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Wild Rivers Mushroom Festival returns for more wild fungi fun

For the Pilot

In a little more than a month, the Wild Rivers Mushroom Festival in Brookings, Oregon, will be back for another weekend of fungi fun.

Known as one of the most popular festivals in the Pacific Northwest, the 8th Annual Wild Rivers Mushroom Festival is the weekend of November 7 and 8, 2026, at Chetco Brewing Company (830 Railroad Street in downtown Brookings) and runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. General admission is \$5.00 for adults, payable at the door (kids 12 and under are free when accompanied by a paying adult), and covers both days; once you've paid, your colored wristband is all you need to come and go during the festival.

If you've attended in the past, you know that the huge mushroom display is a highlight of the festival! Organizers normally collect over 200+ varieties of wild mushrooms in and around our local region, do their best to ID them all and show them off and talk about them all festival long. The sheer number and diversity of wild mushrooms that the team is able to gather for its display is mind-blowing.

But it's not just the cool display that keeps mushroom lovers coming back year after year. Visiting experts are brought in for lectures and workshops, as well



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as offering mushroom identification hikes during the two-day festival. Tickets for those activities went on sale Tuesday, Sept. 8th at www.wildriv ersmushroomfestival.com, and are selling fast! Of course, tickets will also be available at the door each day during the festival, unless already sold out. Seating for all lectures and workshops is limited, so do your best bet is to buy tickets in advance.

And what's a festival without shopping, eating and drinking? You'll have a select group of vendors with whom to browse all things mushy, along with some local food trucks and beverages (porcini beer, anyone?) to keep you full and hydrated! Service dogs are welcome at the festival, of course, but please leave your sweet and cuddly non-service dogs at home. (Thanks in advance for your understanding and cooperation.)

Make your plans now to attend the Wild Rivers Mushroom Festival, Saturday and Sunday, November 7-8, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. For more information, please email wildriv ersmushroomfestival@gmail.com, or call 541-661-1385. Hope to see you there.



Tax reminders from the County Assessor's Office

For the Pilot

Tax statements are expected to be mailed soon according to County Assessor and Tax Collector Kiley Wegner. Wegner would like property owners of Curry County to know that the 2026-27 tax year has been certified.

Paper statements are planned to be mailed around October 15th. According to Wegner, if you wish to pay your property taxes prior to receiving your paper statement, please visit the website: www.currycountyor.gov.

The website offers the option of paying with a VISA debit card (\$3.95 fee), a credit card (2.5% fee) or Electronic Check (\$2.00 fee). Tax statements can conveniently be viewed on the website under the Assessment Search.

Property owners also have the same payment options if they wish to call the toll-free number of 1-844-399-5263.

Paying your property taxes in full before the due date of November 16 will allow property owners to receive the 3% discount. If waiting to mail your payment, make sure that you have it postmarked on or before November 16th to ensure that your payment is considered timely. Payments not showing a timely postmarked date will be considered late. Wegner encourages property owners to check with their local USPS on postmarked deadlines, so payments do not result in being postmarked late.

If you wish to pay in-person at the Assessor's Office, please wait until you receive your tax statement in the mail. The Assessor's Office has limited staff and having your statement and payment ready when paying in person will allow for more efficiency.

Property owners who do not receive their mailed tax state-

New recycling option opens in Brookings

For the Pilot

Families and businesses in Brookings now have a free option for recycling materials that are not accepted in curbside recycling bins with the opening of a new RecycleOn Center, a drop-off recycling center available through RecycleOn Oregon.

Community members can recycle items such as plastic bags, plastic lids and caps, and more to the Curry Transfer Station. The new RecycleOn Center provides a convenient way to recycle more everyday materials and helps expand recycling access across Brookings.

"At Curry Transfer and Recycling, we are always looking for ways to better serve our customers and support environmental stewardship," said Tiffany Rode, Site Manager. "That's why we're excited to welcome the RecycleOn Center. We're proud to now offer a simple, accessible way for residents to recycle these items and make an even greater impact in our community."

RecycleOn Centers accept eight items for recycling:

- Plastic bags and other stretchy plastics, like the wrapping around toilet paper
- Plastic lids, from containers like yogurt, salsa and sour cream
- Plastic caps, from containers like bottles, soy milk and broth containers
- Plastic package handles, such as six-pack drink carriers
- Plastic buckets and pails
- Shredded paper in a paper bag that is stapled or rolled shut
- Aluminum foil and trays

As a reminder, make sure these items are empty and dry when you drop them off.

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Since launching in July 2025, RecycleOn Oregon has opened dozens of RecycleOn Centers across the state, expanded curbside recycling and supported investments in recycling carts, collection trucks and recycling facility upgrades.

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Letter to the Editor

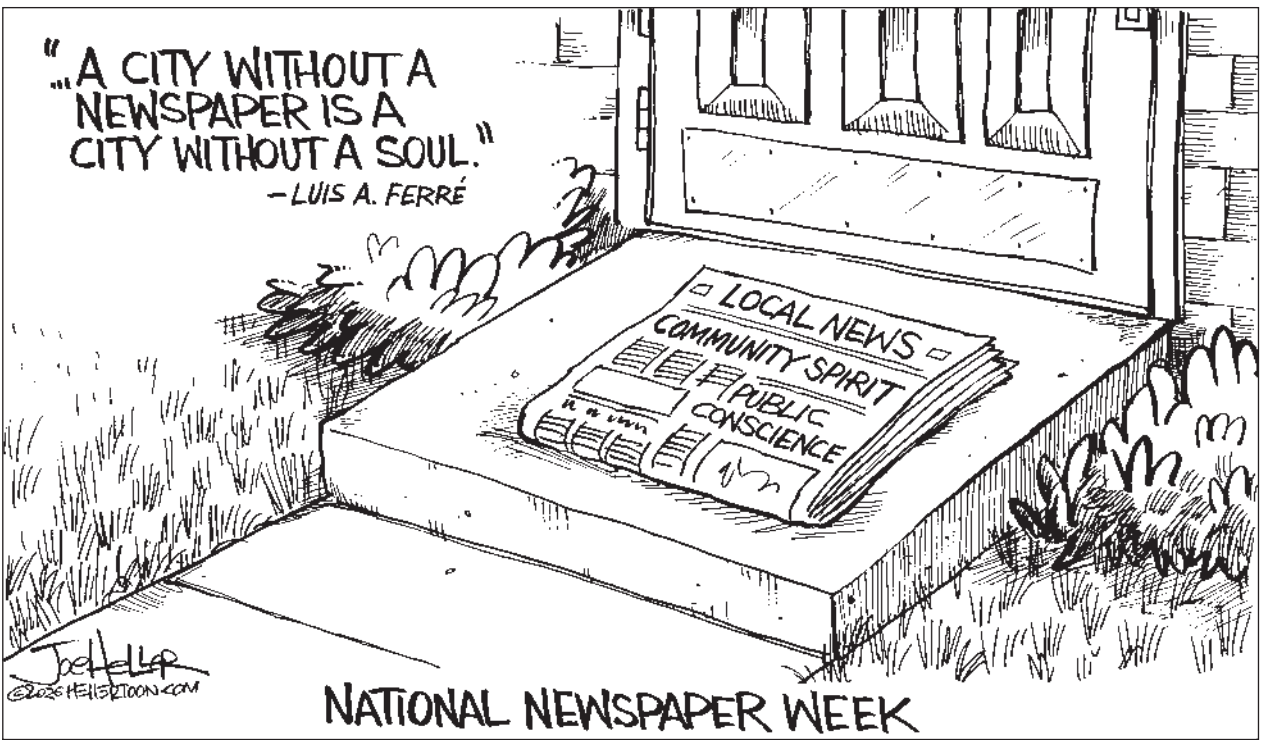
Lack of regulations and laws diminishes good work of public servants

From myself and many others, with total respect and appreciation, I want to say "thank you" to so many. Within our towns, our county, we are very fortunate to have many hard working, brave and dedicated employees, throughout both the public and private sectors. Sadly, within the retail stores, the services, the medical offices, the schools, the parks and more, there are workers, volunteers and others, being exposed to, and confronted by, a criminal element, that has truly become a part of our landscape. Our law enforcement officers do an amazing job of serving and protecting, within the current regula-

tions. The travesty here lies within the failed, weak, or non-existent ordinances, and policies, that are allowing this too often criminal transient population to invariably escape any form of justice. Ask the cops, ask the retailers, ask the dedicated service workers, the good neighbors, how their lives have been negatively affected by the influx of such unconstrained lawlessness that non-coincidentally has paralleled the shortsighted opening and condoning of these homeless camps. Better yet, ask your local policymakers "why" they've welcomed, legalized and legitimized such otherwise lawless behavior that needs desperately, and urgently, to be seriously addressed, regulated and criminally enforced.

Clay Johnson
Gold Beach

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Holy Cow! History

The Central Park Cannon’s Secret

By J. MARK POWELL
InsideSources.com

They’re common from The Battery in Charleston, S.C., to Seattle’s Hamlin Park: Military relics retired to public places such as county courthouses and public parks to commemorate America’s wartime history. One such antique artillery piece stood silent guard in the Big Apple for almost 100 years. And the whole time, it held a hidden secret no one knew. How the cannon wound up there is as fascinating as the story’s surprise ending. And it all started with a bad decision. After George Washington’s army was driven out of New York late in the summer of 1776, the British set about defending te place. One elevated spot in particular caught their eye: a commanding hill situated near today’s



northeastern corner of Central Park, close to modern East 107th Street and Fifth Avenue. There they dug in. If Washington and his men ever returned, the Redcoats would be ready. However, the British never needed those hilltop defenses. Still, a wartime incident became a key part of our story. On Nov. 23, 1780, as Capt. Charles Pole tried to sail the 28-gun HMS Hussar out of the East River, but he made a bad blunder. A really bad blunder, in fact. He tried to take a shortcut through a stretch of water so treacherous it was called Hell Gate, a lane of ominous jagged rocks and dangerous currents. Sure enough, the Hussar slammed straight into one formation so big it had its own name, Pot Rock. She sank 96 feet into the water. Rumors soon began circulating

that something else went to the bottom, too. (More on that in a moment.) Fast-forward 30 years, when the young country was at war with Great Britain once again. In August 1814, British troops landed in Maryland, easily brushed aside a ragtag American army, and leisurely set about burning the White House, the Capitol and other public buildings in Washington. When word of the tragedy reached New York, the populace panicked, fearing they might be next. Men set about erecting defenses. They went to the old, long-abandoned Revolutionary War fortification and furiously began making it even bigger and stronger. They also gave it a new name: Fort Clinton, in honor of DeWitt Clinton, the city’s mayor at the time. It was all for naught. The British never showed up. However, tales about that sunken British warship never went away. When the Hussar set sail in 1780, she was rumored to be carrying the British army’s payroll, allegedly somewhere between \$2 million and \$4 million in gold. As early as 1810, adventurers used diving bells trying to reach the wreckage. In the 1850s, one man salvaged two of the Hussar’s cast-iron

cannons, already almost a century old. In 1865, they were donated to a museum in Central Park — until a faulty fireplace burned it down on Jan. 2, 1881. The cannons disappeared for nearly 25 years. They eventually turned up in overgrown brush in 1905. Although Fort Clinton was long gone, the two barrels were mounted in the park where it had stood. For the next 70 years, people played, picnicked and had their photos taken standing beside them. By the 1970s, time had taken its toll on the silent warriors. Their barrels were covered in graffiti, pollution and dirt. So they took them down and placed them in storage. By the 21st century, park officials decided it was time to restore the relics and put them back on public display. And then it happened. What came next made workers’ jaws drop. In January 2013, inside one cannon barrel, they

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— Michael Jordan

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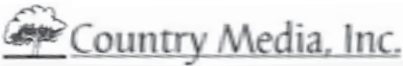


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Off the charts: Hospice Care

By Dr. GiGi Reed MD

Along the far north-ern California coast and into southern Oregon, hospice care helps patients and families through one of life’s most difficult transitions. As a co-medical director, I see how much it matters to have a team focused on comfort, dignity and support when an illness can no longer be cured.

Hospice is intended for people with a terminal illness who are expected to live about six months or less if the disease follows its usual course. That estimate is a clinical guideline, not a deadline. Patients may receive hospice care



longer when they continue to qualify, and beginning care earlier can give families more time to benefit from it.

Hospice offers pain and symptom management, nursing care, medications, emotional and spiritual support, and practical help for caregivers. Its support continues after a patient’s

death through grief counseling for loved ones. Deciding when someone qualifies for hospice usually depends on the broader pattern of illness and decline, not a single test. That pattern varies. Cancer may remain relatively stable before a more rapid decline. Heart disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD, often bring repeated crises followed by partial recoveries. Dementia and frailty may progress more slowly, with gradual losses in memory, physical ability and independence. In these cases, careful attention to changes over time is especially important. For many families, the question eventually change-

es from “What more can be done?” to “What matters most now?” Hospice helps patients and families answer that question while addressing symptoms and making a plan for the days ahead. A change in treatment goals does not mean a patient has been abandoned. It means care is being directed toward the medical, emotional and practical needs that matter most at this stage of life. Yet many people enter hospice only in their final weeks. Earlier conversations about goals of care can give patients more opportunity to express their wishes and give families more time to prepare, build trust with the hospice team and receive support.

Modern hospice care grew from the work of Dame Cicely Saunders in the 1960s and became a Medicare benefit in the 1980s. Its central principle remains simple: when a cure is no longer possible, care continues. That care is particularly important in rural communities like ours. Hospice teams bring support to patients where they live and help families manage challenges that cannot always be addressed in a hospital or clinic. Hospice is not about giving up. It is about making the time that remains as comfortable and meaningful as possible. I am grateful to share in the final chapter of so many patients’ lives. Our

team comes to know them and their families closely. Signing a death certificate is never easy. But I take comfort in knowing that, through those final days, we worked to care for each person with dignity, integrity and dedication.

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. Ggireed-md@gmail.com

Letters to the Editor

Let's vote to retain Lynn Coker

As a Vietnam Veteran who retired from Naval Aviation, a former commercial fisherman, and a former Brookings City Judge, County Judge, and County Commissioner, I know exactly what it takes to steer a ship through troubled waters. It takes discipline structural integrity, and an absolute commitment to truth over rhetoric.

That is why I am voting to retain Lynn Coker for County Commissioner. In my years on the bench and on the Board. I learned that local government is only as strong as its financial foundation. When Lynn Coker took office in 2025, he didn't inherit a fairy tale. He inherited a structural deficit, broken financial controls, and years of messy record-keeping. Alongside Commissioners Trost and Hollinger, Lynn Coker chose the hard road. Instead of paper-

ing over the cracks with political speeches, he went to work on grueling, vital triage: forensic audits, standardizing procedures and establishing true financial fidelity. Because of that quiet grind, our county is finally moving away from constant financial emergencies toward stability and real law enforcement support. Lynn's opponent lacks the balanced perspective and proven record required for this complex job. Jeremy Dumire is running for one purpose and one purpose only: himself. Don't let him fool you. Lynn Coker doesn't view county government as a political stepping stone or a platform for grievances. He understands that this is where democracy lives, breathes, and works. Having worn the uniform and sat in those very seats, I recognize a true public servant. Lynn Coker has earned our trust and the right to finish the job. Join me in voting to

retain Lynn Coker.

*Lloyd Olds
Retired Naval Aviation
(Vietnam Veteran)
Judge & Former Curry
County Commissioner
Brookings, Oregon*

Thank you but we need more patrols

First I want to thank the Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Transportation(ODOT) and County Commissioner Lynn Coker for the safe removal of those in the homeless encampment on the hillside of highway 101 and Sunshine Cove Lane. I have lived in this family park for 31 years and watched the last 2 years bring in a steady stream of homeless people, who have made the hillside next to the Peer house their camping ground. With that came illegally parked cars, trash, human waste , and illegal activity. Some of

that spilled over into the park itself. This was not safe for a family park. To reach the school bus stop at the bottom of the hill they had to walk right past the encampment. For many months, phone calls went to every agency that could possibly help. What seemed like a dead end took a new direction when someone said to call County Commissioner Lynn Coker. That proved right as he was already working with other agencies on the problem. On the first day of school, he came out to the park to the bus stop. Realizing the encampment was still here he quickly went to work. He contacted Oregon State Police and ODOT. Two days later the encampment was completely gone and cleaned up. Many thanks again. But I have a request. A cleanup does not last unless someone keeps watch. The board of Commissioners have funded a resource deputy in the Sheriff’s

office which is still empty. I respectfully ask Sheriff Ward to fill and assign that Deputy to Harbor so families that live here do not have to start over the next time the camps want to come back. Thank you.

*Nancy Myer
Harbor*

In my opinion "lies of omission" are some of the greatest lies perpetrated today in politics

Recently Mr. Mark St James wrote a letter to the editor concerning the MRE-Gate being promoted by Jeremy Dumire's opponent, Lynn Coker and Lynn's surrogates in the upcoming commissioner vote. However, one major fact was not clearly stated and omitted in that the Oregon DOJ looked at this MRE-Gate years ago and con-

cluded this MRE-Gate was a nothingburger and back then stated the following; ""....Mr. Dumire may have reasonably believed he was entitled to the property because he admitted he took the MREs home, he admitted he had also taken MREs home two or three years ago, the MREs were regularly given away for free to various people, and the MREs in Mr. Dumire possession were expired. The Division has concluded that there is insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Dumire did not have an honest claim of right to the property. Thus, we have insufficient evidence to prove Theft...." When making a decision in this upcoming election, make sure you have all the facts and always look for the "Lies of Omission" that political opponents & their surrogates seem to purposely overlook. Respectfully,

*Joe Wilson
Gold Beach*

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Take to the Skies - A new modern albatross from the Pacific Northwest

For the Pilot

Southwestern Oregon Community College invites the community to join us on Thursday, October 29, 2026, 6:00 pm, for “Take to the Skies: A New Modern Albatross from the Pacific Northwest” with Will Coultley. This is a free event; all ages are welcome.

How do scientists know when they have discovered a new species? What can fossils tell us about life from the distant past? In Take to the Skies: A New Modern Albatross from the Pacific Northwest, researcher Will Coultley will take audiences behind the scenes of paleontological discovery.

Attendees will learn how fossil evidence is used to identify new species and reconstruct the habitats

and behaviors of ancient animals that once lived along the Pacific Northwest coast.

Will Coultley (they/ them) holds a bachelor’s degree in forensic archaeology, a master’s degree in biology with a focus on the behavior, kinematics, and performance of flightless ducks, and a second master’s degree in paleontology focused on the paleobiology and paleoecology of fossil albatrosses in the Pacific Northwest.

Coos County residents can join us in-person in the Umpqua Hall lecture room (room 184) on the Coos Campus, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay.

Curry County residents can join us for a watch party in the Community Room on the Curry Campus, 96082 Lone Ranch

Parkway, Brookings.

For those not able to attend in person the lecture will be streamed live on the College’s YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/@southwesternOR/streams.

For more information about the lecture series contact Dr. Win McLaughlin, Assistant Professor, Geology at win.mclaughlin@socc.edu or 541-888-7002.

For more information on upcoming lectures contact Krystal Hopper Meyers, STEAM Pathways Administrator, at 541-888-1518, or krystal.hopper@socc.edu.

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option for payment but can contact the office at 541-247-3305. If you believe that your most current mailing address has not been provided to the Assessor/Tax Collector’s Office, you can

view and print the online statement and submit an Address Change form online at www.currycountyor.gov/government/courty_assessor

Obituary

Eric Nicholas Zuber
June 11, 1987 - September 22, 2026



Eric Zuber - Loving husband to Emily and father to Sienna, Oakley, and Georgia. Survived by his parents, Bruce and Jean, and his siblings,

Geoff and Katherine. From his daughters: Daddy was very strong and brave. He likes spicy things, but not salad. He's a good story reader and loved us A LOT. He was the best tuck tucker. He was a good boat driver and tent builder. He was a GREAT logger and good at his job. He was an excellent Christmas light hanger. Daddy loved doggies, especially Aggie. Nobody could find agates like him. From the rest of the family: Eric loved his OSU

Beavers, even when times weren't rough. He took great pride in being a 4th generation logger in his family business, continuing a legacy his Great Grandfather started. Eric loved BIG, loved deeply and made sure everyone felt it. He could make anyone laugh and has always been the life of the party. Nobody told a story like he did. He is One of One and will be missed. Celebration of life October 24th @ 2pm at Cougar Lane Lodge in Agness, OR.

Razor clam harvesting closes coastwide

Razor clam harvesting is now closed to all harvest coastwide the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced today. Recent razor clam samples indicate levels of domoic acid (a marine biotoxin) are above the safety threshold. This includes the popular razor clam harvesting area of Clatsop Beach. Mussel harvesting will reopen on the southern coast as domoic acid levels tested below the alert level. Harvesting of mussels is now open coastwide. People should always call the Shellfish Safety Hotline at 1-800-448-2474 before heading out to harvest any shellfish or

visit the ODA Recreational Shellfish Biotoxin Closure Webpage. Current harvest closures and openings: • Razor clams: • CLOSED to all harvest coastwide • Mussels: • OPEN coastwide. • Bay clams: • OPEN coastwide. • Crabs: • OPEN coastwide. ODA will continue testing for shellfish toxins at least twice per month, as tides and weather permit. Reopening an area closed for biotoxins requires two consecutive tests with



results below the closure limit. For more information call ODA's shellfish biotoxin hotline at (800) 448-2474, the ODA Food Safety Program at 503- 986-4720, or visit the ODA Recreational Shellfish Biotoxin Closure Webpage. Contact ODFW for recreational license requirements, permits, rules, and limits.

Commentary

Sea-Side Social Scene

By JACQUES KEPNER
Social Columnist

The "Curry County," coastline, tucked into Oregon's southern corner like a postcard someone forgot to mail, has been positively aflutter with enough music, drama, lighthouse lore, and artistic sparkle to fill a pelican's gular pouch—and perhaps spill a little down its chiny-chin-chin. My name is Jacques Kepner, and I am officially on the beat with this weekly "Sea-Side Social Scene" news column. Thanks to the astute kindness of the Curry Coastal Pilot, I have been handed the social-commentary keys to the kingdom, along with an imaginary typewriter, a raincoat, and permission to be respectfully nosy for the public good. My mission? To serve as a weekly tsunami-siren for good local lore and news. Together with my better half, Dr Gigi Reed, MD, I will strive to cross-pollinate people, events, parties, and local happenings better than a caffeinated bumblebee with a press pass and nowhere else to bee. (Pun intended) I'll be chasing the stories—not on the front page, necessarily, but at the performances, porch rallies, and those peculiar moments that make people smile throughout our coastal slice of

paradise. If there is a fun rumor worth polishing, a kindness worth noticing, or a birthday cake with excellent frosting, I aim to know about it. This week, let's start by showcasing a pair of zesty ladies who call Gold Beach home. I'm talking about Yana G. and Lacey Young, the dynamic duo known to coastal night owls as "Rogue Strings." Folks, these lovely, talented gal pals know how to put on a show! They dish out original ballads with such style and wit that they can wake up a wooden whale! Their high-octane act heads south to Crescent City's Port O'Pints, South Beach, on Oct. 17, then returns home to the Sea Star Spirit House, on Oct. 23 and Arch Rock Brewery, on Oct. 24. Mark your calendars in waterproof ink! I do also believe that Lacey is playing solo at the Old Agness Store on the 16th. This store is lovingly operated by everybody's friends, Steve and Michelle Berlant. Good people all around, with the sort of welcome and goodies that could make even a grumpy sea lion bark socially. Speaking of people who never fade into the wallpaper, Joanie Lindenmeyer remains a brilliant local flame and a steadfast LGBTQ champion. Fresh from the glow of her award-winning

documentary, "Wowser!," filmed and produced by the talented Michael Gorse, Joanie continues to prove that courage can be stylish, outspoken, and sweetly bold—like my morning coffee, only with better manners. And then there is Bruce Ellis — a party master from Brookings who likes to throw three-day events such as the Pirate Festival! Hark! Did I hear he's getting married? Stay tuned, keep your spyglass handy, and hide the good rum. Well, dear readers, it's time to close the curtain on this edition of "Sea-Side Social Scene!" Remember to reach out if you know of something going on—or the people who make it happen. Stay tuned for more wildly interesting people and events coming your way. Cheers! I know that wonderful human-interest stories unfold every day in this region. But a columnist is only as good as his spies. If you know of a local character, hidden gem, or happening deserving a little ink, don't keep it tucked beneath a Pistol Beach starfish! Reach out to me and share the good vibes, newsmakers, oddballs, heroes, and harmless mischief-makers. EMAIL: jaxlist4u@gmail.com TEXT: 510-881-3679

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12	13	14	15	16
Smoked Pork Ribs Yams Succotash	Egg & Chili Taco Regried Beans Fruit	Chicken Alfredo Pasta Chef's Blend	Salmon Patty On A Bun Chicken Noodle Soup	Beef Stroganoff Biscuit Carrots
19	20	21	22	23
Beef Stew Biscuit Beets	Chicken Taco Rice Beans	Meatloaf Baked Potato Chef's Blend	Fish 'N Chips Peas & Carrots	Cheese Ravioli With Maranara Garlic Bread Zucchini
26	27	28	29	30
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10/14/2026 Pilot 430859

PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 10/15/26. The sale will be held at 10:00am by Tiny's Automotive & Upholstery Shop 16340 Lower Harbor Rd. Ste 1 # 306 Brookings, OR

2011 Toyota Van VIN: 5TD-KA3DC6BS008888
Amount due on lien: \$4600.00
Reputed owner: David R. Le-roux, Tyler C. Mack, Red Bluff Auto Center, Williamson Motors Co.
10/7 & 10/14/2026 Pilot 431080

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DESIGN-BUILD DELIVERY SERVICES
BROOKINGS-HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL SEISMIC REHABILITATION

Jess Beaman, Maintenance Director
Brookings-Harbor School District 17-C
629 Easy Street
Brookings, OR 97415
Proposals for Design-Build Services for the BROOKINGS-HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL SEISMIC REHABILITATION located in Brookings, Oregon, will be received by Jess Beaman, Director of Maintenance, at 629 Easy Street, Brookings, Oregon, 97415, until 5:00 P.M., local time, October 20, 2026. Proposals can be mailed, delivered, or submitted by e-mail. jessb@brookings.k12.or.us

This Request for Proposal is part of a competitive selection process to engage a firm to provide design-build delivery services for the Project. The Project consists of seismic rehabilitation of the Brookings-Harbor High School. This may include structural rehabilitation, shear walls, foundation work, replacement of interior

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finishes and other related work.
RFP DOCUMENTS may be obtained from Jess Beaman, Maintenance Director, Brookings-Harbor School District, 629 Easy Street Brookings, OR 97415, (541) 469-7131 or an electronic copy can be requested from jessb@brookings.k12.or.us.
This is a public works project and is subject to Oregon Prevailing Wage and Oregon Public Works requirements.
10/7 & 10/14/2026 Pilot 431098

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION / DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED MANUFACTURED STRUCTURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rogue Pacific RV Park & Cottages intends to transfer ownership, sell, or dispose of the following manufactured structure and its contents under the provisions of the Oregon Residential Landlord and Tenant Act (ORS Chapter 90):
Description of Home: 1978 Freedom/Skyline Manufactured Dwelling (Model: Hillcrest)

Home ID Number: 211666
Serial Number: 02950977L
HUD Number: ORE 035554
Last Registered Owner: Donald Dennis Copeland (Deceased)
Situs Address: 29450 Ellensburg Ave, Space 403, Gold Beach, OR 97444

The manufactured structure and all personal property remaining on the space are believed to be abandoned. The estate, heirs, devisees, or any parties holding a legal or equitable interest in this property must reclaim the structure and its contents by November 13, 2026. If the property is not reclaimed by the deadline, it will be conclusively presumed abandoned. The housing provider will proceed with an administrative transfer of ownership

through the State of Oregon Building Codes Division to sell, dismantle, or destroy the home, and will immediately dispose of all remaining low-value contents and debris. Interested parties must contact the landlord immediately to arrange retrieval and settle any outstanding rent, storage fees, or utility charges.
Landlord Contact Information:
Rogue Pacific RV Park & Cottages
C/O Rose Parton
405 W. Valley View Rd #72, Talent OR 97540
Phone: 541-539-4729
Email: rose@montechristomh.com
10/7, 10/14/2026 Pilot 431149

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY
Probate Department
In the Matter of ANTONIA MERAZ, Deceased.
Case No. 26PB07832
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
Notice is hereby given that Catherine A. Cummins has been appointed 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: 4949 Meadows Road, Suite 600, Lake Oswego, Oregon, 97035 within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative.
Dated and published October 7, 2026.
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Catherine A. Cummins
ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE:
Michelle M. Yang, OSB No. 221775
Draneas Huglin Dooley LLC
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Phone: (503) 496-5500
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10/14/2026 Pilot 431198

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY
Probate Department
In the Matter of the Estate of: PAUL CHRISTOPHER MURPHY Deceased.

Case No.: 26PB08923
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Susan Garvey has been appointed Administrator of the above captioned estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to Susan Garvey, 409 Deerfield Circle, Santa Rosa CA 95409, within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or Susan Garvey.
10/14, 10/21, 10/28/2026 Pilot 431267

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY
Probate Department
In the Matter of the Estate of: ARTHUR ALBERT HEINAUER, Deceased. Matthew J. Humbird is the Personal Representative for the Estate of Arthur Albert Heinnauer, and a Probate proceeding has been commenced as Curry County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB05987. All persons having claims against the Estate shall present them within four months after the date of publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address below or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative.
Date of Publication: October 14, 2026
Personal Representative:

LEGAL NOTICE

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Curry, Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of Arthur Albert Heinauer, Deceased. Matthew J. Humbird is the Personal Representative for the Estate of Arthur Albert Heinnauer, and a Probate proceeding has been commenced as Curry County Circuit Court Case No. 26PB05987. All persons having claims against the Estate shall present them within four months after the date of publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address below or the claims may be barred.

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Matthew J. Humbird
225 20th Street
Port Orford, OR 97456
(541) 592 - 9228
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Robert S. Miller III
Bandon Professional Center
1010 First Street SE, Suite 210
Bandon, OR 97411
10/14/2026 Pilot 431233

PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 87

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 10/26/2026.

The sale will be held at 10:00am by GOLD BEACH HITECH AUTO & TOW 29719 ELLENSBURG GOLD BEACH, OR 2019 SUBA CRO UT VIN = JF-2GTACC2KH225740
Amount due on lien \$7610.00
Reputed owner(s) > BILLIE GRACE LORD PEAK CREDIT UNION
10/14, 10/21/2026 Pilot 431280

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

PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of: SHIRLEY J. RETTKE, Deceased.

Case No. 26PB08837
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Cynthia L. Williams has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at c/o K.R. Olin, Attorney at Law, PO Box 7530, Brookings, OR 97415, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. K.R. Olin, PO Box 7530, Brookings, OR 97415.
DATED AND FIRST PUBLISHED October 14, 2026.
/s/ K.R. Olin
K. R. Olin, OSB #903547
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 7530, Brookings, OR 97415
(541)469-2669
olinandassociates@gmail.com
10/14, 10/21, 10/28/2026 Pilot 431099

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

PROBATE DEPARTMENT
In the Matter of the Estate of: PAUL CHRISTOPHER MURPHY Deceased.

Case No.: 26PB08923
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

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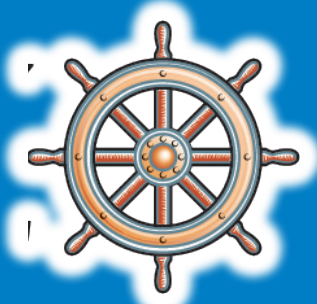
TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS No.: 148910-OR Loan No.: *****2890 Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by MICHAEL GENTRY AKA MICHAEL W. GENTRY AND LEAETTA GENTRY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR QUICKEN LOANS INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 12/20/2016, recorded 1/9/2017, as Instrument No. 2017-00082, in the Official Records of Curry County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Curry County, Oregon: THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND LYING IN LOT ONE (1), SECTION ONE (1), TOWNSHIP THIRTY-SEVEN (37) SOUTH, RANGE FIFTEEN (15) WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF GOLD BEACH, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE DRIVEN AT A POINT 265.9 FEET SOUTH AND 711.0 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION ONE (1), WHICH SAID POINT MARKS THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND HERETOFORE CONVEYED BY H.W. CROOK, ET AL, TO CHARLIE W. BATES AND BELLE H. BATES, BY DEED OF CONVEYANCE RECORDED MARCH 2, 1948 AT PAGES 570-571 OF VOLUME 32, RECORDS OF DEEDS, CURRY COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE SOUTH SOUTH 100 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREBY CONVEYED; THENCE SOUTH 100 FEET; THENCE EAST 1 00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH 100 FEET; THENCE WEST 100 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. APN: R12221 Commonly known as: 29543 CROOK ST GOLD BEACH, OR 97444 The current beneficiary is: ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC 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:
12/1/2025 - 8/1/2026	\$3,724.29
Late Charges:	\$41.38
Beneficiary Advances:	\$4,368.23
Total Required to Reinstate:	\$8,133.90
TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF:	\$75,645.30

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 \$71,565.93 together with interest thereon at the rate of 3.875 % per annum, from 11/1/2025 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 1/12/2027, at the hour of 11:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, MAIN ENTRANCE, 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: 8/28/2026 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
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Police Blotter

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Tuesday, September 29 2:57 am, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct. 8:24 am, Chetco Ave, alarm. 8:30 am, 7th St, identity theft. 8:33 am, Boat Basin Rd, dispute/fight. 9:27 am, Railroad St, criminal trespass. 10:44 am, Pioneer Rd, juvenile problem. 3:40 pm, North Bank Chetco River Rd, tree down. 4:08 pm, Shopping Center Ave, traffic crash. 4:52 pm, Chetco Ave, dispute/fight. 8:50 pm, River Side Near Conta Ln, dispute/fight. 10:10 pm, Chetco Ave, criminal trespass.	Thursday, October 1 4:13 am, Elk Dr, intoxicated subject. 8:20 am, 5th and Ransom, disorderly conduct. 8:33 am, Pioneer Rd, juvenile problem. 9:17 am, Fern and Ransom, disorderly conduct. 9:20 am, 5th St, hit & run. 9:36 am, Jodel Ct, violation restraining order.	10:35 am, Iris St, disorderly conduct. 12:33 pm, Chetco Ave, intoxicated subject. 12:48 pm, Marine Dr, criminal mischief. 3:11 pm, Ransom Ave, violation of city ordinance. 4:29 pm, Macklyn Cove, criminal trespass. 5:18 pm, Fir St, dispute/fight. 11:40 pm, E Harris Hts, dispute/fight.	11:23 am, Easy St, theft. 12:29 pm, Ransom Ave, criminal trespass. 12:48 pm, Fern Ave and Pacific Ave, disorderly conduct. 3:18 pm, Rettke Ln, custodial interference. 3:30 pm, Hillside Ave, elderly abuse. 4:00 pm, Shopping Center Ave, warrant service. 4:20 pm, Park Ave and Fern Ave, theft. 6:46 pm, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct.	ham Ln, dispute/fight. 9:15 am, Highway 101 and Cape Ferrello, traffic crash. 9:28 am, North Bank Chetco River Rd, theft. 5:03 pm, Kings Way, illegal burn. 9:09 pm, Chetco Ave, assault. 9:34 pm, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise. 11:22 pm, Memory Ln, alarm. Sunday, October 4 12:55 am, Hwy 101 S Harbor, disorderly conduct. 6:25 am, Memory Ln, alarm. 11:11 am, Hazy Ln, civil problem.	Monday, October 5 8:36 am, Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct. 1:37 pm, Pelican Bay Dr, fire. 1:53 pm, Fir St, identity theft. 2:21 pm, Chetco Ave, alarm. 3:08 pm, Easy St, juvenile problem. 3:21 pm, 5th St and Chetco Ave, disorderly conduct. 5:55 pm, 5th St, theft.
Friday, October 2 4:13 am, Mill Beach Rd, loud noise.			Saturday, October 3 12:45 am, W Ben-		

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, Air-

port 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.

Monday, October 12 - Saturday, October 17

Residential Organic Yard Waste drop-off at area transfer sites.

Brookings: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday-Friday and 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday; Nesika Beach: 10:00 am - 5:00

pm Tuesday-Saturday; Port Orford: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday-Saturday. Commercial drop-off fees apply. Curry Transfer & Recycling: 541-469-2425.

Wednesday, October 14

Special Wednesday Crafternoon: Night Pollinators for Kids, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Talk by Xerxes Society member David Kollen followed by nocturnal pollinator crafts.

Bookworm Buddies Book Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Second- through fifth-graders will discuss Pocket Bear by Katherine Applegate; copies are available from library staff.

Writers' Club, Chetco Library: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Creative writing prompts, sharing and constructive feedback.

Thursday, October 15

Lego Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Children may build individually or in teams based on the month's theme.

Comic Quest Book Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Tweens and young teens will discuss Lightfall: The Girl & the Galdurian by Tim Probert.

Pub Grub Book Club, Misty Mountain: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Adult graphic-novel discussion of The Lost Daughter of Sparta by Felicia Day; registration recommended.

Friday, October 16

Make a Scary Mask, Chetco Library: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm. All-ages mask-making activity; registration required.

Brookings-Harbor High School football, at Coquille.

Monday, October 19 - Tuesday, October 20

American Red Cross Blood Drives: Monday, October 19, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 820 Old County Road, Brookings; Tuesday, October 20, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm, Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Drive, Brookings. Appointments: 1-800-RED-CROSS,

redcrossblood.org or the Red Cross Blood Donor App. \$10 gift cards, 500 reward points and fresh baked goods will be available.

Monday, October 19

Master Gardener Plant Clinic, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Free gardening advice from Curry County OSU Master Gardener Extension volunteers; bring questions, small samples or photos.

Wednesday, October 21

Special Wednesday Crafternoon: Happy Birthday Winnie the Pooh, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Activities celebrating the 100th anniversary of A.A. Milne's character. Time Management, SWOCC Curry Campus: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Community education class in the Essential Skills for Life and Work Series with instructor Gayle Goldstone. Cost \$40. Register at socc.edu/community; course WKFC 0513 99.

Residential Organic Yard Waste curbside collection, Gold Beach city and urban growth areas. Bundle material in four-foot lengths or use dumpable containers or paper landscape bags; plastic bags will not be collected. Curry Transfer & Recycling: 541-469-2425.

Thursday, October 22

Residential Organic Yard Waste curbside collection, Port Orford city and urban growth areas. Bundle material in four-foot lengths or use dumpable containers or paper landscape bags; plastic bags will not be collected. Curry Transfer & Recycling: 541-469-2425.

Friday, October 23

Brookings-Harbor High School football, Elmer Bankus Field, SOCOMI Sports Complex: vs. Siuslaw. Homecoming and Senior Night.

Saturday, October 24

Spooky Season Double Feature, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 4:15 pm. The Nightmare Before Christmas and Hocus Pocus will be

shown back-to-back; attend one film or both.

Fall Poetry Circle, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm. All-ages community gathering celebrating written and spoken verse.

Tuesday, October 27

Music of Four Centuries: Peter Fletcher in Concert, Chetco Library: 5:00 pm. Free solo classical guitar recital with repertoire from the Renaissance through the 20th century.

Wednesday, October 28

Craft'n/Connect with Kim, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Free step-by-step Forgotten Fairies miniature workshop for adults; registration opens October 1 and is required.

Look-Back Book Club, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. Teens 16+ and adults revisit a childhood classic; see library social media or chetcolibrary.org for the October selection.

Monthly Drum Circle, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Drop in to play percussion or listen; all percussion instruments are welcome.

Thursday, October 29

Tea and Tarot, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Monthly gathering near the full moon hosted by Kalyca Bell, with tea and tarot reflections in a welcoming setting.

Friday, October 30

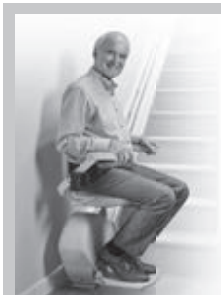
Brookings-Harbor High School football, at Douglas Trojans.

Friday, October 30 - Saturday, October 31

Trick or Treating & Spooky Selfie Station, Chetco Library: all day. The library is an official stop on the Curry County Chamber of Commerce candy map, with treats and a family photo station.

Saturday, October 31

Book Talk Book Club, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Discussion of Caretaker by Marcus Kliever in the Quiet Reading Room.



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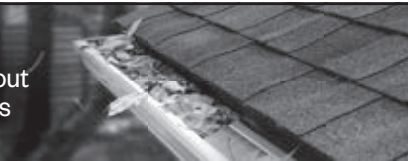
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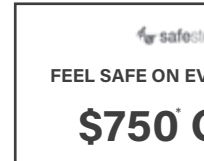
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The forests Oregon ‘protected’ are burning

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon made history this summer, and not the celebratory kind. It’s a wakeup call: The system is broken and fixing it requires new thinking.

Over 2.5 million acres burned — more than any in recorded history, and 92% are on public lands. In the last decade, almost all catastrophic wildfire originated on public lands.

Something needs to change, and the now mostly contained Grasshopper Fire in the Mt. Hood National Forest is a prime example.

Beginning in 2019, the Wasco County Forest Collaborative — with representation from tribes, timber, conservation, state agencies and local groups — worked with the U.S. Forest Service on the Grasshopper Restoration Project to reduce hazardous fuels and wildfire risk.

After four years, the collaborative reached consensus on treating 5,280 acres — roughly one-half of 1% of the Mt. Hood National

Forest — using Biden administration funds for high wildfire risk landscapes. Professional foresters and scientists concluded treatments would reduce wildfire risk.

One activist group was invited to participate, declined and then sued over the project. The Forest Service settled, making minor changes and paying the group’s attorneys \$55,000 in taxpayer dollars. They celebrated “halting the logging of mature and old growth trees” in their annual report.

Now those “protected” acres are burning in the nearly 94,000-acre Grasshopper Fire, and years of collaboration were wasted.

Oregonians should be outraged.

No one is satisfied with summers defined by wildfire. We all want healthier forests and fewer catastrophic fires. That’s not controversial.

But here’s where the conversation gets uncomfortable.

When a proposed solution includes the word “logging,” many Democrats recoil. We say this as two

native Oregonians who have worked within the Democratic Party.

That response is rooted in outdated ideology. A lot has changed in 50 years, including the climate and science-based forest practices. We can actively manage forests and protect the environment.

Policies born from debates in the 1970s shouldn’t be untouchable in 2026.

Case in point: In 2022, the timber industry worked with environmental groups to overhaul environmental protections on Oregon’s private forestlands. It was the most sweeping change to forest practices in 50 years. We rewrote laws dating to 1971, expanded environmental protections and secured the ability to keep operating.

Why can’t we have that conversation about federal forests?

If 2.5 million burned acres don’t make us question old assumptions, what will?

Numbers don’t lie: It’s not actively managed acres that are primarily burning. When private forests burn, landowners salvage burned trees,

turn them into lumber and replant, turning those forests green again within years.

That largely doesn’t happen on federal land, in part because of outdated policies. Many federal forests are unnaturally overstocked and lack the access needed to manage forests and fight fires effectively.

Active management does not mean managing national forests like industrial timberlands. It means giving public land managers the tools and access to thin overcrowded forests, reduce hazardous fuels and respond to wildfire.

We’re not alone in asserting that active forest management activities like mechanized harvest and controlled burns reduce wildfire risk. Moderate conservation groups and wildlife organizations recognize the importance of these tools.

But anti-forestry groups have gained influence within the Democratic Party, contributing to a political culture where logging is viewed exclusively as an environmental threat.

The Grasshopper should cause Democrats to

reconsider old assumptions. And Grasshopper is not an anomaly.

Breakthrough Institute found 10 organizations files 67% of forest management lawsuits examined. They won fewer than 25% of their cases, yet even unsuccessful lawsuits delayed implementation an average 3.7 years. During those delays, wildfire steps in.

Democrats serious about climate change should support active management tools before wildfire determines what these landscapes look like for generations. That includes cutting trees, and it must be economically viable.

California Democrats are leading by suspending environmental regulations to expedite wildfire mitigation. Oregon Democrats should consider ideas like this.

The party should also reconsider the influence anti-forestry groups have on forest policy. Collaboration means different interests working through disagreements to find common ground — not obstructing progress in court while forests burn.

Democrats can lead on this issue. Protecting Oregon’s forests today requires more active management, modernized policies and greater trust in professional land managers.

Chris Edwards is the president of the Oregon Forest Industries Council and a former Democratic legislator in the Oregon Legislature.

Travis Joseph is president and CEO of the American Forest Resource Council and former senior policy adviser to Democrats on the U.S. House Natural Resources Committee.

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Respiratory virus season begins with increased flu activity

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Health officials say now is the best time for people in Oregon to get vaccinated against respiratory viruses, so they are protected before gathering indoors for holidays and other celebrations.

“I’d like to remind everyone to think about loved ones, friends and neighbors as they plan ahead for the holiday season,” said Dean Sidelinger, M.D., M.S.Ed., of Oregon Health Authority’s Public Health Division. “We are still weeks away from the season’s first holiday, Halloween—which is on a Saturday, I might add—and that’s plenty of time to get vaccinated and start building immunity against these viruses, long before the many parties and events that keep us busy in the fall.”

Sidelinger, OHA’s health officer and state epidemiologist, was among three physicians who spoke today during a media briefing to kick off the 2026-2027 respiratory virus season. Public health officials consider the first week of October to be the unofficial start of respiratory virus season, since influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) activity typically increase during this period.

Sidelinger underscored the importance of getting vaccinated now by noting that Oregon has seen an increase in positive flu tests in recent weeks, with percent positivity at 3.2%. He said flu transmission re-

mains low, but “that could change quickly, and we are recommending that people in Oregon seek their flu shots soon.”

A summer 2026 surge in COVID-19 activity—a pattern seen annually since 2021—has leveled off, although it’s not clear if the increase has yet peaked. “With elevated COVID-19 spread, it is a great time to update COVID-19 protection,” Sidelinger said.

The physicians also discussed the ongoing measles outbreak during the briefing. Sidelinger emphasized that measles is widespread in Oregon. With 58 cases in the state as of Monday, the state now has the highest number of measles cases in the state since 1991, when we had 93 cases, and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000.

That is a sobering statistic, Sidelinger said, particularly when understanding that 96% of those measles cases were in unvaccinated persons or individuals whose vaccine status was unknown.

The risk of severe disease from measles for people who are vaccinated is very low. Measles spreads rapidly in unvaccinated communities and anyone who is unvaccinated is at risk. For children, two doses of MMR vaccine given after a child’s first birthday are recommended. Adults who do not have records of getting two MMR—or measles—vaccines, can talk to their health care provider about their level of immunity, including

whether they would benefit from an MMR vaccine at this time when measles is circulating in Oregon.

Dawn Nolt, M.D., MPH, professor of pediatric infectious diseases at OHSU’s Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, said that while every respiratory virus season brings illness, “we have an opportunity to make the 2026-2027 season less severe for our children, families and communities” by getting vaccinated sooner than later.

“We want our kids to be where they belong: in school, with their friends, with their families, and making memories—not in bed sick or in a hospital,” Nolt said.

Leona O’Keefe, M.D., medical director of clinical services at Jackson Care Connect in Jackson County, recalled once caring for a young father who spent weeks in the intensive care unit and hospital with flu. He was not vaccinated because, like many busy parents, he felt he didn’t have time available in his schedule. “I’ve supported family members through fear and sadness around these preventable diseases,” O’Keefe said.

She added, “I would be devastated if one of my children was harmed by a preventable disease because I chose not to vaccinate them, whereas I would be far more able to face myself if I gave my children incredibly safe vaccines that hold such low risks.”

O’Keefe also noted



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The Oregon Health Authority is encouraging people to get vaccinated to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses.

that prevention can be especially important in rural communities, where families may live far from hospitals or specialists and serious illness can require long travel times and cause additional stress for patients and caregivers.

As the 2026–2027 respiratory virus season begins, Nolt highlighted three recommendations for families:

1. Get vaccinated and keep your family’s vaccines up to date. Vaccines against COVID-19, flu, RSV, and measles can dramatically reduce the risk of serious illness and hospitalization.

2. Take simple steps to reduce the spread of infection. Respiratory viruses spread easily, especially indoors, and measles is

extraordinarily contagious. Stay home when you’re sick, wash your hands, cover your coughs and sneezes, and consider masking when respiratory viruses are circulating widely or someone in your household is particularly vulnerable.

3. Know who is most vulnerable and act early. Everyone can get infected, but infants, older adults, and people with certain underlying health conditions are at greater risk of serious complications if they get sick. Know your family’s risks and talk with your health care provider about prevention and what to do if someone becomes sick.

O’Keefe had one more recommendation: Talk to a trusted medical provider.

“I know it can be challenging to get a doctor appointment and fit all your questions in, but whenever possible, talk to a trusted medical provider. If you don’t have a primary care physician, consider calling the assigned primary care physician or nurse advice line on the back of your insurance card. You can also call your local public health department—regardless of insurance—or go to your local pharmacy,” O’Keefe said.

People can get the COVID-19, influenza and RSV vaccines by contacting their health plan, health care provider, county public health clinic or federally qualified health center. They can also call 211 or visit 211info.org.

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