



Representative Boice calls on Curry County Sheriff Ward to resign

For the Pilot

State Representative Boice has asked Curry County Sheriff John Ward to resign, citing a documented record of misconduct, a sustained refusal to obey a Circuit Court order, a newly opened federal investigation, and a record assembled through the appropriate and persistent oversight of the Curry County Board of Commissioners.

“The people of Curry County deserve a Sheriff who is accountable to the laws of our state, not one who places himself above those,” said Representative Boice. “The evidence developed by the Curry Commission Board — much of it now before federal investigators — describes behavior incompatible with holding the county’s highest law-enforcement office. For the good of the people, he swore to protect, Sheriff Ward should immediately resign.”

A Record Documented by the Curry Board of Commissioners

For more than two years, and at great cost, the Board has pursued every lawful avenue of oversight — litigation, an internal review, an independent investigation, and referrals to the Oregon Department of Justice, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That record includes but is not limited to:

- An independent Board investigation found that Sheriff Ward engaged in deceit, dishonesty, misrepresentation, omission of material facts, and subversion in the exercise of his office.
- For roughly ten months, Sheriff Ward has defied a Circuit Court order directing him to release financial and administrative records to the Board.



State Representative Boice has asked Curry County Sheriff John Ward to resign, in the wake of documented record of misconduct, a sustained refusal to obey a Circuit Court order and a newly opened federal investigation into the allegations.

- The FBI has opened an inquiry into contributions from the John G. Atkins Foundation to the Sheriff’s Office — including equipment purchases that appear to have bypassed county procurement and funds directed into an unauthorized account outside county financial notifications and controls.

- Additional allegations developed through the county’s oversight process: that the Sheriff used public funds for personal benefit; further, he failed to supervise a deputy later involved in two separate shootings at Gold Beach.

- Several other issues of conduct that appear to show consistent unethical compromises.

The Board has properly referred elements of this record to the Curry County District Attorney, has asked the state to revoke Sheriff Ward’s law-enforcement certification, and forwarded evidence to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

A Request to Audit Past County Spending

Representative Boice fully supports the Board’s efforts to obtain a fiscal and operational audit of the office by appropriate third-party authorities.

Boice, a six-year veteran Curry County Commissioner, has also encouraged current county leadership to take a thorough look back — through rigorous audit techniques — during his 2017–2022 Commissioner tenure, when substantial county funds were spent to support the Sheriff’s Office from Road Fund Reserves. He urges immediate action with the same scrutiny of the management and dispersion of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds allocated to the Curry County Jail, other ARP recipients, and alleged significant amounts of undisciplined county spending in general.

A Structural Accountability Gap

For at least eight years, Representative Boice has been aware and communicated openly of the need for greater accountability

and transparency between the Sheriff’s Office, the Board of Commissioners, and Curry Citizens — a gap that is a detriment to delivering effective and efficient law-enforcement services to Curry County. To that end, Representative Boice also asks all close to the Sheriff — cooperate fully, honestly and openly with all investigations.

Representative Boice hopes to see these efforts bring greater accountability and open discovery realized soon — preferably starting promptly with the installation of an interim sheriff.

The concern is bipartisan. All three members of the Board — Chair Jay Trost, Vice Chair Patrick Hollinger, and Commissioner Lynn Coker — have said they want the Sheriff to leave office. Representative Boice’s call today adds the weight of the district’s legislative office to that request.

“Representative Boice concluded, “As a state legislator I believe the documented evidence of Ward’s conduct has done irreparable damage to any confidence I could have in his ability to carry out the laws and policies we state lawmakers spend so much time working on.”

The Call

Representative Boice asks Sheriff Ward to step down and allow the lawful process of an interim appointment to place the office in trusted hands. Should the Sheriff decline, Boice further pledges to support any lawful measure at the state and or local level that strengthens Oregon counties’ ability to hold an uncooperative sheriff accountable. “Accountability is not a partisan value — it is the foundation of public trust. Curry County has waited long enough,” Boice said.



The Oregon Employment Department reports 2,100,219 people employed and 118,301 unemployed in the state in July.

Oregon’s nonfarm payroll employment drops by 4,100 in July

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Oregon’s seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment declined by 4,100 jobs, following a revised gain of 1,300 jobs in June, according to the Oregon Employment Department.

July’s losses were largest in professional and business services (-1,800 jobs), leisure and hospitality (-900), and government (-700).

Gains were largest in retail trade (+500 jobs).

In the past 12 months, professional and business services was on a slightly downward trend, declining by 2,500 jobs, or 1.0%. Most of the decline was in management of companies and enterprises, which cut 2,200 jobs, or 4.6%, in that time. The other two component industries saw little change during that period: professional and technical services (+200 jobs, or 0.2%) and administrative and waste services (-500 jobs, or -0.5%).

Leisure and hospitality employed 203,800 in July, which was 3,500 jobs below its average of 207,300 from 2023 through 2025. It cut 3,800 jobs since January, following a very flat trend during the prior three years. Despite recent weakness, its component industry arts, entertainment, and recreation added 200 jobs in July to reach a record high of 31,300.

Oregon’s government sector lost 4,500 jobs, or -1.4%, since July 2025. All components cut since July 2025. Federal government dropped 1,600 jobs, or -5.7%; state government lost 200 jobs, or -0.4%; and local government job counts declined by 2,700, or -1.1%.

Retail trade added 500 jobs in July, but that follows a consistent long-term trend of job declines during the past four years. It employed 198,000 in July, which was a drop of 12,700 jobs, or 6.0%, since July 2022.

Oregon’s unemployment rate was 5.2% in July. It has been 5.2% each month since January. The U.S. unemployment rate was 4.2% in June and 4.1% in July

Senator David Brock Smith honored with selection for Henry Toll Fellowship

For the Pilot

Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) has been named by the Council of State Governments as a member of the prestigious 2026 CSG Henry Toll Fellowship Class. The Toll Fellows Program targets outstanding rising state government officials who have demonstrated exceptional promise and a commitment to collaborative leadership and public service.

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programs for state officials. This year’s class will bring together 48 leading public servants from 32 states and U.S. territories representing all three branches of state government. Since its founding in 1986, more than 1,400 alumni have completed the fellowship, including governors, chief justices, legislative leaders, and attorneys general.

Senator David Brock Smith, who serves as Co-Chair and State Liaison of the CSG West Wildfires & Disaster Preparedness Committee, said he is honored to join the 2026 class

and contribute to the program’s 40-year legacy of strengthening state governance.

“The Council of State Governments continues to lead in developing collaborative, bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing our states,” Senator Brock Smith said. “I am grateful for this opportunity to join fellow public servants from across our nation in advancing leadership excellence, strengthening

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Southwestern Oregon Community College is offering free General Education Development (GED) and Adult Basic Education classes fall term 2026. These classes prepare individuals to take the GED exam and update skills to enroll in college or career training programs. Students enrolled in these classes can build a pipeline to enter college, training programs, and jobs in high-demand career areas.

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Gun Laws

Measure 114's passage spurred Oregonians to purchase thousands of guns, new study finds

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Oregon voters' narrow passage of some of the nation's strictest gun control restrictions in 2022 prompted thousands of new gun purchases in the state despite the restrictions never going into effect, according to a recent study.

Researchers at Oregon State University, the University of Oregon and the Massachusetts-based National Bureau of Economic Research made their findings in a late July study published in the Journal of Public Economics. Measure 114, a 2022 voter-approved initiative, bans high-capacity magazines and requires completed background checks, permits and firearm safety training before purchasing guns.

Supporters of the measure have pointed to studies showing that its restrictions can lead to reduced gun purchases and deaths over a long period of time. But researchers found that background checks rose 14% in the runup to the November 2022 election and 157% immediately following Measure 114's passage, suggesting the goals of the permit-to-purchase restrictions may take longer to materialize should the law be implemented.

"It's not particularly surprising that people go out and buy more guns when they have compelling reason to believe it's going to become harder to in the

future," Katie Bollman, an assistant professor of economics at Oregon State University, said in a Monday news release. "But the magnitude of the increase is pretty remarkable, as is the underlying dynamic driving it."

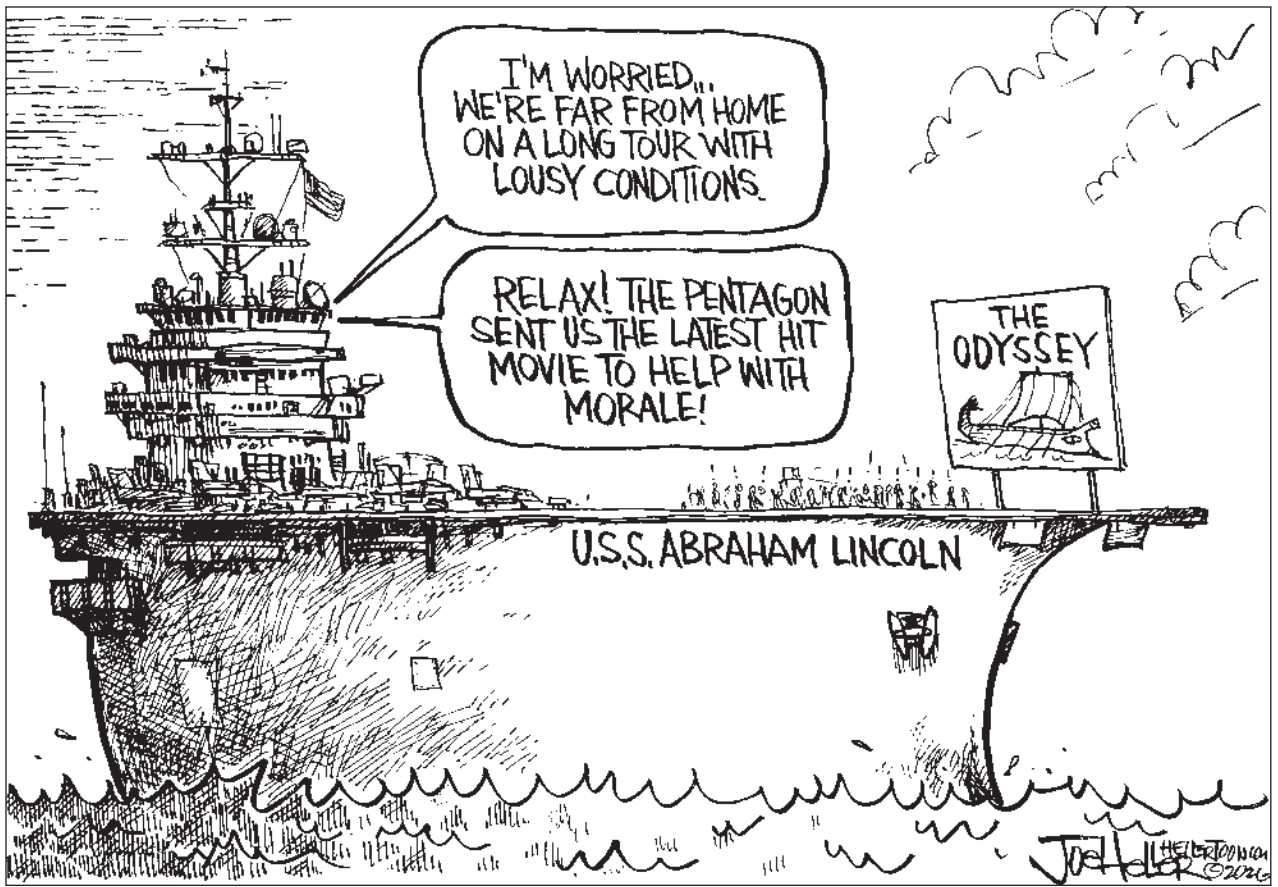
Measure 114 hasn't taken effect in Oregon because it faced a swift legal challenge that has made its way through Oregon's appellate courts and is now awaiting a ruling from the Oregon Supreme Court. Oregon lawmakers this year voted to allow the measure to go into effect in 2028 should the court uphold the law.

The combination of residents anticipating gun control restrictions and the restrictions failing to go into effect allowed the study to analyze the effect of the measure's passage, rather than whether people who already intended to buy guns bought them sooner.

Researchers say that if the law goes into effect, it will take more than a year "just to get the number of guns in Oregon back to what it would have been had the referendum effort never taken place."

They point to an additional 63,000 background checks they found would not have taken by a year and a half after the election without the existence of Measure 114. Not every check results in a purchase,

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Holy Cow! History

The hero nobody believed

By J. MARK POWELL
InsideSources.com

The U-boat skipper peered through his periscope and smiled. It looked like such an easy target. And indeed, it was. Yet going after it sealed his doom while also setting in motion a series of events that made another man a hero and triggered official denial of his valor.

And it all happened right in America's backyard.

The SS Robert E. Lee was a steam passenger ship that carried wartime cargo. It had left Trinidad bound for Tampa, Fla. But the threat of U-boats lurking nearby had diverted it to New Orleans. At 10:37 p.m., Kuhl-



mann gave the order: "Fire!" Lookouts on the Lee spotted the torpedo speeding their way. But there was no time to take evasive action. Within 15 minutes, the Robert E. Lee was another maritime casualty. All but 25 of its 407 passengers and crew were rescued.

Then U-166's getaway was foiled because Kuhlmann didn't know the Lee had a secret ace up its sleeve.

Sailing ahead of it was Patrol Coastal 566, a small submarine chaser. While other vessels and aircraft were busily rescuing the Lee's survivors, PC-566 had a job to do. Lt. Cmdr. Herbert Claudius turned the small ship around and raced into the

torpedo's wake at full speed. Within minutes, he dropped depth charges.

An oil slick soon oozed to the surface. Claudius radioed that he had destroyed the German sub. And that should have been that.

Except it wasn't.

A Navy review board investigated. It not only ruled there was no way PC-566 had sunk the U-boat as claimed, but it also criticized Claudius' tactics and scolded him. Utterly humiliated, he was stripped of his command and sent back to the submarine chaser version of basic training. It was like an addled child being forced to repeat a school grade he had failed.

Even worse came two days after the Lee's sinking. A Coast Guard plane spotted and attacked a U-boat. It was credited with destroying U-166. (In fact, it had only damaged it.)

With that, the Navy closed the book on the incident.

Claudius served with distinction for the rest of the war and afterward. Yet the stain of the

incident followed him wherever he went. The men of PC-566 adamantly insisted they had sunk a sub that night; Claudius believed so, too, right up until he died in 1981.

Then, 15 years later, new technology changed everything.

While making an underwater survey of the Gulf floor for an oil company in 1986, oceanographers discovered what appeared to be two wrecks. The first was soon confirmed to be the Robert E. Lee. It took a few more years, but in 2001, the remains of U-166 were positively identified just over a mile away.

In December 2014, Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus presented Herbert Claudius Jr. with the Legion of Merit, posthumously awarded to his father.

It took 72 years, but the U.S. Navy belatedly admitted that it, not the lieutenant commander, had gotten it wrong.

As it turned out, Claudius and his small crew had scored the only sinking of a German U-boat in the Gulf of Mexico during World War II.

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 jmarkpowell.com. He wrote this for Inside-Sources.com.

Weekly Poll

IN THE WAKE OF MORE BOC VS SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS, DO YOU SUPPORT SHERIFF WARD TO KEEP LEADING THE CURRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE?

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Herpesviruses: The viruses that might not leave

Most of us think of viruses as short-term visitors: they arrive, make us sick, and then disappear. Herpesviruses are different. Once they enter the body, they can remain for life, quietly residing in nerve cells or other tissues. Years—or even decades—later, stress, illness, aging, or a weakened immune system can allow them to reactivate.

There are eight known human herpesviruses, and together they infect most people at some point in life. They range from familiar cold sores and chickenpox to shingles, mononucleosis, congenital infections, and certain cancers.

Herpes simplex virus type 1, or HSV-1, is the usual cause of cold sores around the lips and mouth. It spreads mainly through



saliva and close contact, including kissing. Many people acquire it in childhood and never realize they carry it. Others have occasional outbreaks marked by tingling, burning, and small painful blisters.

HSV-1 can also cause genital herpes, often through oral-genital contact. Herpes simplex type 2, HSV-2, is more traditionally associated with genital herpes and

is usually spread through sexual contact. Both viruses can be transmitted even when there are no visible sores. This “asymptomatic shedding” is one reason herpes can be passed unknowingly between partners.

It is worth distinguishing cold sores from canker sores, which are commonly confused. Canker sores are small, painful ulcers found inside the mouth—on the cheeks, lips, gums, or tongue. They are not caused by herpes and are not contagious. They usually heal within one to two weeks. Stress, minor injury, certain foods, and nutritional deficiencies may contribute. Treatment is aimed at pain relief, sometimes with topical anesthetics, mouth rinses, or prescription steroid preparations.

Another member of

the herpesvirus family is varicella-zoster virus, the cause of chickenpox. After a person recovers from chickenpox, the virus can remain dormant in sensory nerves. Later in life, it may return as shingles: a painful, blistering rash that usually appears on one side of the body.

Shingles is more than an inconvenient rash. In some people, especially older adults, it can lead to postherpetic neuralgia, persistent nerve pain that may last for months or longer. Fortunately, the shingles vaccine can greatly reduce the risk of shingles and its painful complications.

Epstein-Barr virus, or EBV, is another herpesvirus. It spreads mainly through saliva and is best known for causing infectious mononucleosis, with fatigue, fever, sore throat,

and swollen lymph nodes. EBV has also been associated with several uncommon cancers, including certain lymphomas.

Cytomegalovirus, or CMV, often causes no symptoms in healthy people. However, it can cause serious illness in those with impaired immunity. It is also important during pregnancy, because infection can occasionally affect the developing fetus, including hearing and neurologic development.

The remaining herpesviruses mainly affect young children or people with weakened immune systems. HHV-6 and HHV-7 can cause high fevers and rashes in infants. HHV-8 is associated with Kaposi sarcoma, particularly in people with advanced HIV infection.

Antiviral medicines such as acyclovir, vala-

cyclovir, and famciclovir can shorten outbreaks and, in some cases, prevent frequent recurrences. Vaccines against chickenpox and shingles provide important protection.

Herpesviruses may be lifelong companions, but they need not control our lives. Understanding how they spread, recognizing symptoms early, using vaccines, and seeking care when needed can greatly reduce their impact.

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

Oregon to start testing ropeless crabbing gear

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon fishermen will begin testing ropeless crabbing technology next spring in an effort to save whales from often-fatal entanglements.

The state since 2021 has taken steps to reduce whale entanglements, including requiring additional late season crabbing tags and limiting how many crabbing pots fishermen can use and how deep they can place them, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Resources Program Manager Justin Ainsworth told the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in a meeting Friday.

But with whale entanglements increasing, commissioners are turning to two new tools to reduce whale deaths. Rules the commission adopted Friday will require fishermen to share their vessel location with state fishery managers and allow them to test ropeless crabbing

gear already allowed in California.

Traditional commercial crabbing gear requires hundreds of traps to sit on the ocean floor, each attached to a vertical line connected to a buoy on the surface. Whales can easily get entangled and injured, often fatally, in those lines, as was the case with a humpback whale freed about 20 miles off the Oregon Coast in late July that wasn't expected to survive because the entanglement left it unable to feed.

The pop-up gear the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife can begin authorizing as soon as spring 2027, however, stores the rope and buoy with the trap on the seafloor. Fishermen can set a timer or trigger a release mechanism that allows the line to uncoil and buoy to surface to retrieve the catch, ensuring whales and other creatures have a clear path most of the time.

Pop-up gear is currently unlawful because all

pot and trap gear must be marked at the surface with a buoy. The proposed rule would allow the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue some experimental fishing gear permits as soon as spring 2027, and the commission could consider wider authorization if the tests prove effective.

Humpback whale entanglements on the rise

Fishing gear entanglement remains the largest threat to serious injury and mortality of whales off the West Coast.

At least 400 whales have been caught in fishing gear off the coast of Washington, California and Oregon between 2015 and 2025, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Humpback whales are the most commonly entangled whale species because their feeding season coincides with crabbing season, and warming ocean waters push their feeding grounds closer to shore where commercial crab traps are

posted.

Oregon has two humpback whale populations that feed off its coast. One breeds off the coast of Mexico and is listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The other, which breeds off the Pacific coast of Central America, is listed as endangered.

At least four humpback whales were entangled in 2025 in Oregon commercial Dungeness crab fishing gear — the highest number of humpback whales confirmed entangled in Oregon crab gear in any single year to date.

California's already familiar with pop-up gear

California began issuing experimental permits for pop-up gear in 2023. Earlier this year, the state authorized it for more widespread use during times and areas when the fishery is closed to conventional gear due to entanglement risk.

Brand Little, a commercial fisherman based in

San Francisco, said he was “dead set” against pop-up gear until he tried it.

“It was the first year they closed salmon in California,” Little said, referring to 2023 when California canceled the salmon season after seeing historically low population numbers. “We didn’t have anything else to do... so we went out to prove (pop-up gear) wouldn’t work, and it did work. So we’re like, ‘Well, what the hell?’ And it’s just kind of been a snowball since then.”

Now, Little has enough pop-up gear to use his 450 pots, and buying the equipment wasn’t as expensive as he originally thought.

The units themselves are expensive, Little said. They cost about \$1,000 per pop-up unit. Little wasn’t willing to spend \$450,000 for all his pots, but he was willing to spend money to put two \$1,000 pop-up units on both sides of a string of 25 crab traps — a technique known as longlining.

“I think the average price spent to do it was \$30,000,” Little said. “Every single person that invested their \$30,000 had a return on investment in the first couple of weeks of using the gear.”

Oregon is positioned differently than California, where shortened seasons have left fishermen with a narrow three-month window when whales pass by. Only fishermen using pop-up gear can fish for Dungeness crab between all of California’s crabbing season, which typically lasts from mid-November to the end of June. Oregon hasn’t reached that point as its crabbing season remains largely unchanged.

Stephen Melz, an early pop-up gear adopter also based in San Francisco, said the gear gives California fishermen the alternative to keep fishing even

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Measure 114

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but some can result in the purchase of multiple guns. “This makes it particularly notable that Measure 114 has not been implemented – there are

more guns in Oregon after passing permit-to-purchase than we expected to have if it had not passed,” Bollman said.

Elizabeth McKanna, the chairwoman of Lift Every Voice Oregon, which wrote the 2022 ballot measure, said Measure 114 passed through “one of the most

representative ways” possible through a voter-approved ballot measure.

She said her coalition’s goal is to continue pushing for the law to be implemented with the hopes that it stops guns from ending up in the hands of people who fail to pass the measure’s requirements.

“Everybody in Oregon had a chance to vote on it, so it’s good to be public about what we’re doing, but it’s disappointing that that caused so many people to buy guns,” she told the Capital Chronicle. “We just hope they weren’t people who wouldn’t have qualified.”

The surge in purchases does not appear to have significantly lasted beyond the time surrounding

Measure 114’s passage. Data from the Oregon State Police, which helps process background checks as an intermediary through the FBI, shows that background checks in the state have been decreasing since 2022, when OSP reported nearly 400,000 checks. In 2025, the agency reported more than 297,000 background checks. The Capital Chronicle reached out to eight gun shops in Oregon which either declined to comment or were not immediately able to provide comment.

Oregon voters approved Measure 114 in 2022 by a 1.3% margin, with opposition stronger in rural, conservative parts of the state and support coalescing in more left-leaning cities. While counties that voted differently contributed roughly the same amount to the increase in Oregon’s firearm sales, researchers found that individuals in counties which opposed the measure were more likely to buy firearms.

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Wild Rivers Film Festival returns for third year of movies and memories in Brookings

Staff Report

The third-annual Wild Rivers Film festival returned to Brookings for a movie-packed weekend of submissions across the filmmaking spectrum. Split between the Redwood Theater, Chetco Playhouse and Chetco Library, the festival spanned every genre imaginable, with a dozen feature films and 19 shorts on offer.

The weekend closed on Sunday evening with the awards ceremony at the Elks Lodge, recognizing the cream of the cinematic crop from this years' entries. The full list of award winners is available below:

Best Picture – The Seeds of Peace, Directed by David-Paul B. Hedberg

Best Director – Guillaume Bonnier, Everyone Calls Me Mike

Best Documentary Feature – The Seeds of Peace

Best Short Film – Running Wild: Return to the River

Best Documentary Short – Owl Hill

Best Animated Short – Bridge: My Little Friends

Best Student Short – The Last Journey

Best Actor – Tom Walton, Panic Sets In

Best Actress – Daphne Patakia, Everyone Calls Me Mike

Best Supporting Performance – Abdirisak Mohamed, Everyone Calls Me Mike

Best Ensemble Cast – In the Shadow of the Valley

Independent Spirit Award – Panic Sets In

Elmo Williams Award – The Last Journey

Most Inspirational – WOWZER!

Social Awareness – Let Us Read

Focus on Art – The Elk

Focus on Health – The 100 Year Effect

Focus on Nature – Taming the Mouth

Best Cinematography – Adam Conte, Ghost

Best Visual Effects – Michael Ferrara, The 18th Hole

Best Poster – The Seeds of Peace

Best Trailer – Anne Packard; An Artist's Resolve

Best Feature Screenplay – The Last Patient by Michael Ferrara

Best Short Screenplay – Woodpile by Mark David McAllister

1st Runner Up Best Screenplay – The Plan

Special Jury Award – Feature – Anne Packard; An Artist's Resolve

Special Jury Award – Short – Outcast at Sanger Lake

Special Jury Award – Short – An Act of War / A Mission of Peace



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when whales move close to the coast.

"If given the option to fish or not fish, I think they're going to want to fish," Melz said. "That's what it comes down to, right?"

Oregon fishermen push back against vessel

monitoring but stay open to pop-up gear

While the pop-up gear is optional, the commission would require fishermen in February to adopt a monitoring system that shares their vessel location via cellular networks with state fishery managers so they can enforce closed areas and understand fleet locations.

The Oregon Department

of Fish and Wildlife has secured federal funding to help reimburse permit holders up to \$800 for equipment. Still, several Oregon fishermen argued the program would place new burdens on small businesses.

"Our boats are routinely hit by waves and sometimes completely underwater," said Ray Monroe, a Pacific City



Traditional crabbing gear sits at a dock in Newport, the Dungeness Crab Capital of the World. Next spring, fishermen across Oregon can begin experimenting with pop-up gear, a ropeless alternative to crabbing that prevents whale entanglements. (Courtesy from Jaime Karnik / Oceana)

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fisherman. "Electronics on these dories are constantly destroyed, and space is extremely limited. Installing another device that is expensive, fragile and exposed to the harshest conditions on the coast is not reasonable."

The technology is designed to resist harsh weather, Ainsworth rebutted, pointing to similar vessel monitoring systems in Washington and California.

Cary Johnson, a fish-

erman in Astoria, asked the commission to exempt small vessels from the requirement.

"None of us want to see whales entangled in our gear," Johnson said. "It's a bad look for our industry. We're trying to do whatever we can to avoid that."

Conservation groups applauded ropeless gear, push for more whale protections supported the new rules but said Oregon still needs to do more to protect whales.

They're opposed to the department's draft conservation plan, which outlines measures the state will take to protect whales. It proposes allowing the entanglement of up to 67 humpback whales over a 15-year period, or roughly four humpback whales a year.

Conservationists argued the plan would normalize the worst year for humpback whales rather than advance conservation measures and gear modifications to reduce whale entanglements.

And those are just the

confirmed entanglements, said Ben Enticknap, a senior scientist and the Pacific campaign director at Oceana, an ocean advocacy nonprofit.

"The National Marine Fisheries Service scientists are estimating only about one in five entanglements are detected," he said. "The department is not recognizing that piece right now that there's these unobserved entanglements, and that needs to be made clear and incorporated into the conservation plan."

<https://oregoncapital-chronicle.com/2026/08/17/oregon-to-start-testing-ropeless-crabbing-gear-next-spring-to-stop-whale-entanglements/>

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON MEDFORD DIVISION
In the matter of the Complaint of Texas Lady, Inc. as Owner of the Vessel F/V TEXAS LADY, Official Number 624106, for Exoneration from and/or Limitation of Liability In Admiralty Case No. 1:26-cv-01517-CL NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR EXONERATION FROM, OR LIMITATION OF, LIABILITY [46 U.S.C. § 30501 et seq.;

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and Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Supplemental Rule F] NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Plaintiff-in-Limitation Texas Lady, Inc. (herein "Plaintiff-in-Limitation"), as owner of the vessel F/V TEXAS LADY, bearing Official Number 624106, and her engines, tackles, appurtenances, etc. ("Vessel"), on August 7, 2026, filed a Complaint under the Limitation of Liability Act, 46 U.S.C. § 30501 et seq., claiming the right to exoneration from, or limitation of liability for all claims, losses, or damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any manner connected with the incident on or about January 11, 2026, in or around Port Orford, Oregon, involving an alleged injury to the Vessel's captain, Joseph Wayne Gonsalves, the captain's son and deckhand, Joseph Wayne Gonsalves Nastiuik, and fellow deckhand Kody Rosenstiel, as a result of the Vessel's grounding, and involving the Vessel as alleged and for the reasons and because of the circumstances set forth in the Complaint. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all persons having any such claims must file them, as provided in Rule F of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, with the Clerk of this Court at the James A. Redden U.S. Courthouse, located at 310 West Sixth Street, Ste. 201, Medford, OR, 97501, and serve upon or mail to Plaintiff-in-Limitation's attorneys, Lindsay Hart LLP, 900 SW Fifth Ave, Suite 2700, Portland, Oregon 97204, a copy of such claim on or before September 9, 2026, OR BE DEEMED TO BE IN CONTUMACY AND DEFAULT. Personal attendance is not required. Any claimant desiring to contest Plaintiff-in-Limitation's right to exoneration from, or limitation of, liability must also file an answer to the Complaint on file herein, as required by Rule F(5) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, and shall serve a copy thereof upon the attorneys for Plaintiff-in-Limitation, unless the claim has included an answer. DATED this 13th day of August, 2026. /s/ MARK D. CLARKE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE James Mccurdy, OSB No. 043564 jmcurdy@lindsayhart.com Thomas E. McDermott, OSB No. 762430 tmcdermott@lindsayhart.com James Molyneux-Elliott, OSB No. 205062 jmolyneux-elliott@lindsayhart.com 900 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 2700 Portland, OR 97204-1206 Phone: 503-226-7677 Fax: 503-226-7697 Attorneys for Plaintiff-in-Limitation 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16/2026 Pilot 429954

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY - PROBATE DEPARTMENT - In the Matter of the Estate of PATRICIA STEWART ABOUD AKA PATRICIA HELEN ABOUD, Deceased. CASE NO. 26PB07277 - NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that SHELLEY R. ABOUD has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at: 13100 SE Sunnyside Road, Clackamas, Oregon 97015, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from records of the Court, the personal representative, or attorney for the personal representative. Shelley R. Aboud, Personal Representative /s/ James Shikany OSB#014129, James Shikany, PC, Attorney for Personal Representative, 13100 SE Sunnyside Road, Clackamas, Oregon 97015 Tel: (503) 698-9808 Fax: (503) 210-8344 Email: shikanylaw@hotmail.com 8/26/2026 Pilot 429936

Notice of Public Meeting Upper Chetco Rural Fire Protection District will have their quarterly meeting on Wed. 5:30 PM September 2nd, 2026. This meeting will take place at the fire hall, 17548 Gardner Ridge Rd. Brookings, Or. The public is encouraged to attend. Respectfully submitted by Lori Wraith 8/26/2026 Pilot 429916

OREGON STATE CREDIT UNION v. JEREMY D. PETRIE, also known as JEREMY DAVID PETRIE SUMMONS - CASE NO. 26CV16327 IN THE

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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS TO: JEREMY D. PETRIE, also known as JEREMY DAVID PETRIE, the above-named defendant. You are hereby required to appear and defend the complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to appear and answer, plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in its complaint, to-wit: A. FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF: 1. For the principal sum of \$40,036.22, plus late fees in the amount of \$99.35, plus accrued interest in the amount of \$2,054.87 through December 29, 2025 (the amount owing may be reduced by the net proceeds, if any, following repossession and sale of the RV described below); 2. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements incurred herein; and 3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs A1 and A2 above at the statutory rate of 9.00 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered until paid in full. B. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF: 1. For recovery of the 2023 KYRV Springdale CT, YIN: 4YDTSGK27PG102795 (the "RV"), by seizure and sale of the property through replevin; and, alternatively, for value of the RV if Defendant fails to surrender it; 2. For Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursements incurred herein; and 3. For interest on the sum of paragraphs B1 and B2, at the statutory rate of 9.00 percent per annum, from the date judgment is entered, until paid in full. C. ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF: 1. For such other relief as the court deems just and proper. NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ CAREFULLY!! YOU MUST "APPEAR" IN THIS CASE OR THE OTHER SIDE WILL WIN AUTOMATICALLY. TO "APPEAR" YOU MUST FILE WITH THE COURT A LEGAL PAPER CALLED A "MOTION" OR "ANSWER". THE MOTION OR ANSWER (OR "REPLY") MUST BE GIVEN TO THE COURT CLERK OR ADMINISTRATOR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FILING FEE. IT MUST BE IN PROPER FORM AND HAVE PROOF OF SERVICE ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY OR, IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, PROOF OF SERVICE UPON THE PLAINTIFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD SEE AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY. IF YOU NEED HELP IN FINDING AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE OREGON STATE BAR'S LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE ONLINE AT WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG OR BY CALLING AT (503) 684-3763 (IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA) OR TOLL-FREE ELSEWHERE IN OREGON AT (800) 452-7636. This summons is published by order of Circuit Court Pro Tem Judge Jason R Thomas of the above-entitled Court made on the 12th day of June, 2026, directing publication of this summons once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Curry County, Oregon. Date of first publication: August 19, 2026 Date of last publication: September 9, 2026 Michelle M. Bertolino, OSB #912130 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff FARLEIGH WADA WITT 121 SW Morrison, Suite 600 Portland, OR 97204-3136 (503) 228-6044 mbertolino@fwlaw.com 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, and 9/16/2026 Pilot 429806

INVITATION TO BID: Abandoned property of The Estate of Frances Anne Wilson, Matthew Willson and all others. For Sale, a 1998 Fleetwood; Serial #1EH4F3339W0803149; X237184; Home ID 283672 and the contents thereof. The mobile home is located at 15577 US Hwy 101 Space E4, Brookings, OR 97415 in Harbor Terrace RV Park. This will be a private sale with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00. Sealed bids will be accepted until September 3, 2026. Send/submit bids to Brophy Schmor LLP, PO Box 128, Medford, OR 97501, Attn: Jennifer Nicholls. Please call 541-661-2333 to view the home and contents. 8/19 & 8/26/2026 Pilot 429814

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 151182-OR Loan No.: **4044 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by WILLIAM E RIDGEWAY, as Grantor, to CURRY COUNTY TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR BANK OF THE CASCADES., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 8/4/2017, recorded 8/10/2017, as Instrument No. 2017-03248, in the Official Records of Curry County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Curry County, Oregon: LOT THREE (3), BLOCK ONE-HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN (147), PORT ORFORD, COUNTY OF CURRY, STATE OF OREGON. APN: R14142 / 3315-05AB-02200 Commonly known as: 1719 IDAHO ST PORT ORFORD, OR 97465 The current beneficiary is: FIRST INTERSTATE BANK Both the beneficiary and the trustee have elected to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been recorded pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums:

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2/1/2026 - 7/1/2026	\$5,130.60
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TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF:	\$117,119.60

By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the principal sum of \$111,679.58 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.625 % per annum, from 1/1/2026 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 12/10/2026, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE ELLENSBURG AVENUE ENTRANCE TO THE CURRY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 29821 ELLENSBURG, GOLD BEACH, OR 97444, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it executed the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 7/28/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, & 9/9/2026 Pilot 429639

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
On September 9, 2026, at the hour of 11:00 o' clock a.m. at the Curry County Courthouse, front steps, 29821 Ellensburg, Gold Beach, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: That portion of the West Half (W ½) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 26, Township 40 South, Range 13 West Willamette Meridian, Curry County, Oregon, lying West and South of the West Boundary of the Comstock Road. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described tract of land: BEGINNING at the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 26; thence North 87° 18' 00" East a distance of 126.84 feet, more or less, along the South line of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northeast Quarter

(NE ¼) of Section 26 to the West boundary of the existing BLM road; thence generally Northwest along the West boundary of said BLM road to a point on the West line of said Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of said Section 26; thence South 01° 50' 00" West 142.77, more or less to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Brookings, Oregon 97415. The court case number is 09CV0311, where MATTHEW J. MULLANEY and JACKIE VANPAEPEGHEM MULLANEY, TRUSTEE OF THE JACKIE V. MULLANEY FAMILY TRUST, ASSIGNEE is plaintiff, and EARLENE RAE SHORT DILLE is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Curry County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: www.oregon-sheriffs.com/sales.htm 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, & 9/2/2026 Pilot 429495

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Tuesday, August 11
1:52 am, North Bank Chetco River Rd, dispute/fight.
5:39 am, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.
5:46 am, Chetco Ave, alarm.
9:31 am, Blueberry Dr, criminal trespass.
9:48 am, Foster Rd, civil problem.
10:56 am, Highway 101 MP 358, traffic crash.
11:42 am, Helen Ln, fire alarm.
1:17 pm, Nautical Heights Dr, civil problem.
1:53 pm, Tanbark Cir,

shot(s) fired.
2:17 pm, Pacific Ave, theft.
2:42 pm, 5th St, pan-handling.
5:06 pm, Chetco Ave, civil problem.
6:48 pm, Nw Side Of Chetco Bridge, fire.
7:16 pm, 2nd St, dispute/fight.
7:23 pm, Foxglove Way, fire.
9:13 pm, Hwy 101 MP 358, disorderly conduct.
Saturday, August 15
12:02 am, Myrtle St, dispute/fight.
1:05 am, Highway

101, dispute/fight.
4:45 am, North Bank and Gardiner Ridge, fire.
7:41 am, Tanbark Ln and Memory Ln, fire.
9:33 am, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.
10:26 am, Glenwood Dr, civil problem.
10:39 am, 5th St, hit & run.
11:08 am, Chetco Ave, DUII.
1:07 pm, Spruce St, theft of services.
4:04 pm, Brookings Rv, disorderly conduct.
6:55 pm, Court St, traffic crash.
7:59 pm, Sunset

Strip, threats.
10:58 pm, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise.
11:53 pm, Tanbark Rd, loud noise.
Sunday, August 16
1:54 am, Pioneer Rd, disorderly conduct.
7:58 am, Old County Rd, disorderly conduct.
10:18 am, Bridge St, disorderly conduct.
10:34 am, Mill Beach Rd, disorderly conduct.
10:54 am, W Benham Ln, criminal trespass.
4:47 pm, 2nd St, disorderly conduct.
6:14 pm, Old County Rd, hit & run.
11:59 pm, Chetco Ave, DUII.

Monday, August 17
8:35 am, Sunset Strip, criminal trespass.
9:08 am, Dawson and Highway 101, traffic crash.
9:14 am, 5th St, disorderly conduct.
12:56 pm, Coverdell Rd, intoxicated subject.
3:24 pm, W Benham Ln, theft.
4:10 pm, North Bank Chetco River Rd, intoxicated subject.
4:42 pm, Julia Way, traffic crash.
5:00 pm, Ransom

Ave, assault.
8:00 pm, 5th St, dispute/fight.
8:24 pm, Chetco Ave and Bridge St, juvenile problem.
8:50 pm, Elk Dr, theft.
9:18 pm, Chetco Ave, hit & run.
9:18 pm, Mill Beach Rd, fire.
9:19 pm, Lucky Ln, loud noise.
9:28 pm, Wharf St, dispute/fight.
10:35 pm, Chetco Ave, loitering.

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.
• 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.

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.
• 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.
• 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 Community Public Library, 405 Alder St., Brookings: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Make an appointment at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.
• 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.

Sunday, August 30
• Sawdust Theatre Season 58 matinee, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: 2:00 pm. Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery or "Udder Confusion." Tickets \$10, with online service charge. Sawdusttheatre.com or 541-396-4563.

Tuesday, September 1 - Thursday, September 3
• Rented Christmas auditions, The Rogue Playhouse, 94196 Moore St., Gold Beach: 6:00 pm each day. Ellensburg Theater Company seeks many adult, teen and children roles for the Christmas musical.

Wednesday, September 2
• SWOCC Community Education Showcase Meet & Greet, 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway, Brookings: 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Discover upcoming classes, meet instructors, try mini sessions and ask questions. Complimentary refreshments provided. RSVP: 541-813-1667 or CurryFirstStop@socc.edu.

Friday, September 4 - Saturday, September 5
• Sawdust Theatre Season 58 closing weekend, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: 7:00 pm. Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery or "Udder Confusion." Tickets \$10, with online service charge. Sawdusttheatre.com or

541-396-4563.

Sunday, September 6
• American Music Festival Summer Concerts in the Park, Azalea Park: 1:00 pm. Huckleberry Road performs outlaw country. Admission free; concertgoers may bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic lunches.

Saturday, September 12
• 19th Annual Dee-ni' Day, Xaa-wan-'k'wvt Hall Community Center, 101 Indian Ct., Smith River: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Community event with food and art vendors, cultural demonstrations, Tribal Citizen Art Show, stick games, horseshoe tournament, gambling, kid activities and more. More info: 707-487-9255 or media@tolowa.gov.
• Contra Dance, Curry Public Library, 94341 3rd St., Gold Beach: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Live music by Cliff's Edge with caller Stacy Rose. facebook.com/coolcoastcontra

Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20
• Ride the Cyclone: Teen Edition, The Chetco Playhouse, 1240 Chetco Ave., Brookings: Friday and Saturday at 7:00 pm; Sunday at 2:00 pm. Chetco Pelican Players present the musical. Adults \$15, students \$7. Reservations: 541-469-1857.
• Wild Rivers Symphony Chamber Concert Series: Friday, Sept. 18 at 6:00 pm, United Methodist Church, 664 H St., Crescent City; Saturday, Sept. 19 at 3:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St., Brookings; Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3:00 pm, Curry Public Library, 94341 3rd St., Gold Beach. Tickets \$20 at the

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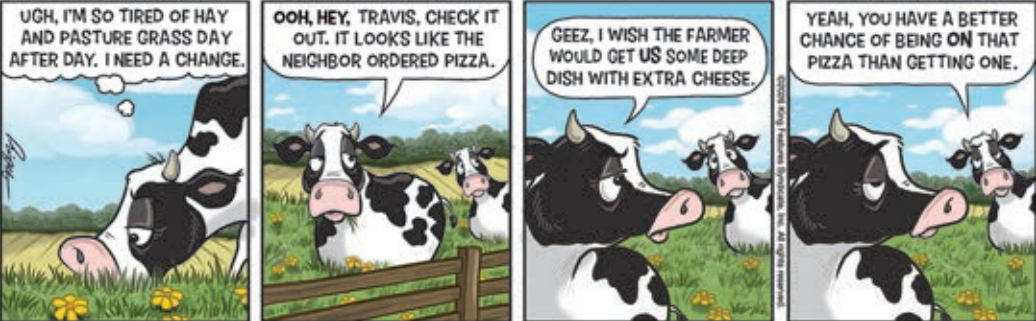
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Director/CEO David Adkins, a former Kansas state senator and 1993 CSG Henry Toll Fellow alumnus. “CSG is honored to recognize this exceptional class and invest in their continued growth as leaders committed to serving their communities”
Senator Smith also acknowledged the leadership of CSG Executive Director and CEO David Adkins, himself a 1993 Toll Fellow, and welcomed the program’s strengthened connection to CSG’s national membership engagement team under Senior Director Ann Pardalos.
“I am honored to join CSG Executive Director and CEO David Adkins and leaders from across the country, as I have dedicated my life in public service to build teams, and bridges, to solve problems,” said Senator Brock Smith. “As Oregon continues to confront complex issues, from wildfire preparedness and coastal resilience to public

safety and economic development, the partnerships fostered through CSG and our work across the nation, is invaluable. I look forward to representing our state and continuing this important bipartisan work with colleagues across the country. Our collaborative efforts for our residents will only strengthen our beloved Oregon and our great United States,” concluded Senator David Brock Smith.

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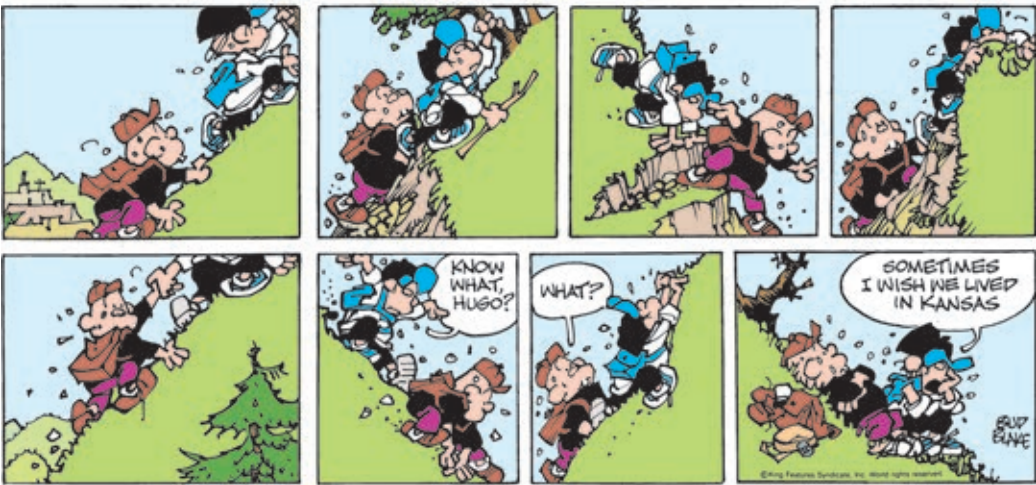
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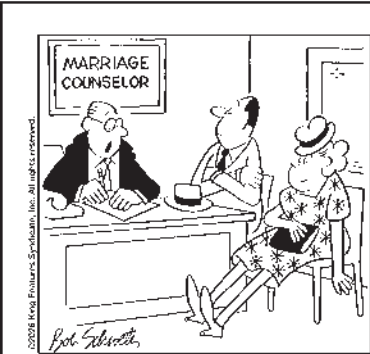
CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: W equals L

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WVQB NBHJBBQ HJM LMXQHSVBK:
NMSTBS OBHSMW.

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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!

Speck
ARING
Dame
ROMANT
Taut
ENSET
First
DIEMAN
TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

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by BUD BLAKE

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

ACROSS

- 1 Doves' home
- 5 Coach
- Parseghian
- 8 Beach crawler
- 12 Pizza cooker
- 13 Greyhound vehicle
- 14 — Martin (cognac)
- 15 Bread sellers
- 17 Sheltered
- 18 Hogwash
- 19 Thespians
- 21 Sheriff's star
- 24 Hold sway
- 25 Jealousy
- 26 Stalks for soups
- 30 Finale
- 31 Give it a go
- 32 Man-mouse link
- 33 Sets of prayer beads
- 35 Big gulp
- 36 Eyeglass frames
- 37 Lake flock
- 38 Hoi —
- 41 Enjoy Aspen
- 42 Mayberry young 'un
- 43 Officials with seals
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- 49 Literary collection
- 50 Corporate symbol

King Crossword

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- 12 Tournament passes
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- 21 "Cheers" order
- 22 Part of A.D.
- 23 Film formats
- 24 Point — Peninsula
- 26 Record holder?
- 27 "The Music Man" setting
- 28 Ireland
- 29 Droops
- 31 Small combo
- 34 Dahl of films
- 35 Marble cake patterns
- 37 Reggae relative
- 38 Vatican leader
- 39 Pundit's piece
- 40 TV journalist Lisa
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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.

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

SNORING

Today's Word

3. Tense; 4. Maiden

1. Grain; 2. Matron

SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Grain; 2. Matron

3. Tense; 4. Maiden

5. Corn; 6. Egg

7. Shatner's "War"

8. Vigor

9. Slightly

10. Regret

11. Military attacks

12. Moon cavity

13. Perimeter

14. Actress Myrna

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State/Regional News

‘It’s the unknown that is concerning to us’

JEREMY C. RUARK
Cottage Grove Sentinel

While the majority of the summer wildfires in Oregon have been on the east side of the Cascades, continued hot, dry weather, drought conditions, and the threat of lightning, will heighten the fire danger in Western Oregon, including Lane County.

“It is the unknown that is concerning to us,” South Lane County Fire & Rescue (SLCFR) Deputy Chief Justin Baird said. “It’s hot and dry and we have not had any moisture for a long time, so as we get into late summer, dry lighting starts to come in and that will be a concern.”

The lack of snowpack over the winter and the continued dry conditions locally combined with east winds that likely occur in late summer are the driving actors that Baird said are heightening the wildfire danger.

“Those east wind events, where the wind is coming of the high desert, and the winds can pick up burning embers,” he said. “That’s what causes these big fires. High heat, low humidity, and a strong wind. The embers are thrown ahead of the fire.”

Resources to battle wildfires are also of concern to local firefighters.

“Resources across the state are pretty thin right now,

because there are a lot of fires throughout the state of Oregon” Baird said. “We are still at our normal capacity as far as response goes.”

SLCFR also has partnership agreements for mutual aid from surrounding districts including the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Baird emphasized that residents and visitors to the area need to know the evacuation levels in the case of a wildfire.

“People need to pay attention to the evacuation levels and have personal belongings and valuables packed up that are easy to grab when there is an evacuation alert, especially if you live closer to the edge of the forest,” he said.

Baird also cautions the public about knowing the safest route out of an area when a wildfire occurs.

“Lane County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue provides route maps for the safest places to go when there is an evacuation order, so we work hand-in-hand with LCSO when it comes to evacuations,” he said.

Often, when there is a major emergency, such as a wildfire, traffic away from the danger zone can be hectic and congested.

“Be patient,” Baird said. “Be aware of your surroundings and know what’s going



Courtesy from the Oregon department of Forestry

The Wasco County Grasshopper Fire on Wednesday, Aug. 13, reached 83,642 acres. At that time, the fire was 20 percent contained with 1,832 personnel assigned to the incident.

on. Just being informed and being aware in the big thing.”

Baird also recommends property owners take steps to protect their property from wildfires by keeping lawns well-watered and removing overgrown brush. More prevention information can be found at the Oregon State Fire marshal’s website.

The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) urges everyone to prepare for wildfires and other emergencies by knowing evacuation levels, staying informed, having a plan, and having a go-kit ready.

The Oregon Evacuation Levels

- Oregon follows a three-level evacuation notification system, each structured around safety threat level. Be Ready. Be Set. Go Now.
- Oregonians should become familiar with “Be Ready, Be Set, Go!” evaluation levels to make informed decisions when receiving evacuation notices.
- OEM urges people to evacuate whenever they feel unsafe, conditions can change rapidly; individuals should always make the best decision for their safety.
- Following evacuation, people should not return to the area until public safety officials state it is safe.

Oregon has set a historic high number of acres burned during the 2026 summer wildfire season at 2.3 million acres.

The math on Kotek lawsuit doesn’t add up for salmon or power bills

KEITH TYMCHUK
Cottage Grove Sentinel
Guest Column

I’ve been fly fishing Oregon’s rivers much of my life.

This summer, like every summer for the last three decades, I will spend weeks

on the North Umpqua, wading out at first light in search of summer steelhead. So when people hear I oppose Gov. Tina Kotek’s support for a federal lawsuit that’s caused more dam spillage, a move billed as help for salmon, some assume I’ve made

peace with fewer fish in our rivers.

What I want is honesty about the price tag this policy has for our rural community.

Just this month, Gov. Kotek said Oregon must “keep working families and small businesses from absorbing” costs that aren’t theirs to

bear. I couldn’t agree more — which is exactly why her hydropower litigation is so hard to square with her stated priorities.

Here’s what almost nobody talks about: This is already a low-water year across the Northwest. That matters twice. It means less water for

affordable, carbon-free power generation right now, and even less water will be available by September when both power demand and our state’s wildfire season peaks. That’s because the outcome of this lawsuit is that more water is released now over

the spillways instead of through the power generation turbines.

The tradeoff is that Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), which Central Lincoln and most Oregon utilities purchase power from, must then buy power on the open market where it’s more expensive. BPA estimates this will cause a significant rate increase in the next year, and much of that will be passed onto rate-paying customers.

Central Lincoln PUD is known for keeping the lights on and rates predictable — as a consumer-owned utility, we have no shareholders to absorb rising costs. That’s gotten harder every year, and Gov. Kotek’s support for this litigation makes it harder still.

The governor is effectively asking families already stretching to pay their bills to absorb a rate increase for something that might not even help the fish.

If the Governor is serious about affordability, the answer is working with the people paying the cost of this lawsuit every day — not more litigation that guarantees higher bills with no promise of higher fish counts.

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