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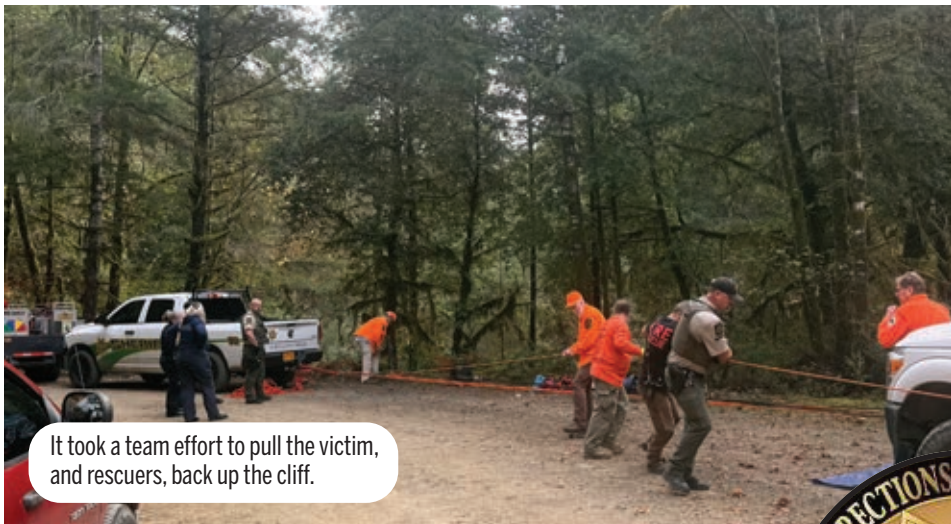
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THANKSGIVING
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Search and Rescue Team save citizen



It took a team effort to pull the victim, and rescuers, back up the cliff.



Photos courtesy of Curry County Sheriff's Office
The Search and Rescue team ready the ropes to descend the cliff.



By SERGEANT JARED GRAY
SAR Coordinator, Curry County Sheriff's Office

On November 11 at or about 8:40 AM, a citizen caller reported to Brookings Police Department that there was possibly a vehicle off the roadway on United States Forest Service (USFS) 1107 road, at approximately the 8-mile marker.

The citizen caller advised that they could hear someone yelling for help from below the roadway. The Winchuck Fire Department and Cal-Or Ambulance were dispatched to the area.

At the time, Sargent Zane Van Zelf heard the information over the radio and responded to the area.

At or about 8:56 AM, Deputy Bryce Starbird arrived on scene and determined that there was not a vehicle off the

roadway as reported. Deputy Starbird did hear someone yelling and screaming over the steep embankment, approximately 100 feet below the roadway.

It was unknown at this time, but it was believed that there may have been possibly two subjects over the embankment. Later determined there was only one person.

The victim could not be seen but could be heard yelling and screaming. It was determined that the Curry County Sheriff's Office (Search and Rescue) SAR rope team would be needed to safely reach the subject.

At or about 10:09 AM SAR member

Andy Stubbs repelled down and located the one victim in the water near the north side of the river. The subject later identified as 45-year-old Bruce Stacy of Reedsport, Oregon, was at the bottom of the embankment in the water.

Stacey had a broken leg, and he was verbally unresponsive to the emergency personnel that arrived to assist him. Stacey continued to struggle with the emergency personnel as they rendered aid to him, and he was restrained inside a stokes basket. The SAR rope team then set up a rope system and pulled Stacey, SAR volunteers Tim Hawkins and Andy Stubbs, back up to the roadway.

While this was happening, Sheriff Deputies were able to get Stacey's dog, Nola, safely back to a patrol vehicle. Nola had been over the embankment and appeared very scared as her owner was being rescued. Nola was later taken to Wild Rivers animal shelter.

Stacey was then transported by Cal-Or Ambulance to Sutter Coast Hospital to get treated for his broken leg, hypothermia, and other injuries sustained during the incident.

This incident was typical of a rescue in our rural area and took the collaboration of all agencies to reach and render aid to Bruce Stacy and his dog Nola. The first responders on scene were Winchuck Fire, Harbor Fire, Cal-Or Ambulance, Curry County Search and Rescue volunteers, and Curry County Sheriff's Office.

Curry County Board of Commissioners comments on litigation and recall efforts



Photos courtesy of Curry County
Lynn Coker (l), Jay Trost and Patrick Hollinger

PRESS RELEASE

It is with great relief that the Board of Commissioners announces that litigation has concluded in Circuit Court Case 25CV02479. This case was filed by the Board against Sheriff John Ward and sought clarity regarding the respective roles and authorities of the parties.

The case was presided over by Honorable Judge Stone of Coos County, and the Trial was held in person in Gold Beach on October 29, 2025. While some issues had been previously decided upon Summary Judgment, such as direction to the Sheriff to cooperate and comply with lawful orders of the Board including

County policy, collaboration with the Board on matters of County concern and County property, and required coordination with County Legal Counsel, the issue of providing records to the Board remained.

At Trial, Judge Stone indicated that the first paragraph of the Board Order is important but will require additional language. A review of the requested documents by County Legal Counsel prior to disclosure was discussed as an option. A formal decision is expected soon and will be shared with the public upon receipt.

It is recognized that the Sheriff is not legally required to participate in public meetings, workshops or executive sessions. The



Board will continue to encourage participation; the best outcomes result from responsible elected leaders being in the room together to make decisions.

Regardless of the Sheriff's participation at critical public sessions, the Board will now at minimum have access to all the information needed to make in-

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A Mayor's Farewell: Isaac Hodges Reflects on Service, Community and a Return Home

By WENDY GIORDANO

At the November 10th Brookings City Council meeting, Mayor Isaac Hodges announced that he will resign from his position in January due to an upcoming move just outside the city limits.

While his family is only shifting a short distance, the change places him on the county side of the boundary, making him ineligible to continue serving.

After thoughtful discussion, Hodges and his family chose to return to the house he grew up in, a place filled with decades of family history. "We're not moving far," he said, "and as a family we will continue to celebrate holidays in the same house we always have."

Although the move brings him back to familiar walls, stepping away from office brings a mix of gratitude and reflection.

"It was an honor to serve as the Brookings mayor. This was a position I never dreamed of having and I will miss it," Hodges shared. "I worked alongside great councilors which I learned a lot from. It is a relief to know that as I step away our city government remains in great hands."

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Images courtesy of the city of Brookings
Mayor and his Dog: Mayor Hodges is proud to have served

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Curry County Juvenile Department to Host Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Curry County Juvenile Department and Curry County Prevention have been able to attain funding to bring back the time-honored tradition of a Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thanks to our many sponsors, Advanced Health, Sunset Family Pizza, Curry County, Travel Curry Coast, Allcare Health, and the many volunteers helping to bring this together. We are grateful to live in the community we do and are proud to serve Thanksgiving Dinner, with hopes for future Community Holiday Meals in the future.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27th, 2025, from 11am-2pm at the Curry County Fairgrounds in Gold Beach. This will be a traditional Thanksgiving meal of Turkey, Ham, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Stuffing, Dinner Roll, Pie, and a Bottled Water. The meals will be served in to-go containers however, we will have the room set up with tables, chairs, and music being played. You can take this time to visit with your neighbors, or you can take it to go.

We will have 400 meals to hand out, and we are suggesting a \$15 donation that will go towards future holiday meals. No one will be turned away; this will be first come, first serve.

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10	11	12	13	14
Butternut Squash Ravioli W/ Pesto Sauce Garlic Bread Peas	Vetrans Day Navy Bean Soup Submarine Sandwich	Oven Fried Chicken Mashed Pot. Gravy Peas & Carrots	Herb Baked Fish Mac N' Cheese Chef's Blend	Sweet & Sour Pork Ribs Turmeric Rice Stir Fry Vegetables
17	18	19	20	21
Bbg Chicken Scallops Potatoes Roasted Vegetables	Chile Relleno With Green Sauce Spanish Rice Refried Beans	Fettuccine Alfredo W/ Meatballs Breadsticks Italian Blend	Herb Baked Fish Mashed Yams Corn	Meatloaf Baked Potato Sautéed Vegetables
24	25	26	27	28
Kielbasa & Sauerkraut Pinto Beans Glazed Carrots	Vegetarian Spaghetti Galic Bread Mixed Vegetables	Beef Tips Noodles Cornbread Chef's Blend	Closed Thanksgiving Dinner Fundraiser	Closed

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Curry County receives USLA Open Water Lifeguard Agency Certification



Curry County hosts around 100 miles of coastline and over 360 square miles of rivers, lakes, and streams and has become a popular destination for outdoor recreation. Curry County Aquatic Safety strives to provide an exemplary public service to reduce drowning and or injury along the Southern Oregon Coast's waterways and shorelines through outreach, education, and response. The program was es-

tablished in 2020 and has since been operating under standards built by the Oregon State Marine Board's Boating Safety Division for boating operations and under the United States Lifesaving Association for open water lifeguarding standards. At the United States Lifesaving Association's (USLA) 2025 Fall Board of Directors meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the Curry County Aquatic Safety Program received



its open water lifeguard agency certification under the USLA. This certification is considered the gold standard for open water lifeguard

agencies, showing a commitment to excellence in lifeguarding and public safety. The certification demonstrates that the program has adopted best practices

for training, equipment, and safety protocols and operates according to the USLA's guidelines for open water lifeguarding. The agency is extremely proud to join the list of certified agencies throughout the Nation.

For more information on USLA certified agencies, please see: www.usla.org/certified. For further information on the program or staff contact please reach out to aquatic.safety@currycountyor.gov.

Wild Rivers Coast Worship Directory

Brookings

Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Justus Alaeto, Pastor
820 Old County Rd., Brookings
541-469-2313
Tuesday Mass.....5:15 p.m.
Wednesday Mass.....5:15 p.m.
Friday Mass.....5:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass.....4:30 p.m.
Sunday Spanish Mass.....6:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass.....8:30 a.m.
First Friday every month Adoration 4 p.m. & Mass 6 p.m.
First Saturday every month Mass 9 a.m.
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Trinity Lutheran Church
1200 Easy St., PO Box 1199
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Sunday Bible School
All Ages...9am (Sept.-May)
Sunday Worship Service...10am
Nursery Available
Pastor Matt Steendahl
541-469-3411
tlcbrookings.org

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

Christian Science Church
429 Pine St. at Redwood Spur, Brookings
Sunday Service.....11 a.m.
Sunday School.....11 a.m.
Wednesday Testimony Mtg..6 p.m.
Reading Room:
Monday & Wednesday..1-3 p.m.
or by appointment
www.BrookingsCSC.com
541-469-2398 or 469-3333

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

Faith Baptist Church
Fundamental Independent
409 Hillside Ave. Unit C, Brookings
541-412-1070
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Morning Preaching.....11 a.m.
Evening Preaching.....6 p.m.
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Pastor Carl Smith
541-659-9352

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541-469-3030
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Saturday Worship.....11:15am
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11:15am Fellowship

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Seventh-day Adventist Church

1770 Northcrest Dr., Crescent City 707-464-2738

Pastor Mason Philpot

Crescent City Seventh-day Adventist School
Grades 1-8707-464-2738

Saturday Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Services.....11:00 a.m.

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"Grace Alone, through Christ Alone, for God's Glory Alone"
6725 Lake Earl Dr.

Sunday School - 9:30am

Sunday Service - 10:45am

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE STATE OF OREGON FOR CURRY COUNTY
In the Matter of the Estate of: JOHN BARRY, Deceased.
Case No. 25PB09254
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Loyd Drain has been appointed and has qualified as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative, c/o Robert W. Good, Attorney at Law, 611 Siskiyou Blvd, Suite 4, Ashland, Oregon 97520, or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published this 26th day of November, 2025. s/ Robert W. Good
Robert W. Good, OSB #935317
Attorney for Personal Representative
11/26/2025, Pilot, 420742

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY
In the Matter of the Estate of: DONALD RICHARD MARTIN, Deceased.
Case No. 25PB09673
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 said estate are required to present them to the undersigned Personal Representative through my resident agent, JAMES W. GARDNER, Attorney at Law, 29692 El-lensburg Ave, Ste 11, P.O. Box 1286, Gold Beach, Oregon 97444, Phone (541) 247-6615, within four months after the

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date of the 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 27th day of October, 2025. /s/ JESSICA MARINA MARTIN
Personal Representative
912 Centennial Ave, #C Alameda, CA 94501
Phone 510-866-3378
11/26, 12/3, & 12/10/2025, Pilot, 420767

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY
PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of: DORIS JEAN HENDERSON, Decedent.
Case No.: 25PB08061
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Diana June Zellmer has been appointed Personal Representative of the above captioned estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned Personal Representative at the offices of BROPHY SCHMOR LLP, 201 West Main St., Fifth Floor, PO Box 128, Medford, Oregon 97501, attorneys for the Personal Representative, within four (4) 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 attorneys for the Personal Representative, Mark Y. Tuai of BROPHY SCHMOR, LLP. Dated and first published November 26, 2025. Personal Representative: Diana June Zellmer 11/26/2025, Pilot, 420768

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION FEE-TO-TRUST AND HOUSING, CULTURAL CENTER, AND PARKING LOT
Notice is hereby given that

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the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Department of the Interior has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) dated November 13, 2025, for the transfer of seven parcels (Assessor Parcel Numbers 102-070-17, 102-070-13, 102-070-08, 102-070-25, 102-160-23, 102-010-41, and 102-010-40) comprised of approximately 22.3- acres of tribally owned land in the town of Smith River, Del Norte County, California (Project Site), into federal trust status for the Tolowa Dee-Ni' Nation (Tribe) for non-gaming purposes. The Tribe intends to develop visitor and recreational vehicle parking (50 automobile stalls and 17 recreational vehicle stalls), tribal residential housing (6 single-family units) and private road, a cultural center (5,330 square feet), and a cultural preserve (Proposed Action). The purpose of the Proposed Action is to meet tribal self-sufficiency, self-determination, and economic development. Based on the analysis and impacts in a previously released Environmental Assessment (EA) and the entire administrative record, the BIA is issuing a FONSI. This finding ends the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process. The FONSI is available for review on the internet at <https://www.gra.llc/environmental-assessment> and at the Tribe's administration building at 12801 Mouth of Smith River Rd, Smith River, California For additional information, please contact Jennifer Hayden, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Region, at 916-936-6220 or by email at Jennifer.hayden@bia.gov. 11/26 & 12/3/2025, Pilot, 420829

An Online Only Storage Lien Auction will be held at storage-treasures.com on Thursday, December 4, 2025. Use zip code 97415 in the search bar to find the auction. Sale ends at 3:00 pm. Hewitt's Stor-All 96650 DeMoss Rd. Brookings, OR 97415 Unit #10 - Latoya Super Household & Misc. Items 11/26 & 12/3/2025, Pilot, 420853

Puzzle Answers

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formed decisions. We remain hopeful that Sheriff Ward will choose to participate in shaping the future of our County by participating in transparent public sessions. While the past year has been very difficult for all of us, it has certainly taken a toll on County staff and the community at large. Challenges, especially when elevated to litigation, create division and we understand that some may have even been pressured

to “pick a side.” The reality is there is only one Curry County and we will move forward together. Information regarding the final ruling, as well as documentation of the requests made by the Board and County Legal Counsel will be posted when available on the County’s dedicated webpage: https://www.currycountyor.gov/government/board_of_commissioners/boc_vs_ward.php#outer-4856. All case filings are available by records request from the Curry

County Circuit Court. An Early Thanksgiving Note from Curry County Commissioner Lynn Coker I am grateful that the effort to recall Curry County Commissioners Trost and Hollinger has collapsed. Equally, I am thankful to both men—and their families—for standing united and resolute, with a firm commitment to advancing the virtues of transparency and accountability, while drawing strength from their commitment to truth. I am grateful for our Curry County neighbors

who, by the thousands, firmly rejected the false claims and derogatory rhetoric voiced by a noisy, misinformed, and misguided minority. I am thankful for our elected officials in Curry County, who remained steadfast in providing essential leadership for their organizations. I am grateful for our dedicated Curry County employees, who consistently demonstrated professionalism and expertise, accomplishing much on behalf of our community

throughout this challenging recall period. I am also thankful for the superb executive leadership shown by Curry County’s senior administrative staff and operational executives, all under the steady guidance of our Director of Operations and Legal Counsel. Not every county could have weathered a storm like the one Curry County faced over the past few months. The divisiveness and noise sparked by the failed recall attempt created confusion and

distraction, giving rise to cynicism and doubt about our capacity for self-governance. We have been tested—and to our credit, this intense examination revealed the strength of our community’s core values: transparency, accountability, participation, and equity. I am deeply grateful that my family lives in Curry County and that I have the honor of serving as a member of our outstanding Curry County Leadership Team.

Nature's Coastal Holiday Festival of Lights celebrates its 28th year

By **LINDA LEE**
Curry Coastal Pilot

For more than a quarter of a century Azelea Park has transformed into a spectacular, world-class holiday destination.

What began in 1997 with a modest 20,000 lights has exploded into Nature's Coastal Holiday Festival of Lights, a dazzling showcase now boasting over three million lights that turn the park into a month-long winter wonderland.

"We all work together every year to put this together," said Jill Weissgerber, a Festival of Lights board member and volunteer. "It's so awesome to see everybody enjoying it."

The event, which is celebrating its 28th anniversary this year, has grown into a major international draw. While 7,120 people enjoyed the inaugural show in 1997, the festival's biggest year on record was in 2023 and welcomed over 34,000 visitors.

Guests traveled from dozens of states, and more than eight foreign countries, to view the spectacular event, solidifying its status as a global holiday attraction.

The Festival of Lights is a testament to the enduring spirit of community as it operates entirely as a volunteer-coordinated and staffed event. It was the brainchild of past volunteers, Olivia Abbott and Keith Pepper and that grassroots effort remains the heart of the operation.

"That same spirit of volunteering is still at the core of the event," said Weissgerber.

In the early days, just a few dozen people strung lights, with others baking cookies and local schools designing posters.

Today, the entire Brookings-Harbor community mobilizes to make the show happen. Locals string millions of lights the last Saturday in October and the first Saturday in November, then take them down the first Saturday in January.

Throughout the month-long run, local businesses, organizations and community members step up and volunteer to staff the event nightly, selling tickets, refreshments and acting as Santa's helpers to keep the show running smoothly.

Nature's Coastal Holiday, a non-profit organization, is dedicated not just to spreading holiday cheer, but also to improving its hometown.

The organization made a significant impact with a \$30,000 contribution toward the 2023 KidTown redo; in addition, the organization actively supports local youth, recently providing funds to Brookings Harbor High School for their prom and Safe and Sober grad night.

The festival is open nightly from November 28th to December 28th from 5 to 9 p.m., weather permitting. The walking tour usually takes about forty-five minutes.

In addition to the walking tour, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be available to take photos with the kids each Friday and Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. There is also a refreshment booth that will serve hot cider, cookies and hot chocolate.

For more information log onto: <https://naturescoastalholiday.com>.



Photos by Linda Lee
Festival of Lights board member Jill Weissgerber is all smiles during opening day last year.



Visitors were all aglow underneath the snow during opening night at last year's light festival.



Singing carolers greeted visitors as they entered the display of lights.

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Hark the Herald Angels Sing to all those walking the tour.



Audrey Evans, was one of Santa's helper Elves last year.



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Arts & culture grant opportunity:



Photo by Linda Lee
Concerts are just one of the many ways CCCC supports the arts in the community



Art at the Port is a favorite tradition

Curry County Cultural Coalition’s (CCCC) annual grant cycle for amounts up to \$1,500 is now underway and accepting applications from November 15, 2025 through January 15, 2026.

If your nonprofit organization is planning an event or project for 2026 that will promote, preserve or enhance the arts, heritage or humanities in Curry County, financial help may be available.

The maximum grant award is \$1,500. Nonprofits can use the funds for these types of activities and more:

1) Producing or promoting art: painting, sculpture, ceramics, textile art, music, drama or writing; 2) Heritage: promoting history and culture of a community, including museums and preservation projects; or 3) Humanities: includes everything above plus libraries, events and studies in philosophy or history.

CCCC has provided more than \$170,000 in funding to local projects over the past nineteen years. Projects and programs throughout the county are supported through funding provided by the

Oregon Cultural Trust.

Oregon Cultural Trust funds are generated through direct donations, the sales of Cultural Heritage license plates, and Oregon’s unique funding-match incentive that provides individual state tax credits to donors.

Each year OCT grants a third of its total funds among the local coalitions across

the state. To learn more, visit <https://www.culturaltrust.org/donors>.

To learn more about CCCC’s local grant funding program and download the application, visit the CCCC web page at www.curryccc.org. Applications must be complete and received by January 15, 2026 to be considered. Funding awards will be announced in mid-February.



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