

Ballots have been mailed, here’s how to make your vote count

NATE SCHWARTZ Editor

Ballots for the November Midterms were sent out last week. If you’re reading this and still haven’t received a ballot, you can reach out to the county clerk’s office to double check. If you have your ballot here are some important reminders ahead of Election Day on November 3:

Once you’ve made your choices, hopefully after some research and thought, make sure you sign your ballot. It is important that you use the same signature that you usually sign with; checking your driver’s license for a reminder is a good idea. No need to use an overly formal or extra readable signature as those verifying your ballot will be comparing it to your normal, everyday “John Hancock”.

When your ballot is fully completed you have a couple of options for where to take it. Most clerks recommend using one of the 24-hour drive up ballot boxes. For Curry County, there is one in Brookings, Gold Beach, and Port Orford:

-Brookings: Brookings City Hall, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR 97415

-Gold Beach: Curry County Courthouse, E Moore Street Parking lot, Gold Beach, OR 97444

-Port Orford: Port Orford City Hall, 555 W 20th Street, Port Orford, OR 97465

Ballot drop boxes are monitored via camera 24/7. Couriers from each town work in pairs to get the secured ballot bags back to the county elections office as



Ballot box outside City Hall in Brookings.

quickly and safely as possible. Only those within the elections office have the codes necessary to open them, not the couriers themselves.

Those who insist on seeing it through themselves can hand their ballot directly to someone at the elections office at the County Courthouse in Gold Beach during open hours from 9 a.m to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mailing is also an available option but it is a good idea to do so a week or so ahead of the deadline on November 3. If you

are planning to do so close to election day, it is best to go to the post office in person and specifically request a postmark. All ballots must be postmarked on or before Nov 3 to be accepted.

You can use the My Vote tool on the Oregon Secretary of State’s official website, sos.oregon.gov, to track your ballot and see that it has been received.

It is highly recommended to vote early and to vote informed. Early voting better ensures your vote is counted quickly and allows for a faster turnaround of results after election day closes at 8 p.m.

Results are tabulated using air-gapped counting machines, and those handling ballots do so at tables with representatives from both major parties to ensure security. Those interested in observing the election process can reach out to the county clerk to register for a time slot.

If you have any other questions about the process, your ballot, or observation you can reach out to the Curry County Clerk’s office at (541) 247-3297, or check the elections page of the County Website at Curry-CountyOR.gov.



Tamie Kaufman

Gold Beach Mayor recognized with the LOC award

For the Pilot

The prestigious James C. Richards Award was presented to Gold Beach Mayor Tamie Kaufman during the League of Oregon Cities’ (LOC) 101st Annual Conference in Salem. The award is given to an elected city official who serves the citizens of Oregon through an exceptional personal investment in intergovernmental affairs.

In an official release, the LOC outlined the reasons why she was chosen for the award:

“For more than 30 years, Tamie Kaufman has made public service a defining part of her life. She has consistently stepped forward to serve in various roles, including city commissions, city council, regional organizations and statewide boards. Mayor Kaufman creates space for difficult conversations while keeping them civil, respectful, and productive. She believes the best decisions come from listening, understanding different perspectives, and finding common ground.”

The LOC also outlined Kaufman’s community service efforts outside of her official role.

“Mayor Kaufman’s commitment to her community also extends far beyond city hall. Through her work with affordable housing, homelessness, community action, and resident owned communities, she helps people find better options and secure futures. But perhaps what makes Mayor Kaufman’s service

Celebrating Tracy LeJeune: 20 years of service to Brookings

City of Brookings

After 20 years of service to the Brookings community, Communications Supervisor Tracy LeJeune is retiring from a career spent answering emergency calls, supporting first responders and helping people through some of the most difficult moments of their lives.

Her path to emergency communications was not exactly planned.

“This actually goes back to my previous job/career,” LeJeune said.

In 1982, she was hired by Dictaphone and eventually worked her way up to Western Region Administrator of Sales in Communications Recording. When the company was sold in 2004, LeJeune and her cowork-



Tracy LeJeune

ers were laid off after she had spent 22 years with the company.

“So after 22 years I was searching the job market again,” she recalled. “There was an ad in the Pilot for a Dispatcher posi-

tion for Curry County Sheriff. I answered the ad not really knowing what a Dispatcher was.”

She was hired by the Curry County Sheriff’s Office in August 2005 and transferred to the City of Brookings in September 2006.

When asked what inspired her to become a dispatcher, LeJeune summed it up simply:

“I was inspired by becoming unemployed!”

What started as an unexpected career move quickly became something much more meaningful.

When LeJeune first came to the City, she was hired to work in both dispatch and Municipal Court. At that time, Municipal Court handled only municipal code violations, so her court duties were limited and she

eventually transitioned to full-time dispatch. In 2012, when the court was approved to begin handling traffic violations, she was asked to return as Municipal Court Clerk.

Her responsibilities continued to expand over the years. LeJeune served as a Reserve Police Officer in 2013 and 2014, became the department’s Evidence/Property Technician in 2018, and that same year was promoted to Communications Supervisor.

For LeJeune, one of the things people may not understand is just how much dispatchers value the work they do.

“I think people would be surprised to learn how much we

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Opinion & Letters

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Letters to the Editor

Curry County deserves facts, not rumors

I encourage every voter in Curry County to be informed, ask questions, and look beyond the headlines. In politics, some of the most damaging distortions are not outright lies, but facts deliberately left out.

Throughout this campaign, accusations surrounding the MRE incident and claims of an alleged “10-mile rap sheet” have been used to question my character. The Oregon Department of Justice reviewed the MRE incident and concluded there was insufficient evidence to prove theft. That is a critical part of the record, and voters deserve the full context—not simply repeated accusations.

I have passed 10 local, state, and federal background checks this calendar year alone for employment, volunteer work, and personal matters. I have no criminal convictions or arrests. Families, coaches, and young athletes see me working throughout the Oregon coast year-round, despite claims that I am unemployed. The facts are available to anyone willing to look beyond the rhetoric.

This election is about more than accusations. It is about whether Curry County continues down the same path of political insiders and familiar alliances, or whether we restore public trust and put our community first.

Look at the endorsements, the alliances, and the campaign signs appearing together across the county. I will let voters draw their own conclusions. I am not running to belong to the good-old boys’ club. I am running

to represent the people of Curry County. The endorsement I am seeking is yours.

My opponent and I are both Republicans. I believe effective leadership means working with anyone, regardless of party, who is willing to do what is right for our county. Party politics must never come before public safety, accountability, or the people we serve.

I am a working-class husband and father, born and raised in Oregon. I understand the value of hard work, personal responsibility, and a government that answers to its citizens—not political insiders. My commitment is to the people who live and work here, the families raising their children here, and the future we share.

I ask voters to think independently, verify the facts, and refuse to let social media outrage or carefully constructed narratives make their decisions for them. We can disagree on policy and still demand honesty, fairness, and accountability from those seeking public office.

On November 3, I ask for your vote. Vote for accountability. Vote for public safety. Vote for leadership that puts Curry County before politics.

*Jeremy Dumire
Candidate for Curry County Commissioner,
Position 1*



Holy Cow! History

The president's stuff is missing!

By J. MARK POWELL
InsideSou

Somewhere in America right now, someone may be walking around with LBJ’s class ring on his finger, Abe Lincoln’s telegrams in his pocket, Harry Truman’s swords in one hand and FDR’s portrait in the other.

Those items, plus other presidential oddities, are missing. And there’s no clue where they might be. It’s the National Archives and Records Administration’s job to preserve everything Uncle Sam wants to keep. There’s a mountain of it, too. At last count, the National Archives has 13.5 billion pages of documents; 10 million maps, charts, and drawings; 41 million photos and graphics. It also oversees historical materials in 16 presidential libraries.



So it’s understandable that a few things slip through the cracks. But when a missing item belonged to a president, it’s serious. Here are several presidential possessions the National Archives can’t find.

Truman’s swords
Harry Truman had immense personal integrity. He believed official gifts belonged to the American people. He created the Truman Presidential Library and Museum so everyday folks could see those glitzy things. Unfortunately, thieves decided to help themselves to a few.

Early one Friday morning in March 1978, they broke into the library through the front door, smashed three display cases and were gone in 45 seconds. Also gone were three ceremonial swords and two daggers given to Truman by Saudi Arabia’s crown prince and the shah of Iran, handcrafted and featuring gold chains and ivory grips studded with diamonds, emeralds and rubies.

Johnson’s ring
John F. Kennedy loved the sea. So it’s no surprise he accepted an invitation to deliver the U.S. Coast Guard Academy’s 1964 commencement address.

After his assassination, Lyndon Johnson honored Kennedy’s commitment.3 The graduates showed their appreciation by making him an honorary member of the Class of 1964, with his very own yellow sapphire in 14K gold setting class ring engraved with — what else? — LBJ.

It disappeared from the Johnson Presidential Library and Museum, which very much wants it back.

Roosevelt’s portrait
Ellen Emmet Rand painted the rich and famous, immortalizing more than 500 in oil portraits. She tried to paint Theodore Roosevelt, but eventually gave up because “he couldn’t sit still.”

Rand didn’t have that problem in 1934, when Teddy’s cousin Franklin sat for her. FDR liked the painting so much that it became his official White House portrait.

Sometime after his death, for reasons unknown, the portrait was moved to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, N.Y. (A portrait by another artist, Frank O. Salisbury, is in the White House collection.)

In 2004, Peter Rand, the artist’s grandson and a Boston University instructor, was researching at FDR’s library when he asked to see the painting. Sorry, library staff told him, it’s unavailable for viewing. No big deal, he thought.

Imagine his surprise when, six months later, he got a letter from the library saying the painting was missing. It said nobody could remember seeing the portrait since it was moved to temporary storage in 2001. (How could any-

one “lose” a 5-foot-high, 4-foot-wide picture housed in a gilt wood frame and stored in a 250-pound art crate?) It’s listed in the FBI’s National Stolen Art database.

Lincoln’s telegrams
If Abraham Lincoln were alive today, he’d be a tech geek. He loved the latest inventions and advancements.

One of his favorites was the telegram. He appreciated being able to communicate instantly with anyone, anywhere in the country. A telegraph office in the War Department sat next door to the White House. Lincoln sent messages so often that they created a special pad so he could write the text himself, then send it by courier to the telegrapher.

The government saved all those documents. Because they were written in Lincoln’s own hand, they’re very valuable today. Many reveal the ho-hum daily drudgery of a wartime president. Consider this one from April 29, 1864:

“General Brayman
“I am appealed to on behalf of O. Kellogg and J.W. Pryor, both in prison in Cairo, Ills. Please telegraph me what are the charges and summary of the evidence against them.

“A. Lincoln”
Not nearly as dramatic as, say, “How’s the Battle of Gettysburg going? We’re dying to find out here!” Yet still worth saving.

In 2008, the National Archives digitally scanned those messages. To its horror, five were missing.

As far as historic relics

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Weekly Poll

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A BIG SHIFT IS GOING TO HAPPEN, LEADING TO BIG CHANGES - 27%

A BIG SHIFT IS GOING TO HAPPEN BUT NOT MUCH WILL CHANGE 27%

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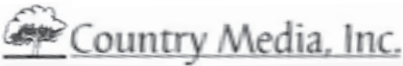
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Off the charts: Bee and other insect stings

By Dr. GiGi Reed MD

Warm weather is winding down but when the sun wins over the clouds, we can still encounter frantic bees, wasps or hornets. A pleasant afternoon can then turn into a painful one. Most stings cause little more than temporary pain, redness, and swelling. Occasionally, however, a sting triggers a dangerous allergic reaction that requires immediate treatment.

Fatal reactions are uncommon, but they do occur. According to the CDC and Prevention, almost 800 deaths from bee, wasp, and hornet stings were recorded in the United States between 2011 and 2021—an average of about 72 each year. Knowing how to recognize a serious reaction can make a lifesaving difference.

The first step after a sting is to move away



from the insects to avoid additional stings. Honeybees commonly leave a barbed stinger and attached venom sac embedded in the skin. Wasps and hornets generally do not leave their stingers behind and can sting repeatedly. If a stinger remains, remove it immediately. Scraping it out with a fingernail or the edge of a card works, but pulling it out is also acceptable. Speed matters more than technique: the longer the stinger remains, the more venom it can deliver. I would not waste time

searching for the ideal removal tool. For an ordinary local reaction, wash the area with soap and water and apply a cold compress- this narrows the blood vessels and hinders the venom’s spread. An over-the-counter pain reliever can ease discomfort, while an antihistamine may help with itching. Most uncomplicated stings can be managed at home. The more serious concern is anaphylaxis, a rapidly developing allergic reaction that can affect breathing and circulation. It occurs when the immune system responds excessively to a trigger such as insect venom. Blood vessels widen and become leaky, blood pressure can fall, and the airways may narrow. Warning signs include swelling of the tongue or throat, difficulty breathing, wheezing, widespread hives, vomiting, dizziness, or fainting.

Hives are common, but their absence does not rule out a dangerous reaction. Epinephrine is the essential first treatment for anaphylaxis. It helps open the airways, reduce swelling, and restore blood pressure. If a severe reaction develops and an epinephrine auto-injector, such as EpiPen, is available, use it immediately and call 911. Do not wait to see whether an antihistamine will help. Antihistamines cannot reverse dangerous airway obstruction or shock. Emergency care may include additional epinephrine, oxygen, and intravenous fluids to support blood pressure and circulation. Inhaled medications can help persistent wheezing, and patients with severe airway swelling may need a breathing tube. These measures support treatment; they do not replace epinephrine. Antihistamines may relieve itching and hives

after the immediate emergency has been addressed. Corticosteroids, once commonly given during anaphylaxis, are not recommended routinely. Neither antihistamines nor corticosteroids reliably prevent a second wave of symptoms. A possible second wave is called a biphasic reaction: symptoms return after the initial episode has resolved, without another sting. Patients therefore need observation after treatment. The appropriate observation period depends on the severity of the reaction, the response to epinephrine, and other risk factors. A severe reaction or the need for repeated epinephrine generally calls for longer monitoring. There is a very rare situation where a person receives many many many bee stings (100 or more) which can introduce enough actual toxins which can harm our organs or tis-

sues directly. This can include nerves, muscles and/ or kidneys and requires hospital intervention. Most insect stings luckily remain a painful inconvenience only, rather than a medical emergency. The important distinction is between symptoms confined to the sting site and symptoms affecting breathing, or circulation. When a serious allergic reaction is suspected, prompt epinephrine and emergency medical care are the priorities.

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. Gigireed-md@gmail.com

Letters From page 2

Support Commissioner Lynn Coker for Curry County Commissioner
As a former Curry County Commissioner

and current Oregon State Senator, I am writing to urge voters to elect Commissioner Lynn Coker to the Curry County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Coker has demonstrated exactly the kind of leadership Curry County needs: steady, transparent, and focused on the difficult work of governing. During his time on the commission, he has tackled budgets, account-

ability, inventory controls, and oversight issues that directly affect taxpayers. He has shown a willingness to ask tough questions and insist on responsible stewardship of public resources. I have worked closely with Commissioner Coker on issues critical to our region, including our shared opposition to offshore wind development off the Southern Oregon Coast.

Throughout that effort, he has been a strong advocate for coastal communities, commercial fishing, local economies, for the voices of Curry County residents. This election is ultimately about trust, judgment, and proven leadership. Voters should carefully examine the public record of all candidates. County Commissioners oversee taxpayer dollars, make decisions affecting public

safety, and are entrusted with significant responsibilities. Those seeking public office should be held to the highest standards of accountability, transparency, and integrity. Lynn Coker has earned the confidence of Curry County through his work, his professionalism, and his commitment to serving the public interest. At a time when our county faces serious challenges

and important decisions, experience and sound judgment matter. I encourage our Curry County residents to support Lynn Coker for Curry County Commissioner.

Senator David Brock Smith
Oregon State Senate
Former Curry County Commissioner

Lejeune from page 1

love our career,” she said. “We might not always love a particular day, but overall, being a 911 Dispatcher is a very important and rewarding career and we know it.” The work can involve long stretches of waiting followed by an immediate shift into crisis. “We know that not many can do what we do. Not many would be willing to sit for 10 hours and wait for the phone to ring or the Officer to call out over the radio. We react from zero to 60 every day.” That shared experience creates a strong bond among dispatchers, something LeJeune has valued deeply in her role as supervisor. “Supervising these incredibly dedicated people is just a matter of lifting them up and holding them in unquestionable esteem,” she said. “We are an odd bunch and we could not be more proud of each other, every day.” And beneath all of it is the knowledge that any call can become the one that matters most. “We come to work knowing we might just save someone’s life today.” LeJeune knows that firsthand. In 2010, she received a Life Saving Medal for being part of a team that performed CPR on an 11-year-old girl who

stopped breathing and collapsed during basketball practice. City Manager Tim Rundel said that steady presence has been central to LeJeune’s service. “For the past 20 years, Tracy LeJeune has been a steady voice of reassurance during some of the most frightening moments in people’s lives,” Rundel said. “Whether guiding someone through an emergency or helping keep our first responders safe, Tracy has been a lifeline for countless individuals and families throughout Brookings and Curry County. Her dedication to public safety is truly remarkable.” When looking back on her time with the City, LeJeune points first to the people she has worked with. “I am most proud of the tenure of our staff, some of whom I have had the pleasure of being their training officer,” she said. Her own career includes several major milestones — receiving the Life Saving Medal in 2010, being promoted to Communications Supervisor in 2018 and being named the City of Brookings Employee of the Year in 2020. But some of the moments that stay with a dispatcher are not awards or promotions. “I have been involved in so many different types of calls,” LeJeune said. “We are often asked, ‘What was the hardest call I have ever

taken?’” For her, the answer is immediate. “My answer will always be when I took a 911 call from my recently retired Dispatch partner’s husband who told me, ‘Suzy’s not breathing,’ and I could not save her.” That call remains a deeply personal reminder of how close dispatchers can come to the emergencies they handle. The person on the other end of the line is not always a stranger. Sometimes it is someone they know, someone they worked besides, or someone they care about. A lot has changed over her 20 years, but the biggest change, LeJeune said, is technology. “We used to have to really rely on a caller telling us their location, but with today’s technology the location is pinpointed pretty accurately.” Dispatchers also have access to more resources and stronger training than they did when she began. “We have so many more resources now and better training methods.” Even with those changes, the purpose of the job has remained largely the same: listen carefully, gather the right information, send help where it is needed and stay steady for the person on the other end of the line. For LeJeune, the relationships built during the past 20 years are among

the most meaningful parts of her career. “I am so grateful for the 20 years of camaraderie and friendships that I have been blessed with,” she said. She also draws a clear distinction between her first career and the work she found in public safety. “I don’t even tell people about the 22-year career I had prior to becoming a Dispatcher. I made good money, but what I did wasn’t important.” Dispatch, she said, was different. “Being a 911 Dispatcher is important and the City’s Dispatchers are the best. I am so proud of them and so proud to have been a part of their lives, as much as they have been a part of mine.” There are also several people she credits with helping shape the course of her career, beginning with Tyler McCourt. “I should probably thank Tyler McCourt first — and I bet he would wonder why,” she said. In 2005, LeJeune and McCourt both interviewed for a dispatcher position with the Curry County Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s Office also had a jailer position open and asked McCourt if he would be interested in that role instead. “He agreed to go to the jail, and I was hired as a Dispatcher. So thank you, Tyler!” LeJeune also thanked

Police Chief Kelby McCrae “for recognizing the need for a Communications Supervisor and giving me the opportunity to fill that role,” and Lt. Dotson “for listening and putting up with me all these years.” Her greatest thanks, though, are reserved for her family. “I most of all want to thank my kids, Sara and Daniel, for being so understanding when I had to work on holidays or birthdays, and my husband Wade, who has always been my sounding board and stabilizer.” Chief McCrae said LeJeune’s impact has extended both to the community and to the people she has worked beside. “Tracy served our Brookings community for 20 years, first as a 9-1-1 Dispatcher and then as the Dispatch Supervisor,” McCrae said. “She dedicated herself by being that reassuring and supportive voice on the phone that was there for each person in their time of need.” He also emphasized the support she brought to the department itself. “Tracy met each day driven to make a difference and committed herself to supporting our dispatchers and officers, both professionally and personally,” McCrae said. “Tracy leaves having made positive lasting impacts on our department.” After two decades of

emergency calls, radio traffic and unpredictable shifts, she is looking forward to something much quieter. “I am looking forward to not setting the alarm on the clock radio my mom gave me in 1978 when I moved out of the house.” She and Wade are also looking forward to visiting their children and extended family across the country. They hope to sell their home and move to Roseburg, and eventually return to visit Italy. And retirement will still include plenty of activity, especially golf and bowling. After 20 years of alarms of a very different kind — 911 calls, radio traffic and the uncertainty of what each shift might bring — LeJeune has earned the opportunity to turn off the clock radio. Her career began because she answered a newspaper ad for a job she barely knew existed. Twenty years later, she leaves as a respected leader, mentor and colleague who helped shape the City’s dispatch operation and supported countless people during moments when they needed someone calm on the other end of the line. The City of Brookings congratulates Tracy LeJeune on her retirement and thanks her for 20 years of dedicated service to our community.

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AWARD from page 1

most remarkable is the heart behind it. She leads with integrity, has the courage to do what is right, and never loses sight of the people behind the issues,” stated the League. James C. Richards, for

whom the award was named, was a city councilor for Bay City and was the administrative officer for Tillamook County. His many years of involvement in intergovernmental affairs serve as a model for others and is the standard by which nominees are evaluated. The LOC, founded in 1925, is a voluntary asso-

ciation representing all 241 of Oregon’s incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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Obituaries/News/Columns

Jessica Laine Spencer



Jessica Laine Spencer (Kensinger) will be remembered for her gentle

spirit, generous heart, steadfast loyalty, and deep faith.

Raised in Grass Valley, California, Jessica later made her home in Brookings, Oregon. A lifelong learner, she earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California.

Jessica is survived by her son, Troy; her husband, Nathan; her parents, Kandi Legg and Robert Kensinger; her stepfather, Jeff

Legg; her siblings, Jaime, Curtis, and Jennifer; and her extended family.

Jessica touched the lives of all who knew her. Her kindness, loyalty, spirituality, and distinctive warmth will remain cherished by her family and friends, who will carry her memory in their hearts.

If you knew Jessica, please remember her fondly and cherish the memories you shared with her.

SMART Reading calls for volunteers In Brookings and Gold Beach

For 35 years, SMART Reading, Oregon's largest volunteer-driven literacy nonprofit, has proven that one hour a week can change a child's life. Now, as the organization launches its programs for the 2026-27 school year, community members have an opportunity to step up and empower the next generation of readers by volunteering to read weekly with students.

Volunteers are needed at Kalmiopsis Elementary in Brookings and Driftwood Elementary in Port Orford. No prior teaching experience is required, and full training is provided.

Since launching in 1992, SMART Reading

has reached landmark milestones across the state, pairing over 164,000 volunteers with more than 357,000 Oregon children and putting over 5.1 million books directly into children's homes. SMART delivers two ingredients critical for learning success: shared reading time and personal book ownership. By mobilizing volunteers to read with PreK through third-grade students, SMART builds confidence, literacy skills, and a lifelong love of reading.

This year, SMART plans to serve more than 600 students and distribute more than 4000 books in Coos, Curry, and Douglas coun-

ties, ensuring local kids have the tools and support they need to succeed.

"For 35 years, our volunteers have been the heart of everything we do," says Regional Director, Leona Westdahl. "Sitting down with a child and encouraging them, helping them find books they love, and giving them an opportunity to practice the skills they're learning in the classroom is a simple, but powerful way to set them on a path for success in school and beyond. Plus, it's so much fun!"

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or sign up today at www.SMARTReading.org or by calling 541-266-7476.

Sea-Side Social Scene

JACQUES KEPNER
Social Columnist

Greetings, dear Pilot Readers! Welcome once again to the Sea-Side Social Scene, where the calendar has apparently traded in its walking shoes for electric roller skates. Halloween is only a few trick-or-treats away, November is peeking over the horizon like a moon above a fog bank. From now until the final champagne toast of New Year's Eve, it's parties, potlucks, and enough music to make a starfish dance! Thanksgiving is waiting in the turkey wings and Christmas is jingling its bells. So, polish up your dance moves and get ready to roll!

This week's spotlight shines brightly on KCIW, 100.7 FM, Curry County's one-and-only community radio station. This dynamic, 15-year-old station survives on goodwill, donations, and volunteers. With no commercials, salaries, or advertising budgets, 100% of your donated money goes toward great programming, service, and education along the southern coast.

Speaking of KCIW, Dr. Gigi and I are celebrating our third year of producing our popular, syndicated live broadcast, "The Doc & Jacques Show." On each week's live broad-

cast, we interview local folks who "excel at what they do best!" If you are a local mover and shaker—or know someone who is a character—please let us know!

With the season of giving now upon us, please point your mouse to www.kciw.org, and help support YOUR Community Radio!

This very newspaper that is shaking in your sweaty palms may be haunted. Yes, in need of exorcising! So, gather up your nerves and crawl down to "The Final Exit." Maniacally hosted by the demonic minions of Chetco Pelican Players Theater. This annual "Harbor Haunted-House," will rattle, scream and misbehave badly until Halloween night. It is doppelgängered into the large old Rite-Aid store in Harbor. See the severed heads on aisle #13! Admission is \$15 or be prepared to donate your baby toe to the pickle jar!

Now, hold onto your hats, Halloween enthusiasts: DTP, otherwise known as Disturbing the Peace, will arrive at Chetco Brewing Co. on Oct 30, prepared to violate all sensibilities and probably a few bedtimes. Dr. Gigi and yours truly plan to be on the big, packed dance floor all night, assuming our knees approve the hoppy haunts. Boo, in-

deed! We love DTP! "It's not the cough that carries you off- it's the coffin they carry you off in."

Some shout outs this week: Huge hugs to 'Sweet' Sharon Sheets - thanks for all the work you've done for ART! Also to Donna Simon, founding virtuosa of Coastal Winds, recorder music group. Chris Mitchell, a groovy guy and Deli-God at Fred Meyer.

Apologies to Shari. Ray Gary is a wizard, NOT a warlock! Gudrun Cheshier, you will be missed by all. Happy 60th anniversary toast to Les and Rochelle Odom, dear friends, fun folks and a great couple!

Down-The-Road: -Haunting-for-Habitat, @ Port-O-Pints, CC, Oct 30.

-Wild Rivers Mushroom Festival, @ Chetco Brewery, Nov 7-8.

Well, dear readers, it's time to close the curtain on this week's edition of "Sea-Side Social Scene!" I am honored to report good news about folks, gigs, events and parties! Consider reaching out to me to share the good vibes!

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

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PACs and megadonors shift millions as Oregon Governor’s race enters final stretch

By Khushboo Rathore

The governor’s race is coming to an end. The debates are over, the ballots mailed, yet nonstop campaign ads still dominate everyone’s devices. Polling suggests either Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek or Republican nominee Christine Drazan could win.

Behind each candidate is a network of financial backers. OJP analyzed the giving to determine the top contributors for each candidate—and who backed them in their 2022 matchup but didn’t show up in 2026.

In 2022, when Kotek and Drazan ran against each other along with un-affiliated candidate Betsy Johnson, more money was raised and spent than likely will be spent this election. In the 2022 contest, Kotek raised almost \$30 million, Drazan brought in \$22.5 million, and Johnson \$17.5 million. That advantage helped Kotek pull out the win, defeating Drazan by 3.4%, with Johnson a distant third.

This year, Drazan has raised \$16 million, and her top contributor is Don H. Jones Jr., an Ashland car dealer who has given nearly \$2 million to her campaign in cash and in-kind contributions since January 2025. During her 2022 governor’s bid, Jones’ company, Spartan

The Biggest Donors in the 2026 Governor's Race

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AGC Committee for Action

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Democratic Governors Association

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\$1M

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\$1M

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\$920K

Building a Stronger Oregon

\$755K

Data as of Oct. 19, 2026

Chart: Khushboo Rathore, Oregon Journalism Project • Source: OREStar

Management, gave Drazan \$100,000.

The Republican Governors Association, Drazan’s second-biggest donor, has given her campaign \$1 million this year, a far cry from the \$7 million it gave during her 2022 run.

Another big 2022 donor is even less evident: Nike co-founder Phil Knight has yet to give Drazan a penny this election. He supported one of her primary opponents, Chris Dudley, and hasn’t contributed to another Oregon gubernatorial candidate this year.

Knight has not been completely absent from Drazan’s campaign. The Nike co-founder is the biggest supporter of the Bring Balance to Salem PAC, an effort by former GOP Congressman Greg Walden to

elect more Republicans. Knight has contributed \$9 million to the group since 2022, and the PAC is Drazan’s fifth-largest donor this cycle, giving her \$410,000 in October.

Kotek raised nearly \$20 million for the Nov. 3

election. As it was when she first ran for governor, Kotek’s biggest supporter is the Democratic Governors Association, which gave her \$4.1 million this cycle.

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Police Blotter

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

Tuesday, October 13 9:21 am, Myrtle St, violation restraining order. 10:57 am, Chetco Ave, criminal trespass. 1:29 pm, Chetco Ave, warrant service. 3:28 pm, 5th St, theft. 4:17 pm, Fir St, juvenile problem.	4:36 pm, Chetco Ave, dispute/fight. 5:25 pm, Chetco Ave, traffic crash. 5:47 pm, Chetco Ave, juvenile problem. 10:19 pm, Fifield St, criminal trespass.	Sunday, October 18 6:35 am, Mill Beach, loud noise. 7:48 am, Alder St, illegal camping. 8:31 am, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct. 12:27 pm, Lower Harbor Rd, disorderly conduct.	2:37 pm, Pacific Ave, stalking. 2:44 pm, Cedar Ln, missing person. 3:54 pm, 5th St, theft. 4:20 pm, Hwy 101 S, civil problem. 4:24 pm, Kevin Pl and Hassett, juvenile problem. 4:51 pm, Chetco Ave, civil problem.	Ave, civil problem. 5:52 pm, Elk Dr, harassment. 10:15 pm, Marina Heights Loop, missing person.	alarm. 7:32 am, 5th St, criminal trespass. 10:41 am, Fifield St, criminal trespass. 11:53 am, 5th St, disorderly conduct. 6:35 pm, 5th St, disorderly conduct.
Monday, October 19 5:03 am, North Bank Chetco, fire. 6:58 am, Wharf St,					

Calendar of Events

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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 barber-shop. 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. - 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 barber-shop. 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. Wednesday, October 28 - Craft'n'Connect with Kim, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Free step-by-step Forgotten Fairies miniature workshop for adults; registration opens October 1 and is required. - Look-Back Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Teens 16+ and adults revisit a childhood classic; see library social media or chetcolibrary.org for the October selection. Monthly Drum Circle, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Drop in to play percussion or listen;	all percussion instruments are welcome Thursday, October 29 - Tea and Tarot, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Monthly gathering near the full moon hosted by Kalyca Bell, with tea and tarot reflections in a welcoming setting. Friday, October 30 - Brookings-Harbor High School football, at Douglas Trojans. Friday, October 30 - Saturday, October 31 - Trick or Treating & Spooky Selfie Station, Chetco Library: all day. The library is an official stop on the Curry County Chamber of Commerce candy map, with treats and a family photo station. Friday, October 30 - Sunday, November 1 - Haunted House #23: The Last Exit, 16261 Hwy 101 S., former Rite Aid location: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Admission \$15. Proceeds benefit the Chetco Pelican Players. Saturday, October 31 - Book Talk Book Club, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Discussion of Caretaker by Marcus Kliewer in the Quiet Reading Room. Wednesday, November 4 - Take a Walk on the Wild Side: Wild Bees of the Oregon Coast, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Invertebrate expert and Xerces Society member Dave Kollen presents an exploration of local wild bees and their ecology. - Bookworm Buddies Book Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Second-through fifth-graders will discuss Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon by Tracey West in the River Room. Thursday,	November 5 - Family Bingo, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Family bingo celebrating International Games Month, with snacks and refreshments. Bingo cards are limited and available first come, first served. Friday, November 6 - Saturday, November 7 - Take-Home Craft: Make Your Own Mancala Set, Chetco Library: all day. Free take-home Mancala kits celebrate International Games Month with a hands-on history lesson. Supplies are limited and available first come, first served. Saturday, November 7 - Arch Rock Brewing Co. Rock Show, Arch Rock Taproom inside Turtle Rock RV Resort: doors open at 2:00 pm; rock show begins at 3:00 pm and closes at 8:00 pm. Bring rock collections, share rockhounding adventures, and trade or give away specimens. Limited table space. Monday, November 9 - Spice World Bags, Chetco Library: all day. Take home a monthly spice bag featuring a unique spice from around the world, with a sample, trivia and recipe suggestions. Available first come, first served while supplies last. Wednesday, November 11 - Chetco Library closed in observance of Veterans Day. Thursday, November 12 - Comic Quest Book Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Tweens and young teens will discuss Lightfall: The Girl & the Galdurian by Tim Probert in the Forest Room.	•Pub Grub Book Club, Misty Mountain Brewing: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Adult fans of comics and graphic novels will discuss issues 1-24 of the Saga Compendium by Brian K. Vaughan. Thursday, November 12 - Sunday, November 15 - Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, Chetco Library: hours vary. Browse thousands of used books at bargain prices; proceeds benefit Friends of the Chetco Library. Full schedule at chetcolibrary.org. Wednesday, November 18 - Writers' Club, Chetco Library: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Local writers gather in the Forest Room for creative writing prompts, sharing and constructive feedback. Thursday, November 19 - Oregon Shakespeare Festival Performances and Workshops, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm. An evening of workshops and two short performances. Seating is limited; registration is required for performances and workshops. - Lego Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Build with Legos individually or in teams in the Children's Section; creations will be showcased on library shelves. Wemesdau 22ndMeet the Author dssssds - Meet the Author: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Paulsen, Chetco Library: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. The local author, speaker and New Thought minister will discuss her newest book, That's a Good Thought: Daily Wisdom in an Uncertain World.
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I WONDER WHY THEY'RE CALLED HUMMINGBIRDS?

BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW THE WORDS.

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Personal
4 Poi base
8 Fraud
12 Romance
13 — incline (tilt- ed)
14 Unruly groups
15 Message from an admirer
17 Border on
18 On an angle
19 Vinyl records
21 Before
22 "Darn it!"
26 Scrabble pieces
29 Movie format
30 "Little piggie"
31 Rd. crossers
32 Grant's foe
33 1982 sci-fi film
34 "The News- room" actor
35 Farm grazer
36 Resided
37 "I, Robot" author
39 Lanka lead-in
40 Storm center
41 Sculpted trunks
45 Sagan or Sandburg
48 Romantic Ella Fitzgerald song
50 Squad
51 — Stanley Gardner

DOWN

1 They give a hoot
2 Scarf material
3 De — (from the start)
4 Printer refills
5 Battery part
6 Squealer
7 Bob Marley hit song
8 Big hit

9 Corn core
10 — Dhabi
11 Rockies hrs.
16 Tools for duels
20 Third degree?
23 To be, in Tours
24 "Neato!"
25 Superman's alias
26 "There!"
27 Currier's part- ner
28 Jeans maker
29 Morning moisture

32 Mini-shutout at Wimbledon
33 Spin
35 Demure
36 Buzzed
38 Thaws
39 Unmoving
42 Aviator's mile- stone
43 Track shape
44 Email com- mand
45 Young lion
46 Year in Spain
47 Chest bone
49 Granada gold

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Basic algebra

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Map
Arrive at
Escapade
Come in second
Loses color
Skier's milieu

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- HISTORY: In which year was the euro currency introduced?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is the driest in the nation?
- ANATOMY: A phalange refers to what in the human body?
- MOVIES: Which 2012 movie has the tagline "The D is silent"?
- LANGUAGE: What does it mean to anthropomorphize?
- TELEVISION: What's the name of Bart's teacher on "The Simpsons"?
- MONEY: Which president is pictured on the \$50 U.S. bill?
- LITERATURE: The characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear in which children's novel?
- MUSIC: Who was the founder of Motown Records?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is East Timor located?

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Encore; 4. Hiatus

Solution

E	P	O	L	S
S	E	L	P	A
E	C	A	P	L
R	A	P	E	R
R	E	A	C	H
C	H	A	R	T

Solution

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4	9	7	2	1	6	8	5	3
2	6	3	4	8	5	7	1	9
1	8	5	3	6	7	9	4	2
3	7	1	8	5	4	2	9	6
6	2	9	7	3	1	4	8	5
5	4	8	6	2	3	7	1	9
7	1	6	5	2	8	9	3	4
8	3	2	1	4	9	5	6	7
9	5	4	6	7	3	1	2	8

Answer

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Accord
CUTER

Later
NEECH

Repeat
CORNEE

Break
AUTHIS

TODAY'S WORD

"I'm afraid that rainy day we saved up for turned into a _____."

King Crossword

Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

O	W	N	T	A	R	O	S	C	A	M	
W	O	O	N	A	N	A	M	O	B	S	
L	O	V	E	N	O	T	E	A	B	U	T
S	L	O	P	E	D	L	P	S			
T	I	L	E	S	D	V	I	D	T	O	E
A	V	E	S	L	E	E	T	R	O	N	
D	E	V	A	C	O	W	D	W	E	L	T
A	S	I	M	O	V	E	S	H	I		
S	O	S	T	O	R	S	O	S			
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State and Regional News

Kotek, Drazan focus on development at final debate

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and state Sen. Christine Drazan, R-Canby, spent their final televised debate for the 2026 Oregon gubernatorial race tussling over who could best spur economic growth, housing and development in the state with a focus on Oregonians outside of Portland.

Local news outlets KTVZ and The Source hosted the Bend debate, which coincided with the final day for Oregonians to register to vote. Election officials will begin mailing ballots to all registered voters Wednesday.

Drazan has spent much of the campaign hammering Kotek for increasing state spending while failing to improve outcomes on homelessness, housing and education. Kotek, meanwhile, has fired back that Drazan will roll over to enact the Trump administration’s agenda on issues such as immigration, abortion and mail-in voting.

That translated on Tuesday to Drazan pointing to her roots as a Klamath Falls native who opposes excessive regulation and transportation taxes that hamper businesses in rural areas. She encouraged supporters of the conservative-driven Greater Idaho movement to trust in her candidacy to turn the state around. The movement has support among some Oregonians in counties east of the Cascades who want to secede and join Oregon’s eastern neighbor, a long shot that would require approval from both states and Congress.

“The governor’s agenda is one I know you cannot afford. In rural Oregon, that gas tax fight, you were desperate to make sure that that tax did not actually pass because you couldn’t afford it,” Drazan said. “You drive further. The distances are more extensive. People don’t get that in Portland where they can pop on a bus.”

Kotek, in turn, repeatedly pointed out that the GOP’s 2025 federal tax and spending law would harm rural communities and hospitals through cuts to Medicaid, which 1 in 3 Oregonians relies upon. Those are expected to cost Oregon more than \$400 million over the next two years that the state will need to account for to prevent loss of coverage and services.

“When I was speaker of the House, one of the things that was important for me was for Republicans and Democrats to see each other’s districts, and they would visit each other’s districts to make sure they understood what was going on,” she said. “We need to work as one state on the issues we all care about.”

Recent polling from news outlets and campaigns has shown that the race has been competitive, with Kotek and Drazan in effectively a statistical tie. National political analysts have suggested that it’s possible for Drazan to capitalize upon discontent with four decades of Democrats winning the governor’s race, but political headwinds for Republicans remain nationwide given their current control of the White House and Congress.

Housing, homelessness, economy take center state in debate

Kotek took Tuesday to point to the state of Oregon’s progress on two of her top issues, housing and homelessness. She touted data showing homelessness is on the decline in Central Oregon by 19.1% in 2026. Statewide, Oregon experienced a 19% increase in homelessness between 2025 and 2026, the annual federal report based on counting people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January showed.

“The bills that I have been successfully getting passed in the Legislature before I was even governor, Senator Drazan voted against them, whether that was middle-housing and trying to have more options within our urban growth boundaries, or dollars to help build the housing that we need across our state,” Kotek said. “And so, if it’s really about who’s done the work, I’ve done the work.”

Drazan said Oregon needs to undergo a serious overhaul of the state’s land use system and increase the number of housing units being built without hampering the culture of local communities. She also said the state needs to take a “tough line” with local governments in order to ensure permits are approved.

“What you didn’t hear the governor say today is that she has achieved her own goals for housing across our state,” Drazan said. “When she ran for governor four years ago, she told Oregonians that she was



Julia Shumway and Laura Tesler / Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and now-state Sen. Christine Drazan, R-Canby, participated in a debate in Bend on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

going to solve our housing crisis across our state. She was unable to rein in government.”

The two also sparred over a tax credit legislative Democrats approved when they passed a law this year to prevent the state tax code from replicating some business-friendly tax breaks passed under the 2025 federal GOP tax and spending law. By blocking those tax exemptions, the law saved the state approximately \$300 million in revenue.

But some political observers noted at the time that another benefit within that law to offer businesses up to \$1,000 in a tax credit for each new job they create was significantly narrowed through the legislative process by the end of the session. Another law narrowed the credit to only apply to certain industries such as forestry, manufacturing, technology. The credit is capped at \$10,000 per employer.

Drazan called the final incentive “almost laughable.” She said she would work across the aisle to reform the state’s corporate activity tax, which pays for education, and the state’s estate tax.

Businesses with more than \$1 million in sales or other business activity pay \$250 plus 0.57% on their

commercial activity beyond the \$1 million threshold, and critics describe it as a hidden sales tax. Oregon’s estate tax, meanwhile, has one of the lowest thresholds in the nation at \$1 million.

“I will work across the aisle to ensure that we can reduce the regulatory burden on businesses in our state so they stay. We don’t want them to look to Arizona, to look to Nevada, to look to Montana for the growth of their company or to relocate there,” Drazan said. “We have got to do everything we can to get them to stay here.”

Kotek, meanwhile, pointed out that the state law passed by Democrats also included an expansion of the state’s earned-income tax credit for low and moderate income Oregonians. She referred to her pledge to create a Department of Commerce next year to help businesses of all sizes start up in the state.

“When it comes to our small businesses, remember 9 out of 10 businesses in our state have 50 employees or less,” she said. “We have to support our really small and mid-sized businesses to be successful. So it’s more than that kind of ‘If you add some employees, you’re going to get a tax break.’”

Data centers

Perhaps the other issue key to central and eastern Oregon addressed on Tuesday was data centers. Both Kotek and Drazan have called for moratoriums on further data center development statewide, and Kotek’s recent directive to halt air and water pollution permits for the server farms is expected to pose barriers for a proposed Amazon hyperscale facility in Boardman.

In eastern and rural Oregon, the centers have some public support, and they have helped provide jobs and fund services such as education in places such as Crook County. Kotek said she is focused on data centers that are in the pipeline rather than existing ones and ensuring that they are held to fair environmental and labor standards.

“That means making sure that they’re paying their fair share in their energy costs, creating more renewable energy instead of taking it off the grid, making sure union jobs are building these places and that they are friendly to workers who maintain these buildings, and making sure our communities have those community benefits,” she said.

Drazan, however, tailored her response to be more localized to community responses to data centers.

She noted that the district she represents, Oregon’s 26th Senate District, is home to Oregon’s first major data center campus, which was established by Google in 2006. The data centers on the campus consumed nearly 40% of all of the city’s water supply last year, sparking outcry from some residents and local environmental advocates.

“That data center has arrangements and partnerships with that local community, which have been productive,” Drazan said. “But that’s not the case across all communities in our state. No community should have to have a data center shoved down its throat. We need to reset the table here.”

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OSAA adds girls flag football as sanctioned activity

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The Delegate Assembly of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) voted in girls flag football as an OSAA-sanctioned activity at the assembly’s Oct. 12 meeting, Monday.

Oregon is the 25th state to sanction girls flag football as an activity. Oregon joins fellow western states Arizona, California, Nevada and Washington to sanction girls flag football.

Girls flag football will begin its inaugural season as a sanctioned activity in Spring of 2027 following two years as an emerging activity. It is the second sport the OSAA has added through its emerging activity process — boys volleyball was added in 2025-26.

The OSAA has sanctioned two girls activities in the last four years after girls wrestling was added by the Delegate Assembly ahead of the 2023-24 association year.

Girls flag football has seen a sharp rise in participation rates and will feature at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games. The National Football League (NFL), USA Football and Nike, among others, have been part of the effort to grow the activity across the country.

Locally in Oregon, the Seattle Seahawks have aided in the growth of girls flag football through providing support to the culminating event the last three seasons, donating \$30,000 to expand

opportunities across the state, and provided equipment to help schools launch their flag football programs. The Seahawks also invested in youth development across Oregon.

“The Seahawks are proud to support the growth of girls flag football across our region and help create more opportunities for young women to compete and experience the game,” said Mario Bailey, Seattle Seahawks Vice President of Community Engagement and Legends.

“We are thrilled to celebrate Oregon as the latest state to sanction the sport, an important milestone that will build a stronger future for girls flag football throughout the Pacific Northwest.”

Nike has also pledged to provide a set of home and away jerseys for all Oregon varsity teams that compete in the inaugural season, as well as any school which adds girls flag football over the first three seasons as a sanctioned activity.

Fifty-seven varsity teams competed last spring with a participation total above 1,400. Liberty High School hosted the activity’s culminating event in which Tualatin defeated South Salem (32-26) to claim the culminating event title. David Douglas (third), Central Christian (fourth), Amity (fifth) and Gresham (sixth) also triumphed. Tualatin went on to win the 2026 Best of the

PNW Tournament, hosted by the Seahawks, in June.

A plan book and dates for the 2027 season will be released at a later date.

The emerging activity process allows the growth of meaningful interscholastic participation opportunities for students in athletics and activities that have the potential to meet the required number of schools participating to be considered for official sanctioning by the OSAA.

About the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA)

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) is a private, non-profit board-governed association comprised of 299 member high schools. A member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, the OSAA annually sponsors 131 state championships in 28 sports and activities.

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