials can be verified through the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. Missing and unsolved murders are my focus. I don't take money and provide family members with all the information I gather on their case.

I have numerous cases I am investigating. One of these cases involves the disappearance of Joy Dee Shields, age 18,

### Failure by police

who went missing on May 30, 1986. I am reaching out to the community for assistance. I contacted the Coos Bay Police Department to request a copy of this 40-year-old case, which they are legally obligated to provide to the public. However, I was informed that I couldn't obtain a copy of the report because it is still under investigation. I replied by pointing out that this case is 40 years old, and there is little expectation that their agency will ever solve it. They have not solved this case in four decades. They have already failed.

It appears that Coos Bay Chief of Police Chris Chapner, City Manager Nicole Rutherford, and the Coos Bay City Council do not want the public to access this case. As an investigator, I seek out anomalies in investigations; this response to a trained and experienced investigator raises suspicions. What are they hiding?

I then reached out for reports from Coos County Sheriff Gabe Fabrizio. I was told they couldn't find any reports. They assisted in that investigation, there should

be reports. Another Anomaly. What are they hiding?

Another case is the disappearance of Melvin Eugene Halbert, who the Brookings Police arrested on May 19, 2000, taken to the Curry County Jail and disappeared. He wasn't even reported missing until March 25, 2013. I contacted the Brookings Police Department and provided them with additional evidence sufficient to warrant an investigation.

Apparently, Brookings Police Chief Kelby McCrae, City Manager Tim Rundel, and the Brookings City Council feel that a missing person case is just that.

What are they hiding?

Another case involves Gary Harper and Lee Luoma, who left Pitches Tavern at 10:30 PM on 09/08/1976 and disappeared. It has been implied that the Port Orford Police Chief immediately arrested them, took them somewhere and disposed of them. They have never been seen again.

During my investigation into this disappearance, I was contacted by Abbey

Jarden, a relative of Gary Harper who is independently investigating the case. I am helping her with her own investigation of her lost relative.

Throughout my career, I have always held dear this bible verse, Luke 15:3-6: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'"

Please get in touch with me at (541) 413-1428 or [mark.creighton2@gmail.com](mailto:mark.creighton2@gmail.com)

Please get in touch with Abby Jarden at (541) 299-2886 or [findgaryandlee@gmail.com](mailto:findgaryandlee@gmail.com)

Facebook page: Find Gary Harper and Lee Luoma

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

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## Concert in the Park is May 21st, Not May 16th

A community favorite returns! Bring your blanket and enjoy a free concert presented by all band and orchestra ensembles from Kalmiopsis Elementary, Azalea Middle School and Brookings-Harbor High School on Wednesday, May 21st, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Azalea Park Bandstand.</

# Opposition packs hearing on Gov. Kotek proposal to update critical groundwater area protections

**ALEX BAUMHARDT**  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Gov. Tina Kotek's proposal to give state agencies more authority to intervene earlier in Oregon's contaminated groundwater areas met massive opposition at its first public hearing.

Two rooms and two separate hearings were scheduled Tuesday to accommodate all of the people who went to the Capitol to offer testimony on Senate Bill 1154 during a meeting of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Committee. The bill was sent to the Senate Rules Committee without recommendation, where it will receive another public hearing in the weeks ahead.

Bill advocates say it would provide much-needed updates to the state's Groundwater Quality Protection Act first passed in

1989. That act was meant to conserve groundwater resources and prevent contamination following well-testing across the state that showed many contained water with high levels of agricultural chemicals.

Chandra Ferrari, Kotek's natural resources adviser, told lawmakers the current law is too vague, lacks a clear process for involving state and local agencies in remediating pollution and doesn't do enough to protect groundwater from pollution before aquifers become critically impaired.

About 80% of Oregonians rely on groundwater for some or all of their drinking water, and one-quarter rely on private, at-home wells. About 90% of rural Oregonians rely on those at-home wells, according to Ferrari.

"It's risky, it's costly, it's time-consuming to

not effectively address contamination," Ferrari told lawmakers. "We need to work harder to not hit these critical contamination thresholds, and we need to work smarter when we do. Our laws should facilitate us doing these things well."

But those opposed to the updates include more than 560 people and groups who submitted testimony in advance of the hearing, as well as several eastern Oregon state representatives, who say the bill would allow state agencies broader authority to do water and soil testing and monitoring on private property without land-owner consent and that it could lead to state agencies cutting off water to some.

State Reps. Bobby Levy, R-Echo, and Greg Smith, R-Heppner, spoke in opposition to the bill at the hearing.



Gov. Tina Kotek on May 3, 2023 at the home of Ana Maria Rodriguez, a Boardman resident and Oregon Rural Action organizer, whose well water has nearly four times the safe drinking water limit for nitrate. Kotek was visiting with residents in Boardman, who are concerned that progress on the nitrate pollution in the Lower Umatilla Basin has been slow.

## DID YOU KNOW?

More than 500 letters of testimony were submitted in opposition to Senate Bill 1154, largely from people who fear it will let state agencies take their well water.

hearing room.

What the bill does

The updated Groundwater Quality Protection Act would establish thresholds for contaminants that automatically qualify them as critical groundwater management areas. It would also create a new

designation for "groundwater areas of concern," where contaminants are detected but a threshold for declaring the area in critical condition hasn't quite been met.

The five governor-ap-

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## Climate change coupled with migration of non-native species pose threat to Northwest fish

**ALEX BAUMHARDT**  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Some already threatened cold-water fish species in the Northwest will not only face shrinking habitat from climate change but will face growing pressure from invasive fish species fleeing their own warming and dwindling waters, according to modeling from researchers at Oregon State University.

The findings were part of a study published in the journal Global Change Biology by fisheries professor Guillermo Giannico, associate fisheries professor Ivan Arismendi and graduate student Arif Jan. The three found that climate change is likely to compel all kinds of species migration that could lead to increased predation, competition and some localized extinctions of once native species in the Northwest and globally.

Giannico said their models can be run on most species in the world. But for their recent study, the three zeroed in on the northern migration of non-native smallmouth bass and northern pike into threatened and endangered native redband and bull trout habitat in the Northwest. All four of the species are likely to lose habitat as climate change accelerates and are likely to seek homes in colder water at higher elevations.

They created maps using ecological data that indicate the breadth of territory where each species lives and then modeled the impact of changing conditions such as higher temperatures and drought projected through 2070 to see how that would influence the range of all four species' movement and overlap.

"We forecast how these species would respond to those changing conditions by disappearing from certain regions that will be too warm for them, and appearing in others that maybe today are too cold, but they would be more suitable in the future," Giannico said. "Because not all shifts are equal, there will be areas where they

will be more crowded together, and they would overlap more, and areas where they wouldn't overlap that much."

Of great concern is the migration of aggressive and predatory northern pike into redband and bull trout territory, and the increasing likelihood the two will overlap more frequently.

"They all shift, but they end up shifting in a way that the amount of overlap in their distribution is going to be greater," Giannico explained. "It's like you have less room to avoid nasty people at the party, and you end up being cornered in the same part of the room with the same people you don't enjoy, and you're all packed in the wrong place with the wrong companion."

Giannico said researchers have long separately studied how climate change will compel the migration of some species and how native species respond to the introduction of invasive species. The modeling done by the Oregon State scientists is an effort to combine the two, and to show how species' habitats will overlap as climate change compels both native and nonnative species in an area to migrate and cohabit.

The researchers fear that this increased negative interaction could lead to local extinctions of some native salmonids, similar to those occurring among shrinking populations of bull and rainbow trout from invasive species in southeastern Alaska, Giannico said.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/briefs/climate-change-coupled-with-migration-of-non-native-species-pose-threat-to-northwest-fish/>

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Photo by Jonny Armstrong, courtesy of Oregon State University. A spawning redband trout from the Upper Klamath Basin.

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**Del Norte TRIPPLICATE**

# Curry County Commissioner Alcorn Resigns

By Linda Lee  
Curry Coastal Pilot

The Curry County Board of Commissioners addressed several key issues at their recent meeting, including numerous committee vacancies, updates on road damage and public transit and the unexpected resignation of one of their own.

In a significant announcement, Commissioner Brad Alcorn stated his intention to resign from his position, effective May 1st. He cited personal matters requiring extended absences, making it unfair to the county residents and his fellow commissioners for him to remain in the role without full availability. His last meeting is scheduled for April 15th.

Commissioner Patrick Hollinger expressed shock and regret upon hearing the news, acknowledging the difficulty of such a decision.

Commissioner Hollinger proposed a process for filling the upcoming vacancy, suggesting that interested individuals be invited to present at the April 15th meeting.

He emphasized the importance of Commissioner Alcorn having a significant voice in selecting his replacement, given that the appointee will represent the voters who elected him. While the voting process for the appointment will need to be clarified, Commissioner Hollinger assured Commissioner Alcorn that his opinion would be heavily considered.

Director Ted Fitzgerald stated he would consult with the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) and the county clerk to determine the proper procedures for filling the vacancy.

Commissioner Alcorn pledged his continued support and availability during the transition period.

In other news, Fitzgerald, who is the legal counsel for the county, began his update by announcing several vacancies across various county committees. These openings offer an opportunity for public involvement in local governance. The available positions include:

• Compensation Board:

Position 2 and Position 3 (three-year terms)

- Fair Board: Position 3, Position 4, and Position 5 (three-year terms each)
- Forest Land Urban Interface Classification Committee: Position 1, Position 2, and Position 3 (four-year terms each)

- Planning Commission: Two North County positions, two Central County positions, and one South County position (four-year terms each)
- Transit Advisory Committee: Three at-large positions (three-year terms each)

Fitzgerald urged residents to consider participating, emphasizing the importance of public input in county decision-making.

Fitzgerald also reported significant road failures throughout the county in the past month. The county road department office personnel are working overtime to document and report the damages for potential reimbursement.

Near-term costs are nearing \$1.5 million and will be paid from road reserves.

The Commissioners were informed that the Sheriff's Office will now be represented by the Fraternal Order of Police, replacing Teamsters 223. The date of the official change has not yet been announced. Fitzgerald acknowledged the positive working relationship with Teamsters, particularly in recent months.

Jennifer Borman, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Regional Transit Coordinator, followed up on items from a recent ODOT compliance review of Curry Public Transit. Fitzgerald noted that a Request for Proposal (RFP) is currently open as Curry Transit seeks to renew its contract with the county, inviting bids from other interested agencies as well.

Commissioner Hollinger and Director Fitzgerald met with a representative from the county's insurer, CIS, to discuss a recent twenty-seven percent rate increase. This is significantly higher than the state average of approximately six percent. The increase is attributed to numerous

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Brad Alcorn: Curry County Commissioner is stepping down.

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# Wild Rivers Coast Worship Directory

## Brookings

### Brookings-Harbor Christian Church

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

### Trinity Lutheran Church

1200 East St., PO Box 1199  
Brookings  
Sunday Bible School  
All Ages...9am (Sept.-May)  
Sunday Worship Service...10am  
Nursery Available  
**Pastor Matt Steendahl**  
**541-469-3411**  
tlcbrookings.org

### Church of Christ

17222 Passley Rd., Brookings  
Sunday Morning  
Bible Study....10am  
Sunday Morning  
Worship Assembly...11:00am  
Wednesday Bible Class....6pm  
**Evangelist: Darryl A Cope**  
**541-469-6453** or  
**541-469-0191**

### Christian Science Church

429 Pine St. at Redwood Spur,  
Brookings  
Sunday Service.....11 a.m.  
Sunday School.....11 a.m.  
Wednesday Testimony Mtg. 6 p.m.  
Reading Room:  
Monday & Wednesday 1-3 p.m.  
or by appointment  
[www.BrookingsCSC.com](http://www.BrookingsCSC.com)  
**541-469-2398** or **469-3333**

### Lighthouse Assembly of God

15803 Hwy. 101 S., Harbor  
Sunday School.....9:30am  
Sunday Worship.....10:30am  
Thursday Youth Group.....5:00pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....6:00pm  
Wed. Lighthouse Kids.....6:00pm  
**Doug Jamieson, Pastor**  
541-469-3458

### Faith Baptist Church

Fundamental Independent  
409 Hillside Ave. Unit C,  
Brookings  
**541-412-1070**  
Sunday School.....10 a.m.  
Morning Preaching.....11 a.m.  
Evening Preaching.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study...7 p.m.  
"Looking for an exciting Bible-  
Preaching Church? We may be  
just what you're looking for!"

### Calvary Heritage

"Studying God's Word verse by verse,  
Hearing God's voice day by day"  
Sunday Morning Worship **10:30am**  
Thursday Bible Study **7:00pm**  
97900 Shopping Center Ave. #28  
**Contact:** 541-661-0184  
**Website:** [CalvaryHeritage.org](http://CalvaryHeritage.org)  
**Mail:** PO Box 3026  
Brookings, OR 97415  
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### To God Be The Glory Christian Community Church

15138 McVay Lane  
Sunday Service **10:30am**  
Bible Study **Thursdays 7:00pm**  
See Our Facebook page~  
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Community Church - Harbor  
**Pastor Carl Smith**  
541-659-9352

### SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Pastor Barry Kimbrough

102 Park Ave., Brookings  
541-469-3030

Saturday Bible Study....10:00am  
(All Ages)

Saturday Worship.....11:15am

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**541-251-2436**

### Star of the Sea Catholic Church

Justus Alaeo, Pastor  
820 Old County Rd., Brookings  
**541-469-2313**

Tuesday Mass.....5:15 p.m.

Wednesday Mass.....5:15 p.m.

Friday Mass.....5:15 p.m.

Saturday Mass.....4:30 p.m.

Sunday Spanish Mass....6:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass.....8:30 a.m.

First Friday every month Adoration  
4 p.m. & Mass 6 p.m.

First Saturday every month Mass 9 a.m.

<https://staroftheseastcharles.org/>

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**700**

Misc/Trade

Saw, 7.25 in. Ryobi corded, with owners manual and box. \$20.00. 541-469-3036

Walker w/ handbrakes and seat. Extra large, heavy duty, good condition. \$65. 707-464-5515

**700**

Misc/Trade

Black-n-Decker 7-1/4 saw. \$40. 541-469-4948

Delta cutoff saw. #DWS779. Double bevel, sliding compound. New, never used. \$499 on Amazon, Sell for \$399. 541-218-4281

**790**

Misc Wanted

\$\$PAYING TOP DOLLAR\$\$ for sports card collections & Pokemon. Premium paid for vintage. Corey 541-838-0364.

**800**

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For Rent: 2 bdm 1 bath, laundry room, includes POWER. WIFI, & GARBAGE, \$1900 MONTH, CALL MIMI 707-218-7300

**804**

Apts Unfurnished

1 bd unit avail for rent, \$750, per month & 2bd unit available for rent \$950 per month. 417 Fern Ave. Brookings. Call Janel Drew 541-661-3890

**999**

Public Notices

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:

**999**

Public Notices

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:

**The Original Glenn's Bakery**  
351 Winter Lane  
Crescent City, CA 95531

This Business is conducted by: a married couple  
Registered Owner(s):  
Rory L Young  
Vivian E Young

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: n/a  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Signed:/s/ **Rory L Young**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 4/7/2025  
Alissia D. Northrup  
County Clerk-Recorder  
Hannah Gill, Deputy  
**File No. 20250038**  
4/23, 4/30, 5/7, & 5/14/2025, Triplicate, 411634

**NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Chetco Community Public Library District to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 will be held in the Forest Room of the Chetco Community Public Library, 405 Alder St. Brookings, OR. The meeting will take place on May 6, 2025 at 10am.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place.

Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. To make an appointment to view the budget document or make arrangements to attend the meeting email lehlers@brookings.or.us.

4/23/2025, Pilot, 411656

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**DEL NORTE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the County of Del Norte will hold a public hearing to consider the requests listed below. All persons are invited to appear and be heard.

Comments may be submitted in writing at, or prior to, the hearing. Those wishing to be notified of the final action must submit a written request. Appeals must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors by close of business May 19, 2025. If you challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The following project(s) are located within the California Coastal Zone: DATE OF HEARING: May 7, 2025  
TIME OF HEARING: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE OF HEARING: 981 H Street, Suite 100, Crescent City, CA 95531

\*\*\* Applicant proposes to construct a section of wooden fence on her parcel at 12570 S. Indian Rd, Smith River, CA. The parcel, APN 102-050-021, is in the appeals jurisdiction of the California Coastal Zone. The project, CDP2501C, is exempt from CEQA as a Class 3 categorical exemption.

Please contact the County Planning Division at (707) 464-7254 with any questions.

DATE: April 11, 2025  
Del Norte County Planning Division Community Development Dept.

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## 999 Public Notices

**LIEN SALE  
RIVERVIEW STORAGE**  
A lien sale will be held on May 7, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., with a preview at 10:00 a.m. at Riverview Storage, 97901 South Bank, Brookings, OR 97415, on the following unit:

**UNIT NO. 15** *l* **Misc. household, furniture, personal effects.**

Please note that if you buy the unit, there will be a \$300.00 refundable fee to hold until all items are removed, and the unit is clean.

**BELONGING TO:**  
Mariann Zdeb  
PO Box 7452  
Brookings, OR 97415  
s/ Premier Ocean Properties, LLC, agent for Owner  
4/16 & 4/23/2025, Pilot, 411322

### City of Crescent City Summary of Ordinance No. 853: Procurement Procedures Update

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Crescent City adopted Ordinance No. 853, amending Title 14, Procurement Procedures, of the Crescent City Municipal Code. This ordinance updates Title 14 to provide increased monetary thresholds for categories of procurement (micro, small, large). It also increases the City Manager's purchasing authority to \$75,000. A copy of the ordinance may be obtained by contacting City Clerk Robin Altman [realman@crescentcity.org; 707-464-7483] or by visiting City Hall at 377 J Street, Crescent City, CA, during regular business hours, Monday - Thursday between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The ordinance was adopted by the following polled vote:

**AYES:** Council Members Dooley, Greenough, Tinkler, Wright, and Mayor Altman  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
s/ Robin Altman, City Clerk  
4/23/2025, Triplicate 411391

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF DEL NORTE

450 H Street  
Crescent City, CA 95531

**CASE NO. 251027**

**ORDER TO SHOW  
CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF  
NAME**

To all interested persons: Petitioner: **Seyris Lee Sanders**

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: **Seyris Lee Sanders**

to Proposed name: **Seyris Lee Abernathy**

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: **5/9/2025**

**Time: 10:00 am Dept.: 1**

The address of the court is same as noted above.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Del Norte Triplicate

Date: **March 14, 2025**

s/ Darren McElfresh

Judge of the Superior Court

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, and

5/7/2025, Triplicate, 411004

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF DEL NORTE  
450 H Street  
Crescent City, CA 95531  
**CASE NO. CV251035**

**AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all interested persons:

Petitioner: **Mary Jane Benavides**

filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: **Mary Jane Benavides**

to Proposed name: **Mary Jane Wagner**

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: **5/16/2025**

**Time: 9:00 am Dept.: 1**

The address of the court is same as noted above.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Del Norte Triplicate

Date: April 2, 2025

s/ Darren McElfresh

Judge of the Superior Court

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, & 5/7/2025,

Triplicate, 411362

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/ are doing business as:

**North Coast Inn**

**440 US Highway 101 N**

**Crescent City, CA 95531**

This Business is conducted by: **a CA corporation**

Registered Owner(s):

**Calexico Price Buster, Inc.**

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on:

**2/28/2025**

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

Signed: **/s/ Dong Man Yi**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: **3/4/2025**

Alissia D. Northrup

County Clerk-Recorder

Claire Landay, Deputy

**File No. 20250019**

4/2, 4/9, 4/16, & 4/23/2025,

Triplicate, 410289

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/ are doing business as:

**Life's Quest For  
Independence**

**3563 Movie Lane**

**Crescent City, CA 95531**

This filing is a refile of previous file # **20250012**

due to publication requirements not met on previous filing.

Registered Owner(s):

**Angela Sareen Knodel**

This Business is conducted by: **an individual**.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: **n/a**.

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

Signed: **/s/ Angela Knodel**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: **3/26/2025**

Alissia D. Northrup

County Clerk-Recorder

Hannah Gill, Deputy

**File No. 20250030**

4/9, 4/16, 4/23, & 4/30,

Triplicate, 410883

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Signed: **/s/ Angela Knodel**

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Hannah Gill, Deputy

**File No. 20250030**

4/9, 4/16, 4/23, & 4/30,

Triplicate, 410883

## 999 Public Notices

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person(s) is/ are doing business as:  
**Diet Mike Delight in Every Taste**

AND

**Chef Mike Choose Healthy  
Exciting Food**

**161 Cody Lane**

**Crescent City, CA 95531**

Mailing address:

**PO Box 904**

**Smith River, CA 95567**

This Business is conducted by: **a married couple**

Registered Owner(s):

**Michael Gomez**

**Patricia Sylvia Gomez**

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: **n/a**

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

Signed: **/s/ Michael William Gomez**

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: **4/1/2025**

Alissia D. Northrup

County Clerk-Recorder

B McCune-Sokoloski,

Deputy

**File No. 20250034**

4/16, 4/23, 4/30, & 5/7/2025,

Triplicate, 411005

### INVITATION TO BID:

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4/23 & 4/30/2025, Pilot, 411639

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the Recorder of Del Norte County, California. DATE OF SALE: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: At the stairs of the Southwest Entrance of the Flynn County Administration Building at 981 H St., Crescent City, CA 95531 THE COMMON DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY IS PURPORTED TO BE: 2825 Lake Earl Dr., Crescent City, CA 95531 APN: 110-120-021. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$ 80,404.63 Beneficiary may elect to open bidding at a lesser amount. The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is stated above, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to fee and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority and

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**Request for Bids**  
The Tolowa Dune Stewards (TDS), a project of Friends of the Dunes (FOD), is requesting bids for contractors to assist with the Lake Earl Wildlife Area Coastal Dune and Estuary Restoration Project. The work consists of furnishing all labor, equipment and supervision for the restoration of approximately nine acres of dune habitat. The work generally includes removal and burial of invasive European beachgrass and other shrubs using heavy equipment. Work will occur on California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Lake Earl Wildlife Area. Work is expected to take place September - October 2025. A mandatory pre-bid site inspection is scheduled for April 24, 2025, at 1:00 PM, Pacific Time to acquaint prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the worksite. A bidder who fails to attend a mandatory pre-bid site inspection may be disqualified from bidding. Bids may be submitted by or before 3:00 PM, Pacific Time on May 2, 2025, as further specified in Instructions to Bidders. Submit Bids to:

Tolowa Dunes Stewards  
Kiera Freeman, Project Director  
[kieraf@ymail.com](mailto:kieraf@ymail.com)

The plans, specifications, bid forms and contract documents for the Project, and any addenda thereto ("Contract Documents") may be obtained by emailing Kiera Freeman at the address above.

Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed forms and accompanied by a Bid Bond in an amount not less than 10 percent of the bid amount. Successful bidders will be required to furnish both a Payment Bond and Performance Bond in the full amount of the contract price. Bids may be rejected if they show alterations of form, additions not called for, conditional bids, incomplete bids, or irregularities of any kind. TDS/FOD reserve the right to reject any and or all bids.

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The successful Contractor shall comply with the requirements imposed by the California Labor Code Sections 1720 through 1861 regarding public works projects and prevailing wage laws and sections 16000-16800 of the CA Code of Regulations. The successful contractor shall pay no less than the prevailing wage rates to all workers employed in the execution of this contract. Copies of certified payrolls shall be available on request and for inspection at all times. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. All bidders should carefully review the Instructions to Bidders for more detailed information before submitting a Bid Proposal.

4/15 & 4/23/2025, Triplicate, 411356

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person(s) is/are doing business as:

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This Business is conducted by: **an individual**  
Registered Owner(s): **Andrew Reynoso**  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: **4/1/2025**  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Signed: **/s/ Andrew Reynoso**  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: **4/1/2025**  
Alissia D. Northrup  
County Clerk-Recorder  
Claire Landay, Deputy  
File No. **20250032**  
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## Puzzle Answers

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#### Answer

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### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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# Curry County Joins Historic Nationwide Hands Off Protest



Photo courtesy of Joy May  
Hands Off: Citizens from around Curry County joined in for the Hands Off rally.

By Linda Lee

Over four hundred Curry County residents made their voices heard on Friday, April 4th, participating in one of the nation-wide Hands Off rallies that organizers are calling the largest single-day protest in United States history.

Local participants joined a wave of demonstrations across the country, contributing to what is being reported as a record-breaking day of collective action.

The Hands Off protests launched across the United States on Saturday, April 5th, marking a significant display of public resistance

against the current administration.

The movement is built on a foundation of nonviolent action, with organizers urging participants to de-escalate potential confrontations and act lawfully throughout the events.

The local demonstration,

in Gold Beach, saw citizens gather to protest policies enacted by the second administration of President Donald Trump, citing concerns over the future of the country's democracy, job losses, privacy invasion and cutbacks on potential critical services as well as the state of the economy.

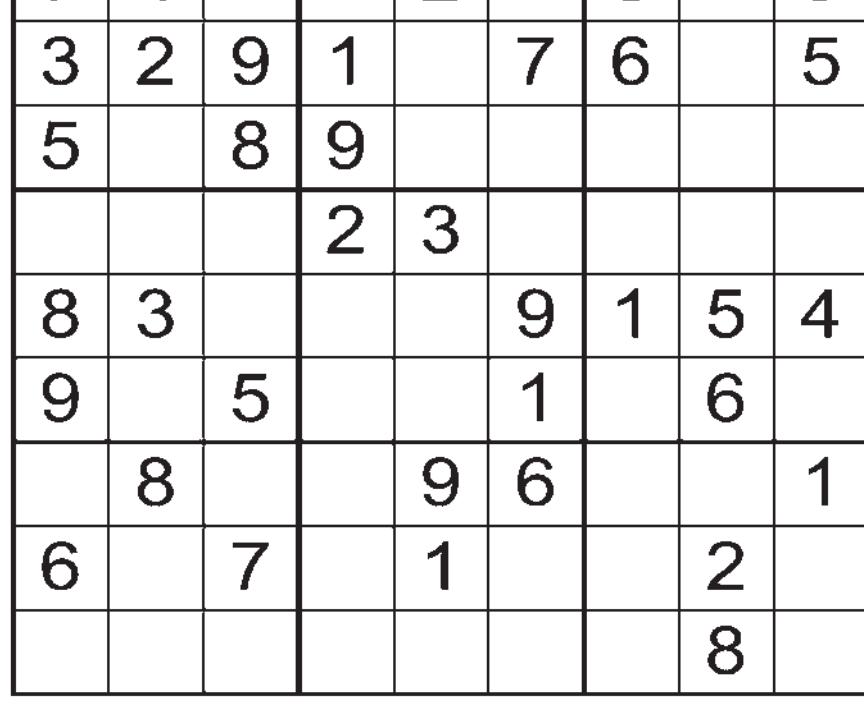
The event organized by Indivisible North Curry County, drew participants from across the county to the coastal town. Organizers emphasized the importance of the event, stating, "We, the people will not be silent. Curry County will fight back."

The Gold Beach rally

remained peaceful and non-violent, reflecting the core principles of the nationwide movement.

Curry County underscores the local response to national political developments and the willingness of its citizens to engage in public protest.

## Weekly SUDOKU



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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆**

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Super Crossword

ALL THERE

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| ACROSS | 59  | Clearasil or Stridex target.                         | 96  | Larger version of a dictionary, say | 3   | Agenda pants  | 40  | Lic next to                                    | 78  | — pony, pick it up ...          |
| 1      | Taunt in fun                                      | 5 Pinball foul                                       | 60  | Jobs at hair salons                 | 4   | Office subs   | 41  | Clock info                                     | 80  | Saudi, e.g.                     |
| 10     | Tram loads  | 11 Raisin, at first                                  | 61  | Roomy car                           | 5   | Listens carefully   | 42  | Pro wrestler John                              | 82  | Not worth —                     |
| 14     | 55-hour, e.g.                                     | 20 Maker of the RDX SUV                              | 62  | Doctors' gp.                        | 6   | Law & Order: SVU actor  | 43  | Sob  | 83  | Guy                             |
| 19     | 55-hour, e.g.                                     | 21 Loading man                                       | 63  | “So Fine”                           | 7   | Guitar's km   | 44  | As to  | 84  | Arctic vehicle                  |
| 20     | Marker of the RDX SUV                             | 22 Greased   | 64  | Sun-riding phenomenon               | 102 | Bill for services: Abbr.                                      | 45  | Provoked                                       | 85  | Inauspicious                    |
| 23     | Pardon me   | 23 Pardon me   | 65  | — “So Fine”                         | 103 | Scientist — Ho Lee  | 7   | major fighting                                 | 86  | Rapid runner                    |
| 24     | One (vodka option)                                | 24 One (vodka option)                                | 66  | Suffix with lemon                   | 104 | Triceps, e.g. 101 Article in Essen                            | 11  | California's — Beach                           | 90  | “Camelot” composer              |
| 25     | Suspenseful situations                            | 25 Suspenseful situations                            | 67  | Suns with a charge                  | 105 | “This is bad!”  | 51  | Respite  | 91  | — Vegas” (CBS series)           |
| 27     | Test giving information about red and white cells | 27 Test giving information about red and white cells | 68  | There, I did it!                    | 106 | Part of ROM   | 52  | Root canal performer, informally               | 93  | Sharp TV images, e.g.           |
| 30     | Throws  | 30 Throws  | 69  | Beauty in “Beauty and the Beast”    | 107 | “Layla” singer Clapton  | 53  | Either of Frosty's eyes                        | 97  | —Chinese                        |
| 31     | Actor   | 31 Actor   | 70  | “Beauty and the Beast” theme?       | 108 | Single-person show  | 54  | Hauling truck                                  | 98  | Subtract, as an expense         |
| 32     | Chancy  | 32 Country west of Uru                               | 71  | Stuns with a charge                 | 109 | What you are giving when you contemplate this puzzle's theme? | 55  | Hollow   | 99  | Liko “three men” of kids' verse |
| 33     | Like  | 33 Lanka   | 72  | There, I did it!                    | 110 | “Norma Rae” director Martin                                   | 61  | Plod heavily                                   | 100 | Convent woman                   |
| 36     | Trisect or Ritz-tot                               | 36 Trisect or Ritz-tot                               | 73  | There, I did it!                    | 111 | Orem native   | 62  | Snag   | 105 | Work group                      |
| 43     | Faint streak                                      | 43 Faint streak                                      | 74  | There, I did it!                    | 112 | Part of rpm   | 63  | Abbr. in                                       | 106 | Part of ACLU                    |
| 47     | Clean air gp.                                     | 47 Clean air gp.                                     | 75  | Beauty in “Beauty and the Beast”    | 113 | Mag VIPs  | 64  | many urban addresses                           | 107 | French river                    |
| 48     | Comet's path                                      | 48 Comet's path                                      | 76  | Stuns with a charge                 | 114 | Hamilton's duei rival   | 65  | Not weather                                    | 108 | Ceased                          |
| 49     | Us director Jordan                                | 49 Us director Jordan                                | 77  | There, I did it!                    | 115 | “Norma Rae” director Martin                                   | 66  | Actor Fezzi                                    | 109 | Implore                         |
| 50     | Gamut   | 50 Gamut   | 78  | There, I did it!                    | 116 | Bristol brew  | 67  | Race created by H.G. Wells                     | 110 | Make null                       |
| 54     | Reminded  | 54 Reminded  | 79  | There, I did it!                    | 117 | Part of rpm   | 68  | Actor Fezzi                                    | 111 | Actress Sky                     |
| 55     | Wiped away  | 55 Wiped away  | 80  | By god!                             | 118 | Orem native   | 69  | Race created by H.G. Wells                     | 112 | Scott case                      |
| 56     | —cone   | 56 —cone   | 81  | By god!                             | 119 | Eager   | 70  | Storeroom                                      | 113 | Poi source                      |
| 57     | Carrel of “Date Night”                            | 57 Carrel of “Date Night”                            | 82  | Whoope-de—kiss                      | 120 | Wise trusm  | 71  | Taco topping                                   | 114 | Stender                         |
|        |   |  | 83  | “Date Night”                        | 121 | Article in Essen  | 72  | Offered for breeding, as a horse               | 115 | Pa                              |
|        |   |  | 84  | “Date Night”                        | 122 | Physicist Marie   | 73  | Niles' wife on “Frasier”                       | 116 | Keats poem                      |
|        |   |  | 85  | “Date Night”                        | 123 | Inferno   | 74  | “Climb — Mountain” (“The Sound of Music” tune) | 117 | Stumblebum                      |
|        |   |  | 86  | “Date Night”                        | 124 | Put off   | 75  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 87  | “Date Night”                        | 125 | Really binged, for short                                      | 76  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 88  | “Date Night”                        | 126 | Long-term govt. security                                      | 77  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 89  | “Date Night”                        | 127 | Turned tail   | 78  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 90  | “Date Night”                        | 128 | “Holiday” actor Ayres   | 79  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 91  | “Date Night”                        | 129 | Like a stove burner turned way up                             | 80  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 92  | “Date Night”                        | 130 | Plan of breeding, as a horse                                  | 81  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 93  | “Date Night”                        | 131 | Inner layer of  | 82  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 94  | “Date Night”                        | 132 | Cast and Cara   | 83  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 95  | “Date Night”                        | 133 | Intel   | 84  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 96  | “Date Night”                        | 134 | missions, e.g. 38   | 85  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 97  | “Date Night”                        | 135 | Backslides  | 86  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 98  | “Date Night”                        | 136 | Is mistaken   | 87  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 99  | “Date Night”                        | 137 |   | 88  |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 100 | “Date Night”                        | 138 |   | 89  |  |     |                                 |
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|        |   |  | 123 | “Date Night”                        | 161 |   | 112 |  |     |                                 |
|        |   |  | 124 | “Date Night”                        | 162 |   | 113 |  |     |                                 |

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## ALCORN

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settlements and payouts made on behalf of the county over the past five years.

The Commissioners sought clarification on how the county can work with CIS to ensure that policies and procedures aimed at limiting potential liability are followed by all county departments. They emphasized that adherence to both county personnel rules and CIS-endorsed policies is crucial for cost savings.

In response to the substantial increase, all county departments have been asked to review their vehicle use, documenting the type, extent and frequency of use to identify potential reductions in coverage requirements as the budget season approaches.

Fitzgerald concluded his report by mentioning a conversation with Lori Vanzant from Gold Beach Main Street, who is promoting this year's Legends Festival on September 26th. The organizers are seeking financial assistance for entertainment planned at the fairgrounds. Last year's inaugural festival was successful, and they hope to build upon that momentum. Commissioner Trost suggested exploring the possibility of utilizing funds from the recently increased Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) for annual grants to support such local events.

Commissioner Trost provided an update, emphasizing the importance of re-establishing the Natural Resources Advisory Committee to actively engage in stewardship plans and natural resource discussions. He believes

such a committee would have provided a stronger stance on projects like the offshore windmill proposal.

Commissioner Jay Trost also addressed the recent executive order concerning timber, noting its significant impact on the industry. He highlighted Oregon's position as the top producer of dimensional lumber, plywood, and LP in the United States.

He stated that the executive order aims to open up Oregon and California Railroad Revested Lands (O and C Lands) for increased timber production, addressing the current situation where the lands have become a "national strategic timber reserve" with limited utilization.

He pointed out that while the current BLM forest plan has a target of 200 million board feet

annually, the sustainable yield for O and C Lands is 1.2 billion board feet annually. Actual harvest has fallen significantly short of the target, leading to overgrown and fire-prone conditions. Commissioner Trost indicated optimism that the executive order will lead to corrective action.

He also discussed the option for counties to elect between Secure Rural Schools (SRS) dollars and timber receipts. With anticipated increases in timber receipts, the county is advocating at the federal level for the ability to re-elect their preferred funding source.

Commissioner Trost then shared his experience attending the National Association of Counties conference in Washington D.C. He participated in natural resources conferences, hearing from federal administration

officials regarding modernization and reformation efforts within the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The efforts include reforming National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act to prevent their weaponization. He also noted a recent significant legal victory for the federal government against Greenpeace.

Locally, Commissioner Trost has been involved in discussions with local collaboratives and the Forest Service to increase public and private industry access to forests for restoration projects and fuel load reduction. He reported a positive conversation with Forest Service officials at various levels, who expressed willingness to collaborate on accelerating forest restoration.

## Protections

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pointed members of the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission would designate "areas of concern" if contamination was growing or particularly threatening, and then the governor would appoint a response team made up of a mix of agency officials who would help local stakeholders create a "local voluntary implementation plan" for curbing pollution and alerting the public.

The groups and agencies would be required to provide regular reports to the Environmental Quality Commission, the governor and the Legislature in order to receive funding to execute their local voluntary implementation plan.

If the voluntary plan does not keep a basin from entering critical contamination thresholds, then state agencies could more directly intervene, including testing soil and water on private land for potential septic leaks and requiring some wastewater permit holders to conform to tighter regulations on where and how much nitrate-laden water they can release.

The bill also more clearly spells out which agencies are responsible for participating in action on groundwater management areas and what each agency is responsible for doing.

The Oregon Health Authority would be in charge of informing the public and helping with

testing and providing safe drinking water; the Oregon Water Resources Department would be in charge of regulating water flows and rights; the Oregon Department of Agriculture would take on agricultural polluters and mitigating farm pollution; the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality would take on any changes needed to protect groundwater through industrial water permitting; and other agencies would be involved as needed, according to Ferrari.

As the law works now, there isn't one sole agency responsible for groundwater quality protection in Oregon, Ferrari said, and no single agency is responsible for helping communities impacted by contaminated groundwater.

Decades-long problems

Since 1989, three critical groundwater management areas have been identified in Oregon. They are all still considered to be in critical condition due to nitrate contamination, almost entirely from agriculture, and none have seen vast improvement in the last two to three decades.

The Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area in northeastern Oregon, designated as critically impaired in 1990, has gotten worse under state supervision, and a volunteer committee established in 1997 to tackle problems has had little to no impact.

Thousands of residents in Morrow and Umatilla counties — mostly Latino and low-income — have

lived and drunk from contaminated wells, which is dangerous because nitrates consumed over long periods can increase risks for cancer and birth defects. In September, Kotek and state agency officials released a comprehensive plan for curbing nitrate pollution in northeast Oregon that "will take decades" to achieve.

More than a dozen residents of Boardman who cannot drink their well water submitted testimony in support of Senate Bill 1154.

Kaleb Lay, director of policy research at the nonprofit Oregon Rural Action, said the bill could be improved in the Senate Rules Committee to get broader buy-in, but that updates to the Groundwater Protection Act are long overdue. It wasn't until Morrow County declared a water emergency and Oregon Rural Action began a grassroots well testing campaign that the state became more directly involved.

"If we leave the law unfix, it will simply stay broken. I would argue that every moment we spend on this bill is worthwhile," Lay told lawmakers.

Ferrari said updates to the Groundwater Quality Protection Act would allow the state to intervene earlier to avoid situations such as that in the Lower Umatilla Basin.

"We know or have reason to believe there are contamination problems in other parts of the state that are not currently GWMA

areas). And also, we are still in the process, 30-plus years later, of undertaking costly and time consuming efforts to address contamination in the GWMA that have been identified," she told lawmakers.

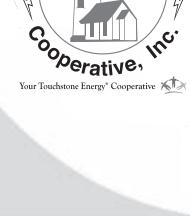
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## Pageant

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The competition itself will evaluate the young women across four key areas. A private ten-minute interview with the judging panel will account for thirty percent of their overall score, assessing their personality and goals. The street attire segment, worth fifteen percent, will allow the princesses to display their individual style and on-stage confidence. The talent portion, making up twenty-five percent of the scoring, will see each contestant showcase a unique skill and be judged on their presentation. Finally, the evening gown and on-stage question segment, also worth

thirty percent, will evaluate their poise, confidence and ability to communicate effectively when answering an impromptu question.

The Azalea Festival Scholarship Pageant continues to be a highlight of the annual festival, celebrating the achievements and potential of the young women in the community while providing significant financial support for their future education. Community members are encouraged to attend and support these dedicated young leaders.

Attendees can purchase tickets in advance through any of the participating Azalea Princesses or at the door on the evening of the pageant.

### Each of the young ladies prepared a statement for their future goals and endeavors:

#### Abbi Phillippe

My name is Abbi Phillippe, and competing in this pageant is so important to me because I want to inspire younger children to do things that are outside of the box, beyond their comfort zone. Additionally, I believe that tradition is important. By participating in this pageant, we are able to extend this tradition with pride. Five years down the line, I envision myself finishing up my degree in Psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno, and getting ready to go into med school to get my Psych MD to pursue a career in Pediatric Psychiatry.

#### Aleena Solomon

This competition has inspired many young girls throughout the years. It inspired my mom to run. When I saw past princesses, it drove me to want to join the pageant. My goal is to show girls in the community that they can go into STEM and do pageants. Five years from now, I will be finishing my master's degree in Plant Pathology in Bozeman, Montana. I will have an apartment and my cat will be with me as well as two other cats.

#### Amelia Bruce

The Azalea Pageant has always been a dream of mine to participate in. As a little girl I would always see the Azalea Court girls and would always hope one day I could be part of this amazing tradition in our town. This pageant is very important to me because it will help me grow more confident as a public figure. Stepping outside of my comfort zone is both challenging and exciting, and I'm eager to embrace this opportunity. I believe the skills I develop as a pageant princess will contribute to my personal growth and allow me to become the best version of myself. I am incredibly proud to represent the City of Brookings and hold immense respect for the residents who call it home. My hope is to inspire those around me to pursue their dreams, even when it means stepping beyond what feels comfortable. Where I see myself in five years is hopefully in nursing school becoming an RN. It has always been a dream of mine to become a nurse so I can help others in need.

#### Danielle Dotson

The Azalea Court Pageant means so much to me because of the tradition and years of work behind it. My family has been in Brookings for around 80 years and I am sure they would love to see me participate in this annual event. Sticking to traditions while incorporating new ideas and concepts is a beautiful way to show growth and awareness. I am proud to be a part of the 2025 court to continue on the Azalea Pageant customs.

#### Kylee Brissette

From living in Brookings my whole life, I've seen the pageant by watching the parade, to going to watch family friends be in the pageant and that has always inspired me to be like them. That's how I knew that I wanted to be a part of the pageant. Within the next five years, I would have graduated from The University of Oregon with my BA (Bachelor of Arts). I plan to start my career teaching within an orchestra program in California. It will be hard work, but a fairly simple process. By this time, I would start looking for a job within my degree and teaching elementary or high school orchestra. I don't know where the road will take me, but I can be confident in my plan and ability to work hard to accomplish my goals.

#### Makenna Ratliff

I want to compete in the Azalea Pageant to show young girls that they can be confident and proud of who they are. It's important to embrace our unique qualities, and I want to be a role model for others by demonstrating that true beauty comes from within. I hope to inspire girls to feel empowered to express themselves authentically and never feel pressured to fit into a certain mold. We are all beautiful in our own way, and I want to encourage every girl to shine brightly as themselves. In the next five years, I see myself owning my own esthetician business, helping others feel beautiful and confident in their skin. I also look forward to building a life with my boyfriend, being married and growing together as we chase our dreams.

#### Sophia Bauer

Being a member of the Azalea Court is important to me because I want to represent the town I grew up in and become an important part of Brookings' history. I also want to be a positive role model for all the young girls out there that look up to the members of this court, just as I did when I was young. In the next five years I plan on graduating from OIT's medical imaging program and becoming a traveling medical sonographer.

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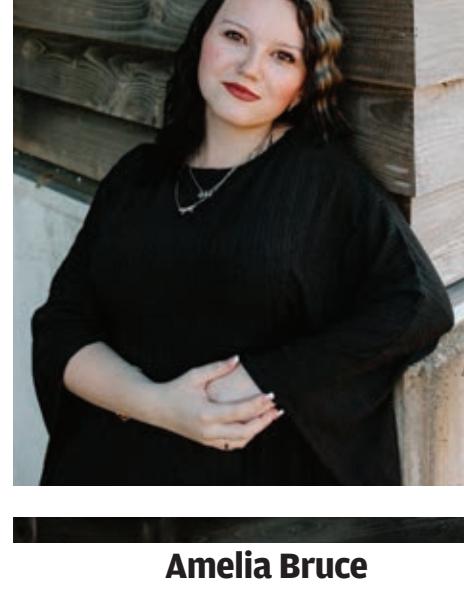
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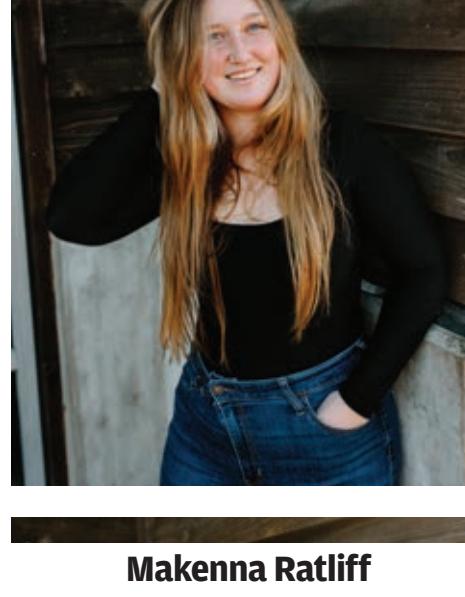
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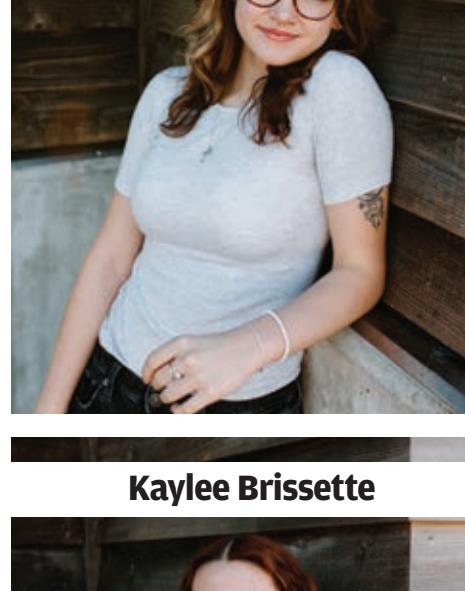
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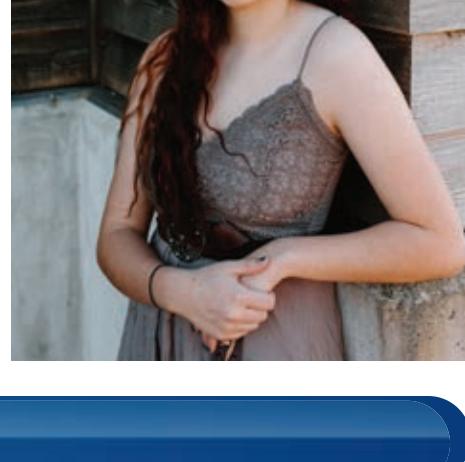
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## SUN & MOON

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