

This year's fest will be all about "Living in Paradise"



Staff Report

The City of Brookings made a series of announcements concerning this year's Azalea Fest. Curry County's summer kick-off staple will return to Brookings from May 22 to 25, filling the area with festive events to start the season off right!

It was announced that this year's theme would be "Living in Paradise," highlighting how lucky we are to call this gorgeous stretch of the Oregon coast home. Congratulations are in order for Dick and Ruth Wilson,

who will have the honor of serving as the 2026 Azalea Festival Grand Marshals. The Wilsons will be celebrating their 56th year as residents of Brookings. Having both served as teachers in the Brookings-Harbor School District, they are well-known to multiple generations of the local community.

The Azalea Festival Pageant and Queen Coronation will take place a couple of weeks before the big event. The pageant will be at the Brookings Elks Lodge at 6 PM, May 2. You can buy a ticket from one of the court

members, or at the door for \$15. Most beloved annual events will be returning this year. The Street Market on Frontage Road will be chock-full this year, with every vendor slot having already been filled. Friday night will see the return of the Friday Night

Dance Party, kicking off the weekend at Azalea Park. Stakeholder events will take place all weekend, including the Kids' Fishing Pond on Saturday morning, and the Curry County Cruisers Car Show on Saturday and Sunday. The Quilt and

Art shows are back, as well as Sunday Airport Day. The Brookings-Harbor Garden Club will be holding their Plant Sale and Flower Show at their botanical garden.

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Country Sheriff rescues an injured visitor on the trail to Secret Beach



FROM THE CURRY COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

On March 15, 2026, at about 1:41 pm, the Curry County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Dispatch received a 911 call from a Glendale, Arizona resident, Misty Osberg (43), reporting that she had fallen on the trail down to Secret Beach, and that she believed her ankle was broken.

Dispatch notified the two on-duty CCSO deputies and an Oregon State Trooper, who then responded. Dispatch also requested Cal Ore Life Flight, along with the Brookings Fire Department. The Curry County SAR team was paged out to respond as well. Secret Beach is about seventeen miles south of Gold Beach off U.S. Highway 101.

First responders located Osberg about three-quarters

of the way down the Secret Beach trail, where a few bystanders were standing by with Osberg. Medical units attended to Osberg's injury, and then Osberg was carried back to the parking lot, where she was transported to Curry General Hospital.

The Curry County Sheriff's Office would like to thank those who assisted in getting Osberg back to the parking lot and to Curry General Hospital.

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Guest Column

HOLY COW! HISTORY:

The Woman Who Crashed D-Day



By J. MARK POWELL
InsideSources.com

Dwight Eisenhower had reached his decision. And when Ike put his foot down, that was the end of things. After all, as the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, personally responsible for planning the largest military invasion in human history, his plate was overflowing with priorities.

But that didn't fly with a feisty 35-year-old newspaper reporter. So when Eisenhower decreed that no women journalists would accompany the initial Allied landings on French beaches during the coming D-Day invasion, Martha Gellhorn shrugged it off. There was no way someone was going to keep her from missing out on

not only the biggest story of the year but one of the biggest of the entire war. She would simply switch to Plan B.

All she had to do now was come up with Plan B.

The daughter of a prominent doctor in St. Louis, Gellhorn was fascinated by world events from an early age. She dropped out of Bryn Mawr College to become a journalist. Writing first for The New Republic, she eventually landed her dream job as a foreign correspondent for United Press in Paris. It turned into a nightmare when a male co-worker sexually harassed her. As so often happened in those decades long before the #MeToo movement, she was fired for reporting it.

Gellhorn was down, but far from out.

After spending a year wandering Europe, writing for newspapers back home, and covering fashion for Vogue magazine, she dabbled in the pacifist movement and even wrote a book about it.

Somewhere along the way, she had managed to become friends with Eleanor Roosevelt. The first lady offered her a job assisting with writing Mrs. Roosevelt's popular "My Day" newspaper column. In fact, she even invited Gellhorn to live in the White House for a while. Talk about having connections!

She later took a job traveling

the country with a New Deal government agency and lost it when a bit of social activism went too far.

And that was when Ernest Hemingway entered her life.

It was a star-crossed romance from the start. They went to Spain together and, in between writing news stories and ducking fascist bullets during that country's civil war, they fell in love.

It was an on-again, off-again relationship for four years until they decided to tie the knot in 1940. It was her first marriage, but Hemingway's third (of four). And although both Hemingways covered World War II, "Papa," as he was nicknamed, increasingly resented Gellhorn's long absences. "Are you a war correspondent or my wife?" he demanded in 1943 as she left their Cuban estate to follow the fighting in Italy.

The breaking point came in the spring of 1944. Husband and wife were in England, though separately, each reporting on mounting tension in the buildup to the anticipated invasion. Hemingway had tried to stop her from reaching Britain. When Gellhorn got there (after a nerve-racking journey through U-boat-infested waters), she told him their marriage was over.

Then came Ike's edict: No women reporters allowed to cover the Allied landings in France.

A marriage that had just failed,

a potentially career-ending dead end. A lot of people would have given up. Not Martha Gellhorn. Ike or no Ike, she was going to Normandy.

She was fully aware of the consequences. Being caught disobeying a general's orders could have landed her in Leavenworth for a long time. And that was the least of it: A civilian caught without permission inside Army ranks would be liable to face espionage charges.

Gellhorn didn't care. The story was too big.

She drove to southern England, persuaded American MPs that she was a nurse who had missed her ride back to the base, and bluffed her way onto a hospital ship. Once onboard, she hid inside a bathroom, hoping against hope she wouldn't be discovered.

Her ruse worked. She made it. Two days later, Gellhorn was in a party that went ashore near Omaha Beach. She worked alongside medics recovering wounded GIs and ferrying them back across the English Channel. Once in port, she jumped ship and wrote what she had seen as the only woman journalist to land at Normandy on June 6.

The military was furious. She was briefly arrested and stripped of her war correspondent credentials. When the brass cooled down, she returned to the front



J. Mark Powell

line in Italy and was among the first journalists to report on the horrors of the Dachau concentration camp when it was liberated. "I followed the war wherever I could reach it," she said later.

Gellhorn and Hemingway divorced in 1945. She married again, raised an adopted son, and covered almost every major conflict in the world over the next 40 years. She was 81 when she reported on the U.S. invasion of Panama in 1990.

A U.S. postage stamp was issued in her honor in 2008, and the prestigious Martha Gellhorn Prize for Journalism continues to perpetuate her remarkable legacy today.

ABOUT THE WRITER
J. Mark Powell is a former television journalist. His non-fiction book "Witness to War: The Story of the Civil War Told by Those Living Through It" is available at jmarkpowell.com. He wrote this for InsideSources.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Since his appointment to the Curry County Board of Commissioners, Lynn Coker has taken on some of the county's most complex and difficult challenges.

He served as moderator of the South County Homeless Town Hall, bringing residents, service providers, law enforcement, and policymakers together to address one of the most pressing issues facing our region. Following that meeting, he continued as the executive contact helping guide stakeholder follow-up and the development of the Curry County "Quality of Life" proposal—an intergovernmental effort now under review by state and county agencies, healthcare organizations, housing planners, law enforcement, the courts, and nonprofit partners.

Commissioner Coker has also provided leadership in

public safety coordination. He represented Curry County on the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, serving as Vice-Chair in 2025 and Chair in 2026. During that time, he helped develop a comprehensive model to better understand the real costs that homelessness and addiction place on local public services.

In other areas of county responsibility, Coker helped protect taxpayers by overseeing legal service coordination that mitigated significant financial risks from unwarranted claims against the county. He also worked with the Oregon Administrative Office of the Courts to secure \$125,000 for courthouse security improvements and supported efforts that brought more than \$1.1 million in federal funding for jail infrastructure upgrades.

Shortly after joining the Board, Coker stepped into the demanding task of helping finalize the county's 2025–2026 budget while supporting a forensic review of several years of county revenue receipts and distributions. He has also represented Curry County in discussions with ODOT to elevate key Highway 101 improvements and has taken a leading role in coordinating the county's response to proposed offshore wind development.

Lynn Coker has shown steady, hands-on leadership and a clear commitment to addressing the challenges facing Curry County.

Trey Littlejohns
Gold Beach

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Azalea

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Concerts will be taking place at the park each day, with Sunday seeing the second annual Brookings' Got Talent competition. Those interested in competing can fill out an application, available on the Azalea Festival website, azaleafestivalbrookingsoregon.com.

The celebrations carry over into Monday this year, with a Memorial Day program planned by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 966. Though the City was sad to say that the F-15 flyover will not be taking place this year, as the jets of the 173rd Fighter Wing have been relocated during the Kingsley Field National Guard Base's transition.



Public invited to share input, ideas for getting Oregon back on track to meet climate targets



Photo by Tom Banse

Portland General Electric's Boardman energy complex in the distance, as seen from Crow Butte across the Columbia River in 2019. Electricity demand from data centers has grown so quickly it could derail the state's 2035 and 2050 climate targets, according to the Oregon Department of Energy.

The public can weigh in on 48 possible actions the state can take to get back on track to reduce greenhouse gas pollution at least 45% by 2035

By: **ALEX BAUMHARDT**
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Energy demand from data centers and rollbacks in federal clean energy policies knocked Oregon off track to meet its climate goals. Now, Oregon energy officials are sharing ideas to meet those targets.

The Oregon Department of Energy on Monday shared 48 possible "gap measures" that could help the state reach 2035 and 2050 greenhouse gas pollution reduction targets. Oregonians have just less than two weeks to comment, provide more ideas and propose scenarios that could impact forecasts that could impact reduction levels. Officials will model the impact of each measure and in June, publish a report showing which actions could have the greatest effect.

Then-Gov. Kate Brown established Oregon's targets to reduce plan-

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Curry County Commissioner race locked in for May ballot, Brookings-Harbor School District seeks bond measure



Lynn Coker – Lynn Coker



Jeremy Dumire – Jeremy Dumire

By NATE SCHWARTZ

There has already been a lot of discourse on the Pilot's opinion page over the upcoming election for position one on the Curry County Board of Commissioners, with candidates making their pitches and receiving support from community members. The race will see incumbent Lynn Coker (R) facing challenges from Jeremy Dumire (I) and Jeffery Schoonover (D) after candidate filing ended on March 10.

Coker is looking to retain his position on the board after being appointed to his seat in the Spring of 2025. Former Brookings Mayor Issac Hodges recanted his acceptance of the position, leaving a vacancy which the remaining commissioners subsequently filled following a formal interview process. The commissioners stated he "stood out due to his diverse experience and strong leadership vision", according to official county communications at the time.

Coker attended Wichita State University, earning a bachelor's in Political Science and Sociology and a Master's in Political Science from the same university. In his career, Coker boasts 20 years of experience in commercial real estate and 25 years of experience in communications with large organizations. He has made the County's recent success in passing a balanced budget a point of pride for his campaign.

"Coker has also prioritized achievable housing solutions, modernized land-use rules, and a practical approach to economic development that supports working families while respecting community character," stated a release from his campaign.

Dumire has deep ties to the South Coast, having attended Powers High School, and has served a number of roles within county government in

public safety-related roles. He started as a wildland firefighter, engine boss, and instructor with the Coos Forest Protective Association, for which he received certification from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group. He received another certification for public safety standards ahead of his role as a deputy and training officer for Curry County's corrections division.

His most recent role was as Emergency Manager for Curry County. He has previously been elected to the Gold Beach Little League board, where he and his wife have supported local youth for the past five years.

"Fiscal stewardship is a cornerstone of Dumire's campaign. He describes himself as fiscally conservative and is committed to being a responsible steward of taxpayers' hard-earned dollars. He believes the Board of Commissioners should function as a working board -engaged, informed, and accountable," stated a release from the Dumire campaign.

Schoonover is listed as having filed for candidacy via the county's election portal, but there has not been much discourse around his campaign. He attended Lewis-Clark State College in the

English department and claims 25 years of experience in purchasing and procurement in both the public and private sectors.

Brookings-Harbor School District Bond Measure 8-118

The Brookings-Harbor School District is seeking a bond measure to secure a large grant from the state. The state has awarded the district \$6.1 million in matching funds, with the money available only if the measure passes successfully.

The measure would levy an estimated 55 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, with bonds issued in principle for no more than \$12.5 million over 10 years. Funds would go directly to capital costs within the district. The measure would allocate funds to repairs and improvements in many areas: aging school infrastructure, such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and roofing, pedestrian safety enhancements at the elementary school, and ADA compliance, among other upgrades.

The measure also states that the district would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure that all funds are allocated for their stated purposes.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DAILY

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

WEDNESDAYS

- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am – 10:30 am and 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm.
- Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 10:30 - 11:00 am absolute beginners, 11:00 – 12:00 pm improver, 12:00 - 1:00 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.
- Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.
- Afterschool Program, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm. School aged kids are welcome to come by the library for a free snack and to hang out, work on homework, or craft using supplies from the Maker cart.
- Recorders, Chetco Activity Center, 1:00pm – 2:30 pm. Bring your recorder(s) and a music stand. Music will be provided.

THURSDAYS

- Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm. Closed on Thanksgiving.
- 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. For this class it is recommended that participants be able to comfortably get up and down from the floor.
- Rowdy Creek String Band (open rehearsal), Chetco Library: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. A friendly open rehearsal for acoustic string instrument players. Not a string instrument player? Drop in and listen.
- Checkmate Corner, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. A weekly chess club for players of all ages and skill levels. Can't bring your own set? Extra game boards are available.
- Recreational Table Tennis, 102 Park Street, Brookings: 6:30 pm. Love a good rally? Join us. For intermediate players who enjoy fast, friendly matches and great company. Bring your paddle and hope to see you soon.
- Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 10:30 - 11:00 am absolute beginners, 11:00 – 12:00 pm improver, 12:00 - 1:00 pm intermediate.

FRIDAYS

- Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm. Closed Friday after Thanksgiving.
- 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: 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am – 10:30 am.
- Threads, Hooks, & Needles, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. A fiber arts club for knitters, sewers, and more. Bring your latest project and connect with other fiber artists over light refreshments in the Makerspace.
- Teens Teach Tech, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Drop by the Library Annex with your device or tech questions and get help from a trained Cyber-Senior Technology Mentor. Our mentors are young people who have been trained to teach technology to older adults and are standing by to help with your smart phone, iPad or computer. This free service is presented in partnership with Harmony & Me Music.

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

MONDAYS

- Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 10:30 - 11:00 am absolute beginners, 11:00 – 12:00 pm improver, 12:00 - 1:00 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, 12:15 pm, Chetco Activity Center
- Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge, 6 pm – 8 pm. Donations requested.
- Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and simple crafts for young children.
- Tween Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Youth ages 10-13 are welcome to hang out and explore new interests and activities every week.
- 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. Registration recommended, but team signups are allowed the day of if space allows.
- Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 10:30 - 11:00 am absolute beginners, 11:00 – 12:00 pm improver, 12:00 - 1:00 pm intermediate.
- Ukuleles, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Bring your uke and a music stand. Music will be provided.

MARCH 27

- Bingo, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Drive: 11:00 am. Early Bird - 3 games for \$3. Regular - 13 games for \$10. Lunch available for \$10. Free screen when a non-perishable item is donated for the Brookings food bank.
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg documentary, SWOCC Curry Campus: 12:00 pm. A compelling documentary on the life of the remarkable Justice Ginsburg. A true warrior against gender discrimination, her legacy is her unmatched courage and tenacity. This 2019 film runs for 46 minutes.

MARCH 30

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Sealed bids for the construction of the 2024 Highway 101 SRTS Improvements for the City of Brookings (Owner) will be received by **2:00 pm PDT April 8, 2026**. A virtual bid opening will be held at the day and time of the bid closing utilizing GoToMeeting™. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: The Dyer Partnership (541) 269-0732. Bidding Documents are available at www.questcdn.com, **QuestCDN Project No. 10113017**. Bids will ONLY be

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received and accepted through QuestCDN. Prospective bidders must be on the QuestCDN planholders list for bids to be accepted and receipt of Addenda. For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

The project consists of: Construct approximately 397 lineal feet of new curb and gutter, 2,412 square feet of sidewalk, 147 lineal feet of type C curb, 20 lineal feet of modified type C curb, 91 square feet of concrete block retaining wall, and 11 concrete access ramps. Improvements include approximately 220 cubic yards of roadway excavation, 470 square yards of subgrade geotextile fabric, 260 tons of asphalt concrete pavement, 480 tons of aggregate base, and foundation stabilization, as required. Construct approximately 10 lineal feet of new 12-inch storm drain, 61 lineal feet of new 8-inch storm drain, three (3) type G2 catch basins, 6 lineal feet of 6-inch ductile iron water line, one (1) 6-inch restrained joint transition coupling, and one (1) fire hydrant assembly. Construct two (2) mast arm mount Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) systems with street luminaires, three (3) decorative light poles and luminaires, electrical service connection for the RRFB and street lights, electrical service connection for the decorative lights, junction boxes, conduits installed by horizontal directional drilling, conduits installed by standard trenching, conductors, controller system cabinet, service cabinet, signs, and other miscellaneous items. Other work includes demolition work, temporary protection and direction of traffic, excavation and embankment, ac pavement removal, curb / curb and gutter removal, concrete surface removal, relocating signs with new posts and hardware, storm drain connections to existing structures, thermoplastic crosswalks and stop bars, thermoplastic arrows, new signs, landscaping, and other miscellaneous items. Bids not fully completed in accordance with the Instructions

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to Bidders will not be considered. A Bid Security executed in favor of the Owner in the amount of not less than 10% of the total amount of the Bid is required. Per ORS 279C.385 (2), Bid Security is to be forfeited as fixed and liquidated damages should the Bidder neglect or refuse to enter into a Contract and provide suitable insurance certificates, bonds, and other required documents for the faithful performance of the work in the event the Bidder is awarded the Contract. A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held. Each Bidder must submit a First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form, Evidence of Authority to Sign Bid, and Evidence to do Business in the State within two working hours of the time for receipt of the Bid. Contractors and all subcontractors shall pay at least the state prevailing rate of wage as determined under ORS 279C.815. ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 will be administered and enforced in accordance with state law and regulations. Work under this Contract will be partially funded with SRTS Grants. No Bid will be received or considered by the Owner unless the Bid contains: 1) a statement that Bidder will comply with the provisions of 40 USC 276a and ORS 279C.840 and 2) a statement as to whether the Bidder is a resident Bidder as defined in ORS 279A.120. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive all informalities, and to accept such Bids that in the opinion of the Owner are in the best interest of the Owner. Dated this 13th day of March 2026.

Owner: City of Brookings
By: Tony Baron
Title: Public Works and Development Services Director
3/25/2026 Pilot 424725

Abandoned Vehicle Notice ORS 98.830

Re: 2012 Volkswagen Jetta CC SPORT 2.0 Silver
Vin: WVVMP7AN8CE551719
A) With this notice vehicle may be towed if not removed.
B) Vehicle is currently located at 16098 King St, Brookings OR 97415.
C) Property owner has complied with A) and B) as above.

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Action shall be effective for lien sale on April 10, 2026. For information contact Richard Wise 541-661-0899 3/25 & 4/1/2026 Pilot 424734

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE PACIFIC COAST STORAGE LLC
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541-469-2188

On Thursday, March 26th, at 3 pm the contents of units owned by Michelle Ricos (C-30) will be sold to foreclose liens for non-payment of rent and any expenses of this sale in accordance with ORS 87.685. Bids may be submitted online at WWW.STORAGETREASURES.COM 3/18 & 3/25/2026 Pilot 424416

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Cape Ferrello Rural Fire Protection District of Curry County, in the State of OR, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Fire Hall at 96349 Cape Ferrello Rd, Brookings, OR on April 8th at 5:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed program with the Budget Committee. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes of a respectful presentation. A copy of the budget document may be viewed on or after April 1st in the covered entry to the Fire Hall 3/25 & 4/1/2026 Pilot 424636

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Is the actress playing Lexie on “Days of Our Lives” the same one who played her years ago? I know the character was killed off, but I’m thinking this is a different actress, too. — *K.B.*

A. Renee Jones played Lexie Carver on the daytime soap “Days of Our Lives” from 1993-2012 until she decided to retire from acting. The character was killed off until now, 24 years later, when Lexie was resurrected by Dr. Rolf (William Utay) for what is sure to be nefarious purposes. Her husband, Abe (James Reynolds), will be in for a big surprise whenever she does reveal herself, especially since he’s now married to the town’s mayor Paulina, who’s played by Jackee Harry.

Nikki Crawford, a Tony-nominated actress who’s had numerous guest-starring television credits over the years, has been cast in the role. She told TV Insider that the character’s identity was kept secret when she auditioned for the role. Like many seasoned actors who take on their first daytime soap role, Crawford was impressed with the fast pace of filming but did find it daunting at first.

“Days” is now exclusively found on the streaming service Peacock after spending an impressive 57 years on NBC.

Q. I saw that Timothee Chalamet has upset artists and fans of ballet and opera with his lack of appreciation for it. They said that it will probably cost him the Oscar this year, but hadn’t voting already ended at this point? — *V.D.*

A. The ballot deadline for this year’s Academy Award nominees ended on March 5. The remarks that you’re referring to aired on CNN during a town hall that was held at the University of Texas on Feb. 21, with special guests Matthew McConaughey and Timothee Chalamet. It definitely could have affected voters’ opinions.

His remarks? Well, he shot himself in the foot when he said, “I don’t want to be working in ballet or opera or things where it’s like, ‘Hey, keep this thing alive, even though like no one cares about this anymore.’”



Courtesy of CBS
Nikki Crawford
 (“Days of Our Lives”)

Chalamet is a huge basketball and WWE wrestling fan, and these art forms just aren’t his jam. He’s allowed to have his opinion, but people are also allowed to not vote for him should they so choose.

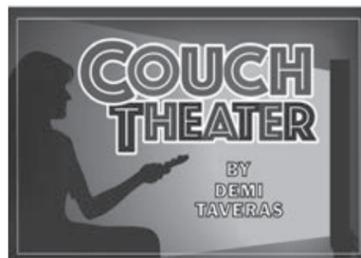
Q. What ever happened to the “Community” movie? I thought it would have been out by now. — *S.S.*

A. The cult classic NBC comedy series “Community” ended a decade ago. Danny Pudi’s character, Abed, famously once predicted that his favorite show, “The Cape,” would have “six seasons and a movie.” When “Community” itself ended after six seasons, this quote became the rallying cry of fans of the show, who wanted more after their beloved series was canceled.

According to Entertainment Weekly, in 2024, Peacock greenlit a “Community” movie. The writers’ and actors’ strikes that originally stalled the project are now over, too, but one of the actors’ projects got in the way. This is likely to keep happening with such a talented cast that includes Joel McHale, Alison Brie and Donald Glover.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com.

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“The 98th Academy Awards” (TV-PG) — Award season has come to an end for the time being, and the race to the Oscars this year was one of the more interesting ones we’ve had in past years. With Jessie Buckley (“Hamnet”) being the only obvious shoo-in for her respective category, the other categories have swung in every which way depending on the award show. What is certain is that Ryan Coogler’s “Sinners,” at 16 nominations, now holds the record of having the most noms in Oscar history, surpassing films like “Titanic” (1997) and “La La Land” (2016). Best Casting was a new category this year, and Conan O’Brien came back to host the ceremony for the second consecutive time. Stream the ceremony at your leisure now! (Hulu)

“Peaky Blinders: The Immortal Man” (R) — Cillian Murphy is back in the breakout role that led him to stardom for this crime-drama film that premieres on March 20. Taking place in 1940, approximately seven years after where the series leaves off, the sequel picks up as the order of the Peaky Blinders is up and running again under the leadership of Thomas Shelby’s (Murphy) chaos-loving son, Duke (Barry Keoghan). Although Thomas himself is living in “self-imposed exile” in the countryside, he returns to Birmingham after it’s been bombed by the Nazis during World War II. Simultaneously, he’s drawn back into the past he left behind for the sake of the war. Rebecca Ferguson (“Mercy”) and Tim Roth (“260 Days”) co-star. (Netflix)

“Imperfect Women” (TV-MA) — This new psychological thriller series

premiering March 18 is led by three actresses who have each been in iconic TV shows throughout their careers: Elisabeth Moss (“The Handmaid’s Tale”), Kerry Washington (“Scandal”), and Kate Mara (“House of Cards”). They play a trio of friends whose dynamic completely shifts when one of the women, Nancy (Mara), is found dead. With Nancy’s mysterious and sudden death comes secrets from all parties that bubble up to the surface, including a not-so-platonic connection between her husband, Robert (Joel Kinnaman), and friend Eleanor (Washington). This is definitely not a girls’ night you’d want to be a part of! The first two episodes are out now, with the following six releasing every Wednesday. (Apple TV+)



Courtesy of Apple TV+

Elisabeth Moss, left, and Kerry Washington star in “Imperfect Women.”

“Young Sherlock” (TV-14) — Hero Fiennes Tiffin, most notably known for starring in the “After” romance films, takes on the role of the English detective we all know and love - but as the 19-year-old version of him. Not quite the seasoned detective we’ve seen Robert Downey Jr. or Henry Cavill play, this Sherlock Holmes is at Oxford University and swears that his days of larceny and stealing are truly behind him. Although Sherlock promises his mother that he’ll stay out of trouble, it naturally finds him when he’s found at the crime scene of a murder at his very university. So, he’s forced to figure out a way to prove his innocence, which will undoubtedly sharpen his ingenious sleuthing skills. All eight episodes are available to stream now. (Amazon Prime Video)

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Oregon gas tax opponents file another lawsuit in federal court

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Fast Fact
Filing comes less than a week after a Marion County judge ruled the gas tax question will remain on May ballot.

Opponents of gas tax hikes are once again suing the state of Oregon over a law that rescheduled the date of a gas tax referendum from November to May.

The Right to Vote on the Gas Tax Political Action Committee — organized by Sen. Bruce Starr, R-Dundee; Rep. Ed Diehl, R-Scio, and the Taxpayer Association of founder Jason Williams — filed a new lawsuit Tuesday in the U.S. District Court of Oregon in Portland one week after a Marion County judge denied their original claims, ruling that the gas tax vote would remain on the May ballot.

The lawsuit alleges Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read violated the First and 14th amendments of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the Americans with Disability Act because it didn't provide Oregonians with enough time to collect the 500 signatures needed to get an argument into the Oregon Voters'

Pamphlet before the March 12 deadline if they can't pay the alternative \$1,200 fee.

"Oregonians were told they have a voice, then the state put a \$1,200 price tag on it," Diehl said in a statement. "That's not democracy. That's a pay-to-play system designed to shut out ordinary citizens."

Four people and an unspecified number of unidentified people who intended to file arguments but missed the March 12 deadline are also listed as plaintiffs.

"We will continue to follow the law as it is set out by the Constitution, the legislature and the courts," Read said in a statement. "We hope this issue will be resolved quickly because there are rapidly approaching deadlines for elections officials to produce the voters' pamphlet in a timely manner."

The lawsuit stems from when Oregon Democrats on March 2 secured enough votes to pass a law rescheduling the date Oregon voters can approve or reject parts of a controversial 2025 transportation law that would raise the gas tax by six cents, double the payroll tax used for public transit and increase title and registration fees.

No Republican in either chamber supported the bill. Just one Democratic senator



and five House Democrats voted against it. Gov. Tina Kotek signed the bill into law immediately.

Lawmakers blew past a Feb. 25 suggested deadline

Read gave them to pass the law to allow time for Oregonians to collect signatures. The lawsuit says Read admitted that lawmakers compressed the timeline for Oregonians to include their arguments in the voter pamphlet after missing the deadline.

"Senate Bill 1599A collapsed the existing statutory framework meant to provide robust public processes related to explanatory and fiscal statements, racial impact statements, and avenues for citizens to engage in pure

political speech," the lawsuit reads.

The plaintiff's claims are similar to those made by Mary Martin, a disabled senior living in Klamath Falls who filed a lawsuit in federal court and argued that the state violated federal disability rights by requiring she quickly submit 500 signatures or pay the \$1,200. The judge in that case ordered Read to let her submit her argument against the measure without a fee or gathering signatures.

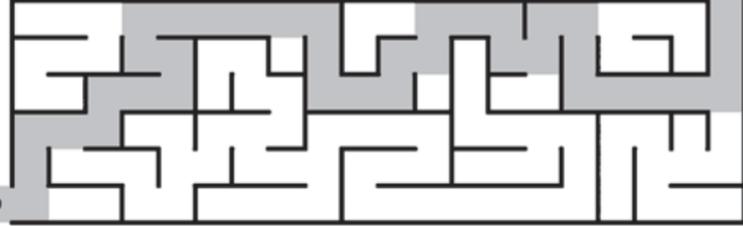
Tuesday's lawsuit is at least the fourth lawsuit filed after lawmakers changed the

date of the gas tax referendum, the Statesman Journal first reported.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/03/18/oregon-gas-tax-opponents-file-another-lawsuit-in-federal-court/>

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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 03/09:

- 1:41 Dawson Rd, fire alarm
- 4:27 Wedderburn Loop, unauthorized use of a vehicle
- 9:45 Shopping Center Ave, traffic crash
- 11:09 Chetco Point Ter, criminal trespass
- 12:34 Easy St, theft of services
- 17:09 Hwy 101, theft
- 21:27 Fifield St, disorderly conduct
- 22:01 Old County Rd, loud noise
- 22:18 Zia and Dawson, dispute/fight
- 22:59 Lucky Ln, fire alarm

Tuesday 03/10:

- 6:27 Fifield St, disorderly conduct
- 8:44 Chetco Ave, warrant service
- 9:14 Chetco Ave, illegal camping
- 14:54 Fern Ave, civil problem
- 15:09 Chetco Ave, dispute/fight
- 17:48 5th St, assault
- 20:08 Mill Beach, loud noise
- 21:31 Mill Beach, loud noise

Wednesday 03/11:

- 7:02 Mill Beach Rd, illegal camping
- 7:06 North Bank Chetco River Rd, illegal camping
- 12:09 Fifield St, criminal trespass
- 15:24 Oak St, alarm

Thursday 03/12:

- 9:38 near Harris Beach Rest Area, hit & run
- 13:19 2nd St, theft
- 18:52 Smith Dr, civil problem
- 19:35 Boat Basin Road, criminal mischief
- 21:14 Mill Beach, loud noise

Friday 03/13:

- 2:41 Mill Beach, loud noise
- 4:58 Boat Basin Rd, dispute/fight

Saturday 03/14:

- 9:35 Alderwood Ln, theft
- 11:15 Memory Ln, disorderly conduct
- 12:06 Hemlock St, disorderly conduct
- 13:57 Cove Rd, illegal camping
- 14:12 Glenwood Dr, civil problem
- 14:45 N 2nd and Hassett, violation of city ordinance
- 16:11 5th St, criminal trespass
- 17:37 Spruce and Oak, disorderly conduct
- 17:52 Lower Harbor Rd, illegal burn
- 18:03 Mill Beach, loud noise
- 18:22 Chetco at, disorderly conduct
- 23:36 Moore St, loud noise

Sunday 03/15:

- 1:02 5th St, alarm
- 13:01 Del Norte Ln, juvenile problem
- 14:13 Hoffeldt and 101, traffic crash
- 14:59 Moore St, disorderly conduct
- 15:21 Fred Meyer, threats
- 16:39 Ransom ave, dispute/fight
- 18:57 Chetco Ave, theft
- 19:40 Birch St, criminal trespass

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541-469-2313

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Saturday Spanish Mass...6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....8:30 a.m.
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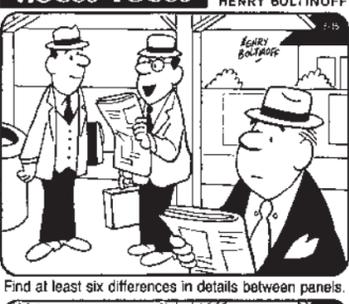
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This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: C equals E

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 WSZ OGHDU LIW G JIL
 PCIADGEH US UDC ADSGP.

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1 Banner
 5 Invoice fig.
 8 Experts
 12 Earring site
 13 Brit's restroom
 14 Carry on
 15 Capital of Paraguay
 17 Slender weapon
 18 Rationed (out)
 19 Urges forward
 21 "La Dolce —"
 24 Granola morsel
 25 Luke's teacher
 28 Folklore monster
 30 Mel of Cooperstown
 33 "Caught ya!"
 34 Welcome
 35 Bankroll
 36 "Tasty!"
 37 Give temporarily
 38 Burden
 39 Navarro on "The View"
 41 Mausoleum
 43 Continue
 46 Skiers' mecca
 50 Bank statement no.
 51 Capital of India

DOWN

1 Two-stroke drumbeat
 2 Misplace
 3 Border on
 4 Swiss metropolis
 5 Foreman foe
 6 Cattle call
 7 Author
 8 Venezuelan corn patty
 9 Capital of South Africa
 10 Daring Knieval
 11 Beholds
 16 Roman 401 brand
 22 Ripped
 23 Rep
 25 Candied veggie
 26 Resistance unit
 27 Capital of Syria
 29 Make over

31 Sigma follower
 32 QBs' goals
 34 Glitzy rock genre
 38 Fixate
 40 Peculiar
 42 Irrate
 43 Grate
 44 Canyon comeback
 45 Concludes
 47 Conspiracy
 48 Barak of Israel
 49 Guitarist
 52 Rock producer Brian
 53 Method

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Weekly SUDOKU

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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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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Who is the director of the Oscar-winning movie "Parasite"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is miso?
- LITERATURE: What are the names of the romantic couple in "Wuthering Heights"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which city's nickname is "Pearl of the Orient"?
- HISTORY: In what year were the first modern Olympic Games held?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Before becoming president, Barack Obama served as a senator from which state?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which peninsula is the largest in the world?
- MYTHOLOGY: Who is the Greek god of war?
- MUSIC: Who composed the opera "The Ring of Nibelung"?
- ACRONYMS: In computer emails, what does the acronym "CC" stand for?

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Agamer's advantage
 Tall structure
 Last option on some surveys
 Belonging to them
 Robber
 Go from second to third

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

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SIXES

Today's Word

1. Worsen; 2. Ter solution
 3. Erase; 4. Exit

SCRAMBLERS

S	H	I	F	T
T	H	E	I	F
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2	3	8	6	1	4	7	2	5
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Answer

King Crossword

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

F	L	A	G	A	M	T	A	C	E	S
L	O	B	E	L	O	O	R	A	V	E
A	S	U	N	C	I	O	N	E	P	E
M	E	T	E	D	I	M	P	E	L	S
V	I	T	A	O	R	E	O	A	T	
Y	O	D	A	O	G	R	E	E	O	T
A	H	A	G	R	E	E	T	W	A	D
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A	C	C	T	N	E	W	D	E	L	I
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S	T	D	S							

1. Bong Joon Ho
 2. Fermented soybean paste
 3. Heathcliff and Catherine
 4. Manila, Philippines
 5. 1896 in Greece
 6. Illinois
 7. Arabian Peninsula
 8. Ares
 9. Richard Wagner
 10. Carbon Copy (once used in type-writers)

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South Coast environmental groups to hold meetings for feedback on a push for constitutional protections

PRESS RELEASE

Oregonians are rightfully proud of our unique and beautiful state. Indeed, so committed are we to this delightful corner of the universe that many of us probably think that the health and safety of our environment is constitutionally protected. This is not the case!

The Public Trust Doctrine, which dates from ancient Roman Law, asserts that sovereigns and governments have a duty to manage natural resources (our land, water, air and ecosystems) for the ongoing benefit of the public. We currently

protect our environment through laws established by the legislature, interpreted by the courts, and enforced by state agencies. State agencies then enforce the regulations. However, we enjoy no explicit constitutional guarantee to the safe and healthy environment that we would like to maintain or restore. Accordingly, the Oregon Coalition for an Environmental Rights Amendment (OCERA) argues that we should consider enshrining such a right into our state Constitution to secure a sustainable, prosperous future.

The question before us is this: Is there a reason for

Oregonians to support a Constitutional Amendment to enshrine for us the right to a safe and healthy environment? Mel Martin, OCERA Coordinator, will join Southern Oregon Climate Action Now in three public meetings in Curry County on Thursday & Friday, April 16 and 17, to explore this question and seek comments and stories from Southwestern Oregonians about how climate change and such an amendment might affect them.

Rather than a traditional lecture, this gathering will center on community voices, questions, and concerns about what environmental rights mean in practice and

how constitutional protections could shape climate policy, accountability, and long-term stewardship. The session is designed to inform future advocacy while ensuring community perspectives help guide the conversation.

The three programs in Curry County are:

- Thursday, April 16 at the Port Orford library between 2:00 & 3:00 pm.
- Friday, April 17 at the Gold Beach Public Library between 2:00 & 3:00 pm.
- Friday, April 17 at the Curry Campus of Southwestern Oregon Community College in the Community Room between 5:30 & 6:30 pm.



These meetings are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Port Orford or Gold Beach Libraries or the Southwestern Oregon

Community College District. For more information and updates visit: <https://socan.eco/general-meeting-oceras-listening-tour>.

Climate

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et-warming greenhouse gas emissions via executive order in 2020. It requires state leaders and agencies to take action and adopt policies to get Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions to 45% below 1990 levels by 2035 and 80% below 1990 levels by 2050.

Until recently, the state was on track to meet those targets, according to 2023 energy department modeling. But in October, department officials reported that given the massive rise in energy demand for data centers and Trump administration rollbacks of federal clean energy policies and fuel economy standards for cars, the state wouldn't hit its 2035 goals until 2037.

Alan Zelenka, assistant director for energy planning and innovation at Oregon's energy

department, said the 2023 report didn't model the impacts of data centers on statewide energy demand.

"It's kind of a good metric of how fast this conversation is going with data centers, and how fast the AI conversation is going — when we were talking about this two and a half years ago it wasn't even in the conversation, now it's a big part of it," he said. "We've seen growth in data centers, but the explosion is going to happen in the next five to 10-year period. We've got over 150 data centers in Oregon already."

Zelenka said it's likely the impacts of clean energy rollbacks from the Trump administration will be temporary on Oregon's long term climate planning and pollution targets.

"I say that with confidence, because climate change is going to get worse and we're going to

see the impacts of that against the rhetoric coming out of the federal administration," he said. "Secondly, it's the economics that are driving this. The cheapest resources we have are solar, wind and batteries, not nuclear power, not gas, not coal."

Closing the gap

Among the ideas for closing the gap are reducing livestock methane emissions, reducing the use of nitrogen-based fertilizer, adopting more hydrogen-fueled trains and ships, getting electric heat pumps and water heaters in all newly built homes by 2045 and reducing Oregonians' beef and pork consumption 50% by 2050, shifting instead to seafood.

"Some of them are more ambitious in terms of their goals, but this is also sort of why we're looking for feedback over the next couple of weeks," said Jamshed Suntoke, head of the energy

department's Climate Team. "We're looking for experts from across the state to weigh in."

Any action that would require changes to state laws or require bigger budgets for state agencies will be up to lawmakers. Most of the options build on existing climate programs and policies, Zelenka said, and many build on the state's new 25-year Energy Strategy. That strategy prioritizes investment in building, transportation and industrial energy efficiency, as well as growing existing clean energy infrastructure, instead of massive new investments in new energy infrastructure, such as nuclear reactors.

Energy department officials solicited the 48 ideas during the fall from staff at other state agencies. They also received hypotheticals to model, such as: what would happen if far fewer people buy electric vehicles than previously predicted during the

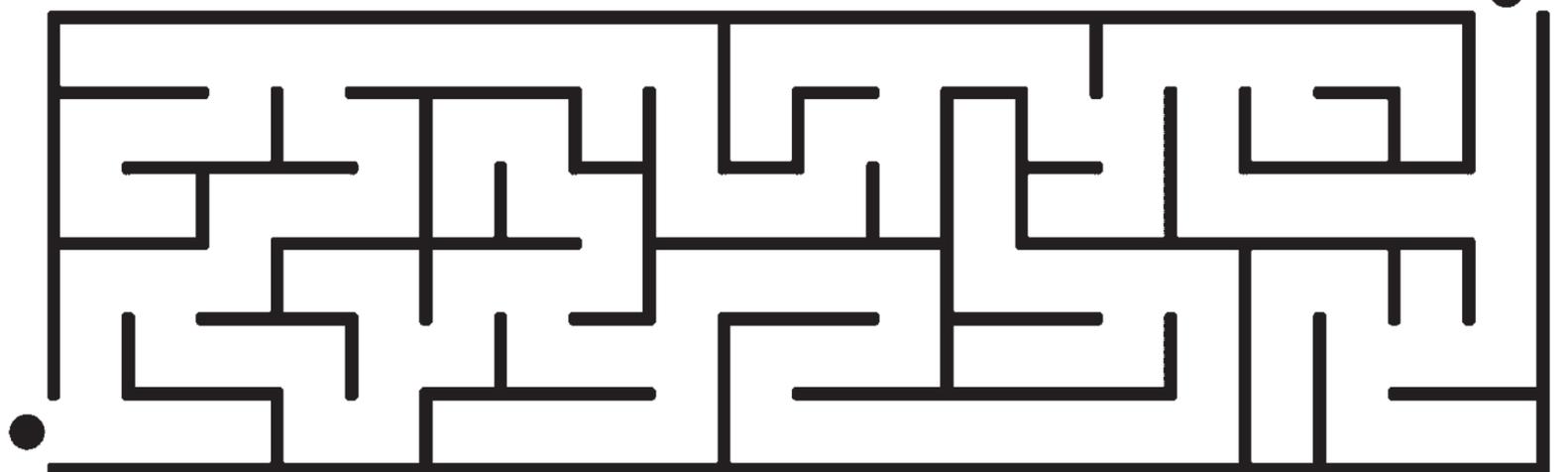
next 10 years? They invited the public to submit possible future scenarios for modeling as well.

Email OCAC@energy.oregon.gov by 5 p.m. on March 27 to comment on the energy department's ideas to help the state meet targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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