

2026 Curry County Pitch Night showcases innovation

For the Pilot

On June 12, entrepreneurs, community leaders, investors, and supporters gathered at Mr. Ed's Underground Pub in Port Orford for the 2026 Curry County Pitch Night, hosted by the South Coast Development Council (SCDC) and the Southwest Oregon Innovation Hub. More than a competition, Pitch Night serves as a platform for entrepreneurs to gain visibility, refine their business strategies, and connect with mentors, investors, and fellow innovators.

2026 Curry County Pitch Night Winners

1st Place: Jenn Head / Synsera Systems

2nd Place: Carrie Climer / Oceanfront Ceramics

3rd Place: Kyle Casteel / Autoris Ai

4th Place: Zack Martin / Tactical Adaptability Group

5th Place: Ashley McGehee / Legends Arcade

Audience Choice Award: Carrie Climer / Oceanfront Ceramics

SCDC extends its gratitude to the judges, sponsors, volun-



teers, partners, and community members who helped make the event a success. Most importantly, congratulations to all of the entrepreneurs who stepped forward to share their vision and invest in the future of Oregon's South Coast.



Nation celebrates \$3.5 million Head Start expansion

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The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation on Wednesday, July 22, celebrated the completion of the 7,500-square-foot addition to its Head Start Early Learning Program facility in Smith River, Calif. The ribbon cutting for the \$3.5 million expansion project was attended by dozens of Tribal Citizens and staff along with Tribal Council and federal government dignitaries.

"This project is a model of teamwork and effort to meet the need for culturally appropriate early learning for infants and toddlers," said Tribal Councilmember Amanda O'Connell during the ceremony. "Please join me in recognizing our various departments — especially planning, finance, and education — as well as our funding partners, construction crews and subcontractors. This project is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of everyone who has long sought improved educational opportunities for our children."

Commissioners allege Sheriff's Office used \$390K in off-book donations for personal assets

Staff Report

In an official release on July 27, the Curry County Board of Commissioners alleged that tax documentation from the John G Atkins Foundation show that \$390,000 in donations to the Curry County Sheriff's Office went unreported between 2009 and 2023. The county states that there was no record of the funds being received before they went to purchases made by former and current sheriffs John Bishop and John Ward.

The county insists that, under normal protocol, funds of this nature would be put into restricted accounts to be disbursed during normal budget proceedings I order to ensure that all spending was on the up-and-up.

The County maintains that despite there being a paper trail for the donations via the IRS and John G Atkins Foundations' records, the County had no indication that the funds had been donated, let alone used, during both Sheriffs' tenures.

"According to Foundation records provided to the County, the donated funds were used to purchase vehicles that are titled to individuals, specifically former Sheriff John Bishop and current Sheriff John Ward. Miscellaneous equipment is reported that cannot be located, along with a permanent building located at John Ward's residence," stated the County.

According to the release, the County found approximately \$75,000 in donations used during Bishop's time in the office via publicly available 990 tax forms. It is alleged that he purchased the

following:

- A 22-foot jet boat (\$28,000) and Honda boat motor (\$3,000)
- A 6-foot grill and 9-foot grill trailer with accessories (\$8,681)
- A 2013 Polaris RZR (\$18,399) and accessories (\$1,736), not titled to the County
- A retirement party, including DJ, custom cake, dinners, and tent (\$15,033)

After retiring from the CCSO in 2014, Bishop would become the Executive Director of the Oregon State Sherri's Association. He would plead guilty to First-Degree Theft after being caught embezzling funds from the organization in 2019.

Ward would replace Bishop in 2014 and, according to the County and foundation records, made \$125,000 in purchases with donated funds:

- A 48' x 36' metal shop/ warehouse with a concrete permanent foundation and electrical service, approximately \$53,000 in total, built at Sheriff Ward's personal residential property. County review found the construction permits were obtained by Ward in his personal capacity and paid with his personal check.
- A 2017 31-foot Cougar travel trailer (\$29,880), titled to Ward personally
- A 2014 Kawasaki Jet Ski (\$11,199)
- A 6x12 trailer (\$3,396) and a 2023 Polaris with warranty (\$28,500)

According to the County, the over \$200,000 accounted for through the foundation leaves a

further \$90,000 unaccounted for. The County reiterated that it was unaware of the funds.

"This was not the result of abstract bookkeeping lapses, these assets were not identified in County records, nor were any insured, which would be required for use of those assets during any potential official search and rescue efforts or for any Sheriff's Office operations," stated the County.

The County referenced the recently closed investigation (April 2026) into Ward's department purchasing and distributing ammunition as an indication that improper spending for personal use is a pattern in the Sheriff's Office. The ammunition purchase has been referred to the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, though has not borne any action as of writing.

At the end of the release, County Commissioner Jay Trost made a lengthy statement:

"We have received documents that indicate that our current and previous Sheriff used monies identified on tax documents as donations to Curry County Sheriff's Office and Curry County Search and Rescue for personal gain both materially and financially. As stated in a recent Oregon Roundup investigative report, these actions were planned and executed with full intention to not disclose anything to any Board of Commissioners or the community from 2009 to 2023.

"It is difficult to comprehend

that corruption of this magnitude is possible at the local level, and we are dedicated to rooting it out. Questioning the integrity of those who were elected and sworn to uphold the Office of Sheriff is understandably not a popular process, but as we see now, it is a necessary one. It is clear now that the attempts to gain signatures to recall two commissioners, filing a false bar complaint against the County Counsel and refusal to follow the recent Curry County Circuit Court Declaratory Judgment were merely attempts to subvert accountability.

"We understand that although this process isn't over, it is likely that more will be found in the coming weeks. It is difficult to grasp that the very individuals charged with keeping us all safe and who have been consistently telling everyone they have no money to do so, enriched themselves as opposed to improving the office they swore to uphold."

In addition to posting many of the receipts, invoices and other documentation through official channels, the County has declared it has referred the matter to the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Oregon Government Ethics Commission, and Curry County District Attorney.

"The County will be seeking civil remedies to restore and protect the public's interests," closed the County's statement.

This is the latest probe in what has become a long-standing feud between the County Commission and Sheriff's Office.

As a sovereign nation, the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation provides quality educational opportunities to tribal children in Del Norte and Curry County. The completion of the new building enables the Nation's Education Department to provide childcare and educational services year-round for up to 16 children ages 0-3, including pregnant mothers. The expansion compliments the Nation's existing Head Start program, which continues to serve children ages 3 to 5 years old and includes a year-round program.

The new addition includes classrooms, a conference space where teachers and parents can discuss Individual Educational Plans for children, activity and social gathering space, meeting space for the Parent Advisory Committee, meals, storage and separate wings for each program.

The Nation expanded the Head Start program because many of the families with enrolled children do not have placement for their children under the age of 3. This creates a barrier for employment, as childcare costs exceed the affordability factor for parents. Further complicating the matter, working parents of multiple aged children are currently forced to travel for services at separate locations due to the age factors between Early Head Start and Head Start.

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FIRE SEASON

Stay vigilant and cautions this fire season

Fire season is in full swing and has reminded us to stay vigilant and cautious.

Fire season is the time of year where wildfires are more likely to occur. There are precautions we can all take to reduce the risk of becoming the victim of a fire.

Many resources and status updates can be found at Wildfire.Oregon.gov or KeepOregonGreen.org. This week we want to share the following tips that can help keep you and your family safe.

Preventing fires and fire damage

Protect your home

Embers are the leading cause of home loss during a wildfire. They can travel up to three miles ahead of the main flame front. Creating a 30-foot defensible space around your home can increase its chance of surviving a wildfire. To start:

- Remove combustible materials like dried pine needles and leaves from gutters, eaves, and around your chimney.
- Limb trees several feet off the ground to help prevent fire from reaching the tree crowns.
- Keep patios clear of dry, combustible materials.
- Remove flammable items like outdoor furniture cushions.
- Get a free defensible space assessment and learn more from your local fire agency or by visiting <https://oregondefensiblepace.org/>.

Campfires

First, call or check with your local forestry office or fire district to learn if there are any current campfire restrictions. Only light campfires when it's safe and permitted.

When safely having a campfire:

- Select a flat, open location away from flammable materials such as logs, brush or decaying leaves and needles.
- Scrape away grass, leaves and needles down to the mineral soil.
- Cut wood in short lengths, pile it within the cleared area and then light the fire.
- Stay with your fire.
- Extinguish it completely before leaving.

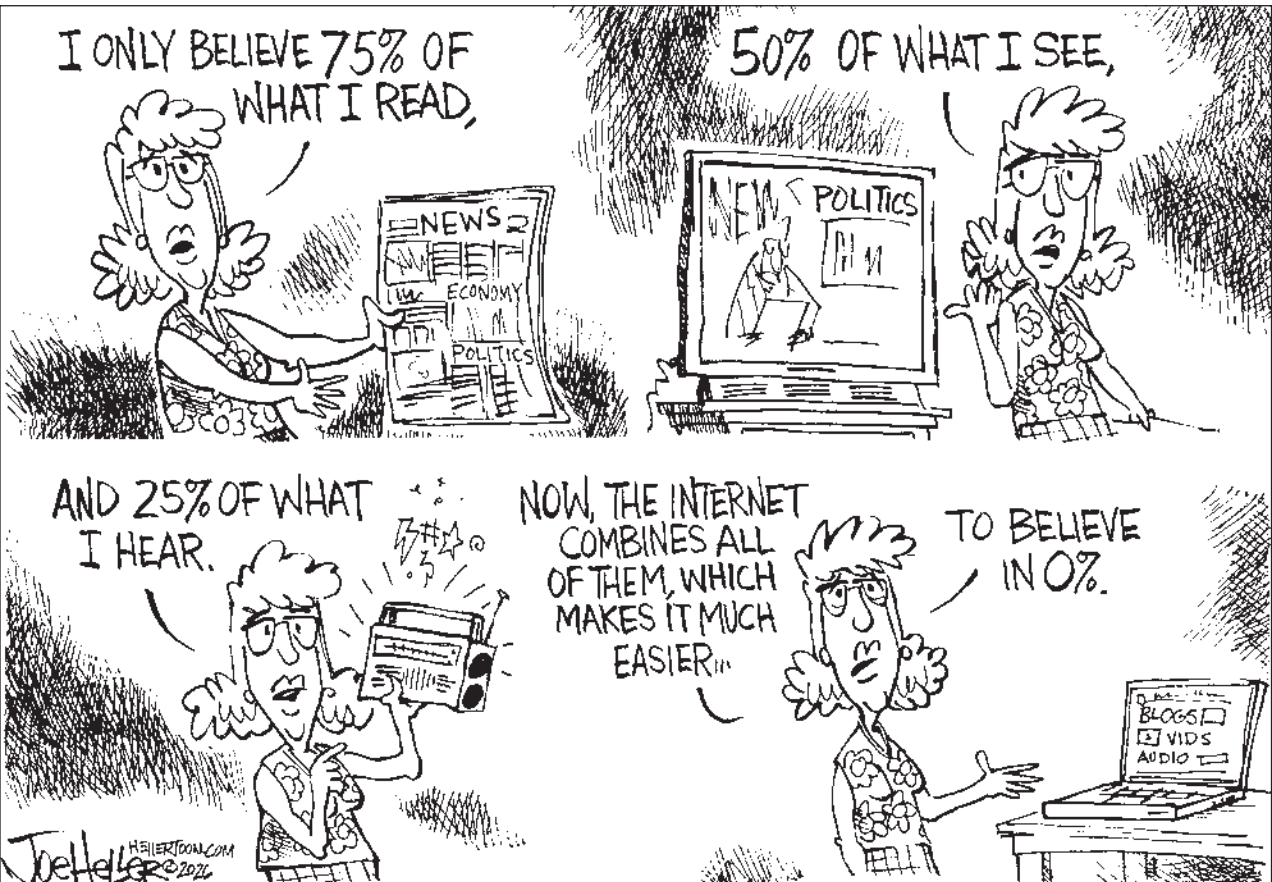
When using equipment Before you start:

- Check with your local fire agency for equipment use restrictions.
- Make sure gas-powered equipment has spark arrestors.

Always:

- Use gas-powered equipment early in the day when the fire risk is lower.
- Avoid starting equipment near dry grass and plants.
- Avoid rocks and other solid objects that could cause a spark if a metal blade strikes them.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or hose nearby in case of a fire.
- Wear eye/ear protection and gloves.
- Use caution when welding or grinding metal,

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Holy Cow! History

The Forgotten Founding Father

By J. MARK POWELL
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Say “Founding Fathers,” and the names pour forth. George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. Patrick Henry and John Hancock. Dozens of heroic figures whose vision and courage created the country we know today.

Yet one name is usually missing. And it’s a pity. Though he didn’t thunder “Give me liberty or give me death,” and didn’t pen inspiring words such as “We hold these truths to be self-evident,” his critical contributions made it possible for others to do so.

Because without Haym Solomon, America’s independence might have



nials were picking sides, Solomon immediately knew which cause held his heart. He joined the Sons of Liberty.

Arrested in September 1776 on suspicion of being a spy, he was quickly pardoned — and then forced to serve 18 months on a British ship as a translator for German-speaking Hessian mercenaries. Meanwhile, he secretly aided the Patriot cause by helping Continental POWs escape. Nabbed again in 1778, the Brits charged him with espionage. But Solomon cheated the hangman by secretly slipping away.

Settling down in Philadelphia, he went back to his profession as a financial broker. And that’s where he truly made his mark. Solomon became acquainted with Robert Morris, the just-appointed Superintendent of Finance of the United States, the Revolutionary version of today’s Treasury secretary.

They became a kind of Dynamic Duo of the business world. Morris had an immediate and almost overwhelming problem; the 13 colonies were both flat broke and needed money. Lots and lots of money.

His arrival in the New World in 1775 coincided with the start of the Revolutionary War. As colo-

ended as quickly as it had begun.

Born into a Jewish family in what is now Poland in 1740 and fluent in several languages, Solomon traveled extensively in western Europe. There he gained a keen understanding of international finance and how nations did business with one another, which he put to use in his career as a financial broker.

When he was 30, deteriorating conditions in his homeland convinced him it was time to move, first to England, and then to New York City, then as now the financial capital of Britain’s North American colonies.

Solomon’s expertise in international finance was just what Morris and the infant nation needed. Between his personal loans and fundraising, he provided more than \$15 million in today’s currency, money that kept his adopted country’s cause afloat.

However, his most vital service was yet to come.

Solomon had picked up a side hustle that later proved invaluable when he became paymaster for all French forces in North America. Late in the war, France recognized America’s independence, extended a huge cash loan and, most important, sent its powerful navy and soldiers to bolster the Patriots.

As summer drew to a close in 1781, the British army under Lord Charles Cornwallis became bottlenecked on a Virginia peninsula at Yorktown. Gen. George Washington sensed a strategic opportunity. If he could get his troops and the allied French army to Yorktown, the combined force could deliver a coup de grace that could end the war.

There was just one problem, and it was a biggie. Washington’s army was in New York’s Hudson Valley just then. Moving it 350 miles to Virginia would cost a lot of money. And the Patriots’ piggybank was empty. Not low on funds — flat broke.

Washington knew what to do, and with one order

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Weekly Poll

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT THE INSTALLATION OF FLOCK CAMERAS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? VORITE INDEPENDENCE DAY TRADITION?

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- Against 81.8%
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Off the charts:

Cascadia Event — From a medical perspective

By DR. GIGI REED, MD

A few weeks ago, I was invited to share my medical perspective on the impending Cascadia Subduction Event—a massive magnitude 9.0 earthquake and tsunami threat along the Pacific Northwest coast—on “Cascadia Strong Radio” with hosts and friends Wes Bruning and Ray Simon.

Cascadia Strong Radio made its debut on April 5th on KCIW radio!

This thought-provoking conversation highlighted a critical reality: when it strikes, hospitals and



clinics will likely not be operational, leaving us to manage injuries and medical emergencies at home or literally “in the field”—in addition to all the other havoc that can occur during a massive

earthquake and the tsunami that may follow.

From crush injuries and fractures to flare-ups of chronic conditions like diabetes, where insulin’s short shelf life becomes a serious issue without refrigeration, the medical fallout will be immense. Without power, phone service may be minimal, gas stations may be closed, and bridges over the Chetco, Winchuck, Smith, or Klamath Rivers may have collapsed—which could separate families, caregivers, and others.

Essential personal preparedness includes the normal medical kit basics:

stock bandages, antiseptics, hand sanitizer (a COVID lesson we won’t forget), water purification tablets, such as chlorine tablets, and at least a week’s worth of medications—more if possible, while being mindful of perishables like insulin.

We need to pack waterproof clothing, warm clothes, and blankets; staying warm helps combat hypothermia from cold ocean waters that could inundate our coastal areas.

We need to assume medical centers and pharmacies will be offline as well.

We need to have a fam-

ily meet-up point in case of separation, including locations for both scenarios: intact bridges and damaged bridges.

We need to store high-calorie foods and clean water somewhere safe but easily accessible. High-calorie foods will be important at a time when our bodies may have to fight infections, cold temperatures, stress, and anxiety—all at the same time.

We should photograph medical records, current medications, and key documents, and store them in the cloud for quick access from anywhere.

None of us knows exactly when or to what extent the Cascadia Subduction Event will happen, but it is predicted to occur within the next 50 years. Let’s try to prepare for it!

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

CCCEC completes one of the largest infrastructure investments in Coop history

◆ Six year venture expands high-speed internet access

For the Pilot

After six years of planning, investment and construction, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative (CCEC) and its subsidiary, Beacon Broadband (BBI), have completed the fiber network that now makes high-speed internet service available to members across CCEC’s service territory.

The milestone marks the completion of one of the largest infrastructure investments in the cooperative’s 88-year history. Built to serve members and

communities for decades to come, the network expands access to reliable broadband, strengthens the electric system, improves outage response, supports wildfire monitoring and creates new opportunities throughout Oregon’s South Coast.

The project reflects the same member-focused mission that has guided CCEC for nearly 90 years: investing in essential infrastructure that improves quality of life and creates value for the people and communities it serves.

More than 7,000 homes

and businesses are already connected to BBI, but the benefits extend well beyond broadband. The fiber network serves as a secure communications backbone for CCEC’s electric system, supporting today’s operations while creating a foundation for future system improvements.

"At its core, this project was about serving our members and investing in the future of the communities we call home," said Daniel Loshbaugh, president of the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Board of Directors. "The

network expands access to reliable broadband, while also strengthening the electric system our members depend on every day. That's the cooperative difference. We make investments based on long-term community benefit, not short-term returns."

Investing in Infrastructure that Serves Members

CCEC's decision to build fiber was rooted in a simple belief: members

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Wednesday’s ribbon cutting ceremony featured a prayer by Tribal Council Vice Chair Scott Sullivan, a traditional youth dance line led by singer Garrett Campbell, and speeches by Education Director Sheryl Steinruck and Head Start Manager Amanda Bom-melyn.

The Tribal Council recognized the financial support of and gave traditional gifts to visiting dignitaries from the Office of Head Start: Lizabeth White, director; Genia Bryant, program

specialist; and Todd Le-rjuntharagool Regional Director. They also recognized representatives of major funder Yuhaavi-atam of San Manuel Nation: Monique Osorio, Manager of Community Enhancement, and Jessica Stops, VP of Tribal Brand Marketing. Mala Sablok, contractor and AIAN Early Childhood Specialist, and the Nation’s former Head Start Manager Jennifer Reid were also recognized and given gifts.

After the ceremony, guests were invited to tour the new facility, take photos with the youth dancers and enjoy refreshments.

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be aware of your surroundings.

When traveling

While you are packing and preparing to explore Oregon, it’s important to stay up to date on road closures with Tripcheck.com and have emergency supplies in case you get stranded.

- Check out the resources at Car Safety | Ready.gov/Car
- Extinguish all smoking materials completely and never in dry grass. Don’t toss it out your window.

- Carry a shovel, bucket and a fire extinguisher in your vehicle to put out fires.
- Avoid parking or driving on dry grass; your vehicle can start a wildfire. Park on gravel surfaces or developed roadside pull-outs to avoid a vehicle’s hot exhaust system touching dry grass.
- Ensure all parts of your vehicle, from mufflers to chains, are secure and not dragging.
- Check tire pressure, wheel bearing lubrication, and the possible metal-on-metal contact of worn-out brakes.
- Maintain and clean exhaust systems and spark

arrestors.

- ATVs are required to be inspected when in use on public lands. Operate ATVs only on established roads and trails on public lands.

Power Outages

In certain cases, utilities may implement public safety power shutoffs (PSPS). A PSPS is a safety measure designed to help protect people and communities in high fire-risk areas by proactively shutting off electricity during extreme and dangerous weather conditions that might result in wildfires. Utilities may also need to deenergize lines to protect equipment from nearby fires, or to protect personnel fighting fires. What you can do:

- Contact your electricity provider or log in to your account and make sure all contact information is current so you receive alerts and messages.
- For individuals with a

medical condition that requires power, contact your electricity service provider in advance of an outage to register a Medical Certificate. This certification provides added benefits and helps the utility ensure they meet your needs in the event of an outage.

Natural gas tips

- If required to evacuate, no need to shut off natural gas.
- If natural gas appliances do not operate properly once electricity is restored, call your natural gas service provider.
- If natural gas service is shut off, do not turn on yourself. Call your natural gas service provider to restore service.
- If you smell natural gas, evacuate immediately and call 911.

In case of evacuation Make, practice, and review your housefire and wildfire evacuation plans with your household. Help

children learn the fire exits in each room of the house, where to go, and how to get help if you are not home. Remember to include pets and livestock.

Know the evacuation levels and what to do.

Level 1 (Green) – Be Ready for potential evacuation.

Residents should be aware of the danger that exists in their area, monitor your devices and tele-phones, local media sources, and Sheriff’s Office website to receive updated information. This is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property, pets, and livestock. If conditions worsen, public safety will issue an upgrade to a level 2 or 3 for this area.

Level 2 (Yellow) – Be Set to evacuate.

You must prepare to leave at a moment’s notice.

This level indicates there is significant danger in your area, and residents should either voluntarily evacuate now to a shelter or to a family/friend’s home outside of the affected area. If choosing to remain, residents need to be ready to evacuate at a moment’s notice. Residents MAY have time to gather necessary items but doing so is at their own risk.

This may be the only notice you receive.

Level 3 (Red) – GO NOW! Evacuate now.

Leave immediately! Danger in your area is current or imminent, and you should evacuate immediately. If you choose to ignore this notice, you must understand that Public Safety Officials may not be available to assist you further. DO NOT delay leaving to gather any belongings or make efforts to protect your home.



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changed the situation. “Send for Haym Solomon.”

Solomon swiftly rolled into action, brokering the sale of bills of exchange. The \$20,000 he quickly raised made it possible for Washington’s troops to redeploy and win the final triumph that fall.

Solomon lived to see victory, but he didn’t get to enjoy watching the country he had helped create reach maturity. His unyielding generosity to the patriot cause cost him all his mon-

ey and likely damaged his health. He died suddenly, and in poverty, in Philadelphia just six days in 1785. He was only 44.

His wife and four young children were left penniless. All the Continental debts he had sunk his fortune into were now worth pennies on the dollar. He was quietly laid to rest in the cemetery of Philadelphia’s Jewish synagogue, and then faded from the nation’s memory.

He was every bit as much a hero as the soldiers who fought at Lexington and Concord and endured Valley Forge. They don’t

put your face on coins or stamps for being a financial hero. Which is a shame. Because Haym Solomon was the Founding Father who literally put his mouth where his mouth was.

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Mary Louise Davidson



Mary Louise Davidson was born on December 19th, 1956, and grew up in Brookings, Oregon. Mary Louise passed away peacefully on July 3rd, 2026, in Auburn, California.

Mary Louise spent her youth running on the beautiful Brookings beaches, enjoying local theater and being involved with her community as a graduate from Brookings Harbor High in 1975. To realize her dream of motherhood, she left Brookings to start a family.

She then raised her daughter Stephanie, in Concord, California. Putting her family first. Mary

Louise was a proud and dedicated stay at home mother. Participating in all of her daughter's school events, she also attended every school field trip, displaying her passion as a mother. Outside the home she enjoyed working in retail and helping others with their painting projects and gardening ideas.

Later she relocated to Oakley with Anthony Carrillo who would become her partner of 26 years. They enjoyed gardening, crafts and enjoying watching the grandchildren play sports. Mary and Anthony would share their love for Rock n Roll with close friends and family. Mary Louise had an enthusiastic love for nature and had an incredible interaction with many animals throughout the years.

But what we may all miss the most is her potato salad and Stuffin Muffins, which was brought to every event and holiday. She truly loved to celebrate each holiday by making each family

member feel special with thoughtful gifts, meal requests and plenty of laughter.

Her life will be celebrated by her survivors, her daughter Stephanie and husband Steven Meckler; her partner, Anthony Carrillo; her brother, Mark Davidson and wife, Linda Davidson; her nephew, Christopher Davidson; her niece, Jacklyn Davidson; her mother in law, Sally Carrillo; her stepdaughter Aimee Evans and husband, Deon Evans; her stepdaughter, Amber Norton and husband, Josh Norton and 5 grandchildren. Mary Louise was preceded in death by her parents, her mother Thelma Davidson; her father, Beryl Davidson and husband of 23 years, Douglas Wood.

A private memorial service will be held in Antioch, California, in memory of Mary Louise Davidson. Donations can be made to the SPCA or your local cat and dog adoption services.

‘Not about improving elections’ Oregon secretary of state slams new Trump election threats

SHAANTH NANGUNERI Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read on Monday rebuked the Trump administration’s recent round of threats against state-run elections and urged Oregonians to educate themselves on how best to ensure their ballot is counted in November.

Read’s comments at Portland Community College followed recent statements from Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin warning state officials could face potential criminal investigations and federal funding losses for failing to comply with the Trump administration’s efforts to prevent noncitizens from voting.

President Donald Trump during his Thursday nationwide address also renewed his push to cast doubt on the 2020 election, without providing any evidence for his claims of fraud or foreign interference.

“This is not about improving elections. It’s about putting political pressure on the people responsible for administering them,” Read told reporters. “This is about making it harder for American citizens to vote, and it’s about casting doubt on any election results that the president doesn’t like.”

The U.S. Constitution gives states the authority to conduct elections. Oregon’s nearly three-decade history as the first state in the nation to vote entirely by mail system has made it a target for the federal government’s efforts to cast doubt on the integrity of its elections, though data shows Oregon elections are secure. A 2020 review from Oregon’s Legislative Fiscal Office found that the state obtained 38 criminal convictions related to voter fraud out of 60.9 million ballots cast from 2000 to 2019, or a rate of .00006%.

A series of clerical errors in recent years from the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicle Services division also led some noncitizens to receive ballots and cast votes.

The Oregon Secretary of



Shaanth Nanguneri / Oregon Capital Chronicle Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read speaks at a press conference at Portland Community College on Monday, July 20, 2026.

State’s office referred three individuals for prosecution to the Oregon Department of Justice last year, but the agency has declined to pursue any of the cases out of concerns of selective prosecution. The DMV has since added more safeguards to prevent errant registrations, including separating check-boxes for foreign and U.S. passports and requiring desk workers to confirm someone provided a document proving citizenship.

The U.S. Department of Justice, meanwhile, warned Read earlier this month that state election workers who facilitate noncitizens being allowed to vote could face criminal prosecution, though the agency has stopped short of claiming that is currently happening in Oregon. The federal government is also pushing states to run their voter rolls through a Homeland Security database that can make errors when it comes to newly naturalized citizens, but federal judges have offered conflicting orders that raise questions about the future viability of that database.

In the meantime, The Trump administration has not won a single case against states in federal court so far to obtain sensitive voter registration data from states such as names, dates of birth, addresses and Social Security numbers. In a January decision rejecting the Trump administration’s attempt to seize Oregon voter information, Eugene-based Judge Mustafa Kasubhai, an appointee of former Democratic President Joe Biden, wrote that the federal government’s efforts were “chilling” and could “at very well lead to an erosion of voting rights and voter participation.”

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield also joined more than 20 other states in suing the federal government in April to block Trump’s executive order promoting the creation of a nationwide voter registration list that could be used by the U.S. Postal Service to determine who receives a ballot.

A federal judge in June blocked major parts of that order, though the federal government has filed an appeal with the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals.

“We successfully defended Oregonians’ private voter information in federal court, and we’re working closely with county clerks across Oregon to strengthen election security, to prepare for any credible threats we encounter, and to ensure that every county is ready for this November,” Read said. “Most importantly, we’re making sure that voters know what to expect, so that misinformation doesn’t fill the gaps.”

Secretary of state points to best practices for ballots Read said he was in touch with the Postal Service to ensure ballots are delivered to Oregonians without any interruption. He said he was in regular communication with their

administration “because when someone puts a ballot in a mailbox, they have expectations.”

However, he said he recognized that the Postal Service was in a “tough position” in light of its budget. He urged Oregonians who live more than 50 miles from Portland to consider using a dropbox, location information for which is published 21 days before each statewide election.

That’s because of changes to Postal Service procedures that mean mail will be sent to a hub in Portland and postmarked, then sent to its destination. In recent elections, Oregon voters have been able to trust that a ballot dropped in a mailbox before mail carriers pick up mail on election day would be postmarked that day and therefore counted, but that’s no longer the case.

“There’s hundreds of (dropboxes) across Oregon. That is an even safer, more reliable way because we don’t have to worry about the post office,” he said. “That’ll go directly to the elections office. We’ll make sure that they get counted.”

He said Oregonians who mail their ballots should put their mail in their mailbox by Oct. 27, one week before Election Day. Otherwise, someone can ask their local post office to apply a manual postmark if they aren’t able to make it by then, he said.

State elections officials who receive ballots up to one week after the election will count them if they are postmarked by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Read said that while he understands that people may want to see results promptly, election officials must verify signatures, allow voters to correct signatures, conduct audits, publicly test voting machines and perform hand counts when necessary. That process should be complete by Dec. 10, according to Read.

He compared the dynamic to prior elections when Oregonians were navigating wildfire season, when county clerks need to mail ballots to people whose houses have burned down.

“We’ll pursue every legal authority that we have. We’ll work with our Department of Justice. We’ll make sure that our county elections officials have a clear understanding of their authorities and what they can do to respond,” Read said. “We’re not taking any of that for granted.”

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Public Notices

Notice of Public Meeting

The Winchuck Rural Fire Protection District will hold its next Board of Director's meeting on Wed., August 12th at 6:00 P.M., at the Winchuck Fire Hall, 363 Winchuck River Road. Agenda: 1. Call to Order and Roll Call 2. Reading of the Minutes 3. Chief's Report 4. Treasurer's Report 5. Old Business 6. New Business 7. Adjourn Meeting 8. Public comment Respectfully Submitted Jan Loren, Secretary 8/5/2026 Pilot 429016

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE

hereby is given that the two-year period for the redemption of real properties included in the 2023 delinquent tax lien foreclosure proceedings instituted by Curry County, Oregon, on April 24, 2024, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Curry County, case# 23CV52922, and included in the judgment and decree entered therein on April 24, 2024 will expire on April 24, 2026. All properties ordered sold under the judgment and decree, unless redeemed on or before April 24, 2026, will be deeded to Curry County, Oregon, immediately on expiration of the period of redemption and every right and interest of any person in such properties will be forfeited to Curry County, Oregon. 7/29 & 8/5/2026 Pilot 429167

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hereby is given that the two-year period for the redemption of real properties included in the 2024 delinquent tax lien foreclosure proceedings instituted by Curry County, Oregon, on February 25, 2026, in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Curry County, case# 26CV07802, and included in the judgment and decree entered therein on February 25, 2026 will expire on February 25, 2028. All properties ordered sold under the judgment and decree, unless redeemed on or before February 25, 2028, will be deeded to Curry County, Oregon, immediately on expiration of the period of redemption and every right and interest of any person in such property will be forfeited to Curry County, Oregon. 7/29 & 8/5/2026 Pilot 429191

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NORMAN FRANCIS DERBY, Deceased, Case No. 26PB04590 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above entitled estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative through my resident agent, JAMES W. GARDNER, Attorney at Law, 29692 Ellensburg Ave, Ste 11, P.O. Box 1286, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444, Phone (541) 247-6615, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, JAMES W. GARDNER whose address and phone number appear above. DATED this 16th day of July, 2026. /s/ WILLIAM DERBY Personal Representative 310 South Oak Street Buckley, IL 60918 Phone 217-394-2166 7/29, 8/5, 8/12/2026 Pilot 429194 The

Southwestern Oregon Community College Board of Education

is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Board. Position #3 will become vacant effective August 30, 2026, and the term for this position ends on June 30, 2027. Preference will be given to applicants who reside within the county. A permanent board member for this position will be elected during the next Special Districts Election. The application deadline is Monday, August 17th, at 5:00 p.m. To apply, please contact Dina Laskey at 541-888-7400 or via email at dina.laskey@socc.edu.

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ON A DIME

By Patti Diamond



Spain's Best-Kept Kitchen Secret

Every country seems to have one sauce its cooks can't live without. Americans reach for ketchup, ranch dressing or barbecue sauce. The Spanish have romesco. Pronounced "roh-MESS-koh," romesco is one of Spain's most loved culinary secrets. Rich, silky and smoky, romesco combines roasted red peppers, tomatoes, toasted almonds, garlic and olive oil into a sauce that's savory, a little tangy and just nutty enough to make everyday, ordinary chicken, fish or vegetables taste like they came from a neighborhood cafe overlooking the Mediterranean. Romesco comes from Catalonia, in northeastern Spain, where it has been enjoyed for generations. Like many beloved traditional recipes, romesco grew out of everyday cooking using inexpensive pantry ingredients and whatever was available. The ingredients are wonderfully humble. Some roasted red peppers, a handful of almonds, a few cloves of garlic, a splash of vinegar and some olive oil come together in minutes. It's the kind of recipe that tastes like you spent all afternoon cooking when, in reality, your food processor did most of the work. Ask three Spanish cooks for a romesco recipe and you'll probably get three different answers. Some include tomatoes while others don't. Some use almonds, others prefer hazelnuts. The vinegar and spices

EASY ROMESCO SAUCE

Yield: about 2 cups
Total Time: 25 mins.
2-3 garlic cloves, chopped
1 cup raw almonds, toasted
2 thick slices (roughly 2 ounces)

vary from kitchen to kitchen, but roasted peppers, garlic, olive oil and nuts remain the heart of nearly every version.

Purists and penny-pinchers (like me) will roast their own peppers and tomatoes, but good quality jarred roasted peppers and canned fire-roasted tomatoes work beautifully and save enough time to make romesco a realistic weeknight recipe. If sherry vinegar isn't available, red wine vinegar works beautifully.

To Roast Your Own Peppers and Tomatoes:

Preheat the broiler and line a baking sheet with foil. Arrange 3 to 4 medium whole tomatoes and two large red bell peppers on the baking sheet. Broil 2 to 4 minutes per side, turning as needed, until the skins are blackened and blistered all over. Transfer to a bowl and cover, or place in a covered container, for 10 minutes to steam. When cool enough to handle, peel away the skins. Remove the stems, cores and seeds from the peppers, and the cores from the tomatoes before using.



Rich, smoky romesco brings a taste of Spain to the table with roasted peppers, tomatoes, almonds, garlic and olive oil.

baguette or country-style bread, lightly toasted
1/4 cup flat leaf parsley, packed
1 teaspoon kosher salt, more to taste
1 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/2 to 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes, to taste, optional
1 (12 ounce) jar roasted red peppers, drained
1 (14 ounce) can fire-roasted tomatoes, well drained
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
Juice and zest of half a lemon
1 1/2 tablespoons sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar

Using a food processor fitted with the steel blade, give the garlic cloves a good chop, stop the machine and scrape down the sides. Next add the roasted almonds, bread, parsley, salt and smoked paprika and pepper flakes to the bowl and process into a paste. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and add the roasted peppers and tomatoes. Process until smooth. With the machine running, slowly drizzle in the olive oil and vinegar, then add the lemon juice and zest. Process until smooth, adding more olive oil if needed to reach your desired consistency. Taste and adjust seasoning to your liking. Scrape into a bowl and serve.

Keep a batch of romesco in the refrigerator, and suddenly ordinary refrigerator chicken, vegetables, eggs and sandwiches become anything but ordinary.

Lifestyle expert Patti Diamond is the penny-pinching, party-planning, recipe developer and content creator of the website Divas On A Dime — Where Frugal, Meets Fabulous! Visit Patti at www.divasonadime.com and join the conversation on Facebook at DivasOnADimeDotCom. Email Patti at divapatti@divasona.com

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Prepare Mini Eggplant Pizzas the Italian Way

One of the joys of raising kids is making new friends with others who are also raising kids. When my three were preschoolers, I regularly met up with neighborhood moms at the bus stop in the morning or for ballgames at the park and story time at the library. As the kids grew, so did the friendships.

Six of us still make a point of getting together throughout the seasons to celebrate our birthdays. One recent gathering was particularly memorable. Instead of meeting at a restaurant, we donned aprons in one of our kitchens and huddled around the center island for a cooking lesson that was taught by my neighbor Cristina, an energetic mom from Italy.

“To an American eye, Italy might seem the same with pasta and pizza wherever you go,” she began. “But for food lovers, it’s a country waiting to be discovered! Each region has its unique flavors and cooking techniques. For example, the taste of a simple ricotta cheese can vary from place to place,” she said.

As she shared her passion for Italian food, she emphasized that using fresh, seasonal ingredients is the key to tasty meals. This is when she showed us how to transform eggplant into a light side dish called Pizzette di melanzane, which is common in the Campania region that she’s from. Like a pizza minus the crust, these mini eggplant pizzas are tasty and versatile!

Now that eggplants are plentiful in our markets, find Campania on a map, and have fun preparing this easy and authentic

Italian recipe with your kids!

MINI EGGPLANT PIZZAS (PIZZETTE DE MELANZANE)

Makes 8-10 mini pizzas

— 1 large eggplant, about 1 pound

— 3/4 cup tomato puree

— 4 cloves fresh garlic, chopped

— Salt to taste

— Dried oregano to taste

— 1 cup coarsely shredded mozzarella cheese, or a 4-ounce bag

— Parmigiano Reggiano (optional)

Here’s the fun: Preheat the oven to 400 F. An adult should cut the eggplant into 1/2-inch-thick rounds. Arrange them on a lightly oiled baking sheet.

As if constructing mini pizzas, let kids spoon the tomato puree over each round. Scatter the garlic and oregano, sprinkle salt to taste, and top with mozzarella. Add Parmigiano Reggiano, if you wish.



Bake rounds in the oven for 25 minutes, or until mozzarella has melted completely and bubbles. Serve immediately as a light side dish with a summer pasta salad and other fresh vegetables. As an alternative, Cristina suggests serving the mini pizzas cold in a sandwich.

Cook’s Note: If your child’s like her young daughter, omit the garlic until they develop a taste for it.

Donna Erickson creates relationships and community through food and fun. Find more to nourish and delight you at www.donnaerickson.com.

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The Garden Bug





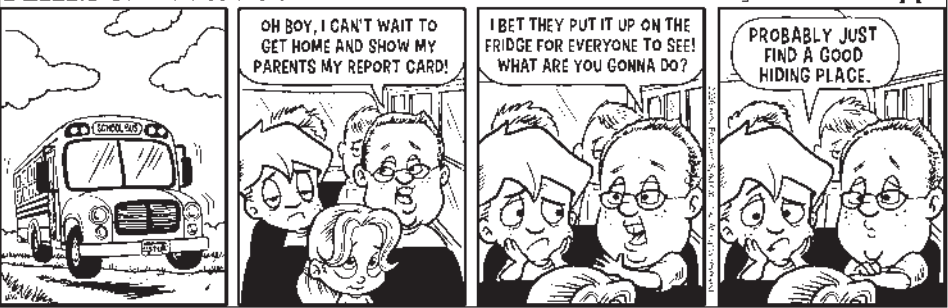
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Anoles

Both the native green anole (*Anolis carolinensis*) and the non-native brown anole (*Anolis sagrei*) are small lizards found in the southeastern parts of the United States. They compete for food sources by preying on many of the same insects, such as crickets, moths and flies. A green anole can actually be either green or brown, and both species also have the distinctive pink-to-red dewlap they frequently display. However, brown anoles have more distinctive patterns on their skin. – Brenda Weaver

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

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.

Tuesday, July 21
1:29 am, 7th St, juvenile problem.
7:12 am, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.
8:49 am, Railroad St, theft.
2:01 pm, Chetco Ave, criminal trespass.
2:05 pm, Ellensburg Ave, dispute/fight.
2:50 pm, Del Norte Ln, illegal dumping.
4:19 pm, 2nd St, dispute/fight.
6:42 pm, Sunset Strip, theft.
9:47 pm, Stateline, illegal fireworks.
10:27 pm, Lucky Ln, criminal trespass.

Thursday, July 23
9:11 am, Hall Way, suicide.
1:36 pm, Ransom Ave, telephone harassment.
1:41 pm, Lively Ln,

dispute/fight.
2:10 pm, Old County Rd, juvenile problem.
2:11 pm, Highway 101, theft.
2:23 pm, Old County Rd, dispute/fight.
3:15 pm, Fifield Near Tolowa, violation of city ordinance.
5:08 pm, Gerlach In, alarm.
11:02 pm, Spruce St, loud noise.

Friday, July 24
2:42 am, Hwy 101 S, criminal trespass.

Saturday, July 25
4:50 pm, House Rock Rd, theft.
6:13 pm, Dawson Dr, fire alarm.
7:17 pm, Sunset Strip, civil problem.
8:22 pm, Coverdell Rd, dispute/fight.
9:23 pm, Hwy 101 MP

345, traffic crash.
11:39 pm, Chetco Ln, dispute/fight.

Sunday, July 26
9:07 am, Mill Beach Rd, fire.
9:35 am, 5th St, criminal trespass.
10:06 am, 5th St, criminal trespass.
12:43 pm, Hwy 101 MP 352, fire.
12:54 pm, Pioneer Rd, civil problem.
3:23 pm, Lower Harbor Rd, disorderly conduct.
7:18 pm, Pelican Bay Dr, civil problem.
7:46 pm, 5th St, traffic crash.
9:45 pm, Boat Basin Rd, fire.
11:28 pm, South Chetco Bridge On East Side, fire.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

DAILY

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

All Year Long

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

- Brookings-Harbor Garden Club Work Party, Brookings Botanical Garden: 10:00 am - 11:30 am.
- Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm.
- Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Donations requested.
- Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.
- Tween Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Activities for youth ages 10-13.
- Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
- Amateur Radio Net, Gasquet Net: 6:30 pm (147.18); DN Amateur Radio Club: 7:15 pm (146.88).
- Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
- Ukulele Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Music provided.

Wednesdays

- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am and 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.
- Qi Gong for Health & Vitality, Chetco Library: 9:30 am. Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.
- Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elks Drive: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 minimum donation.
- The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. 541-412-8664.
- Afternoon Creation Station, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop-in activities for school-aged kids.
- Recorder Group, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Bring your instrument and a music stand. Music provided.
- Men's Club Golf, Salmon Run Golf Course: 9:00 am. Friendly team and individual play. All skill levels welcome. Bob K: 701-269-7822.
- Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.

Thursdays

- Rowdy Creek String Band, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Open rehearsal for acoustic string instrument players.
- Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm.
- Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach: 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
- Checkmate Corner, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Weekly chess club for all ages and skill levels.
- Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Free class. Participants should be able to comfortably get up and down from the floor. All are welcome; donations appreciated.

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- Recreational Table Tennis, 102 Park Street, Brookings: 6:30 pm. Intermediate players welcome; bring your own paddle.
- Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 donation. Jean: 541-251-8998.

Fridays

- Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm.
- The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. 541-412-8664.
- Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
- T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am.
- Threads, Hooks, & Needles, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Fiber arts club for knitters, sewers, and more.

Saturdays

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

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19 and 26

- D&D One-Shot Adventure, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Youth ages 10-16 are introduced to tabletop role-playing. No experience needed. Space limited; registration required.
- Saturday, August 8
 - VFW Post 966 meeting, 507 Pacific Ave., Brookings: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. War-time veterans are encouraged to join. Help save the Post by buying a brick. 541-412-6236.
 - Dress a Girl, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St.: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Sew dresses for girls and shorts for boys around the world. Bring lunch and a friend. Jane Knox: 209-815-2100.
 - Teens Teach Tech, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop in with a device or tech question and get help from trained youth technology mentors.
 - Chamber of Commerce Mixer: Meet Author Craig Evans, Chetco Library: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Meet

the local musician and author, celebrate his newest book, Triple Threat, and enjoy writers kits, live music, book signing and refreshments.

Saturday, August 8 - Sunday, August 30

- Sawdust Theatre Season 58, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: Calamity at the Coquille Creamery or "Udder Confusion." Shows are Aug. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 7:00 pm; Aug. 9 and 30 at 2:00 pm. Tickets \$10, with online service charge. Sawdusttheatre.com or 541-396-4563.

Monday, August 10

- Spice World Bags, Chetco Library: All day. Monthly spice bags include a tester sample, trivia and recipe suggestions. Supplies limited; first-come, first-served.
- A Double-Feature Garden Talk, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. The library and Brookings-Harbor Garden Club present talks on cultivating resilience for ecological distress and a deep dive on dahlias.

Wednesday, August 12

- Bookworm Buddies Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. For 2nd through 5th graders. August's reading selection will be posted to the library calendar and Facebook page by Aug. 1.
- Thursday, August 13 - Sunday, August 16
 - Wild Rivers Film Festival Documentary Hub, Chetco Library. The library is one of three screening locations for the Wild Rivers Film Festival. Full schedule and information at wildriversfilmfestival.com.

Thursday, August 13

- Afternoon Game Hub, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Open gaming on the library's Nintendo Switch 2 and board games for K-12 students.

Friday, August 14

- Lucky 7/PPA Benefit Car Show Show & Shine, Lucky 7 Casino, Smith River, Calif.: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Preview event ahead of the 27th annual benefit car show.

Saturday, August 15

- Second-hand Quality Goods Sale, Langlois Lions Club, 48136 Floras Lake Loop: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Featuring the club's Lion's Den plus indoor and outdoor vendors. Donations wanted; local pickup available. Tables are \$10 for one or \$15 for two; outdoor vendor space is free. Deanna McDermott: 541-348-2507, call or text 541-251-1530, or send a Facebook message.

Saturday, August 15

- 27th Annual Lucky 7/PPA Benefit Car Show, Lucky 7 Casino, Smith River, Calif.: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Free admission; classic cars, music, food, raffle prizes, silent auction and T-shirts. Proceeds support performing arts and school music programs. Questions: info@ppadelnorte.org or Nicole Stout, 707-954-6774.
- Bill "Dr. Bill" Gorham, Marine Biologist, Travel Oregon Welcome Center, 14433 Highway 101, Brookings: 1:00 pm.

Sunday, August 16

- American Music Festival Summer Concerts in the Park, Azalea Park: 1:00 pm. Simple Dreams Oregon performs classic rock. Admission free; concertgoers may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic lunches.
- Chetco Activity Center monthly potluck, 550 Chetco Lane: 4:30 pm. Bring your own food or enough to share for community and friendship.

Monday, August 17

- Master Gardener Plant Clinic, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Curry County Master Gardeners offer free help with plant questions. Bring a question and a picture or small cutting.

Wednesday, August 19

- Brookings Rural Fire District meeting, Brookings Fire Department: 9:30 am.
- Kid's Tye Dye Party, Chetco Library Annex lawn: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Bring a plain white T-shirt from home; all other tie-dye supplies provided.

Thursday, August 20

- Pub Grub Book Club,

Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Adult comics and graphic novels club discusses Saga, Vol. 1, by Brian K. Vaughn.

Saturday, August 22

- Teens Teach Tech, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop in with a device or tech question and get help from trained youth technology mentors.
- Rob C, musical guest, Travel Oregon Welcome Center, 14433 Highway 101, Brookings: 2:00 pm.

Wednesday, August 26

- Craft and Connect with Kim, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Local miniature artist Kim leads a free, step-by-step crafting workshop for adults. Limited supplies; registration required.
- Comic Quest Book Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. Comics and illustrated-book club for tweens and young teens. In August, the group will read and discuss Camp by Kayla Miller.
- Community Drum Circle, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Drop in for community and expression through percussion; bring a drum or clap along.
- Look-Back Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Teens and adults revisit classic childhood books and discuss how they hold up. August's selection will be posted by Aug. 1.

Thursday, August 27

- Red Cross Blood Drive, Chetco Library: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Walk-ins welcome, or make an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or visiting redcrossblood.org.
- Tea and Tarot, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Monthly gathering near the full moon hosted by Kalyca Bell. Bring a tarot or oracle deck and settle in with tea. No experience necessary.

Saturday, August 29

- Coastal Winds, Travel Oregon Welcome Center, 14433 Highway 101, Brookings: 1:00 pm. Recorder group performing music from the 1700s.
- BookTok Book Club, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Adults discuss books going viral on social media. August's reading selection will be posted by Aug. 1.

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10 HAM & SWISS ON A HOAGI CORN CROWDER	11 BEEF TACOS RICE BEANS	12 OVEN FRIED CHICKEN BAKED BEANS GRILLED VEGETABLES	13 SALMON PATTY ON A BUN CLAM CROWDER	14 MEATLOAF MAC 'N CHEESE ZUCCHINI
17 CHICKEN CORDON ROULE SCALLOPED POTATOES BROCCOLI	18 TACO SALAD RICE BEANS	19 SPAGHETTI MEAT SAUCE GARLIC BREAD CHEF'S BLEND	20 FISH & CHIPS GRILLED VEGETABLES	21 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH VEGETARIAN CHILI
24 CHEESE STUFFED SHELLS WITH MARINARA GARLIC BREAD ZUCCHINI	25 MEXICAN EGG BAKE TORTILLAS BAKED APPLES	26 BEEF STROGANOFF CORN BREAD PEAS & CARROTS	27 FISH TACOS BEANS CHIPS	28 TURKEY STUFFING, MASHED POTATOES, GRAVY YAMS
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State/Regional News

ODOT issues wildfire travel alert

Wildfires in Oregon are causing widespread travel impacts on several highways, notably U.S. 20 and U.S. 26 between central and eastern Oregon.

Wildfires can change direction or grow quickly, causing roads to open or close with little notice.

Travelers, including motor carriers, are encouraged to carefully plan their routes, stay alert for changing conditions, and check TripCheck.com for current road conditions, closures and delays, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

"ODOT staff are working around the clock staffing road closures, setting up traffic control, piloting traffic when possible, assessing damage, coordinating with emergency responders and working to reopen highways as soon as it is safe to do so," the state agency states in a release.

Travelers can help protect firefighters, emergency responders, transporta-

tion crews and others by obeying all road closures, flaggers and traffic control devices. Stay out of closed areas and do not go behind closure barricades. Be cautious of emergency vehicles and equipment entering and existing fire camps.

ODOT only closes a highway when necessary for public safety or to allow firefighters and emergency crews to work safely from or along the road. As soon as it is safe, crews will reopen roads. Be aware that highways may reopen before damage is repaired. Travelers should expect burned areas to have missing signs, damaged guardrail or other damaged roadside infrastructure until crews can safely return to make repairs.

"If you must travel, plan ahead and be prepared for rapidly changing conditions," ODOT urges.

Check TripCheck.com before leaving and throughout your trip,



especially if traveling through central or eastern Oregon. It will have more up to date information than GPS which may direct you onto forest service roads or other routes that aren't suitable for highway traffic.

Remember that smoke can reduce visibility quickly, making it difficult to see other vehicles, emergency responders and hazards. Slow down, increase

following distance and use extra caution when driving through smoky areas. Power outages near fires may also affect traffic signals and other transportation systems, so treat dark signals as four-way stops and watch for changing traffic patterns.

"This is already an incredibly difficult wildfire season for many Oregon communities. Families have been evacuated,

people have lost power and road closures have disrupted daily life," ODOT States. "We appreciate the patience and understanding of Oregonians as firefighters, emergency responders and road crews across the state continue working to protect lives, communities and critical transportation routes."

RESOURCES
• For current wildfire information, visit the

Northwest Coordination Center or OSFMInfo.org.

• Visit Wildfire.Oregon.gov for wildfire preparedness information and resources before, during and after a wildfire.

• Sign up for local emergency alerts at ORAlert.gov.

• Monitor air quality and smoke conditions at OregonSmoke.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE: COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

A vacant seat on your Electric Co-op's board is open for Brookings and Harbor.

Board of Directors Seeks Applications

The Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Board of Directors is seeking qualified members to fill a vacancy representing Districts 1 & 2 (Brookings/Harbor). Because this vacancy occurred between annual meetings, the Board of Directors will appoint a qualified member to serve until the June 2027 Annual Meeting of the Members. At that time, members will elect a director to complete the remainder of the unexpired term, which ends in 2028. The appointed director may choose to run as the incumbent. Members are at the center of every decision made by Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative. Directors play a vital role in providing strategic leadership and ensuring the Cooperative remains financially sound while delivering safe, reliable and affordable electric service

The Role of a Director

Directors are responsible for:

- Establishing policies and providing strategic oversight
- Monitoring the Cooperative's financial performance and long-term direction
- Representing the interests of the entire membership when making decisions
- Participating in regular board meetings, committee work, and continuing education

The electric industry is evolving rapidly. Decisions made by the Board of Directors directly influence the Cooperative's future, including system reliability, infrastructure investments, financial stability, and the rates paid by members. Serving on the board is an opportunity to help guide the future of your Cooperative.

Who May Apply

Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a qualified Oregon elector
- Be a CCEC member in good standing
- Have received electric service at their principal residence within District 1 & 2 for at least one year
- Not have interests that conflict with or are adverse to those of the Cooperative

Additional eligibility requirements are contained in the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Bylaws, which are available on the CCEC website.

How to Express Interest

Interested members should submit a letter of interest including:

- Full name and contact information
- Service address
- Length of Cooperative membership
- Relevant professional, leadership, board, volunteer, and community experience
- A brief statement describing why they are interested in serving on the Board of Directors

How to submit letter of interest

- **By email:** Submit your letter of interest to marie.coleman@cooscurryelectric.com with the subject line Board Vacancy Interest – [Applicant Name]. PDF format is preferred.
- **By mail:** Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Marie Coleman, P.O. Box 1268, Port Orford, OR 97465
- **In person:** Letters may be delivered to the Brookings CCEC office during normal business hours.

Letters of interest must be received no later than August 20, 2026.

Appointment Process

Following review of submissions, qualified applicants may be invited to meet with the Board of Directors. The Board will then appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws.

Questions About the Vacancy?

Members with questions regarding the vacancy, director qualifications, expectations of board service, or the appointment process may contact:

- Marie Coleman, Executive Assistant
Phone: (541) 661-1394
Email: marie.coleman@cooscurryelectric.com

Board meetings are open to members. Those interested in the position are welcome to attend the regular meeting on **Thursday, August 27.**

Serving on the Board of Directors is an opportunity to help guide the future of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative while representing the interests of the members and communities it serves.

Submit a letter of interest describing your background and why you'd like to serve.

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Office Phone: (541) 332-3931

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in rural communities deserve access to the same opportunities and services available elsewhere.

As a member-owned cooperative, CCEC committed to making service available throughout its territory, including remote communities that have historically been overlooked for broadband investment. It was a long-term investment driven by community need and the cooperative's commitment to serving all members.

Bringing fiber to one of the most rural regions in the Pacific Northwest required years of determination and collaboration. Crews navigated rugged terrain, secured permits and easements, worked through weather challenges and supply chain disruptions, and constructed infrastructure across hundreds of miles of service territory.

That commitment continues a legacy that stretches back generations.

In 1962, Agness became one of the last communities in CCEC's service territory to receive electricity after crews extended service through rugged terrain to the remote community, located 32 miles up the Rogue River. More than 60 years later, BBI extended fiber to that same community, bringing access to telehealth services, online education, remote work opportunities and critical communications. Technology has changed. The cooperative's commitment to serving rural communities has not.

Benefits Beyond Broadband

While expanding access to reliable high-speed internet was a primary goal, the fiber network also delivers significant benefits for the cooperative's electric system and the members who depend on it. Fiber now connects every CCEC substation, enabling real-time communication between substations, field equipment and system operators. The network

improves outage detection, increases system visibility and provides crews with better information to more effectively operate the system.

The network also supports weather stations and monitoring equipment that provide real-time environmental information, strengthening wildfire monitoring and helping the cooperative manage risk. In remote areas where cellular coverage is limited, the fiber infrastructure strengthens communications capabilities and provides a foundation for future technologies that will continue improving the safety, efficiency and reliability of the electric system.

These investments benefit every cooperative member.

Reliable broadband also creates opportunities throughout the region by supporting local businesses, enabling remote work, expanding access to healthcare and education, so rural communities remain vibrant places to live and work.

For Beacon Broadband customer Kori Lewis, reliable internet made it possible for her family to return to Oregon's South Coast. After her husband's position transitioned to full-time remote work, the family relocated to Lewis' hometown, but dependable internet access remained a concern.

Before Beacon Broadband became available, her husband relied on two separate work locations with different internet providers and regularly experienced service outages, often forcing him to move between locations to stay connected.

"The reliability of Beacon Broadband has been a huge blessing for us," Lewis said. "For the first few years, my husband worked from different locations because outages were common. Since switching to Beacon Broadband, he can count on maintaining a reliable connection from his home office."

Today, Lewis' husband works full-time from home with dependable fiber service, allowing the

family to live and work in the community they love.

Built by People Who Believe in the Mission-The transition from vision to reality reflects years of dedication from employees across CCEC and BBI who believed the investment would create value for the communities they serve.

Over six years employees across engineering, construction, operations, customer care, finance, grant administration and leadership came together to accomplish the objective set by the Board of Directors – make high-speed fiber broadband accessible to every CCEC member.

In a true cooperative spirit, the Board of Directors saw the vision to best serve the co-op members and acted with the fortitude to make it happen.

"This accomplishment is a reflection of our electric co-op heritage," said Brent Bischoff, CEO of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative and Beacon Broadband. "With a singular focus to serve our members, our Board, employees, contractors, and partners have worked tirelessly over years to reach this monumental milestone. Together, we've built infrastructure that expands opportunity, modernizes our electric system, and creates lasting value for the communities we serve."

Looking Ahead

With the core network now complete, BBI continues connecting the remaining unserved locations within CCEC's service territory while pursuing opportunities to expand service into neighboring underserved communities.

The completion of the fiber network marks a significant milestone in CCEC's history and reflects the cooperative's commitment to investing in infrastructure to strengthen communities and expand opportunities across Oregon's South Coast for generations to come. Members can learn more about BBI services and subscribe by visiting www.beaconbroadband.com.

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