

Happy Holidays

Brookings Women-Owned Business in the Spotlight

Ethically Sourced: fiona bean

By LINDA LEE
Curry Coastal Pilot

Fiona bean has come to town. This women-owned business is located on Hemlock Street. They carry clothing, accessories, paper and plush, apothecary, soaps and bath, home goods, kitchen, and candles all of which are ethically sourced.

The original small store, located in Grants Pass, was opened by Julie Tyrrell in August of 2007, then she partnered with Amanda

Berkey in 2017 in order to grow the business. The store moved to the historic district on G Street in 2018 in a building that was originally a saloon.

Tyrrell and Berkey continued to work hard to develop the business and opened the doors to fiona bean in Brookings in June 2024.

"We really wanted to have a second location at the beach, so we went up and down the coast looking," said Tyrrell. "I did all

the demographic studies and we both really love Brookings, so it won.

The climate is wonderful. The people are wonderful and the demographics were right and weather was also a big factor too."

Upon considering opening a store in Brookings, Tyrrell and Berkey went into every type of gift



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Photos by Linda Lee
Fiona bean: Another Women-Owned business opens in Brookings

Such Good Things: fiona bean owner, Julie Berkey (l) and store manager, Jody Serban, enjoy the opportunity to bring unique items to the community.

Winter Whale Watch Week returns to the Oregon Coast Dec. 27-31

Oregon State Parks will host
Winter Whale Watch Week
on the Oregon Coast
December 27 through December 31



OREGON COAST, Oregon—

Trained Oregon State Park volunteers will be stationed at 15 sites along the Oregon Coast from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help visitors spot gray whales on their southward migration to the calving lagoons in Mexico.

The sites are some of the best places to watch for whales on the Oregon Coast. A map of volunteer-staffed sites is available online at the official event webpage (links

below).

"Now is a perfect time to see the whales as their population rebounds on the Oregon Coast," said Park Ranger Peter McBride.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced an end to an Unusual Mortality Event impacting gray whales. Since then, the estimated population has increased by roughly 30% from 14,530 last year to 19,260 this year, according

to NOAA. The numbers are on the rise overall, but the calf count is still low as the population continues to rebound.

"While there are more gray whales to see now on the Oregon Coast, the calves remain a rare and important sight," said Michael Milstein, public affairs officer with NOAA Fisheries.

Winter Whale Watch Week provides an opportunity to see not only the gray whales

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POLICE BLOTTER

The police blotter is an excerpt of a public record of incidents as reported by law-enforcement agencies. All individuals arrested or charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty. The information printed is preliminary and subject to change.

For a list of missing items found in the Brookings area, you can visit the police services page of the city of Brookings website at www.brookings.or.us/134/police-services and follow the link near the bottom of the page.

Tuesday 12/10:

- 6:30 16100 block of Hwy 101 S, unauthorized use of a vehicle
- 9:50 500 block of Pacific Ave, threats
- 9:53 16200 block of Hwy 101, assault
- 10:40 96700 block of E Harris Heights, theft
- 12:45 500 block of Meadow Ln, threats
- 13:58 15600 block of Pedrioli Dr, traffic crash
- 14:27 Hwy 101 and Dawson, suspicious conditions
- 15:00 16100 block of Lower Harbor Rd, fire alarm
- 16:56 600 block of Pio-

- 17:59 1100 block of Chetco Ave, harassment
- 19:54 16200 block of Hwy 101, harassment
- 22:16 Spruce and Wharf, dispute/fight

Wednesday 12/11:

- 0:52 400 block of Smith Dr, civil problem
- 9:30 500 block of Meadow Ln, telephone harassment
- 10:21 700 block of Spruce St, suspicious conditions
- 11:29 400 block of Fir St, criminal trespass
- 13:05 300 block of 5th St, criminal trespass

- 14:38 800 block of Elk Dr, forgery/fraud/bad check
- 17:40 1100 block of Field St, illegal camping
- 20:41 17400 block of Mountain Dr, juvenile problem
- 23:14 300 block of Memory Ln, loud noise

Thursday 12/12:

- 0:08 300 block of 5th St, traffic crash
- 7:43 400 block of Oak St, disorderly conduct
- 8:00 600 block of Memory Ln, alarm
- 9:51 700 block of 2nd St, alarm

- 15:22 Pacific and Fern, suspicious conditions
- 18:50 17700 block of Hwy 101 N, traffic crash
- 19:49 1200 block of Collis Ln, loud noise

Friday 12/13:

- 2:36 Botanical Garden, drug possession
- 5:19 97800 block of Crestline Loop, disorderly conduct
- 5:34 16200 block of Hwy 101 S, suspicious conditions
- 5:52 1100 block of Chetco Ave, suspicious conditions
- 8:32 100 block of Tan-

- bark Rd, forgery/fraud/bad check
- 11:42 800 block of Chetco Ave, theft
- 11:48 800 block of Chetco Ave, warrant service
- 14:35 400 block of Oak St, criminal trespass
- 22:25 600 block of Old County Rd, criminal mischief

Saturday 12/14:

- 10:10 Arnold and Rowland, suspicious conditions
- 10:12 1200 block of Easy St, illegal camping
- 11:44 200 block of Del

- Norte Ln, identity theft
- 17:47 Hwy 101 MP 352, traffic crash
- 19:14 Memory and Velopa, dispute/fight

Sunday 12/15:

- 7:33 600 block of Hassett St, criminal trespass
- 12:13 800 block of Chetco Ave, alarm
- 13:49 100 block of Tanbark Rd, theft
- 14:12 300 block of 5th St, hit & run
- 15:21 500 block of Meadow Ln, civil problem
- 20:39 300 block of 5th St, theft

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submissions for events can be sent by email to: pilotofficecmgr@countrymedia.net. The deadline for submission is 4:30 pm Monday, the week prior to publication.

DAILY

- Daily Meal, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Chetco Activity Center, 550 Chetco Lane
- Volunteers needed for Nature’s Coastal Holiday Light Show, Capella by the Sea, Brookings. Open nightly November 29 through December 24. You can choose to volunteer for 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm or 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Contact Michelle at 541-469-1103 for more information.

WEDNESDAYS

- T’ai Chi, 9 – 10:30 a.m., Chetco Activity Center
- Line dance lessons, Elks Lodge. Membership not required. \$1 donation. 11:30-12:00 absolute be-

- ginners (new), 12:00 – 1:00 pm improver, 1:00-2:00 pm intermediate.
- The Walking Group, 11 a.m., Azalea Park. Meet by Capella by the Sea. If raining meet at Brookings Harbor Shopping Center by the barbershop. For information 541-412-8664.
- Men’s Club Golf, Salmon Run Golf Course: 900 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.
- Recorders, Chetco Activity Center: 1:00 – 2:30 pm. Bring your recorder and a music stand. Music will be provided.
- Cribbage Club, Wild Rivers Pizza: 5:30 pm.
- After School Activities,

- Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. Homework help, a creation station, and snacks for older kids and teens ages 10 and up.

THURSDAYS

- Bridge, 11:45 a.m., Chetco Activity Center
- Widows and Widowers Coffee Clique, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Community Center, Airport Way, Gold Beach
- Chair Yoga Class, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm. A beginners’ yoga class that focuses on seated positions. Please note there will be no chair yoga until November 19th due to the Annual Fall Book Sale.
- After School Activities, Chetco Library: 4:00 pm. Homework help, S.T.E.M. projects and games, and

- snacks for older kids and teens ages 10 and up.
- Easy Flow Yoga, Chetco Library: 5:30 pm. A beginners’ yoga class that includes standing positions.

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- The Walking Group, 11 a.m., Azalea Park. 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 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

SATURDAYS

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- 900 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.
- Saturday Shuffle: Magic the Gathering and more, Chetco Library. 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.

MONDAYS

- Line dance lessons, Elks Lodge. Membership not required. \$1 donation.

- 11:30-12:00 absolute beginners (new), 12:00 – 1:00 pm improver, 1:00-2:00 pm intermediate.

TUESDAYS

- Brookings-Harbor Garden Club Work Party, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Brookings Botanical Garden. Come see how you can help.
- Bridge, 11:45 a.m., Chetco Activity Center
- Line Dancing, Brookings Elks Lodge, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Donations requested.
- Storytime, Chetco Library: 11:00 am. Stories, songs, and simple crafts for young children.
- Chair Yoga Class, Chetco Library: 1:30 pm.
- Pinochle and other card games, Chetco Activity Center 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve Receives Certification as a Dark Sky Park

Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve was certified as an International Dark Sky Park by DarkSky International. This achievement reflects the culmination of a multi-year effort by Park staff to improve natural darkness, and reflects the progressive evolution of the Park’s management goals to ensure the holistic stewardship of the rich natural resources of the Siskiyou Mountains.

Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve was established as a National Monument in 1909 to protect a sprawling system of marble caves and beautiful formations beneath the Siskiyou Mountains in southwestern Oregon.

In 2014, the original designation of the Park as a National Monument was expanded to include the surrounding National Preserve in recognition of the importance that the region plays in maintaining global

biodiversity. The 4,554-acre Park protects diverse environments, including old-growth forests, sub-alpine meadows, glacial cirques, and alpine rock gardens, through which snow-fed streams flow and sink underground into the cave systems. These sinking streams feed the River Styx, the only subterranean Wild and Scenic River in the nation, that winds through the cave system and out into Cave Creek.

To achieve status as an International Dark Sky Park, Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve underwent a comprehensive lighting inventory assessment by resource management staff. Coordination among the Park divisions was essential to the success of this operation, and care was taken to ensure that updates to the lighting within the Historic District balanced the need for historic preservation with the reduction of light pollution.

“Leading this application allowed me to experience first-hand the incredible visual resources that the night skies at Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve has to offer. The vast brilliance of the night sky above the Park, even if viewed from small clearings throughout the forest, provides an incredible and immersive experience that will inspire visitors of all ages,” remarked Dr. Joshua Zimmt.

At the same time, the Park established its first night sky monitoring program to track changes to the night sky over a three-year period. The results of the program highlight the exceptional natural resources of the Park and its potential to provide visitors with an unparalleled experience exploring the Siskiyou Mountains.

“We are excited to join the dark sky community and to do our part in preserving dark skies across Oregon and the National Park Service,” said park superintendent Jeremy Curtis.

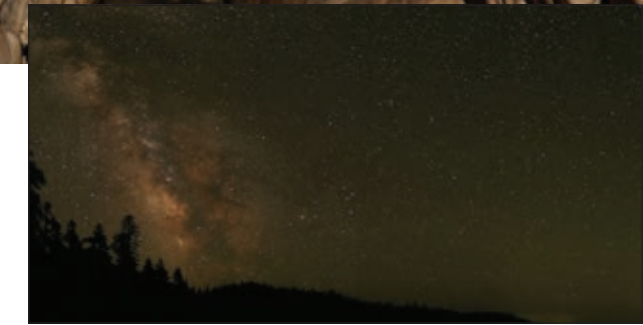
Looking to the future, Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve will seek to further its commitment to preserve natural darkness, both above and below ground. Future projects and updates to infrastructure



throughout the Park will be completed in compliance with DarkSky International guidelines to elevate the visitor experience and protect the natural systems of the Park.

Partnerships formed with nearby communities will be made with the hopes of protecting and preserving the natural and historical character of the Park and region for future generations to come.

“This achievement demonstrates a commitment to dark sky preservation and offers visitors a unique blend of natural and celestial experiences, highlighting conservation and community engagement. We are excited to welcome Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve as the 46th site administered by the National Park Service into the International Dark Sky



Places Program,” stated Amber Harrison, International Dark Sky Places Program Manager.

About the International Dark Sky Places Program: Founded in 2001, the International Dark Sky Places Program is a non-regulatory and voluntary program encouraging communities, parks, and protected areas worldwide to preserve and protect dark sites through effective lighting policies, environmentally responsible outdoor lighting, and public education.

When used indiscriminately, artificial light can disrupt ecosystems, impact

human health, waste money and energy, contribute to climate change, and block our view and connection to the universe. Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve now joins more than 220 Places that have demonstrated robust community support for dark sky advocacy and strive to protect the night from light pollution.

Learn more by visiting <https://darksky.org/what-we-do/international-dark-sky-places/>.

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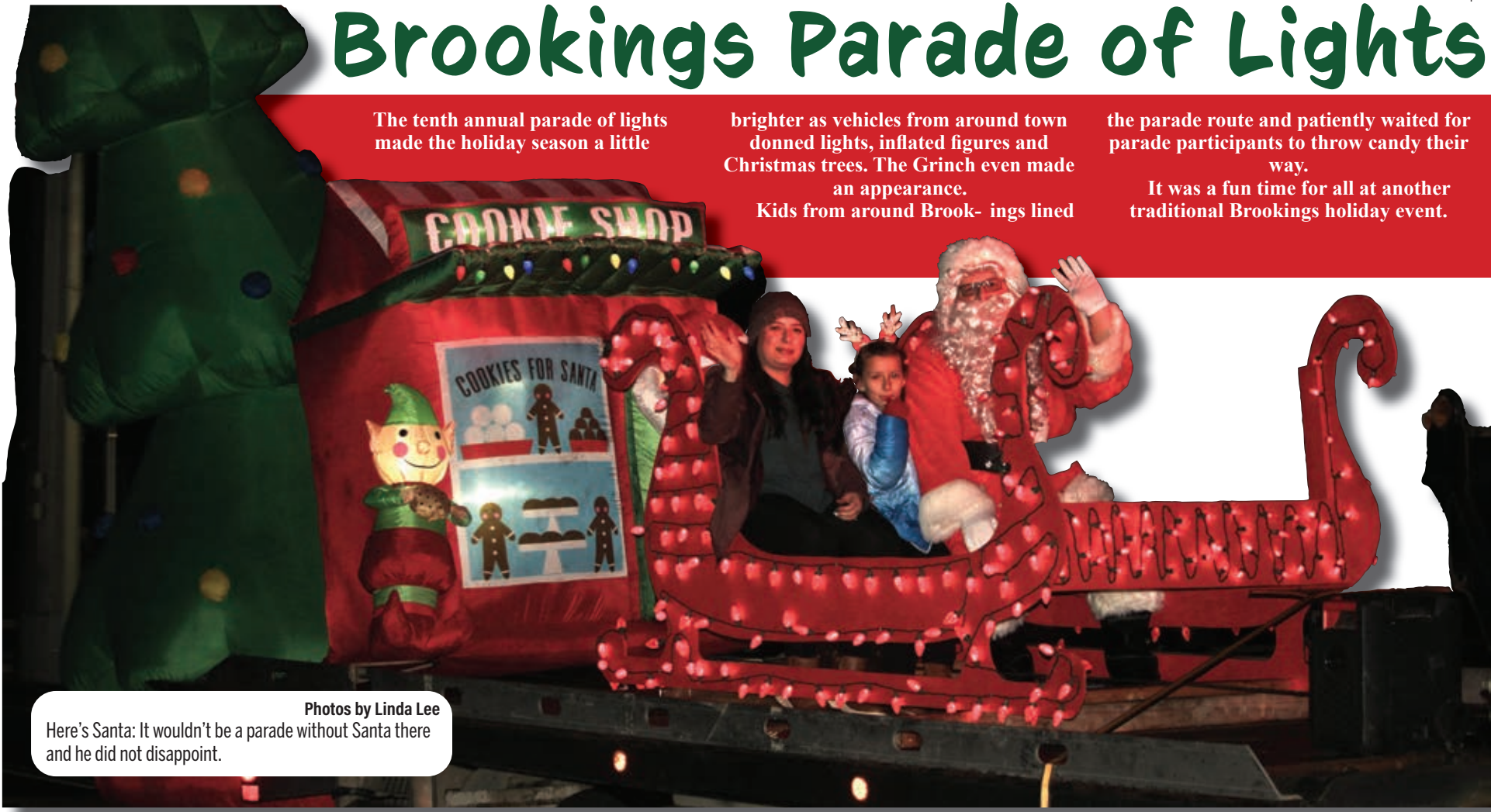
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Brookings Parade of Lights

The tenth annual parade of lights made the holiday season a little brighter as vehicles from around town donned lights, inflated figures and Christmas trees. The Grinch even made an appearance. Kids from around Brook- ings lined the parade route and patiently waited for parade participants to throw candy their way. It was a fun time for all at another traditional Brookings holiday event.



Photos by Linda Lee
Here's Santa: It wouldn't be a parade without Santa there and he did not disappoint.



Yes Please: Luz Montoya-Hernandez, from Monarch Gardens Memory Care, tosses out candy to the kids as Ross Miller focuses on driving the parade route.



21st Century Reindeer: Jeeps giving a new meaning to reindeer as "Jeep Rudolph" leads the way at this year's parade of lights.

Curry County BOC and Sheriff's Union Clash Over Public Safety and Funding

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Curry Coastal Pilot

A public dispute has erupted between the Curry County Board of Commissioners (BOC) and Teamsters Local Union 223, which represents the County Sheriff's Deputies, Dispatch, and Corrections staff. The contention centers on allegations of financial neglect, jurisdictional overreach, and the overall state of public safety in the county.

Union's Allegations

Teamsters Local Union 223 has accused the BOC of failing to adequately fund the Sheriff's Office and interfering with its operations. The Union highlighted an incident on December 5, 2024, during a tsunami warning, where Sheriff's deputies evacuated jail inmates in under ten minutes. They claim this operation was conducted without support from the Commissioners or other county staff, who allegedly

evacuated their own buildings and left the Sheriff's Office to manage the crisis independently.

The Union also criticized the BOC for not committing to a date to vote on a proposed law enforcement levy, which is intended to increase the number of Sheriff's Deputies and 911 communications staff. They argue that the lack of funding has led to significant staff layoffs, compromising public safety.

Additionally, the Union accused the BOC of overstepping its authority by issuing an order asserting control over the Sheriff's Office, which they claim undermines the Sheriff's autonomy and hampers effective law enforcement.

Board of Commissioners' Response

In response, the BOC refuted the Union's claims, describing them as misleading and divisive. They emphasized the county's financial constraints, noting

that Curry County has the lowest property tax rate in Oregon at \$0.59 per \$1,000 in assessed value. This low rate has contributed to budget deficits, making it challenging to fully fund the Sheriff's Office without additional revenue sources.

The BOC highlighted their efforts to support law enforcement, including:

- Proposing a law enforcement levy in May 2024, which was not supported by the Union at that time.
- Offering the Sheriff the use of restricted opioid settlement funds to cover two positions—a Community Resource Officer and a School Resource Officer—to preserve staffing after budget cuts.
- Voluntarily reducing their own salaries by \$22,000 each to fund a K9 deputy position, which is a union-represented role.

Regarding the tsunami evacuation, the BOC stated that county personnel followed established evacuation protocols and

that the County Emergency Manager offered assistance to the Sheriff, which was declined except for a request for a single vehicle.

The BOC also addressed the Union's demand to cease using outside law firms and alleged harassment of Sheriff's Office personnel, stating that the County Human Resources Department is not aware of any harassment complaints from union-represented staff.

Call for Cooperation

The BOC expressed concern that the Union's public statements could harm future funding efforts by creating a negative perception of the county's leadership. They emphasized the need for cooperation and open communication to develop sustainable solutions for the county's financial challenges and to ensure public safety.

Both parties have expressed a commitment to public safety but differ on the methods to achieve it. The Union is calling for immediate action to restore staffing levels and end what they perceive as overreach, while the BOC is focusing on long-term financial planning and adherence to legal protocols.



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Choices, choices, choices: fiona bean owner, Julie Berkey (l) explains to Melinda Russell how their essentials are blended.



Loving the Essentials: Julie Berkey picks out one of her favorite essential oils.



Must Have: Customer Dee Ebel looks over all there is to offer at fiona bean.

fiona bean

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store Brookings had to offer to see what the competition might be and found they had something unique and different to offer. “We wanted to make sure that we were ethical about our approach to what we are doing,” said Tyrrell. “We didn’t want to sell what another business was selling because that just

wouldn’t make any sense and we want to be supportive to the community.” With an eco-conscious effort, the women try their hardest to source their products locally, regionally, across the United States and with fair-trade vendors in places like Nepal, India. “We like to be eco-conscious,” said Tyrrell. “We seek to buy Oregon first, West Coast first, then American, but it’s extreme-

ly difficult not to buy from overseas.” Their primary source of products come from small businesses with an emphasis on women owned. Their soaps are house labeled and come from a secret supplier on the East Coast. They also carry their own line of line of essential oils. “Our candle line comes from a small business in Bend, Oregon,” Tyrrell

explained. “We also have body butter and skin care products that come from Petaluma, California. Our blankets come from Portugal, Spain and we also carry the Barefoot Dreams line out of Malibu, California.” What they have in stock one week, might not be in the next as they like to re-volve their inventory to keep up-to-date with the latest products with the ideology

of striving to do better. “Some of our apothecary items I make myself,” said Berkey. “We have a line of perfumes that are fiona bean perfumes that I hand blend. I don’t use any chemicals to bind them.” Berkey teased that her blends are her secret recipe. She also has a line of soaps and room sprays in addition to a variety of other organically sourced items. “We have plans for

Fiona bean in Brookings,” said Berkey. “We haven’t developed the garage yet. This is going to evolve over the years and it will awesome.” Gift cards are available and good at either location as well as free gift wrapping for items purchased. The normal store hours are: Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays 12 to 4 pm.

Wild Rivers Coast

Worship Directory

Brookings

Brookings-Harbor Christian Church

777 Fifth Street, Brookings
Sunday Service.....10 a.m.
Weekly Communion
Small Group Ministries
Celebrate Recovery...6 p.m. Friday
541-469-2531
Pastor Lance Knauss

Trinity Lutheran Church

1200 Easy St., PO Box 1199
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Sunday Bible School
All Ages...9am (Sept.-May)
Sunday Worship Service...10am
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Pastor Matt Steendahl
541-469-3411
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Sunday Morning Bible Study.....10am
Sunday Morning Worship Assembly...11:00am
Wednesday Bible Class.....6pm
Evangelist: Darryl A Cope
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Sunday Service.....11 a.m.
Sunday School.....11 a.m.
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Sunday Worship.....10:30am
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Wednesday Mass.....5:15 p.m.
Friday Mass.....5:15 p.m.
Saturday Mass.....4:30 p.m.
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Sunday Mass.....8:30 a.m.
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9	10	11	12	13
Vegetarian Spaghetti, Breadsticks, Creamed Corn	CLOSED FOR PRIVATE EVENT	BBQ Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Vegetable blend	Sweet & Sour Pork, Turmeric Rice, Stir Fry Blend	Herb Baked Fish, Baked Fries, Broccoli
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23	24	25	26	27
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY PROBATE DEPARTMENT In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL DEAN THOMLEY, Deceased.

Case No.: 24PB10923
NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terrall Nelson Thomley has been appointed personal representative of the above-referenced estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the personal representative in care of the undersigned attorney at 3 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 190, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and published this 25th day of December 2025. Erin Kugler Attorney for Personal Representative SOHLER LAW 3 Centerpointe Dr., Suite 190 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 (503) 662-7880 12/25/2024, Pilot 405783

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TS # 24-3114 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/3/22. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by the duly appointed trustee, as shown below, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. TRUSTOR: Lisa E. Brackett, an unmarried woman DULY APPOINTED TRUSTEE: Foreclosure Specialists, a General Partnership RECORDED: 8/17/22 AS INSTRUMENT NO. 20223464 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Del Norte County, California. DATE OF SALE: Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 11:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: At the stairs of the Southwest Entrance of the Flynn County Administration Building at 981 H St., Crescent City, CA 95531. THE COMMON DESIGNATION OF THE PROPERTY IS PURPORTED TO BE: 313 Temple Street, Crescent City, CA 95531 APN: 115-245-004. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$ 213,891.27 Beneficiary may elect to open bidding

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at a lesser amount. The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of this notice is stated above, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to fee and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have the right to purchase this property after the trustee auction, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 530-246-2727; Toll Free: 844-333-6766, or visit this internet website: calforeclosures.biz, using the file number

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assigned to this case: TS#24-3114, to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the street address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call the trustee's information line at 530-246-2727; Toll Free: 844-333-6766, or visit this Internet Website: calforeclosures.biz, using the file number assigned to this case: TS #24-3114. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. DATE: 11/22/24 NPP Website and sales line number: FORECLOSURE SPECIALISTS www.nationwideposting.com A General Partnership Trustee Sales Automated Number: P.O. Box 994465 916-939-0772 REDDING, CA 96099-4465 530-246-2727; Toll Free: 844-333-6766 Sheena Hunter / PartnerNPP0468228 12/11, 12/18, & 12/25/2024, Triplicate 405132



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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: NORBERT A. DANTZMAN, AKA TONY A. DANTZMAN, \ charscalex80 A MISSING PERSON, DECEDENT Case Number: PB-24-7078

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **NORBERT A. DANTZMAN, AKA TONY A. DANTZMAN** A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **CINDY M. SMITH**, in the Superior Court of California, County of: Del Norte. The petition for probate requests that: **CINDY M. SMITH** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedents will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This Authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: **January 10, 2025** Time: **10:00am** Dept.: **2** Address of the Court: **450 H Street, Crescent City, CA 95531** If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/ are doing business as: **Northcoast Health Screening 1325 Northcrest Drive Crescent City, CA 95531** This Business is conducted by: **an individual** Registered Owner(s): **Lesley Pincombe** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: **1/1/2025** I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Signed:/s/ Lesley Pincombe This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: **11/25/2024** Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder B. McCune-Sokoloski, Deputy **File No. 20240101** 12/11, 12/18, 12/25/2024, & 1/1/2025, Triplicate 405044

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Joseph Anthony Lavendar Case Number: PB247087

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **Joseph Anthony Lavendar** A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Yelena Lavendar**, in the Superior Court of California, County of: Del Norte. The petition for probate requests that: \ charscalex90 **Yelena Lavendar** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This Authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: **January 10, 2025** Time: **10:00am** Dept.: **2** Address of the Court: **450 H Street, Crescent City, CA 95531** If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code

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section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: **Gino de Solenni 384 G Street Crescent City, CA 95531 (707) 464-6181** 12/18, 12/25/2024, & 1/1/2025, Triplicate 405486

IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STOREY, STATE OF NEVADA Case No.: 24OC000101E Department No. 1

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC., Plaintiff JUDIE A. MOORE, CANDACE J. JOHNSON, Defendants. **SUMMONS TO ALL DEFENDANTS: NOTICE! YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. THE COURT MAY DECIDE AGAINST YOU WITHOUT YOUR BEING HEARD UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS.** A Complaint has been filed against you in the form of a DECLARATORY RELIEF ACTION TO ENFORCE A LOST NOTE, brought to obtain a court order to enforce a lost promissory note. 1. If you intend to defend this lawsuit, within 21 days after this Summons is served on you, exclusive of the day of service, you must do the following: A) File with the Clerk of Court, whose address is shown below, a written response to the Complaint in accordance with the rules of the Court, with the appropriate filing fee; B) Serve a copy of your response upon the attorney, whose name and address is shown below. 2. Unless you respond, your default will be entered upon the application of the Plaintiff, and this Court may enter a judgment against you for the relief prayed for in the Complaint, which may result in the taking of your money or property, or as otherwise prayed for in the Complaint. 3. If you intend to seek the advice of an attorney in this action, you should do so promptly so that your answer may be filed on time. 4. The State of Nevada, its political subdivisions, agencies, officers, employees, board members, commission members and legislators, each have 45 days after service of this Summons within which to file an answer, or otherwise respond to the Complaint. Clerk of the Court, by: Deputy Clerk, STOREY County Courthouse, 26 S. B St. Drawer D, Virginia City, NV 89440 Plaintiff's Counsel: McCarthy & Holthus, LLP, by Kristin Schuler-Hintz, Esq., SBN 7171, 9510 W Sahara Ave, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89117, Phone: 702-685-0329, Fax: 866-339-5691, Email: dcnv@mccarthyholthus.com. 12/11, 12/18, 12/25/2024 & 1/1/2025, Pilot 404906

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Alan Lloyd Pierce Case Number: PB247086

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **Alan Lloyd Pierce** A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Carol Lynn Dreillinger**, in the Superior Court of California, County of: Del Norte. The petition for probate requests that: **Carol Lynn Dreillinger** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This Authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: **January 3, 2025** Time: **10:00am** Dept.: **2** Address of the Court: **450 H Street, Crescent City, CA 95531** If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested

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in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner: **Gino de Solenni 384 G Street Crescent City, CA 95531 (707) 464-6181** 12/18, 12/25/2024, & 1/1/2025, Triplicate 405330

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Abandoned property of Sherri Estelle and All Other Occupants. For Sale, a 1979 FREEDOM/ SKYLINE, HILLCREST, Serial #02950325N, Home ID #224656. The mobile home is located at 31084 Crabapple Way #43, Gold Beach, OR 97415, in River Hills Estates. This will be a private sale with a minimum bid of \$9,000.00. Bids accepted until January 8, 2025. Send/submit bids to 18150 SW Boones Ferry Road, Portland, OR 97224, Attn: Bri. Please call Elizabeth at: 408-679-8420 for an appointment to see home. 12/25/2024 & 1/1/2025, Pilot 405920

A Storage Lien sale will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025. **Hewitt's Stor-All 96650 DeMoss Rd. Brookings, OR 97415** Viewing of unit at 11:30 AM, Sale at 12:00 Noon **HSA #46 - Enrique Ramos Household & Misc. Items** 12/25/2024, 1/1, 1/8, & 1/15/2025, Pilot 405493

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is/ are doing business as: **Wyldie and Ozzy Threads 2500 US Hwy 199 Crescent City, CA 95531** This Business is conducted by: **an individual** Registered Owner(s): **Alohilani Martinez** The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: n/a I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to this section that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Signed:/s/ Alohilani Martinez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: **10/29/2024** Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder B McCune-Sokoloski, Deputy **File No. 20240097** 12/18, 12/25/2024, 1/1, & 1/8/2025, Triplicate 405427

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Answers

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Super Crossword

JANUARY 1 FUN

ROSS

1 Drag race vehicle

3 Schuss, e.g.

1 Singing filler

5 Contributed

9 Halloween mask feature

1 Hoodwink

1 Falco of TV

2 Leave off

3 Tendency toward chaos

4 Fido's noise

5 * Star of the 1950s TV series "China Smith"

7 BLT seller

9 Naval forces

0 — Field (Mr. Met's home)

1 * Getting tired

4 Baby bird

8 Evergreen with red aris

3 Actress Polo

9 Stephen of "V for Vendetta"

2 Young moray, e.g.

3 Cowl wearer

5 * Hope when the situation is desperate

1 Mosque official

4 Scrooge portrayer

Alastair

55 Minerals in thin sheets

56 * "Vanity Fair" novelist

61 "One World" musician

John

65 Holders of frozen cubes

66 Girl in the fam

67 "Insecure" actress

69 — Hawkins dance

70 Astonishment

73 E'en if

75 Actor Bridges

76 Fathers

79 Auditing gp.

81 Was disgusting to

84 Deep desires

85 * Period superseded by auto-

89 Ragtime pianist Blake

90 Aficionado

91 Large cut

92 * Three-part novel by Gertrude Stein

98 Green-light

102 Removal of restrictions, for short

103 RV refuge org.

104 Six-legged marchers

107 Suffix with Carol

108 How Alaska is populated

111 * Town crier's cry

116 Cab cost

117 "It takes two" dances

118 Agents, in brief

119 * "The Price Is Right" host

123 Happy dance

124 Net, as earnings

127 Ames' state

128 Saturate

129 Bullfight yell

130 Dissimilar

131 Legal equal

132 Brontë's Jane

133 Despite this

134 What the last four letters of eight key answers in this puzzle might be considered, cryptically

6 Of Swiss mountains

7 Playa del

8 Climb up

9 Divided

Asian land

10 Get by logic

11 Joins closely

12 Org. for cavity fixers

13 Thereafter

14 Counterparts of manis

15 Cousin of a chimpanzee

16 Poebler of "Baby Mama"

17 Fight (for)

18 Zeta follower

26 Pronounces

28 "Just my opinion," in a text

29 Supermodel Banks

31 Fitness locale

32 Early auto

33 Award for U2

34 All-time low

35 Creeping vine

36 Once called

37 Fido's threat

41 Intertwine

44 Tartan skirt wearers

46 Suffix with owl or wolf

47 Vardalos of Hollywood

48 Sierra, Yukon and Acadia

49 Trendy berry

50 Shells out

52 Boggy areas

53 Motorists' gp.

56 Very thin, as clouds

57 "It matters to me"

58 Escorted from outside

59 Org. with bag screeners

60 The whole — and caboodle

61 Fox-sighting cry

62 Jagged, as a leaf's edge

63 "When I Need You" singer Leo

64 Hopper of old gossip

68 Fake coins

71 Not fooled by

72 Previous to

74 Globe

77 Ergo

78 Japanese noodle type

80 In no danger

82 Playwright O'Neill

83 Links letters

86 Dangerous abbr.

87 Vetoing vote

88 Genetic stuff

89 Spider's hatching pouch

92 NFL goals

93 With it, in old slang

94 Lyricist Gershwin

95 Battle with spongy balls

96 "So funny!"

97 Light beams

99 Actress Alley

100 Even a single

101 "— hawl!"

105 Regal seat

106 Playground fixture

109 Wipe clean

110 "Bad, Bad — Brown"

112 Delight in

113 Nimble

114 Big name in thesauruses

115 In a fitting manner

117 Small kid

119 Chip topper

120 Fish spawn

121 She-sheep

122 Mug handle

124 Bit of word wit

125 Rap sheet

126 Boomer's kid

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37

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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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Otter Crest: Whale Watch Week volunteer talks to family about gray whales at Otter Crest State Scenic Viewpoint and Cape Foulweather Gift Shop Dec. 28, 2022.

Whale Watch

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but other coastal wildlife including birds and other marine mammals with help from trained volunteers and rangers.

The Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 27-31. Visitors to the center can enjoy interactive whale exhibits and take in the panoramic ocean views. Binoculars are provided. Rangers from

Oregon State Parks will also be on hand to answer questions about the whales.

All Whale Watch Week visitors are encouraged to dress for the weather, to bring binoculars and to follow beach safety guidelines such as remain-

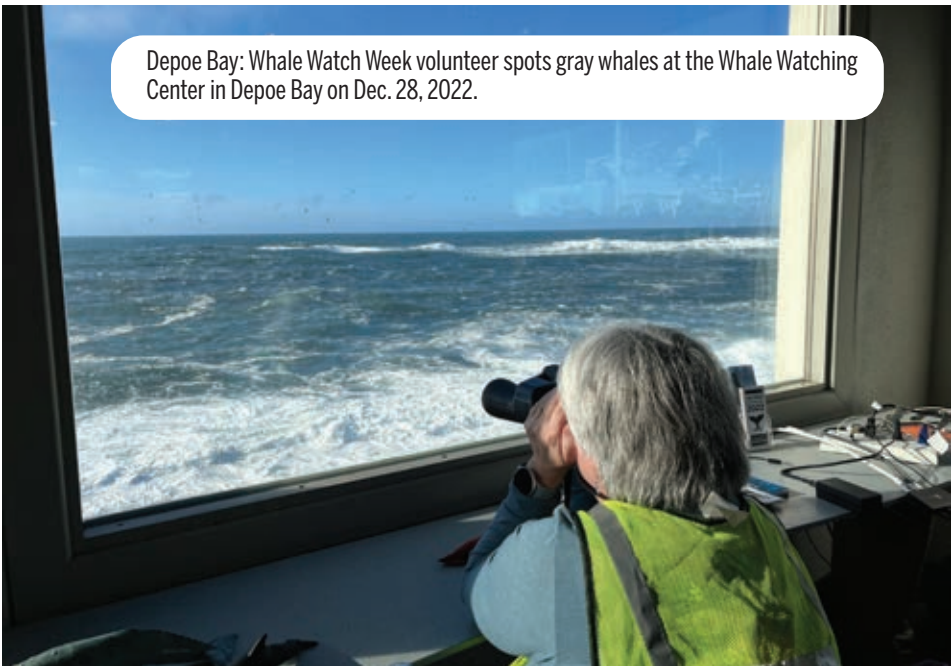
ing out of fenced areas, knowing the tide schedule and always keeping an eye on the surf. For a list of safety tips go to: <https://visittheoregoncoast.com/beach-safety/>.

For more information about coast parks and

campgrounds, visit: oregonstateparks.org.

For a map of volunteer-staffed whale watching site, visit: https://oregonstateparks.org/index.cfm?do=thingstodo.dsp_whaleWatching. Visitors are encouraged

to share their photos and videos from Winter Whale Watch Week on social media using #OregonStateParks and #ORWhale-Watch24.



Depoe Bay: Whale Watch Week volunteer spots gray whales at the Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay on Dec. 28, 2022.

Oregon Lawmakers Scramble to Fund Devastating Wildfire Season



Photo courtesy of U.S. Forest Service- Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest
All Ablaze: The Chetco Bar Fire

By LINDA LEE
Curry Coastal Pilot

Oregon is grappling with the aftermath of a record-breaking wildfire season that has left the state facing a staggering \$218 million bill. The unprecedented costs have ignited a fierce debate among lawmakers over who should foot the bill and how to prevent future financial crises.

The state's current funding model for wildfire response has come under intense scrutiny. Private landowners contribute to a fund that is capped at ten million, while the state's general fund covers the remaining costs. This year, however, the general fund will bear the brunt of the expenses, paying more than fourteen times the amount contributed by private landowners.

Representative Paul Holvey, D-Eugene, has long been a critic of the state's reliance on the general fund for wildfire costs. He argues that large-forest landowners should be held

responsible for the fires on their land.

"It is time that these large-forest landowners pay for the wildfire on their own lands, like most all of us do," Holvey said.

Holvey's stance is shared by a small group of lawmakers, including Senators Dennis Linthicum, Brian Boquist, and Representative James Hieb, who voted against the funding measure.

During this year's fire season, which roughly lasted from June until October, more than 1.93 million acres burned making it the most devastating fire season in history.

According to Wildland Mapping Institute, more than one-third of all acres burned have been on private land, mostly in Eastern Oregon, with less than two percent being on state land and roughly sixty-four percent on federal land.

"The 2024 fire season highlights the reality that's before us," said Kassie Keller, a spokesperson for the Oregon State Fire

Marshal. "The wildfire season is getting longer with larger fires burning for more time."

As climate change continues to exacerbate wildfire risk, Oregon faces a daunting challenge in ensuring adequate funding for future fire seasons. A wildfire cost committee has been formed to develop sustainable funding solutions and their recommendations will be presented to the Oregon Legislature in January.

"We talk about this as a historic wildfire season," said Dacia Grayber, a firefighter from Tigard who also serves as a state representative. "I think that we run the risk of this being our new normal."

Oregon's lawmakers must now navigate the complex and politically charged issue of how to fund wildfires, in relationship to vendors responding to the calls. As they grapple with the immediate financial crisis, they must also consider long-term solutions to protect the



Photo courtesy of Kristina Wentz-Graff / OPB
Oregon Lawmakers: Firefighters face new challenges in Oregon as lawmakers seek alternative ideas to funding.

(Left to right) Sen. Kate Lieber, D-Portland, Rep. Tawna Sanchez, D-Portland, and Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner, attend a committee hearing during a special session of the Oregon Legislature on Thursday.
Kristyna Wentz-Graff / OPB

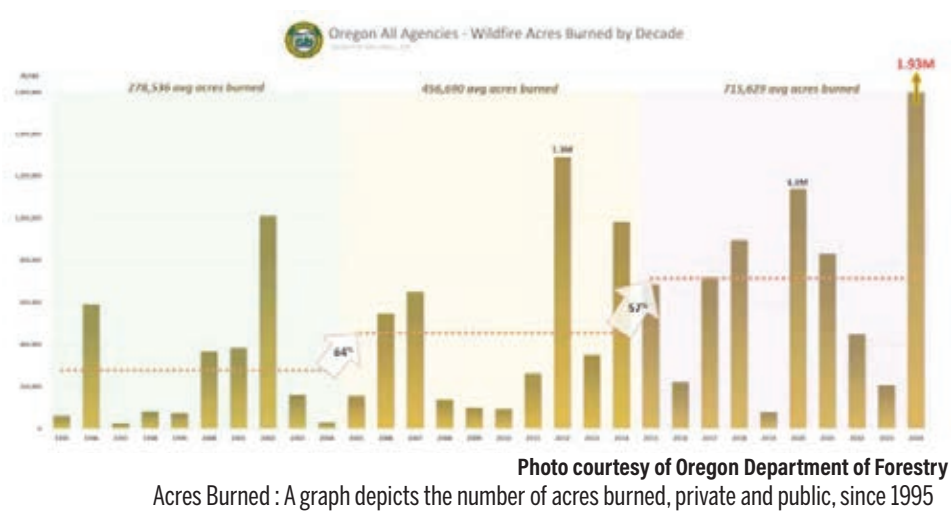


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Acres Burned : A graph depicts the number of acres burned, private and public, since 1995

state's communities and natural resources from the increasing threat of wildfires.

"What we have done is put vendors on the hook for a lot of money," Findley said. "They had to borrow money. They had to go into debt, and this is wrong."

Lawmakers who voted to allocate the \$218 million from the state's general fund expressed

deep frustration with the situation. Senator Lynn Findley, R-Vale, called the delay in paying bills "absolutely unacceptable" and demanded the resignation of the head of the forestry department.

Oregon's current state forester is Cal Mukamoto, who is based out of Coos Bay and has been serving the state since 2021.

"We have vendors in the state of Oregon that we,

the State of Oregon, hired months and months ago, and we have not paid that bill," said Findley. "If the tables were turned and it was the other way around, the attorney general would be throwing somebody in jail."

Nobody from the Oregon Department of Forestry could be reached for comment.