

## Organizers tout another 'successful' Azalea Festival

### ◆ Parade winners announced

From the City of Brookings

The City of Brookings thanks everyone for participating in the 2026 Azalea Festival. It was another great festival weekend!

Festival events started on Friday with the VVA Memorial Reading of the Names at City Hall and then a Dance Party in the park, where a large crowd danced the night away. The parade on Saturday had over 55 entries with parade watchers filling the sidewalks. This year's Street Market had over 85 vendors and was a huge success for vendors and shoppers alike.

Saturday afternoon park events included introductions of the



Pioneer Citizens, Grand Marshals and the Azalea Princesses. The Elks BBQ and concerts at Azalea Park created a jam-packed afternoon enjoyed by over 1,200 people.

Sunday's park events included the last concert and the second Brookings' Got Talent Show, won by: Brooke Eichlin, Nika Stevens, JuJu Williams, Ezintle School of Dance, Wild Rivers Dance, Jade Beaudry, Coast Line Dance, Clara Milliken, Vila Ramsey, and Jaxon Danner.

Stakeholder events throughout the weekend

included the Quilt Show, Kids Fishing Pond, Art Show, Flower & Plant Show, Car Show, BHHS All Class Reunion, Community Church Service, Pancake Breakfast, the Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony and Airport Day.

Huge thanks to the event's Platinum Sponsors, Rogue Credit Union, Oregon's Wild Rivers Coast, and LeafFilter. Also, thanks to the Pelican Bay Amateur Radio Club who provided parade support as they have done for the past 45 plus years, the Soroptimist for their judging of the parade, and the judges of Brookings' Got Talent. Events were organized with the help of community stakeholders, event coordinators and City employees, truly making the Azalea Festival a testament to the spirit of our community.

#### Final parade results

- Local Representation Award – Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
- Mayor's Award – Coastal Home Health & Hospice
- Queen's Award – United States Postal Service
- Patriotism Award – Brookings Emblem Club #265
- Grand Marshal's Award – Azalea Festival Queen & Princesses
- Best of Bands – Phoenix High School Marching Band
- Best of Equestrian – South Coast Wranglers 4H Group
- Best of Walking (Adult) – Cascadia Pickleball Zone
- Best of Walking (Youth) – Oregon Coast Dance
- Best of Cars/Truck (Vintage – pre 1950) – Lakeview Hay Truck
- Best of Cars/Truck (Classic – after 1950) – Tim & Lori Connelly



## ODFW Announces Free Fishing Weekend

For the Pilot

Everyone can fish, clam and crab for free in Oregon on Saturday and Sunday, June 6-7, 2026.

No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags/validations are required on these days (meaning you do not need a Combined Angling Tag, Columbia River Basin Endorsement, Ocean Endorsement or two-rod validation where two rods are allowed). Both Oregon residents and non-residents can fish for free. Oregon State Parks also offers free parking on Saturday, June 6.

All other fishing regulations apply including closures, gear restrictions, bag limits, and size restrictions. Visit the Online Regulations page before you head out and remember to check myodfw.com for any in season regulation changes, especially for salmon and steel-head fishing.

Drought conditions make a difference this year. Some smaller lakes and ponds might already be warming up, so consider fishing early in the day or changing it up to warm water fish like bass, bluegill and crappie.

The Recreation Report is updated weekly and features the best bets for fishing for the up-coming week. Check out the weekly Recreation Report for zone reports and opportunities near you. Expect lots of rainbow trout to be stocked in Oregon's ponds and lakes for the weekend; check out the trout stocking schedule for more information and stocking locations.

#### Crabbing and clamming

Free Fishing Weekend is also a great weekend to try clamming or crabbing. Visit ODFW.com for all the information you need to get started clamming or crabbing including maps of locations and how-to's.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture regularly tests shellfish and closes areas when naturally occurring biotoxins get to levels that make crabs and clams unsafe to eat. As of today, razor clamming is open from the WA border to Cape Blanco to the CA border due to elevated levels of domoic acid. Crabbing is open coastwide.

Closures can happen quickly and may change before Free Fishing Weekend. Remember to call the ODA Shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or check their shellfish ODA Food Safety page before you go.

## Bootleg on the Boardwalk comes back to the Port of Brookings-Harbor

By JASON LIDDELL  
For the Pilot

The Bootleg on the Boardwalk festival is coming back to the port of Brookings-Harbor for its second annual event on June 12. Bootleg came about from a desire to do a prohibition-era themed festival, complete with folks dressed as flapper girls and moonshine-running mobsters.

Ironically, it also emerged with a goal to try to take the spotlight away from drinking for drinking's sake; all of the invited distilleries are Oregon-local, small-batch businesses often run by families. Along with the small-town, local business focus, Bootleg has taken on the responsibility of teaching patrons some of the finer details that go into distilling spirits and consuming them.

Event Coordinator Crissy Cooper said that Bootleg has "the focus of teaching people how to drink responsibly, by having knowledge of what the different chemicals do to your body," and "why you choose these organic elements" when you're making these spirits. These distilleries are in the business of educating people on the spirits they make, as much as they are selling them.

One such spirit being served at Bootleg actually comes from a distillery with a richly storied history: Gompers Distillery in Redmond, Oregon. Gompers was named after Herman Gompers, a Holocaust survivor with an "uncompromising philosophy: Don't be Ordinary," according to their website.

A few of the other distilleries coming to Bootleg on the



Courtesy photo

There are at least nine bands and musicians booked for the event, playing live music at Bootleg on the Boardwalk on the second weekend of June.

Boardwalk include Stillwagon Distillery in Reedsport, Steam Distillery and Sundance Distilling, both from Grants Pass, and Just Rum Distillery in Sandy, Oregon.

More than just serving and educating on alcohol, Bootleg has several other events and points of interest scheduled for this summer.

"We do have a 1931 Ford Model A Tudor," according to Crissy; a car produced during the later years of the prohibition era.

There will also be a Charleston dance competition. Crissy said "We're gonna just kick up our heels and I'm gonna make everybody dance."

There are at least nine bands and musicians booked for the event, playing live music at Bootleg on the Boardwalk on the second weekend of June. Some of these bands include No Soap, Radio, from Portland, Rogue Strings from Gold Beach and the Allen Giardinelli Trio.

Bootleg's recent success as a local festival is especially notable, because not all festivals succeed in the way they are expected or wanted. Doktoberfest, for example, is one such festival that was recently put on in Brookings that didn't hit the mark.

Attempting to be our community's version of Oktoberfest, it "crashed and burned," according

to Cooper. "It just wasn't for our area because we couldn't get the German vendors to sustain the theme of the festival." Bootleg on the Boardwalk was also conceived as a festival to replace Doktoberfest, and has, so far, succeeded.

Bootleg on the Boardwalk functions as the kickoff party for the entire summer festival season in Brookings. Bootleg is one of five major festivals that take place, followed by Solstice Shred in late June, Sky-High Fourth of July, Bigfoot Blues Festival and the long-standing Pirates of the Pacific festival in August.

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# Opinion & Letters

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## Letter to the Editor

### LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Curry County voters made one thing very clear in this primary election: this race is far from over! No candidate secured an outright victory, and the current margin stands at just 161 votes — roughly 2%. Nearly 60% of voters supported a change in priorities and direction for our county government. That sends a powerful message, and it is one we hear loud and clear.

First and foremost, I want to sincerely thank every person who voted, volunteered, donated, shared our message, prayed for our family, and stood behind this campaign. Your support has built something real, and we are deeply grateful.

This campaign was never about political insiders or empty promises. It was built by hardworking people who believe Curry County deserves leadership grounded in common sense, accountability, honesty, and follow-through.

I am not a career poli-

tician. I am a husband, a father, and a member of this community who believes public service should be rooted in integrity, transparency, and keeping your word.

As we move on to the November election, I encourage everyone to stay engaged. Ask questions. Seek the truth. Pay attention to what is happening within our county government.

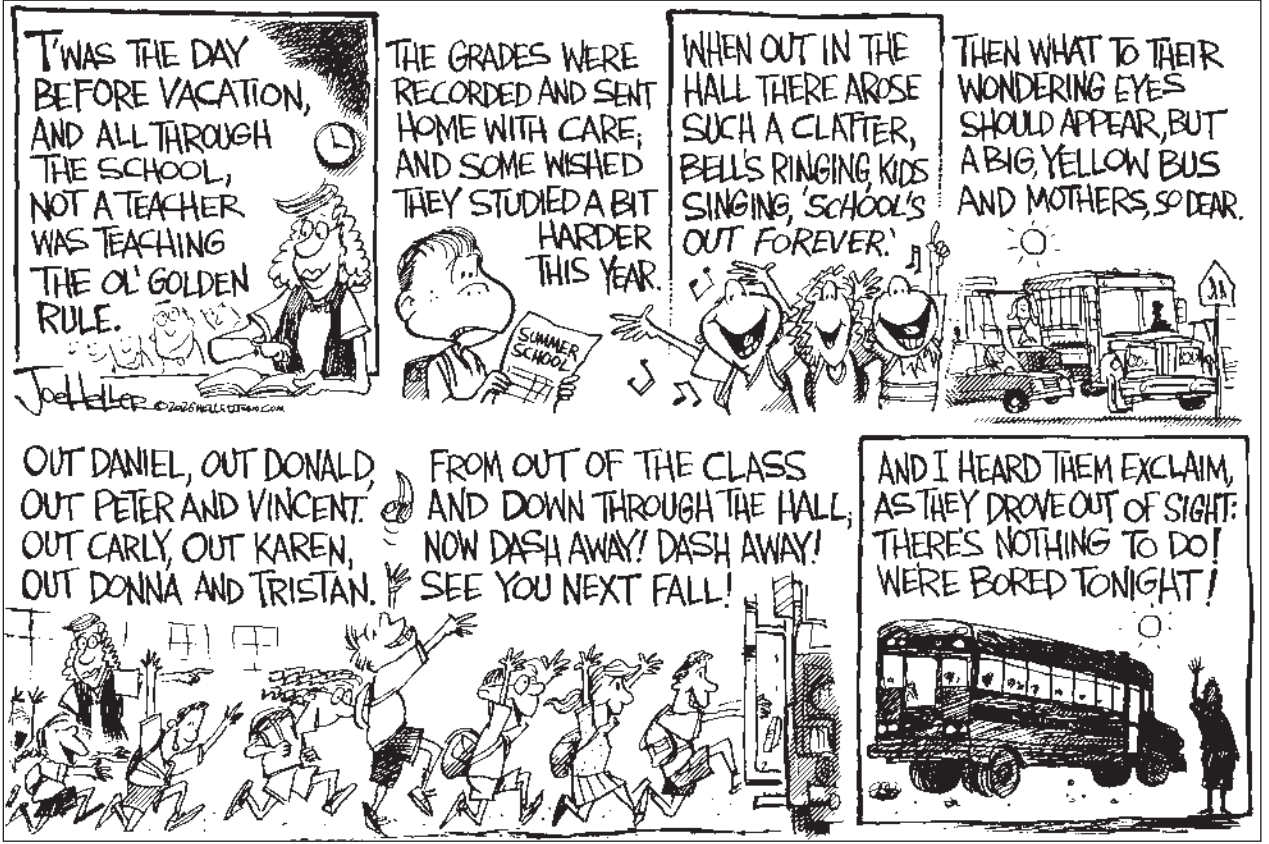
Do not allow social media comment sections to shape your understanding of the issues facing our community. I challenge you to take the time to review the facts for yourself, have meaningful conversations, and stay involved. An informed community is a stronger community.

We are moving forward with momentum, gratitude, and a clear sense of purpose. This campaign is about the future of Curry County and the people who call it home.

If you are here for Curry County, I am here for you.

Let's keep moving forward together.

*Jeremy Dumire, Candidate for Curry County Commissioner*



## Holy Cow! History

### The last great American snake oil salesman

By J. Mark Powell  
InsideSources.com

Time was, if you had an ache or were ailing, some traveling “medicine” huckster promised his special elixir would fix you right up.

Well into the 20th century, smooth-talking pitchmen would travel the country, selling tonics made of dubious ingredients, guaranteed to cure anything from acne to the effects of advanced age. Small towns and rural crossroads were their preferred venues. Sometimes they traveled with musicians, putting on a show to attract a crowd before bilking gullible customers out of their hard-earned dollars for concoctions that were little more than alcohol —



often as strong as a belt of booze — infused with anything and everything from serious narcotics to ineffective herbs.

Congress responded to the problem by passing the Food and Drug Act of 1906. For the first time, federal regulators had the authority to ensure that the medicines Americans took were safe. When the FDA was established in 1930, the handwriting was on the wall for snake oil salesmen. The old traveling medicine shows and the products they promoted began going the way of kerosene lamps and Model T Fords. As their numbers dwindled, one stood out from the rest.

Hadaacol.

Dudley J. LeBlanc of tiny Erath, La., created

it. In a state overflowing with colorful politicians, he was among the most flamboyant. He served in the legislature — first in the House and later in the Senate — on and off over nearly half a century.

He ran for governor in 1932, losing to the legendary Huey P. Long. His unsuccessful candidacy did leave its mark. LeBlanc proposed paying a monthly stipend to seniors. Long appropriated the popular idea, and it wasn't long until Social Security was established.

When it came to promoting Hadaacol, LeBlanc had no equal. Introduced in 1943, it was a marketing triumph. LeBlanc may not have known much about medicine, but he sure knew how to move the merchandise. Time magazine called him “a stem-winding salesman who knows every razzle-dazzle switch in the pitchman's trade.”

LeBlanc and medicine shared a checkered past. His Happy Day Co. sold Dixie Dew Cough Syrup and Happy Day Headache Powders — until the FDA shut him down over safety concerns.

Undeterred, LeBlanc turned to bottled medi-

cines. Billed as a vitamin supplement, Hadaacol was actually nothing but 12 percent alcohol, cleverly disguised on the label as a “preservative.” Time called it “a murky brown liquid that tastes something like bilge water, and smells worse.”

LeBlanc's high-octane tonic took the country by storm. Not surprisingly, it was especially popular in the South and the Heartland, where many dry counties banned alcohol sales. And he promoted his concoction with one of the greatest medicine shows of them all.

The Hadaacol Caravan came to out-of-the-way communities. The admission price was simple: one Hadaacol box top. It played in ballparks, on racetracks, high school football fields — anyplace that had bleachers. At times, the show drew as many as 12,000 people. LeBlanc packed them in with Hollywood A-listers on the bill, Ava Gardner and Mickey Rooney among them. Singer Hank Williams wrote his hit song “Jambalaya” after hearing Cajun troupe members talking backstage.

And the locals lapped it up. Over a 15-month stretch ending in March 1951, LeBlanc sold \$3.6 million worth of his potion — more than \$46 million today. Appearing on the popular “You Bet Your Life” TV show, host Groucho Marx asked what Hadaacol was good for. “It

## Americanisms

“What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? ... Or does it explode?”  
— Langston Hughes

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## Weekly Poll

### HOW DID YOU ENJOY YOUR MEMORIAL DAY?

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# Off the charts:

## When the brain won't silence the alarm: A Physician's reflection on PTSD

By Dr. GIGI REED, MD

In my work as a physician, I've come to recognize that the body often speaks before a patient can fully articulate what is wrong. People arrive with insomnia, chronic headaches, palpitations, or digestive issues—symptoms that don't quite add up on paper. But when given time and space, a deeper story often emerges: they have endured something profoundly distressing. Even though the threat has long since passed, their system is still reacting as if it hasn't.



following trauma—whether from a serious accident, violence, military combat, or a sudden health emergency. The internal alarm designed to protect us continues to ring, even when the danger is possibly no longer present.

This is the unseen terrain of post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. It is not a failure of strength or character. Rather, it reflects a nervous system that has become locked in a state of high alert

From a clinical perspective, PTSD appears as a range of symptoms that can affect nearly every aspect of life. Some individuals relive the experience

through flashbacks or intense nightmares, making the past feel immediate and inescapable. Others go to great lengths to avoid reminders—places, sounds, or conversations that might trigger distress.

Many describe feeling emotionally numb or disconnected, sometimes carrying a belief that they are permanently damaged or that safety is no longer possible. Others remain in a constant state of vigilance, unable to relax, always anticipating the next threat.

It's important to understand that distress after trauma is a natural response. PTSD develops when those reactions persist, deepen, and begin to interfere with daily functioning—relationships, work, and personal well-being.

Not everyone who experiences trauma will develop PTSD; resilience varies widely. Factors such as early life experiences, prior mental health conditions, limited support, or physical injury during the event can increase vulnerability. On the other hand, strong relationships and timely, compassionate care can offer meaningful protection.

PTSD can also be difficult to recognize because it often overlaps with other conditions like depression, anxiety, or substance use. In some cases, traumatic brain injuries further complicate the picture. Untangling these layers requires patience and careful listening, but accuracy is essential, as effective treatment depends on a clear understanding of the root cause.

The hopeful reality is that PTSD is very treatable. Evidence-based therapies—such as cognitive processing therapy, prolonged exposure, and EMDR—help the brain relearn that the threat has ended. For some patients, medications like anti-depressants can reduce intrusive thoughts and help stabilize mood.

Equally important are the foundational elements of healing: consistent sleep, physical activity, reconnecting with trusted individuals, and, for many, participating in peer or veteran support groups where shared experience fosters understanding.

Over time, I've seen powerful examples of recovery. Healing does not mean forgetting; it means reclaiming the ability to live in the present without

being governed by the past.

If you or someone close to you is struggling after trauma, know that you are not alone. In the United States, nearly one in twelve people will experience PTSD at some point, with higher rates among veterans.

Seeking help is not a sign of weakness—it is a meaningful step toward restoring balance in a system that has been working overtime to protect you.

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# The GOP gubernatorial candidate predicts a difficult road ahead in her fight to defeat incumbent Democratic Gov. Kotek

By SHAANTH NANGUNERI  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Two-time Republican gubernatorial hopeful Christine Drazan pulled no punches as she launched her general election campaign in Portland last week, warning of a “bruising” incoming race against her political rival and incumbent Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek.

“I’m committed to fixing what’s broken in our state,” the state senator from Canby said at a waterfront dock by a fire and rescue station. “This isn’t about partisan politics. This isn’t about national politics. It’s about your home, your kids, your savings account and your future.”

Drazan’s distance from national political debates serves as a preview of her messaging to come after her win in the GOP primary, during which she amassed more than 40% of the vote from her party’s primary voters. Her closest challenger, state Rep. Ed Diehl, R-Scio, conceded Thursday morning and called for party unity.

While Oregon’s 40-year history of electing Democratic governors and the state’s strong distaste for Republican President Donald Trump suggest Drazan has a difficult road ahead of her, the Oregon GOP sees an opportunity this election in voters’ growing discontent with Kotek’s handling of issues including low educational achievement, homelessness and economic development. Drazan on Thursday called for the full repeal of Oregon’s 2020 drug decriminalization ballot measure and expressed support for a Multnomah

County proposal to create buffer zones banning needle distribution around schools.

To defeat Kotek, Drazan will have to win over sizable margins in the Portland metropolitan area and appeal to more moderate voters. Oregon hasn’t elected a Republican governor since the 1980s, and Drazan lost to Kotek in a three-way race four years ago, a key sticking point during the GOP primary when voters had to decide whether to renominate someone who had represented the party unsuccessfully in the past. Kotek, meanwhile, released her first digital ad Thursday seeking to tie Drazan to the Trump administration.

“I have to be disciplined every single day,” Drazan said. “It’s going to be a tough race, and I’m not going to be distracted.” Longtime Oregon Republican consultant Rebecca Tweed described the race as “absolutely a rematch, and you know everybody loves a good battle.”

“We are seeing the same candidates, the same names, but they’ve had a very different four years coming back to this, and I think that will actually make it pretty competitive to watch,” she said. “It can’t be the same story as before because the electorate’s different, they’re different.”

The last time the pair of political rivals competed, it became the most expensive statewide electoral race in Oregon history. This year’s governor’s race will be the last without campaign contribution limits, thanks to a 2024 Oregon law set

to go into effect beginning next year.

This time around, Kotek remains ahead in donations. The governor’s campaign has raised more than \$4.5 million, while Drazan’s campaign has raised more than \$3.6 million since last year. It’s a continuation of a trend in 2022, when the governor’s campaign raised more than \$30 million in donations and Drazan garnered nearly \$23 million in donations.

Does a two-way race help or hurt Drazan?

The 2022 race included former state Sen. Betsy Johnson, a conservative Democrat raised in Central Oregon who represented the North Coast in the Legislature for 20 years. Johnson ran as a nonaffiliated candidate and garnered less than 10% of the vote. Drazan’s supporters have asserted Johnson siphoned a share of conservative voters who otherwise could have boosted Drazan over Kotek.

But there are competing interpretations of the 2022 outcome. For one, many of Johnson’s voters clustered in districts where she had developed ties to local communities as a politician and leader.

John Horvick, senior vice president with the Portland-based polling firm DHM Research, said that while Johnson’s bid was “modestly” harmful to Drazan, “I don’t think it would have made enough for Drazan to be successful.”

The 43.5% of the vote Drazan won in 2022 was also in line with the past three Republican gubernatorial nominees — Knute Buehler in 2018, Bud Pierce in 2016 and Dennis Richardson in 2014 — while Kotek’s nearly 47% of the vote was lower than former Democratic

Govs. Kate Brown and John Kitzhaber, suggesting Johnson attracted more would-be Kotek voters than Drazan backers.

Trump in White House intensifies nationalization of state races

The U.S. Supreme Court’s summer 2022 decision to end the national right to abortion changed that year’s gubernatorial race, giving Kotek and her allies the opportunity to make abortion a lightning rod issue and galvanize Democratic voters.

Drazan spent that race seeking to portray Kotek as an out-of-touch Portland progressive whose main solution was to tax her way out of public policy shortfalls.

Those themes have since intensified. Now, Kotek’s campaign is portraying Drazan as a willful executor of the Trump administration’s agenda when it comes to deploying the National Guard to U.S. cities and attempting to limit voter access. In her first ad for the general election campaign, she slammed Drazan for “defending his illegal troop deployment, siding with him on abortion rights, vote by mail, and his war in Iran jacking up our gas prices.”

“That’s the choice: a governor who says ‘hell no,’ or Christine Drazan, who will let Donald Trump do whatever the hell he wants,” she said.

Drazan maintains that Kotek is out of step with the everyday reality in Oregon on issues such as homelessness, education and the economy. She called Kotek “confused” in response to a reporter asking whether she’d accept Trump’s endorsement after her primary win, adding that Kotek “wants to make this race about Donald Trump.”

“People that saw her

voters’ pamphlet statement, she was running against our sitting president. That is shortsighted,” she said. “Oregonians want to have a conversation about facts on the ground. They want somebody that’s going to shoot them straight and can tell them the truth, and that is not Tina Kotek.”

In 2022, Drazan was seeking to defeat Kotek during the Biden administration, but this year’s election will likely prove difficult for a Republican seeking to combat political headwinds from the GOP’s control of Congress and the Trump White House. It also means that elections have taken center stage as an issue given Oregon’s position as a national leader employing vote-by-mail and Trump’s attacks on the system using false accusations of widespread fraud.

“Tina Kotek is going to try to make this election about Donald Trump and the federal government,” Horvick said. “No matter what Drazan says or doesn’t say, it’s going to be very difficult to avoid, but she can’t avoid it, it’s going to be central to this campaign.”

Tweed said that Drazan has more room coming out of the primary to be clearer about her disagreements with the Trump administration. She noted that there is still a large sector of the Republican party that is not loyal to Trump and pointed to the blowout defeat of Measure 120, which would have raised gas taxes and transportation-related fees.

“There’s an electorate that’s opposed to some of the policies at the state level, and so who’s going to tie that to federal issues, and who’s not?” she said. “I think Senator Drazan has a better opportunity to talk about the personal impacts of the Trump ad-

ministration on voters than Gov. Kotek does, in a way that can provide some real solutions.”

Both now have longer political records

Both Drazan and Kotek had been legislators during their first bout, but they now have longer political records. As governor, Kotek has presided over an education system that trails most states, with less than half of Oregon K-12 students proficient in reading and fewer than one-third proficient in math.

Kotek declared a homelessness emergency on her first day in office and has celebrated marginal progress, including a 4% decrease in unsheltered homelessness statewide since 2023, but permanent and affordable homes still remain out of reach for many Oregon families.

And she has ranked among the most unpopular governors in the nation based on approval ratings. Recent polling by The Oregonian/OregonLive found that 59% of voters in the Portland metropolitan area have a negative impression of the governor.

“Her job approval is quite low by far (and) most Oregonians say the state’s on the wrong track,” Horvick said. “Christine Drazan, I think, can make a pretty credible case that Tina Kotek said things would be better when she’s in office, and Oregonians right now say she’s not doing a good job, and the state’s on the wrong track.”

Drazan also has a longer record as a legislator now. She sponsored a 2025 bill that would have effectively ended mail voting, and she skipped several votes on bills dealing with

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# POLICE BLOTTER

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

## Monday, May 18

12:04 am, Boat Basin Road, fire.  
10:25 am, Mill Beach and Smith Road, violation of city ordinance.  
11:39 am, Azalea Park Road, civil problem.  
12:19 pm, Sunshine Cove, dispute/fight.  
12:43 pm, Fern Street, disorderly conduct.  
5:40 pm, 5th Street, panhandling.  
7:47 pm, Chetco Avenue, alarm.  
9 pm, Cottage Street, criminal trespass.  
9:12 pm, Memory Lane and Del Norte Lane, fire.

## Tuesday, May 19

1:13 pm, Chetco Avenue, criminal trespass.  
1:16 pm, Oceanview Drive, fire.  
2:19 pm, Shopping Center Avenue, hit and run.  
3:08 pm, Brookings area, dispute/fight.  
6:38 pm, 5th Street, forgery/fraud/bad check.  
8:23 pm, Birch Street, disorderly conduct.  
9:47 pm, Fern Avenue, civil problem.  
10:09 pm, Chetco Avenue, loud noise.  
11:36 pm, Chetco Avenue, DUII.

## Wednesday, May 20

9:15 am, Alder Street, disorderly conduct.  
6:44 pm, Chetco Avenue and Bridge Street, traffic hazard.  
9:58 pm, Chetco Avenue, misuse of 911.  
11:31 pm, Fir Street, loud noise.  
11:51 pm, Chetco Avenue, disorderly conduct.

## Thursday, May 21

2:07 am, Lower Harbor Road, assault.  
4:43 am, Fern Avenue, dispute/fight.  
5:50 am, Chetco River Road and Mount Emily Road, traffic crash.

7:14 am, Easy Street, criminal mischief.  
11:06 am, Brookings area, civil problem.  
2:30 pm, Chetco Avenue, hit and run.  
4:43 pm, Fern Avenue, eluding.  
4:46 pm, Railroad Street, criminal mischief.  
7:21 pm, Old County Road, disorderly conduct.  
7:49 pm, Midland Way, criminal trespass.  
11:08 pm, Pioneer Road, criminal mischief.

## Friday, May 22

1:16 am, Spruce Drive, juvenile problem.  
7:26 am, Mill Beach,

illegal camping.  
9:38 am, Chetco Avenue and 5th Street, disorderly conduct.  
12:58 pm, Hall Way and Highway 101, traffic crash.  
1:19 pm, Pacific Avenue and Cottage Street, disorderly conduct.  
3:38 pm, Hall Way, assault.  
4:24 pm, Chetco Avenue, warrant service.  
4:36 pm, Highway 101, traffic crash.  
5:41 pm, Highway 101, traffic crash.  
8:52 pm, Chetco Avenue, illegal camping.  
10:25 pm, Mountain Drive, dispute/fight.

## Saturday, May 23

No log received.  
**Sunday, May 24**  
6:22 am, Smith Drive, alarm.  
6:42 am, Oak Street, disorderly conduct.  
12:51 pm, Highway 101 and Pedrioli Drive, traffic crash.  
1:15 pm, street fair, harassment.  
1:57 pm, Chetco Avenue, traffic crash.  
2:02 pm, Easy Street, harassment.  
9:15 pm, Easy Street, disorderly conduct.  
10:56 pm, Mill Beach Road, civil problem.  
10:59 pm, Mill Beach, loud noise.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submissions for events can be sent by email to: [pilotofficecmgr@countrymedia.net](mailto:pilotofficecmgr@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](http://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 play-

ers welcome; bring your own paddle.

• Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm. Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improver 11:00 am, intermediate 12:00 pm. \$2 donation. Jean: 541-251-8998.

## Fridays

• Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm.  
• The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11:00 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. 541-412-8664.  
• Pinochle and Card Games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm.  
• T'ai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am - 10:30 am.  
• Threads, Hooks, & Needles, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Fiber arts club for knitters, sewers, and more.

## Saturdays

• Saturday Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.  
• Saturday Shuffle: Pokemon, Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Play and trade Pokemon cards with guidance from an experienced player.

## Wednesday, June 3

• The Care and Maintenance of Fruit Trees, Chetco Library: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Experienced gardener John Savage presents a workshop on caring for fruit trees. Doors open at 5:00 pm; presentation begins at 5:15 pm. Presented with the Brookings-Harbor Garden Club.

## Friday, June 5

• Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: 7:00 pm. Champagne benefit performance. All seats reserved; tickets \$25.  
Saturday, June 6  
• Afternoon Indie Films: Wowzer!, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm. Free monthly screening with the Wild Rivers Film Festival. Local author Joanie

Lindenmeyer and director Michael Gorse will attend; Q&A follows.  
• Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: 7:00 pm. Opening night show. All seats reserved; tickets \$10.

## Monday, June 8

• Spice World Bags, Chetco Library: all day. Take-home spice bags include a tester sample, trivia, and recipe suggestions. Supplies limited; first come, first served.

## Tuesday, June 9

• Author Talk and Mini Writing Workshop, Del Norte County Library, 190 Price Mall, Crescent City: 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm. Meet local author Joanie Lindenmeyer, known for Nun Better: An Amazing Love, Joyously Free! and other books. Special guest: Joanie Lindenmeyer, best-selling author.

## Wednesday, June 10

• D&D One-Shot Adventure, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Youth ages 10-16 can learn tabletop role-playing basics and complete a short adventure. No experience needed; space limited, sign up in advance.  
• Bookworm Buddies Club, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. For 2nd- through 5th-graders. June discussion: Princess Cora and the Crocodile and Baby-sitter's Little Sister: Karen's Kitty Cat Club.

## Thursday, June 11

• Game Hub, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Open gaming on the Nintendo Switch 2 plus board games. K-12 students welcome.  
• Pub Grub Book Club, Misty Mountain Brewing, downtown Brookings: 5:30 pm. Casual book club for adult fans of graphic novels. June selection to be announced.

## Friday, June 12

• Creative Cafe, Chetco Library: 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Free monthly art event for adults and teens. June focus: stop motion animation.

## Saturday, June 13

• Disaster Preparedness with the Red Cross, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Free class on wildfire prevention and preparation.  
• VFW Post 966 meeting, 507 Pacific Ave, Brookings: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. War-time veterans are encouraged to join. Help us save our Post, buy a brick. 541-412-6236.  
• Dress a Girl, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy St: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Monthly meeting to sew dresses and shorts for children worldwide. Bring your lunch and bring a friend. Jane Knox: 209-815-2100.  
• Art Walk Open House, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Light refreshments and featured handcrafted glass art by Garrett J. Smith in the Forest Gallery.  
• Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: 7:00 pm. All seats reserved; tickets \$10.  
• Bootleg on the Boardwalk, Port of Brookings Harbor: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. Two-day waterfront festival with live music, vendors, food and community fun.

## Sunday, June 14

• Bootleg on the Boardwalk, Port of Brookings Harbor: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. Two-day waterfront festival with live music, vendors, food and community fun.

## Monday, June 15

• Master Gardener Plant Clinics, Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Free help from Curry County Master Gardeners. Bring a question and a picture or small cutting of the plant.  
• Screening of Juneteenth: Faith & Freedom with Discussion, 555 Hemlock Street: 5:30 pm.

## Wednesday, June 17

• Summer Reading Kickoff Party, Chetco Library. Kick off the Summer Reading Program with a rock painting party. All ages welcome; pick up reading logs and

calendars. Pre-register at [chetcolibrary.org/SRP](http://chetcolibrary.org/SRP).

## Thursday, June 18

• Lego Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Afternoon meet-up in the Youth Section for Lego enthusiasts.

## Friday, June 19

• Juneteenth Community Equity Coalition Fish Fry, 555 Hemlock Street: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Community event featuring food and celebration.

## Saturday, June 20

• Mario Party!, Chetco Library: 11:00 am. Friendly gaming on the Nintendo Switch 2 with library volunteer Dee.  
• Juneteenth Community Block Party, 555 Hemlock Street: 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Local block party hosted at the Community Equity Coalition location.  
• Calamity at the Coquelle Creamery, Sawdust Theatre, 120 N. Adams St., Coquille: 7:00 pm. All seats reserved; tickets \$10.  
• Solstice Shred, Insider of Southern Oregon: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. Event includes battle of the bands, game of S.K.A.T.E., three-round emcee battle, boarders meet-up, vendors and beer garden, and kick-flip and ollie competition. Band submissions and skate vendors wanted. Hosted by Lee Spivey. Email [shredsolstice@gmail.com](mailto:shredsolstice@gmail.com). More info at [insiderofsouthernoregon.com/events](http://insiderofsouthernoregon.com/events).

## Tuesday, June 23

• Dragon Theater Puppets Presents: Johnny Applesed!, Chetco Library: 11:00 am. Whimsical, kid-friendly rendition of the classic folktale.

## Thursday, June 25

• Ladies of Liberty Silver Salmon Tournament, Salmon Run Golf Course, 99040 S. Bank Chetco River Road, Brookings: Thursday and Friday, June 25-26. Four-person women's teams; \$540 per team. Call 541-469-4888 for information.

# Oregon voters overwhelmingly rejecting hikes to gas tax and vehicle fees

## MIA MALDONADO

Oregon Capital Chronicle  
Oregonians are on track

to overwhelmingly reject hikes to the state's gas tax, payroll tax and vehicle registration and title fees that

would have gone toward funding the maintenance and operations of public roads and bridges.

Initial election results from the Oregon Secretary of State's Office shortly after 8 p.m. showed the measure failing by a 4:1 margin.

Had it succeeded, the measure would have doubled most vehicle registration fees, raised the gas tax from 40 cents to 46 cents, raised title fees from \$77 to \$216 and doubled the payroll tax used for public

transit from 0.1% of a paycheck to 0.2% until 2028.

For cities and counties, the rejection means they won't be receiving more funding deeply needed to fix many sidewalks and potholes, particularly in rural areas. Half of the money raised by the gas tax, car registration fees and title fees goes to cities and counties.  
"Without sustainable

revenue, counties will face increasingly difficult decisions that directly impact road user safety and increase long-term costs to the public, such as making long-overdue safety improvements on Oregon's most danger-

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immigration and responding to federal actions this year. She told reporters on Thursday that Kotek is "lucky to have Donald Trump in the White House right now, because it gives her something to run on."  
"My focus is going to

be on talking to the people that are sincerely looking for alternatives, and that they're not so steeped in national politics that their number one issue is going to be a national issue," she said.

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## 311 Announcements

ATTENTION HEAVY EQUIPMENT CONTRACTORS The Curry County Soil and Water Conservation District periodically contracts for watershed restoration projects such as road repairs, large wood placement, fence building, etc. Contractors interested in submitting proposals for these jobs should check this page on the District's website on a weekly basis: <https://www.currywatersheds.org/about-us/employment-and-contracting/>. For questions, please call (541) 247-2755 ext. 0.

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**NOTICE CLAIMS** against Raymond Michael Colliers, or the estate of Raymond Michael Colliers, opened in Curry County, Oregon, Circuit Court Case No. 26PB04153, are required to be presented, with written evidence, to the Personal Representative, Raymond M. Colliers Jr., c/o Larry Setchell, Attorney, PO Box 28070, Spokane WA 99228, within four months from the date of publication, or such claims may be barred. Persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding can obtain additional information from the court records, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. 6/3/2026 Pilot 427240

**Notice of Budget Committee Meeting** A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Southern Curry Cemetery Maintenance District, Curry County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Cemetery office at 1035 7th Street, Brookings, OR 97415. The meeting will take place on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after June 12, 2026, in the Cemetery office window between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. 6/3 & 6/10/2026 Pilot, 427231

## 999 Public Notices

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY PROBATE DEPARTMENT No 26PB04657 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS** In the Matter of the Estate of RONALD N. BURRIS, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that KRISTIN FITT has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at: Five Centerpointe Dr. Ste 240, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, within four months after the date of publication of this notice, as stated below, or their claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the above proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published June 3, 2026. KRISTIN FITT, Personal Representative SUMMER I. HUBER, OSB No. 233452 Scarborough, McNeese, Oelke & Kilkenny, PC Attorney for Personal Representative Five Centerpointe Dr. Ste 240 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 6/3/2026 Pilot 427230

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR CURRY COUNTY** In the Matter of the Estate of NORMA ELIZABETH MORRIS, Deceased. Case No. 26PB04329 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-entitled estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the Personal Representative, care of Wasley Law Office, PC, 142 West 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights might 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, Philip Wasley. DATED and published June 3, 2026. Personal Representative: Brian Sharp 921 Civic Center Drive Santa Clara, California 95050 Attorney for Personal Representative: Philip M. Wasley, OSB No. 942005 Wasley Law Office, PC 142 West 8th Avenue Eugene, Oregon 97401 PH: 541-343-1110 phil@wasleylawoffice.com 6/3/2026 Pilot 427093

**Public Budget Hearing -** Winchuck Rural Fire Protection District The Winchuck Rural Fire Protection District will hold a public budget hearing on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 P.M., at the Winchuck Fire Hall, 363 Winchuck River Road, Brookings, Oregon in Curry County. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, as approved by the Winchuck Rural Fire Protection District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget will be presented, and a copy of the budget is available at the Fire Hall for public inspection. To request an interpreter, contact Chief Marcum at winchuckfire@gmail.com, or all the fire hall at (541) 469-7751 at least 48 hours in advance.

After the Budget Hearing the Board of Directors will hold their monthly meeting with the following agenda. Agenda: 1. Call to order and Roll Call 2. Reading of the minutes 3. Chief's report 4. Treasurer's report 5. Old Business 6. New Business 7. Public comment 8. Adjourn meeting Respectfully submitted, Jan Loren, Secretary 6/3/2026 Pilot 426963

**NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF THE CURRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT** Notice is hereby given that on November 3, 2026, an election will be held for the purpose of electing board directors to the following positions for the Curry County Soil and Water Conservation District: Zone 1, 4 years; Zone 2, 4 years; At-Large 2, 4 years. Each candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy and a Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet verified by the Curry County Elections Clerk with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Division. July 16, 2026 is the first day that filings may be submitted to ODA. For incumbents, the filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2026. For non-incumbents, the filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 25, 2026. Zone boundaries, eligibility requirements, and copies of the required elections forms may be obtained at the Curry County SWCD Office located at 29286 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, OR, or by calling Liesl Coleman at (541) 247-2755 ext 0 or at <https://www.currywatersheds.org/about-us/curry-soil-water-conservation-district/>. Election forms and information may also be found here on the ODA website: <https://www.oregon.gov/oda/natural-resources/swcd/Pages/elections.aspx>. 6/3/2026 Pilot 426934

**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE PACIFIC COAST STORAGE LLC** 16003 HWY 101 SOUTH, BROOKINGS, OR 97415 541-469-2188 On Wednesday, June 10th, at 3 pm the contents of units leased by Donald Pariseau Jr (B-32 & C-27), Rick Gonzales (B-30), Tyler Melton (B-19) and Shannon Ray (C-16) will be sold to foreclose liens for non-payment of rent and any expenses of this sale in accordance with ORS 87.685. Bids may be submitted online at [WWW.STORAGE-TREASURES.COM](http://WWW.STORAGE-TREASURES.COM) 5/27 & 6/3/2026 Pilot 426717 Notice of Lien Sale Harbor Park & Sell 97865 Shopping Center Ave Brookings, OR Owner: John C Whitaker Mail P.O. Box 3003 Brookings, OR. 97415 Lien will be foreclosed on a 2011 RT CCH trailer, Vin# 1UJB0BN7B78B0343 owned by Luis Perez and Catalina Belmontes. Sale date 6-4-2026, 12 Pm, at 97865 Shopping Center Ave, Brookings OR. Amount due on Sale date is \$600. plus Late fee \$60, Lien sale add \$100. Announced on sale day conditions apply. 5/27

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ous rural roads, ensuring county road departments can maintain staffing levels and avoid operations and maintenance cuts and preserving investments counties have made in our shared transportation system," Association of Oregon Counties spokesperson Erin Good said in an email.

Measure 120's unpopularity doesn't come as a surprise. Nearly 250,000 Oregonians frustrated by potential gas tax hikes signed the petition that placed the measure on the ballot. Plus, gas tax hikes in Oregon are historically unpopular. Oregon voters have rejected gas tax hike proposals on the ballot more than five times since 1928.

The vote also comes as gas prices continue to rocket upward because of the

Iran war. As of Tuesday, motor club AAA tracked average prices in Oregon at \$5.34 per gallon — more than 80 cents higher than the national average and \$1.38 more than May 2025.

What's next for transportation funding?

Kotek earlier this month convened 12 transportation and business experts and tasked them with finding a solution to Oregon's transportation funding crisis.

The workgroup is trying to solve the same problem lawmakers tried to in 2025: How to sustainably fund road maintenance and operations across the state.

The issue has plagued lawmakers since January 2025, when lawmakers had six months during the legislative session to find ways to raise revenue for the Oregon Department of Transportation or otherwise face a budget deficit. By June, Republicans and Democrats couldn't reach

a compromise, and Gov. Tina Kotek had to call for a special session in the fall for Democrats to finally have the votes needed to pass a significantly smaller transportation funding plan.

That transportation package would have raised \$4.3 billion for the Oregon Department of Transportation over the next decade, including \$791 million in the 2025-27 budget cycle, but most of that anticipated revenue was halted when the coalition led by Diehl, Sen. Bruce Starr, R-Dundee and Taxpayer Association of Oregon founder Jason Williams petitioned to place that law on the ballot.

Oregon legislators last voted to raise the gas tax in 2017, with a 10-cent increase phased in over six years. Since then, the cost of transportation materials and labor has gone up and more Oregonians are driving electric or fuel efficient

vehicles, which means the state has gradually collected less revenue from the gas tax despite those vehicles contributing to the wear and tear of public roads.

Kotek's workgroup will present its final recommendations by the end of the year. Those recommendations will guide lawmakers in the 2027 legislative session.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/05/19/oregon-voters-reject-hikes-to-gas-tax-and-vehicle-fees/>

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# Public Notices

FORM LB-1		NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING		
A public meeting of the PISTOL RIVER FIRE DISTRICT will be held on JUNE 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm at 24686 PISTOL RIVER LOOP, PISTOL RIVER OREGON. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the PISTOL RIVER FIRE DISTRICT Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 24686 Pistol River Loop, Pistol River, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.				
Contact: Maarten Van Otterloo		Telephone: 541-867-2405		Email: maartyvo@gmail.com
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget	
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	53,317	57,601	76,237	
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	1,000	0	0	
Revenue from Division of Tax	133	6	6	
Revenue from Special Levy	57,563	56,180	58,715	
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>112,013</b>	<b>113,787</b>	<b>134,958</b>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION				
Personnel Services	9,041	9,890	10,300	
Materials and Services	23,027	23,890	21,740	
Capital Outlay	20,839	63,007	80,918	
Contingencies	0	2,000	2,000	
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	59,106	15,000	20,000	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>112,013</b>	<b>113,787</b>	<b>134,958</b>	
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES				
		Rate or Amount Imposed		
Permanent Rate Levy Limit 0.9873 Per \$1000	(Rate)	0.9873	0.9873	0.9873
6/3/2026 Pilot 427205				

FORM ED-1		NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING		
A public meeting of the Brookings-Harbor School District 17C will be held on June 17, 2026 at 5:30 pm at Kalmiopsis Elementary Room 51, 650 Easy Street, Brookings, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Brookings-Harbor School District 17C Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 629 Easy Street, Brookings, Oregon between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or online at www.brookings.k12.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year. If different, the major changes and their effect on the budget are: not different.				
Contact: Dede Corpening		Telephone: 541-469-7443		Email: dedec@brookings.k12.or.us
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget	
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	
Beginning Fund Balance	8,833,661	6,577,605	6,639,289	
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	7,257,359	7,422,263	7,644,930	
Other Revenue from Local Sources	3,892,311	2,227,503	2,297,743	
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	643,943	585,000	662,000	
Revenue from State Sources	11,515,318	11,678,614	11,205,057	
Revenue from Federal Sources	2,283,468	3,426,510	2,493,804	
Interfund Transfers	1,131,000	1,131,000	812,000	
All Other Budget Resources	12,216	4,000	4,000	
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>35,569,276</b>	<b>33,052,495</b>	<b>31,758,823</b>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION				
Salaries	11,455,528	11,465,881	11,446,213	
Other Associated Payroll Costs	6,606,670	7,427,291	7,144,430	
Purchased Services	2,575,396	2,845,219	2,574,939	
Supplies & Materials	2,109,883	2,433,174	2,494,541	
Capital Outlay	1,882,969	170,000	300,000	
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	610,067	1,665,900	1,537,092	
Debt Service*	1,458,851	1,522,072	1,618,055	
Interfund Transfers*	1,131,000	1,131,000	812,000	
Operating Contingency	200,000	200,000	200,000	
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves	7,538,912	4,191,958	3,631,553	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>35,569,276</b>	<b>33,052,495</b>	<b>31,758,823</b>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY-REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *				
1000 Instruction	12,209,648	13,015,942	13,389,581	
FTE	110,5161	101,5005	99,4380	
2000 Support Services	10,177,480	10,572,952	9,872,334	
FTE	70,4847	63,7504	57,1504	
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	1,016,438	1,048,571	985,300	
FTE	7,7500	7,7500	6,7500	
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	1,836,948	370,000	250,000	
FTE	0,0000	0,0000	0,0000	
5000 Other Uses		1,000,000	1,000,000	
5100 Debt Service*	1,458,851	1,522,072	1,618,055	
5200 Interfund Transfers*	1,131,000	1,131,000	812,000	
6000 Contingency	200,000	200,000	200,000	
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	7,538,912	4,191,958	3,631,553	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>35,569,277</b>	<b>33,052,495</b>	<b>31,758,823</b>	
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>188.7508</b>	<b>173.0009</b>	<b>163.3384</b>	
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES				
		Rate or Amount Imposed		
Permanent Rate Levy Limit 3.2494 Per \$1000	(Rate)	3.2494	3.2494	3.2494
Local Option Levy				
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS				
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1		
Other Borrowings	330,680	0		
Total	330,680	0		
6/3/2026 Pilot 427294				

FORM LB-1		NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING		
A public meeting of the Harbor Sanitary District will be held on June 09, 2026 at 7:00 pm at 16408 Lower Harbor Rd. Brookings, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the Harbor Sanitary District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at 16408 Lower Harbor Rd. Brookings, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year.				
Contact: Kelly Beebe		Telephone: 541-469-5225		Email: harborsan@frontier.com
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget	
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	9,646,888	9,060,000	9,805,500	
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	1,526,986	1,675,000	2,151,700	
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0	0	1,926,324	
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	1,195,000	400,000	1,600,000	
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	437,080	325,000	344,000	
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>12,805,954</b>	<b>11,460,000</b>	<b>15,827,524</b>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION				
Personnel Services	337842	506000	516550	
Materials and Services	2,492,362	5,787,040	5,465,995	
Capital Outlay	1,423	4,366,000	6,687,000	
Debt Service	0	0	1,100,000	
Interfund Transfers	1,195,000	400,000	1,600,000	
Contingencies	0	345,000	400,000	
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	8,779,327	55,960	57,979	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>12,805,954</b>	<b>11,460,000</b>	<b>15,827,524</b>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY-REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *				
General	2,750,568	2,699,000	4,327,700	
FTE	3.5	3.5	3.5	
Capital Projects	4,057,367	4,300,000	5,515,000	
Construction	5,380,325	3,820,000	5,293,324	
System Development Charges	617,694.0	641,000.0	691,500.0	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>12,805,954</b>	<b>11,460,000</b>	<b>15,827,524</b>	
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *				
No changes in activities or sources of financing				
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS				
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1		
Other Borrowings	0	1,926,324		
Total	0	1,926,324		
6/3/2026 Pilot 427156				

FORM LB-1		NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING		
A public meeting of the Winchuck Rural Fire Protection District will be held on June 10th, 2026 at 6 pm at 00363 Winchuck River Rd., Brookings, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026-27 as approved by the Winchuck RFPD Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected at 00363 Winchuck River Rd. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same the preceding year.				
Contact: Val Early		Telephone: 541-469-0525		Email: winchuckfire@gmail.com
FINANCIAL SUMMARY – RESOURCES				
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount	Adopted Budget	Approved Budget	
	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	242,617	88,848	220,887	
Federal, State and All Other Grants	49,568	58,050	57,450	
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	20,000	20,000	20,000	
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	8,363	0	0	
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	47,669	48,162	48,870	
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>368,217</b>	<b>215,060</b>	<b>347,207</b>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION				
Personnel Services	36,352	31,500	39,000	
Materials and Services	54,654	66,000	63,250	
Capital Outlay	5,017	45,000	160,000	
Interfund Transfers	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Contingencies		2,500	2,500	
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	252,194	50,060	62,457	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>368,217</b>	<b>215,060</b>	<b>347,207</b>	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY-REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *				
Fire & Emergency Services	241,155	178,673	197,720	
FTE	0.0	2.0	2.0	
Building Fund	24,200	13,900	34,400	
Truck Fund	97,374	11,000	109,600	
E-Comm Reserve Fund	5,488	5,487	5,487	
Grants	0	6,000		
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>368,217</b>	<b>215,060</b>	<b>347,207</b>	
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *				
We have received a grant from ARP Fire Defense to hire employees to help the Fire Dept in the training and fighting of wild fires. The incoming funds are being reported on a separate line item on the LB 20 and the expenditures are found on the LB 30 under Personnel Services.				
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES				
		Rate or Amount Imposed		
Permanent Rate Levy Limit 0.8971 Per \$1000	(Rate)	0.8971	0.8971	0.8971
6/3/2026 Pilot 427148				

## ODOT unveils new Coast bike map and safety campaign

Just in time for Oregon's busy spring and summer travel season, the Oregon Department of Transportation is releasing a newly redesigned Oregon Coast Bicycle Route map alongside a new safety awareness campaign reminding drivers how to safely share the road with people riding bicycles.

This is the first major refresh of the map in a decade and a reminder to travelers about a 40-year-old law many people may not know.

"This map invites people

on bicycles to experience Oregon's stunning coastal landscape while providing essential information for a safe and enjoyable trip," said Ian Davidson, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager. "Paper maps remain timeless for riders planning and enjoying their rides on the coast."

People living in Oregon can pre-order a copy of the map by emailing their mailing address to: pedbikepublications@odot.oregon.gov.

To complement the map and recognize National

Bicycle Safety Month, ODOT launched a public awareness campaign focused on educating people driving and bicycling to stay safe on the roads. The main message: People on bicycles may use the full lane. Slow down, be patient and give extra space.

"Generally, most people bicycling stay as far right as safe or practical. But people on bicycles may use the full lane, to avoid obstacles, narrow roads and drop-off shoulders," said Heidi Manlove, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Program Manager. "While driving, be patient and only pass a bicycle when it's safe."

ODOT's safety campaign includes billboard messaging along major travel corridors and popular coastal routes to help educate travelers about safely sharing the road. With more people expected on coastal highways and scenic roads in the coming months, ODOT is encouraging people to travel safely and understand Oregon's bicycle laws.

### How to safely drive around a person riding a bicycle

1. Be patient and hold back for a safe place to pass that provides plenty of space.
2. Once it's clear, move fully into the next lane.
3. As you pass, keep your speed at 5 miles below the speed limit.
4. Wait until you see the person bicycling in your rearview mirror before moving back into your lane.
5. Remember: Oregon law allows drivers to

cross a double-yellow line to safely pass a person on a bicycle when it is clear and safe to do so.

- Safety tips for people riding bicycles
- Use a white front light and red rear light, even during the day.
  - Wear bright or reflective clothing to help drivers see you.
  - Ride in the same direction as traffic.

See More ODOT on page 8

## Coast Denture Service

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was good for \$5 million for me last year," LeBlanc quipped.

But nobody was laughing when his empire imploded.

LeBlanc sold his interest in the cash cow to eager investors for \$8.2 million — more than \$103 million in 2026. As soon as the papers were signed, the new owners discovered they were in big trouble. The legislator's business affairs were just as reliable as his "medicine." Advertising costs were out of control; \$2 million in bills were unpaid; the IRS wanted \$656,000 it was owed; and there was another \$2 million in "accounts receivable."

Hadacol's collapse was a national scandal. The Federal Trade Commission branded publicity surrounding the product "false, misleading, and deceptive."

Little wonder, then, that when LeBlanc ran for governor a second time in 1952, his candidacy went down in flames.

He gamely carried on, coming out with a final nonalcoholic patent medicine called "Kary On." But the damage was done. Nobody bought it.

Various owners later tried to revive the Hadacol brand name in the 1970s and 1980s; they all flopped.

Scandal is no stranger in the Bayou State, and it's not enough to bar a public figure from a place of honor. In 1993, more than 20 years after his death, LeBlanc was inducted into the Louisiana Political Museum and Hall of Fame.

*ABOUT THE WRITER  
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- Obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- Use hand signals so others can anticipate your moves.
- Ride in a straight, predictable line.
- Be careful in intersections—slow down, check for turning vehicles.
- Wear a properly fitted helmet every ride.
- Assume drivers may not see you.
- Be ready for sudden movements—especially

around driveways, parking lots and bus stops.

- Safety tips for people driving in cars
- People riding bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers and may occupy a full lane when needed.
- Maintain a safe passing distance—give extra space to pass— if possible, move into the adjacent lane to create additional buffer.
- Constantly look ahead, check mirrors, and monitor blind spots—especially before turning or changing lanes.

- Watch for people riding bicycles at intersections and before opening doors, so you avoid “dooring” incidents.
- Use your turn signals well in advance so people riding can anticipate your actions.
- Never park or drive in bike lanes and always check them before crossing.
- Slow down and yield to people on bicycles, especially when turning—the person traveling straight usually will have the right-of-way.
- Be particularly alert at



intersections since many serious crashes occur there.

- Children are unre-

dictable—expect sudden moves, especially in residential areas, near schools and driveways.

- Avoid honking at people riding bicycles; sudden noises can startle them and cause crashes.



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## Worship Directory

### Brookings

<p><b>Star of the Sea Catholic Church</b> Justus Alaeto, Pastor 820 Old County Rd., Brookings 541-469-2313</p> <p>Tuesday Mass.....5:15 p.m. Wednesday Mass.....5:15 p.m. Friday Mass.....5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass.....4:30 p.m. Saturday Spanish Mass...6:30 p.m. Sunday Mass.....8:30 a.m. First Friday every month Adoration 4 p.m. &amp; Mass 6 p.m. First Saturday every month Mass 9 a.m. <a href="https://staroftheseastcharles.org/">https://staroftheseastcharles.org/</a></p>	<p><b>Faith Baptist Church</b> Fundamental Independent 409 Hillside Ave. Unit C, Brookings 541-412-1070</p> <p>Sunday School.....10 a.m. Morning Preaching.....11 a.m. Evening Preaching.....6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study...7 p.m. “Looking for an exciting Bible-Preaching Church? We may be just what you’re looking for!”</p>	<p><b>Church of Christ</b> 17222 Passley Rd., Brookings Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10am</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship Assembly...11:00am Wednesday Bible Class....3pm <b>Evangelist: Darryl A Cope</b> 541-469-6453 or 541-469-0191</p>	<p><b>Christian Science Church</b> 429 Pine St. at Redwood Spur, Brookings Sunday Service.....11 a.m. Sunday School.....11 a.m. Wednesday Testimony Mtg..6 p.m. Reading Room: Monday &amp; Wednesday..1-3 p.m. or by appointment <a href="http://www.BrookingsCSC.com">www.BrookingsCSC.com</a> 541-469-2398 or 469-3333</p>
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### Crescent City

<p><b>Grace Lutheran Church</b> (LCMS)</p> <p>9:00am All Ages Bible Study Childcare Available 10:15am “The Story” Worship 11:15am Fellowship</p> <p>188 E Cooper, Crescent City <a href="http://www.GraceLutheranCC.com">www.GraceLutheranCC.com</a></p>
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### Ft. Dick

<p><b>Fort Dick Bible Church</b></p> <p>“Grace Alone, through Christ Alone, for God’s Glory Alone” 6725 Lake Earl Dr.</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:30am Sunday Service - 10:45am Sunday Replay on Facebook @FortDickBibleChurch Mid-Week Bible Study - call for details Phone (707) 458-4030</p>
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### Smith River

<p><b>To God Be The Glory Christian Community Church</b> 15138 McVay Lane</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:30am Bible Study Thursdays 7:00pm</p> <p>See Our Facebook page Friends Who Like Christian Community Church - Harbor</p> <p>Pastor <b>Carl Smith</b> 541-659-9352</p>	<p><b>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST</b> Pastor Barry Kimbrough 102 Park Ave., Brookings 541-469-3030</p> <p>Saturday Bible Study.....10:00am (All Ages) Saturday Worship.....11:15am</p> <p>Also on Facebook and Youtube. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/7thdayadventistbrookings/">https://www.facebook.com/7thdayadventistbrookings/</a></p>
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<p><b>Smith River Baptist Church</b></p> <p>340 Highland Avenue, Smith River</p> <p>Just off Hwy. 101 (707) 487-5275 Pastor Steve Alexander Worship Service.....10:30am</p>	<p><b>SolidRock Christian Fellowship</b> Pastor Pat Henderson (707) 460-1696</p> <p>3180 S Fred D Haight Drive Smith River, CA 95567 • (707) 460-1696</p> <p>Sun 10:00am • Wed 6:30pm Kids Ministry for both services Also on Facebook and YouTube <a href="http://www.solidrockcrescentcity.com">www.solidrockcrescentcity.com</a></p>
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