

City of Brookings announces improvement projects

From the City of Brookings

If you've noticed more construction around Brookings lately, you're not imagining it. Across the city, crews and contractors are improving streets, parks, utilities, public facilities, and critical infrastructure through projects that will benefit residents for decades to come.

Many of these improvements have received funding through competitive state and federal grants, allowing the City to leverage outside funding while investing in the infrastructure that supports our community's safety, economy, and quality of life.

Here's a look at what's happening around Brookings.

Safer Streets and Sidewalks



Construction is underway to make it safer and easier for students, families, and pedestrians to travel throughout the community. The City received funding for this project through ODOT's Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grant program.

Improvements include:

- Reconstruction of the inter-

section at 5th Street and Chetco Avenue

- New sidewalks and ADA accessibility improvements
- Enhanced pedestrian crossings
- An additional Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk to improve pedestrian visibility and safety

These improvements will benefit not only students but everyone who walks, bikes, or drives through the area.

Modernizing the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant



One of the largest infrastructure investments in Brookings' history is now underway at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

This project will modernize aging treatment facilities, improve operational reliability, and ensure the system continues meeting state and federal environmental standards for years to come.

Although much of the work takes place behind the scenes, it is essential to protecting public health, supporting future growth, and preserving the quality of our local waterways

Expanding and Improving the

Wastewater Collection System

Additional wastewater improvements will soon begin throughout several areas of Brookings.

This work will replace aging sewer infrastructure, improve system reliability, and extend wastewater service to the Southwestern Oregon Community College campus and the Lone Ranch development, supporting future housing and economic development.

Residents can expect construction activities in portions of:

- Railroad Street
- Mill Beach Road
- Chetco Avenue
- Crissey Circle
- Moore Street
- Pioneer Road
- Fir Street
- Pacific Avenue
- Oak Street
- Fifth Street
- Elk Drive
- Highway 101

These critical wastewater projects are funded by a grant and low interest loan from the USDA - Rural Development.

Bud Cross Park Improvements Underway

Exciting improvements are already taking shape at Bud Cross Park with assistance from a \$100,000 grant from Oregon Parks & Recreation Department.

New accessible ramps and walkways on the south side of the park have been completed, improving access for park visitors. Temporary fencing is



now in place while crews prepare the site for the next phase of construction.

Upcoming work includes:

- A new playground with accessible play features
- Paved pathways
- A new picnic area
- Shade trees

The finished project will create an even more welcoming destination for families and visitors of all abilities.

Improving Brookings Airport

Construction will soon begin on important safety upgrades at Brookings Airport made possible from grants from the FAA and Oregon Department of Aviation.

The project will replace aging runway lighting and electrical systems with modern equipment, including new runway lighting, upgraded navigational aids, electrical improvements, and a new airport beacon.

These improvements will increase reliability and improve safety for pilots using the airport throughout the year.

Protecting Our Drinking Water

The City will soon install new security fencing around portions of its municipal water source on the Chetco River made possi-

ble by a grant from the Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Source Protection Fund.

This project is part of the City's ongoing commitment to protecting Brookings' drinking water supply, improving site security, and safeguarding critical infrastructure that serves our community every day.

While the improvements may not be immediately noticeable to most residents, they represent an important investment in the long-term protection of one of Brookings' most valuable public resources.

Looking Ahead



These are just some of the many projects currently underway or beginning soon throughout Brookings. Together, they represent a significant investment in our community's future—improving safety, strengthening infrastructure, enhancing recreation, protecting natural resources, and supporting future growth.

We appreciate the community's patience during construction and look forward to sharing progress as these projects move toward completion.

Classical music in the wild coming to Langlois

By BREE LAUGHLIN
Wild Rivers Land Trust

South Coast community members have a unique opportunity to attend a classical music concert in the wild with IN A LANDSCAPE: Classical Music in the Wild™ on Sunday, Aug. 30.

The outdoor concert series replaces the traditional concert hall with America's most stunning landscapes. A 9-foot Steinway grand piano travels on a flatbed trailer to State and National Parks, urban green spaces, working ranches, and historical sites for classical music concerts that connect people with each landscape.

As part of their 2026 tour, IN A LANDSCAPE classical pianist Hunter Noack will be performing at Valley Flora Farm in Langlois, OR at the end of this month.

Valley Flora is a shining example of a farm that feeds its community — through its CSA program, local farmers markets, and by supplying grocers along the coast and throughout Southern Oregon.

"What inspires me most about Valley Flora is that it's as functional as it is romantic," said Hunter Noack.

"It's not just that they work hard—it's that they do it in the most beautiful way possible," he said.

A couple of years ago, during one of the IN A LANDSCAPE concerts, Valley Flora Farms co-owner Zoë Bradbury DeSurra was out on horseback, tilling the rich soil of the valley with headphones on so she could hear the music while she worked. The audience could look out over the rows of crops and watch that scene unfold in real time.

"Valley Flora represents everything I think we should aspire to be: good land stewards, community-minded, hardworking, and bursting with hope,"



Noack said. "The Bradbury family exemplifies the Rumi line, 'Let the beauty we love be what we do.'"

IN A LANDSCAPE brings concert hall-quality classical music into natural and working landscapes that are meaningful to the communities around them. Whether it's a family farm, a state park, a mountain meadow, or the edge of the ocean, the landscape isn't just a backdrop—it's part of the performance.

"My hope is that the music becomes the soundtrack to people's experience in nature," pianist Noack said.

Guests bring blankets, picnic dinners, or camp chairs, and experience the music however they feel most comfortable. Everyone listens through wireless headphones, which creates an intimate listening experience while giving people the freedom to wander a trail, sit quietly beneath a tree, close their eyes, or even come lie underneath the piano to feel the vibrations of the instrument.

A portion of the ticket sales at the Aug. 30 IN A LANDSCAPE concert at Valley Flora will support local nonprofit Wild Rivers Land Trust.

Wild Rivers Land Trust works to conserve and steward the natural spaces that people and wildlife depend on for clean air, fresh water and healthy habitats throughout Southern Oregon's Wild Rivers Coast. By partnering with willing landowners, Wild Rivers Land Trust also helps working farms and ranches preserve their legacies for future generations.

"By supporting local nonprofit organizations we are able to amplify the work that happens year-round in each community," said IN A LANDSCAPE pianist Hunter Noack.

"Wild Rivers Land trust is invested in protecting the watersheds, the working landscapes, and the wild landscapes. We are happy to support them because they understand that conservation isn't about locking nature away,

but about making sure farms, forests, rivers, wildlife, and local communities can all thrive together for generations," he said.

First-time guests at IN A LANDSCAPE's Valley Flora concert should plan to arrive early enough to enjoy the walk from the parking area to the concert site. After checking in and receiving wireless headphones, they can settle into the landscape before the music begins.

"What surprises many people is how approachable classical music becomes in this setting. For those who find traditional concert halls intimidating or restrictive, there's a sense of freedom. You're welcome to move, breathe, stretch out in the grass, watch the changing light, or simply be still. The wind, birdsong, shifting clouds, and stories behind the music all become part of the experience.

"My hope is that people leave with a deeper connection to both the music and the place. Sometimes people tell me they discovered they love classical music. Other times they say they noticed a familiar landscape in an entirely new way. To me, both are equally meaningful," Noack said.



Motorcyclist killed in three vehicle crash along Hwy 101

Staff Report

A motorcyclist was thrown from their bike and later pronounced deceased following a three-vehicle crash on Highway 101 near milepost 352 last weekend.

Oregon State Police responded to the scene at approximately 12:38 p.m. on Sunday, August 9. After conducting their preliminary investigation, they determined that a black Triumph motorcycle, operated by Louis Henry Vowell III (36) of Sisters, was traveling northbound on Highway 101 near the Cape Ferrello Viewpoint at a high rate of speed when it attempted to overtake multiple vehicles in a passing lane.

When the motorcycle entered the passing lane, it collided with the rear of a gray Mazda CX-5, operated by Russell Keith Moore (56) of Pulaski, Arkansas, which was turning westbound into the Cape Ferrello Viewpoint. The rider was thrown from the motorcycle and subsequently struck by a gray Mercedes Sprinter van, operated by Jeffrey Alan Ludwick (58) of Rogue River.

Vowell, the motorcyclist, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The operator of the Mazda (Moore) and two adult passengers were reportedly uninjured along with the operator of the Mercedes (Ludwick) and their adult passenger.

The highway was impacted for approximately two hours during the on-scene investigation.

OSP thanked the Curry County Sheriff's Office, Cape Ferrello Rural Fire Department, Brookings Fire & Rescue, Cal-Ore Life Flight, and the Oregon Department of Transportation for their assistance with the investigation, treatment and transportation of those involved in the crash.

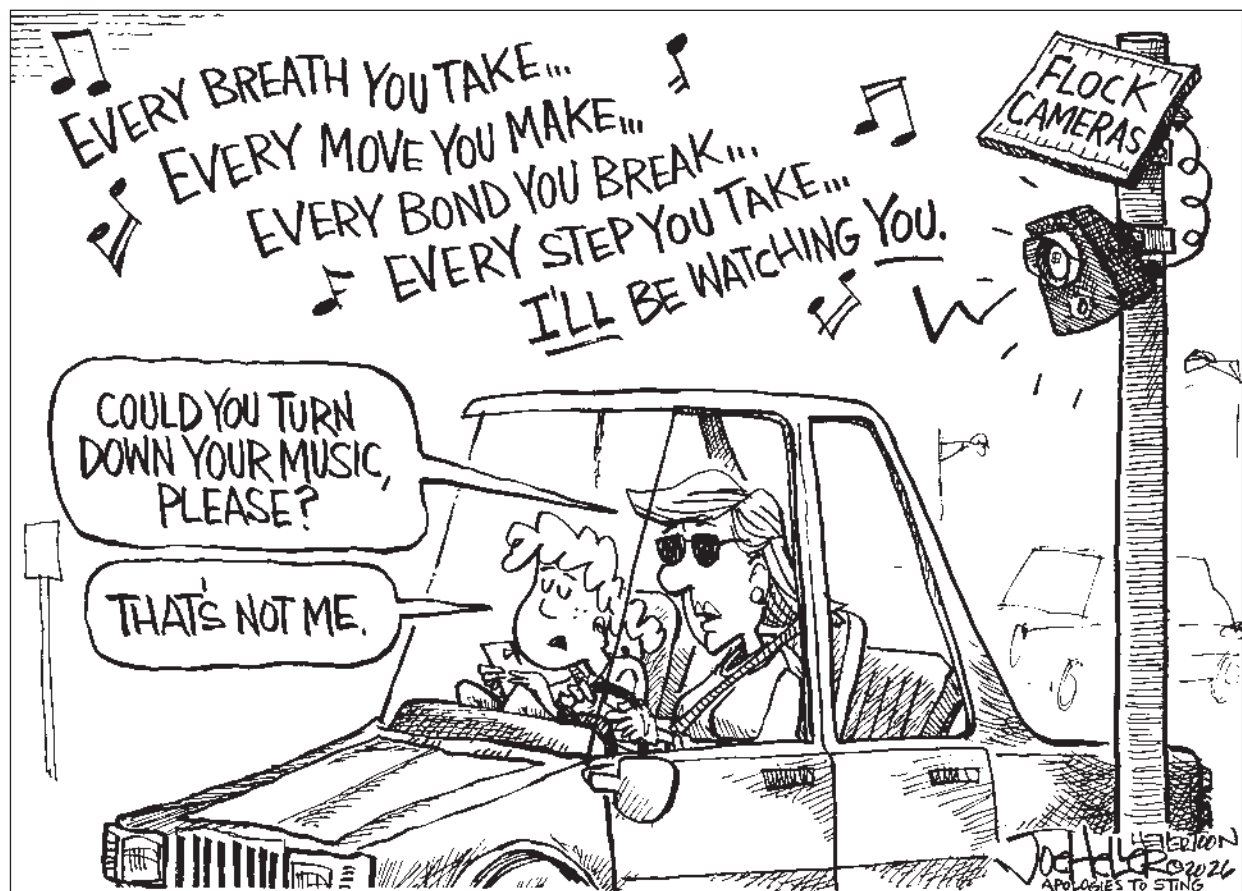
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Proposed change coming to the Northwest Forest plan

Over the past two decades, I have observed

Models of this management approach can be found where the agencies and local communities have partnered to build coalitions of people who support smart resource management in the communities directly affected by forest management. This type of forest planning requires collaborative involvement in local communities directly connected to these forests, from agency representatives to recreation interests, woods workers, local business and more. One example tested is the forest stewardship program on the Siuslaw National Forest on Oregon's central coast; others can be reviewed with minimal research. Please get involved in the process to shape the NWFP amendment over the next year by following the process and engaging to represent your interests.



Holy Cow! History

Hitting the road with Henry, Harvey, and Tom

Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, John Burroughs, & Harvey Firestone

In the early days of the 20th century, a new type of business titan was rising in America. Henry Ford

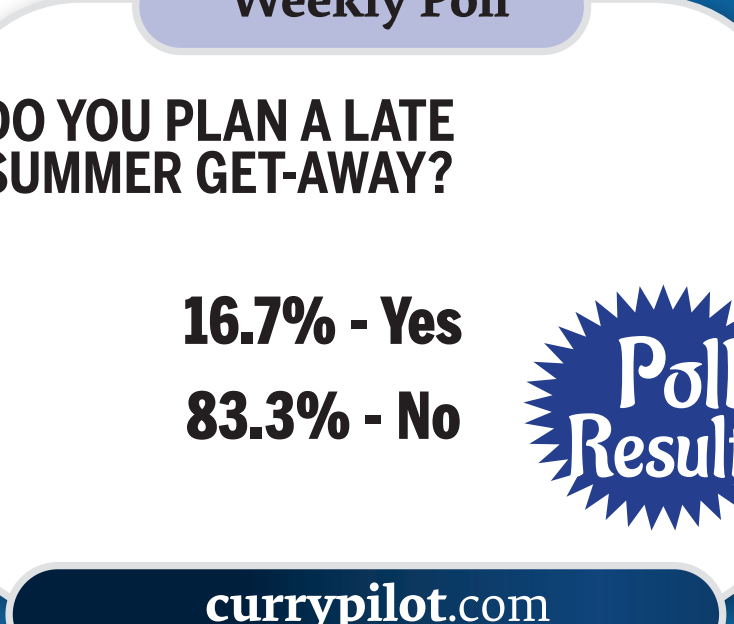


It all started in 1914. Edison, the man who gave us electric lightbulbs, phonographs, movies, and too many other inventions to list, wanted to relax.

The group quickly dubbed themselves "The Vagabonds." But when they set out on their trip in early August 1915, they

The caravan roared out of the Midwest into Pennsylvania, on to West Virginia, then down to Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. Along the way, the Vagabonds fell into a routine.

First, there was a base camp, where all non-VIPs stayed. Tents were then pitched for the star attractions. Edison brought early portable batteries and strung up electric lights. Burroughs could be counted on to cast a line in any



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Off the charts:

The Hidden Power of the Human Nose

By Dr. GiGi Reed, MD

We often think of the nose as a simple facial feature—something that sits quietly in the center of the face and does its job without much notice. In truth, however, it is one of the body’s most remarkable and underappreciated systems: a sophisticated air filter, chemical detector, and early-warning device all rolled into one.

Inside the nose is the olfactory epithelium, a specialized tissue containing roughly six million smell receptors. Together, these receptors can recognize trillions of different scents through about 400 receptor types. Each receptor responds to certain airborne molecules, while the brain interprets the resulting combination of signals. It is somewhat like creating countless words from only



26 letters. Every familiar odor is a unique chemical “code” assembled and interpreted by the nervous system.

As remarkable as the human nose may be, it cannot match the smelling ability of a dog. Depending on the breed, dogs have between 125 million and 300 million olfactory receptors. Their nasal passages are also designed to create swirling airflow patterns that help separate, trap, and analyze scent molecules. As a result, dogs may de-

tect odors at concentrations between 1,000 and 100 million times lower than humans can perceive. The parts of their brains devoted to scent processing can account for as much as 40 percent of brain volume, compared with about five percent in humans.

Even so, our own sense of smell remains essential to survival. Certain odors—such as sulfur, putrescine, and fatty acids—can trigger an immediate feeling of disgust. This protective response likely helped our ancestors avoid spoiled food and dangerous substances. Today, the same system still warns us about risks such as rotting food, leaking gas, and smoke from a fire.

Smell also contributes far more to eating than most people realize. Approximately 80 percent of what we call “taste” is actually derived from smell.

Try pinching your nose while eating a jelly bean: its flavor quickly becomes muted, vague, and difficult to identify. The tongue detects sweet, salty, sour, bitter, and savory tastes, but the nose supplies much of the rich flavor detail.

The nose is also an important part of the respiratory system’s defenses. Each day, we inhale about 20,000 liters of air. Before that air reaches the lungs, the nose warms it, humidifies it, and filters it. It can trap up to 99 percent of bacteria and particles through a protective layer of mucus—nearly a liter of which may be produced each day—and through tiny hair-like structures called cilia. These cilia help sweep contaminants away before they can travel deeper into the airways.

When this system is disrupted, the effects can be substantial. Sinusitis, nasal

polyps, rhinitis, and a deviated septum may obstruct airflow, reduce the sense of smell, and interfere with respiratory comfort. More severe problems can cause anosmia, or loss of smell. Infections, head injuries, and viruses such as COVID-19 can affect the olfactory pathway and lead to partial or complete loss of smell.

Even the nose’s outward appearance has a story to tell. Scientists have described at least 14 distinct nose shapes, influenced by genetics as well as the underlying bone and cartilage. Although it may appear that noses grow larger with age, the change is largely due to a gradual downward shift as cartilage weakens and gravity takes effect.

The human nose is truly a quiet workhorse. It processes thousands of gallons of air every day,

protects us from invisible threats, and translates the chemical world into a rich sensory experience. Even a sudden sneeze—capable of blasting air at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour—reminds us just how active and dynamic this small organ can be.

So the next time you take a breath, pause for a moment of appreciation. Your nose has already done more for you than you may realize.

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. Ggireedmd@gmail.com

Curry County builds stronger financial position through federal funding recovery

The Curry County Board of Commissioners released an update from County Treasurer, Nicholas Vicino updating Curry County residents on its federal funding, disaster reimbursements, and the County’s continued efforts to strengthen its financial position. The release summarized some key points and data, but the County encouraged those who’d like more information to reach out for details available upon request.

Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF)

According to the report, Curry County received two payments through the federal Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF), which was established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

- October 31, 2022 – \$2,199,793.50 received
- July 31, 2023 – \$2,199,793.50 received

These funds are unique as there is no “expiration date” or limit on how long they may be unappropriated by local governments. \$2,193,403 of those funds have been expended on the following projects, as can be seen on the County’s report to the U.S. Treasury:

- \$1,994,403.00 – Public Safety (Jail)

- \$160,500.00 – Community Development
- \$38,500.00 – Transportation

The second tranche of LATCF funding remains unallocated and continues to bear interest revenue for the County, which is distributed to its various departments.

During the County’s forensic financial review, these funds were identified within a budget line item titled “Unearned Revenue.” In an abundance of caution due to the financial situation of the County and poor recordkeeping by previous administrations, Treasurer Vicino first completed an extensive verification of County financial records, then requested a formal confirmation from the US Treasury to ensure the LATCF funding continues to be available for use by the County.

As a result, Curry County now has \$2,199,793.50 in unrestricted funds available to invest. Because LATCF is “one-time money”, it cannot be used for reoccurring costs, such as employee salaries or multi-year contracted services. Instead, the County plans to use the remaining LATCF funds to supplement planned capital projects, infrastructure improvements, and other one-time projects

supporting County departments’ strategic plans.

Unapproved Certificate of Deposit (CD) Account Review

During the County’s ongoing forensic financial review, it was discovered that the prior County Treasurer, Dave Barnes, had established a Certificate of Deposit (CD) account and deposited LATCF funds into it without approval. The account earned interest at a local financial institution; however, the funds would have generated much greater interest returns had they been invested through the county’s Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).

The CD account was also established with overdraft protection connected to the primary operating account. The reason this account was structured in that manner remains unknown at this time.

The CD account was not known to current County administration until after Nicholas Vicino discovered the account.

Curry County Road Department Disaster Recovery Funding Success

The county gave praise to the hard work and outstanding efforts of Road Department staff, stating that the County has recov-

ered millions of dollars in reimbursements associated with declared disasters and infrastructure rehabilitation projects. Since 2025, the County has received:

- \$1,776,997.85 -- Disaster Reimbursements (2023 & 2024 disasters)
- \$320,065.00 -- Morrill Bridge Rehabilitation Reimbursement
- \$220,082.49 -- Langlois Mountain Slide Disaster Reimbursement

Total Received \$2,317,145.34

Recently, the department has had another reimbursement was approved in relation to the Gardner Ridge Disaster in the amount of \$459,500.00. Once those funds are received, \$2,776,645.34 in disaster-related reimbursements and infrastructure recovery funding will have been brought in during the 2025–2026 period.

This is an incredible undertaking, and the Board expressed their gratitude for the dedication of staff, especially Deputy Roadmaster, Gary Wolford and Office Manager, Carrie Dexter.

The county stressed that FEMA and Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) reimbursements are not

simply unexpected revenue. When severe weather is forecasted, Curry County proactively opens disaster project files and begins documenting costs before a disaster declaration is issued. This preparation allows the County to efficiently seek reimbursement once state or federal disaster declarations are approved.

Some reimbursement projects require years of documentation and review before funding is released. The Gardner Ridge project, originally stemming from the 2020 disaster declaration, required nearly 1,000 pages of supporting documentation before the final approval of reimbursement for over \$450,000 in expenses incurred in disaster response.

Looking Ahead

The availability of the second LATCF allocation provides nearly \$2.2 million that the County has said it will use to strengthen ongoing efforts to make their departments more efficient and provide additional services to the public. More than \$2.7 million in disaster-related reimbursements demonstrates the County’s ongoing commitment to recovering eligible costs and safeguarding our local taxpayers’ hard-earned dollars.

The County credits improved accounting practices for allowing Curry County’s Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) to grow by \$1.47 million year to date. The Road Pool Account is close behind, increasing by \$1.18 million, year to date.

The County attributed a large portion of those increases to interest revenue due to smart investments; in turn, a majority of that earned interest is used to fund Sheriff’s Office patrol and other critical public safety functions.

The current administration claims it inherited significant recordkeeping deficiencies from prior administrations. Treasurer Vicino’s discovery of this account, and the Board’s response to it, reflect exactly the kind of scrutiny the County has committed to.

“The Curry County Board of Commissioners and Treasurer continue to remain committed to transparency, accountability, and responsible financial stewardship of public funds,” closed the County communication.

If you have any questions, please contact the Curry County Board of Commissioners at BOC_Office@CurryCountyOR.gov

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nearby body of water (he always brought his trusty fishing rod with him) and led the group on nature walks, explaining plant and wildlife details along the way.

Edison always had a phonograph playing, and boxes filled with gadgets to tinker with, which he did late into the night.

But the highlight was the long, relaxed conversations, as four American legends relaxed under the stars and talked about everything under the sun. These weren’t TED Talks; they were free-ranging exchanges of ideas. Production, automation, and technology were favorite subjects. So was philosophy, politics, and the most nagging question of existence, the meaning of life. These were some of the great visionaries of the early 20th century, and in the comfort of trusted friends, they could talk openly and freely.

Consider this exchange. Ford: “I believe the soul returns. How else could I know the things I know?”

Edison: “The universe doesn’t care what you believe—but you should.”

Everyone had a blast; so much fun, in fact, they decided to do it again in 1916. And in 1917. And then every year thereafter.

Word of the celebrity confabs spread (due in no small part to Ford’s promotion). Crowds began following them, with a heavy press presence. Little wonder, then, that even Presidents Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge each dropped by their campsite.

Nothing good lasts forever, and so it was with the Vagabonds. Burroughs’ death in 1921 took a lot of the joy out of it for Edison. The ever-larger crowds of celebrity gawkers annoyed him. Ford and Firestone had a falling out. Their 1924 getaway was the last.

Still, it’s remarkable to think about a century later. An assemblage of brilliance, living like kings while pretending to be middle-class campers, holding one deeply profound conversation after another. It’ll be a long time until we see anything like that again.

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Riley Creek Fire quickly contained in Gold Beach thanks to rapid response

Staff Report

The Riley Creek fire was successfully contained by Gold Beach Fire Department crews with the help of a long list of partner departments. Thanks to quick responses the fire was contained to just under 12 acres from Highway 101 to Weber Way.

“Huge thanks to Incident Commander Tyson Krieger for his outstanding leadership. We specifically want to thank the Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM)—participating in their conflagration

system provided Tyson with the critical training and preparation needed to manage so many differing departments across a large, rapidly changing incident,” said the department in official communications.

In addition to the marshals, the GBFD thanked the incredible crews who rushed to the front lines in the Coos Forest Protective Association, Gold Beach Ranger District (Crew 31), Ophir Fire, Cedar Valley Fire, Pistol River Fire, Port Orford Fire, Sixes Fire, Agness Fire, Brookings Fire, Cape Ferrelo Fire,

and Harbor Fire. They also thanked GBPD, Curry County Sheriff’s Department, and Oregon State Police for managing urgent evacuations and keeping Highway 101 clear for emergency rigs.

Emergency alerts were issued, with the CCSO instituting a Level 3 Evacuation Order or, “GO NOW!”. That was reduced to a Level 2 order within an hour of the first warning being issued. Thanks to the swift response, no injuries or major property damage was reported.



Trump administration urges Supreme Court to rule soon on limiting vote-by-mail in midterms

By JACOB FISCHLER
Oregon Capital Chronicle

The Trump administration on Wednesday renewed its request to the U.S. Supreme Court to quickly decide a case over an executive order restricting voting, a day

after a Massachusetts federal judge expanded an injunction on the order nationwide.

The Tuesday order from U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani that blocked President Donald Trump’s executive order from taking

effect anywhere in the country makes the administration’s request to the Supreme Court more urgent, U.S. Solicitor General D. John Sauer wrote.

“The district court’s new order confirms the urgent need for this

Court to grant the stay of the permanent injunction and to explain its rationale for doing so,” Sauer wrote.

Election Day is Nov. 3, less than three months away.

Decisions in two cases at district and circuit courts have reached different conclusions about whether the rulemaking could continue in the lead-up to this fall’s elections.

That means the Supreme Court’s decision, now on its emergency docket, will likely determine whether the executive order can move forward. A decision could come any day.

The Trump executive order would limit vote-by-mail, the primary method of voting in several states, especially in the West.

It would require states to send the federal government lists of voters who intend to vote by mail ahead of the election and restrict the U.S. Postal Service from

delivering ballots to or from people not on the list, among other things.

The administration has sought to focus arguments on the narrow legal question of whether an executive order can be challenged before an agency, in this case the U.S. Postal Service and the Department of Homeland Security, issues a final rule. The government argues that the executive order only instructs the agencies to issue rules, and those rules are not yet final, and therefore cannot be challenged.

Trial court order Talwani’s memorandum and order on Tuesday rejected that argument, and she expanded a previous injunction from just the 23 states and the District of Columbia that brought the suit to be effective nationwide.

Talwani said — in her order published just 12 weeks before Election Day — she was only blocking the order with respect to the “fast-approaching” midterms. Further arguments over the merits of federal voting regulations could still happen, but federal law requires the status quo to be preserved this close to an election, she said.

Because of the tight timeline and the assumption that a final rule will be similar to a June 2 notice of proposed rulemaking, Talwani said she could rule simply on the constitutionality of the executive order. It was an easy call, she said.

“The executive branch has no authority to regulate elections,” she wrote, citing the Constitution.

The administration has not shown how blocking the executive order would harm the public, as it has not documented any “illegal or fraudulent absentee voting,” while the voting rights organizations challenging the order have shown that voters with disabilities, in rural areas, who need translation help, attend college outside their home states and in other circumstances would be harmed, she said.

In fact, the organizations showed their members in states across the country are already being harmed by the uncertainty around what rules will govern the

midterm elections, said Talwani.

“Where the (executive order) is presently causing confusion and threatening both increasing chaos and an erosion of trust in our democracy, the court finds that enfranchisement heavily outweighs the executive’s attempt to unconstitutionally insert itself into the domain of election regulation,” Talwani wrote. The proximity to Election Day “underscores the critical need for an injunction to prevent Defendants from changing election rules on the eve of the election.”

The Federal Voter Registration Act also prohibits states from purging voter rolls within 90 days of an election, Talwani wrote.

DOJ’s double bind The nature of the argument puts Sauer and the U.S. Department of Justice in a seemingly difficult legal position, arguing both that the executive order cannot be challenged because it is not enforceable and that the administration must be allowed to put an enforceable rule in place before Election Day.

Sauer asked the court Wednesday to rule for the government and “make clear” that it was doing so “based on the uncertainty concerning the government’s future actions.”

But in the next paragraph, he said implementing the executive order was crucial to the public interest.

“In all events, it is critical that the Court act promptly on the pending stay,” Sauer said. “Otherwise, the district court’s erroneous orders will effectively run out the clock on the government’s ability to implement Section 3 of the Executive Order for the federal elections in November, thereby causing irreparable harm to the federal government, the public, and election integrity.”

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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 VANPAEPGHEM 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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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:

Delinquent Payments:	
Dates:	Total:
2/1/2026 - 7/1/2026	\$5,130.60
Late Charges:	\$171.00
Beneficiary Advances:	\$2,677.50
Total Required to Reinstate:	\$7,979.10
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

famous chilled soup, gazpacho.



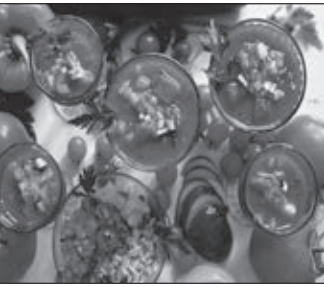
Too Hot to Cook? Meet Gazpacho.

Some recipes ask you to preheat the oven. August politely declines. This chilled tomato and vegetable soup is my shortcut adaptation of the classic Spanish soup gazpacho. Traditionally, gazpacho is made with fresh, ripe, raw tomatoes, blended with vegetables, olive oil and vinegar, then chilled until the flavors mingle. Any Spanish purist will tell you that's the only proper way to make it, and they're right. Please tell your Abuelita I said that before she chases me with a wooden spoon. But as costs rise and budgets lower, let's adapt and have some perfectly refreshing soup on a hot summer day. I'm happy to bend tradition a bit in the name of good food and common sense.

There are as many recipes for gazpacho as there are people who make it. I focused on inexpensive and easy, two of my favorite things. Canned fire-roasted tomatoes provide rich tomato flavor year-round, so you can enjoy a refreshing bowl of gazpacho even when fresh tomatoes are expensive or disappointingly bland. That said, promise me you'll make it the traditional way at least once during peak tomato season. A ripe, sun-warmed tomato from the garden or farmers market has a sweetness and depth of flavor that's almost impossible to find in

most grocery stores. When tomatoes are at their best, substitute about 2 pounds (5 to 6 medium) ripe tomatoes for each 28-ounce can in this recipe. Simply core, roughly chop, then blend the tomatoes with the remaining ingredients. No need to peel or seed them. Chill the soup for at least four hours, though overnight is even better, allowing the flavors to marry into something truly special.

SHORTCUT GAZPACHO
Yield: 9 cups (6 main-dish or 8 appetizer servings)
Total Time: 4 hrs. 15 mins.
1/2 small purple onion, minced (about 1/2 cup)
1 teaspoon garlic, finely minced (one clove)
2 tablespoons red (or white) wine vinegar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon sugar
2 (28 ounce) cans diced tomatoes, divided
1 large cucumber peeled, seeded and finely chopped
2 bell peppers, finely chopped, one red and one green
1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, or to taste



Fresh vegetables, olive oil and a splash of vinegar transform into Spain's famous chilled soup, gazpacho.



1. Where were the werewolves of London sipping a pina colada?
2. Name the artist who wrote and released "I Wanna Be Your Lover."
3. Which group released "We Gotta Get Out of This Place"?
4. Where did Canned Heat get its name?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "We're caught in a trap, I can't walk out, Because I love you too much, baby."

Answers
1. At Trader Vic's. The 1978 song by Warren Zevon started as a joke suggested by Phil Everly (of the Everly Brothers) and was penned in 15 minutes. It was the recording that was difficult, taking nearly 60 attempts.
2. Prince, in 1979. The song went to No. 1 on the Hot Soul Singles chart and stayed there for two weeks.
3. The Animals, in 1965. It appeared on Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.
4. From Sterno, the liquid fuel used under buffet chafing dishes.
5. "Suspicious Minds," by Elvis Presley, released in 1969. Written and first recorded by Mark James in 1968, the song failed to chart until Presley's version became a No. 1 hit. Presley's recording was later inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

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Fun Fact

The Dutch phrase "in de pekel zitten" refers to vegetables or meats left to sit in a vinegary brine.

In modern English, the phrase "in a pickle" has come to mean a difficult time, perhaps when one's only option is to sit and stew for a while.

Source: www.bonappetit.com peterberts.com

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1/4 teaspoon fresh ground pepper, or to taste
Tabasco or other hot sauce to taste, optional

In a small bowl, combine the onion, garlic, vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil and sugar and set it aside. Using a blender, puree one can of tomatoes until quite smooth. Add a tablespoon of each of the other veggies to the blender and puree, to infuse the flavors. In a large non-metal bowl (use glass if you can) combine all the ingredients together, including the onion-vinegar mixture, and combine thoroughly. Add salt and pepper to taste and Tabasco if desired. Let this sit in the refrigerator for at least 4 hours or preferably overnight for the flavors to blend. Taste again for seasoning. Serve in bowls. You may wish to serve this with toasted croutons and a little dollop of sour cream.

Whether you make the fresh or shortcut version, prepare it a day ahead if possible. Gazpacho improves as it rests, making it an ideal make-ahead meal. It makes a bright, zippy lunch or light supper and is equally at home as a first course instead of a salad for a Spanish-inspired dinner. I also love serving it as the opening course for brunch, followed by deviled eggs and a hearty ham frittata.

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

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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

POLICE BLOTTER

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

- Tuesday, August 4**
10:30 am, Ransom Ave, loud noise.
3:25 pm, 5th St, criminal mischief.
6:06 pm, Old County Rd, juvenile problem.
8:56 pm, South Bank Chetco River Rd, loud noise.
9:03 pm, Mill Beach Rd, fire.
- Thursday, August 6**
9:16 am, Chetco Ave, fire alarm.
11:36 am, Marina Heights Rd, civil problem.
3:20 pm, Hwy 101 MP 362, traffic crash.
7:30 pm, Oceanview Dr, fire.
8:00 pm, Easy and 1st St, disorderly conduct.
8:06 pm, Sunset Strip, criminal trespass.
- 8:27 pm, Coral Ct, hit & run.
8:32 pm, Nook Bar, illegal burn.
9:57 pm, Redwood St, harassment.
- Sunday, August 9**
2:19 am, Whales-head, disorderly conduct.
5:38 am, Alder St, alarm.
9:01 am, Alder St, alarm.
- 9:59 am, Boat Basin Rd, theft.
12:32 pm, Hub St, dispute/fight.
12:36 pm, Hwy 101 MP 352, traffic crash.
2:15 pm, 4th St and Ruth Ln, DUII.
2:43 pm, Court St, assault.
8:21 pm, North Bank Chetco River Rd, dispute/fight.
- 8:58 pm, Boat Basin Rd, disorderly conduct.
9:22 pm, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise.
11:21 pm, Mill Beach Rd, fire.
- Monday, August 10**
1:29 am, Old County Rd, loud noise.
2:21 am, Memory and Matot Area, illegal fireworks.
8:49 am, Cape Ferre-
- lo Rd, alarm.
8:57 am, Matot St, theft.
11:00 am, Dawson Rd, fire alarm.
12:15 pm, Highway 101 and Benham, traffic crash.
1:30 pm, Old County Rd, alarm.
5:01 pm, Bridge St, criminal trespass.

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.

Wednesdays

- August 19 and 26**
 - D&D One-Shot Adventure, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Youth ages 10-16 are introduced to tabletop role-playing. No experience needed. Space limited; registration required.

Wednesday, August 19

- Brookings Rural Fire District meeting, Brookings Fire Department: 9:30 am.
- Aloha Member Appreciation Day, Brookings warehouse, 815 Railroad St., Brookings: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Join the Coos-Curry Electric and Beacon Broadband team for free food, community fun, giveaways and a complimentary Hawaiian lunch. Online RSVP requested.
- Kid's Tye Dye Party, Chetco Library Annex lawn: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Bring a plain white T-shirt from home; all other tie-dye supplies provided.

Thursday, August 20

- Aloha Member Appreciation Day, Port Orford Community Center, 423 11th St., Port Orford: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Join the Coos-Curry Electric and Beacon Broadband team for free food, community fun, giveaways and a complimentary Hawaiian lunch. Online RSVP requested.
- Pub Grub Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. Adult comics and graphic novels club discusses Saga, Vol. 1, by Brian K. Vaughn.

Saturday, August 22

- Bodacious Bazaar, Port of Brookings Harbor: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Vendors and live music by Troy and Vince from noon - 3:00 pm.
- Teens Teach Tech, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Drop in with a device or tech question and get help from trained youth technology mentors.
- Rob C, musical guest, Travel Oregon Welcome Center, 14433 Highway 101, Brookings: 2:00 pm.

Saturday, August 22 - Saturday, September 5

- Sawdust Theatre Season 58, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: Calamity at the Coquille Creamery or "Udder Confusion." Shows are Aug. 22 and 29, and Sept. 4 and 5 at 7:00 pm; Aug. 30 at 2:00 pm. Tickets \$10, with online service charge. Sawdusttheatre.com or 541-396-4563.

Monday, August 24

- Azalea Quilters Guild monthly meeting, Driftwood Estates Club House, 16063 Driftwood Lane, Brookings: 5:30 pm social time; meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

- Red Cross Blood Drive, Chetco 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 Coquille Creamery or "Udder Confusion." Tickets \$10, with online service charge. Sawdusttheatre.com or 541-396-4563.
- 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 Coquille 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.

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For the Pilot

HIV Alliance is partnering with Curry Health Network and AllCare Health to host a free community forum focused on substance use disorder (SUD), overdose prevention, recovery, and resources available to individuals experiencing homelessness in Curry County. The event will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Port Orford Public Library on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

The event is designed to increase understanding of substance use disorder as a medical condition, reduce stigma surrounding addiction and recovery, and connect community members with local services and support. Attendees will hear from professionals representing healthcare, behavioral health, nursing, criminal justice, and social services while learning about treatment options, harm reduction strategies, and community-based recovery resources.

Participants are encouraged to bring forward concerns, barriers, and gaps they observe in the community.

Through discussion and partnership, the group will work to develop short-term, mid-term, and long-term strategies to address these issues.

By bringing diverse voices together, SUDS on the Coast seeks to create meaningful, solution-focused conversations that lead to tangible improvements in the health, safety, and well-being of our coastal communities.

The event is co-hosted by AllCare Health, and HIV Alliance, with support from Adapt Integrated Health, Advanced Health, Brookings CORE Response, Curry County Sheriff's Office, Port Orford Police Department, Gold Beach Police Department, Coast Community Health Center, BAFS, and Curry County Prevention.

Oregon continues to experience the devastating impacts of the opioid crisis, with fentanyl remaining a leading driver of overdose deaths. Because fentanyl is frequently mixed into other substances without a person's knowledge, even a single use can result in a fatal overdose.

Community education and access to overdose prevention tools remain

among the most effective ways to save lives. Naloxone (Narcan®) is a safe, FDA-approved medication that rapidly reverses opioid overdoses and has become an essential resource for first responders, healthcare providers, outreach workers, and community members alike.

"Harm reduction, education, and compassionate care save lives," said Renee Yandel, Executive Director of HIV Alliance. "By bringing healthcare providers, community organizations, and local residents together, we can reduce stigma, increase access to lifesaving resources, and strengthen the support available to people in our community."

Founded in 1994, HIV Alliance supports individuals living with HIV and works to prevent new HIV infections through comprehensive medical care, behavioral health, housing, prevention, outreach, and harm reduction services. Today, HIV Alliance serves communities across 32 Oregon counties, helping people access the care, resources, and support they need to live healthier lives.

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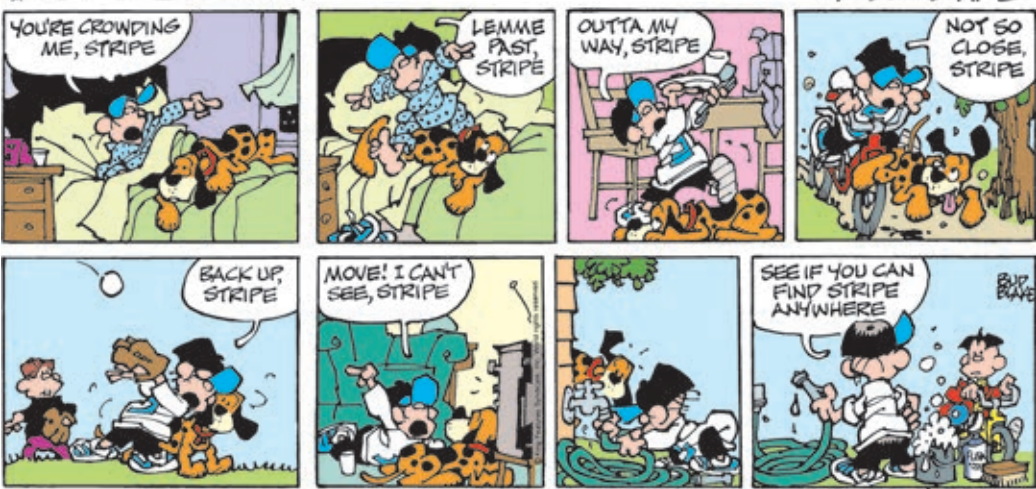
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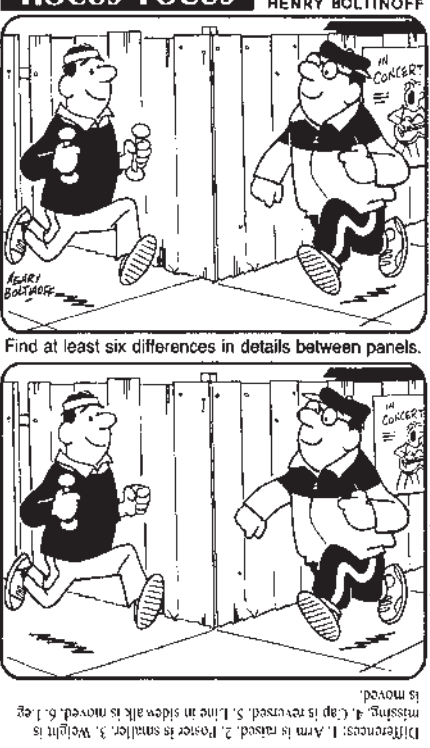
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CryptoQuip

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: L equals Y

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XJJFAZHEXMGPL KXPTOXL

MAOXFV HMQ GZJHFXMHAI

VXMG: EHVVP-G-XSG QJFGXV.

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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!

Alarm

SNORES

Ripe

RUMATE

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TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Layer
- 4 Radiant
- 9 Soup legume
- 12 Dubai's country, for short
- 13 Kin of "Prestol"
- 14 Online chats, briefly
- 15 Keyboard piece for two
- 17 Impose
- 18 Pained sounds
- 19 Nobel-winning Mother
- 21 "Hooray!"
- 24 Story lines
- 25 Hollywood's Gabor
- 26 Genetic stuff
- 28 Nasser's successor
- 31 Stinging insect
- 33 Pop
- 35 Arias for one
- 36 Animal's nose
- 38 Mexican Mrs.
- 40 Teeny
- 41 "Phooey!"
- 43 Disney exec Michael
- 45 1912 Olympic legend
- 47 MGM motto start
- 48 Tease
- 49 Teen's formalwear

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- 54 Under the weather
- 55 Perfume compound
- 56 To and —
- 57 Flamenco cheer
- 58 Belittle
- 59 Box office buys, slangily
- 7 "Get Here" singer Adams
- 8 Tends the lawn
- 9 Stops talking
- 10 Flightless birds
- 11 Hammett pooch
- 16 M-Q connection
- 20 Some HDTVs
- 21 Evergreen trees
- 22 Nobelist Pavlov
- 23 Latin ballroom dance
- 27 Small batteries
- 29 Sheltered
- 30 Wedding cake layer
- 32 Kitten's sound
- 34 Visionary
- 37 Designated
- 39 Put on a clothesline
- 42 Succinct
- 44 Lith., once
- 45 Small combo
- 46 Mound
- 50 Non-Rx
- 51 Newton
- 52 — Lanka
- 53 Boston squad, for short

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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S	T	I	C	K

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

For a full list of answers, visit www.kingfeatures.com.

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Solution time: 22 mins.

King Crossword — Answers

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which musical instrument does Leonard play in "The Big Bang Theory"?
- MUSIC: In what year did the Woodstock music festival take place?
- MOVIES: Which horror movie features a character named Ellen Ripley?
- HISTORY: When did the French Revolution begin?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio?
- U.S. STATES: How many states border Mexico?
- GAMES: How many wooden blocks are in the game of Jenga?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest mountain chain in the world?
- ART: Who painted the "Mona Lisa"?
- MATH: How many sides does a hexagon have?

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Weekly SUDOKU

CryptoQuip answer
Margarine or mayo that's approximately halfway toward its expiration date: middle-age spread.

- Cello
- 1969
- "Alien"
- 1789
- Thinly sliced raw meat or fish
- Four: California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas
- 54
- The Andes in South America
- Leonardo da Vinci
- Six

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State/Regional News

Oregon, nine other states sue Trump admin to protect interest payments to homeowners

By MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

A coalition of 10 Democratic-led states, including Oregon, sued the Trump administration Tuesday over a new rule that could cost homeowners hundreds or even thousands of dollars by preempting state laws that require mortgage lenders to pay interest on the money borrowers deposit into escrow accounts to cover taxes and insurance.

Mortgage lenders generally require borrowers to make monthly payments into savings accounts, called escrow accounts, to cover the cost of annual property taxes and home insurance premiums. Because homeowners pay monthly but taxes are due once a year, those escrow accounts generate interest for the lender.

At least 12 states since the 1970s enacted laws requiring mortgage lenders to pay homeowners interest for the money they have in their escrow accounts to prevent predatory lending practices. The Oregon Department of Justice estimated the state’s law results in the state’s mortgage holders receiving an average of \$200-\$300 per year in interest payments.

However, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, a federal agency that supervises and examines banks, issued two new rules in May to prevent those state laws from applying to national banks and federal savings associations, thus slashing the interest many homeowners receive for the money in their escrow accounts.

The rule does not apply to state-chartered banks, which plaintiffs say leaves smaller banks at a competitive disadvantage.

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield and New York Attorney General Letitia James are leading the lawsuit alleging the federal agency is violating the limits Congress placed on it when it passed the Dodd-Frank Act, a massive consumer protection law passed in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis aimed at curbing risky financial industry practices.

“At a time when homeownership is more expensive than ever, the Trump administration is trying to make it even more costly with these unlawful rules,” James said in a statement. “Big banks and mortgage lenders should not be able to force homeowners to lock away significant amounts of money without

paying interest.”

The coalition also includes the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Rhode Island and Vermont — all of whom represent states with interest-on-escrow laws.

In Rhode Island, Attorney General Peter Neronha said the law results in borrowers recouping thousands of dollars each year.

“In the midst of a national affordability crisis, those who have scraped together the money to buy their own home and stay in it can’t afford to lose money they are entitled to under state law,” he said in a statement. “These state consumer protection laws have been in place for decades to ensure that Rhode Island borrowers receive every penny they are due, and the administration’s attempt to pull a fast one on consumers is uncalled for and unlawful.”

The states filed their suit in U.S. District Court in Portland and are seeking a court order declaring the rules illegal and preventing their implementation.

The case marks Oregon’s 74th lawsuit against the Trump administration, Rayfield told reporters in



Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield and New York Attorney General Letitia James are leading the lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court of Portland. (Photo by Mia Maldonado/Oregon Capital Chronicle)

a virtual press conference Tuesday afternoon.

Interest-on-escrow laws vary per state

Under Oregon law, lenders must pay homeowners 2.6% in monthly interest on the money held in their escrow accounts — a rate calculated using the floating interest rate of U.S. Treasury bills minus 1%.

Each state has a different set-up, with some mandating a 2% flat rate and others requiring lenders to pay out the rate they offer on a typical

savings account, according to Oregon Department of Justice spokesperson Jenny Hansson.

There are 703,000 mortgage holders in Oregon, and the amount they receive in interest varies depending on where they live and their property’s value.

“Because we barely look at that statement that comes in the mail every month, frankly, I think the Trump administration thought they could get away with this because most of us probably

wouldn’t notice,” Rayfield said.

The lawsuit is a simple way to keep money in citizens’ pockets, Rayfield said.

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Oregon researchers journey into Pacific for clues about disappearance of old, female rockfish

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Off the coasts of California, Oregon, Washington, Canada and Alaska, three species of female rockfish have largely disappeared in the last 40 years.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife scientists hope to learn why when they board an Oregon State University trawler Aug. 1 for two weeks — including a two-day journey westward across 322 miles of ocean — to the Cobb Seamount and the edge of the North Pacific Gyre to search for the old females.

The seamount is an inactive underwater volcano that has created a solid ocean shelf where marine ecosystems thrive, and the gyre is one of Earth’s five large, rotating ocean currents. It spans from North America to Asia and stops at the equator, where the currents of the South Pacific Gyre pick up.

Some records from federal scientists and fishing crews in the 1960s detail sightings of larger, perhaps old, female black, canary and yellowtail rockfish that have largely today disappeared from Oregon’s Coast.

They are three of 86 species of rockfish found in Oregon, and both male and female black and yellowtails can live up to 60 years, while canary rockfish can live even a decade longer.

But commercial and recreational fishing crews and fisheries managers up and down the West Coast of the U.S. and Canada for the last few decades have caught very few females over 30 years old. Most

of the female population begins to decline after 12 years, leaving almost exclusively males, explained Leif Rasmuson, who leads the rockfish research at ODFW’s Marine Fisheries Research Program.

For the department, knowing whether the old females exist, and whether they still reproduce, is helpful for managing fisheries and catch limits to balance ocean fish stocks. The rockfish are sexually mature at 6 years old, so the disappearance of the elder females off the Coast has not yet been detrimental to stocks managed by the state.

But Rasmuson said the research is also about alleviating concerns over unanswered, “disconcerting” questions about the future of the species and whether they are dying of causes set off by a toppling domino wall of human effects. If they find the older females, he and the crew will study whether they are genetically related to nearshore populations of rockfish, and whether their diet differs from other populations and will tag and release some to learn about any migration patterns.

Hypotheses

Among the lesser possible explanations, according to Rasmuson, is that the older females are out in the ocean, clustered in spots along the West Coast from California to Alaska, but just in places that all researchers, commercial and recreational fishing crews and fisheries managers have just completely overlooked for the last four decades.

“That seems highly improbable to me,” he

said. “Fishermen are really good at catching fish, and I just struggle to envision a way where females get this magical ability to avoid every type of fishing gear ever known to man on the entire West Coast.”

Another hypothesis is that fishing crews are catching and killing more young black, canary and yellowtail female rockfish than males, keeping the females from growing old. But, Rasmuson said, only those three rockfish species lack evidence of older females. The other 83 species of rockfish that live off the Oregon Coast don’t have the same problem, indicating fishing is not cutting into the overall ratio of females in the overwhelming majority of species.

Another option is that aging females are swimming very far north or south somewhere. Researchers in Alaska have tagged some females that have gone as far as the Bering Sea, but they weren’t very old when they were found there, Rasmuson explained.

Still another possibility is that the females swim from shore and go out into the middle of the North Pacific Gyre as they age. He said that articles from the 1960s and later research from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration detail black rockfish in the gyre that were larger than most of their species, indicating perhaps advanced age.

If it is the case that the females go out to age in the gyre, it opens up even more questions for Rasmuson and the other researchers.



Courtesy photo from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
A black rockfish. Though females can live up to 60 years, few older than 30 years are found off the Oregon Coast today.

“The thing is, if it’s just old females that go out into the middle of the gyre and there aren’t a bunch of males, what does that mean? Is it just like a retirement home for old females?” he asked. “It’s hard to wrap your mind around. Why is this evolutionarily stable? What’s the point? Is it: ‘Hey, we just go out there and hang out for the last 40 years of our lives?’”

To him, the most probable hypothesis is that the females are dying at younger ages of some sort of natural cause, which could still be human-influenced, such as the loss during the last century of an important food source they need.

Dickey international waters

It was not easy to get permission to go to the seamount to catch fish for research, according to Rasmuson. It’s located in international waters and regulated by an interna-

tional intergovernmental group called the North Pacific Fisheries Commission that includes representatives from the United States, Russia, Korea, Japan, China and Canada, among others.

In those waters there is effectively a moratorium on commercial fishing, and growing international skepticism of the motivations of the U.S. government led other member nations to scrutinize the research and researchers more heavily, Rasmuson said.

Some commission officials shared concerns about the research boat possibly scouting deep sea mining areas, and representatives from Japan and Korea threatened to come aboard the ship to ensure the researchers are not doing any illegal fishing, he explained. When he proposed the team be allowed to catch and take with them 50 fish, commission officials were shocked, he said, believing

it was a proposal for 50 tons of fish.

He said representatives from the U.S. did not help to make the process smoother, but the Canadian delegation stepped in to vouch for the researchers.

“The United States kind of dropped the ball. We’ve just had to lean on Canada,” he said. “It’s still been an ongoing adventure on the policy side.”

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