

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES FOR KYTT-FM**

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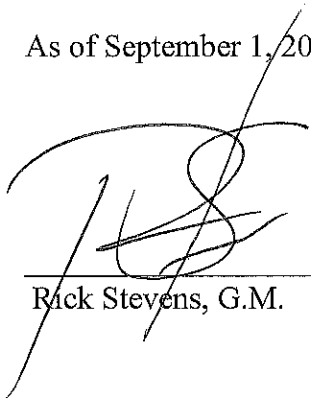
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**CRIME**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Reported News related to local area Crime

## BPD GIFT CARD SCAM WRAP

Police in one Oregon city are warning of a new spin on the well-known "gift card scam" ... and other businesses could be targeted for the con. Heather Roberts explains.

Scammers bilked thousands from two Bend restaurants in the past week. Staff at Bangers and Brews spent a thousand dollars on gift cards thinking it was needed to release the owner from U-S Marshals custody ... they sent another thousand through a personal banking app.

A Shari's employee fell for a similar con, using more than 3-grand from the till to buy gift cards ... to allegedly clear an IRS audit;

SOT 1A (:02) These are sophisticated crimes.

Bend P-D's Sheila Miller says in both cases, the caller's phone number was spoofed to look like the business owner or district manager.

SOT 1B (:12) Q... the phone call is coming from the phone number of your boss, you can get really scared.

Miller says if you get a similar call, hang up and call police.

SOT 1C (:06) Don't provide any details. Certainly don't go buy gift cards and send pictures of them or send them in the mail. That is absolutely a scam.

Miller admits the investigation will be difficult because the scammers may be outside the U-S.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: Crime 1.5.23

## FBI ARSON REWARD

The FBI's Portland Field Office is asking for help identifying those responsible for three attacks on reproductive health centers.

The first was May 8th in Keizer ... when someone threw Molotov cocktails at the Oregon Right to Life building.

A suspect was caught on surveillance footage and may have been driving a white sedan, possibly a Hyundai Elantra.

June 10th, someone lit a fire at about 2:30 a.m. inside the Gresham Pregnancy Resource Center

And, July sixth, staff at the northeast Portland Mother and Child Education Center discovered arson and vandalism.

The FBI is offering a reward of up to 25-thousand dollars for information leading to an arrest and conviction for the crimes.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 1.20.23 *Crime*

## GRANTS PASS MURDER SUSPECT

Police in southern Oregon are searching for a man wanted for attempted murder, kidnapping and assault.

Grants Pass P-D believe Benjamin Foster is using dating apps to contact unsuspecting people to help with his escape or for additional victims.

The 36-year-old is white, about 6-feet tall, 180 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes ... he was last seen with long hair and a beard but may try to alter his appearance by shaving or dying his hair.

Foster likely has a handgun and is considered extremely dangerous.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: ~~1-30-23~~

1-30-23 Crime

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Police in southern Oregon are searching for a man accused of assaulting a woman he held captive, less than two years after he was convicted in Nevada of a similar offence.

Grants Pass Police Chief Warren Hensman said: 36 year old, Benjamin Obadiah Foster, was last known to be driving Nissan Sentra. He is believed to be armed and is “considered extremely dangerous.”

Hensman added that this is an “all hands on deck operation and authorities are using every piece of technology available to locate him

The victim in the crime is currently in critical condition at an area hospital.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 1.27.23 *Crime*

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Police say that suspect in a violent kidnapping in Oregon has died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound last night after a standoff with Police in Grants Pass.

Benjamin Obadiah Foster, was the subject of a statewide manhunt after police discovered a woman who had been held captive by Foster.

The 36 year old was transported by police to a southern Oregon hospital last night where he succumbed to his injuries.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 2.1.23 *Crime*

GRANTS PASS FOSTER 2

The suspect in a brutal assault on a woman in Grants Pass is suspected of killing two other people.

Oregon State Police Captain Kyle Kennedy says investigators were canvassing homes in the area where Benjamin Foster stayed last week.

SOT 2 (:08) Very near the location where Mr. Foster was initially holed up on Thursday night, we discovered a double homicide scene.

Two men - ages 75 and 65 - were killed by blunt force trauma.

Foster took a cab to the home of last week's assault and hid in the crawl space.

Police had it surrounded Tuesday night and Foster shot himself in the head.

He was still alive when police cut the floor to get him out, but he died by the time he arrived at a hospital.

The woman who was assaulted remains in critical condition.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm  
DATE: 1-2-23 *Crime*



## HOOD RIVER SHOOTING

Hood River Police evacuated homes and a school during what the department called an "active shooter" situation, early Thursday afternoon.

After those initial reports, officers say the suspect was contained in a house ... and neighbors were asked to shelter in place or stay away during the 10-hour stand-off.

Throughout the evening, police used distraction devices and tear gas, in an attempt to convince the man to come outside.

They said late Thursday the man was taken "safely into custody" but released no other details.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm  
DATE: 2.3.23 Cr/mc

POLICE MEMORIAL VANDALIZED

Vandals damaged the Portland Police Memorial at Waterfront Park Tuesday night... The names of each of the 29 fallen officers was etched off.

Police Chief Chuck Lovell called it a senseless, destructive and intentional act.

Those honored on the wall range from the first killed in 1867, to the most recent in 2002.

The memorial was first conceived in 1974, and was finally dedicated by President George Bush in 1994.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm  
DATE: 2.3.23 *Amu*

UPDATE: A member of the public is being credited with assisting Police in the arrest of a man wanted for stealing a vehicle from a Coos Bay Dealership.

Coos Bay Police say a citizen who had seen Social media coverage detailing the theft on Facebook spotted the vehicle in the white 2022 Jeep Grand Wagoneer in a Walmart parking lot in Newport at 6:00 p.m.

Newport Police responded and took Aaron Howley into custody on Coos Bay Police Department's charges.

The Vehicle has been returned to the Dealership

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 2.8.23 *Crime*

2.22.23

### DOUG CO THREATS 3

Law enforcement in a number of Oregon cities received reports of a school shooting Tuesday morning ... only to discover it was a hoax.

In Roseburg, Douglas County Sheriff's Lt. Brad O'Dell took to Facebook in a live video in an effort to calm worried parents and urge them not to rush to pick up their children.

SOT 3 (:21) Every single one of these reports that we've received, up to this point, have been false. With that said, we're going to continue to take them seriously. If there is another report, we will respond accordingly. We will take that as if it were active and we will investigate that until which point we are confident it is not an active incident.

Similar incidents were also reported in Bend, Hermiston, Ashland and Medford.

O'Dell called them "Swatting" ... when someone falsely reports an emergency incident to initiate a massive police response and incite panic.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 2.22.23 *Crime*

## RETAIL THEFT WRAP

Organized retail theft hits businesses across the state and the problem is growing. Heather Roberts reports.

The Oregon legislature is considering two bills to crack down on organized retail theft.

Clackamas County Sheriff's Detective Mike Zacher says the problem is getting dramatically worse.

SOT 1A (:16) "I've worked with CCSO since 2005 and have been assigned to investigate property crimes as a detective since 2019. I've seen that the Portland/Metro area has changed dramatically in that time regarding organized retail crime and how that change has negatively impacted the community."

One bill would spend five-million dollars to help law enforcement track the 10 to 15 people believed to be responsible for organizing the groups.

SOT 1B (:14) "What we're trying to determine are the persons who are going out and engaging in this substantial retail theft. They're doing so for the purpose of the resale...whether it's them profiting from the resale of that, or whether they're selling it through a fence. We're attempting to determine where that merchandise is going."

The other bill would make it easier to prosecute retail theft crimes. The bills remain in committee.

Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 3.10.23 *C. [Signature]*

COOS COUNTY, Ore. — The Coos County Sheriff's Office reports they've received calls from concerned citizens in reference to scam/fraud calls.

"An unknown suspect is calling Coos County Residents and stating that they are with Coos County Sheriff's Office and are advising people they have outstanding warrants for their arrest or they have missed court,"

As part of this scam, the caller attempts to solicit money from the individual to make their warrants or missed court appearance "go away."

The Coos County Sheriff's Office stated in a press release that "At no time will they ever take or request money from citizens to clear warrants or deal with missed court appearances.

Please never provide your personal information over the phone to include your social security number, bank account / routing numbers or other financial/personal information."

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DATE: 3.16.23 *Crime*

## SCAM TRACKER 2

Scammers continue to target Oregonians online.

According to the latest report from the Better Business Bureau, the most commonly reported scams in Oregon were related to online purchasing.

SOT 2 (:19) Coming in at number two was unemployment scams, which rose one spot from 2021. And that had a significant jump in median dollar loss, to \$1500. And then, the third most riskiest scam was cryptocurrency, holding strong on the list from when it quickly moved up in the 2021 Scam Tracker Risk Report.

The BBB's Logan Hickie says for the first time, young adults had the highest median dollar loss in 2022, compared to other age groups.

Victims between the ages of 18 and 24 lost around 220-dollars... that's up almost 30 percent from the year before.

Overall, men lose more money than women, despite women being more exposed to potential fraud.

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DATE: 3.21.23 *Crime*

*News*

NORTH BEND, Ore. — A Coos Bay man was arrested earlier this week on a firearm possession charge stemming from an incident at the Mill Casino

According to the authorities, several members of the Coos County Sheriff's Office along with two Coquille Tribal Police officers were attending a meeting at the Mill

When one of the deputies noticed a man walking towards the entrance of the hotel from the parking lot, pulled a mask over his face, and took a handgun from his pocket.

All law enforcement officers at the meeting quickly moved downstairs and confronted the subject, who was identified as Gary D. Danielson, 32, of Coos Bay," CCSO stated.

Danielson was immediately taken into custody.

A loaded 9mm handgun was seized from the inside of his jacket, the Sheriff's Office said.

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DATE: 3.31.23 - Crime



## POACHING JAIL TIME 2

A Douglas County man will serve 30 days in jail for nearly two-dozen wildlife-related crimes, following a six-year investigation.

It's an unusually strong sentence for poaching.

Earlier this month, a Union County poacher was sentenced to 10 days.

State Police Lt. Vonn Schleicher [shly'ker] says the stiffer penalties are the result of an anti-poaching campaign launched by OSP and ODFW a few years ago.

SOT 2 (:22) That particular campaign has done a lot to aid all of us in our natural resource protection. It has not only infused some money into Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, but also the Oregon State Police; we're able to add some additional state troopers. And it also allowed us to bring in a prosecutor with the Department of Justice.

He says prosecuting poaching cases is difficult ... because district attorneys offices are often under-funded and juries don't always understand the long-term harm caused by illegal hunting activities.

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**EDUCATION**

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James Dobson Family Commentary – Airs weekdays on KYTT-FM at 1340 (60 seconds)

Family News In Focus – Airs weekdays on KYTT-FM at 0800 and 1955 (2 minutes)

Focus On The Family – Airs weekdays on KYTT-FM at 1200 and 2030 (28 minutes)

**ATTACHMENTS:** Reported News related to Education

### STATE GRAD RATES 3

Graduation rates for Oregon high school students increased seven-tenths of a percent last year to 81-point-3, which is the second highest level in state history.

Jon Wiens, with the Oregon Department of Education, says progress is being made with disadvantaged students.

SOT 3 (:07) "We reached all time highs for on-time graduation for American Indian/Alaska Native students, migrant students and English learners."

Graduation rates were also up for Black, Hispanic, and homeless students.

But, Wiens says more work is needed to get those rates higher.

He believes the Student Success Act is one reason rates are up.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 1.27.23 Education

## COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY WRAP

State leaders say more needs to be done to make college more accessible for everyone. Heather Roberts reports on yesterday's (Tu) College Affordability Summit, hosted by Oregon State University.

Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission administers the state's financial aid programs ... Executive Director Ben Cannon says students now face a level of unaffordability not seen before. He wants more public investment.

SOT 1A (:12) I just think there is no way around that. You cannot continue to ask students to bear a greater and greater proportion of the costs of attending public higher education, which is what we've long been doing as a state.

State Representative John Lively chairs the House Higher Education Committee ... and believes the state's budgeting process could change.

Right now, he says ... higher ed is an after-thought, when most of the state's budget is already allocated.

SOT 1B (:10) We commit to K-12 early in the session, to commit how much money is going to be there. And we do that, and we vote on it and here it is. But we've never done that with higher education. In many cases, it's at the end.

He says this year's record kicker refund is proof the money is available.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 3.9.23 Education

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## CLIMATE CURRICULUM WRAP

Public schools in Oregon would have to integrate climate change into their curriculum under a bill in the legislature. Heather Roberts reports.

Oregon school districts teach about climate change in a variety of ways. This bill would make the curriculum more uniform. Helena Miller is a student at South Salem High School.

SOT 1A (:16) "Senate Bill 854 will help to create and integrated climate change curriculum for all K - 12 schools. It states that the DEQ and Oregon Health Authority will guide districts to create this plan. This helps alleviate the strain from the teachers and provides easy access to reliable data and research."

Schools will be allowed to develop their own curriculum, but it will need to meet certain requirements. Parent Nicole DeGraf opposes that.

SOT 1B (:14) "When I first saw this bill I was glad it had local control, but then when I read section two it said if the district fails to write a suitable plan according to ODE then they will not receive their funding. I just think there's too much burden on schools right now; too much burden on teachers."

Testimony in support of the bill was overwhelming... many saying it can be done in a way that eliminates the gloom and doom of climate change and helps reduce student anxiety. The deadline to add the lesson plans would be June 1st, 2026.

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**FAMILY**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:**

Unshackled – Airs on KYTT-FM Sundays at 2130 (30 minutes)

James Dobson Family Commentary – Airs weekdays on KYTT-FM at 1340 (60 seconds)

Family News In Focus – Airs weekdays on KYTT-FM at 0800 and 1955 (2 minutes)

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Reported News related to Family

Most Oregonians who receive food assistance through the SNAP program will again see a larger allotment this month ... but it's the last time emergency food benefits will go out.

Around 416-thousand Oregon households will share an additional 71-thousand dollars in payments in February.

March will be the first month since April of 2020 SNAP recipients will get their regular amount.

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DATE: 2 10 23 Family

Make fishing part of your three-day weekend plans. Everyone can fish, clam and crab for free in Oregon tomorrow & Sunday of President's Day Weekend..

No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag or Columbia River Basin Endorsement or Two-Rod Validation) are required those two days. Both Oregon residents and nonresidents can fish for free.

All other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for rules and remember to check for any in season regulation changes at the Recreation Report especially for salmon and steelhead fishing. Click on the zone where you want to fish and then click the "Regulation Updates" tab to see the in-season changes.

Prefer to crab or clam instead? MyODFW has all the information you need to get started clamming or crabbing. Remember to check ocean conditions and take safety precautions—always clam with a friend and never turn your back on the ocean.

Remember to call the ODA Shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 or check their Shellfish page before you go clamming or crabbing.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture regularly tests shellfish and closes areas when naturally occurring biotoxins get to levels that make crabs and clams unsafe to eat.

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DATE: 2.17.23 *APrimly*



## FOOD HELP WRAP

Immigrants aren't eligible for SNAP food benefits, but that would change under a bill in the Oregon legislature. Heather Roberts reports.

State Senator Winsvey [WINS'-vay] Campos is sponsor of the bill. She grew up in a family that needed food support.

SOT 1A (:13) "I was on free and reduced lunch for all of my time in public school. I've experienced hunger, I've gone to the food banks. I know what it is to try and get through a day without proper nutrition."

Under the Food For All Oregonians program, the state would pay the cost of the additional benefits. Jackie Leung [LEE'-ung], co-chair of the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islanders, says this is a problem many immigrants face.

SOT 1B (:09) "Immigrants, refugees, and citizens from the Compacts of Free Association, experience significant food shortages exasperated by the economic impact of COVID-19."

The cost of the program hasn't been determined.

It would be run by the Department of Human Services and would integrate with the application process for SNAP. The bill remains in the Human Services committee.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 3.2.23 family

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING

Five Oregon cities are slated to share nearly 2-million dollars in federal grants aimed at preserving and creating affordable housing... and revitalize and sustain neighborhoods.

The money comes from "Neighbor-Works America" ... a public nonprofit established by Congress in 1978.

Funding will go to projects in Portland, Redmond, Roseburg Springfield and Sherwood.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 3.3.23 Families

CHILD FOOD ASSISTANCE

Oregon's Department of Human Services will issue 170-million dollars in additional food benefits to low-income children, beginning this week.

Between now and the end of May, around 434-thousand kids are expected to receive P-EBT cards in the mail, loaded with 391-dollars in food benefits.

To be eligible, kids must qualify for free or reduced lunch this school year... or are under age six and enrolled in SNAP last summer.

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**HEALTH CARE**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Reported News related to Health Care

## HEALTH INSURANCE DEADLINE

Oregonians who don't have health insurance through their employer or a government program have less than two weeks to sign up for coverage through Oregon Health Care-dot-Gov.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, more than 138-thousand people have applied for private insurance coverage since open enrollment began November first.

More than 80-percent of applicants who asked for financial help were found to be eligible.

The deadline to enroll is January 15th.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: healthcare 1.4.23

## NONPROFIT HOSPITALS

A new program in Oregon requires nonprofit hospitals to meet a minimum requirement for helping patients with low incomes. Heather Roberts reports.

This is the first year for the program.

Derek Reinke [RINE'-key], with the Oregon Health Authority, says most hospitals are in compliance.

SOT 1A (:07) "Overall we found that hospitals were really good about updating their policies to reflect the latest expectations."

Hospitals agreed to the minimum requirements in December.

Financial assistance applies to people making up to 400-percent of the federal poverty level. But Reinke says not enough patients know it's available.

SOT 1B (:04) "So I think some of the education and communication around it could be strengthened a bit."

Reinke admits that's the responsibility of OHA.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 10/23 hospital

## HOSPITAL CAPACITY WRAP

Respiratory viruses have Oregon hospitals working at capacity. But, as Heather Roberts reports, the strain could soon ease.

SOT 1A (:01) There's a lot of really sick people.

Kaiser Permanente's Dr. Katie Sharff says it's a tough time to be a hospital worker ... and even tougher to be a patient.

SOT 1B (:04) We have too many patients for not enough space and not enough staff.

Because of the strain from RSV, flu and COVID-19, many hospitals are using crisis standards of care, which allows them to increase resources and utilize alternative spaces for patients.

State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger says the OHA has also called on traveling nurses.

SOT A3 (:11) "OHA, in working with our healthcare partners, is continuing to bring in additional staffing resources from out of state and splitting the costs with our hospital partners to provide that staffing."

Sidelinger says some hospitals are operating at or over capacity, but ...

SOT 2(b) (:03) We are seeing some improvements in respiratory hospitalizations.

Statewide, flu and RSV appear to be trending down from earlier peaks.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 11.17.23 Healthcare

## HOSPITAL LEGISLATION WRAP

Oregon hospitals are pushing changes at the state level... following several years of overcrowding, understaffing and falling revenues. ~~Heather Roberts explains~~

The Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems has proposed a package of bills for the 2023 legislative session.

SOT 1A (:07) To address workforce development and retention, to protect access to quality care and to support the stability of the healthcare system.

CEO Becky Hultberg says the proposals include expanding training opportunities within hospitals and extending tax credits to nurse educators.

The Oregon Nurses Association has its own legislation ... which Hultberg says puts patients at risk.

SOT 1B (:14) The bill creates very prescriptive staffing ratios in 12 units. If hospitals cannot hire enough staff to comply with the ratios in the bill, they may be forced, with no other choice, than to shut down hospital beds.

The overall goal, she says, needs to be stabilizing the system and protecting patient access.

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DATE: 1.19.23 *healthcare*



## EXCLUSION DAY 3

Letters are going out now to thousands of Oregon families because children's immunization records show missing shots.

If those records aren't updated by February 15th, kids will not be allowed at school or daycare.

Stacy di Asis Matthews [de-a'cease-matthews], with the Oregon Health Authority says if you get a letter, you need to take action now.

SOT 3 (:20) In many areas around the state, people have special services at this time of year. We have the immunization deadline every year, so call your local healthcare provider. If you don't have a healthcare provider, you can call your local health department. You can also call 211 to find out where you can get immunizations.

Both medical and non-medical exemptions are allowed, but the proper documentation still needs to be submitted by the 15th.

Last year, more than 5-thousand kids were kept out of school or daycare on Exclusion Day.

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DATE: 1.31.23 *healthcare*

## COVID NEXT STEPS WRAP

As we approach the third anniversary of the first diagnosed case of COVID-19 in Oregon, healthcare professionals look ahead to the long-term future of the disease. Heather Roberts reports.

The Biden Administration has said it will allow the COVID public health emergency to expire May 11.

SOT 1A (:07) It's just a signal that we are treating this COVID-19 illness like other routine illnesses.

Kaiser Permanente Northwest Chief of Infectious Disease Dr. Katie Sharff says COVID isn't "over"... just like the flu is never gone.

SOT 1B (:10) bad outcomes and complications from the flu. And the same with RSV; and the same will go with COVID.

And, just like flu, regular booster shots will likely be needed for people at high risk of complications from COVID. But, she says reaching this stage of a relatively new illness shows the success of the vaccine.

Sharff calls the swift development of the COVID shot "one of the most important medical achievements" of our generation.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 2.21.23 *healthcare*

## HEALTHCARE MASKS WRAP

On April third, Oregon will drop the statewide mask mandate for healthcare settings ... including medical clinics and treatment facilities. Heather Roberts reports.

SOT 1A (:04) Lifting the masking requirement in healthcare settings is a positive step.

But State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger says it doesn't mean COVID is gone.

SOT 1B (:07) We know that we're going to need to live with COVID-19 as it goes forward. The indications of spread are all going in the right direction.

He says cases of COVID, flu and RSV - the trifecta of respiratory illnesses that strained hospitals earlier this winter ... are all down at manageable levels. The one-month lead is to give health systems and providers time to adjust training and policies ... or discuss keeping masks in place.

While most statewide COVID restrictions are now gone, the Oregon Health Authority will keep some vaccine mandates, for now.

SOT 1C (:08) A primary vaccine requirement for K-12 staff and volunteers, as well as our healthcare providers across a broad array of healthcare settings.

People who are sick are still encouraged to wear a mask when seeking treatment or in public.

Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 3.6.23 Healthcare

## HEALTHCARE MKT 2

Oregon uses the Healthcare dot Gov website to show which health insurance companies are available for people who don't get insurance from an employer and don't qualify for the Oregon Health Plan.

A bill in the legislature with bring the marketplace under state control.

Chiqui [cheeky] Flowers is director of the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace and told lawmakers the federal website is one size fits all.

SOT 2 (:06) "Designed for use by many states and cannot be customized according to Oregon's needs, preferences or requirements."

30 states currently use the federal website.

Flowers says they've heard complaints from Oregonians about long wait times at the call center.

Having a state-based website would give them more flexibility to add programs specific to Oregon.

The bill remains in committee.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
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DATE: 3.9.23 healthcare

## OHA UPDATE 2

Respiratory infections like COVID-19, influenza and RSV are declining in Oregon.

State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger says the viruses remain a concern and you can protect yourself.

SOT 2 (:05) "Too many people continue to get sick. If you haven't received a bivalent COVID booster, get it."

More than 200 people a day are hospitalized with respiratory infections and that number is very slowly declining.

Sidelinger says it's still possible to get COVID, and you should have a plan.

If you get sick, test for COVID-19.

If you test positive, let people who might have been exposed know, and stay home for at least five days.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 3.10.23 *healthcare*

## HOSPITAL BILLS WRAP

After months of negotiations between hospitals and worker unions, the legislature is considering a package of bills to address healthcare staffing shortages in the state. Heather Roberts explains.

Five healthcare-related bills are working their way through the legislature.

Representative Rob Nosse [no-s'] is the chief sponsor of one that addresses nurse to patient ratios ... and establishes a system of committees to create local staffing plans.

SOT 1A (:13) establish statutory nurse to patient ratios to help prevent nurse burnout and improve patient care.

It would also make Oregon the first state to set a statute for CNA staffing.

Other bills provide incentives for nurse instructors to increase the workforce ... address hospital cost-growth targets ... and help the backlog of patients waiting for discharge.

SOT 1B (:13) that will address discharge barriers and enhance the post acute care continuum in a patient-centered way.

Andi Easton, with the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems, says it's important that the entire package passes ... the bills remain in committee.

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## USFS JOBS WRAP

Hundreds of seasonal jobs remain unfilled, at a time the Forest Service had hoped the hiring process would be well on its way. Heather Roberts reports.

Catherine Caruso, with the U-S Forest Service says they started looking for summer workers back in September because hiring for a federal job is time consuming... but hundreds of openings remain in Oregon, and more are coming online later this month.

SOT 2a (:10) A lot of these are great opportunities for college students, or even high school students who will be 18 this summer, to get out and get some entry level experience in these fields.

She says those temporary jobs are also popular with teachers and retirees ... and include work in timber, fire, visitor services and lots of other divisions.

There are also a variety of openings for permanent positions.

SOT 2b (:11) Biologists, engineering; we've also got some archeology positions, some hydrology positions, we've got a few public affairs specialists, and certainly, I can't leave out recreation specialists.

Applications for both seasonal and permanent work are accepted online ... at USAJobs.gov.

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## OR DEC JOBLESS WRAP

Oregon's unemployment rate ticked up in December. ~~Heather Roberts reports.~~

The statewide jobless rate rose 2-tenths of a percent last month.

SOT 1 (:07) Oregon employers added 6100 jobs to non-farm payrolls in December. And the unemployment rate rose to 4.5%.

State Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer says it's the fifth straight month of rate increases.

In fact, it went up a full percentage point over the second half of 2022.

SOT 5 (:12) Despite that increase, Oregon's unemployment rate is still low by historical standards. At the same time, job growth has remained strong. Oregon employers added more than 81,000 jobs to non-farm payrolls over the past year.

In December, the biggest job gains were in the Manufacturing and Construction sectors.

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The total number of jobs in Oregon is expected to grow 13-percent by 2031.

Oregon Employment Department Economist Sarah Cunningham says one sector will have the most new jobs.

SOT 2 (:07) "Leisure and hospitality is expected to grow by 34-percent and add roughly 60-thousand jobs...the most statewide."

Private health care comes in second with nearly 46-thousand jobs.

She expects Newspapers, paper manufacturing, and call centers to lose jobs.

Central Oregon and the Portland area will lead the way ... with anticipated job growth of 15-percent.

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## WORKFORCE TRENDS WRAP

Oregon employers continue to struggle to fill thousands of job openings.

A state Senate committee got an update yesterday (Tu) from the Employment Department. Heather Roberts reports.

State Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer told the Senate Committee on Labor and Business recovery from the pandemic-related recession is widespread ... but uneven.

SOT 1A (:14) In terms of metropolitan areas, we've seen a full jobs recovery in Albany and Grants Pass, as well as Bend.

But other areas continue to lag, like the coast, much of eastern Oregon and the Gorge. Krumenauer says statewide unemployment is nearly as low as it was in 2019, but companies are trying to fill twice as many job openings ... creating a lot of competition for available workers.

SOT 1B (:04) Employers have been consistently reporting at least seven out of 10 job openings as hard to fill.

She told lawmakers she expects Oregon to see another 265-thousand jobs created by 2031.

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## USPS SHORTAGE WRAP

The U-S Postal Service is on a hiring frenzy in Oregon. Heather Roberts explains.

Like every industry, mail service is struggling with staffing shortages.

SOT 1A (:14) ... sometimes from neighboring states to help get the mail delivered and help maintain that service.

Kim Frum, with the U-S-P-S, acknowledges it has led to delivery slow-downs, especially in Central Oregon.

SOT 1B (:11) ..So, on very rare occasion, in some cases, not all deliveries may be made in one day.

When that happens, Frum says, that mail is prioritized for next-day delivery.

SOT 1C (:06) We all want to do the best job we can and it bothers us that there are issues with the mail delivery.

U-S-P-S has hundreds of openings in Oregon.

Three job fairs are scheduled for the Portland area in March ... but Frum says job seekers can fill out an application at their local post office ... or at USPS-dot-com-slash careers.

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## AG OT BILL 2

A bill supporters say fixes Oregon's farm worker overtime law passed last session ... is advancing in the legislature.

It would create a loan program to help farmers and ranchers cover the increase in payroll expenses.

Republican Representative Shelly Boshart Davis [boss-hart-davis] says it's unlikely producers will use it.

SOT 2 (:16) The loan program outlined is only a short-term solution for small producers, between now and when they can collect the tax credit. This loan program is a band-aid and still fails to recognize that the tax credit model isn't functional or a smart business practice for producers.

It passed the House this week on a 41-to-10 vote ... and is now in the Senate.

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## OR JANUARY JOBS WRAP

Oregon's economy continues to produce new jobs. Heather Roberts reports.

Oregon's unemployment rate in January was 4.8-percent...and it's been at that level since October.

Employment Department economist Gail Krumenauer says the state added 99-hundred jobs.

SOT 1A (:15) "The biggest gain occurred in private healthcare and social assistance which added 2200 jobs. We also saw a large gain of 1800 jobs in professional and business services. Leisure and hospitality added 1400 jobs over the month. Construction also grew by 1300 jobs in January."

Unemployment has increased, but that's happening along with new jobs.

SOT 1B (:12) "Oregon's unemployment rate rose by a full percentage point over the last year. Despite that uptick in unemployment, we're still seeing strong job gains. Oregon employers added nearly 71,000 jobs to non-farm payrolls over the last year."

During 2022, Oregon's economy added an average of 56-hundred jobs a month.

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## OR SEMICONDUCTOR 3

A company making semiconductor chips in Oregon is halfway through a massive expansion plan to triple capacity ... thanks to local, state and federal funding ... including the CHIPS Act.

Microchip is upgrading its Gresham facility with two more clean-rooms, more than 160 new tools ... and 600 new employees.

Gresham Mayor Travis Stovall says other cities can learn from the partnership his staff formed with the private sector.

SOT 3 (:13) Our economic development team actually is shoulder-to-shoulder with Microchip. As Microchip looks at expansion plans, they call us up and say 'what are the steps, how do we work together to ensure this actually goes through in a fashion that compliments the efforts that we have on the private side?'

Microchip's Gresham facility produces semiconductors from 8-inch wafers ... that are then used in every type of electronic device.

Officials have said producing more of these "chips" in the U-S reduces our reliance on foreign manufacturing and will prevent future shortages.

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DATE: 3.14.23 *Employment*

## STATE FEB JOBLESS WRAP

Oregon employment appears to be stabilizing. Heather Roberts has the latest.

Oregon's unemployment rate last month was 4.7-percent, down from 4.8-percent in January.

Employment Department economist Gail Krumenauer says the state lost 100 jobs, but some sectors saw growth.

SOT 1A (:11) "Two sectors of Oregon's economy had larger gains. The first was construction which added 14-hundred jobs over the month. We also saw a gain of a thousand jobs in private education services in February."

Non-durable goods manufacturing lost jobs. Krumenauer says the job market is balanced.

SOT 1B (:12) "We've seen in recent months, stability in the size of Oregon's labor force and the unemployment level have been about the same for the last six months and in February we saw little change in non-farm payroll employment."

Oregon's unemployment rate is nearly one percent higher than the national rate of 3.6-percent.

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## RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANTS

Oregon's Department of Energy has launched the second round of its Community Renewable Energy Grant Program.

12-million dollars in grants are available for tribes, public entities and consumer-owned utilities ... for planning and construction of renewable energy or energy resilience projects.

The program was created by the 2021 legislature to support projects outside Portland.

Applications for this second round of funding are due February 15th ... more grants will be available over the next two years.

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DATE: 1.4.23 *Endowment*

(Newport, Oregon) – A rather forceful offshore storm is bringing a variety of warnings and advisories to parts of the Oregon coast expected to produce large breakers well over 20 feet on Thursday today.

The National Weather Service (NWS) maintains a high surf warning for everything south of Reedsport and a high wind warning thru 4 p.m. today, with gusts up to 80 mph at times.

The Warning says: “Extremely large breaking waves will create very hazardous conditions along beaches and area shorelines,”

Adding: Power outages due to the high winds may well occur on the south coast.

If you like storm watching.... Areas like Shore Acres or Cape Arago near Coos Bay will be putting on quite a spectacle.

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PORT ORFORD, Ore. — The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is “hopeful” that one lane of Highway 101 between Port Orford and Gold Beach, could reopen this afternoon.

However, ODOT cautions that forecasted rain could delay the reopening. Heavy rain could also cause the landslide to move again, prolonging the closure.

A 500 foot section of the highway collapsed Sunday, closing this vital link for communities on the south coast.

Traffic will be flagged through the single lane when it reopens, and travelers should expect delays and slower speeds through the area.”

“ODOT will be closely monitoring the landslide area when the temporary lane opens, watching for any more activity.

They may close the highway again with short notice.”

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
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DATE: 1.13.23 Environment

## JANUARY SNOWPACK WRAP

The latest snow surveys reveal an overall positive start to the winter for Oregon's snowpack. Heather Roberts reports.

All of Oregon remains at or above what's considered normal for this time of year.

Southeast Oregon basins are especially robust... with snowpack more than 150-percent of average. But NRCS Hydrologist Matt Warbritton says the rate is declining in Central Oregon's Upper Deschutes and Crooked River basin.

SOT 2A (:05) Coming into December and then early January, there's just been less accumulation.

It could mean bad news for an already struggling region. Crook County is the only county in Oregon still under the "exceptional drought designation" and Prineville Reservoir is just 18-percent of average right now.

SOT 2B (:10) We will certainly see that number increase as snow melts and that water turns into runoff, and then goes into the stream and starts to fill that reservoir.

Warbritton says summer reservoir numbers are dependent on the next few months, though ... peak accumulation typically comes in March and April.

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## SOS WATER AUDIT 2

A new report from the Oregon Secretary of State's Office reveals big gaps in the state's management of water resources.

Secretary Shemia Fagan says this basic human need is at risk.

SOT 2 (:24) Our federally recognized tribes are unable to ensure that their people have access to clean water, and across the state we are not immune to the mega-drought that is incapacitating other parts of the western United States. Oregon has a reputation for being rainy and wet. But that is a very western Oregon-centric reputation and I'm here to tell you we need to be very concerned about water security both east and west of the Cascade mountain range.

The advisory report lays out steps auditors want the Governor and lawmakers to take, like providing a funding strategy for water management agencies ... and getting more public feedback on local water decisions.

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## DROUGHT DECLARATIONS

Governor Tina Kotek has declared drought emergencies for Crook and Jefferson Counties ... directing agencies to prioritize assistance to the region.

Both counties requested the declaration in January.

The U-S Drought Monitor has had at least a portion of Crook County under an "Exceptional Drought" designation since July of 2021 and current reservoir storage is just 10-percent of capacity.

Portions of Jefferson County are in Severe or Extreme drought and reservoir supplies are at or near all-time lows.

Deschutes County Commissioners are scheduled to discuss a drought emergency request for that county on Wednesday.

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## WINTER WEATHER

As winter weather returns to much of the state, Oregon's Department of Transportation urges drivers to prepare for the conditions.

Many roads through high elevations are packed with snow and ice ... high winds may also cause snow drifts.

Chain restrictions are in effect for most mountain passes.

For the next few days, ODOT asks drivers to be winter-ready ... carry snacks, warm clothing, medications and other essentials in your vehicle ... give snowplows and other vehicles extra space ... and use designated areas to chain up.

Visit [tripcheck.com](http://tripcheck.com) for the latest conditions, including chain restrictions.

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## SNOW STORM

Many are calling it an historic snowfall in Portland ...

The airport received 10.8-inches in a 24-hour period... the second highest single day total ever at PDX.

But the sudden dumping Wednesday afternoon left vehicles stranded, blocking freeways ... caused power outages around the Willamette Valley and coast ... and closed numerous schools.

The Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office is also investigating at least one suspected hypothermia-related death.

Temperatures are expected to warm above freezing in western Oregon today (Fri) ... east of the cascades will have to wait at least another day to thaw out.

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Despite last week's winter storm, parts of Oregon remain very dry.

Climatologist Zack Hoylman says - overall - we've received less precipitation than normal.

SOT 3 (:22) So, Oregon has been dealing with really long periods of precipitation deficits; we're talking about up to three years of precipitation anomalies that are driving a lot of these drought conditions that might be reducing streamflow dynamics and groundwater availability, etc. So, while these recent precipitation events help in the short term, of course, there's a lot of ground to be made up.

Governor Tina Kotek has already issued drought emergency declarations for Crook and Jefferson counties in Central Oregon ... Deschutes County officials have requested one, as well.

There is good news ... Hoylman says we've also had cooler than normal temperatures... which means the snow we have received is sticking around.

Nearly every basin's snowpack is at or above average for this time of year.

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NEWPORT Ore. (KPTV) – Following a forecast of low returns for Chinook salmon, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has announced both recreational and commercial salmon fishing seasons are canceled along the Oregon and California coasts.

The decision was made by the National Marine Fisheries Service with Pacific Fishery Management Council consulting on the choice.

ODFW's ocean salmon project leader Eric Schindler said: "Chinook headed for California are caught along with local Chinook and Coho in Oregon's ocean fisheries south of Cape Falcon," "Any fishery where these Chinook are likely to be caught must be restricted.

That's why Oregon and California agreed with NMFS and canceled all early ocean salmon seasons south of Cape Falcon at least through May 15."

The ODFW says a summer salmon season will be decided by April 7.

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## SUNFLOWER SEA STAR 1

NOAA Fisheries is recommending the sunflower sea star be listed as a threatened species.

Michael Milstein, with NOAA, says the sea star's population has been devastated by climate change and the sea star wasting pandemic.

SOT 1 (:11) "In about ten years, the sunflower sea star has nearly disappeared from many Pacific coast shorelines where it's long been one of the most common and recognizable species."

The sunflower sea star can be three feet across, making it the second largest sea star in the world.

It's found along the West Coast.

The recommendation is open for public comment and a decision will be made later this year.

If the listing happens, the federal government could take steps to protect it with changes to the shoreline, and allocation of federal research dollars to learn how the species can be saved.

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## SEC HAALAND 2

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland [Holland] was in Oregon this weekend.

In Bend, she met with Senator Jeff Merkley, the Bend Mayor and representatives from the outdoor recreation community.

She announced two projects in the state will receive 4-million dollars from the Land and Water Conservation Fund ...

SOT 2 (:16) The Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge and the Willamette Valley Conservation Area. These are the kinds of projects that reflect our commitment to ensuring visitors and staff are safe and comfortable as they access our parks, public lands and roads.

Haaland says the Great American Outdoor Act will bring another 130-million dollars to Oregon, to strengthen recreational opportunities.

She also met with local leaders in Medford, to discuss wildfire mitigation efforts.

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## DESCHUTES DROUGHT 2

Governor Tina Kotek issued drought emergencies for Deschutes and Grant County Friday ... following declarations for Crook and Jefferson counties in February.

State Climatologist Larry O'Neill says Central Oregon is experiencing its fourth year of drought, despite this winter's strong mountain snowpack.

SOT 2 (:18) That snowpack really influences more the water supply, rather than the general landscape conditions. So, there are a lot of fields, some dry land agriculture and things like that - if those fields aren't under snow, which a lot of them aren't, they're actually in quite a bit of trouble right now because not enough rain fell on them.

He says the snowpack will help refill reservoirs, but there hasn't been enough rain or low-level snow to make up for dry soil conditions.

According to O'Neill, about half of the state has received less than 75-percent of its average water so far this water year.

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## SAFE ROUTES FUNDING

More than two-dozen "Safe Routes to School" projects will share 32-million dollars from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Funding is aimed at improving safety for students who walk or bike to school.

The largest grant awards went to Tigard, Medford, Warrenton, Mill City and Douglas County... each will receive 2-million dollars for everything from new sidewalks and separated bike lanes, to lighting.

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## RISK REDUCTION WK

During this "Community Risk Reduction Week," the Oregon State Fire Marshal is calling on everyone to reduce the risk of fire in their home.

Across the state, cooking was the number one cause of house fires in 2021 ... heating was number two.

The Fire Marshal's Office urges people to not leave cooking food unattended ... create a three-foot kid and pet-free zone around the stove ... and have a lid or cookie sheet within reach to smother flames if a cooking fire does break out.

To prevent heating-related fires ... keep things that burn at least three feet from fireplaces, stoves and other heating equipment... unplug space heaters when leaving a room or going to bed ... and plug appliances directly into a wall, not an extension cord or power strip.

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## FENTANYL EXPOSURE

Several students at an Oregon middle school, along with a deputy, were treated for fentanyl exposure after an odor was reported inside a bathroom.

A Yamhill County deputy was asked by a school staffer to check the bathroom inside a modular building at Wallamina Middle School, earlier this week.

He noted an acrid smell and told everyone to evacuate.

During the evacuation, the deputy and several students showed signs of possible overdose.

Investigators later found evidence a student tried to burn pills believed to contain fentanyl, inside the bathroom.

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Public Affairs News Reporting  
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DATE: 1.19.23 *Public Safety*

## WILDFIRE RISK MAP 3

Oregon's Department of Forestry has put development of wildfire risk maps on hold until problems are resolved.

The Legislature is also considering 11 bills that would affect the maps.

State Forester Cal Mukumoto told lawmakers his agency will wait until after the Legislature is finished before completing map revisions.

SOT 3 (:04) Right now, to be quite short, my thoughts are late summer or fall.

The maps show property owners whether they're in high risk areas for wildfires ... and are required under S-B 762, passed in 2021.

But the original version had several discrepancies, which put the process on hold.

Building codes will eventually be added for properties deemed "high risk."

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## FLAVORED TOBACCO BILL 2

Flavored tobacco products would be banned statewide... under a bill proposed by a bipartisan group of legislators.

Lobbyist Jamie Dunphy says H-B 3090 would protect kids from getting hooked on nicotine from any tobacco product.

SOT 2 (:16) Menthol, hookah, e-cigarettes, chew, anything that is added to tobacco to impart the flavor or taste or smell of anything other than tobacco. Because the reality is almost no children start smoking with a Marlboro Red.

He says surveys show fewer than 25-percent of adult smokers use flavored products ... while the vast majority of underage smokers report only using them.

The bill mirrors local bans passed last year in Multnomah and Washington counties.

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Crews continue work on a collapsed sewer line that shut down southbound Hwy 101 in Coos Bay. It's expected to reopen on Feb. 20, 2023.

The City's Public Works Department was notified of the collapsed line after a leak began between Alder and Birch Avenue on Friday.

He says they have worked 24 hours daily since Saturday morning and were able to connect the new sewer line Monday.

Now paving must be done, but Hamblet says recent colder temperatures could cause delays.

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## REC LIABILITY HEARING WRAP

Oregon's Senate is considering a bill that would limit the liability faced by recreation providers - like ski resorts. As Heather Roberts reports ... testimony about the bill got emotional yesterday (Wed).

Supporters say the legislature needs to provide clarity, following a 2016 State Supreme Court decision that essentially nullified liability waivers.

Senator Aaron Woods says Oregon has the weakest recreation liability laws in the west, causing insurance providers to drop coverage for some activities in the state.

SOT 1A (:06) Senate Bill 754 will bring Oregon's recreational ecosystem back into balance.

Lauren Bagley's son Myles was seriously injured while skiing at Mt. Bachelor ... It was her son's lawsuit that led to that 2016 court decision.

SOT 1B (:14) If they aren't careful and someone is injured, our system of justice allows ordinary citizens to hold them accountable. This bill is asking the legislature to say it's okay for certain for-profit businesses to not be careful.

Supporters say it would not stop someone from suing for gross negligence. The bill remains in committee.

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## SAFE OREGON THREAT 2

Authorities are praising the use of the "Safe Oregon" tipline after a threat closed a Portland-area high school Friday ... although the threat was later deemed not credible.

Safe Oregon Program Manager Coral Smith says they've received more than 12-hundred reports from around the state this school year.

SOT 2 (:14) The purpose behind it is for students, teachers even, parents, to be able to have an outlet where they can anonymously or confidentially report behaviors, actions they may have seen that are of a concern.

She says less than one-percent are considered "critical" - like the threat of a shooting... most are for things like bullying or harassment, or concerns about suicidal ideation.

Safe Oregon started in 2017 and is administered by State Police.

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## ODOT ICY ROADS

Oregon's Department of Transportation urges drivers to take it easy this morning (Wed), after more freezing temperatures hit the region.

ODOT says crews have been working around the clock since last week to keep main roads and highways open ... if you must travel, make sure to give plows and sanders extra space.

The agency expects cold temps to continue into the weekend.

You can always take a look at [Tripcheck.com](http://Tripcheck.com) for the latest highway conditions.

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## LANE SPLITTING 2

Two years ago, Governor Kate Brown vetoed a bill that would have allowed motorcycles to drive between lanes of stopped or slow moving traffic.

The bill is being reconsidered this year. State Senator Michael Dembrow says it increases safety.

SOT 2 (:08) "Allowing them to avoid deadly situations where they could be rear-ended or sandwiched between cars."

Opponents say it's dangerous, because cars or trucks could change lanes hitting the bike.

Under the bill, traffic would have to be stopped or moving less than 10 miles an hour and the motorcycle can only travel up to 10 miles an hour faster than the speed of the traffic.

The 2021 bill passed the Legislature with two-thirds support ... this version also has bipartisan support.

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## TRANQ FEARS WRAP

Oregon faces a new battle in the opioid crisis.

The Oregon Health Authority is sounding the alarm about a lethal street drug cocktail that disfigures users and has no known antidote. And, as Heather Roberts reports, it threatens the state's post-pandemic health care system.

In the last three years, the drug called "TRANQ," [train'k] "TRANQ DOPE," or "ZOMBIE DRUG" has been detected in 18 Oregonians who died of overdoses.

SOT 1A (:02) "It's pretty bad, scary stuff."

OHA Spokesman Jonathan Modie says the unregulated animal tranquilizer xylazine [ZIE'-luh-zeen] is used to cut heroin, cocaine, and deadly fentanyl ... And it has an especially horrific side effect.

SOT 1B (:04) "That can lead to effectively rotting of the skin."

Users don't realize what's happening until it's too late.

SOT 1C (:07) "That's the biggest concern here is that people don't know what they have when they get it."

And forget Narcan in an overdose.

SOT 1D (:02) "It does not work on xylazine."

Modie says they're bracing for treatment and wound care to further strain Oregon hospitals.

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### MEASLES RISK 3

An advisory was issued after Kentucky discovered someone with Measles attended a religious event at Asbury University, with more than 20-thousand people from all over the country.

SOT 1A (:14) Because we don't really know who was six feet close to him, or who was at the event, even, this is something that every state is trying to take precautions and proactively messaging to prevent any outbreaks.

Dr. Rita Bacho, with Deschutes County Public Health, says the two-dose MMR vaccine is 97-percent effective...

But among the unvaccinated, she says, Measles can spread like wildfire ... and symptoms can be severe.

SOT 1B (:15) Measles can lead to high fever, severe cough, runny nose, red eyes or conjunctivitis. It could also lead to tiny white spots; these may appear in the mouth 2-3 days after symptoms begin.

There's also a rash that can spread all over the body.

The statewide vaccination rate is 88-percent. So far, there are no reported cases of Measles in Oregon.

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## SOS M110 AUDIT WRAP

Measure 110 was supposed to make it easier for Oregonians struggling with drug addiction to get treatment. But, as Heather Roberts reports... A new state audit reveals the program needs major fixes.

SOT 1A (:05) Look, in the two years since Measure 110 passed, drug misuse has only gotten worse.

Despite that, Oregon Secretary of State Shemai Fagan won't call it a failure ... more, a work in progress ... and a matter of life or death.

SOT 1B (:11) Before Measure 110 passed, the status quo had failed people with addiction in Oregon for over 50 years. The Oregon Health Authority needs to make changes to put the program in a position to succeed.

Audits Manager Ian Green says the OHA needs to use the report's suggestions to get more money into effective treatment services.

SOT 1C (:04) Not enough resources were put into it from the beginning, from the Oregon Health Authority.

In response to yesterday's (Th) report, OHA Director James Schroeder says the agency will pursue recommendations made in the audit "with urgency and focus."

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