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King tides returning to the Oregon Coast

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The highest tides of the year, known as the King tides are returning to the Oregon Coast this fall and winter.

The National Weather Service forecasts the King tides for Nov. 23-27, Dec. 22-26, and Jan. 20-24.

A King Tide is a non-scientific term people often use to describe exceptionally high tides. Tides are long-period waves that roll around the planet as the ocean is "pulled" back and forth by the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun as these bodies interact with the Earth in their monthly and yearly orbits. Higher than normal tides typically occur during a new or full moon and when the Moon is at its perigee, or during specific seasons around the country, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The tides are quite the sight to see and bring visitors to the coastline to photograph, view, and bask in the amazing power of the ocean, according to Explore Lincoln City. Nut the high tides also can be dangerous.

These highest tides of the year can cause flooding, erosion, and impacts to buildings and roads, especially during storms, they offer opportunities for scientists and land planners. Observing King tides, provides a glimpse of future sea level rise and its potential to intensify erosion, flooding, and beach access issues, according to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development.

The US Coast Guard warns that sneaker waves are one of the largest weather threats to those on the beach. The sneaker waves can occur with the King tides. Earlier this month at least two examples of the danger were illustrated on social media showing the rescue of a child that was being pulled by a sneaker wave into the ocean at Cannon Beach and another video showing multiple people injured at Barview after massive waves surged up the beach Sunday morning, Nov. 8. The National Weather Service had issued a High Surf Warning that weekend.



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The fury of the King tides along the seawall at Depoe Bay.

"During King Tides and severe storms beach access can be closed, and for good reason," Explore Lincoln City cautions in a website post. "The water can approach out of nowhere, a phenomenon known as sneaker waves. Typically, there is a period of calm that results in people relaxing their awareness and oftentimes results in beachgoers caught off guard and swept off their feet, sometimes into the ocean. During these dangerous conditions, large pieces of driftwood and other objects are effortlessly rolled, which can put both individuals and rescue teams in danger. Protect yourself, your family, pets, and even your car by avoiding low-lying coastal areas and obeying beach access closures."

If you are on Oregon's Coast, you are invited to take photos of these high-water events to help document their impact on coastal communities. The Oregon King Tides Photo Project, part of a global effort to track sea level changes, encourages anyone with a camera to join in and capture a preview of how rising sea levels might affect communities in the future. Seeing King tide photos can help planners, resource agencies, conservationists, and coastal citizens get ready for these changes, organizers of the project said.



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High waves can rush up along the shore crashing into walkways and buildings along the beaches during the King Tides.

Participation is easy: choose a location along the coast, snap a photo when the tide is at its highest point, and share it at www.oregonkingtides.net.

To join the King Tides Photo Project, capture the high-water levels around fixed features like pilings, seawalls, or bridge supports, as they help show how high the tide reaches. Include the location, date, and direction

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First Responder



Courtesy photo
The Nov. 8 rescue occurred at Secret Beach in Curry County.

Woman rescued from sea at Secret Beach

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A woman that was reportedly swept out to sea by dangerous surf conditions at Secret Beach near Thunder Rock Cove was rescued Nov. 8.

The rescue was made possible through the quick response and coordinated efforts of multiple emergency response agencies, according to a release from Curry County Aquatic Safety.

At approximately 5:18 p.m., Nov. 8, Curry County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a 911 call from a man reporting that his wife had been swept away by waves while walking along the beach. The woman was reportedly holding onto rocks offshore, and her husband was unable to reach her.

At the time of the incident, a National Weather Service High Surf Warning was in effect, with surf heights reaching 25-to-30 feet. An outgoing tide, dangerous wave surges, and limited visibility following sunset created particularly hazardous rescue conditions, the release stated.

Emergency Response and Rescue Efforts

Curry County Sheriff's Office Deputy Aryanfard was first to arrive and accessed the beach through the Thunder Rock Cove trailhead. Upon reaching the shoreline, Aryanfard located the woman approximately 50-to-70 feet offshore and 200 feet down the coastline, with significant wave surges continuing, according to the release.

"Curry County Aquatic Safety Lifeguard Ingram arrived at the scene and entered the water to reach the stranded woman. Ingram successfully reached the woman, assessed her for injuries, secured her in a rescue tube, and safely brought her back to shore," the release stated.

Responding personnel from CAL-OR and Brookings Fire and Rescue subsequently evaluated the woman and transported her to the hospital for further medical assessment.

The name of the woman, her age, and where she was from was not immediately available.

"The coordinated response and quick actions of all agencies involved prevented what could have resulted in a tragic loss of life," the release stated.

High Surf Warning and Public Safety

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Agencies seeking donations for the needy

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The executive directors of St. Timothy's, Brookings CORE Response, and Brookings-Harbor Community Helpers (food bank) are seeking public donations to help the less fortunate in the community.

"November is a month full of opportunities to give thanks, share a meal, and to give back. In addition to Thanksgiving (Nov. 26), we celebrate Veterans and Armistice (Nov. 11), Hunger Awareness Week (Nov. 11 - 18), World Kindness Day (Nov. 12), and Giving Tuesday (Nov. 28)," the executive directors state in a release. "It's a good time to work together to meet the needs of our community and to make sure none of our neighbors go hungry this season."

The Community Kitchen, Brookings CORE Response, Brookings-Harbor Community Helpers (Food Bank), and Shower and Breakfast Ministry at St. Timothy's are all feeling the crunch with increased demand for emergency food, paired with decreased purchasing power for grocery price inflation, according to Sister Cora Lea Rose of the St. Timothy Episcopal Church, citing an OPB report that states:

"Need for food pantries and soup kitchens continue to rise as nutrition supplement benefits (food stamps) shrink across the country. As of June 2026, there are 126,000 fewer Oregonians receiving SNAP benefits than at the same time last year, due to federal changes imposed on the state through H.R. 1 (2005). In Oregon, 1 in 8 Oregonians (and 1 in 6 children) face hunger. "

Rose added another example.

"I'll also link to the 2023 (using 2022 data) Oregon Hunger Task Force data sheet for Curry County: https://www.oregonhungertaskforce.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023CurryCountyFactSheet-1.pdf Please note that these statistics are from a time period when there was still increased pandemic unemployment insurance and supplemental food benefits, and before the implementation of H.R. 1 cuts and restrictions to a wide range of safety net supports," she said.

Rose said there are currently opportunities for community members and visitors to donate items to the three community organizations in Brookings-Harbor to help meet the needs of neighbors this fall and winter.

Brookings CORE Response

- Men's clothes
- Boots and Shoes - not dress shoes
- Hygiene items (new)
- Wrapped snacks and instant cup noodles
- Pet supplies (leashes, collars, pet beds, toys, litter, pee pads; no food)

Drop off: 97900 Shopping Center Ave #31 in Harbor, Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Mail a check: Brookings CORE Response, PO Box 4160, Brookings, Oregon 97415 or donate online at www.brookingscoreresponse.org/support-us/

Volunteer role descriptions and interest form on website under "About Us"

Brookings-Harbor Community Helpers

- Baby wipes
- Bars of soap
- Deodorant
- Personal wipes
- Hand warmers
- Diapers (sizes 6 & 7)
- Pull-ups (sizes 4 & 5)
- Blankets

Drop off: 539 Hemlock Street in Brookings, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mailing a check: Brookings Harbor Community Helpers, Inc., P.O. Box 1415, Brookings, OR 97415 or donate online https://www.brookingsharborfoodbank.org/donate

Volunteer interest form on the website under "Get Involved"

Shower & Breakfast Ministry at St. Timothy Episcopal Church

- Ground coffee canisters
- Instant cocoa mix canisters
- 32 oz powdered creamer
- Instant oatmeal packets
- 4lb bags of sugar disposable razors
- Deodorant
- Travel-size toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Family size containers of shampoo, conditioner, & shower gel (to refill shower dispensers)

"We always accept unopened travel-size soaps and toiletries from your hotel stays," Rose said.

Drop off: 401 Fir Street in Brookings, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m.

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Commentary

Amid big changes, Oregon goes steady-state

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Across red and purple states, the election news Tuesday, Nov. 3, was big: Massive changes in places where few would have expected them, flips of control of both sides of the Congress.

As for Oregon, well, it went along its usual path.

You could even say that the national election results may mean more change for Oregon than its own state results did.

The big Oregon contest this year, the one that generated serious effort on both the Democratic and Republican sides, was the race for governor. In the second faceoff between incumbent Democrat Tina Kotek and the Republican challenger Christine Drazan, the result was close to what it was in 2022. Even the roster of counties won by Kotek is remarkably similar.

One question sometimes asked about an incumbent officeholder seeking re-election is, did they lose any major base of support — any large group of votes — since the last election? On the evidence of election night, the answer seems to be negative in Kotek's case, which makes her win likely and expected.

Oregon's executive branch stays where it has been.

Six U.S. House seats were up for election, along with one of the state's U.S. senators, Jeff Merkley. All of the incumbents were easily reelected. As this was written (before all counties had fully reported), the state's unofficial vote count put Merkley's win at 57% — which is what it was in 2020, and which is one point higher than in 2014. You might call that consistency.

Nor did the Oregon Legislature, where about half of the Senate and all of the House was on the ballot, see much change, though Democrats are poised to narrowly increase their existing supermajorities.

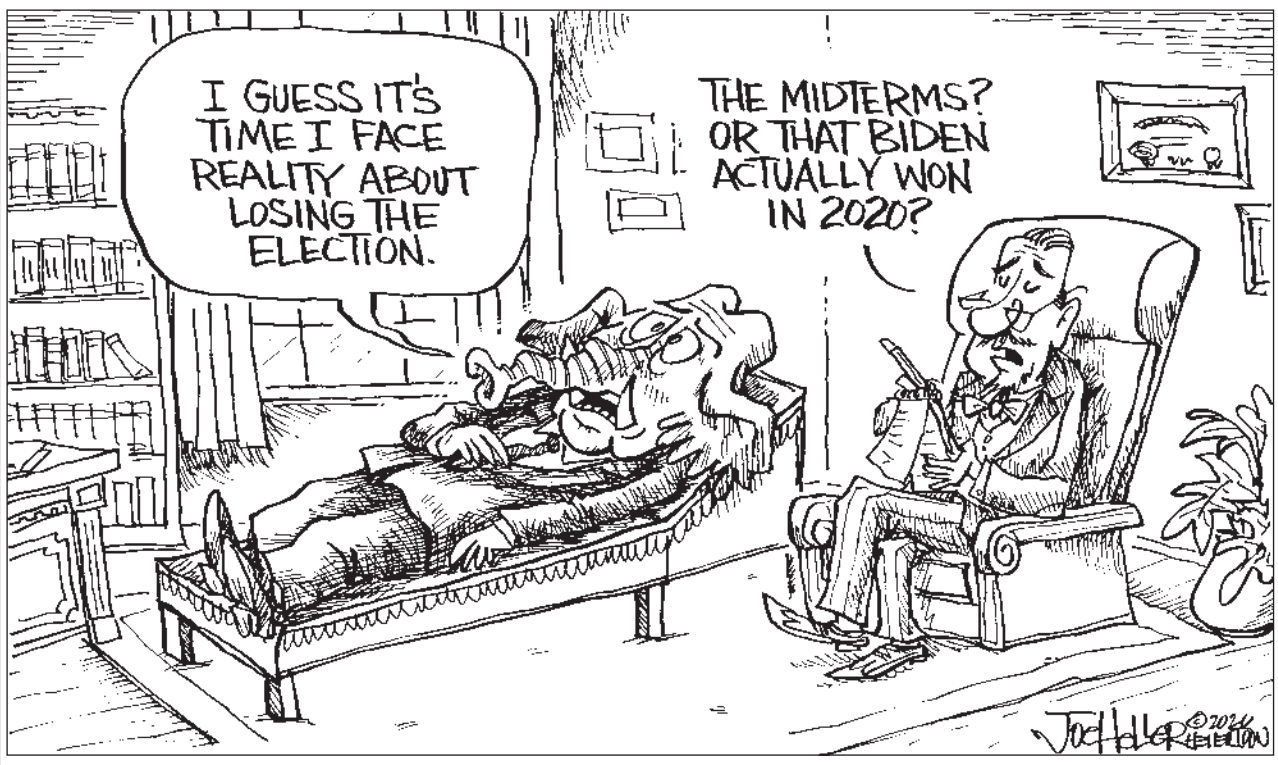
One legislative contest stood out as a battle of special interest, in the 32nd House District, where Rep. Cyrus Javadi, elected previously as a Republican, ran this time as a Democrat. You might almost say the voters in that Tillamook-Clatsop area split the difference: They changed their party representation from 2024 and retained Javadi, in turning back a Republican challenger. A closer look will be needed to determine what if anything this says about partisan politics on the north coast.

In Oregon, on the basis of its elections within the state, life goes on.

But there are some larger impacts to what happened on Tuesday.

The biggest and most immediate of those concern the state's two U.S. senators. Ron Wyden is the second-most senior Democratic senator (after Washington's Patty Murray) and he probably could almost have his pick of top chairmanships. Having previously served as chair of Finance, he may well return to it, and in current Washington politics it may be as significant a spot as any. Merkley is currently the ranking (senior)

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Holy Cow! History

The night young men learned their draft fate on live TV

By J. Mark Powell
InsideSources.com

Hearts were racing from Connecticut to California and countless places in between. Americans were about to witness something they'd never seen before. It would bring immense relief to many households and deliver dark fear to others.

And it would all unfold right before their very eyes, thanks to the modern miracle of television.It had been a remarkable year for the young broadcast medium. So far in 1969, viewers had watched live as one president took office (Richard Nixon's swearing-in); had said goodbye to another (Dwight Eisenhower's funeral); had seen four Apollo space missions play out (including the first historic moonwalk on July



20); and even heard Sen. Edward Kennedy explain his actions in the Chappaquiddick incident to the nation.As incredible as all that had been, nothing compared to what the tube brought into American homes on Dec. 1.For viewers watching CBS' top-rated lineup, it had started like any other Monday night. "Gunsmoke" was followed by "Here's Lucy." At 9 p.m., folks settled back into couches and recliners, ready for yet another top-rated show. Instead, they heard an announcer say, "'Mayberry R.F.D.' will not be presented tonight but will return next week at its regularly scheduled time over most of these stations." Tens of thousands of young men in the prime of life — plus their parents and siblings, their friends and sweethearts — all held their breath."The Draft Lottery," another announcer solemnly intoned. "A live report on tonight's picking of the birthdates for the draft. Here at Selective Service headquarters in Washington is CBS News correspondent Roger Mudd." The famous newsman appeared, arm draped over the back of a seat in a nondescript government conference room, and spoke softly as the night's business proceeded behind him. The nation's first military draft lottery since 1942 was underway, and Americans were watching.

The United States was mired in the depths of the Vietnam conflict (as Washington insisted on calling it) at the time. It had raged for most of the 1960s, sparked youth protests that helped drive the previous president, Lyndon Johnson, from office, and hung like an ominous, deadly question mark over the nation — with no end in sight.

Now it was time to replenish Uncle Sam's ranks. Young males born between Jan. 1, 1944, and Dec. 31, 1950 — those who had reached 19 but had not yet turned 26 by Jan. 1, 1970, some 850,000 in all — were affected.

The drawing itself didn't determine who would specifically be called. It simply established the order for calling those who eventually received the dreaded letter that typically began "(From) THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, Greetings. You are hereby ordered for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States ..."

Here's how it worked.

A large bin held 366 blue plastic capsules, one for each day of the year. The order in which those capsules were picked determined the order in which men born on that particular date would be called to serve. The top third was almost a sure bet for being drafted; the middle was so-so; the bottom third was generally considered safe.

Rep. Alexander Pirnie, R-N.Y., drew the first capsule. Sept. 14 became draft No. 001, followed by April 24, then Dec. 30 and Feb. 14 after that. That would be the order in which men were summoned: first selected, first called. June 8 was last at No. 366.

The Los Angeles Times called it a "grim Bingo game."

Mathematicians and statisticians pointed out flaws; for example, more late-year dates were drawn early on, meaning men with those birthdays had a higher chance of being drafted.Ultimately, the 1970 draft cutoff was No. 195. The military wasted no time summoning men born on Sept. 14, starting just weeks later in January 1970.A massive student backlash followed. Things intensified when President Richard Nixon announced on April 30, 1970, that U.S. troops had entered Cambodia. That led to the shootings at a May 4 antiwar demonstration on the campus of Kent State University in Ohio that left four students dead, which, in turn, sparked the rallying of 100,000 antiwar demonstrators on the Ellipse in Washington, D.C., just five days later. Draft cards were burned, draft dodgers fled to Canada, war supporters shouted "America: Love it or leave it!" and the country, it felt like, was teetering on

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Weekly Poll

DO YOU HAVE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES ON HAND FOR ANY WEATHER DISRUPTIONS THIS FALL AND WINTER?

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Off the charts: Measles- more than a rash

DR. GIGI REED
Guest Column



I read the news today and came across yet another article about measles- and that the US is at the verge of losing the status of having eliminated Measles. It reminded me that perhaps it is time to write about it again.

Most people think of measles as a rash-and-fever illness that children routinely caught before vaccination became widespread. But it is far more than that. Measles is one of the most contagious human infections ever identified. It is caused by a virus that spreads through the air and can remain infectious in a room or on surfaces for up to two hours after an infected person leaves. Direct contact is not necessary—simply breathing the same air can be enough. Someone with measles is contagious from about four days before the rash appears until four days afterward, allowing them to spread the infection before they even know they have it.

In the United States, measles kills about 2 out of every 1,000 infected children. Complications include pneumonia and encephalitis, and even people who recover can experience lasting consequences. Young children, people with weakened immune systems, and those who are malnourished face the greatest risks.

Measles is especially dangerous during pregnancy. Pregnant women who contract it have roughly a tenfold higher risk of death than non-pregnant individuals. The infection is also linked to miscarriage, premature birth, stillbirth, and low birth weight. Because the MMR vaccine (Mumps, Measles, Rubella) is not given during pregnancy. Instead, the approach is to confirm immunity before pregnancy or vaccinate after delivery.

There is no specific antiviral cure for measles. Treatment is supportive: rest, fluids, fever control, and careful monitoring for complications.

The MMR vaccine is the standard means of prevention, and it is remarkably effective: about 93% after one dose and 97% after two. Serious allergic reactions occur in roughly 1 in 1 million doses. The vaccine uses a live attenuated virus—the actual measles virus, weakened through successive cell cultures so that it trains the immune system without causing the disease. Think of it as a safe practice run for the body's defenses. As mentioned above, MMR combines protection against measles, mumps, and rubella in one shot, reducing the number of injections while preserving protection. The rubella component offers an additional benefit: preventing infections that can seriously harm babies in the womb.

Why, then, does measles keep making the news? Outbreaks return when vaccination rates fall, whether because of misinformation, missed routine care, or the mistaken belief that measles is no longer a threat. It remains newsworthy precisely because it is preventable yet still capable of causing severe harm when vigilance slips.

The bottom line is straightforward. Measles is serious, highly contagious, and potentially deadly, particularly for young children and pregnant women. The vaccine is among the safest and most effective tools in modern medicine. Vaccination is not simply a personal choice; it is also how we protect the most vulnerable among us.

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. Gigireedmd@gmail.com

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of your photo. If possible, take a second photo from the same spot during a normal high tide for comparison. Tide tables and photo tips are available on the King Tides website: www.oregonkingtides.net.

"One of the most encouraging things we've noticed over the past 15 years of the Oregon King Tides Project is how many people are excited about coastal issues and learning more about how dynamic our ocean environment is," Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development Coastal Shores Specialist Rhiannon Bezore said in a Lincoln County Leader published interview in 2025. "Seeing people from all backgrounds and ages heading to the coast to see the impacts of king tides is amazing and getting people involved in citizen science to help us document king tides now and plan for future conditions is one of the best things about the project."

Bezore said the King tides bring many people to the coast during some of the most dangerous conditions of the year.

"It is imperative that anyone on the coast be aware of the power of the waves and tides and put safety first," Bezore said. "We emphasize that king tide participants should view from a safe distance, never turn their backs on the water, and be mindful that areas accessible during lower tides may not be passable during king tides."



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Curry County Aquatic Safety urges residents and visitors to be aware of the serious dangers associated with high surf conditions along the Southern Oregon Coast and encourages the public to observe high surf from designated scenic overlooks rather than entering hazardous shoreline areas.

"Large ocean swells, particularly during the fall, winter, and spring months, can move heavy debris, including trees and rocks, and create unpredictable and life-threatening conditions," the release states.

During the November 8 high surf warning, Aquatic Safety lifeguards contacted more than 150 beachgoers, providing preventive safety measures to more than 130 individuals as well as responding to an additional rescue involving a group attempting to swim during hazardous surf conditions.

"Beachgoers are reminded to monitor National Weather Service warnings, ocean swell forecasts, and tide predictions before visiting coastal areas. Visitors are also encouraged to consult lifeguards when available," the release advises.

"The successful rescue at Secret Beach demonstrates the importance of emergency preparedness, interagency coordination, and the dedication of Curry County's first responders. Curry County Aquatic Safety extends its appreciation to the Curry County Sheriff's Office, CALOR, Brookings Fire and Rescue, and all responding personnel for their efforts in bringing this incident to a successful conclusion," the release states.

PUBLIC NOTICE: COOS-CURRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

A vacant seat on your Electric Co-op's board is open for Gold Beach.

Board of Directors Seeks Letters of Interest

The Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Board of Directors is seeking qualified members to fill an upcoming director vacancy representing District 3 (Gold Beach).

Because this vacancy occurs between annual meetings, the Board will appoint a qualified member to serve from January through June 2027. In the upcoming CCEC election, members will elect a District 3 director to a three-year term. The appointed director may run as the incumbent in the 2027 election.

Members are at the center of every decision made by Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative. Directors play a vital role in providing strategic leadership and ensuring the Cooperative remains financially sound while delivering safe, reliable and affordable electric service.

The Role of a Director

Directors are responsible for:

- Establishing policies and providing strategic oversight
- Monitoring the Cooperative's financial performance and long-term direction
- Representing the interests of the entire membership when making decisions
- Participating in regular board meetings, committee work, and continuing education

The electric industry is evolving rapidly. Decisions made by the Board of Directors directly influence the Cooperative's future, including system reliability, infrastructure investments, financial stability, and the rates paid by members. Serving on the board is an opportunity to help guide the future of your Cooperative.

Who May Apply

Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a qualified Oregon elector
- Be a CCEC member in good standing
- Have received electric service at their principal residence within District 3for at least one year
- Not have interests that conflict with or are adverse to those of the Cooperative

Additional eligibility requirements are contained in the Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative Bylaws, which are available on the CCEC website.

How to Express Interest

Interested members should submit a letter of interest including:

- Full name and contact information
- Service address
- Length of Cooperative membership
- Relevant professional, leadership, board, volunteer, and community experience
- A brief statement describing why they are interested in serving on the Board of Directors

How to submit letter of interest

- **By email:** Submit your letter of interest to marie.coleman@cooscurryelectric.com with the subject line Board Vacancy Interest – [Applicant Name]. PDF format is preferred.
- **By mail:** Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc., Attn: Marie Coleman, P.O. Box 1268, Port Orford, OR 97465
- **In person:** Letters may be delivered to the Brookings CCEC office during normal business hours.

Letters of interest must be received no later than November 25, 2026.

Appointment Process

Following review of submissions, qualified applicants may be invited to meet with the Board of Directors. The Board will then appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Cooperative's Bylaws.

Questions About the Vacancy?

Members with questions regarding the vacancy, director qualifications, expectations of board service, or the appointment process may contact:

- Marie Coleman, Executive Assistant
  Phone: (541) 661-1394
  Email: marie.coleman@cooscurryelectric.com

Board meetings are open to members. Those interested in the position are welcome to attend the regular meeting on **Monday, November 30, 2026** in Port Orford at 10:00am.

Serving on the Board of Directors is an opportunity to help guide the future of Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative while representing the interests of the members and communities it serves.

Submit a letter of interest describing your background and why you'd like to serve, Thank you!

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the brink of civil war.A few months later, starting Jan. 12, 1971, Americans watched as the generational divide separating antiwar advocates from war supporters played out in arguments that raged between "All in the Family" characters Archie Bunker and his son-in-law, Michael "Meathead" Stivic, in the Bunkers' living room.It all began with watching the real-life drama unfold in America's real-life living rooms that cold December Monday night in 1969.

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Democrat on the Budget Committee, and he might wind up as chair there — or elsewhere.

Oregon's senators have reached the seniority and accompanying clout that Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood had decades ago, and now they have the Senate majority to wield gavels.

Oregon's Democratic House members mostly are newer among House membership, but their reelections, especially with so many changes from around the country this year, have meant they move up the influence ladder too. The most notable example is likely to be Suzanne Bonamici, in whose case a subcommittee chair seems likely for the coming term.

With the change in partisan clout in Washington may come some change in the relationship between Oregon and the Trump Administration. Maybe.

In all, this may be a case of change coming more through the impact of external elections than internal ones.

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Seafood Trail celebrates local fisheries

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The Oregon Coast Seafood Trail, a new initiative inviting travelers to experience local seafood closer to its source, has been launched by the Oregon Coast Visitors Association (OCVA) in partnership with the Oregon Ocean Cluster.

Featuring more than 20 local businesses, the trail helps visitors discover fisher-family-run eateries, seafood markets, dockside retailers and food carts that prioritize Oregon-landed and Oregon-grown seafood. Along the way, it introduces travelers to the fishing families and working waterfronts that sustain Oregon's blue economy, according to a release from the OCVA.

The trail addresses a disconnect between Oregon's seafood harvest and what reaches local plates. A 2022 study commissioned by OCVA found that about 90% of the seafood supplied to the Oregon Coast businesses and institutions studied was classified as non-local catch. The trail helps travelers and residents find businesses committed to local sourcing and learn where their seafood comes from.

The trail features businesses offering Oregon-landed and Oregon-grown seafood, including Dungeness crab, pink shrimp, albacore tuna, salmon, oysters, clams, halibut, and groundfish. Visitors can also explore seasonal seafood opportunities, seafood markets, and dockside experiences through an interactive online map and trip-planning resources.

In Lincoln City, Squatchsami Outpost focuses on Oregon-landed fish and the local fishing families who bring it to shore. Its menu includes lingcod and halibut fish and chips, along with other seasonal seafood offerings that help visitors connect the meal on their plate to Oregon's working waterfronts.

"Oregon's seafood industry is deeply tied to the identity and economy of the coast," Oregon Coast Visitors Association Executive Director Marcus Hinz said. "The Seafood Trail gives visitors an opportunity to experience the stories, people, and places behind Oregon seafood, which also gives folks a practical way to support coastal livelihoods."

Hinz said this local approach also reflects a priority in the America First Seafood Strategy, a coordinated federal plan released October 23, 2026, that calls for connecting U.S. seafood producers with buyers through restaurant promotion, direct sales and regional marketing partnerships.

In her opening keynote at the October 29 Oregon Coast Economic Summit in Seaside, Kate Sinner, executive director of Travel Oregon, highlighted how the Seafood Trail helps visitors find fresh local seafood to eat on the Coast or buy to prepare at their rental or back home. She connected those purchases to a broader goal: bringing visitors to the Coast in quieter seasons and putting more of their spending into small local businesses.

"More than a dining guide, the Oregon Coast Seafood Trail encourages travelers to deepen their relationship with Oregon's coastal culture through authentic dock-to-plate experiences and a better understanding of the region's working waterfront heritage," the OCVA release states.

Explore the Oregon Coast Seafood Trail and plan your next seafood stop:

https://visittheoregoncoast.com/dine/keep-local-seafood-local/seafood-trail

About the Oregon Coast Visitors Association

The Oregon Coast Visitors Association is the regional destination management organization for the Oregon Coast, supporting coastal communities through tourism development, stewardship and destination marketing.



Courtesy photo
Featuring more than 20 local businesses, the trail helps visitors discover fisher-family-run eateries, seafood markets, dockside retailers and food carts that prioritize Oregon-landed and Oregon-grown seafood.

Jacques Talks

Jacques Kepner
Social Columnist

Greetings Coastal Curry Pilot readers! Curry County, in Oregons southern coastal corner is profoundly beautiful and it's allure only deepens as autumn's colors burst into crimson and gold. Lots of "whale spouting," has been observed along our lovely, rugged coast and the pelican pilgrims are heading south. This week, I've been inspired by avid reader, radio colleague and friend, Rick McNamer. Rick collects newspapers like candy on Halloween. His big smile can easily be seen from the St George Reef Lighthouse. Rick's resonant voice can be heard every Sunday on his "Curry Cafe" live broadcast with Ray Gary from 3-4pm on KCIW, 100.7fm. Give it a listen! kciw.org

These autumn days shimmer with nostalgia: Woodsmoke and mist fill the air and seagulls squawk overhead. San Francisco, that dear old dazzler, remains a fond postcard in my pocket, but Curry County holds my heart. I am grateful and honored to write these weekly columns for the "PNG!" the (Pilot Newspaper Gods!). Now, steep your tea and settle in for a splash of commentary.

Thanksgiving is coming and Christmas is stuck in traffic behind it. These holidays affect us whether we celebrate them or not. People say the holidays are for kids—and that's partly true—but I dare you to turn down a brightly wrapped holiday gift. Giving and receiving are woven into our DNA. As temperatures fall and festive spirits rise, something primordial stirs within us—an instinct to share our warmth, open our hearts, and draw a little closer.

Autumn can also haunt me, but less profoundly than it did back in my juvenile daze. I've circled the sun too many times to know better. As a senior, I can reliably prognosticate my fate based on experience. The one caveat in this equation is aging. When I study the man in the mirror, I notice something different about his face; a little wrinkle here and a little sagging there. To help me grasp this reality, I need only confer with my best friend and confidante, Dr. Gigi Reed. She knows my blueprint better than any architect. She also holds the key to the dusty, locked attic in my head. Prior to her becoming a physician, she spent 20 years as a research scientist and professor at the University of Utah.

With typical modesty, this German-born dynamo downplays her four DNA technology patents. She also has enough doctoral letters behind her name to give the alphabet an inferiority complex. Armed only with my BA in English/Writing from Chico State, (with a minor in keg parties), I try to keep pace with her intellect. Fortunately, my San Francisco career as a licensed auctioneer and appraiser honed my language and oratory skills. So, even with my short résumé, I do occasionally give Gigi a run for her syllables.

Excuse me! I've gone off the rails and sidetracked this commentary.

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Gov. Kotek says data center rules, universal preschool among priorities for next 4 years

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Following her reelection Tuesday, Nov. 3, Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek's priorities for the next four years include installing a universal statewide preschool program, passing new regulations on data centers and increasing the amount of time Oregon students spend in school.

Kotek shared her goals at a Friday, Nov. 6, news conference in Portland following her victory this week over state Sen. Christine Drazan, a Republican from Canby. Drazan late Friday afternoon officially conceded the race and said in a news release she wished Kotek well.

"I sincerely hope she recognizes that the challenges facing our state demand a different approach than what we've seen over the last four years," she said in a statement.

Going into the election, Kotek was polling as one of the least popular governors in the nation, but her campaign benefitted from nationwide dissatisfaction with Republican President Donald Trump and Republicans in Washington, D.C.

Kotek said she'd be engaging with people from across the state differently in her second term to reach voters who were on the fence about her, and she indicated she'd use social media more to communicate her decisions and to have conversations. Kotek during her campaign availed herself to supportive online influencers, inviting them to several events where she eschewed invites to news outlets.

She visited every county during her first year in office, though carefully choreographed tour stops meant she met primarily with select elected leaders, nonprofit service agencies and business owners.

On Friday, Kotek said she'd also be doing more to assert her power over the Oregon Legislature when the six-month 2027 session begins at the end of January. After presiding over the House for nine years as speaker, she spent her first term as governor largely deferring to lawmakers instead of participating in negotiations, most notably on a large-scale transportation funding package lawmakers failed to pass in 2025.

"I am not going to stand back and wait for the Legislature to figure it out. I need to see progress in the first month, the second month, the third month," she said. "People voted Democrats in because they want stuff to happen, and I need the Legislature to do that. I'm going to be in the building. I'm going to be on top of them every day, saying we got to get stuff done."

Her legislative advocacy for the next session will start with her Dec. 1 recommended budget, which she said will include no additional funding for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Debates over funding for the beleaguered agency with a nine-figure budget deficit consumed the bulk of the last two legislative sessions and culminated in voters resoundingly rejecting a 6-cent gas tax increase and other proposed fee increases in May.

"That's trade-offs, because that means taking money away from highway projects and other things to pay for basic ops and maintenance. But that's what you'll see in my budget," she said. "If legislators want to do something different, we're going to have to come to the table and talk about it."

Data Canters

Kotek said she wants regulations for, and state oversight of, data center development solidified in the first 60 days of the session. She said it should include clear standards and transparency around data center energy and water use, how energy is being obtained, and what agreements data center companies have made with local communities hosting them.

Kotek's data center advisory panel, convened earlier this year, will share with her recommendations that will inform her policy proposal for the Legislature, and she the group would also inform legislation to "take on large corporations who are using artificial intelligence on a regular basis to figure out how they can make more money and charge people more."

Universal preschool

Kotek promised universal statewide childcare by the end of her second term. She did an about-faceon criticisms of Portland's Preschool for All program at an event in October, saying she'd find a way to make sure all Oregonians had access to free preschool.

She said it's part of her long-term education goals, which also include increasing the amount of time Oregon kids spend in school (the state has among the shortest school years in the nation) and improving attendance.

She said she'd continue to push for funding for her early literacy initiative to improve Oregon kids' proficiency in reading, which is among the lowest in the nation.

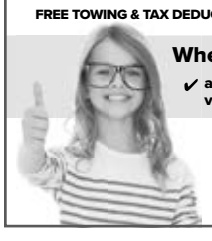
"In terms of how to pay for things, I've made no commitments," Kotek said about potential revenue proposals from progressive groups and candidates, including a new wealth tax.

State agency reform

Kotek said she'd be implementing some of the recommendations from her Prosperity Council's June report that advocated cutting taxes, climate pro-

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Next week, I'll explore the molecular methods that Dr. Gigi uses to postpone aging. Luckily, she has her very own crash-test dummy and lab rat rolled into one. His name is Jacques and he works for tea!

Community Shout-Outs; "Boardwalk Mail Services," located at the Brookings Harbor. "Nanette, Michelle and Trouble"—Your business services and smiles truly make a difference! "Rick & Sue Wright," welcome back from your 5-week cruise to Australia! "Rob Clift," at "Manley Arts Center," and its wildly imaginative ceramic group, "MudSlingers," meet every Wed & Sat. Call 541-469-1807. Experience 3 million twinkling lights at "Festival of Lights," at Azalea Park, Nov 27-Dec 27! Hugs to Yolanda Jones, Lizzy Hansen, Carla Blink, Jean Bradford, Teresa Alvarez, Jennifer Pastor, Mary Predmore and Terrie Jo Misfeldt.

Friends, it's time to lower the curtain on yet another week of "Jacques Talks." If you know of a business, gig, event or tale that needs some ink—share it with me and I will help spread the good vibes! jaxlist4u@gmail.com Text 510-881-3679 Cheers!

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Tuesday, November 3

12:30 am, Coverdell Rd, intoxicated subject.

12:44 am, King St, criminal trespass.

10:25 am, Marina Heights Rd Marina, civil problem.

2:31 pm, Brown Deer Ln, criminal mischief.

2:53 pm, W Ocean Dr, civil problem.

3:05 pm, 5th St and Chetco Ave, traffic crash.

3:33 pm, Railroad Ave, criminal mischief.

6:04 pm, South Bank Chetco River Rd, fire.

10:03 pm, Sunshine Cove, theft.

Wednesday, November 4

4:59 am, Hwy 101 S, theft.

7:23 am, Spruce St, unlawful entry motor vehicle.

8:29 am, Pioneer Rd, alarm.

1:42 pm, Hwy 101 and E Hoffeldt, traffic crash.

1:51 pm, South Bank Chetco River Rd, fire.

1:53 pm, Oak St, criminal trespass.

2:51 pm, Elk Dr, juvenile problem.

3:10 pm, 5th St, theft.

Thursday, November 5

1:32 am, Ransom Ave, dispute/fight.

4:44 am, 2nd St, dispute/fight.

7:07 am, Chetco Bridge S End, fire.

8:45 am, Bridge St, unlawful entry motor vehicle.

11:18 am, Del Norte Ln, criminal trespass.

2:05 pm, Gowman Ln, illegal burn.

5:24 pm, Mill Beach Lot, loud noise.

Sunday, November 8

7:57 am, 5th St, criminal trespass.

8:41 am, 5th St, disorderly conduct.

4:02 pm, Peavine Ridge Rd, traffic crash.

5:08 pm, 5th St and Chetco Ave, traffic crash.

5:24 pm, 5th St, theft.

Monday, November 9

7:19 am, Moore St, juvenile problem.

12:58 pm, 5th St, panhandling.

1:57 pm, Elk & 5th, traffic crash.

10:20 pm, Hwy 101, warrant service.

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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.

Line dance lessons
Mondays Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Dr: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.
Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improvers 11:00 am, intermediates 12:00 pm. $2 minimum donation.

Qi Gong for Health & Vitality
Mondays
Chetco Library: 5:30 pm.
Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.

Stretch Class
Mondays
Chetco Activity Center: 7:15 am - 8:15 am.

T'ai Chi
Mondays
Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

Games in the Lounge
Mondays
Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm.

Karate
Tuesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 8:00 am - 9:00 am.
Brookings-Harbor Garden

Club Work Party
Tuesdays
Brookings Botanical Garden: 10:00 am - 11:30 am.

Tri City Bridge
Tuesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

Games in the Lounge
Tuesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm.

Ukulele Group
Tuesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Storytime
Tuesdays
Chetco Library: 10:30 am.
Picture books, songs, dance, a simple craft, and stay-and-play for young children with accompanying adults.

Amateur Radio Net
Tuesdays
Gasquet Net: 6:30 pm (147.18); DN Amateur Radio Club: 7:15 pm (146.88).

Line dance lessons
Tuesdays
Crescent City Elks Lodge, 359 H Street: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.
Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improvers 11:00 am, intermediates 12:00 pm. $2 minimum donation.

Zumba
Tuesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 5:30 pm.

Stretch Class
Wednesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 7:15 am - 8:15 am.

T'ai Chi
Wednesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am, 10:30 am and 12:00 pm.
Qi Gong for Health & Vitality
Wednesdays
Chetco Library: 9:30 am.
Free class with licensed instructor Linnie. All are welcome; donations appreciated.

Line dance lessons
Wednesdays
Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Dr: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.
Membership not required. Absolute beginners 10:30 am, improvers 11:00 am, intermediates 12:00 pm. $2 minimum donation.

The Walking Group
Wednesdays
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.

Games in the Lounge
Wednesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm.

D&D One-Shot Adventures
Wednesdays
Chetco Library: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.
Tabletop role-playing adventures for youth ages 10-16; registration required.

Afterschool Wednesday Crafternoons
Wednesdays
Chetco Library: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.
Drop-in art activities and free snacks for school-aged children and families.

Chair Tai Chi
Wednesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 2:00 pm.

Exercise Class
Wednesdays
Chetco Activity Center: 5:30 pm.

Men's Club Golf
Wednesdays
Salmon Run Golf Course: 9:00 am.
Friendly team and individual play. All skill levels welcome. Bob K: 701-269-7822.

Cribbage Club
Wednesdays
Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.

Karate
Thursdays
Chetco Activity Center: 8:00 am - 9:00 am.

Book Club
Thursdays
Chetco Activity Center: 10:00 am.

Rowdy Creek String Band
Thursdays
Chetco Library: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.
Open rehearsal for acoustic string instrument players.
Widows and Widowers Coffee

Clique
Thursdays
Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach: 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

Games in the Lounge
Thursdays
Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm.

Tri City Bridge
Thursdays
Chetco Activity Center: 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm.

EZ Flo Yoga with Mavis
Thursdays
Chetco Library: 5:30 pm.
Free class for beginners and above. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle; participants should be able to comfortably get up and down from the floor.

Zumba
Thursdays
Chetco Activity Center: 5:30 pm.

Recreational Table Tennis
Thursdays
102 Park Street, Brookings: 6:30 pm.

Intermediate players welcome; bring your own paddle.

Line dance lessons
Thursdays
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.

Bingo
Fridays
Chetco Activity Center dining room: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm.

The Walking Group
Fridays
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.

T'ai Chi
Fridays
Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am and 10:30 am.

Threads, Hooks & Needles
Fridays Chetco Library: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm.
Fiber arts club for knitting, crocheting, sewing, and conversation.

Paws to Read
Saturdays
Chetco Library: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.
Children are invited to read one-on-one to certified therapy dogs Tucker or Suri in the Children's Section.

Saturday Shuffle
Saturdays
Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
Weekly card gaming session; players may bring decks to play Magic: The Gathering or Pokemon: The Trading Card Game.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Writers' Club
Wednesday, November 18
Chetco Library: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.
Local writers gather in the Forest Room for creative writing prompts, sharing and constructive feedback.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival Performances and Workshops
Thursday, November 19
Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
An evening of workshops and two short performances. Seating is limited; registration is required for performances and workshops.

Lego Club
Thursday, November 19
Chetco Library: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm.
Build with Legos individually or in teams in the Children's Section; creations will be showcased on library shelves.

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament
Friday, November 20
Chetco Library: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
International Games Month tournament for teams of two, recommended for adults and puzzlers ages 10 and older. Team registration is required at chetco.librarycalendar.com.

24th Annual Holiday Bazaar
Friday, November 20 - Saturday, November 21
Smith River Methodist Church, First and Beckstead streets, Smith River: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm both days.
Baked goods, Diane's jams and jellies, Christmas items, home and kitchen goods, animal-print rugs, vintage furniture, collectibles, toys and more. Receive a free festive cloth gift bag with purchase.

Jed Smith Mountain Men and Women Turkey Shoot
Saturday, November 21
Del Norte Rod and Gun Club, 1000 Rowdy Creek Road, Smith River: registration 9:00 am - 9:45 am; activities begin at 10:00 am.
Family event featuring black powder muzzleloader rifle and pistol, knife and hawk, primitive archery, and junior and peewee activities. For $20, participants can compete for turkey and ham prizes; other events offer bacon, sausage and Polish sausage. Potluck luncheon at about 12:30 pm. Follow the Turkey Shoot signs. Information: Phil Range, 208-863-8386.

Meet the Author: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Paulsen
Saturday, November 21
Chetco Library: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.
The local author, speaker and New Thought minister will discuss her newest book, That's a Good Thought: Daily Wisdom in an Uncertain World.

Craft'n'Connect with Kim
Wednesday, November 25
Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
Free monthly crafting workshop for adults. Registration is required and supplies are limited.

Look-Back Book Club
Wednesday, November 25
Chetco Library: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.
Teens 16 and older and adults revisit a childhood classic in the Annex Conference Room; see library social media or chetcolibrary.org for the November selection.

Monthly Drum Circle
Wednesday, November 25
Chetco Library: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm.
Drop in to play percussion or listen in the Forest Room; all percussion instruments, including hand clapping, are welcome.

Thanksgiving Day Service and Potluck
Thursday, November 26
St. Timothy Episcopal Church, 401 Fir St., Brookings: 12:00 pm.
The Brookings-Harbor community is invited to a Thanksgiving Day service, followed by a potluck meal downstairs.

Chetco Library closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday
Thursday, November 26 - Friday, November 27

Book Talk Book Club
Saturday, November 28
Chetco Library: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.
Discussion of Dungeon Crawler Carl by Matt Dinniman in the Quiet Reading Room.

Pacific Music Guild Holiday Concerts
Wednesday, December 2 - Thursday, December 3
Crescent Elk Middle School Auditorium, 994 G St., Crescent City: 7:00 pm both evenings.
North Coast Chorale, Redwood Chamber Singers and North Coast Youth Choir present an evening of holiday music. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for youth and free for children age 5 and younger. Advance tickets are available at Del Norte Office Supply and Wright's Custom Framing, with tickets also available at the door.

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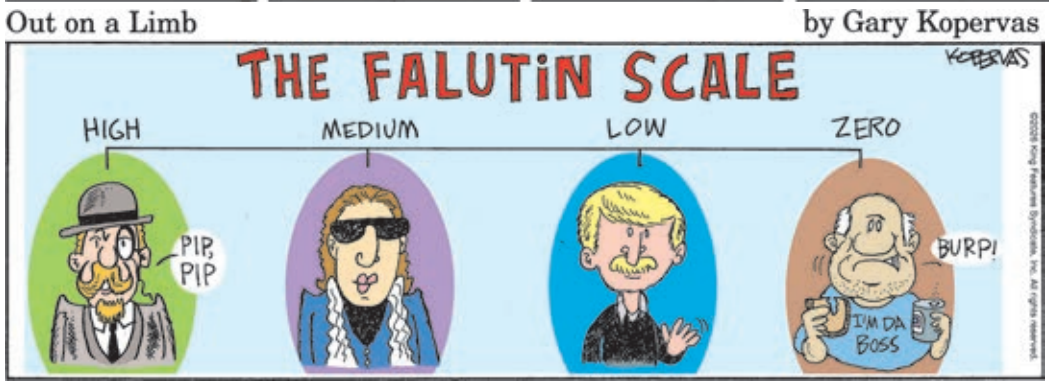
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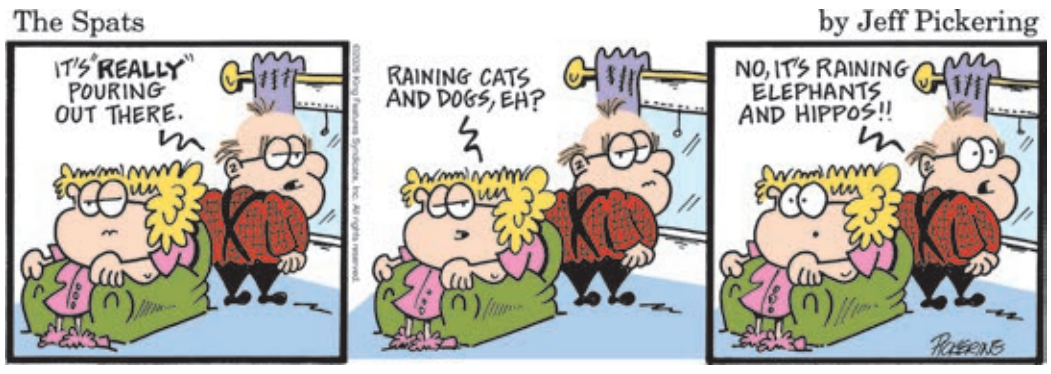
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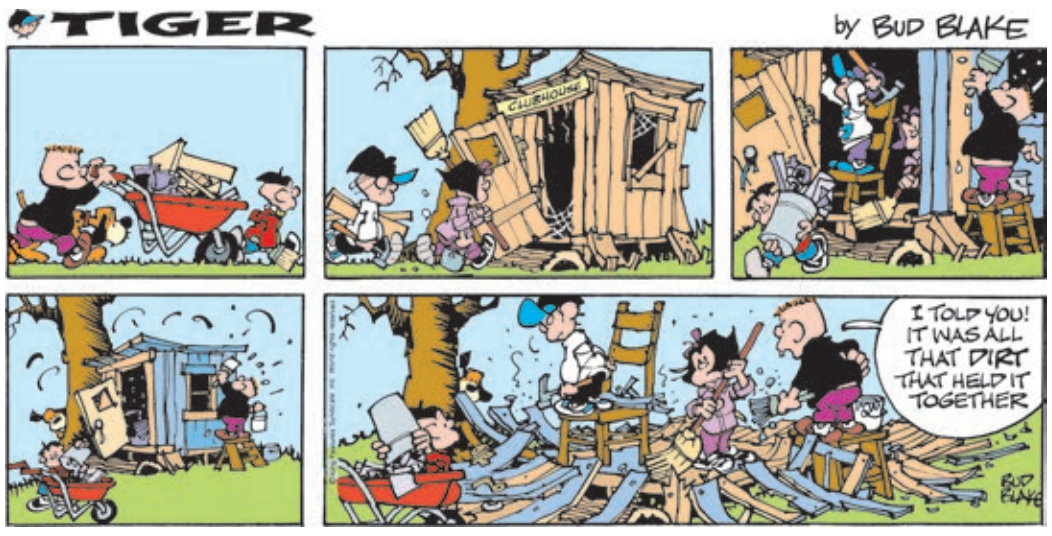
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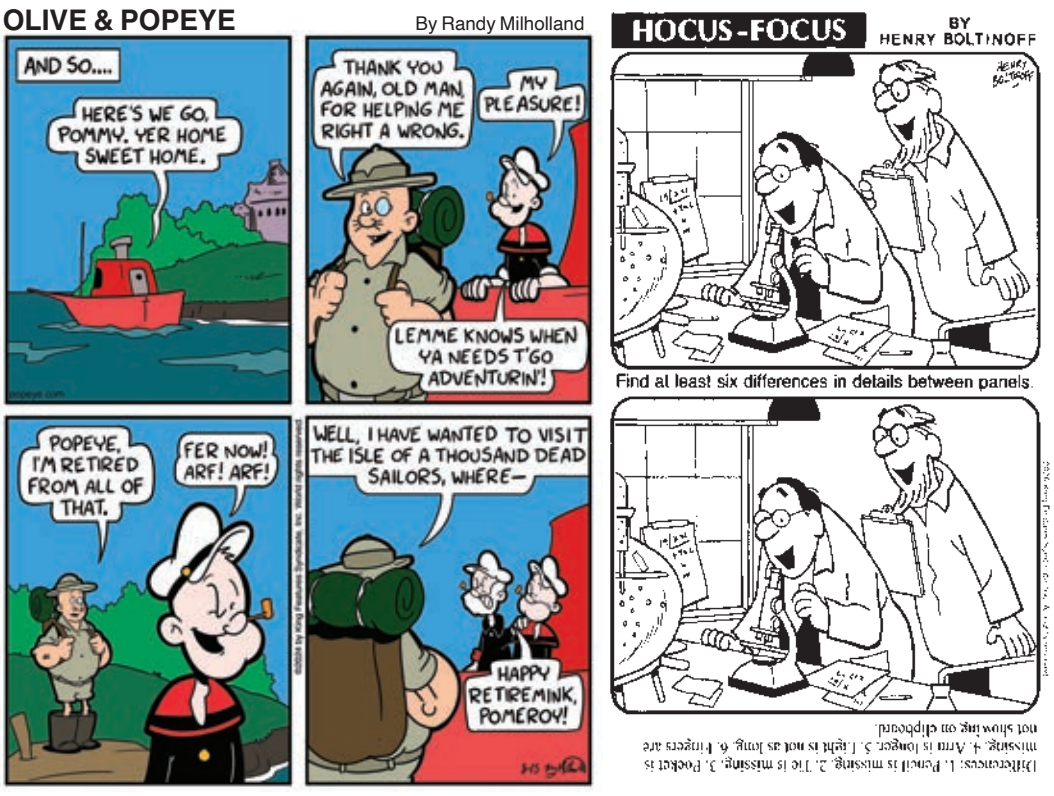
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by BUD BLAKE



OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Milholland



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Pencil is missing. 2. Tie is missing. 3. Pocket is missing. 4. Arm is longer. 5. Eight is not as long. 6. Fingers are not showing on clipboard.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: U equals P

ZPM BUUKA VXGSAF DABE RVXIA EAEZAQI VBPK JQXE CXQDVAQC IGXDKBCN: DVA CAR FXQS VPMVKBCNAQI.

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SCRAMBLERS

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



Shame — MERIC

Aside — GNATNET

Hurl — WORTH

Rent — EASEL

TODAY'S WORD

"No golf today, Ted. Not until I cut the grass — Helen took my golf clubs as a _ _ _ _ _ _ _!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Furnace fuel
5 Arles buddy
8 Grouch
12 Words said with a sigh
13 A Bobbsey twin
14 Corridor
15 Subsequently
16 Small orchestra
18 Tennis category
20 Like a gorilla
21 Up to
22 "Ben- —"
23 Marina boat
26 "My Way" singer Frank
30 Rock producer Brian
31 Monk's title
32 "Big Blue"
33 Tricky baseball pitches
36 Old photo tint
38 Hosp. hookups
39 Lincoln or Ford
40 Savory taste
43 Winding
47 "The Jungle" author
49 Haydn nickname
50 Essence
51 Joan of —
52 Not that
53 Spanish ayes
54 Salty expanse
55 Phoenix cagers

DOWN

1 Felines
2 Surprised greeting
3 "So be it"
4 Duration
5 Photographer Adams
6 French "but"
7 Hostel
8 "Quantum Healing" author Deepak
9 Hindu royal
10 Famed boxing family
11 Humdrum
17 Mythic goatman
19 Tipsy
22 That fellow
23 "Certainly!"
24 Singer DiFranco
25 Bamboozle
26 "Help!"
27 Bit of advice
28 Slugger's stat
29 Med. group
31 ER workers
34 Korean cabbage dish
35 Wicked
36 — Diego
37 Blows one's top
39 About, datewise
40 Priority Mail org.
41 1003, in old Rome
42 Pantry pests
43 Beget
44 Diamond Head locale
45 — arms
46 Back talk
48 Remote batteries, often

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Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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FiveSpot™

Car seat?

C	H	I	L	D

Reduced fare category, often

Argentina neighbor

Product of an earlier time

Without obstruction

Thanksgiving duty

One who prepares for a rainy day

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

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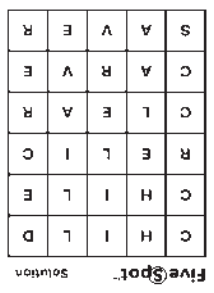
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays is the longest?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is kefir?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What does Australia mean in Latin?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of California?
5. MOVIES: Which famous Los Angeles landmark is featured in "Rebel Without a Cause"?
6. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the patella?
7. TELEVISION: What is Tina Fey's character's name in "30 Rock"?
8. MUSIC: How many Grammys does Beyonce have (as of 2025)?
9. COMICS: What is the name of Clark Kent's friend and photographer at the Daily Planet?
10. HISTORY: How many wives did Henry VIII of England have?

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SCRAMBLERS
Solution
1. Crime; 2. Tangent
3. Throw; 4. Lease
Today's Word
HOSTAGE



Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

CryptoQuip answer

Big Apple hockey team whose members hail from northern Scotland: The New York Highlanders.

Trivia Answers

1. "Hamlet"
2. Fermented milk
3. "Southern" (australis)
4. Sacramento
5. Griffith Observatory
6. Kneecap
7. Liz Lemon
8. 35
9. Jimmy Olsen
10. Six

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 23 mins.

C	O	A	L		A	M	I		C	R	A	B
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Federal support for Oregon's hazelnut, seafood Industries

STAFF REPORT
Coos Bay World

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will purchase hazelnuts and Pacific Whiting fillets under the agency's Section 32 purchase program," according to a release from Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley.

These purchases will benefit communities and rural economies across Oregon by supporting domestic production and distribution of these agricultural goods during periods of significant market disruption and economic uncertainty, according to Merkley

Merkley led Oregon Congressional Delegation members—including Senator Ron Wyden and U.S. Representatives Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01), Val Hoyle (OR-04), Andrea Salinas (OR-06), Maxine Dexter (OR-03), and Janelle Bynum (OR-05) announcing the federal purchase after pressure from the delegation.

"Our fisheries and farms deliver incredible products all around the world and are the lifeblood of our communities," Merkley said.

Merkley led the Oregon delegation in pressing USDA to include hazelnuts and whiting in its latest food purchase.

"This announcement ensures Oregon's harvesters, processors, and producers will receive critical financial assistance needed to continue operating and providing services here in Oregon and beyond," Merkley said. "I am elated the USDA has decided to make these purchases—this is a win for communities across our state."

"Iconic state industries like agriculture and fishing count on the U.S. Department of Agriculture to do its job and support Oregonians working hard to keep producing their world-class goods," Wyden said. "I'm glad the full-court press from the delegation has unlocked this win for Oregonians fishing Pacific whiting and growing hazelnuts."

"Oregonians know that hazelnuts and seafood are some of the state's most popular and delicious products," Bonamici said. "Our growers and producers work tirelessly and bolster the local economy. I'm glad the USDA is making this investment."

"These investments from the USDA will support the people who harvest, process and bring Pacific Whiting fish and hazelnuts to market," Hoyle said. "By putting Oregon fishermen and farmers first, we're boosting our coastal and rural economies."

"Oregon's specialty crop growers are the backbone of our economy, but too many are struggling with rising costs and uncertain markets," Salinas said. "In the Willamette Valley, generations of farmers have depended on the hazelnut industry for their livelihoods. That's why I joined my colleagues in pushing USDA to purchase Oregon hazelnuts and Pacific whiting. These purchases will provide much-needed support for our growers and fishing communities while putting more Oregon-grown and Oregon-caught food onto kitchen tables. I'm proud we secured this win for Oregon producers, and I'll keep fighting to make sure our specialty crop farmers have the markets and resources they need to succeed."

"Oregon's farmers and fishermen work hard to feed our communities, and they deserve a federal government that stands behind them," Dexter said. "Our delegation pushed USDA to act, and these $34 million in purchases will support Oregon's hazelnut growers and fishermen during a difficult economic stretch. This investment will help sustain local jobs, strengthen rural and coastal economies, and get nutritious food to families who need it."

"Our farmers are putting in the work every day to keep Oregon families fed," Bynum said. "And they're not just helping put food on the table, they're keeping money with our families, creating good jobs close to home, and giving people what they need to put down roots here in Oregon. Money back in our state and with our farmers is a win-win."

OPRD looking back and planning for the future

OREGON PARKS AND RESREATION DEPARTMENT

As this year comes to a close, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is looking back on 2026 and planning for the 2027 season.

OPRD welcomed millions of visitors this year to its state parks, including 2.2 million camping nights so far this year. Park rangers were on the ground welcoming visitors, cleaning restrooms, hosting hikes and star parties, and addressing hundreds of trail, utility, and other maintenance issues that arose throughout the year.

This year also came with some significant changes to OPRD's fees as the agency successfully closed a $14 million funding gap for the 2025-2027 biennium. Some of the fees had not been updated in 15 years.

"These changes, while hard, were absolutely necessary and they prevented us from closing parks," said OPRD director Lisa Sumption. "We fixed our budget in the short-term, and now we are turning our attention toward long-term solutions that do not put the burden solely on our visitors."

Staff are looking forward to welcoming visitors for the 2027 season. To help visitors enjoy Oregon's more than 250 state park areas and know what to expect next year, see the following updates.

Fall/Winter 2026:

• OPRD refreshed its online store, offering new ways to remember your favorite Oregon State Parks visit.

• OPRD and State Library of Oregon made 200 parking permits available at 82 libraries across the state and will be evaluating opportunities to expand the Library Pass Program.

• Weatherization of parks closed over the winter months.

• Update reservation website to show the site fee per day when selecting available camping dates.

• New Spot Watch feature provides more detailed notification options via text or email. You can set up a notification that includes multiple parks, lodging types, and date ranges.

• Begin low-season park improvement projects, like those happening at Cape Lookout State Park, Silver falls State Park a, and Smith Rock State Park.

• Following the new dump station fee implemented at 18 state parks, the agency is evaluating whether additional parks have the technology and site conditions to make implementation practical.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027

• First Day Hikes: Guided hikes at select parks on Jan. 1.

• The Transient Lodging Tax set by the Oregon Tourism Commission will increase from 1.5% to 2.75% and effects all OPRD overnight reservations. OPRD does not receive funds collected from this tax.

• Physical 12-month parking permits – the hang tags – will only be sold online and will cost $10 more to account for printing and handling fees. Digital 12-month parking permits will still cost $60 for Oregon residents and $75 for non-residents.

• Jessie M. Honeyman State Park will close for several months starting in January for utility and hazard tree removal work.

Spring 2027

• Park cleanup, repair and reopening after assessing any damage or issues that arose after the winter season.

• Rate increases to reservable day-use facilities (amphitheater, group day use, meeting hall, pavilion and picnic shelter), yurts and cabins take effect May 1. Increases will be about 5% to account for inflation in utility, supplies and staffing costs.

• Hire for seasonal staff.

OPRD is making substantially fewer fee changes in 2027. Addressing large maintenance projects that are overdue, often referred to as deferred maintenance, is the primary issue. If put off for too long, the issues can become persistent and cause service disruptions or closures to campgrounds.

The agency does not receive general fund tax revenue, and fees alone will not be able to address deferred maintenance. OPRD has been and will continue to focus on long-term funding solutions that can meet the scale of the deferred maintenance need.

Visit the Oregon State Parks website for more information.





Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek speaks at the Oregon Democratic Party's election night watch party in Portland, Oregon, on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026. (Jordan Gale / Oregon Capital Chronicle)

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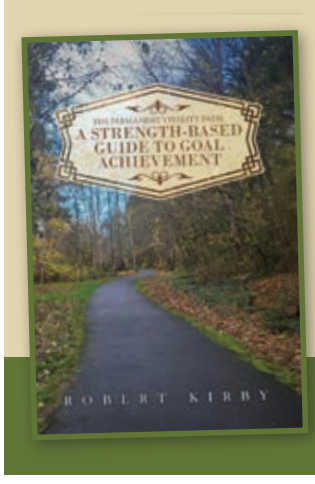
grams and investing state funds in business infrastructure and development.

Among the first will be next week, when Kotek rolls out a fast-track program for statewide permitting, requiring state agencies to approve or deny applications within clear timelines. She said she'd also reorganize Oregon's economic development agency Business Oregon into a more hands-on Department of Commerce working directly with businesses and industry in the state.

And in December, Kotek will also go to the Legislative Emergency Board to ask for $10 million for the Bend-La Pine School District and the city of Bend to help pay for services and support needed in the aftermath of the Oct. 15 school shooting at Silver Rail Elementary that left five people dead including the gunman.

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