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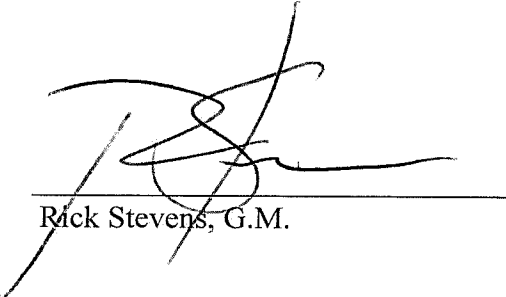
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Rick Stevens, G.M.

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CRIME

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to local area Crime

Fred Meyer is partnering with police in Portland, in an effort to reduce retail theft ... and shoppers will notice changes.

Fred Meyer President Todd Kammeyer [CAM'meyer] says the problem has never been this bad.

SOT 2 (:06) "In the last 12 months it's been all time record levels of retail loss that we face."

Fred Meyer will add new security measures, new technology, entrances will change, and they'll start checking receipts as customers leave stores.

Portland Police have also increased operations targeting retail theft.

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

DATE: 7.3.23 Cune

RS MAILING SCAM WRAP

A new scam targeting taxpayers is prompting the IRS to issue warnings about refund notices appearing in your mailbox. Heather Roberts explains.

The new scheme looks authentic on the outside.

SOT 1A (:10) It's in a cardboard envelope and it's from a delivery service. And it includes IRS masthead and wording, and it talks about an unclaimed refund.

But Clay Sanford, with the Internal Revenue Service, says it looks more suspicious once you open the envelope.

SOT 1B (:04) There are some imperfections in there that should be red flags to folks.

The notice asks for a cell phone number, banking information and social security number. And - quote - "a clear photo of your driver's license that clearly displays all four angles."

SOT 1C (:08) We're never going to ask for this type of sensitive information through the mail or even through email.

Sanford says in addition to poor grammar, there are spelling errors and multiple fonts ... all signs of a scam. To verify the authenticity of a tax notice, look up the contact information at IRS.gov ... don't call the number listed on the letter.

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

DATE: 1.5.23 *Crime*

COOS COUNTY, Ore. — Reina Jackson, one of three suspects in the murder of her ex-husband, Dr. Craig Jackson, in 2021, will have her first court appearance in Coos County today.

Jackson waived extradition from Georgia and will appear before Judge Martin Stone at 3:00 this afternoon

Coos County District Attorney Paul Frasier said his office has been building its case against Reina Jackson over the last two years.

Before an indictment was issued by the Coos County Grand Jury on May 24th.

The indictment charged Jackson with one count of second degree murder and two counts of second degree conspiracy to commit murder.

Public Affairs News Reporting
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm
DATE: 7.10.23 *Crime*

7.10.23

(COOS BAY – LOCAL) --- A frightening scene in downtown Coos Bay yesterday, as a knife wielding man threatened and chased people, eventually stabbing one victim.

The Coos Bay Police Department reports at approximately 2:05, Sunday they received multiple reports of a stabbing and a man chasing a person with a knife in the 300 block of Anderson Ave.

Once on the scene, Police found one adult stabbing victim, with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect, was also still at the scene, and has been identified as 38-year-old Anthony Cornett of Coos Bay.

Cornett was arrested and transported to the Coos County Jail on two counts of attempted murder, three counts of menacing, three counts of unlawful use of a weapon, and one count of assault in the second degree.

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DATE: 7/17/23 CRIME

LINCOLN CITY REWARD WRAP

A 50-thousand dollar reward is being offered for information on the whereabouts of a man suspected of critically wounding an Oregon police officer in 2011. Heather Roberts explains.

A Lincoln City police officer was shot during a late night traffic stop on January 23, 2011 ... prompting a manhunt for the driver, believed to be David Durham.

SOT 1A (:07) Even though it has been more than 10 years, it does not lessen the dangerousness of this individual.

Kieran Ramsey, Special Agent in Charge of the Portland Field Office, says Lincoln City P-D asked for help tracking down Durham ... but there have been no confirmed sightings since that night.

Ramsey says the FBI is upping the ante ... increasing the reward for information from 10 to 50-grand, as part of a broader effort.

SOT 1B (:17) On a national basis, the FBI and our fugitive program have gone back and looked at really violent fugitives that perhaps have not been put into custody and faced accountability and assaults, attempted homicides and the like against law enforcement officers.

Durham expressed a desire to travel to California, the Caribbean or Thailand

Anyone with information is urged to contact the FBI.

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

DATE: 7.18.23
Crime

DEPUTY SHOT 2A/B

A Washington County deputy was shot while serving a civil eviction in Tualatin Wednesday morning.

Detective Anel Ceric [uh'NELL SEHR'ick] says it happened during an altercation.

SOT 2A (:08) " they notified us that shots were fired. One deputy was shot multiple times."

The deputy was flown to Legacy Emanuel Hospital in critical condition.

Nearby apartments were evacuated and when SWAT officers entered the apartment the suspect was dead.

Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett says this shows how dangerous police work can be.

SOT 2B (:12) " We can support them and recognize that they literally dedicate their lives to our safety."

Beaverton Police are leading the investigation into the shooting, along with the Washington County Major crimes Team.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 7-27-23 Ceric

More than a million Oregon Health Plan members are now being warned they are among those affected by a global MOVEit Transfer hack in June.

Organizations nationwide were affected, including the Oregon Department of Transportation. On June 15, ODOT warned that 3.5 million holders of Oregon IDs or driver's licenses were impacted.

Notification letters were sent on July 31 and will include an offer for free credit monitoring for impacted members, Oregon Health Authority said.

Public Affairs News Reporting
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm
DATE: 8.3.23 *Arme*

Oregon is one of the top five states in the nation for vehicle thefts ... But you can reduce the chance your vehicle will be stolen by taking precautions.

Mark Peterson, with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, says if you own a Hyundai and Kia with a software problem that allows it to be stolen, get it fixed.

SOT 2A (:04) "Check with their vehicle's manufacturer to make sure the software is up to date."

Don't leave keys inside, don't leave a vehicle running, park in well-lit areas ... and make sure no valuable items are visible.

You should also check with your insurance company to make sure the vehicle is covered in the event it's stolen.

Public Affairs News Reporting
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm
DATE: 8-4-23 *Chema*

Coos County Sheriff's deputies had their hands full with a vehicle pursuit late Saturday night.

Coos County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received a report from a firefighter of Burglary and substantial damage at the Millington Fire Department.

While the firefighters were in Curry County assisting with fire evacuation efforts there..

Surveillance footage recovered from the Firehall showed the suspect as a woman with blond hair operating a black wagon-style vehicle which matched the description of a car involved in criminal mischief the night before belonging to a Chelsea Praus.

Deputy's located the vehicle and Ms Praus on Hwy 42 and attempted to place the suspect in custody.

After multiple attempts to evade by ramming the deputies vehicle a chase ensued.

On Hwy 101 near Coos Sumner lane, the Coos Bay Police successfully placed stop sticks, which completely deflated the vehicle tires.

After a short foot pursuit Praus was taken into custody on multiple sharges.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 8.14.23 *Alisa*
CRIME

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES SCAM

A Corvallis man will serve the next 30 months in federal prison for his role in an investment scheme targeting his church, coworkers and others.

Federal prosecutors say Erik Hass founded Simply Grains, Inc in 2013... and claimed the organization supported Christian missionaries while offering big returns for investors.

He sent clients statements showing false account balances ... and used new investments to pay older investors who requested withdrawals.

At least 20 people lost a combined 1.75-million dollars.

He pleaded guilty earlier this year and was sentenced yesterday (Wed) ... he was also ordered to pay restitution to his victims.

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DATE: 8.17.23 *Crime*

ZUBARI ESCAPE ATTEMPT

The man accused of kidnapping a Seattle woman and holding her hostage in a cinder block cell at his Klamath Falls home now faces additional charges.

According to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, a maintenance worker at the jail heard a suspicious noise ... when deputies investigated, they found Negasi Zuberi in his cell, standing on his bed near a damaged window.

A search later turned up an improvised tool they believe he used in an attempt to escape.

The jail's exterior windows are made of reinforced glass, and authorities say Zuberi was only able to chip the interior layer.

He's now being housed in a hard cell with no exterior windows ... and faces new charges of second-degree attempted escape and first-degree disorderly conduct.

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DATE: 8-28-23

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ESCAPEE CAUGHT

A dangerous attempted murder suspect who escaped from the Oregon State Hospital is back in custody.

Portland Fire responded to a report of a body in a pond, Friday morning ... It turned out to be Christopher Pray alive ... but stuck up to his armpits in mud.

Using a rope and ladder, he was pulled out and taken to the hospital for evaluation.

He gave a fake name, but a hospital worker noticed him from media coverage and called police.

They confirmed it was Pray and he was arrested.

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DATE: 9.5.23 Crime

POACHING REWARDS

The Oregon Hunters Association recently increased its rewards for information that leads to an arrest for deer and elk poaching to a thousand dollars ... and the cases are piling up.

A Roosevelt elk was found shot in Columbia County on September 13th... witnesses reported seeing a small, dark-colored, loud car speeding from the area on Highway 47.

In Baker County Troopers discovered a mule deer doe shot on August 29th, on Highway 245.

And in Hood River County on August 25th, Troopers found a black-tailed buck shot with a pellet gun and left to waste, near Dee Highway.

Anyone with information is urged to call the OSP Turn in Poachers line.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 9-18-23 *Crine*

COOS COUNTY, Ore. — Two Coos Bay men are in custody today, accused of kidnaping and holding a man against his will for over the course of two days this week.

At 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, a good Samaritan called 9-1-1, reporting that the victim had come to him for help.

CCSO says deputies responded to the location on Seven Devils Road and began conducting an investigation. And soon deployed and K9 Cena who tracked the two suspects into dense vegetation where they were discovered hiding under a rotted out tree.

The suspects were identified: 29-year-old Donald E. Bignell and 32-year-old Terry J. Dewolf.

They are both being held on multiple charges stemming from the incident.

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BITCOIN SCAM 3

The Better Business Bureau is warning people of a new scam involving a company claiming to be based in Oregon.

Roseann Freitas [fray'dus], with the BBB, says victims report receiving an email from "Bitcoin Bonus" with information about a balance that needs to be withdrawn for a small fee.

But, in reality, the victim pays multiple transaction fees and never receives any money ... because there is no bitcoin account.

SOT 3 (:22) Currently, we have 168 reports to the Better Business Bureau. We know that there are more but we've received 168. They're spread throughout the United States and one in Canada, as well. So, they're just really appealing to people and throwing out that mass net. That's kind of how con artists work. They email so many people and they know they'll catch a few people in it.

The company also goes by "Bitcoin mining."

Freitas says the average victim lost only around 70-dollars ... but that adds up for scammers reaching hundreds of people.

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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

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek has signed a package of bills to support education.

Heather Roberts reports.

The Legislature approved spending more than 10-billion dollars on schools statewide, but Governor Tina Kotek says it's not enough.

SOT 1A (:10) "This effort will take more than one bill, more than one budget line, or one session to see all of the progress we need or want for our students, but we are making progress with that bill."

Other bills support teachers, increase literacy education at earlier ages, and childcare.

Another will help create inclusiveness and equity in schools.

SOT 1B (:10) "Which will ensure school board designate at least one civil rights coordinator in their districts in order to monitor, coordinate, and oversee district compliance to state and federal anti-discrimination laws."

The Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Student Success Plan will address those students who have the highest dropout and absentee rates in the state.

Kotek says they achieved historic wins for Oregon students despite the Republican walkout in the Senate that threatened to derail the session.

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DATE: 8.3.23 Education

Starting in 2027, high school students will have to complete a personal finance class to get their diploma ... thanks to a bill approved in the 2023 session.

Heather Roberts has more.

— WRAP :53 —

Governor Tina Kotek signed Senate Bill Three earlier this week ... requiring high school students to complete a half credit of personal financial education.

It was broadly supported by financial institutions, like Bend-based Mid Oregon Credit Union ... where Kyle Frick says they've been pushing for the graduation requirement for more than a decade.

SOT 1A (:13) We see all the time that people just aren't understanding how to manage money and how to manage resources that they have. We're exposed to it everyday. People don't know what their credit score is, they don't a lot of things about how to manage money coming out of school.

He says it's important knowledge at a critical time when teens start to experience adult financial burdens.

SOT 1B (:08) Student debt, buying a car, all kinds of different things. But, understanding how to manage and understanding what finance is about is, I think, a positive thing for people.

S-B Three also requires a half credit of higher education and career path skills, to prepare kids for making decisions about their life after high school.

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DATE: 8/4/23 Edna Ylan

NEW SCHOOL YEAR 3A/B

As kids head back to class in Oregon, schools are seeing the benefits of several bills passed by the 2023 Legislature.

State Representative Courtney Neron [NEER'on] says they're funding schools at a record level.

SOT 3A (:04) "This was an ambitious session for education and we have a lot to celebrate."

At a bill signing ceremony earlier this month, State Senator Michael Dembrow said 144-million dollars will go toward early literacy programs.

SOT 3B (:09) "That they develop a lifelong love of reading which will be a lifelong love of learning and lead them to success and opportunity."

Other bills include increased security, more money for free and reduced meals, and increased funding to help improve the state's educator workforce.

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

DATE: 8.30.23 Education

ODE ASSESSMENTS WRAP

Oregon's Department of Education says statewide school testing shows some recovery from the pandemic. Heather Roberts reports...

Assessments are given to grades three through eight and 11 for English-Language Arts and Math... four of those grades also test in Science.

Results show small improvements in Math and Science ... but mixed results in English.

SOT 1A (:06) These findings shine a light on where we can learn from, in order to share that learning across the state to grow the success for our students.

ODE's Dr. Andrea Lockard says participation is between 84 and 86-percent ... which means more kids were tested than in 2022.

She says the tests are only used to provide a snapshot of student achievement ... not for big decisions for individual students or schools.

SOT 1B (:07) No single assessment or test is perfect or provides a complete picture of what our school systems mean to students, families and educators.

The biggest improvement is in 11th grade science ... where just under 33-percent were rated as proficient ... 1.7-percent more than last year.

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DATE: 9.21.23-Education

(EARLY LITERACY)

(LEAD) Work is underway to find ways to improve literacy for young children in Oregon. Brad Ford reports.

(VERBATIM) Oregon Governor Tina Kotek says reading proficiency rates are unacceptable. She says reading is the key to education and success.

EARLYLITERACY-A4 OutCue: individual potential

She met with the Early Literacy Educator Prep Council at its first meeting. They're looking for ways to help teachers.

EARLYLITERACY-A2 OutCue: years to come

They're also exploring wants to help parents be part of the learning process from day one. The council will present ideas that will go to the Oregon Legislature.

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FAMILY

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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)

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

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Family

RURAL HOMELESS RESPONSE

Oregon's 26 rural counties will share more than 26-million dollars to reduce the number of unsheltered homeless in their communities.

Funding is from House Bill 5019 and aims to add shelter beds and rehouse families by mid-2025.

Yesterday (Tu), the Governor released the amounts for each county, saying allocations are based on numerous factors, including detailed plans submitted by local communities.

Coos County: \$1.9 million to add at least 8 shelter beds and rehouse at least 32 households

Curry County: \$594,000 to rehouse at least 14 households

Douglas County: \$1.4 million to rehouse at least 34 households.

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HEALTH CARE

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Health Care

KNIGHT CANCER MOBILE WRAP

OHSU's Knight Cancer Institute is reaching out to every corner of Oregon, to connect people with screenings and clinical trials. Heather Roberts reports.

The Knight Cancer Institute's mobile outreach van hit the road this summer, in an effort to reach the one-third of Oregonians who live outside an urban area.

SOT 1A (:11) We're really traveling to the coast, up to the High Desert areas. We're really trying to make our way throughout these different communities who have been commonly underserved in these areas.

Volunteer Coordinator Vanessa Serrato says they park at community events, like health fairs and block parties, in an effort to meet people where they are ... especially those who aren't able to travel to OHSU in Portland, home to the state's only facility accredited by the National Cancer Institute.

Associate Director Jackie Shannon says the van offers rural and frontier communities critical information.

SOT 1B (:13) We provide screening opportunities, we provide education and outreach, we provide information about clinical trials and how people can get involved in different types of clinical trials from their home.

The mobile van first took off last fall and now attends five to six events a month.

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

DATE: Heathere 7.4.23

HEALTHCARE INFECTIONS 2

Infections from medical care are increasing in Oregon.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, healthcare-associated infections rose significantly in 2021, coinciding with peak COVID-19 hospitalizations.

OHA Public Health Physician Dr. Dat Tran says a new online dashboard tracks the data to better inform patients and hospital visitors.

SOT 2 (:17) It's not just for healthcare workers, it's for them as well; to remind them that when they visit a facility, to follow the infection control policies and procedures, to not come into the hospital when they're ill. And basically, if they're a patient, to wash their hands and to notify their healthcare provider when their symptoms worsen.

The dashboard collects information from 61 hospitals in Oregon.

In 2021, the largest increases were in catheter-associated urinary tract infections ... and MRSA [mer'suh] bloodstream infections.

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DATE: 7.12.23

healthcare

988 TURNS ONE

Almost a year after the nationwide launch of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, the service is expanding.

Spanish speaking crisis counselors are now available via call, text or at the 988 Lifeline website.

Between July 16, 2022 and June 30th of this year, Oregon's crisis call centers took more than 53-thousand calls, texts and chats ... which is a 33-percent increase over the previous 10-digit hotline.

988 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for people experiencing a mental health challenge, substance use crisis or thoughts of self harm.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 7.24.23 *Health Care*

BAKER CITY HOSP UPDATE

Oregon's U-S Senators are calling on the Biden Administration to get involved with the closure of an eastern Oregon maternity ward.

St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City plans to shutdown its birthing center on Sunday.

Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley sent a letter to the Health and Human Services Secretary yesterday (Mon) asking for approval of the Governor's request to deploy federal U-S Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officers.

Governor Tina Kotek has asked for six O-B trained registered nurses to staff the St. Alphonsus maternity center for six to 12 months, while the community works to identify long-term solutions.

The Senators say without that help, expectant moms will have to travel 45 minutes to La Grande for birthing services and prenatal care.

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

DATE: 7-25-23 *Healthcare*

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — PeaceHealth says it's closing the only hospital in Eugene, Oregon, and moving services 6 miles to its Springfield location.

The Register-Guard reports PeaceHealth said Tuesday the hospital serving the city of about 178,000 people is underutilized.

The PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center University District, which first opened in 1936, employs hundreds of nurses, healthcare professionals and staff.

PeaceHealth officials said patient volume has been declining, causing the hospital to lose an average of \$2 million per month.

Oregon Nurses Association Chief of Staff Scott Palmer called the decision a disaster and said PeaceHealth should reverse the decision immediately.

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DATE: 8.24.23 Healthcare

INSECT BITES 3

A lot of people will enjoy the outdoors over the holiday weekend ... increasing the risk of getting a bug bite or sting.

Kaiser Permanente Urgent Care Chief Dr. Anne Toledo says insect populations are growing in Oregon.

SOT 3 (:19) Bugs and where they live, how long they live, how many of them there are, that depends on how much rain there is, how long rainy seasons are and how much heat there is. And as we've all experienced in Oregon, that has been changing in recent years and so, I do think climate contributes to this and will continue to do so.

She urges everyone to take steps to prevent getting stung or bit, to reduce the risk of suffering an allergic reaction or contracting things like Lyme Disease from ticks ... or West Nile Virus from mosquitoes.

Both are rare in Oregon but very serious.

Dr. Toledo says if you do get an itchy bite, try not to scratch ... it not only makes the itching worse, but can break the skin and lead to a bacterial infection.

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DATE: 8.31.23 *healthcare*

OHSU ALZHEIMERS 2A/B

Researchers at OHSU say they have found a cause of Alzheimer's Disease and vascular dementia.

Dr. Stephen Back says immune system-cleaning cells in the brain get overwhelmed with too much iron, and die.

SOT 2A (:09) "This has been a big Aha Moment for us. Although, I have to say it took seven years to put it all together, but in the end it feels like an Aha Moment."

A new research technique they developed helped lead to the discovery.

SOT 2B (:11) "Doctors and scientists have studied human brains over the years and what's surprising to us is that no one had noticed that these cells were dying in such large numbers."

Dr. Back says drug manufacturers can use this to create medicine that targets cells vulnerable to iron toxicity.

You can help yourself by eating more antioxidant-rich foods, treating high blood pressure and diabetes, and getting plenty of exercise.

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DATE: 9.9.23 Healthcare

EUGENE HOSP RALLY 3

Oregon's second largest city could lose its only hospital ... following a request by Peace-Health to shutter its University District emergency department and in-patient services.

Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis took part in a rally outside the facility Monday, urging state officials to get involved.

She said the health system's decision came with no consultation and very little notice.

SOT 3 (:24) There is a safer, more sustainable solution to this health crisis. But we need a willing partner to come to the table. Since PeaceHealth won't do that on their own, I call on Governor Kotek and the Oregon Health Authority to force them to meet their obligations to provide healthcare for this community, and deny this closure.

Vinis says the city relies on Peace-Health Sacred Heart to provide critical services to all its residents ... and forcing patients to travel an additional six miles to the Springfield hospital could put lives at risk.

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DATE: 9.12.23 *healthcare*

BLOOD SHORTAGE WRAP

The Red Cross is experiencing a national blood shortage. Heather Roberts reports.

The Red Cross is short about 30-thousand blood donations for August. Dawn Johnson, with the Red Cross - Cascades Region, says summers are always slower.

SOT 1A (:13) "We typically see a falloff in donations around the summertime, because people are busy traveling, they're not at home, not in a place where they can donate, but this is more than what we see in a typical summer."

They're concerned about going into fall and winter with a deficit.

SOT 1B (:10) "Last winter, locally, we had to cancel several blood drives because of the weather, so we really want to try to get back on track with the blood supply and we can only do that with our donors."

The Red Cross is giving donors limited edition T-shirts, a coupon for a free haircut at Sports Clips, and a chance to win a VIP NASCAR racing experience.

You can download the Red Cross app to find donation locations in your area and make an appointment.

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DATE: 9.12.23 *healthcare*

COVID SHOTS 3A/B

Cases of COVID-19 are on the rise.

Kaiser Permanente's Dr. Katie Sharff says you may know people who've had COVID recently.

SOT 3A (:07) "There's a lot of anecdotal stories right now of people we know...friends, neighbors, colleagues getting COVID."

Health officials aren't tracking tests, but they know hospitalizations are up, along with COVID that's detected in wastewater.

SOT 3B (:06) "We're seeing increased activity, but nowhere near the level of activity we saw at some of the prior peaks."

The new COVID vaccine will be available this week.

Anyone six months and older can get it.

Dr. Sharff says they especially recommend it for people at higher risk of infections."

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DATE: 9.20.23 *matthea*

(OHA VIRUSES)

(LEAD) Oregon health officials are warning a triple-demic could overwhelm the state's hospitals and they need Oregonians to help avoid a crisis. Brad Ford reports.

Length: 00:01:00.3 OutCue: SOC

(VERBATIM) Oregon's number of hospital beds per capita is low, so it's easy to overwhelm the health care system. Dr. Paul Cieslak, with the Oregon Health Authority, says COVID is the big concern.

Length: 00:00:10.8 OutCue: WILL BE WORSE

"COVID-19 has been putting many more people in the hospital than influenza and RSV, so we have to expect that surges and respiratory hospitalizations will be worse." Preventing people from getting the viruses would avoid a crisis. Dr. Katie Scharf, with Kaiser Permanente, says vaccines are the key.

Length: 00:00:17.2 OutCue: PREGNANT WOMEN

"We really need to focus our efforts on vaccinating those individuals who are highest risk for severe disease and hospitalizations. That includes elderly individuals, immunocompromised patients, patients with chronic medical conditions and then pregnant women."

The flu vaccine is available now, the new COVID vaccine is being distributed, and there are RSV vaccines for people older than 60, pregnant women in their third trimester and infants. RSV is the leading cause of infant hospitalizations.

DATE: 9.22.23 *Handwritten signature*

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ECONOMY / JOBS

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OR JUNE UNEMPLOYMENT 2

Oregon's unemployment rate fell in June for the fifth straight month.

State Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer says the jobless rate dropped to 3.5-percent, with the addition of 57-hundred jobs.

SOT 2 (:20) Several sectors of Oregon's economy had large job gains in June. The biggest of those gains occurred in Government, which added 2400 jobs over the month; and essentially all of that gain was in local government. We also saw Other Services, which includes things like auto repair, hair salons, many other types of services - those employers added 1800 jobs in June.

Over the past year, the Construction sector has added 65-hundred jobs ... it's one of the fastest growing major industries in the state.

Manufacturing and Wholesale Trade shed workers in the past year ... including in June.

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USPS JOB FAIRS WRAP

In an effort to address ongoing staffing struggles, 37 Oregon post office locations will host hiring events on Thursday. Heather Roberts reports.

It's been an issue for several years.

SOT 1A (:09) The Postal Service is in desperate need of mail handlers, clerks and mail carriers. We are looking to fill hundreds of positions throughout the state.

Kim Frum, with the Postal Service, says the agency lost a lot of workers during the pandemic.

SOT 1B (:10) And that left a huge hole in our staffing all across the country, not just in Oregon. And so, we've been aggressively hiring for the last year or so, trying to fill those holes.

She says they're also trying to better support employees to reduce turnover, including implementing a new mentorship program.

Thursday's job fair events are from 10 to 2 at the 37 locations in most dire need ... including 17 in Portland, four in Central Oregon, Baker City, Roseburg and Florence.

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JULY UNEMPLOYMENT 2A/B

Unemployment in Oregon hit a record low in July.

SOT 2A (:09) "At 3.4% Oregon's unemployment rate matched its all-time low going back to at least 1976. The last time we saw the unemployment rate this low was at the end of 2019."

Oregon Employment Department economist Gail Krumenauer says the most jobs were added in health care and social assistance ... government, ... professional and business services .. and construction.

SOT 2B (:05) "We didn't see any large, net losses to any broad sectors of Oregon's economy in July."

The sectors that did have losses were financial activities ... manufacturing ... and transportation, warehousing, and utilities.

Oregon's unemployment rate is slightly below the national rate of three-point-five percent.

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REVENUE FORECAST

A new forecast for Oregon by the Department of Revenue shows the economy is expected to grow, which means more revenue for the state.

Unemployment remains at a record low three-point-four percent ... and federal investments in infrastructure, clean energy and the semiconductor industry are expected to move the economy forward.

In a statement, Governor Tina Kotek says she wants to spend extra money on housing and other programs to support Oregon families.

House Republican Leader Vikki Breese-Iverson wants public safety to be a priority.

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USFS HIRING

The U-S Forest Service is recruiting new wildland firefighters.

A series of in-person events are scheduled for Washington and Oregon on September 20th ... for people interested in becoming a permanent seasonal member of a hand crew, engine crew, hotshot team and others.

In Oregon, recruitment events are at the Deschutes National Forest office in Bend ... and the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield.

Applications are also accepted online - at USA-Jobs dot gov, through September 29th.

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OR AUG JOBLESS 2A/B

Oregon lost jobs last month, but the unemployment rate remains at a record low.

Employment Department Economist Gail Krumenauer says it's a healthy labor market.

SOT 2A (:07) "Oregon's total non-farm payroll employment fell by 1,200 jobs in August and the unemployment rate remained at its record low of 3.4%"

Two sectors had the largest losses.

SOT 2B (:07) "The largest decline over the month occurred in retail trade which lost 1,600 jobs. We also saw a loss of 1,000 jobs in construction."

Leisure and hospitality, which includes restaurants and hotels, added 21-hundred jobs.

Over the last year, payrolls in Oregon grew one-point-two percent, but the rate of growth is slowing.

That's something the Federal Reserve wants to see happen as it works to tame inflation.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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USFS FALL HIRING WRAP

With wildfire season winding down, the Forest Service needs to fill hundreds of firefighting and support positions for next year. Heather Roberts reports.

There are around 150 openings for entry-level wildland firefighters in Oregon and Washington.

SOT 1A (:14) You don't need any firefighting experience. It's more just the willingness to do a pretty arduous job and take those steps to get introduced to wildland firefighting and what that looks like, and be prepared to spend those 14 days away from home.

Jaimie Olle [OH'lee], with the Forest Service, says experienced firefighters are also needed for hotshot crews and other jobs.

SOT 1B (:06) There's also support positions that maybe aren't right directly on the fire line, but doing things that are critical to help those folks that are.

Recruitment events will be held this Wednesday (9/20) from 9 to 4 ... at the Deschutes National Forest office in Bend and the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield.

SOT 1C (:08) All of the applications go through online at USAJobs.gov. So, even if you can't make the hiring event, we encourage you to apply online there.

The application period closes September 29th.

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QUARTERLY REPORT

THIRD QUARTER

JULY - SEPTMEBR 2023

ENVIRONMENT

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to local area Environment

Weather conditions continue to elevate fire danger along the south coast prompting Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) to impose a Level II (2) industrial closure in CS-2, CS-5, SK-1, & SK-2 for all lands protected by CFPA.

The closure will take effect at midnight tonight.

It prohibits the operation of power saws, except at loading sites.... cable yarding... blasting, welding, cutting, or grinding of metal from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Coos Forest Protective Association (CFPA) wishes everyone a happy and safe Independence Day.

"While you are out enjoying your celebration, remember that fire season and regulated use restrictions are in effect," CFPA says.

"Fire prevention is everyone's responsibility."

For more information on fire prevention restrictions, you can find CFPA on the web at www.coosfpa.net,

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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MARINE RESERVE 2

Volunteer fishermen are helping ODFW biologists study changing ocean conditions off the Oregon coast.

Joe Zoellin recently took part in an excursion to a Cape Falcon reef typically closed to anglers.

SOT 2 (:08) It's been more fun than you can possibly ever imagine. You get to go out and fish, learn something from the biologists, give back a little bit.

He and nine others caught 100 rockfish across 13 different species.

Biologists measure and document each one before releasing them back to the ocean.

The work is conducted in Oregon's Marine Reserves, which protect about nine-percent of the state's near-shore ocean waters.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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Environment

ALDER CREEK FIRE (VO :28)

Wildland fire crews continue to battle a large wildfire in Wheeler County.

The Alder Creek Fire is burning on the south side of the John Day River, near the town of Spray... Its cause is under investigation.

As of Sunday, crews had held the fire's spread to 15-hundred and 50 acres, with about 40-percent containment.

The fire was first reported Thursday and led to the closure of the Muleshoe Campground... it's expected to reopen today (Mon).

A Red Flag warning is in effect in the area until 11 p.m. tonight (Mon).

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Environment

DEVILS BUTTE FIRE

Firefighters from Central Oregon are helping crews in South Gilliam County battle the Devils Butte Fire, estimated at between 25-hundred and three-thousand acres, as of Monday.

The fire is close to Highway 206, which closed yesterday (Mon) between Condon and Wasco.

Aerial crews are dropping water and retardant, while hand crews dig fire lines on the ground.

The Devils Butte Fire was first reported yesterday (Mon) morning about 20 miles northwest of Condon.

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BOULDER FIRE 2

The Boulder Fire, southeast of Mt. Hood, has burned 160 acres.

Mark Enty, with the U-S Forest Service, says they're bringing in more firefighters.

SOT 2 (:07) "We've got about 200 personnel on the fire right now. We're trying to add two water scoopers and four more helicopters to our resources."

The fire is burning in timber, downed trees and brush... and in steep terrain, which makes it difficult to create fire lines and also allows the fire to move faster.

Gusty winds are also a problem.

Several campgrounds are evacuated.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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FLAT FIRE WRAP

A new wildfire grew very quickly in southern Oregon over the weekend. Heather Roberts has the latest on the Flat Fire.

The Flat Fire started Saturday in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest.

Curry County Commissioner Brad Alcorn provided an update on Facebook last night (Sun), saying smoke is impacting the communities of Gold Beach and Brookings.

SOT 1A (:16) it's actually burning in the Biscuit Fire area. Right now this fire is estimated to be at about, between 3,000 and 4,000 acres. You know how difficult it is to estimate this as it starts to spread.

A Red Cross Shelter is open at Gold Beach High School for displaced campers.

Alcorn says Forest service investigators are on scene and online rumors about a specific person who started the fire are premature.

SOT 1B (:07) It's way too early to give you an absolute answer about the origins of this fire.

Fire managers are working toward full suppression and Alcorn notes a lot of resources responded very quickly to the remote area.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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FLAT FIRE MON WRAP

A massive wildfire in southwest Oregon continues to grow.

The Flat Fire erupted Saturday in Curry County, on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. An infrared camera flew over the fire late Sunday, providing better data.

SOT 1A (:11) It's currently at 5,477 acres. It's gone in a couple directions that we didn't necessarily know it had gone there yet.

Doug Epperson is with Northwest Team Six, which took over management of the Flat Fire early Monday.

He tells me it's burning inside the boundary of the 2002 Biscuit Fire, but conditions make suppression difficult.

SOT 1B (:14) Topography- it can run uphill real quick. Warm, dry, hasn't been much of a rainy season, even down here on the coast. And so, it was kind of a perfect storm that if one got a foothold, it was going to go.

More than 330 people are working the fire, with more on the way... Epperson says Team Six expects the firefight to last a number of weeks.

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HWY FIRES 2

Across much of Oregon, the risk of wildfire is increasing ... we've seen little rain, conditions are dry and the fire danger is high.

Oregon's Department of Transportation urges drivers to be cautious, because roadside vegetation can quickly fuel a fire.

SOT 2 (:09) Make sure, if you have a vehicle with chains attached to it, that they're not dragging and creating sparks, because wildfires are often started from next to the highways.

ODOT's Kacey Davey says another common cause is a cigarette thrown from a moving vehicle.

Consider carrying a fire extinguisher in your car, and know how to use it.

And if you do encounter wildfire smoke, turn on your headlights, slow down and give extra space to the vehicle in front of you ...

And roll up your windows ... set your fan to recirculate, instead.

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FLAT FIRE TUE

The Flat Fire, in Southern Oregon is now over eight-thousand acres, burning in scars from the Biscuit and Klondike fires.

Crews continue to strengthen firelines and more resources are responding to the area.

It's considered zero-percent contained and the cause is undetermined.

Some trails and roads are closed in the Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest, along with a portion of the Illinois River

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FIRE UPDATE

Oregon's fire season is heating up.

The Flat Fire in southwest Oregon is now nearly 13-thousand acres and still zero-percent contained.

More than 500 personnel are working the firelines on 17 crews.

In Harney County, the Mann Lake Fire has grown to over 600 acres in the two days since it was reported.

And in Lane County, aircraft were scooping water from Fern Ridge Reservoir yesterday (Wed) to battle the 40-acre Haight Creek Fire near Alma.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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ODF FIRE DANGER 3A/B

It's been dry for weeks and Oregon's fire danger is on the rise.

Jessica Prakke [PRACK'ee], with the Oregon Department of Forestry, says it's important to know what's allowed in your area.

SOT 3A (:07) "We really urge Oregonians to check the fire restrictions of where they live and if they're traveling, where they're going."

That can limit whether you can have a campfire, use a chainsaw, or ride an ATV, but that's not all.

SOT 3B (:11) "Grinding metal, cutting anything, power saw use, electric fences...anything that could potentially throw a spark is a potential fire hazard."

70 percent of fires are human caused, and Prakke says they need people to limit activities that can accidentally cause fires.

That allows more resources to be available in the event of a thunderstorm that can spark fires naturally.

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WKD FIRES

Several wildfires broke out over the weekend in Oregon.

Governor Tina Kotek invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act for the Golden Fire in Klamath County... and an evacuation shelter is set up in Bonanza.

It was first reported at about 1 p.m. Saturday on Bly Mountain, 18 miles east of Klamath Falls.

As of Sunday, it was estimated at two-thousand acres.

East of Eugene, the Bedrock Fire quickly grew to 500 acres yesterday (Sun).

Outside of Warm Springs, the Simnasho Fire forced the closure of Highway 26 for more than an hour on Saturday ... it was estimated at more than 12-hundred acres, as of Sunday.

The DEQ issued an air quality alert for Warm Springs and Jefferson County through today (Mon).

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WED FIRES WRAP

Hundreds of firefighters continue to battle Oregon's three largest wildfires.

The Golden Fire is now 15-percent contained, at 21-hundred acres ... the Flat Fire is three-percent contained, at 23-thousand acres ... and the Bedrock Fire is zero-percent contained, at around 61-hundred acres. Heather Roberts has more.

After the Golden Fire swept through a residential area of rural Klamath County, destroying more than 40 homes, crews are now working to get utilities back up and running.

SOT 1A (:09) Working with the fiber company to reestablish fiber communications through the fire to get fiber and internet back to the communities in Lake County.

Marc DesJarin, with fire operations, says power companies are also drilling to install new power poles, to get electricity back to the Bonanza area.

Southeast of Eugene, Jesse Stone says crews are making progress on the Bedrock Fire.

SOT 1B (:16) And then third, looking for those opportunities on the north flank to keep the fire out of the private land.

An emergency closure took effect yesterday for a number of campgrounds and trails around that fire. The Forest Service warns the low spring rainfall has resulted in abnormally dry conditions and hot temperatures across the Pacific Northwest, increasing the risk of fires.

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THUR FIRES

Oregon's DEQ extended the air quality alert for Deschutes County and the eastern portion of Lane County through Monday night, due to smoke from the Bedrock Fire between Bend and Eugene.

Nearly 300 people are now working that fire, which has burned more than 71-hundred acres in the Willamette National Forest ... it's still zero-percent contained.

In Klamath County, the Golden Fire, near the town of Bonanza, has burned over 21-hundred acres ... it's 18-percent contained.

It's destroyed 46 homes and 69 outbuildings ... three other homes have been damaged.

The Flat Fire, in Curry County, is now four-percent contained, at 23-thousand-678 acres.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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WAVE ENERGY WRAP

Beachgoers south of Newport may see a large ship anchored off shore, later this month ... as work continues on OSU's wave energy test facility. Heather Roberts explains.

The PacWave South test site itself will be seven miles offshore, and won't be visible to people on the beach. Chief Scientist Burke Hales says companies will test devices that make clean energy.

SOT 1A (:11) "It captures the energy that's in a wave and through a variety of mechanical and electrical processes turns it into electrical power that can be transmitted on a cable, a power cable."

Conduits have been drilled under the ocean floor and divers will work from the ship anchored about a mile from shore to prepare for the electric transmission lines that'll be installed next summer.

Hales says that'll keep them on schedule.

SOT 1B (:06) "We anticipate the first actual energy production to happen from devices that'll deploy in the early summer 2025."

Although, he admits, bad weather during the summer could delay the project.

They've worked with fishing groups to locate the facility in an area where it'll cause the least disruption.

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Some businesses along the Oregon Coast were concerned marine reserves would hurt their bottom line.

But, as Heather Roberts reports, most say they've not seen a negative impact.

There are five marine reserves, where fishing and other activities are prohibited ... covering nine percent of the coast.

The program started in 2009.

Adrian Laufer, with Sea & Shore Solutions, recently surveyed businesses.

SOT 1A (:09) "No business owners reported a decrease in business; however, a larger survey in 2021 did find a small group of businesses that were negatively impacted by the reserves."

Those were mainly fishing and crabbing charters.

SOT 1B (:13) "While this was the minority it's important to acknowledge that for those business owners there were very real impacts; however, most businesses either experienced no change in their operations or even reported positive impacts because of the presence of marine reserves."

Laufer says more than 12 years later, 98 percent of businesses don't see marine reserves as an economic threat.

More business owners believe tourists come to the coast to visit beaches and scenic attractions.

Oregon's Secretary of State has directed the Elections Division to enforce Measure 113 ... which disqualifies state lawmakers from running for re-election if they have too many unexcused absences.

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Environment

LOOKOUT AND BEDROCK FIRES

Two concerning fires continue to burn in the Willamette National Forest.

Governor Tina Kotek declared a Conflagration on the Lookout Fire, allowing more state resources to respond.

As of Monday, it's estimated at 12-hundred acres and zero-percent contained.

The Bedrock Fire, burning since July 22nd is 20-percent contained at more than 19-thousand acres ... but flare ups forced new evacuation orders in the Fall Creek area yesterday (Mon).

With a Red Flag Warning in place, the State Fire Marshal's Office mobilized four more task forces for Bedrock, including one previously assigned to the Wiley Fire.

The OSFM is also working with California to bring in additional strike teams.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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HOT WX POWER WRAP

Power companies are asking Oregonians to do their part to reduce strain on the electric grid during this heatwave. Heather Roberts reports.

SOT 1A (:02) If the heat is too much, you could see outages.

PGE's John Farmer says everyone can do a little to help relieve pressure on the grid and keep the power on ... like relying less on your air conditioner ... within reason.

SOT 1B (:10) As safe and healthy as it is for you to do so, bump it up a few degrees. Maybe you'll be a little less comfortable, but reducing the amount of AC that you use is a big help.

He says running your appliances and charging electric vehicles outside peak hours is also helpful ... that peak time is typically five to 10 p-m.

Despite the extremely hot and dry conditions Farmer doesn't think Public Safety Power Shut-offs - to prevent lines from sparking a wildfire - will be necessary.

SOT 1C (:06) Based on current forecasts and current conditions, we do not anticipate calling a PSPS over the next several days.

He suggests you make sure your power company has your current contact information ... and have a plan in case an outage does happen, including an emergency kit with basic necessities.

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STATE OF FIRE 2

Wildfires on Oregon Department of Forestry lands have remained relatively small, this fire season.

ODF Fire Operations Manager Blake Ellis says the agency is trying to respond more quickly to new starts.

SOT 2 (:23) We continue to track very high in the number of fires that we're initial attacking, and our acreages are a fraction of the statewide acreage. So, credit where it due. Our initial attack forces statewide have done an absolutely tremendous job getting after fires early, keeping them small, and reducing the risks of high costs, longer exposure hours.

So far this year, crews have responded to 705 fires on ODF-protected lands, totalling 45-hundred and 63 acres.

That's about 51-percent of all fires reported in the state ... but just four-percent of the total acres burned.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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A lightning storm in the area early this morning led to a number of power outages reported by Pacific Power.

As many as 8,000 customers were without power in the bay area alone.

Most of those customers have had their power restored.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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PORTLAND, Ore. (KOIN) – If you felt a little rumble yesterday, It could have been a 4.5 magnitude earthquake which struck off the coast..

According to the United States Geological Survey, the quake happened around 3:15 p.m. and was about 230 miles west of Coos Bay.

The National Weather Service’s Tsunami Warning Center indicated “no threat” of a tsunami as a result.

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TYEE RIDGE AND OTHER FIRES

Significant lightning on Friday and Saturday sparked a number of new fires.

State resources continue to respond to the Tye Ridge complex of fires in Douglas County, after Governor Tina Kotek invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act.

The complex is made up of a total of 19 fires and prompted Level Three evacuations.

State Fire Marshal's firefighters and equipment are providing structural protection for two of those fires, totalling about a thousand acres.

In Clackamas County, the Camp Creek Fire has burned more than 12-hundred acres in the Bull Run Watershed - the primary source of Portland's water supply.

And in the Three Sisters Wilderness, the Petes Lake Fire prompted hiker and campground evacuations in Lane and Deschutes counties Sunday.

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FIRES (VO :37)

The Governor declared a conflagration for the Smith River Complex of fires Monday, freeing up more state resources to respond to southern Oregon.

It started two weeks ago in California, and now stretches across the border, south of Cave Junction ... Overall, it's estimated to be nearly 71-thousand acres and six percent contained.

West of Roseburg, the Tye Ridge Complex has burned more than two-thousand acres ... it was declared a conflagration over the weekend.

And, the Camp Creek Fire, burning in the Bull Run Watershed in Clackamas County, is now over 16-hundred acres.

It's about a mile from Portland's primary source of drinking water.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DROUGHT UPDATE 4

While southeast portions of the state have mostly recovered from a multi-year drought, central and northwest Oregon remain incredibly dry.

Oregon CLimate Service Director Larry O'Neill says the Willamette basin is especially troubling ... because those reservoirs are more reliant on rain, which hasn't materialized.

SOT 4 (:16) One impact that we've noticed the last few weeks are streamflow temperatures are well above average - about four to eight degrees fahrenheit above average in the main-stem Willamette. And, these reservoirs have drafted down to such a point that there's not enough cold water to keep the rivers at a cool enough temperature.

He says that's led to more blue-green algae blooms in the Willamette River and adverse effects on fish.

Reservoirs on the eastern edge of Central Oregon remain strong, while those closer to the Cascades are much lower than average.

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OREGON - Oregon has 42 Active Fires – destroying over a 105,000 acres. That is substantially lower than our 10-year average for the first of September.

In our region, there are currently zero fires burning in Coos County.

Two Fires in Curry County — (Flat Fire – no growth in 3weeks, however the Anvil Fire 8 miles East of Port Orford is up to 300 acres and with 100 Fire Fighters.

Douglas County – 13 Fires. The Tye Ridge fire is the largest at 5,600 acres and only 16% contained. The 2nd biggest fire is the Chilcoot – 1,800 acres and only 5% contained.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DUNES PLANT WRAP

A small, flowering plant, native to southern Oregon coastal sand dunes ... is now listed as an endangered species. Heather Roberts explains.

Sand dune phacelia grows in a small 100-mile stretch from north of Bandon Oregon ... to Crescent City, California... and it's now protected just like endangered animals.

SOT 1A (:06) In this case, the plant, it can't be removed, or cut, collected or sold without a federal permit.

Jeff Miller is with the Center for Biological Diversity ... a group that spent years pushing for the endangered listing. It grows in healthy coastal dunes ... those that shift and move inland.

SOT 1B (:12) And we've lost a lot of that habitat to invasive species. We're starting to lose it and are about to lose a lot of it to sea-level rise and other climate disruption impacts, like storm surge.

That's because non-native beach grass was planted decades ago to artificially stabilize shifting dunes, partly to allow for development.

SOT 1C (:08) The whole goal of getting it on the list is to then get it off the list. So, implement a bunch of recovery actions will stabilize it and make sure it will persist into the future.

He believes that is possible, given the manageable size of the protected area.

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PREP MONTH WRAP

Oregonians are urged to get ready this month ... for any emergency - wildfire, winter storm, flood or quake. Heather Roberts reports.

September is National Preparedness Month, the perfect time to make sure you're "two weeks ready" for anything.

SOT 1A (:13) You need to know how you're going to get information, have a plan, have an emergency kit and be ready to survive - for everyone in the house, including pets, for at least two weeks.

Chris Crabb, with Oregon's Department of Emergency Management, says that emergency kit should include non-perishable food, water and clothing.

SOT 1B (:16) You want to have flashlights, batteries, phone chargers, make copies of all the important documents that you would need, like birth certificates, social security cards, things like that, and then put them on a flashdrive. And then you can put that flashdrive in with your kit.

Also, make sure you enable the "Wireless Emergency Alerts" feature on your cell phone ... and sign up for local alerts, either with your county or at O-R-Alert-dot-gov.

Only about 13-percent of Oregonians are registered to receive notifications for things like Amber Alerts, evacuation notices and Shake Alerts.

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DATE: 9.5.23 EnVRon

SOLVE WRAP

SOLVE is organizing several beach and riverside clean-ups this month, and they need more help. Heather Roberts reports.

SOLVE clean-up events will be held from September 9th through the 17th.

SOT 1A (:11) "We're going to be doing all kinds of activities. Mainly it's around picking up litter as well as doing things like invasive species removal at overgrown park sites."

Volunteer Coordinator Peter Brewer says they need people to sign up. There's a map on their website showing the events.

SOT 1B (:17) "It's a litter clean-up, or habitat restoration, or an invasive species removal event. Volunteers can pick and choose the type of activity they can participate in and then they show up and typically events last from two to three hours, and then you can enjoy the rest of your day."

There are events from the Oregon Coast to Central Oregon.

The first clean-up was held in 1986, and over the years, volunteers have collected two-and-a-half-million pounds of litter.

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DROUGHT DECLARATION

Three more counties have received drought declarations from Governor Tina Kotek.

She issued executive orders directing state coordination of help to Lincoln, Douglas and Gilliam counties after local officials requested the emergency declaration.

On the coast, Lincoln County has experienced significantly less rain than normal in the past three months, and streamflows are measuring well below average.

In Douglas County, officials are worried about reduced reservoir storage in the Rogue River Basin Project and record-low flows in some streams.

And, in Gilliam County, conditions range from abnormally dry to severe drought.

A total of 12 Oregon counties are now under state drought emergencies.

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DERELICT VESSELS WRAP

Work is underway to develop solutions for abandoned vessels in Oregon waterways. Heather Roberts reports.

Abandoned boats are usually environmental hazards.

SOT 1A (:12) "It contaminates water, it's a hazard to navigation, they damage public and private property...those are just a few of the threats. It's really something that's affecting recreation and our economy and our environment."

Ali Ryan, with the Department of State Lands, says a new workgroup starts meeting today (Tu) to develop ways to deal with derelict vessels and prevent them from being abandoned in the first place.

SOT 1B (:13) "There are ways to reduce the risk of vessels becoming abandoned and derelict. Things like vessel turn in programs making it easier for owners to do the right thing instead of selling vessels at low cost or abandoning them in a waterway."

Big vessels can cost over a million dollars to remove and clean-up.

The Oregon Legislature dedicated nearly 19-million dollars from a settlement with chemical company Monsanto to fund vessel removals.

The workgroup will also create proposals for the Legislature to consider

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LOOKOUT FIRE UPDATE 2

Authorities have downgraded evacuation warnings for the four fires burning east of Eugene as crews get the upper hand.

The Bedrock, Pothole and Horse Creek Fires are 90-percent contained... But the Lookout Fire is proving more difficult.

Operations Section Chief Robert Lopez says the northern flank is tough to access directly ... and conditions aren't right for back-burns.

SOT 2 (:17) It's kind of a waiting game to see if the fuels dry out enough to be receptive to fires. The fire's still only growing about 6" to a foot a day, on that north end; so, pretty slow growth on that. So, even with the increased winds, the higher temps and that, that's kind of where the fire's setting it. We're keeping an eye on that to see if we need to do anything different.

The Lookout Fire is now 24-thousand-548 acres and 50-percent contained.

That containment allowed ODOT to reopen Old McKenzie Highway yesterday (Tu).

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FIRE WEATHER

PORT ORFORD, Ore. – A Level 2 (GET SET!) evacuation order is now in place for the area of Sixes River Road from Edson Creek Campground to Sixes River Campground due to "unpredictable fire behavior" on the Anvil Fire burning east of Port Orford

If you live in these areas, be prepared to leave at a moment's notice.

The Anvil Fire originated 8 miles to the east of Port Orford and is burning in the Grassy Knob Wilderness.

The U-S Forest Service reminds Oregonians we are still in fire season.

East winds are forecasted for this week, bringing more warming and drying ... increasing the fire danger.

Fire managers expect the increased fire risk to last through early next week.

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(PORT ORFORD) --- The Anvil Fire burning east of Port Orford has increased in size, prompting the Curry County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) to issued a LEVEL 3 - GO NOW evacuation notice in the area along Elk River.

According to officials the Anvil Fire's activity grew aggressive overnight due to an east wind event. The fire is now burning towards the Elk River Fish Hatchery.

Previously Elk River was issued a LEVEL 2 - Get Ready evacuation notice.

CCSO called in patrol deputies as well as communications 911 deputies to perform door to door notifications of evacuations in the area.

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(ANVIL FIRE) - As Summer comes to an end and the fire season winds down, Oregon still has a number of wildland fires burning in the state... The most concerning of which is the Anvil Fire, burning near Port Orford in Curry County.

At nearly 10,000 acres, it is considered the number one priority fire in the US.

A community meeting was held last night at the Sixes Grange Hall, as Fire Managers shared the latest information on the fire.

It's zero percent contained, burning 8 miles east of Port Orford, with 19 crews totaling 780 personnel, 4 helicopters, and 32 engines working the blaze.

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OMSI EQUINOX 3

OMSI hosts free star parties this weekend, to celebrate the autumnal equinox.

Director of Space Science Education Jim Todd says volunteers from Rose City Astronomers will be on hand at two state parks, Saturday evening.

SOT 3 (:16) On that night, or this coming weekend, we'll have the opportunity to look at Jupiter and Saturn, which is everybody's favorite object to look at. Jupiter, in particular, is getting brighter and bigger. They're always a showpiece; a real delight to look at.

The equinox is actually Friday... when the day and night are equal - 12 hours each.

Saturday's events are at Rooster Rock and L-L Stub Stewart state parks, beginning at dusk... weather permitting.

You'll find more info at OMSI's events webpage.

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(QUAKE CENTER)

(LEAD) The federal government is spending 15 million dollars to help study the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Brad Ford reports.

(VERBATIM) The Cascadia Subduction Zone is located off the West Coast and could cause one of the largest earthquakes ever recorded in the Pacific Northwest. Pieter Share, at Oregon State University, says the money will fund the Cascadia Region Earthquake Science Center.

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"To take this science information, the translate it into something that's useful for the communities and that will reduce the impact of a future event like that or something similar and will also improve our resilience." Share says they know the subduction zone has been responsible for massive earthquakes.

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"We know it occurred, because, for example, the Native American communities have these great records of historical events that they experienced. We can see the effects off events via tsunamis, for example, around the world being produced by them."

Share says they're researching the subduction zone while making communities aware of the destructive potential.

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PUC WILDFIRE WRAP

Oregon's three largest utilities now have approved updated wildfire mitigation plans. Heather Roberts reports.

Electrical equipment can spark wildfires, especially when conditions are hot, dry and windy.

Letha [LEE'thuh] Tawney, a member of the Oregon Public Utility Commission, says they approved plans from PGE, PacifiCorp and Idaho Power to reduce wildfire risk.

SOT 1A (:12) "What the utilities are planning to do to reduce the risk of ignition and how that might impact communities, and how they're thinking about implementing investments in hardening the infrastructure."

One key part concerns shutting off power when conditions could damage electrical equipment and spark a fire.

SOT 1B (:14) "In particular how they need to think through their Public Safety Power Shutoff protocols. That's where they might need to turn the power off in advance of that fire weather in order to prevent an ignition."

They also must explain how communities will be notified and what they'll do for residents, like those with powered medical equipment, so they can manage the outage.

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The plans also include information on strengthening equipment and reducing vegetation.

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GPD DRONE 2A/B

Gresham is the first city in Oregon to use a drone as a first responder.

City spokesperson Sarah Cagann [SAW'ghin] says it flies to calls within a one-mile radius, from City Hall.

SOT 2A (:10) "What this can do is allow an officer to get eyes or a visual on a particular situation much faster than an on-the-ground patrol unit would be able to."

When it leaves the police department, east of Portland, the camera is pointed forward and doesn't record anything until it reaches the scene.

SOT 2B (:08) "It can only record video for the collection of evidence. So, if a crime has occurred it can record video at that time."

The drone is operated by a police officer at the precinct.

Gresham voters defeated a public safety levy earlier this year, and Cagann says the drone will help improve police service without the additional funding.

Gresham is the 16th city in the country with this type of program.

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CANNON BEACH COUGARS

Just two weeks after a cougar took up temporary residence on Haystack Rock, Cannon Beach police say there have been more big cat sightings.

Two separate reports came in Monday ... right in the center of town, west of Highway 101... one was in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Police urge people to be cautious, given there are also coyotes in the area and an injured elk.

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SW Oregon Landslide Warning

An atmospheric river is forecast to dump a lot of rain across southwest Oregon. The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Watch for portions of Douglas, Curry and even Southern Coos Counties.

Debris flows are also possible in steep terrain and areas burned by wildfires. Debris flows are rapidly moving, extremely dangerous landslides.

They can contain boulders and logs, and because they contain more water, they move faster than a landslide.

Sounds of trees cracking and boulders knocking together can indicate a debris flow is on the way.

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Substance Abuse

PORTLAND, Ore. (KPTV) - Oregon Recovers just launched their Recovery Network of Oregon website to help make finding addiction resources easier.

The non-profit's executive director, Mike Marshall, said it's the only online central hub that connects Oregonians to addiction recovery services.

The new site comes as Oregon's addiction problem is still one of the worst in the country. It has the second highest rate of untreated addiction. The state falls dead last when it comes to access to treatment, according to a 2021 report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Oregon Recovers said their new site will go a long way not just for fighting addiction but for the families impacted as well.

Oregon Recovers also plans to launch an app in February

Recovery Network of Oregon dot org

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