

Friends of Curry Campus Speaker Series Presents: Adventures in South Africa

From SWOCC

Brookings, OR – Southwestern Oregon Community College Curry Campus invites the community to join us on Thursday, May 14, 2026, 1:00 to 2:00 pm, for a presentation on Adventures in South Africa by Vicki Gorham.

This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of Curry Campus and will be held in the Community Room on Southwestern's Curry Campus, 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway (off Highway 101), Brookings.

Vicki and her husband Bill have been traveling internationally for many years. To date, they have made five trips to Africa, mostly to South Africa, and have taken numerous photos and short videos.

Vicki became interested in photography when they were living in Australia in 2010 and 2011. She found the Australian wildflowers to be unique and captivating and purchased her first camera while living there. That quickly spiraled into an interest in photographing birds, as she found the birdlife in Australia to be especially colorful and diverse.

Since then, photographing wildlife has been an ongoing passion, with African animals



proving to be some of the most challenging and interesting of all their travels, offering abundant photo opportunities as they've driven around the continent.

Please join us for this photographic journey into South

Africa. In addition, there will be lots of stories about Bill and Vicki's interactions with wildlife including elephants, rhinos, cape buffalo, and lions.

Bring a friend and stay tuned for upcoming talks in our speaker series.

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The presentation on June 11 will be the final one before the summer break and will be about the Galapagos Islands. For more information contact the Curry Campus at 541-813-1667.

Merkley Seeks Answers

on Hegseth's Role in Dismantling Military's Civilian Harm Prevention Guard Rails in Advance of Iran War



FROM THE OFFICE OF SENATOR MERKLEY

Washington, D.C. — Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley—a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee—joined a group of Senators in seeking answers on U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth's role in weakening civilian harm prevention programs and the catastrophic civilian impacts of President Trump's war in Iran.

"The high human toll of this war reflects the administration's broader disregard for the strategic, legal, and moral imperative to minimize civilian harm," wrote the Senators in a letter to Secretary Hegseth. "We call on the administration to immediately end the war in Iran and fully restore Congressionally authorized programs and staffing to mitigate civilian harm."

Since the start of President Trump's illegal war in Iran, attacks on civilian infrastructure have led to more than 1,700 civilian deaths, along with strikes on more than 20 schools and a dozen health care facilities.

"We are concerned that these were all preventable tragedies... This is a concerning pattern and raises questions about whether the administration is upholding international law and the laws of war," they continued.

The Senators called on the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to answer questions about reported attacks on two separate elementary schools in Iran that killed more than

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After almost two-year lapse, Oregon counties get nearly \$100 million from Secure Rural Schools

2025 Secure Rural Schools funds allocated to each Oregon county for roads, schools and county projects includes nearly \$1.7 million for Curry County

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Photo courtesy of Stevenson-Carson School District Wind River Middle School, in Carson, Wash., closed in the fall of 2025 after Secure Rural Schools Act funding lapsed.

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Opinion & Letters

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brookings community, I am saddened to hear of the passing of previous city councilor, Ed Schreiber. I knew of Ed for a number of years before serving with him on the city council, and it was my time with him on the council where I witnessed his immense character. Ed, wife Linda, and their family were fixtures in the Brookings community for a number of years. While living here, they volunteered as part of several organizations focused on the betterment of our city and

the development of our youth. In fact, Ed and Linda worked behind the scenes to help several others; never with a need or want for pay back or public praise. Ed was a rare person, simply motivated by doing what was right. I believe it was through his heart to help others and community mindedness that Ed eventually tipped his toe into local politics. Ed was a devout man of faith who always put God, family and community in front of self. He may have been skinny in appearance, but he was a strong man,

especially in his spirit. He was a man who approached every aspect of his life with true grit and integrity. To say our time together on the city council was tumultuous is an understatement. Within two months of my appointment to the council, we had to make some difficult decisions that divided us. Truth is, Ed and I didn't see eye to eye, but this is where I saw his greatness. Ed had experience and seniority, he could easily have used our disagreements as a catalyst let me

flounder, but that wasn't Ed. Even when lines were drawn in the sand, Ed kept his patience and his friendship with me. When I was the most uncomfortable, Ed would be the one with the sideways smirk and strong welcoming hand shake. What Ed emulated, the lesson he taught me through his actions, was not to let disagreements embitter us towards each other. In his final show of grace and humility as a counselor, Ed showed up to keep a quorum so our Brookings Government

would not come to a standstill. In doing this, he faced more accusations and other vitriolic statements. He didn't have to show-up and take this abuse, but he did. Why? Because he put the community before self, this was integrity in action. A lesson we can all learn from. I will always be grateful for the lessons on strength and integrity councilor and friend Ed Schreiber taught me. He is missed.
*Isaac Hodges
Former Mayor and Councilor
Brookings*



Azalea Middle School Track & Field team wins at Reedsport track meet

By JASON LIDDELL

Azalea Middle School (AMS) Track & Field team traveled to Reedsport April 15 to compete against four other teams in the Far West division: Coffenberry Middle School in Myrtle Creek, Gold Beach Middle School, Reedsport Middle School and Waldport Middle School.

Of the 14 total events, an AMS athlete placed first in eight, often in both the Men's and Women's categories together. Their performance at the meet secured them a win at Reedsport by a large margin. Azalea shined in the mid to long distance races, taking first place in the 400- and 800-Meter races for both the Men's and Women's categories, and another first place in the Men's 1,500 Meter race.

Standouts in these races include 8th grade students Curren Christensen, Karter Walker, Lei-la Newman and Judson Jones. Curren and Karter took first and second places, respectively, in the Men's 400 Meter, with Karter getting a personal best time for his race. Leila dominated in the Women's 400- and 800-Meter races, taking first place with significant leads in both. Judson secured first in the Men's 1,500 Meter.

Short distance race wins for Azalea came in the hurdle races, both 100- and 200-Meter. Tyler Camp took first in both races, while getting a personal best time in the 100-Meter Hurdles. In fact, Tyler currently holds the fastest times in both hurdle races in their entire Far West division.

AMS also won in four

field events: Tyler Camp took first in the Men's High Jump as well, Ash-lynn Burkman won for the Women's High Jump, Max Petrie in the Men's Pole Vault, and Curren Christensen also placed first in the Men's Long Jump. Azalea's Track & Field program is coached by Karissa Horn and Blayne Exline.

Coach Horn commented on two of Azalea's top Track & Field athletes: "Tyler Camp is currently ranked in the top in the state in the 200m Hurdles and the 33-inch 100m Hurdles ... Sometimes hurdles are hard to judge because different heights are used in different areas, but regardless of that, Tyler is still one of the best in the state ... Leila continues to be a top performer in the 1500-, 800- and 400-meter runs. She holds the top spot in our league in the 1500 and the 800 and is second in the 400."

Horn has been a track coach for 6 years, and her goals include wanting her "team to continue to grow as athletes, students, and human beings." Azalea Middle School's Track & Field team is traveling to Marshfield High School for their Junior High FWL Invite on April 22.

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Monday 04/13:

- 0:37 South Bank Chetco River Rd, fire alarm
- 5:32 Coverdell Rd, intoxicated subject
- 6:28 Railroad Ave, alarm
- 10:02 Blueberry and Dawson, violation of city ordinance
- 10:29 Bridge St, violation of city ordinance
- 13:56 Fir St, alarm
- 15:50 Pedrioli Dr, fire alarm
- 19:10 Memory Ln, alarm
- 20:34 4th St, disorderly conduct

Tuesday 04/14:

- 7:05 Oak St, violation of city ordinance

- 8:18 Chetco Ave, civil problem
- 11:28 Del Norte Ln, civil problem
- 11:53 North Bank Chetco River Rd, criminal trespass

Wednesday 04/15:

- 5:06 Hwy 101 and Gerlach Ln, disorderly conduct
- 6:57 W Benham, fire alarm
- 15:25 Easy St, criminal trespass
- 15:35 5th St, criminal trespass
- 16:24 Ransom Ave, harassment
- 23:25 Chetco Ave, criminal trespass
- 23:41 Alder St, curfew violation

Thursday 04/16:

- 16:34 Maple St, civil problem
- 19:43 Hwy 101, warrant service
- 22:04 Chetco Ave, illegal camping

Friday 04/17:

- 10:48 Chetco Ave, strangulation
- 12:06 Hwy 101 S, threats
- 12:55 ODOT yard near Rainbow Rock, shot(s) fired
- 13:28 5th St, traffic crash
- 14:33 Hassett, telephone harassment
- 18:22 Chetco Ave, criminal trespass
- 23:55 Mill Beach, loud noise

Saturday 04/18:

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Sunday 04/19:

- 0:41 Chetco Ave, dispute/fight
- 6:47 South Bank Chetco River Rd, criminal trespass
- 7:09 North Bank Pullout, violation of city ordinance
- 7:28 Fir St, criminal trespass
- 7:33 Oak St, violation of city ordinance
- 8:43 Chetco Ave, theft
- 9:53 Alder St, criminal mischief
- 13:25 Pioneer Rd, criminal mischief
- 14:53 E Hoffeldt, disorderly conduct

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Fourth whale beaches along the Oregon Coast

JEREMY C. RUARK
Staff Report

A 40-foot, male Gray whale washed ashore on the south end of Seaside Beach April 14.

This was the fourth whale to beach since February.

A 46-foot fin whale washed ashore north of Sunset Beach near Warrenton Feb. 7. The whale had been dead for a while prior to washing ashore, according to the Seaside Aquarium.

In late March, a 40-foot gray whale was found along the beach near Florence. On April 12, a 38-foot female gray whale beached near Yachats.

In November of 2025, a large whale washed ashore in the same area and later died. In that case, officials said the whale had become tangled in fishing gear.

A necropsy was scheduled to be conducted for the Seaside beached whale.

"While the goal of any necropsy is to determine the cause of death, every

necropsy is unique, and we learn from each one," according to a Seaside Aquarium Facebook post.

What happens during a necropsy?

First, a wide array of measurements and photographs are taken. Any obvious signs of trauma or abnormalities are documented. Then, the team peels back the blubber layer to look for signs of trauma like hemorrhage (bruising), measures the blubber thickness, and examines the overall "health" of the blubber (color, oil content, texture, etc.), according to the Seaside Aquarium.

Samples of the blubber are taken and sent to a lab for further analysis. This may sound easy, but it can be quite a task. The blubber is thick and heavy. It can be hard to cut through and even harder to peel down due to the weight. A necropsy is all about teamwork, so while one portion of the team tackles the blubber, another team takes a closer look at the whale's



head. Samples of baleen and tongue are taken.

Next, the team dives deeper into the whale looking for parasites, cancers, or other signs of disease. Next is the daunting task of getting samples from any organ the team can access. This varies for each whale depending on its size and position. In some whales, only their intestines are accessible,

while in others the team is fortunate enough to sample the kidneys, lungs, liver, and stomach content (did you know that Gray whales have three stomachs?).

Once all the samples have been taken and observations documented, the conversations begin. Each team member brings a unique perspective or insight into each necropsy, so everyone shares notes

and overall thoughts. While the cause of death cannot always be determined, the team can come together and theorize what may have caused the animal's death.

Next Steps

Though smelly, it is best for the environment for the whale to remain unburied on the beach. The whale provides food for a wide range of scavengers,

and as it decomposes, nutrients are transferred into the surrounding sand. However, there are times and places where a whale cannot simply remain on the beach. In those cases, the whale is buried or removed, according to the Seaside Aquarium.

That was the case for a 40-foot whale that washed ashore near Yachats April 12.

Merkley

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170 people, most of them children.

Prior to the war, Secretary Hegseth made deep cuts to the military's civilian harm mitigation and response (CHMR) programs, fired personnel at DoD's Civilian Protection Center of Excellence, and slashed CHMR staff at the U.S.

combatant commands "by more than 90 per-cent." All the cuts were reportedly made over the objections of veterans organizations and top military officials, including admirals, generals, and members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"We are also concerned that your leadership is further harming the credibility of our armed forces, exacerbating threats to civilians

and U.S. servicemembers alike," wrote the Senators.

Secretary Hegseth has mocked "stupid rules of engagement" and threatened to offer "no quarter, no mercy for our enemies" in Iran, which would violate international law and the military's own Law of War Manual.

"These statements not only harm civilians and undermine established

standards, but also endanger U.S. servicemembers with greater risk of reciprocity and erode good order and discipline," warned the Senators.

Senior military officials in the Trump administration agree that mitigating civilian harm is vital for national security. Under Secretary of Defense for Policy Elbridge Colby wrote to Congress that, "it is in the U.S. national interest, as well as morally right, to seek to reduce civilian harm to the degree possible." During his confirmation, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Dan Caine said that combatant commanders who incorporated CHMR personnel into planning "see positive impacts from the program."

"Your attempts to gut DoD's civilian harm institutions contradicts more than a decade of bipartisan consensus and DoD-led reforms, initiated during the first Trump administration," noted the Senators.

"The importance of protecting civilian life to the greatest extent possible is central to effective military operations and differentiates the United States from our adversaries... We call on the administration to immediately end the war in Iran, fully restore Congressionally authorized programs and staffing to mitigate civilian harm," concluded the Senators.

The lawmakers asked Hegseth to explain the cuts to civilian harm programs and explain what steps the Pentagon is taking to pro-

tect civilian lives in Iran by May 4, 2026.

The letter was led by U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.). In addition to Merkley, Senators Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Mark Kelly (D-Ariz.), Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Tina Smith (D-Minn.), Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.), and Peter Welch (D-Vt.) joined in signing the letter.

Last month, Merkley pressed Secretary Hegseth and the Department of Defense to provide answers to the American people regarding the airstrikes on an elementary school for girls in Iran that reportedly killed at least 160 people — mostly children.

Off the Charts: Blood pressure medications



By DR. GIGI REED, MD

Often, I see patients with severely elevated blood pressure who say: "I feel fine, I do not need any blood pressure medications".

To which I always try to explain the following: We do not feel the high blood pressure because our body compensates for the elevated pressure by strengthening the blood vessels. This "strengthening" of the arteries has the adverse effect of narrowing and stiffening them - now called atherosclerotic arteries.

Once arteries stiffen the heart must push harder to circulate blood, which increases pressure further and causes additional hardening. More and more atherosclerotic plaque will form until no more (or at least much less) blood makes it past that plaque. The tissue beyond that plaque will begin to get less and less oxygen and nutrients.

Over time, this process raises the likelihood of heart attack, stroke, dementia, heart failure, kidney problems, nerve

damage, vision problems and more.

Blood pressure is defined as the pressure of blood against the walls of the arteries as the heart pumps it through the body.

Although our baseline long-term blood pressure is regulated at the kidneys, the heart regulates sudden blood pressure changes by adjusting how fast and how forcefully it beats, which in turn is based on body demands and autonomic signals.

The first real blood pressure medication on the market was chlorothiazide in 1958. Its function is to prevent the re-uptake of sodium from what is filtered through in the kidneys. When the sodium is not able to be getting reabsorbed to the blood stream and therefore gets urinated out, it takes chloride with it.

Since we do not, however, urinate salt crystals, the sodium-chloride combo drags with it water and all of it gets urinated out. With less blood volume, the blood pressure goes down as the heart has to pump less forcefully and

less often.

The 1960's brought us beta 1-blockers, which prevent the heart from beating fast. Names of such drugs include metoprolol, and propranolol (many of them end with —olol).

It also brought us calcium channel blockers (CCB). CCBs used for BP control cause dilation of arterioles and therefore lower vascular resistance, or in other words, lower blood pressure. Examples of these drugs include amlodipine and felodipine (many of them end with —dipine).

In the 1970's, the so-called angiotensin-converting-enzyme, or ACE-inhibitors, and after that, the angiotensin-receptor-blockers, or ARBs were developed. Both medications work in preventing a main pathway that usually gets initiated in the kidneys when blood pressure drops. This pathway initiates constriction of the blood vessels and sodium retention and therewith water retention. By inhibiting this pathway, we lower blood pressure. Examples of the ACE-inhibitors include lisinopril or benazepril. These meds often end with —pril. Examples of the ARBs include losartan and Valsartan, note the ending: —sartan.

These are the main groups of blood pressure medications. There are, however, other means of keeping or reaching lower blood pressure, including weight loss if we are overweight, regular exercise and diet adjustments.

Leaving Germany after college, Dr. Gudrun (Gigi) Reed spent over 20 years as a scientist in the U.S. She holds four patents in DNA research and was a university professor. Today she is busy as co-medical director for hospice, acute rehabilitation and practices family medicine in Brookings, OR. Gigireed-md@gmail.com

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DAILY

- Daily Meal, 11:15 am – 12:30 pm, Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane.

WEDNESDAYS

- Tai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am – 10:30 am and 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm.
- Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 10:30 – 11:00 am absolute beginners, 11:00 – 12:00 pm improver, 12:00 – 1:00 pm intermediate.
- 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. For information 541-412-8664.
- Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.
- Afterschool Program, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm. School aged kids are welcome to come by the library for a free snack and to hang out, work on homework, or craft using supplies from the Maker cart.
- Recorders, Chetco Activity Center, 1:00pm – 2:30 pm. Bring your recorder(s) and a music stand. Music will be provided.
- Men's Club Golf, Salmon Run Golf Course: 9:00 am. Friendly team and individual play. Prizes, laughs, good food and drink. \$65 annual fee (includes OGA membership). All skill levels welcome. For info call: Bob K. 701-269-7822.

THURSDAYS

- Bridge, Chetco Activity Center: 12:15 pm. Closed on Thanksgiving.
- Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach: 10:30 – 11:30 am.
- Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. A beginners' yoga class that includes standing positions. For this class it is recommended that participants be able to comfortably get up and down from the floor.
- Rowdy Creek String Band (open rehearsal), Chetco Library: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. A friendly open rehearsal for acoustic string instrument players. Not a string instrument player? Drop in and listen.
- Checkmate Corner, Chetco Library: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. A weekly chess club for players of all ages and skill levels. Can't bring your own set? Extra game boards are available.
- Recreational Table Tennis, 102 Park Street,

Brookings: 6:30 pm. Love a good rally? Join us. For intermediate players who enjoy fast, friendly matches and great company. Bring your paddle and hope to see you soon.

- Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 10:30 – 11:00 am absolute beginners, 11:00 – 12:00 pm improver, 12:00 – 1:00 pm intermediate.

FRIDAYS

- Bingo, Chetco Activity Center: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm. Closed Friday after Thanksgiving.
- The Walking Group, Azalea Park: 11 am. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. For information 541-412-8664
- Pinochle and other card games, Chetco Activity Center: 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm
- Tai Chi, Chetco Activity Center: 9:00 am – 10:30 am.
- Threads, Hooks, & Needles, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. A fiber arts club for knitters, sewers, and more. Bring your latest project and connect with other fiber artists over light refreshments in the Makerspace.

SATURDAYS

- Saturday Shuffle: Magic the Gathering and more. Chetco Library: 1:00 pm. Stop by the library every week for Saturday Shuffle, where players can bring their favorite deck and play Magic: The Gathering. Gamers of all kinds are also welcome to bring their favorite card or board games from their own collections, or browse the library's games, and find a crew to play with.
- Saturday Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and games for young children.

MONDAYS

- Line dance lessons, Brookings Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 10:30 – 11:00 am absolute beginners, 11:00 – 12:00 pm improver, 12:00 – 1:00 pm intermediate.

TUESDAYS

- Brookings-Harbor Garden Club Work Party,

- 10:00 am – 11:30 am, Brookings Botanical Garden. Come see how you can help.
- Bridge, 12:15 pm, Chetco Activity Center
- Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge, 6 pm – 8 pm Donations requested.
- Storytime, Chetco Library: 10:30 am. Stories, songs, and simple crafts for young children.
- Tween Club, Chetco Library: 3:30 pm. Youth ages 10-13 are welcome to hang out and explore new interests and activities every week.
- Pinochle and other card games, Chetco Activity Center 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Amateur Radio Net check-ins, Gasquet Net: 6:30 pm on 147.18, DN Amateur Radio Club: 7:15 pm on 146.88. If you are a licensed Ham Radio operator, join us. You do not have to be a member of the Del Norte Amateur Radio Club. Find out what is happening around the area. Registration recommended, but team signups are allowed the day of if space allows.
- Line dance lessons, Crescent City Elks Lodge. Membership not required. All donations welcome and appreciated, \$2 minimum from all dancers. 10:30 – 11:00 am absolute beginners, 11:00 – 12:00 pm improver, 12:00 – 1:00 pm intermediate.
- Ukuleles, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Bring your uke and a music stand. Music will be provided.

MAY 2

- It's About Time It's About Time presented by North Coast Chorale, Redwood Chamber Singers, North Coast Youth Choir, Crescent Elk Auditorium: 7:00 pm. Tickets Available At the Concert Door and in Advance at Del Norte Office Supply and Wright's Custom Framing. \$15 Adult. \$10 Youth. Kids 5 and Under Free

MAY 3

- It's About Time It's About Time presented by North Coast Chorale, Redwood Chamber Singers, North Coast Youth Choir, Crescent Elk Auditorium: 3:00 pm. Tickets Available At the Concert Door and in Advance at Del Norte Office Supply and Wright's Custom Framing. \$15 Adult. \$10 Youth. Kids 5 and Under Free

MAY 9

- VFW Post 966 meeting, 507 Pacific Ave, Brookings, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Wartime veterans are encouraged to join. Help us save our Post, buy a brick. For more information call: 541-412-6236.
- Dress a Girl, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1200 Easy Street: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. We sew dresses for girls and shorts for boys around the world. Bring your lunch and bring a friend. Contact Jane Knox for more information at 209-815-2100.

MAY 10

- Stillhouse Junkies concert, Pistol River Friendship Hall: 6:00 pm. The Pistol River Concert Association is pleased to present the Colorado based free-range folk band, Stillhouse Junkies. This dynamic trio explore the worlds between roots, bluegrass, Texas-swing, blues and rock. Tickets are available for \$20 at Wrights Custom Framing in Brookings, First Chapter Coffee House in Gold Beach, or online at pistolriver.com.

OBITUARIES

Dustin Michael Lea

October 8, 1998 - April 7, 2026

On the morning of April 7th, the world lost Dustin Lea, a father of four beautiful boys, Wyatt, Colson, Ryker, and Asher, and husband to Angel Lea. Dustin was born and raised in Curry County, living most of his life in Brookings, OR. In his youth, he was an accomplished athlete and a dedicated member of the robotics team. Sports were a constant throughout his childhood, beginning with T-ball when he was near the size of the bat, and culminating with football his senior year. He had a passion for engineering and understanding how things work, studying to become

an electrician at the time of his passing. Dustin loved the outdoors, camping with family and kayaking on the Chetco River.

As an adult, he put all of himself into being a devoted father and hard worker at South Coast Lumber. Over his time there, he developed strong friendships with his co-workers who will miss him dearly. Being a father and provider meant the world to him, many nights and mornings were spent with his children asleep on his chest.

He is survived by his family, friends, co-workers, and community members. His parents Michelle and



Mark, his siblings Mikaela and Conner, his wife Angel, and children Wyatt Avey, Colson Alder, Ryker Alton, and Asher Avery, who will miss him everyday and carry on his legacy.

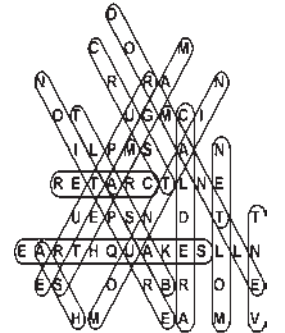
Erik Krohn Larsen

Erik Krohn Larsen, 94, of Brookings, Oregon, passed away peacefully on April 1, 2026.

He is survived by his wife Susan, his children Sue, Annette, Jennifer and Geoff, 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his first wife Ingrid. No services will be held as Erik requested.

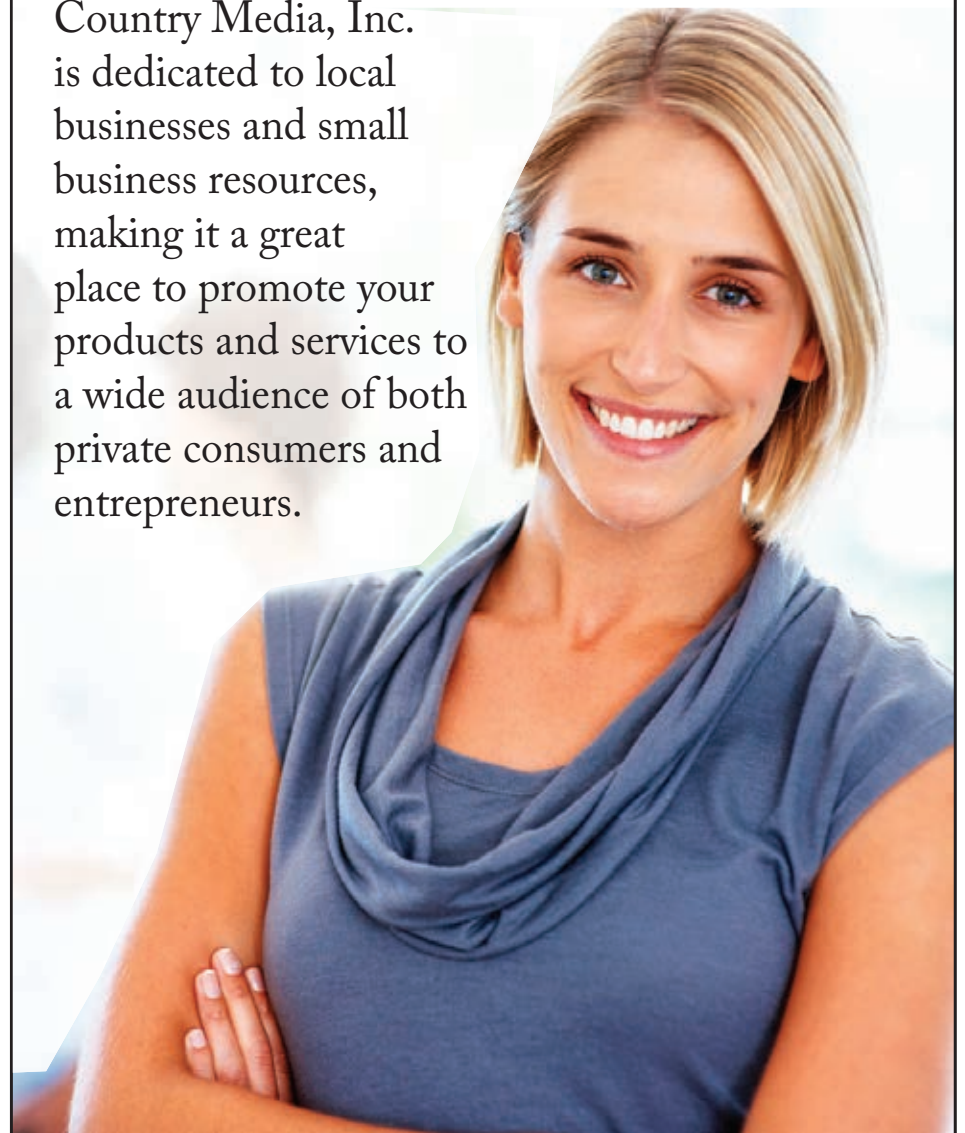


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A Budget Meeting of the Upper Chetco Rural Fire Protection District will be held at 5:30 PM on May 6th, 2026. This meeting will take place at the fire hall on Gardner Ridge Rd. The public is encouraged to attend. Respectfully submitted by Lori Wraith 4/22 & 4/29/2026 Pilot 425722

Notice of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Pistol River Fire District, Curry County, State of Oregon, on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at Pistol River Fire Hall. The meeting will take place on May 6 at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. An additional, separate meeting of the Budget Committee will be held to take public comment. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. The meeting for public comment will be on June 10 at 6:00 p.m., held at Pistol River Fire Hall. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 1 at Pistol River Fire Hall, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. 4/22 & 4/29/2026 Pilot 425728

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

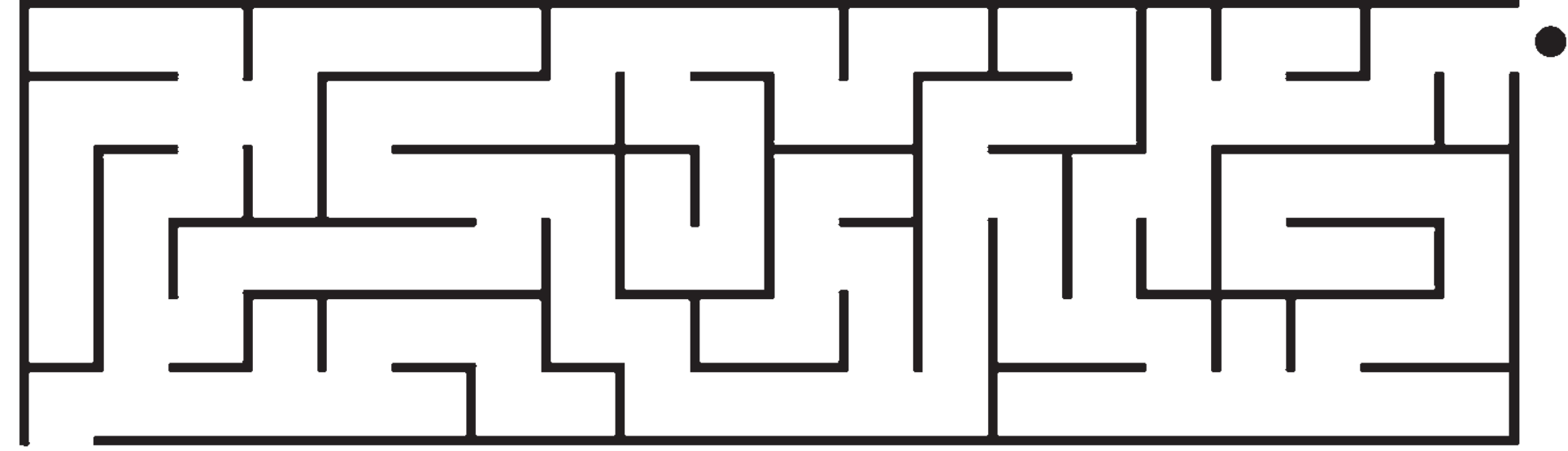
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port of Brookings Harbor, Curry County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, will be held at the Port Conference Room, 16350 Lower Harbor Road Suite #202 Brookings, OR 97415 and via Telephone Conference. Instructions to join the telephone conference: Teleconference Call-In Number: 1 (469)998-7421, Meeting ID: 553 952 664#. The meeting will take place on May 06, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

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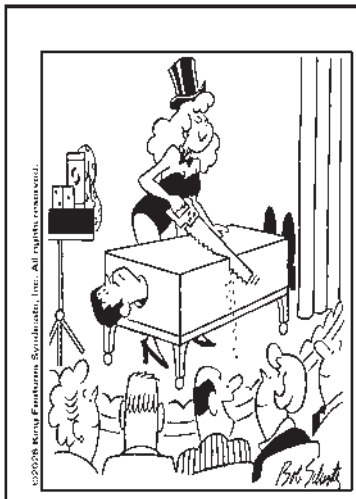
The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. The public will be able to listen, ask questions and comment on the proposed programs with the budget committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on April 6, 2026, at 16330 Lower Harbor Road between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM or access our website, www.portofbrookingsharbor.com to obtain a copy. 4/22 & 4/29/2026 Pilot 424542

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Rule (3) and (4), Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure ("Supplemental Admiralty Rules"), by Petitioner in Limitation, the Estate of Samuel Waller, Jr. ("Petitioner"), a as owner of the 26' Glacier Bay Catamaran UNO MAS (Oregon Reg. No. OR845ACS), which was and now is duly registered under the laws of the State of Oregon, that he has filed a complaint in the above-mentioned court pursuant to 46 U.S.C. §§ 30501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 & 1333, claiming the right to exoneration from or limitation of his liability in connection with all claims against him for injury or other damages resulting from the alleged injury and/death, or other incident, involving Samuel Waller, Robert (Robbie) Nelson, and Jerrod Bruner, which occurred on or about August 31, 2025. All persons having such claims and wishing to contest Petitioner's complaint must file such claims, if at all, as provided in Rule F of the Supplemental Admiralty Rules, with the Clerk of this Court, the United States District Court, District of Oregon, Medford Division, located at 310 West Sixth Street, Medford, Oregon 97501, and serve copies of them on or mail to the Petitioner's attorney, Chris P. Reilly of the law firm Nicoll Black Altenbrun & Feig, located at 1325 4th Ave, Suite 1650, Seattle, WA 98101, on or before May 15, 2026, being not less than 30 days after issuance of this Notice, or be defaulted. A personal appearance is not required. DATED this 3rd day of April, 2026. NICOLL BLACK ALTENBRUN & FEIG /s/ Chris P. Reilly Chris P. Reilly, OSB No. 196144 Attorneys for the Estate of Samuel Waller, Jr. 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, & 5/6/2026 Pilot 425513

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The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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	+	÷	= 8
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5	6	7	8
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Prepping your soil for the demands of the growing season ahead is key to the success of your garden this year. You want to add in what might be lacking in your soil as your plants begin their growth. If the soil crumbles when you work it around in your hands, then it is ready to till; if it's sticky, it may be too wet. Use a soil-testing kit to see what nutrients should be added to your soil, then work the needed amounts into the soil before planting. - Brenda Weaver

Prepping soil

Source: uvm.edu

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Depart; 2. Pierce
3. Homage; 4. Grade

Today's Word

MARRIAGE

Go Figure!

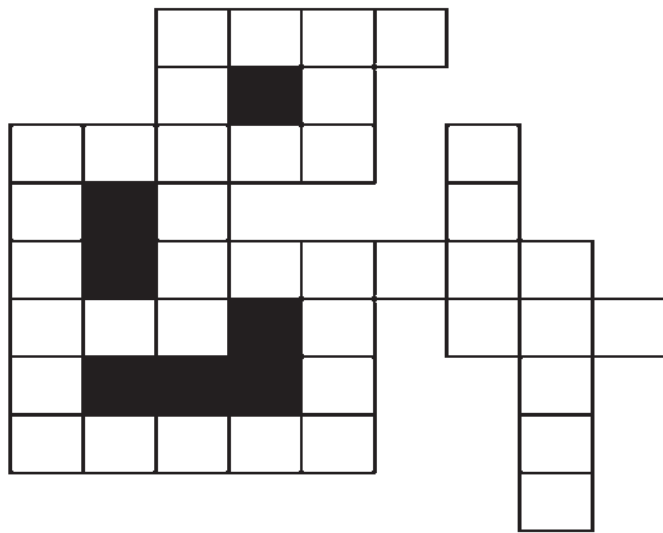
answers				
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3	+	4	÷	1 = 7
-		-		÷
7	+	9	÷	2 = 8
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4		1		3

FEAR KNOT

By: rj Johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- DHI
- EPTCID
- CAGRI
- APCI
- GAPOAD
- ♥ PSA
- ♥ HMCU
- ♥ ERMAD
- ♥ RCA
- ♥ HADSEC
- ETDIM
- ♥ APML



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

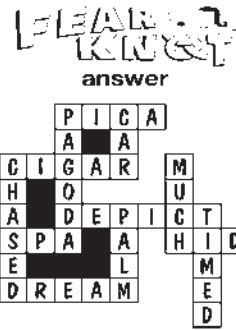
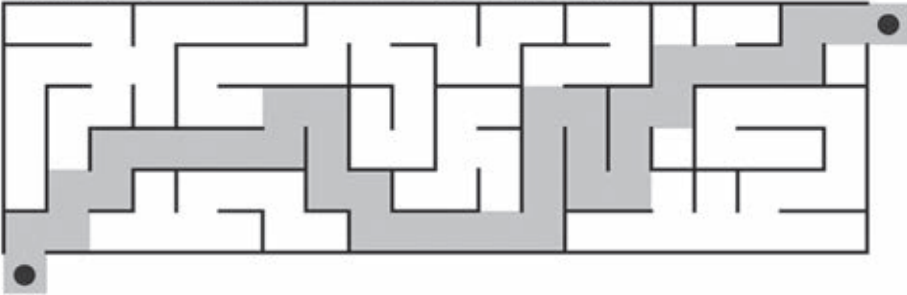
Fun Fact

The country of Russia is so vast that the time difference between its westernmost and easternmost points is about 11 hours. For example, when it is noon in Kaliningrad, the westernmost part of Russia, it is 11pm in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky, the easternmost city.



Source: testbook.com

Kids' Maze Solution



Wild Rivers Coast

Worship Directory

Brookings

<p>Star of the Sea Catholic Church 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. & Mass 6 p.m. First Saturday every month Mass 9 a.m. https://staroftheseastcharles.org/</p>	<p>Faith Baptist Church 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>Church of Christ 1722 Passley Rd., Brookings Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10am</p> <p>Sunday Morning Worship Assembly...11:00am Wednesday Bible Class.....3pm</p> <p>Evangelist: Darryl A Cope 541-469-6453 or 541-469-0191</p>	<p>Christian Science Church 429 Pine St. at Redwood Spur, Brookings</p> <p>Sunday Service.....11 a.m. Sunday School.....11 a.m. Wednesday Testimony Mtg..6 p.m.</p> <p>Reading Room: Monday & Wednesday...1-3 p.m. or by appointment www.BrookingsCSC.com 541-469-2398 or 469-3333</p>
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<p>Crescent City</p> <p>Grace Lutheran Church (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 www.GraceLutheranCC.com</p>	<p>Ft. Dick</p> <p>Fort Dick Bible Church</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>	<p>To God Be The Glory Christian Community Church 15138 McVay Lane</p> <p>Sunday Service 10:30am Bible Study Thursdays 7:00pm</p> <p>See Our Facebook page</p> <p>Friends Who Like Christian Community Church - Harbor</p> <p>Pastor Carl Smith 541-659-9352</p>	<p>SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST 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. https://www.facebook.com/7thdayadventistbrookings/</p>
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Smith River

<p>Seventh-day Adventist Church</p> <p>1770 Northcrest Dr., Crescent City 707-464-2738 Pastor Mason Philpot</p> <p>Crescent City Seventh-day Adventist School Grades 1-8707-464-2738</p> <p>Saturday Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m. Worship Services.....11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Smith River Baptist Church</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>SolidRock Christian Fellowship 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 www.solidrockcrescentcity.com</p>
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Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



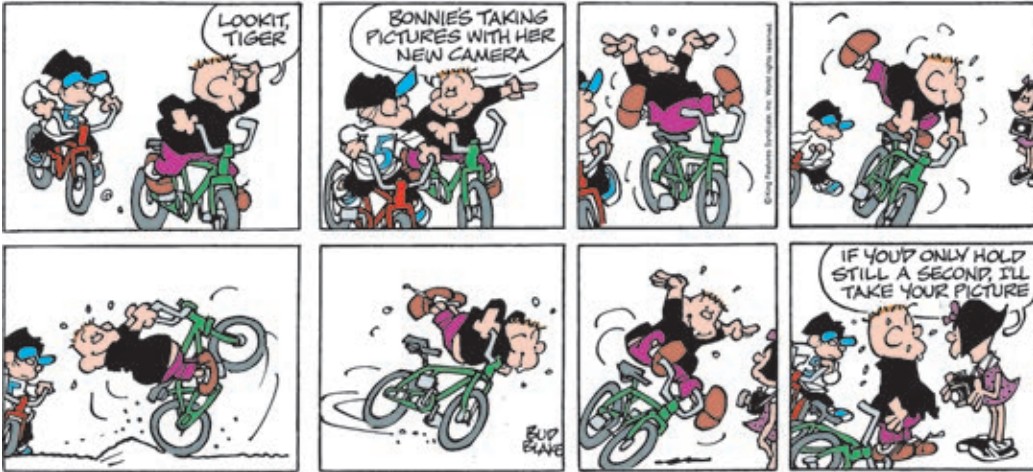
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by Dave T. Phipps



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: B equals C

CMBGJT JP C SJMXVHUO
 BCDSO MOLF DTJCEBCFV
 LGJ UJUMSHXGVF CF C
 IJSHBOJPPHBT:
 CMEOTFJM BJIHOT.

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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!

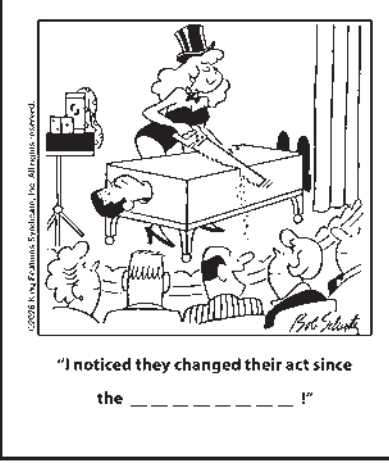
Leave **TARPED** _____

Cut **CREEPI** _____

Tribute **OHMEGA** _____

Slope **RAGED** _____

TODAY'S WORD _____



King Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Spruced up
 5 Comedian
 Margaret
 8 Arduous journey
 12 Taj Mahal city
 13 Unprocessed
 14 Conceal
 15 Buffets with Mexican food
 17 Rocker — Pop
 18 Yoko from Tokyo
 19 Astern
 20 Unravels
 21 Blaster's need
 22 Tease
 23 Neighbor of Chad
 26 Wilma and Fred's kid
 30 Piglet's pop
 31 Author
 Fleming
 32 Ethereal
 33 Rabbi's religion
 35 Fall bloom
 36 Buddy
 37 Canonized Fr. woman
 38 Prima donnas
 41 Carnival city
 42 Co. that created Watson
 45 Pizza cooker
 46 Home to the Buccaneers
 48 Social standing

DOWN

1 Post-WWII alliance
 2 "The Candy House" author
 Jennifer
 3 Not pizzicato
 4 Eastern "way"
 5 Make by hand
 6 Male red deer
 7 Pained sounds
 8 Baseball diamond stop
 9 Latvia's capital
 10 Jittery
 11 Lock openers
 16 "Troy" actor
 Eric
 20 Little lie
 21 "America's Next Top Model" host
 22 "Community" actor
 Jeong
 23 JFK's veep
 24 Chit
 25 Abysmal
 26 Shriver of tennis
 27 Tipsy
 28 Before
 29 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
 31 Equival
 34 1040 org.
 35 On
 37 "The Lion King" lion
 38 TV explorer
 39 Author
 Turgenev
 40 Air outlet
 41 Scarce
 42 Nile wader
 43 Proscribes
 44 Island in a computer game
 46 Spigot
 47 Nile biter

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Weekly SUDOKU

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1		5	7		9	6	
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	8				9	4	5
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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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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- TELEVISION: What was the title of the final episode of "M*A*S*H"?
 - GEOGRAPHY: The Red Sea is an inlet of which ocean?
 - INVENTIONS: Which English scientist invented the color wheel?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do pandas mostly eat?
 - MOVIES: What is the name of the fictional college where "Animal House" is set?
 - HISTORY: What was the last Chinese imperial dynasty?
 - GEOMETRY: What is the distance around a circle called?
 - SCIENCE: The world's first vaccine was developed to prevent which disease?
 - LITERATURE: Where is Stephen King's novel "It" set?
 - BUSINESS: What is the Disney logo based on?

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Homage; 4. Grade
 1. Depart; 2. Pierce
 solution

D	E	L	A	V
R	E	A	D	E
T	R	A	D	E
S	T	A	R	E
R	O	A	S	T
S	H	O	R	T

Weekly SUDOKU

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

Anchor of a longtime cable news broadcast who moonlights as a pole officer.
 Anderson Cooper

King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

A	N	T	S	P	E	A	P	E	A	S	T	S
R	A	N	K	A	R	B	S	I	N	S		
O	V	E	N	T	A	M	P	A	B	A	Y	
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J	U	D	A	I	S	M	A	S	T	E	R	
B	O	A	R	I	A	N	A	I	R	Y		
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Oregon Salmon Commission implores U.S. Budget Office to follow review timeline, release funds

For the Pilot

The Oregon Salmon Commission (OSC) is an industry-funded state commodity commission under the Oregon Department of Agriculture and represents the Oregon commercial salmon troll industry.

The OSC is making an urgent request to Russel Vought, the Trump Administration's Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), to release the \$7,050,722 in funds authorized and appropriated by Congress in 2023 for the disaster years local salmon fishermen faced in 2018-2020. Coastal Oregon experienced a catastrophic regional fishery

disaster in those years from which they are still recovering.

Under current law, the FISHERIES act, fishery resource disaster assistance funds must be disbursed on the following timeline:

-30-Day Decision: OMB is now required to approve or deny a state's spending plan within 30 days.

-Spend Plan Submission: Requesters have 120 days to submit a plan once notified of available funds.

-Fund Disbursement: Once a completed plan is received, funds must be disbursed to the grantee within 90 days.

And yet, despite the

application being submitted on June 6, 2024, the OSC is still waiting for a response from the OMB.

Fishery closures have devastating impacts on American fishermen, fishing families, coastal communities and the many businesses that rely upon these fisheries. Oregon's commercial salmon fleet has experienced several challenging years affecting their ability to maintain viable fishing businesses.

Each year annual expenses can cost upward of \$15-20,000. These include paying for moor-age, vessel insurance, annual vessel maintenance with a haul-out for hull painting

and underwater equipment replacement, and of course, the Coast Guard required annual life raft repacking and other safety equipment. Many of these costs had already been incurred for the disaster years prior to fishermen learning they wouldn't have a season and a way to earn an income to pay these costs off.

The commercial salmon industry is a key economic driver for rural communities along the Oregon coast. It creates jobs and supports many multi-generational family businesses. But they need the help these funds would provide.

These funds were

appropriated in 2023, the application was submitted by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission on June 6, 2024. It's now April 2026 and the application has not yet been processed by the OMB.

OSC appreciates the recent focus on Restor-

ing American Seafood Competitiveness. One key investment in restoring American seafood competitiveness would be to get these much-needed funds directly into the hands of American fishermen.



Brookings-Harbor School District seeks bond measure on ballot to fund building upgrades

By Jason Liddell

Brookings-Harbor School District has placed a bond on the upcoming May 19 Primary Election ballot. This bond would ask local voters to vote on Measure 8-118, to decide whether they want to allow a property tax increase to help fund the Brookings-Harbor School District's planned infrastructure improvements.

A "bond," in this context, is a ballot measure designed specifically to help fund physical improvements in school district buildings, such as electrical, plumbing and accessibility.

This particular bond, if passed, is estimated to cost voters, in property taxes,

roughly \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. However, it is important to note that this calculation is not based on the "market value" of a property, which is what buyers and sellers look at, but rather, what Curry County assesses a property's value to be.

For example, if a property is assessed at \$1 million, the expected annual cost would be roughly \$550, and the monthly cost would be close to \$45. The Curry County Assessor's website has a tool that can help you determine your estimated monthly and annual cost increases based on your property's assessed value.

The goal of this bond is to help fund infrastructure improvements across



all of the Brookings-Harbor School District buildings; this includes Kalmiopsis Elementary, Azalea Middle School and Brookings-Harbor High School. These potential improvements include components such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, roofs, siding, technology, accessibility, outdoor spaces and traffic and

pedestrian enhancements. It's worth noting that the average age of buildings in the Brookings-Harbor School District is 72 years.

If passed, this bond measure would grant the school district up to \$12.5 million in property tax revenue over 10 years, plus an additional \$6.1 million in a matched state funding grant. This would

total approximately \$18.6 million that would go to local school facility improvements. However, that \$6.1 million dollars only comes in if the bond passes in the election.

It is important for the community to know that the State School Fund pays for things like staff and classroom materials, but it does not extend to costs for infrastructure improvements, like the buildings and all of their needs.

The bond would also require the implementation of a Citizen Bond Oversight Committee. This group would be composed of community members whose obligation is to make sure funds are

used as intended, as well as to provide transparency for the funds used. Additionally, the Citizen Bond Oversight Committee would directly report to the school board for Brookings-Harbor School District.

If the bond does not pass, however, there are specific repercussions: proposed improvements might be delayed, and importantly, BHSD will not receive \$6.1 million in the potential matching grant.

Editor's note: The author is an employee of Brookings-Harbor School District 17-C. This article is not written on behalf of, or as a representation of the opinions of, the district.

2025 SRS

From page 1

Most Oregon counties are set to receive nearly \$100 million from the federal Secure Rural Schools Act after Congress let funding for the 25-year-old program lapse for almost two years.

The U.S. Forest Service and Oregon's U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, both Democrats, announced the state would get \$48.6 million in the current fiscal year to distribute to 30 rural counties and their schools, and an additional almost \$49 million in retroactive 2024 funding.

The program provides tens of millions each year for rural schools and communities that previously benefited from revenue generated by natural resource industries on public lands. Since 2000, it has provided \$7 billion in payments to more than 700 counties and 4,400 school districts across 40 states and Puerto Rico that have large swaths of federal land within their borders.

Oregon, where more than half of the state consists of federal land, has experienced the

biggest loss of any state since the funding lapsed in 2024: nearly \$48.7 million in money for rural roads, public services and schools, according to a September report from the D.C.-based Center for American Progress, a liberal public policy and think tank.

Wyden, who co-authored the original Secure Rural Schools Act and who led a year-long bipartisan campaign to renew it, said in a statement it's a relief that schools and communities that have relied on the fund for a quarter century will be made whole. He also said they need the funding to be untied from the whims of Congress.

"Young Oregonians who deserve quality schools, and all Oregonians counting on safe roads as well as dependable public safety will all benefit from these investments in communities throughout our state," Wyden said. "I'm glad these funds are heading to Oregon, and I am focused on a permanent solution that takes rural communities off this year-to-year financial rollercoaster."

Twice since December 2024, the Senate voted to

renew the act in an effort led by Wyden and Idaho's senior U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, a Republican.

But each time the Senate approved it, the House failed to take a vote. The bill lapsed in 2023 and counties haven't gotten payments since early 2024. After House Republicans failed to reauthorize the act in the tax and spending cut megalaw they passed in July, the campaign to get something done by year's end ramped up and in December, House Republicans at last voted to reup the fund through September 2026.

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MAGIC MAZE ASSOCIATED WITH VOLCANOES

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G N D B Z R X R A V S N Q O M
K I O T G E U G M C I C A Y W
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P E S N M O K R B R J O H E F
E C B H M Z Y X E A V M U V T

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: MOLTEN ROCK

- Ash
- Basalt
- Caldera
- Crater
- Crust
- Dormant
- Earthquakes
- Eruption
- Magma
- Mantle
- Molten
- Mountain
- Rupture
- Steam
- Vent

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Americanisms



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