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**Dorado sets sail for the final time** 

#### By KNOX KERANEN The Triplicate

After 22 years of service, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Dorado and its crew set sail from the Crescent City harbor for a final time on Wednesday, as the ship was decommissioned from active duty.

During its service in Crescent City, the Dorado has been a flexible, multi-mission asset to the U.S. Coast Guard and law enforcement in Del Norte, as well as Mendocino and Humboldt counties. Crews aboard the Dorado executed over 130 search and rescue missions and more than a thousand safety inspections. They also enforced fishing laws and completed regular patrols stretching the West Coast from Mexico to Canada, not to mention, a long list of community service activities.

The current commanding officer of the Dorado, Lieutenant Rebecca Cotton, said Crescent City is a unique place to serve.

"The quality of the people here, they are very invested in their town. As a result, they are invested in us, and they are interested in us because we represent safety for the town," Cotton said. "That support and that feedback is very important for us. It gives a reason to want to serve here."

The 87-foot cutter, a term used by the U.S. Coast Guard for its

commissioned vessels, was built by Bollinger Shipyards in Lockport, La. and then traveled 6,000 miles from New Orleans to Crescent City. During the inaugural trip, the crew of the Dorado were called to rescue two teenage boys whose boat was capsized near the mouth of the Mississippi River. This was to be the first of many successful rescue missions completed by crewmembers aboard the Dorado.

The vessel arrived in Crescent City and was commissioned in April 1999. In late 2000, the crew aboard the Dorado rescued six people, including four children, from their disabled skiff near Point St. George. Most recently, the cutter towed a vessel to safety after it had lost propulsion in Mission Bay and was drifting toward a jetty, in Oct. 2020.

When the Dorado was needed, she was ready. Following the September 2001 terrorist attacks, the Dorado and its crew were called to San Francisco for three weeks of non-stop security and anti-terrorism duties, which included escorting high-interest vessels and responding to bomb threats on the Golden Gate Bridge. In the aftermath of the 2011 Japanese tsunami, the Dorado crew helped raise 15 sunken vessels, assisted another that had run aground and removed over 2,000 gallons of oil from the water.

Recently, the Dorado made its



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**Crescent City, CA** 

Above: The crew of the Dorado poses for a picture after completing a mission. Below: The Dorado served Crescent City for 22 years before being decommissioned Wednesday.

first drug bust when it intercepted a smuggler vessel harboring over 1,400 pounds of illegal cannabis near the San Diego border with Mexico on one of its regular, offshore patrols.

Beyond daring rescues and law enforcement patrols, Dorado crew members have made lasting impacts in Crescent City through community outreach and partnerships. Between 1999-2001, crew members teamed up with the community

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## **Applications being accepted for council vacancy**

By David Rupkalvis The Triplicate

With a vacancy on the city council after the resignation of Alex Campbell, the remaining council members voted to take applications from people interested in serving through November 2022.

Campbell resigned earlier this month after pleading guilty to one count of election fraud.

City Manager Eric Wier told the council it was their job to figure out how to fill the vacancy.

"It is up to the council how to fill the vacancy," Wier said. "You to expire in December 2024. If appointed, the person chosen would only serve through the next general election, which is November 2022. The person could choose to run for the rest of the term at that time.

After hearing the options, the council was unanimous in avoiding the \$30,000 expense.

"I can't see us spending that kind of taxpayer money on a special election," Councilman Blake Inscore said. "My recommendation is we make an appointment until November 2020."

Councilman Beau Smith then made a motion to take applications with the council voting for a replacement. Inscore seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Applications will be accepted at city hall through March 26. The will hold interviews the week of March 29, with the person chosen taking the oath of office April 5. The council then turned to choos-

ing a new mayor pro tem. Before the discussion, Natalie Fahning spoke during public comment, saying almost every decision made by the council since January should be reconsidered. Fahning said Campbell, Smith and Greenough teamed together to choose Greenough as mayor, a move she said was illegal and should be reconsidered.

"Residents are angry that so much time has been wasted with one resident's illegal behavior," she said.

Smith then made a motion to nominate Inscore as mayor pro tem and Councilman Isaiah Wright seconded it. Before the vote, Inscore spoke up. my perspective and that it the role of the mayor. I do believe Mayor Greenough that you're doing a great job. I think you were brought in in a difficult situation and uncomfortable situation because in some ways it pitted you and I, who have worked together for four years, against one another. That is not something either of us wanted. I am wholeheartedly in support of you remaining as our mayor. I'm honored, if the council so chooses me, to serve as your mayor pro tem, to work with you so we can move forward."

The council then voted unani-

#### Campbell resigns from council after pleading guilty

#### By David Rupkalvis The Triplicate

Alex Campbell's term on the Crescent City City Council came to a surprising end earlier this month when Campbell resigned after pleading guilty to one count of election fraud.



have two options. One, you can call a special election, or you could appoint someone."

Wier told the council a special election would cost the city around \$30,000, and the winner would be seated through the end of Campbell's term, which was slated

"Because of the public comment that was made, I want to express what I believe," Inscore said. "I will speak to one specific issue from mously to appoint Inscore as mayor pro tem.

"If the council would like to review the mayor's situation, I am willing to go through the process again," Greenough said before ending the meeting.

#### **Alex Campbell**

Campbell, who was sworn into the council in January and named mayor pro tem at the same time, pleaded guilty to making a false declaration of candidacy.

The plea came after Campbell was indicted on several counts alleging he ran for the city council while he lived outside the city limits.

When he was first indicted, Campbell acknowledged he owned a home outside the city limits but claimed he was renting a room inside the city limits and spent the majority of his time there.

According to court records and information from other media sites, Campbell submitted a form to the Del Norte County clerk last year stating he lived in the city limits while he actually maintained his residence in the county.

After pleading guilty to the one charge, two counts of forgery were dropped. Campbell faces two years of felony probation. He also faces fines of up to \$20,000 and a restitution fine of up to \$10,000.

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## Sunset senior on to state poetry competition

By ZACK DEMARS The Triplicate

Alex Armstrong, a senior at Sunset High School, is moving on to the state Poetry Out Loud competition after being selected as the county's winner.

"The arts mean everything to me," Armstrong told the county board of supervisors during a presentation Tuesday. "Poetry is an art that I've just recently learned to enjoy. Poetry Out Loud has helped me by showing me how impactful my voice can be."

This is the third year Del Norte County will be represented at the statewide competition, which invites students from across the state to memorize and recite poetry to practice public speaking and literary history skills.

"The Poetry Out Loud program encourages students to study great classic and modern poetry – everything from William Blake, to Robert Frost, to Maya Angelou," said Stephanie La Torre, executive director of DNACA, which coordinates the program locally. "We're very grateful for Sunset High School's enthusiastic and commit-



Photo contributed by Kelly Troyna Alex Armstrong, a senior at Sunset High School, poses with a certificate he received from the California Legislature for winning the countywide Poetry Out Loud competition

ted involvement in the Poetry Out Loud program, because we believe it directly helps students learn more about their potential and the ability to propel them even further in their pursuits." According to Kelly Troyna, Sunset's English teacher, after Armstrong was selected as the county winner form a field of 47 students who chose poems for classroom contests, the next phase of the competition means statewide judges will consider recordings Armstrong sent in of three different poetry readings.

If he's successful at the state level, he'll move on to the national Poetry Out Loud competition, which La Torre said has reached 16,000 schools since it began in 2005.

"The students who choose to participate in Poetry Out Loud make me deeply proud not only because of their achievements, but because of the long trail of steps that each one has taken to get to this point," Troyna told supervisors. "It takes courage. It takes humility. It takes patience."

Armstrong received a certificate of recognition from the state legislature for his win — but he wasn't the only one recognized.

Troyna, the only teacher in the county who participated in the program this year, was also recognized by the legislature.

"We also received an unexpect-

ed acknowledgement when Kelly Troyna received a Certificate of Recognition by the state legislature celebrating her 'incredible service to the students of Del Norte County,''' said Principal Tony Fabricius.

The program is about more than just poetry, according to La Torre.

"By participating in Poetry Out Loud, students build self-confidence, master public speaking skills, and learn about literary history and contemporary life," La Torre said.

Armstrong, who recited "Invictus" by William Ernest Henley for the board, agreed.

"From here, I know that I can truly use my voice to be a positive influence and pursue a challenging and rewarding career. I have become the leader of my own life," Armstrong said.

Supervisors congratulated Armstrong on the recognition.

"It's rare that we get to provide a platform like this, and often times that gets lost under these uncertain times," said Board Chair Chris Howard. "But the more positivity we can show about our youth succeeding during these times, the better off we are as a community."

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## Dairy producers begin search for royalty

The local dairy industry is searching for young women wishing to compete for the District 1 Dairy Princess crown.

The winner will represent the dairy industry in District 1 as a spokesperson and will also represent the California dairy industry in appearances with various audiences. The newly selected Dairy Princess and alternates will participate in a mandatory professional development and educational training from July 6-8.

Contestants must be at least a junior in high school and can be up to 21 years of age by the contest date and be unmarried. Contestants can qualify to be a candidate by fulfilling the requirements of at least one of the following: 1) Have resided on a dairy farm at some time during her life (does not have to currently reside on a dairy, 2) Be the daughter, granddaughter or ward of a person presently employed full-time as an owner or employee of a dairy processing plant or dairy distributor in California, 3) Be the daughter, granddaughter or ward of a person employed full-time



**Contributed Photo** 

Megan Dixon will relinquish her crown when a new Dairy Princess is chosen for District 1.

on an operating dairy farm in California, 4) Be currently employed, or the daughter, granddaughter or ward of any person employed in a dairy-related industry, such as veterinarian; milk tank driver, grain, or hay truck driver; milk inspector; grain

supplier; hay dealer; or raise dairy replacement heifers, or 5) Currently or have been a member of the 4-H or FFA programs that participate in dairy-related projects, i.e. raise and show dairy cattle, dairy product judging or dairy cattle judging.

## **Pelican Bay Athletic Organization reveals** the latest recipients of Pelican Bay food sales

Earlier this week, PBAO revealed a new motto for their fund raising non-profit organization: Local Strong.

Today, PBAO announces the latest Pelican Bay Food Sales fund raiser resulted in a record \$27,000.

The board selected two different nonprofits to receive funds: \$15,000 in high school scholarships, split between Brookings Harbor High School and Del Norte High School, and \$12,000 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the Bicoastal Media Radio-Thon.

According to Vice President Mitch Jones, the board selected St. Jude because it is the 'Hospital without Walls,' which benefits our local youth. Many local cancer patients have been treated by protocol provided (for free) by St. Jude. Also, because of Covid-19, the annual Country



Pictured: Jim Holt, Linda Field, Jessica Valdez, Mitch Jones and Rene' Shanle-Hutzell

Add to that, all major country concerts were cancelled last year - so, there were no celebrity autographed guitars to auction off.

From Mitch Jones, "It's our great pleasure to support St Jude Children's Research

Finding Cures. Saving Children."

PBAO is interested in adding new members to the organization. Pelican Bay staff and community members not associated with the prison are welcome. Please reach out via the PBAO Facebook Page or contact President Jim Holt.

## Del Norte County sees new testing provider, vaccination option

#### BY ZACK DEMARS The Triplicate

Del Norte County is beginning to see new options for both COVID-19 testing and vaccinations.

On the testing front, Public Health Officer Dr. Warren Rehwaldt said the county now has access to a new mobile testing unit, provided by the state.

"Our testing has seen a bit of an amplification this last couple weeks since I reported to you last," Rehwaldt told the county board of supervisors during its meeting Tuesday.

That amplification is coming from a new testing provider: OptumServe, sponsored by the state, launched in the county last week. The testing comes in a mobile unit, which looks like a food truck with blue and orange designs, according to Rehwaldt.

The truck can offer around 80 COVID-19 tests each day — and Rehwaldt said the county needs to use them, or risk losing them.

"It's very clear from the state that it's a precious resource for them, and if we don't find the utility of it here, if we don't show that we need it and we're going to use it, they're going to pack that bus up and send it off somewhere else," he told supervisors.

Testing can now take place at the truck five days a week, including one day in Smith River, one in Klamath and three in Crescent City. Online registration for testing is required, and is available at lhi.care/covidtesting, or by calling 888-634-1123.

Rehwaldt hopes the site can eventually be used to administer vaccines, once

## **College of the Redwoods reinstates** football, adds women's tennis

community."

College of the Redwoods is reinstating football in the fall of 2022 and adding women's tennis to its slate of athletic programming for next year. CR will immediately begin the process of hiring both a football and tennis coach, with job postings out next week.

"Alumni, parents and community members have taken the time to convey their personal stories of how important athletics, in particular football, has been in their lives. For many students playing sports was what led them to higher education," says CR President Keith Flamer. "Considering these and other factors, we have decided to reinstate the status of intercollegiate football in fall 2022 and offer women's tennis. Offering these two sports will have lasting implications for our effort to build and sustain a diverse student body and build stronger

the county's supply is great enough to bring them more directly into the community.

On the vaccine front, Rehwaldt said the county has begun to see doses coming in through the federal pharmacy program. Rite Aid in Crescent City has received around 1,200 doses of the Pfizer vaccine, which Rehwaldt said is a big boost.

"Huge boon to the community to have Rite Aid up and running like that, and getting that kind of supply. We're really happy to see that," he said Tuesday. "The biggest news for our county has been the stepping up of Rite Aid, and the fact that they became a distribution site through the Rite Aid chain. Because that kind of volume of vaccine is huge for us, for a county our size it's really helped a lot."

Those doses don't move through the county, and instead come directly through the federal government, Rehwaldt said the pharmacy is following the state's vaccine eligibility program. Appointments can be made online at ritea.id/california.

The county has also held a handful of vaccination clinics, including at the airport. Rehwaldt said public health is hoping to move those clinics to the fairgrounds in hopes of reducing the number of volunteers necessary to run a clinic.

In general, Rehwaldt painted a positive picture of the status of the pandemic in Del Norte County.

"Overall I'd say that our situation is pretty good. We're continuing to do vaccinations for COVID which is a good thing. I think we're going to hold in the red tier, which is also a good thing," Rehwaldt said.

relationships with our local ly completing two years of eligibility in their respective sports program and achieving The decision to reinstate cumulative team GPAs of the football program came 3.00 +. All athletic programs after a funding commitment by the CR Foundation and will be focused on building an outside study that recomcommunity relationships and mended steps to improve the will be active in the community through volunteering football program. Those steps include prioritizing recruitopportunities and/or guest

appearances.

Still, he noted that the county is continuing to see cases of the virus reported across the county.

According to public health data, Del Norte County reported 31 active cases of the virus March 8, compared to 28 on March 1 and 36 on Feb. 22. That's still down from the county's highs in December and January.

"Case numbers could be better, could be dramatically worse. I'd like to see more of a downward trend in our case numbers, but we are seeing a lot of days with multiple reports, and some days with very few. So hopefully that's a trend that we'll continue heading towards few reports," Rehwaldt said.

Rehwaldt's also optimistic about the possible impact of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which was recently approved by federal regulators. He said the county has received a few doses, and expects to receive more in the future.

"This is logistically easier, because it's refrigerateable, so you can take it around with you in a refrigerator cooler," Rehwaldt said. "You don't have try and rush to get everybody done before the vaccine time window wears out."

The vaccines do have lower general efficacy rates than the other versions already on the market — but Rehwaldt said the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is just as effective as preventing critical cases of COVID-19, hospitalizations, and deaths.

"The take-home is, if you get the opportunity to get vaccinated, get vaccinated with whatever is available, because they all do the job," he said.

Against Cancer event for St. Jude was cancelled, which has been the biggest local fundraiser for St Jude Kids.

Hospital. The \$12,000 will play a small but important role in St Jude's mission.

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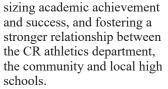
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ment of local talent, empha-

The goal is to recruit 40-70 freshman per year to the football team, with at least half of those coming from Humboldt or Del Norte high schools. Total roster size, including redshirts and sophomores, will be in the 70-100 range.

Athletic Director Bob Brown said, "We may not achieve the local recruitment numbers we're looking for right out of the gate, but that is where we are headed. This strategy has worked for both our men's and women's basketball teams and we have seen packed gymnasiums and playoff caliber teams come out of it."

On the academic side, CR's football and other athletics programs are committed to improving graduation and/or successful transfer rates to 80% +, with student athletes successful-



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Women's tennis is being added to provide more educational and athletic opportunity for female students, and to stay in compliance with Title IX.

"In the past, when we pursued beach volleyball it was on the premise that other programs in the Golden Valley Conference would also add the sport, but that never materialized," Brown said. "There is significant local area high school participation currently in women's tennis as well as regional community college teams participating, so we are confident we can provide a great opportunity for these students and help grow our female participation in athletics."

If your business, organization or family is interested in supporting College of the Redwoods athletic programs, contact Marty Coelho, executive director of College Advancement, and the College of the Redwoods Foundation at marty-coelho@redwoods. edu.



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#### Richard Carl "Johnny" Blake, Sr.

September 19, 1928 - March 6, 2021



Born on September 19th, 1928 in Klamath, California and died of natural causes at home in Crescent City, California on March 6, 2021, at the age of 92.

Johnny was a member of the Yurok Tribe and the Respected Elder of the large Blake Family. He was a lifelong member of the logging community in Del Norte County, retiring as a tree faller from the Miller-Rellim Company and former owner of the Redwood Country Chain Saw Shop. After he retired, he devoted his remaining years to the vision, development, and maintenance of the Mokie Blake Memorial Family Campground, providing all the funding and labor to accom-

plish it. Johnny devotedly believed in the importance in fostering family relationships, and he provided a beautiful campground for his large extended Blake Family to enjoy and gather together.

Johnny is survived by "his kids": Cynthia Blake Williamson (Bruce); Richard Blake, Jr (Kristen); Terri Blake Rivera (Rick); and Dorothy Blake Fry (Mark).

Grandpa Johnny is survived by twelve Grandchildren: Laney Tate Ashley; Glenn Thompson, Jr.; Tara Thompson Quinones (Kenny); Brian Williamson; Brooke Williamson Parker; Tyler Fry; Tana Williamson; Hailey Blake; Dustin Kelley; Harmani Blake; Brandon Rivera; and Jeanette Rivera. And nine Great-Grandchildren: Anthony West; Melissa Garcia; Alyssa Ashley; Aaden Thompson; Kiera Ashley; Tiara Quinones; Rylee Williamson; Hayden Parker; and Ashtyn Parker.

He also leaves behind his Sister, Jeanette Blake Nesbitt; Sister-in-law, Betty Safford Jackson; Nieces: Dorothea Nesbitt; Patricia Nesbitt Adams (Harry); and Lori Nesbitt.

Also survived by his lifelong cousin/friends, Ora Owen Collins and Albert "Buster" Owen adopted son/

friend, Albert Jasso, friend, Robert Presler, and his large Blake family, many cousins, and nieces and nephews who still call him Uncle Johnny, from his former marriage.

He was preceded in death by his beloved son, Warren "Mokie" Blake. His parents, Warren Blake, Sr. and Catherine Stevens Blake. His sister, Ethel Blake and his brothers, Warren "Sy" Blake, Jr., Roy Blake, and Earl Blake.

At Johnny's wishes, public viewing will be held at Wier's Mortuary Chapel and Crematory, 408 G Street, Crescent City, California, on Thursday, March 11, 2021, between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm. With cremation immediately following. No services will be held.

Rest now, Dad, your job is done, you raised strong and good people, who will continue your work. Know that you always provided us with love, the gift of your time, camping experiences, and so many other wonderful memories of our time with you. We will always miss you.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wier's Mortuary Chapel.

Please sign the family's online guest book at wiersmortuary.com



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## Joseph Marion Rimac, Jr.

#### 07/27/1951 - 01/16/2017



An esteemed attorney with more than 40 years in law, Joe was always one to help a family member or friend in need, looking after others, and extending a helping hand or legal advice.

Joe was born on July 27, 1951, in Ellwood City, PA, to Joseph and Mary Elizabeth (Badger) Rimac. He was raised in Palo Alto, CA, before his family moved to San Jose, CA, and then Birmingham, MI. He graduated from Seaholm High School in 1969, with honors. Joe earned his Bachelor of Arts from Stanford University (1973) and his J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School (1976), where he served as an instructor in legal writing.

and internationally. He was a member of the American Bar Association, Bar Association of California, and the Defense Research Institute. Joe cofounded Rimac Martin P.C. in San Francisco in 1998, and remained with the law firm until his death.

At the time of his passing, Joe was survived by his father, Joseph Rimac, Sr., of Smith River, CA; sisters Cynthia J. Brown (Edward) of Crescent City, CA, and Linda Rimac Colberg (Ron) of Walnut Creek, CA; brother Robert Rimac of Palm Springs, CA; and nieces Kristina Brown and Allison Colberg. He was predeceased by his mother Mary Elizabeth, who passed away in October 2000. Joe was buried at Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto, CA, on January 23, 2017.

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Joseph Marion Rimac, Jr., passed away at the age of 65 on January 16, 2017, in San Francisco, CA, of pancreatic cancer. Joe was a longtime resident of Crescent City and Smith River, CA. He is missed by his family, friends, and colleagues who were fortunate to experience his good humor, joy of life, debating skills, and adventurous spirit.

## Campbell

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Campbell's attorney, Keith V. Morris, told the Wild Rivers Outpost a \$20,000 fine is too high, though he acknowledged his client would likely be responsible for some restitution.

While it wasn't a requirement in his probation agreement, Campbell said he was resigning from the city council.

City Manager Eric Wier acknowledged his office received an allegation that Campbell lived outside the city and turned over the complaint to the district attorney's office.

Wier said he only heard about the indictment after it was made public, and he shared that information with the rest of the city council.

#### DEATH NOTICES

Ruth "Dolly" Marie Bunting. Born December 13, 1927 in San Jose, California, and passed away on March 2, 2021, in Crescent City, California.

Joe was licensed to practice law in California in all aspects of civil litigation, and served on behalf of clients in state and federal courts



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#### **Guest columns**

## Unfair fines target poor and minorities

#### BY DAVID RUPKALVIS

Over the last few years, there has been a lot of talk about how the U.S. justice system is unfair to poor people, often people of color.

There are many rightfully complaining that those with little money cannot afford decent legal representation, which often leads to them facing stiff sentences for relatively minor crimes.

In Oregon, California, Washington and many other states, voters took some of that away be legalizing marijuana, and in Oregon, decriminalizing almost all drugs.

I have always said there are way too many people serving lengthy prison sentences for drug crimes that hurt no one but themselves.

Over the last few years, much of the conversation has been led by left-leaning experts who argue that too many young men and women are growing up in prison for relatively minor crimes. I have heard a lot of discussion, but not a lot of answers as to how to fix the problem.

Although I consider myself fairly conservative,

I have agreed with many of the ideas regarding our justice system. Too many people suffer life-impacting sentences for crimes that, while illegal, hurt no one but themselves. I have long felt government should not be in the businesses of forcing individuals to make wise decisions. While I choose not to drink or do drugs, that is my choice. Penalizing others who live differently is not something I want to do.

I only brought up the political leanings of many involved in the discussion because I now cover two left-leaning states – Oregon and California. And one thing I have noticed over the last few months is how these two states punish lawbreakers in a way I'm not used to. They hit the pocketbook and often hit it hard.

Last week, while typing in the criminal convictions report for Crescent City, Calif., I noticed the financial penalties often are greater than anything else. For a DUI, a person often gets a couple days in jail, a year probation and fines close to or more than \$2,000. In some cases, they added another traffic penalty with the DUI

and pushed the fines over \$4,000.

I get it in some ways. States like California and Oregon need those fines to help pay their massive government bills. But in my opinion, fining minor lawbreakers is not the way to do it.

As someone who has paid close attention to the judicial system for years, large fines start a slippery slope that often leads to chaos.

Many of the people facing the huge fines sign plea agreements eagerly because it leads to little or no immediate jail time. But, too often, when big fines are attached, it just delays the inevitable.

In today's world, when rent and other expenses are sky high, few people have thousands of dollars to pay court fees. So, they agree to payment plans to remain free. That sounds great until your car breaks down and you miss a payment or your child gets sick and you can't work and you miss another.

You do that, and all of a sudden that probation you agreed to means there's a warrant our for your arrest. And to stay out of jail, you are likely to agree to an extended probation and a larger fine.

The process repeats over and over and over. And the people who suffer the most the poor, minorities, people of color. People with money don't find themselves in this situation. That's simply a fact.

In Texas, known for its conservative leadership, fines are known to be small. I've seen people lead out on Class A misdemeanors, just a step below a felony, and get a \$60 fine and a year probation. That might not be enough of a deterrent.

But getting slapped with a \$4,000 fine with a year to pay it off is more than many can do. Think about it, when you were 22 could you have paid \$300-plus a month for court fees? Many can't, and they get stuck in a cycle of punishment that never seems to end.

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#### Time for another ( update

A lot has been going on since the last bulletin from us, so here are the high points.

Testing: We have a new state-sponsored testing service, OptumServe, which started last Friday. Optum-Serve is using a mobile minibus (about the size of a large food truck). It's painted blue, with orange markings and lots of signage about COVID-19. I tried the service myself over the weekend, and it went pretty smoothly. Like Verily, there is an online sign up process, and the link is at our website (and posted below as well). It took a little longer, as there were more questions, and like Verily, the site collects insurance information. OptiumServe creates a unique patient ID number, and it is important to copy this number down when it is created for you, as apparently you will need this every time you get tested. There is also a requirement for a password and username. If you have trouble signing in online, there is a helpline that can enroll you over the phone (also posted below). The test itself is a little different as well. As we have mentioned on the radio, the OptumServe test is a driveup test, not drive through. Your test time is scheduled for a half hour window (I chose 8-8:30) and I was there at about 8:20. A couple of people showed up behind me in a socially distanced line while I checked in at the canopy next to the bus, and then an OptumServe staffer walked me around the back of the bus, under an awning. I was handed a swab, just like Verily, except I was standing outside. I swabbed myself, handed it back and went on my way. Pretty simple. In Crescent City, the

site will be at the Front Street Park playground, on the back parking lot, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Tuesdays they will relocate to Smith River, at the old Ray's Food Place parking lot, and on Wednesday, they will be in Klamath at the Holiday Inn Express hotel (depending on the slide, of course.) They take appointments from 8-4.

As I mentioned, I was tested Saturday, and I got my results Monday morning. I had asked to be prompted by a text to my phone, but to get the results I logged back into the site, put in my username and password, and got the results to my computer. I did not try getting the results with my phone, but I think that is an option.

Please use this testing service. The minibus can handle up to 84 tests a day, and we really want to get to that number. If the service is not used enough, then we will lose it. The state health department wants to help us, but not at the expense of another part of California that might use the minibus to full capacity. Vaccinations: We are still doing appointment only clinics, mostly for the targeted groups of tier 1b. We did a clinic Saturday that had almost 440 people vaccinated with the Moderna vaccine. A lot were second doses, but not all, and we are pretty confident that we can expand a bit further next time. In addition, we are getting a little more vaccine and as was mentioned last week, Rite-Aid has been using Pfizer vaccines sent to their parent company directly from the Federal government. We are very happy that they have been able to roll out vaccine locally, and we hope other pharmacies

will be able to follow soon. We are continuing to supply local medical offices as well. We had a meeting with Blue Shield last week, who is now the contracted "third party administrator" for the state of California. They will be deciding a lot of technical stuff about vaccine distribution going forward, and they make recommendations to the state. They will be assisting us and perhaps coming up with additional means for vaccinating on our behalf. That project has a way to go, but part of it will be enrolling in the statewide vaccination appointment program (My Turn) that should be up and running at least in part, sometime in the next few weeks.

The Future: We are holding in the Red Tier, and we think that we will remain there, but the numbers of cases we have are pretty close to getting us in trouble. We have to continue to be vigilant, as much as possible. Spring fever is starting early because we are all tired of COVID and we really cannot give in too early to the temptation to relax our guard. The main reason this is still true is that even with vaccines in hand and a good portion of the population infected and recovered, the virus variants are definitely out there and may be here any day, they might even be here now, and we have just not detected them. Most COVID tests don't distinguish the variants from the ordinary virus, and the process to do that is complicated. We are in the process of setting up some sampling of our local tests to be sent for specialized testing, on a regular basis. It would probably be the only way that we could detect a variant of the virus in time to get the word out.

And for now, we need to continue everything that we have been doing, even though there are some slight changes in some of the guidelines from the state health department that hint that things are trending downward. The reason for this is that we are not quite to the point where we have enough people vaccinated or over the infection that we can really start to breathe easier. People still need to wear masks, still need to keep distance, still need to stay home when they are sick, still need to get tested when they are sick. Until we are dealing with these variants in full force, we won't really know whether enough has been done to ward them off or not. Some experts are saying that we are in the "eye of the hurricane" at the moment, and we should prepare for a fourth surge. I hope they are wrong, but they wouldn't be experts if they could not make some good predictions and these are the same people who predicted the surge we just got out of. I think it is prudent to listen to them, and pay attention to the warning. We have been fortunate enough to escape a lot of the tragedy that has hit other parts of the state and country, and we don't want to stumble at the end.

So, stay safe, and stay masked! Even if you have been vaccinated, we want you to take the same precautions until we know for sure that you can relax the guard. We are just not quite there yet.

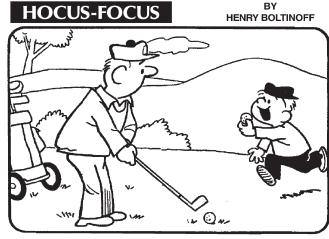
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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pm on March 16, 2021. Applications are required to be submitted by email to hrjobs@ dnco.org. EEO.

Brookings Elks Lodge is seeking: P/T Cook/Kitchen Manager & P/T prep cook/dishwasher.

Applications are available at the Elks Lodge office Monday Thursday 8-3pm and Friday 9-3pm.

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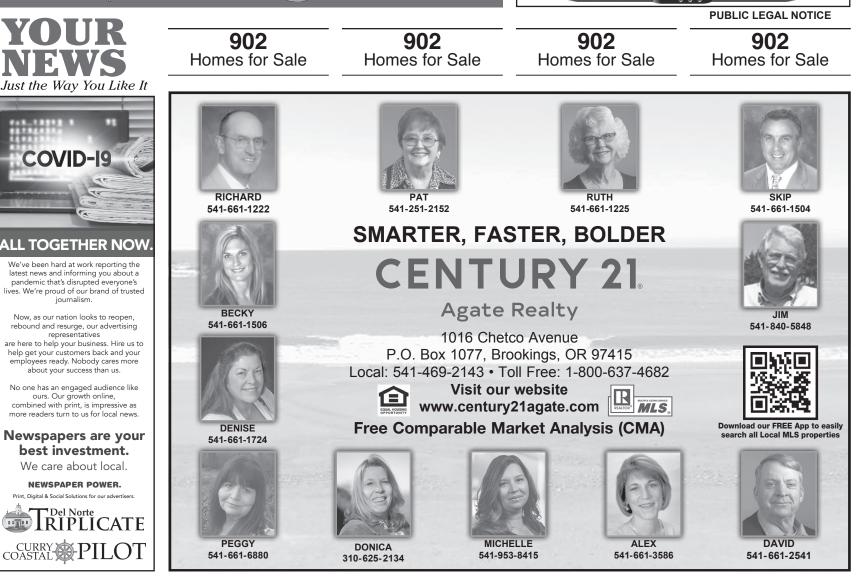
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Notice of Public Meeting The Port of Brookings Harbor Board of Director's will hold a Regular Meeting March 16, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. For meeting agenda and packet please visit Port website:

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF BROOKINGS HEMLOCK STREET IMPROVE-MENTS (OAK TO ALDER)

Sealed bids for the construction of the Hemlock Street Improvements (Oak to Alder) for the City of Brookings (Owner) will be submitted by electronic means only and must be received by 2:00 p.m. PDT March 31, 2021. The City of Brookings will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN. com via their electronic VirtuBid™ online bid service. A virtual bid opening will be held at the day and time of the bid closing utilizing GoToMeeting<sup>™</sup>. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend.

The project must be substantially complete 60 days after issuance of Notice to Proceed. Estimated construction cost for the Basic Bid is between \$220,000 and \$270,000. The project consists of the following major items of construction:

#### 1. Basic Bid

a. Construct approximately 390 lineal feet of new curb and gutter along the north side of Hemlock Street and approximately 1610 square feet of sidewalk, approximately 400 square feet of concrete driveway, two (2) access

Planholder is recommended as Planholder's will receive automatic notice of addenda and other updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn. com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital request information and vBid online bid submittal questions. To access the electronic bid form, download the request documents and click on the online bid button at the top of the bid advertisement page

For this project, prospective bidders must be on the Planholder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com.

A Pre-Bid Conference will not be held.

All Bidders must be "equal opportunity employers" and comply with the appropriate provisions of state and federal

law. In addition, all Bidders are required to comply with ORS 656.017 regarding Workers' Compensation. Bidder, Contractor, and subcontractors are required to be registered with Construction Contractors Board.

Pursuant to ORS 279C.505(2), all Bidders must certify with their Bids that they have an employee drug testing program in place. If awarded a Contract, Bidder must provide proof of such drug testing program when executed Agreements are returned to Owner.

Bidders must prequalify with Owner as specified in the Instructions to Bidders, five (5) days prior to Bid opening.

Each Bidder must submit a First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form to the Owner within two working hours of the time for receipt of Bids in accordance with ORS 279C.370. Each Bidder must also submit Evidence of Authority to Sign Bid and Evidence to do Business in the State within two working hours of the time for receipt of the Bid.

The Contractor and every subcontractor on the project shall pay at least the state prevailing rate of wage as determined under ORS 279C.815. ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 will be administered and enforced in a manner that is consistent with state law and

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for Chetco Community Public Library Interior Renovations project, will be received by the Chetco Community Library District until the bid closing time of 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Bids are to be submitted to the Chetco Community Public Library, Attn: Julie Retherford, Library Director, 405 Alder Street, Brookings, Oregon. Due to COVID-19, bids shall also be received ELEC-TRONICALLY by email to: bids@ chetcolibrary.org subject: BID for Chetco Community Public Library Interior Renovations. Refer to Instructions to Bidders within the Contract Documents. The actual bid opening shall be conducted by Chetco Community Library District following the bid closing time at 2:15 P.M. at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud via remote conference call. Call-in information for bid opening is as follows:

Topic: Chetco Community Library Bid Opening Time: April 6, 2021 02:15 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

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Work on this Contract includes interior renovations to the main library area including the lobby in the Chetco Community Public Library building. The impacted area is approximately 14,600 square feet of the existing 16,500 square foot building. Work includes: Selective demolition, minor rough framing, full height glazed partitions, doors, carpet, paint, mechanical (duct work reconfigure), electrical and lighting upgrades. Coordination of work with a separate furnishings upgrade contract is also required.

Contract Documents for this work,

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** COUNTY OF DEL NORTE 450 H Street Room 209 Crescent City, CA 95531

Petition of: Dolores Sola CASE NO. CVPT2021-1062

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all interested persons: Petitioner: Dolores Sola filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present name: Ronnie Joseph Caron

to Proposed name: Triton Ronnie Joseph Caron THE COURT ORDERS that all

persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: April 23, 2021 Time: 9:00 am Dept.: TWO The address of the court is same as noted above.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Del Norte Triplicate

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA, YAVAPAI COUNTY Regarding the Matter of: RANDY BURDETT, Petitioner and

MICHELLE OLSON, Respondent

V 1300DO 201280061 NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF CHILD LEAL DECISION-MAKING

NOTICE Pursuant to Rule 91, Arizona **Rules of Family Law Procedure** (ARFLP), a Petition for Modification of Legal Decision-Making has been filed. A copy of the Petition is attached to this Notice.

You have 20 days from the date you were served with this Notice and the Petition to file a Response with the Superior Court of Arizona in Yavapai County, unless otherwise ordered by this Court. If you choose to file a Response, you are required to provide a copy to the other party or his or her attorney if s/ he has one.

If you choose not to file a Response, the Judicial Officer may enter an Order that affects your legal decision-making rights, with or without a hearing.

To respond, file a Response with the Clerk of the Superior Court at one of the following addresses:

**Clerk of Superior Courthouse** Yavapai County Courthouse 120 South Cortez Street Prescott, AZ 86303

Clerk of Superior Court Yavapai County Superior Court 2840 North Commonwealth Drive Camp Verde, AZ 86322

No sooner than five (5) days after expiration of the time permitted for the filling of the response, either party or attorney shall provide a Request for Order Granting or Denying Legal Decision-Making Hearing to the assigned division of the

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 2/26/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder Claire Landay, Deputy File No. 20210028 Publish: March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2021

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT LCZ Unloaders

The following person/s is/are doing business as: LČZ Unloaders

50 Citizens Dock Rd. Space 5 Crescent City, CA 95531

This Business is conducted by: a trust

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 03/-/2008

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: Wesley Taylor

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT **Revive Salon**

The following person/s is/are doing business as: **Revive Salon** 1335 Northcrest Drive Crescent City, CA 95531 This Business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: not applicable

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as



#### Thursday, March 25th, 5:30-6:30 pm The meeting can be reached by using the following online ad-

dress: https://dnco.zoom.us/j/942404503 24?pwd=ZVpCMy8vLzdBWnVEM 2RaN3d1VWkyQT09

Call in number: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 922 8214 2696 Password: 880651

After the community meeting takes place, the Three Year Plan Annual Update will be drafted and made available for public viewing and comment.

to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 4/9/2021 Time: 10:00 am Dept.: ONE The address of the court is same as noted above.

A copy of this Order to Show

#### Case Number: CVPB-2021-7004

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Mansel Basil Johnson

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Michael Lawrence Johnson aka Larry Johnson, in the Superior Court of California, County of: Del Norte. The petition for probate requests that: Michael Lawrence Johnson aka Larry Johnson be appointed

as personal representative to administer the estate of the deceI 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: GDMI Enterprises, Inc. David E. Marcus, President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 2/18/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder B. McCune-Sokoloski, Deputy File No. 20210025

Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder B. McCune-Sokoloski, Deputy File No. 20210033 Publish: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T311050

Notice of Public Hearing for Submittal of a State CDBG Application

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Del Norte (COUN-TY) will conduct a public hearing on March 23, 2021 at 10:40 a.m. via Zoom at https://media. co.del-norte.ca.us/ in order to discuss submittal of an application for funding under the 2021 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and to solicit public input on possible competitive activities to be included in the application.

01204. The applicant/owner is Adria Honda. The criteria used to decide this matter is found in Section 17.124.170 - Short-term rentals, Chapter 17.136 - Conditional Uses, and Section 17.20.040(Q) Single-Family Residential (R-1-6) Conditional uses of the Brook ings Municipal Code (BMC). This is a Quasi-judicial hearing and the Planning Commission will make a decision on the matter.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing. All persons wishing to address this matter will have an opportunity to do so in person at the hearing or by submitting written evidence to the Brookings Planning Department at the address above. If you wish to speak at the hearing, you will be asked to sign in and afforded five (5) minutes to speak. Failure to raise an issue accompanied by statements or evidence suffi-cient to afford the Planning Commission and parties an opportunity to respond to the issues precludes appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA).

Please direct questions to: Marcus Padilla Del Norte County Behavioral Health Branch 855 K St. Crescent City, CA 95531 (707) 464-7224 mpadilla@co.del-norte.ca.us Published: Feb. 12, March 5, and March 19, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T307951

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY In the Matter of the Estate of: SHARON E. WARNER, Deceased. Case No. 21PB01429 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shannon Warner has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers attached, to Sharon Warner c/o Paul Pierson. 16210 E. Hoffeldt Lane #6. Brookings, OR 97415 within 30 days after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Paul Pierson. DATED: February 24, 2021.

/s/ Paul Pierson, OSB #88288 Attorney for Personal Representative

Published: March 5, 12, and 19, 2021

Curry Coastal Pilot P310334

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of: WENDELINE JO ANN BERN-HARDT, fna WENDELINE DUSTER, aka WENDELINE DUSTER BERNHARDT, Deceased.

Case No. 21PB01230 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PER-SONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Philip Bernhardt has been ap-

Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Del Norte Triplicate

Date: Feb. 23, 2021 /s/ Darren McElfresh Judge of the Superior Court Published: March 5, 12, 19 and 26.2021 Del Norte Triplicate T310200

#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT King of the Grind Boxing Club

The following person/s is/are doing business as: King of the Grind Boxing Club 1545 California Street Crescent City, CA 95531 This Business is conducted by: an individual

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on: 10/23/2019

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: Richard Ybarra

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Del Norte County on: 1/29/2021 Alissia D. Northrup County Clerk-Recorder Damon Fletcher, Deputy File No. 20210016 Publish: Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19,

Del Norte Triplicate T309006

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY **Probate Department Case No.:** 21 PB 01069

#### NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

In the Matter of the Estate of Dorothy Elaine Pommarane, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John E. Kay has been duly appointed as personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for the person-

aent.

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: March 19. 2021 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

Publish: Feb. 26, March 5, 12, and 19, 2021 Del Norte Triplicate T309858

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY [Probate Department]

In the Matter of the Estate of: BRUCE ALLEN ADAMS, deceased. Date of Death: January 23, 2021 Case No. 21PB01215 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brandon Adams has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative at Southwest Portland Law Group, LLC, 8455 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy, Portland, Oregon 97225 within four (4) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims will be barred:

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or South-

The Community Development and Economic Development allocations of the State CDBG published in a combined "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) each program year. Eligible cities and counties may submit Community Development and Housing applications for CDBG funds under the 2021 NOFA for a maximum per application request of up to \$1,500,000. It is estimated that the total funding of the State 2021 CDBG program allocation is approximately \$30,000,000.

The COUNTY has or anticipates receiving approximately \$0 in CDBG Program Income that must be expended prior to expending awarded grant funds.

The County is anticipating applying for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 under the 2021 NOFA for the following eligible activities:

Public Services - Court Appointed

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted on behalf of the applicant is available for public inspection at no cost at the Brookings Planning Department, 898 Elk Drive, Brookings, OR. The staff report prepared in this case will be available seven days prior to the hearing. Copies of documents may be obtained at reasonable cost.

All public meetings are held in accessible locations, auxiliary aids will be provided upon request with advance notification. Please contact 541-469-1103 to make appropriate arrangements or for additional information. TTY 800-735-1232.

Published March 12, 2021 Curry Coastal Pilot P311298

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Excerpts from the call logs of the Del Norte County Sheriff's Department:

#### Wednesday, March 3

• At 12:14 a.m., police responded to the area of 4th and D streets after a caller said a man exposed himself near her vehicle.

• At 2:15 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 2100 block of Howland Hill Road after a caller reported four people were climbing over his fence.

• At 10:59 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 900 block of McNamera after a caller reported his property was broken into.

• At 12:26 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 2000 block of Howland Hill Road after a caller reported a person who was not allowed on the property was fighting with family members.

• At 12:55 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1000 block of Keller Avenue after a caller reported a person was in her back yard and is now on the neighbor's porch.

• At 3:41 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 300 block of Butte Street after a caller reported a person breaking out windows.

• At 4:02 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1300 block of Jordan Street after a caller reported someone was threatening her.

• At 4:12 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Essex Street after a caller reported someone stole his mail.

• At 4:14 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 9900 block of Highway 101 after a caller reported someone broke into her vehicle and stole her purse.

• At 5:50 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 900 block of Washington Boulevard after a caller reported someone used her stolen credit cards.

• At 9:05 p.m., police responded to Cooper Hill after a caller reported seeing a fire as she drove by.

• At 11:33 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 2800 block of Prince Road after a caller reported her neighbor threatened to kill her pet raccoon.

• At 2:13 a.m., sheriff's

Thursday, March 4

deputies responded to Forest View Court after a caller reported seeing someone walking around a home under construction.

• At 4:31 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 300 block of Elk Valley Road after a caller reported catching someone looking in her window.

• At 5:10 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1400 block of Highway 101 after a caller reported hearing gunshots.

• At 7:33 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Northcrest Drive after a caller reported the station yard was broken into.

• At 8:59 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 700 block of Washington Boulevard after a caller reported a person in the parking lot was screaming and waving a bottle.

• At 9:01 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 2700 block of Oliver Lane after a caller reported their vehicle was broken into and prescription medicine and a BB gun were stolen.

• At 9:32 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1100 block of Burtschell Street after a caller reported someone drove a vehicle their fence and stole items.

• At 9:43 a.m., police responded to the 1200 block of Northcrest Boulevard after a caller reported someone cut their fence and vandalized the property.

• At 2:27 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of B Street after a caller reported a group of juveniles knocked on the door trying to start a fight.

• At 3:19 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of M Street after a caller reported a person took off their pants.

• At 5:30 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1900 block of Railroad Avenue after a caller reported someone tried to access his bank account.

• At 7:17 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 100 block of Azalea Drive in Klamath after a caller reported someone was causing a disturbance and trying to start a fight.

• At 7:49 p.m., the Crescent City Fire Department responded to the 300 block of National Boulevard after a caller reported a building was

## **POLICE BLOTTER**

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Saturday, March 6

• At 11:59 p.m., police

• At 12:23 a.m., the Cres-

cent City Fire Department

responded to the 400 block

reported a lot of smoke in the

• At 7:38 a.m., sheriff's

100 block of Timbers after a

tank storage area was broken

• At 1:47 p.m., sheriff's

deputies responded to the

100 block of Earl Street

the property.

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object at him.

and stole items.

in Fort Dick after a caller

reported a dog that attacked

one of his goats was back on

• At 2:35 p.m., sheriff's

deputies responded to the

1700 block of Fred Haight

Drive after a caller reported

checks were stolen from his

• At 2:43 p.m., sheriff's

1600 block of Del Mar Road

after a caller reported some-

one broke into his property,

• At 4:46 p.m., sheriff's

Avenue after a caller reported

someone broke into his house

• At 5:42 p.m., sheriff's

1500 block of Oregon Street

after a caller reported some-

• At 7:39 p.m., police re-

sponded to the 1300 block of

California Street after a caller

child crying behind the home

deputies responded to the

one was pounding on her

door and would not leave.

reported she could hear a

but could not find them.

• At 8:49 p.m., police

and D Street after a caller

had her cornered.

reported an aggressive dog

deputies responded to the

1000 block of Butte Street

• At 10:05 p.m., sheriff's

after a caller reported hearing

a loud explosion in the area.

• At 10:06 p.m., sheriff's

deputies responded to the

Street after a caller reported

someone tried opening her

door and were now trying to

• At 11:57 p.m., sheriff's

800 block of El Dorado

get into a vacant house.

deputies responded to the

responded to the area of 8th

deputies responded to the

900 block of MacNamara

stole items and threw an

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caller reported the propane

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of Calaveras after a caller

Friday, March 5 • At 12:38 a.m., the Crescent City Fire Department responded to the 200 block of Michigan Avenue after a caller reported a large pile of saw dust was on fire.

• At 4:04 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1500 block of El Monte after a caller reported someone broke into his wife's truck.

• At 5:30 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of Walton Street after a caller reported a motorcycle was stolen out of the back of his truck.

• At 6:42 a.m., the Crescent City Fire Department responded to the area of Leland and Turnbull after a caller reported trees had fallen into power lines.

• At 7:56 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1600 block of Arlington after a caller reported someone broke out her vehicle's window and stole her purse.

• At 8:05 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1400 block of Macken Avenue after a caller reported her husband was angry, had damaged the property and would not leave.

• At 10:18 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 800 block of Washington Boulevard after a caller reported she was assaulted.

• At 1:22 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 900 block of Washington Boulevard after a caller reported someone threatened him at work.

• At 3:29 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Cooper Street after a caller reported a person was in the middle of the road with a shopping cart flipped over.

• At 6:05 p.m., the Yurok Tribal Police responded to the 100 block of Silverside Circle after a caller reported an intoxicated subject pushed her to the ground and would not leave.

• At 6:11 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1500 block of California Street after a caller reported a person came into her home and pushed her down.

• At 8:16 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 800 block of Endert Street after a caller reported two of her tires were slashed and she believes her brother may have done it.

• At 8:58 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of

responded to the area of 9th responded to the 1000 block and H streets after a caller of Highway 101 after a caller reported hearing gunshots in reported he could hear people the area. yelling and a woman yelling

• At 9:44 a.m., the Crescent City Fire Department responded to Point St. George Drive after a caller reported an unattended beach fire.

• At 11:02 a.m., police responded to the area of Oregon and Hoover streets after a caller reported a man lying in the road.

• At 11:25 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Highway 101 after a caller reported someone broke into her vehicle and stole several items including a gun.

• At 1:36 p.m., the California Highway Patrol responded to the area of Washington Boulevard and Riverside after a caller reported someone stole their car.

• At 3:12 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 100 block of Kerby Street after a caller reported several people breaking into an abandoned home.

• At 3:43 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 100 block of Salmon Avenue in Klamath after a caller reported a woman was stabbing a man.

• At 4:52 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 2300 block of Howland Hill Road after a caller reported she saw people inside her home.

• At 8:44 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of 3rd Street after a caller reported a man was exposing himself.

• At 11:38 p.m., the Del Norte Ambulance responded to the 4100 block of Lake Earl Drive after a caller reported he and his wife were fighting and he kneed her in the face and injured her.

#### Monday, March 8

• At 8 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 200 block of Cooper Avenue after a caller reported someone broke into his home and stole several items.

• At 10:26 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 200 block of Grande Avenue after a caller reported his neighbor damaged his fence and sprayed poison on his plants.

• At 12:17 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Highway 101 after a caller reported someone broke into his vehicle and stole several items.

100 block of Silverside Circle in Klamath after a caller reported her boyfriend was drunk and woke her up screaming and yelling.

• At 5:27 p.m., police responded to the area of Highway 101 and 19th Street after a caller reported a wrong-way driver was in the northbound lane and running traffic off the road.

• At 6:53 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 2100 block of Highway 199 after a caller reported a loud explosion in the area.

• At 7:21 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1900 block of Northcrest Drive after a caller reported her son broke her door and left.

• At 9:41 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of L Street after a caller reported someone was threatening to shoot her roommate.

• At 9:45 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Harold and Wilson after a caller reported hearing several gunshots.

#### **Tuesday, March 9**

• At 1:18 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 900 block of Northcrest Drive after a caller reported he was assaulted in the woods.

• At 7:36 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 100 block of Baker Street after a caller reported a transient woman continues to come on their property, steal items and sleep in one of their cars.

• At 8:02 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Washington and Lafayette after a caller reported a transient man was screaming and throwing himself on the ground.

• At 10:31 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the 1600 block of Breen Street after a caller reported someone was pulling a trailer that had only rims and was full of junk.

• At 10:48 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of 9th Street after multiple callers reported there was a person in the road.

• At 11:15 a.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the area of Elk Valley Cross and Lake Earl after a caller reported hearing gunshots.

• At 12:37 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of L Street after a caller reported someone took pictures of their car and threatened to burn it. • At 12:57 p.m., police responded to the 1000 block of 9th Street after a caller reported a woman was screaming and jumping in and out of traffic.

on fire. • At 9:58 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of M Street after a caller asked for assistance removing two

transients who were refusing

to leave.

Washington Boulevard after a caller reported a person came into the store attempting to sell pills.

• At 9:24 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded after a caller reported a naked person walking down the road. 300 block of Sunrise Avenue after a caller reported her significant other attacked her and stole speakers from her vehicle.

Sunday, March 7

• At 12:11 a.m., police

• At 12:33 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to Weber Drive in Klamath after a caller reported he came home to find things moved around his home.

• At 4:31 p.m., sheriff's deputies responded to the

## Tax Time Guide: Select a tax return preparer with care

The Internal Revenue Service recently reminded taxpayers to choose a tax return preparer with care. Even though the vast majority of tax return preparers provide honest, quality service, some cause great harm through fraud, identity theft and other scams every year.

People value good tax return preparers for helping them through a complicated tax situation or for being available when they don't have time to prepare their own tax return. Paid tax return preparers completed more than half of the tax returns submitted to the IRS in tax-year 2018.

It's very important to select the right tax professional. After all, people trust them with their most sensitive personal and financial information. No matter who prepares it, the accuracy of a tax return is ultimately the responsibility of the taxpayer. The IRS protects taxpayers by assessing significant civil penalties against dishonest return preparers and working with the Justice Department to end scams and prosecute the criminals behind them. What to look for

The Choosing a Tax Professional page on IRS.gov has information about tax return preparer credentials and qualifications. The IRS Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications can help identify many preparers by type of credential or qualification.

By law, anyone who is paid to prepare or assists in preparing most federal tax returns must have a valid Preparer Tax Identification Number, or PTIN. Paid preparers must sign and include their PTIN on the return. Not signing a return is a red flag that the paid preparer may be looking to make a quick profit by promising a big refund or charging fees based on the size of the refund.

Well-intentioned taxpayers can be deceived by preparers who don't understand taxes or who mislead people into taking credits or deductions they aren't entitled to claim. Fraudulent preparers often do this to increase their fee. Here are more tips to consider:

• Look for a preparer who is available year-round. In the event questions come up about a tax return, taxpayers may need to contact the preparer after the filing season is over.

• Inquire whether the tax return preparer has a professional credential (enrolled agent, certified public accountant or attorney), belongs to a professional organization or attends continuing education classes. Because tax law can be complex, competent tax return preparers remain up to date on tax topics. The IRS website has more information regarding national tax professional organizations.

• Check the preparer's history. Check the Better Business Bureau website for

information about the preparer. Look for disciplinary actions and the license status for credentialed preparers. For CPAs, check with the State Board of Accountancy. For attorneys, check with the State Bar Association. For Enrolled Agents, go to IRS. gov and search for "verify enrolled agent status" or check the Directory.

 Ask about service fees. Avoid preparers who base fees on a percentage of their client's refund or boast bigger refunds than their competition. Don't give tax documents, Social Security numbers or other information to a preparer if merely inquiring about their services and fees. Unfortunately, some unscrupulous preparers have used this information to improperly file returns without the taxpayer's permission.

 Provide records and receipts. Good preparers ask to see these documents. They'll also ask questions to determine the client's total income, deductions, tax credits and other items. Do not hire a preparer who e-files a tax return using a pay stub instead of a Form W-2. This is against IRS e-file rules.

· Understand representation rules. Attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent any client before the IRS in any situation. Annual Filing Season Program participants may represent taxpayers in limited situations if they prepared and signed the tax return.

Never sign a blank or

incomplete return.

• Review the tax return before signing. Be sure to ask questions if something is not clear or appears inaccurate. Any refund should go directly to the taxpayer – not into the preparer's bank account. Reviewing the routing and bank account number on the completed return is always a good idea.

• Report abusive tax preparers to the IRS. Use Form 14157, Complaint: Tax Return Preparer. If a return preparer is suspected of filing or changing the return without the client's consent, also file Form 14157-A, Return Preparer Fraud or Misconduct Affidavit. Forms are available on IRS.gov.

 IRS.gov/chooseataxpro has additional information to help taxpayers including tips on choosing a preparer, the differences in credentials and qualifications, as well as how to submit a complaint regarding an unscrupulous tax return preparer. Start early; ask for phone or virtual help

It is advisable to start searching for a tax return preparer as soon possible. This allows for more time to do research and get recommendations. Remember, taxpayers must pay any taxes due by April 15, even if an extension is necessary.

Be sure to check with the tax return preparer to see if there are any restrictions or additions to the services they provide because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some may offer phone or virtual assistance options in addition to their usual in-person services. Customers may be asked, for example, to mail documents to them or scan and e-mail documents through a secure internet

connection.

Taxpayers can find answers to questions, forms and instructions and easy-to-use tools online at IRS.gov. They can use these resources to get help when it's needed, at home, at work or on the go.

## **Criminal Convictions**

Melissa Waukell Charles, 25. of Klamath, was convicted of violating parole and sentenced to 120 days in jail.

**Michael Jay Clary** Jr., 34, of Crescent City, was convicted of violating community supervision and sentenced to 120 days in jail.

Lula Jean Coke (aka Satterfield), 26, of Crescent City, was convicted of arson of property and sentenced to two years in prison and a fine of \$200.

**Mirran Douglas Erick**son, 29, of Crescent City, was convicted violating probation (4 times) and was sentenced to two years in jail (local prison) and a fine of \$300.

Lisa Mary Gaddis, 56, of Crescent City, was convicted of wet reckless driving, driving on a suspended license and DUI and sentenced to four years of probation, 15 days in jail and fines of \$3,392.

#### **Robert Richard Mi-**

chael, 37, of Crescent City, was convicted of making or passing a fictitious check and driving on a suspended license and was sentenced to three years jail and fines of \$3,874.

Angel Ann Morrison, 37, of Apple Valley, Oregon, was convicted of fleeing a police officer, battery on officer with injury and failure to appear in court and was sentenced to one year of probation, 90 days in jail and fines of \$3,235.

Frank Joseph Ramos, 53, of Crescent City, was convicted of driving on a suspended license with priors (Three times) and violating probation and was sentenced to 120 days in jail, one year of probation and fines of \$3,042.

Teal Dawn Sanderson, 24, of Crescent City, was convicted of vandalism and was sentenced to one year of probation, five days in jail and a fine of \$630.

Tanner Ozian Stancliff, 18, of Crescent City, was convicted of aggravated trespass and resists, delays or obstructs and was sentenced to one year of probation, one day in jail and a fine of \$1,110.

Theron Raoul Taylor, 52, of Crescent City, was convicted of violating community supervision and was sentenced to 120 days in jail.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021 | **A9** DEL NORTE TRIPLICATE Pumping iron became my armor DEA releases 2020 Drug Threat Assessment

#### **By CRISTA WORTHY**

When I was young, I was so pretty. Leggy, with long blonde hair. I hated guys whistling at me. There must have been something about that 115-pound girl that looked like an easy mark, so passive.



The summer I turned 20, I waitressed at a small, family-owned pizza place by the beach in San Diego, near my university. One morning at work the owner's son, a big strong guy, was the only other person there. He grabbed me, and threw me up on the stainless-steel counter where they assembled the pizzas.

I didn't scream, or hit him. I yelled "No!" and tried pushing him away, but it didn't do any good. Afterwards, I slid off the table, went in the bathroom, proceeded with work, and avoided him the rest of the day. I quit a couple of days later and never told anyone why. I felt embarrassed. I moved on.

The following summer, I turned 21 and took a cocktail waitress job at an upscale restaurant near the university, working 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. I made \$100-\$120 a night in tips — good money for 1980. One evening my boss asked me to help him carry wine glasses out of the storeroom.

Up in that little dark room, he suddenly turned and exposed himself. I backed away and he offered me cocaine, as if that would change my mind. I kept backing up, right out of the room. I was sure he would fire me, but he didn't. I never said anything about it.

The San Diego Chargers' training camp was just up the street and the players came in every afternoon. They were kind, fun and always respectful.

But at night, some other customers were not. As I took their order, some men tried to put their hands up my skirt.

on the floor, so I'd have to bend over and pick it up, and they'd laugh. Who was I supposed to tell — my boss? This is how things were four decades ago.

A creepy older guy always hung around my station, where I picked up the drinks. He was relentless. One night he must have slipped something in my drink because I remember waking up at his place as he stood over me and said, "You weren't that good anyway." I was so embarrassed. I don't remember how I got home. I left the job.

I took a job at another restaurant and soon another man was hanging around me every night. One night at 2 a.m., I caught him following me home.

I quit the next day and took a job as a veterinary surgical assistant: \$3.35 an hour.

At age 25 I was teaching aerobics at night and noticed that one girl looked better than everyone else. She told me she lifted weights and I asked her to show me. From day one, I was strong -25-pound dumbbell presses! I was hooked. I read up on it and started lifting two hours a day.

Within two months, I was getting muscles. I have never been harassed since. A year later I weighed 140 (still do) and used 60-pound dumbbells (still do). Women in the gym wanted to know how they could do it, too, and I helped them. I won a world championship. Athletes respected me. I married one of them.

I finally told a friend what happened to me when I was in my early 20s. I finally acknowledged what had happened after she said: "You were raped."

Of course, it explains why I grew muscles like armor, and why I loved having control and a strong body. Even today at 61, if I want to, I know I can back a man off just by body language.

I don't feel vulnerable anymore. I'm just glad that nowadays, it's getting easier for women to speak up about harassment and rape, particularly when it involves powerful men.

Women have learned so much since I was young, and many are tough and brave in ways I wish I'd been. And some men, certainly not all, are being held accountable.

DEA Acting Administrator D. Christopher Evans recently announced the release of the 2020 National Drug Threat Assessment, DEA's annual publication outlining the threats posed to the United States by domestic and international drug trafficking and the abuse of illicit drugs.

"This year's report shows the harsh reality of the drug threats facing communities across the United States," said Evans. "While the COVID-19 pandemic plagues this nation, so, too, do transnational criminal organizations and violent street gangs, adjusting to pandemic restrictions to flood our communities with dangerous drugs. DEA and our local, state and federal partners continue to adapt to the ever changing landscape, remaining focused on the current threats and looking to the horizon for emerging threats. We will always defend the American people against illicit substances that ruin lives, devastate families, and destroy communities.'

**DEA Special Agent** Tarentino said, "The DEA Seattle Field Division, which includes the Pacific North West states of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska is primarily focused on the opioid threat, more specifically the illicit manufactured fentanyl that many drug

trafficking and transnational criminal organizations are smuggling into our communities and selling to our citizens with dire consequences."

Drugs trends in the United States continue to evolve. While fentanyl and fentanyl analogues from China have decreased substantially following the DEA's 2018 emergency scheduling action of fentanyl related substances and China's enactment of fentanyl-class controls in May 2019, the opioid threat remains at epidemic levels, affecting large portions of the country. Meanwhile, the stimulant threat, including methamphetamine and cocaine, is worsening both in volume and reach, with traffickers selling increasing amounts outside of traditional markets.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 83,000 people lost their lives to drug-related overdoses in the 12-month period ending in July of 2020, a significant increase from 2019, when more than 70,000 people died of overdoses.

2020 NDTA findings: · Mexican Transnational Criminal Organizations remain the greatest criminal drug threat in the United States.

· Illicit fentanyl is one of

the primary drugs fueling the epidemic of overdose deaths in the United States, while heroin and prescription opioids remain significant challenges to public health and law enforcement.

· Mexican cartels are increasingly responsible for producing and supplying fentanyl to the U.S. market. China remains a key source of supply for the precursor chemicals that Mexican cartels use to produce the large amounts of fentanyl they are smuggling into the United States.

· Drug-poisoning deaths and seizures involving methamphetamine have risen sharply as Mexican TCOs increase the drug's availability and expand the domestic market.

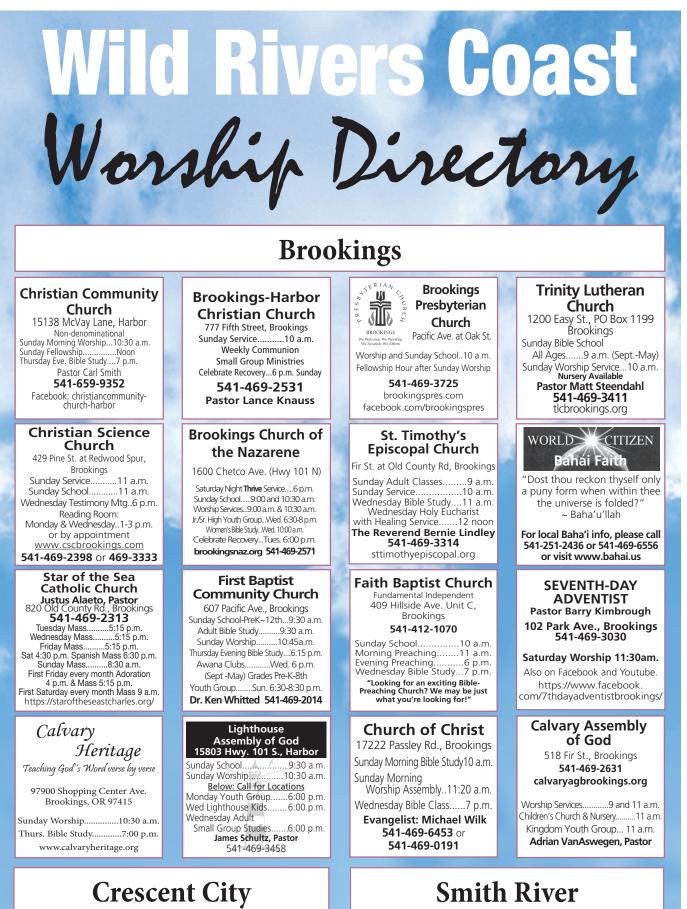
· Constraints associated with the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic - daily travel restrictions, U.S. border closings, closure of nonessential businesses and broad shelterin-place orders - temporarily posed new challenges to criminal organizations' movement of drugs during the first half of 2020.

The Pacific Northwest of the United States is under siege by the Mexican based Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion cartel which is flooding the region with clandestine produced synthetic opioids in the form

of prescriptions pills. This transnational criminal organization is taking advantage of the readily available and extremely dangerous, in fact lethal, synesthetic opioid; Fentanyl. These transnational criminal organizations, specifically CJNG are mixing illegally and clandestinely made fentanyl into most illicit narcotics, to include cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and pills, resulting in a significant increase in non-fatal and fatal overdose deaths.

The National Drug Threat Assessment provides a yearly assessment of the challenges communities face related to drug abuse and drug trafficking. Highlights in the report include usage and trafficking trends for drugs such as prescription drugs, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, and hundreds of synthetic drugs. The assessment gathers information from many data sources such as drug investigations and seizures, drug purity, laboratory analysis, information on transnational and domestic criminal groups, and U.S. government drug cultivation and production estimates.

The National Drug Threat Assessment is available at www.dea.gov/documents/2021/03/02/2020-national-drug-threat-assessment.



I a immediately step back, but sometimes when I turned around to get their drinks, they'd slap me on the butt.

When I returned with their orders. I'd stand across the table so they couldn't reach me. Sometimes they'd "accidentally" drop my tip

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#### A10 | FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021 CDFW Seeks Artists to Enter Annual | California Duck Stamp Art Contest

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife invites artists to submit their original artwork to the 2021-22 California Duck Stamp Art Contest. Submissions will be accepted April 26 through June 4.

The artwork must depict the species selected by the California Fish and Game Commission, which for the 2021-22 hunting season is the gadwall. These common dabbling ducks are similar in size and shape to a mallard, with both males and females donning somewhat muted coloring. Despite lacking the bright colors typical of other male ducks, male gadwalls exhibit intricate feather patterns with subtle yet striking color variations of brown and gray ending in a black patch at the tail.

The winning artwork will be reproduced on the 2021-22 California Duck Stamp. The top submissions are traditionally showcased at the Pacific Flyway Decoy Association's art show in July, but this year's show status is pending due to COVID-19.

The design is to be in full color and in the medium (or combination of mediums) of the artist's choosing, except that no photographic process, digital art, metallic paints or fluorescent paints may be used in the finished design. Photographs, computer-generated art, art produced from a computer printer or other computer/mechanical output device (air brush method excepted) are not eligible for entry and will be disqualified. The design must be the

contestant's original handdrawn creation. The entry design may not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including photographs, or from images in any format published on the Internet.

The contest is open to U.S. residents 18 years of age or older as of March 8. Entrants need not reside in California. All entries must be accompanied by a completed participation agreement and entry form. These forms and the official rules are available online at wildlife.ca.gov/ duck-stamp/contest.

Entries will be judged in June. The judges' panel, which will consist of experts in the fields of ornithology, conservation, and art and printing, will choose first, second and third-place winners, as well as honorable mention.

Since 1971, CDFW's annual contest has attracted top wildlife artists from around the country. All proceeds generated from stamp sales go directly to waterfowl conservation projects throughout California. In past years, hunters were required to purchase and affix the stamp to their hunting license. Now California has moved to an automated licensing system and hunters are no longer required to carry the physical stamps in the field (proof of purchase prints directly onto the license). However, CDFW will still produce the stamps, which can be requested by interested individuals at wildlife.ca.gov/ licensing/collector-stamps.

## Dorado

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to establish the volunteer U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Branch in Crescent City, which remains an integral support for local law enforcement. In 2014, the crew helped establish an annual Community Water Safety event, guiding hundreds of local children on tours of the cutter and water safety demonstrations. The Dorado crew has also worked with the local U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps, a youth leadership program within the Navy, and supplied honor guard members for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day services.

Although the aging cutter does not have a direct replacement, it will not leave behind a void in its place. As it spent much of its time on patrols away from its home in Crescent City, the Dorado could not respond to distress calls, nor was it designed to, said Lt. Cotton.

"The Dorado has certainly done search and rescue while they are already out on patrol, but whenever it's sitting there in the harbor it takes us 12 hours to spin it up because it's not a response crew," she said.

Instead, those duties will continue to be performed by less noticeable local law enforcement boats in conjunction with the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla, Coast Guard Station Chetco River, Air Station Humboldt Bay and Coast Guard Station Humboldt Bay. Recently, Station Humboldt Bay acquired an additional boat to improve hazardous weather response. DEL NORTE TRIPLICATE The long-distance, offshore patrols and safety checks that Dorado was responsible for will continue to be carried out by its sister ship USCGC Barracuda, said Cotton. However, the Coast Guard is in the midst of replacing all of the older cutters with a new fleet of fast-response cutters, which are double the length of its predecessors.

Following the virtual decommissioning ceremony Wednesday, the Dorado departed to join the navy fleet of an allied nation.



The Dorado served Crescent City for 22 years before being decommissioned Wednesday.

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