

# **PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES FOR KYTT-FM**

## **QUARTERLY REPORT**

**FIRST QUARTER**

**JANUARY – MARCH 2024**

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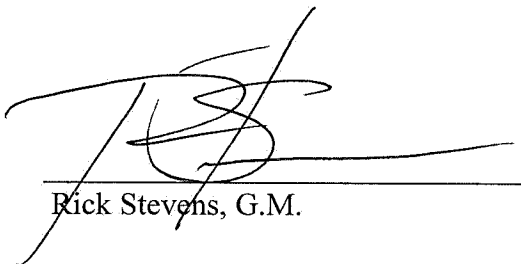
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**CRIME**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:** None

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

## MEDFORD HOSPITAL DEATHS

Medford Police are investigating several deaths at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center allegedly caused by a nurse.

Few details have been released, but local media reports a nurse is accused of switching fentanyl pain medication with tap water that wasn't sterile.

The patients developed infections and died.

As many as ten patients may be involved.

Asante says it is cooperating with police and was distressed to learn of the allegations.

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

DATE: 1.2.24 *Criss*

(GUNS LOCAL) -- What began as an investigation into the use of fraudulent checks at a local business has instead resulted in an arrest on weapons charges.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, Coos Bay Police began looking into a report of fraudulent check activity.

The resulting investigation led officers to an address on Main St. in Coos Bay, where upon issuing a search warrant they discovered unregistered firearms, fabricated silencers, suspected fentanyl powder and more.

61-year-old Melvin Edward Lesher, who was unrelated to the initial fraud case, was taken into custody as a result and charged with numerous offenses.

The original fraudulent checks case remains under active investigation.

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

DATE: 1.3.24 Crime

## DECEASED THEFT

A mortuary worker in Lakeside is accused of stealing money from a deceased person.

The Coos County Sheriff's Office conducted a welfare check and found a person dead inside of their home.

A deputy removed several items for safe keeping and noticed 300 dollars missing from the person's wallet, after the mortuary worker responded.

Investigators say 36-year-old Kyle Robertson, of Coos Bay, admitted he took the money.

He returned 200 dollars and told authorities he used the other hundred to pay back a friend.

Robertson is charged with theft and burglary.

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

DATE: 1.13.24 *Crime*

## ANIMAL NEGLECT 3A/B

An investigation into animal neglect and abandonment in La Pine led to the seizure of almost 40 dogs.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Sgt. Jason Wall says many of the dogs are puppies ... all are under three years old.

SOT 3A (:10) We have malnourishment. We have living in terrible, terrible conditions. We have basically just minimum care not being met, which is: food, clean water and shelter.

He says many of the dogs are aggressive.

SOT 3B (:11) When they're mistreated, they start to revert back to their instincts, which is 'I need to take care of myself. I need to take care of my own food, my own shelter.' So they almost - they get a little bit wild.

Wall says 11 dogs were taken to the Humane Society Bend shelter after the owner left them with her elderly roommate, who wasn't able to care for them.

The rest were surrendered last week, and taken to the Brightside Animal Shelter in Redmond.

Dessie McIntire faces three counts of felony animal neglect and more than three dozen other charges.

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 1.4.24 11:12

COOS BAY, Ore. – Coos Bay Police have made an arrest in the ongoing investigation tied to the shooting death of William Averill.

The 56 year old Averill was found deceased on December 12<sup>th</sup>, near Umpqua Dairy on Ocean Boulevard in Coos Bay.

The Coos County Major Crimes Team, CBPD and members from several other local law enforcement agencies, worked tirelessly to locate those responsible for the Mr. Averill's murder, and yesterday they made an arrest..

30 year old Kelton Dickens, 30, of North Bend, was taken into custody at a home on North Bay Drive at about 10:30 a.m.

Dickens has been charged with second-degree murder.

Coos Bay police ask anyone with information on this case to please contact them at 541-269-8911 or Coos Stop Crime at 541-267-6666.

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 1.5.24  
Crime

COOS COUNTY, Ore. — Myrtle Point resident Hayley Steele was sentenced to 75 months in prison yesterday, on Manslaughter 2 charges in the death of 10 month old Owen Nichols.

The Sentence follows a plea deal struck with the state in an effort to both allow some closure for the grieving family and avoid a lengthy trial.

According to Coos County DA Paul Frasier Owen died on November 16, 2022, from abusive head trauma caused by Steele who was hired to be his in-home babysitter.

Coquille Mayor Sam Flaherty described Owens parents, Joseph & Amanda's Nichols decision to settle with a plea deal "Courageous".

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 11.23.24 *Cum*



## TILLAMOOK STOLEN CRASH

A stolen car ended up in a massive Tillamook County sinkhole Sunday morning.

According to the Sheriff's Office, Sandlake Road had been closed for some time, but the suspects removed the barrier and drove directly into the hole.

About an hour after the car was found abandoned on its top and on fire, the owner reported the car stolen from a house about five miles away.

The theft and crash remain under investigation.

Authorities urge drivers not to remove concrete barriers or chains, due to the obvious risk.

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 1.23.24 Crime

## EBT SCAM WRAP

Scammers are trying to steal food and cash assistance benefits from EBT cards. Heather Roberts reports.

Scams on social media, email and text messages try to get EBT card information and personal identification numbers.

Jake Sunderland, with the Oregon Department of Human Services, says you need to protect yourself.

SOT 1A (:12) "We encourage everyone with an EBT card to take steps to keep their benefits safe. The best ways to do this are through the account management website, to lock you card when you're not using it."

Only use the state's official website and don't click on any other links. You can download the ebtEDGE mobile app to lock or unlock your card when you're at a store.

SOT 1B (:15) "It's really easy, there's just a button that you push and it freezes your benefits. If you have it on your mobile phone you can do it from the store. Get in line, unfreeze your card, make your purchase, walk out of the store and refreeze your card. That's really the best way to keep your benefits safe."

If your benefits are stolen, you can request a replacement through the customer service center or local Self-Sufficiency Programs Office.

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## AX SCAMS WRAP

This tax season, scammers are working harder than the IRS to get your personal information. Heather Roberts reports.

Most people don't know they're a victim of tax-related identity theft until they get blocked from filing a return.

SOT 1A (:08) And you're notified by the IRS someone using one of the social security numbers on your tax return has already filed a return with that social security number.

Cybersecurity expert Adam Levin, host of the What the Hack podcast, says the IRS encourages people to file early to avoid such scams... but that's not possible for everyone.

SOT 1B (:15) They're rolling out a new program called Direct File, which will allow taxpayers who are making under \$79,000 to file directly with the IRS. It's not exactly a security update, but at least you know you're communicating directly with them.

The IRS also now provides PIN numbers for all filers, to reduce fraud.

And, Levin says, it's important to only access the system over a secure network, not public wifi.

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

DATE: 2.13.24 - Crime

COOS BAY, Ore. — A teacher at Marshfield High School has been arrested on charges of sexual abuse.

The arrest follows an investigation which police began on February 7<sup>th</sup>, after allegations surfaced involving a student at the school.

The teacher has been on administrative leave from the Coos Bay School District since the beginning of that investigation.

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

DATE: 2.15.24 Crime

## UBER KIDNAPPING 3

A 19-year-old Bend woman says an Uber driver took her on a 30-minute ride around town against her will.

Police arrested 48-year-old Rocky Heath, of La Pine, late Tuesday night ... he's accused of canceling the ride just a few minutes after he picked up the victim ... then refused to take her home as she requested.

Bend P-D's Sheila Miller says there are a few safety steps every rideshare user should take.

SOT 3 (:17) It's always important to be alert and aware of your surroundings. Verify the driver, verify the vehicle when you get in. Not that there's any indication that this woman did not do that, but that's a step that you can always take. If you can ride with more than one person, that's always a good idea.

Heath was ordered not to drive for a rideshare service while he's out on bail... he's due back in court next month.

Uber calls the allegations "unsettling and unacceptable" ... and says the driver does not have access to Uber while it investigates.

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

DATE: 2.16.24 *Crime*

## SOUTHERN OR KIDS RESCUED

Jackson County deputies are credited with saving an infant and toddler after they were abandoned by a man on the run.

While searching for 24-year-old Justin Trompeter, deputies learned he was hiding with the kids deep in the woods outside Jacksonville.

Friday afternoon, they found a vehicle with the six-month-old and one-and-a-half-year old alone inside.

Trompeter is still on the loose.

He's wanted for domestic assault, robbery and theft for an incident that occurred February seventh ... he now faces additional child neglect charges.

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

DATE: 2.19.24 *Crine*

## KIDS ABANDONED WRAP

A southern Oregon man remains on the run after allegedly abandoning his kids in the woods. Heather Roberts reports on the dramatic body-cam footage just released ... of deputies rescuing the infant and toddler.

SOT 1A (:06) Sheriff's Office ... I can hear kids crying.

Jackson County deputies got a tip last Friday 24-year-old Justin Trompeter was hiding in the woods outside Jacksonville. He was accused of a domestic assault nine days earlier, where he sped off with the six-month old and one and a half year old in the car.

SOT 1B (:13) I can't believe this ... want medical too? Yeah, let's do it.

Deputies found his vehicle on a dirt road... with both kids still buckled in their carseats.

SOT 1C (:08) Hi baby ... I'm sorry ...

Trompeter was indicted by a Jackson County Grand Jury Thursday on numerous charges including robbery, domestic assault and child neglect.

SOT 1D (:07) ... And he abandoned a couple kids? This is unreal, man.

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Anyone who knows where Trompeter is should contact law enforcement.

DATE: 2.23.24 *Crime*



## TOP CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

Imposter scams again top the list of consumer complaints, according to Oregon's Department of Justice.

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum reminds Oregonians to be wary of anything that sounds too good to be true and take precautions to safeguard your personal data.

Auto sales and repairs came in second on the 2023 top ten consumer complaints list ... followed by telecom, credit and lending ... and towing.

Last year, the Oregon DOJ reportedly recovered more than a million dollars for people who filed complaints with the state's consumer hotline.

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 3.5.24 - Crime

## FEDERAL HATE CRIME

A Eugene man was arrested Thursday on federal hate crime charges ... after police say he defaced a synagogue on four separate occasions.

According to court documents, 34-year-old Adam Braun repeatedly targeted Eugene's Temple Beth Israel ... using antisemitic symbols and phrases in graffiti.

In January, he allegedly stopped short of breaking a window with a hammer after he saw he was being recorded by a surveillance camera.

A federal judge ordered Braun detained pending further court proceedings.

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**EDUCATION**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:**

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

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

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

**ATTACHMENTS:** Reported News related to Education

## SB VIDEOS WRAP

Oregon school boards would be required to post meeting videos online under a bill in the Legislature. Heather Roberts reports.

Senate President Rob Wagner says putting meetings online increases transparency.

SOT 1A (:10) "This is a simple bill requiring K-12, community colleges and public universities to stream and post their meetings online and allow for remote participation."

School districts that don't have broadband, like in some rural areas, could post only audio. Representative Mark Owens says rural school board members worry the video will be misused.

SOT 1B (:12) "You put that video on the school board and people start trying to figure out what's happening here, because they heard something on Facebook, YouTube, or Twitter. Our school board members aren't going to participate anymore."

Owens says the Small Schools Association opposes the bill.

He says board members will get around the requirement by holding executive sessions where video isn't required. The bill remains in committee.

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

DATE: 2.8.24 Education

Colleges and families of prospective students are frustrated with the rollout of a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid... known as FAFSA.

Some students aren't able to log in ... others are blocked from completing their form.

And, the delays now extend to schools who are way behind in sending aid offers to prospective students.

Oregon State University Financial Aid Director Keith Raab says what was originally billed by the U-S Department of Education as a "simplified" process ... has been anything but.

SOT 3 (:21) It is stressful enough to try to think about, 'where am I going to spend my next four years, or five years? What am I going to study, where are my friends going? What am I going to do?' And then to have this in there, with, 'well, we don't really know yet how we're going to be able to help you afford those things.' It's an enormous challenge for families.

But, Raab is confident the federal system will be fixed and urges students to keep trying.

He hopes OSU will be able to start sending out aid offers by late April or early May.

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 2.14.24 Education

## SCHOOL STREAMS WRAP

Most Oregon school districts would be required to post recordings of school board meetings under a bill that passed the Oregon Senate. Heather Roberts reports.

Senate President Rob Wagner says the goal is transparency.

SOT 1A (:11) "This bill will require K-12 school boards, community college boards, our public universities to both record their meetings and make them available to the public."

He says it can be tough for people to attend board meetings in person, especially in rural parts of the state.

SOT 1B (:17) "Parents are busy, students or others with multiple jobs, or people with disabilities, don't have adequate transportation, they're not able to fully access the conversations that are happening about education in their local communities."

The bill has exemptions for very small districts. It would also allow audio-only recordings posted in areas that don't have broadband services.

The bill is now in the House.

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 2.22.24 Education

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## SUMMER SCHOOL 3A/B

30-million dollars will be spent on summer school in Oregon this year.

Senator Michael Dembrow says a bill passed by the legislature last week also requires the Department of Education to study the best ways to run future summer programs.

SOT 3A (:14) "We really have to think hard about how we can turn summer learning and after school learning into a sustainable, ongoing system."

Senator Suzanne Weber says summer school helps students excel.

SOT 3B (:14) "We have to continue to grow. We have to give children additional opportunities to be able to be in a classroom, be in an educational sphere, to be able to grow, to learn."

School districts will need to meet specific requirements to get the grant money ... with a priority on districts with historic academic disparities.

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DATE: 3.12 - Education

SALEM, Ore. – Oregon’s K-12 public schools will receive a record \$74.2 million from the Common School Fund in 2024, state officials announced today.

Every one of Oregon’s 197 public school districts receives money from the Common School Fund every year. How much each district receives depends on the number of students served.

The average 2024 distribution is approximately \$376,000. Coos Bay SD 9 will receive about \$379,000. While North Bend SD13 gets \$285,000

Now valued at \$2.3 billion, the Common School Fund annually distributes 3.5% of the fund to Oregon Schools.

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**FAMILY**

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

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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

## HOME OWNERSHIP WRAP

With home prices on the rise, the State of Oregon helps first time buyers with low-incomes get their first house. Heather Roberts reports.

Oregon awarded 22-million-dollars to 21 organizations for down payment assistance.

Michelle Manning, with the African American Alliance for Homeownership, says they review applicants.

SOT 1A (:15) "When we see there's a need, where they're working hard, saving, doing everything they need to do, but houses on the market are just a little bit out of reach then we can assign some of that money we get from the state to these families to help them buy their first home."

On average, homeowners received nearly 37-thousand dollars for a house priced just under 300-thousand-dollars. Manning says there are income limits.

SOT 1B (:08) "For the most part, folks need to be at the area median income or lower, so it depends on their household size."

Last year, organizations distributed four-point-three million dollars.

They also provide education for money management

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DATE: 7.8.24 Families

## TAX CREDITS 3A/B

The state offers a new tax credit for low-income families with children under age six.

Robin Maxey, with the Oregon Department of Revenue, says the Oregon Kids Credit is worth up to a thousand dollars per child.

SOT 3A (:09) "The credit is available for families making up to \$30,000 or less, it just phases out at \$30,000, so it's really for the lowest income families."

On the federal income tax form, low-income families can get the Earned Income Tax Credit ... which can be as high as 74-hundred dollars.

Maxey says tax software should find it.

SOT 3B (:14) "The IRS this year has a free file option that will allow people to do it as well. There are many places that particularly lower income Oregonians can get free help filing their taxes."

The Oregon Department of Revenue's website has a link with details on all credits available for low-income families and how they can get free tax help.

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**HEALTH CARE**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:** None

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

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUNDING

Governor Tina Kotek says a 25-million dollar partnership will expand youth behavioral health services in Oregon.

Projects receiving funding are in Douglas County, the Portland metro area, Lane and Morrow County.

In addition, three private universities were recently awarded grants from the Oregon Health Authority to increase the state's mental health workforce.

Bushnell, Lewis and Clark and Pacific will share more than three-million dollars for tuition assistance and other efforts to recruit future mental health providers and improve diversity.

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

DATE: 1.8.24 healthcare

## OHP BRIDGE

The Oregon Health Authority is creating a new health insurance program to cover adults with incomes just above the threshold for the Oregon Health Plan.

“OHP Bridge” would be available for people earning between 138 and 200-percent of the federal poverty level.

Officials say it will not have monthly premiums, copays or deductibles.

The OHA is now drafting rules for healthcare providers and community care organizations and is taking public input.

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

DATE: 1-12-24 *healthcare*

## BUBONIC PLAGUE 2A/B

A case of human plague has been diagnosed in Central Oregon.

Deschutes County Health Officer Dr. Rich Fawcett says the person is responding well to antibiotics.

SOT 2A (:12) It was caught early, also it was not a real severe case. I wouldn't say mild, but it was more like moderate in terms of how severe the infection was at the time of diagnosis and treatment.

Plague is typically contracted through a flea bite or from a rodent ... in this case, authorities believe the person got it from their pet cat.

Dr. Fawcett says human-to-human spread is extremely rare ... but tracing over the past few days led to about a dozen close contacts.

SOT 2B (:14) We have identified some people that had close enough contact that we gave them antibiotic prophylaxis, where they'll take a week of an antibiotic just on the off chance they could have contracted an early case of plague. None of the contacts were ill.

The last case of plague in Oregon was reported in 2015, in Crook County.

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DATE: 2.13.24 *laurence*

OHA SOUTHERN OR 3A/B

The Oregon Health Authority's new Director visited Southern Oregon last week... on the first leg of a state tour.

Sejal Hathi [SAY'juhl HAW'thee] met with local healthcare officials in Medford, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls.

SOT 3A (:15) I heard from local mental health providers that for every new requirement that we impose to increase accountability for the grants that we're providing, we're layering yet another administrative burden.

She says she's impressed by the work she sees.

SOT 3B (:05) They're right here to serve the people who need them most, and they're going to do that no matter what barriers come their way.

Dr. Hathi says she hears rural Oregonians feel ignored by the OHA and she wants to change that.

Her next stops are in Astoria and Seaside in early March.

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## EMPLOYMENT FRAUD 3A/B

Fraudulent applications to Paid Leave Oregon are slowing the processing of legitimate claims.

Employment Department Director David Gerstenfeld says people are using stolen identities to file applications.

SOT 3A (:08) "These weren't identities that were stolen from our agency , but from one of the many other places where people commit fraud and gain access to such information."

A fraudulent application takes time to identify and then deal with.

SOT 3B (:11) "Fraud causes significant increase in workload regardless of who files the claim, whether it's a legitimate claimant or a person committing fraud, we still have to handle every single claim."

Several states are dealing with similar fraud problems.

Gerstenfeld says when the unemployment system switches to the Frances Online portal in March, they expect a new round of fraudulent applications.

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DATE: 1.1.24 - Econ | Jobs

## DECEMBER JOBS 2A/B

Oregon's labor market grew last month.

Economist Gale Krumenauer, with the Oregon Employment Department, says there was job growth across most sectors.

SOT 2A (:06) "Oregon employers added 3,900 jobs to non-farm payrolls in December and the unemployment rate was 3.7%."

That's a tenth of a percent higher than November ... but in line with the U.S. unemployment rate.

Two sectors saw the most growth.

SOT 2B (:06) "Private health care and social assistance added 2,300 jobs over the month and we saw a gain of 1,500 jobs in construction."

The construction sector set a record last month, with 123-thousand total jobs.

Most of the work was in residential construction.

Financial activities and wholesale trade lost jobs.

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DATE: 1.19.24 Employ.

## FRANCES ONLINE UPDATE WRAP

A big change is coming for Oregonians receiving unemployment benefits. Heather Roberts reports.

The current Unemployment computer system is old, difficult to change and doesn't offer many services.

Lindsi Leahy, the Insurance Program Director, says the new system, called Frances Online, offers much more.

SOT 1A (:09) "Customers will be able to do a lot more things online through self-service features instead of waiting for a letter in the mail or calling the unemployment insurance contact center."

The old system will go offline when they make the conversion to the new system, and current unemployment customers need to be prepared.

SOT 1B (:16) "The due dates to avoid a delay in payment are 5 p.m. on Tuesday February 27th for new initial claims and 5 p.m. on Wednesday February 28th to file a weekly unemployment insurance benefit claim."

The call center will also not take calls from February 28th through March 4th. All customers need to register to use Frances Online, but they can't do that until after Monday March 4th.

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DATE: 2.15.24 Econ/jobs

NEW FRANCES 2A/B

The Oregon Employment Department's new computer system goes online today (Mon) for unemployment insurance.

It's called Frances Online.

Unemployment Insurance Program Manager Lindsy Leahy says current customers need to create a new user account.

SOT 2A (:06) "Once they have completed that step, they will be able to find their information in Frances Online if they have a current claim."

They should check their account to make sure everything is correct.

Online videos and tutorials are available to help.

SOT 2B (:07) "What's great is that with Frances Online you'll be able to check status, so if we're waiting on information, or things like that, there should be more communication within the system."

The department expects people will need help and the call center has extra staffing ... but clients are asked to look at the online help before calling.

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DATE: 3.4.24 . Econ | Jobs

## STATE PARK HIRING WRAP

Oregon State Parks need hundreds of new seasonal workers this spring and summer. Heather Roberts reports.

Oregon Parks and Recreation needs 250 seasonal park rangers and ranger assistants.

SOT 1A (:06) Positions start anywhere between March and about June, and then go anywhere from four months to nine months.

Stefanie Knowlton tells me there's a big hiring push this year, after several seasons of understaffing. Seasonal jobs can turn into year-round work ... and come with full benefits... without a lot of prerequisites.

SOT 1B (:12) Folks with excellent customer service skills and communication, so they can talk with visitors. Also, a little bit of experience or landscape maintenance, to help maintain a safe and clean park for visitors.

Almost every state park has openings ... And, there are a lot of perks.

SOT 1C (:09) Gorgeous natural backdrops, time in the outdoors, incredible coworkers, and you get to share some of the most amazing landscapes with visitors.

You'll find more information at [State-Parks-dot-Oregon-dot-gov](http://State-Parks-dot-Oregon-dot-gov)  
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## OR JOBLESS JAN WRAP

The Oregon Employment Department reports the state lost 49-hundred jobs in January, compared to the 19-hundred jobs gained in December.

Economist Gail Krumenauer said the losses were spread over several sectors.

SOT 1A (:15) "Professional and business services lost 17-hundred jobs over the month. We also saw a decline of 15-hundred jobs in the leisure and hospitality sector. Other services, which includes things like auto repair shops, hair salons, among others, that sector lost 14-hundred jobs in January."

There were gains in health care and social assistance, along with manufacturing.

Krumenauer says the unemployment rate increased a tenth of a percent.

SOT 1B (:06) "Oregon's unemployment rate was 4.1% in January which was slightly above the U.S. rate of 3.7%."

Over the last year, Oregon has lost 49-hundred jobs.

Annual revisions show employment in the construction industry was about the same over the last 18 months.

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## JOB VACANCIES WRAP

If you're looking for work in Oregon, there are plenty of opportunities.

Last year, there were - on average - 73-thousand job openings at any given time in Oregon. State Employment Department Economist Gail Krumenauer says there was a spike at the end of the pandemic.

SOT 1A (:13) "Like the U.S., we're seeing job openings come down from those record levels in 2022, but remain above the pandemic norms. That means there's still a strong hiring demand and employers looking for workers to fill many jobs."

Most of the openings were in health care and social services, with the top occupations being health care aid, mental health counselors and registered nurses. Other top sectors with a large number of openings include retail sales, heavy truck drivers, and construction.

SOT 1B (:08) "While net job gains have slowed in Oregon, we're still seeing employers looking to hire workers across the board in all sectors of Oregon's economy."

Krumenauer says there are a significant number of job openings in more than 200 occupations.

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## FEB JOBS WRAP

Oregon's labor market bounces back... The state lost 57-hundred jobs in January, but added 44-hundred in February.

Oregon Employment Department economist Gail Krumenauer says two sectors gained the most.

SOT 1A (:07) "Professional and business services added a thousand jobs over the month and we saw a gain of 900 jobs in private health care and social assistance."

The only sector to lose jobs was manufacturing, which saw a decline of 600 jobs.

Over the last year, Oregon has lost a total of 19-hundred jobs. Krumenauer says it varies widely.

SOT 1B (:14) "We've seen gains as large as 13,800 jobs, which is an increase of 5%, in private health care and social assistance and at the same time, over the last year, professional and business services has lost 9,300 jobs which was a decline of 3.5%."

Oregon's unemployment rate in February increased a tenth of a point to 4.2-percent, which remains near historically low levels.

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**ENVIRONMENT**

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

## DROUGHT WRAP

Oregon's drought conditions are much improved, thanks to recent rains.

A year ago, almost 10-percent of the Pacific Northwest was considered in extreme or exceptional drought. Not anymore.

SOT 1A (:10) Overall, only 22% of the region is in drought conditions - in D1 or D2. But, crucially, zero-percent, none of the region is in extreme or exceptional drought.

Oregon's Associate State Climatologist Nick Siler says much of that improvement came in just the past month.

Four atmospheric rivers moved through the area at the end of November and early December, bringing significant rainfall.

SOT 1B (:10) Even since the start of the water year, October one, we've seen a significant decrease in the percentage of the region that was in any sort of drought classification.

Despite healthy precipitation, Oregon's snowpack remains below average.

And, Siler says, the Klamath Basin did not receive the same amount of rain as elsewhere in the state ... that area is being monitored for a potential future drought designation.

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## STORM EMERGENCY

Governor Tina Kotek has declared a state of emergency in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Tillamook counties.

From December 1st through December 12th, the counties were hit by devastating storms caused by atmospheric river events.

Heavy rain caused landslides and erosion.

The declaration will allow the state to apply for federal aid to make repairs.

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## ODOT SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

Oregon's Department of Transportation is warning drivers about this week's winter weather.

Blizzard conditions can lead to near zero visibility ... high winds could topple trees ... and snow could make travel difficult or impossible for heavy-hit areas.

Cascades and Blue Mountain passes are expected to see the worst of it ... but lower elevations could also be hit with heavy rain, wind, ice and some snow.

ODOT encourages drivers to cancel or delay travel, if possible ... and if you must go out, use Tripcheck-dot-com to evaluate conditions on your route ... have good windshield wipers ... and make sure your vehicle has appropriate traction tires or chains.

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## USCG STORM WARNING

The storm bringing snow to Oregon's mountains is creating hazardous conditions at the beach.

The U-S Coast Guard says it's actively preparing for strong winds and high surf with large breakers.

It urges all mariners and beach visitors to take appropriate safety precautions.

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DATE: 11/10/24 - Environment

## JANUARY SNOWPACK 2A/B

The blast of winter the state has received this week could prove really helpful for the snowpack.

SOT 2A (:13) It's certainly going to get us out of sort of the trend that we've been in throughout December and into the start of January, where we were almost seeing close to record low snowpack, statewide.

Matt Warbritton, Supervisory Hydrologist for NRCS-Oregon, says the Cascade passes could get up to four feet of snow over two days.

SOT 2B (:06) If you venture on over into the Blue Mountains, in some areas, there's up to a foot of snow forecasted at the higher elevations.

He says snowpack in the Santiam Pass started the year at a record low ...

That area is now under a blizzard warning and Hoodoo Ski Area announced it plans to finally open for the season tomorrow (Wed).

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## ODOT SNOW 2A/B

Weather-related road closures impacted almost every corner of the state yesterday (Wed) ... and another round of storms starts tomorrow (Fr).

ODOT's Mindy McCartt says crews are preparing now for what's to come, even in low-lying areas.

SOT 2A (:05) They're out there pre-treating. You've got sand, you've got deicer, you've got gravel in certain areas.

She urges drivers to consider delaying travel over mountain passes over the next few days, due to what's predicted.

SOT 2B (:15) White-out conditions, heavy amounts of snow, some ice. At some point, even our max amount of snow plows and staffing, we still don't have enough to beat Mother Nature this go-around. But we're doing the best we can with what we have.

If you plan to hit the slopes this weekend, McCartt asks you to consider taking public transit like a ski shuttle bus.

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## MORE WINTER

The National Weather Service has issued a flood watch for parts of south-central Oregon, including the coast ... Saturday evening to late Monday.

State officials worry the storm system will bring enough moisture Friday and Saturday to trigger landslides in areas of steep terrain, or recent wildfires.

ODOT continues to ask drivers to delay travel ... warning that heavy rain and wind can lead to falling rocks, downed trees and high water on lower-elevation roadways.

If you must travel, authorities suggest carrying an emergency kit and plan for a longer than normal trip.

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## WILDFIRE FUNDING 3A/B

Funding to cover the cost of fighting wildfires in Oregon comes from a variety of sources, but state leaders say they aren't stable.

Doug Grafe [graf], the Governor's adviser on wildfires, says there needs a statewide solution.

SOT 3A (:08) "This is an all Oregon solution. We can do better with our policies, pulling together as Oregonians to prevent fires."

A committee proposes a 10-dollar fee on all properties to raise 20-million dollars.

State Senator Elizabeth Steiner says it's not the permanent solution.

SOT 3B (:12) "This is a very important intermediate step that we think is completely reasonable, and it is by no means the final product and we expect there will be more work on this between now and 2025."

A bill to consider the 10-dollar fee will likely be considered by the legislature when it meets next month.

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## ODOT NEXT STORM WRAP

Much of Oregon will see another wintry blast over the next 24 hours, and freezing rain could cause big problems.

SOT 1A (:03) There's really nothing scarier than freezing rain and ice.

ODOT's Don Hamilton says Portland - not yet recovered from the weekend snowstorm, is expected to get hit with ice.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is also monitoring conditions in the higher elevations - like the Cascades and Coast Range ... and, along I-84.

SOT 1B (:07) The Columbia River Gorge is really a primary concern for us too, because the weather conditions can change there very quickly and very rapidly.

Hamilton says eastern and central Oregon are also dealing with snow-covered roads. And, in southwest Oregon, they're watching for flooding.

SOT 1C (:10) We're getting some bad and difficult weather conditions really everywhere around the state right now, so our crews are working very hard. We've got them working on 12-hour shifts, right now.

He asks drivers to give road equipment a wide berth ... and never pass a plow on the right.

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## DEADLY WINTER STORM

A massive winter storm blanketing Oregon turned deadly over the weekend.

Many local communities declared emergencies, as hundreds of thousands of Oregonians went without power ... roads closed due to crashes, icy conditions and downed trees ... and temperatures plummeted into the single digits and below, in many areas.

In Portland, a tree fell on an R-V, causing it to catch fire, killing one person.

Another person died in Lake Oswego, after a tree came down on his house ... Officials in that Portland suburb said high winds toppled more than 100 trees over the weekend ... at least 20 fell on to homes.

And on the coast, Newport officials report a person was hospitalized when a tree came down in a homeless camp... several others were injured.

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## STATE STORM RESOURCES

Governor Tina Kotek has directed more state resources to help respond to this week's winter storm.

The Oregon Health Authority, Department of Emergency Management, and DHS office of resiliency and emergency management will continue to provide help across the state.

During this storm, DHS provided more than 800 meals for 535 people in two warming shelters ... one in Portland and the other in Ontario.

It's also helping support 100 other shelters managed by local governments and nonprofits in 19 counties.

The Ontario center is the first emergency warming shelter ever opened by Malheur County.

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## OREGON EMERGENCY WRAP

With winter weather continuing to wreak havoc through a wide swath of Oregon, Heather Roberts reports, the state is now coordinating the response.

Erin McMahon, director of the Oregon Emergency Management Department, says downed utility lines have had a big impact.

SOT 1A (:08) "Areas of communication infrastructure, people's phones being out and our ability to connect with some of our emergency services."

Power outages, blocked roads, and people in need of shelters are the other main problems caused by the storm and extreme cold.

Lane County opened a call center for storm recovery ... where Governor Tina Kotek approved a state of emergency request.

SOT 1B (:09) "It opens additional resources that the state can go ahead and lay on top of what Lane County needs to respond to some of these restoration issues that they're having."

Other counties will do local damage assessment and forward that to the state to determine whether it meets the requirements for federal assistance.

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## SNOWPACK

As predicted Oregon's snowpack saw substantial improvement over the last week.

At the start of the month, snowpack in most of the state's basins measured around half of what's considered normal for this time of year.

But by the start of this week, almost all are hovering around 100-percent of typical.

Mt. Bachelor reports it surpassed 100-inches of snow in January alone ... receiving 11 inches in a 24-hour span, Wednesday to Thursday.

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## WEST FORK ROAD ~

Today is the day the CCSO and County Emergency Managers will assess the safety and accessibility of a detour that residents impacted by the massive slide on West Fork Millicoma Road, have been using as an alternate route.

While the county prepares to clean up the slide and make long term mitigation changes to the accompanying hillside, in hopes of preventing future slides, residents are growing increasingly frustrated.

The detour which some consider dangerous covers sections of Dean Mountain Rd and Larson Ln.

As to the slide itself, Paul Slater, Coos County Public Works director, told KCBY TV,

Cart = road

It's now been over a week that the road has been closed

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## ODOT STORM STATS

Oregon's Department of Transportation is adding up the numbers from this month's winter storm...

Between January 12th and the 19th, ODOT crews worked about 20-thousand hours of overtime ... and used around 422-thousand gallons of de-icer on Oregon highways.

1.2-million people visited TripCheck ... a 92-percent increase from the previous week.

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COOS COUNTY, Ore. — Coos County continues its effort to return the West Fork Millicoma Rd. neighborhood in Allegany to some normalcy after last months landslides closed the main road.

Debris removal and excavation work began earlier this week, but the sheer volume of fallen rock, mud and other material is making this job challenging.

Only emergency vehicles are allowed to use the available lane until work is complete... and the detour though well-marked, is narrow and has some slippery patches along with a steep drop off, making it difficult to travel.

Residents of the isolated community are taking it all in stride as neighbors are helping each other with groceries and mail pick-up. Car pooling to town and helping to keep each other informed.

Several people mentioned that while they appreciate the county doing what it can with what funds that are available to get the work complete, what they're really hoping for is a long-term fix.

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The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has designated two Wind Energy Areas off Oregon's coast, saying they hold the potential for 2.4 gigawatts of clean renewable energy.

Governor Tina Kotek says the plan represents a significant economic development opportunity.

She says the state will develop a roadmap to ensure coastal communities and tribal nations are consulted as the federal offshore wind leasing process is established.

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## ORCAS LISTING 2A/B

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has listed Southern Resident orcas under the state's Endangered Species Act.

They spend most of their time in the Salish [SAY-lish] Sea, but also travel along the coasts of British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon.

John North, with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, says in the mid-1990s there were nearly 100 orcas, now there are 74 ... and the decline is expected to continue.

SOT 2A (:06) "The long-term decline is likely due to combined effects of reduced prey and other factors."

North says Oregon can't do much that isn't already isn't being done to help.

SOT 2B (:14) "The state listing is unlikely to contribute significantly to Southern Resident orca recovery, because proposed survival guidelines overlap with actions already being implemented to meet other state and federal requirements."

Washington state is spending millions to increase salmon hatchery production, which would provide more food for the orcas. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission did not take similar action.

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## WILDFIRE RISK

Oregon will receive 38-million-dollars from the federal government to reduce wildfire risk.

The money is from the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Eighteen-million-dollars will go toward projects in Central Oregon, 15-million-dollars to the Klamath River Basin and nearly five-million-dollars to Mount Hood Forest Health and Fire-Resistant Communities.

The money can be used on projects that reduce wildfire risk, improve forest health, infrastructure, and water quality.

An additional 100-million dollars will be allocated under a new U-S Forest Service program to expand work in high-risk areas outside designated priority landscapes.

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## FEB DROUGHT OUTLOOK 3A/B

Despite January storms, Oregon's snowpack is declining.

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But, he acknowledges, if that happens ... it won't help the situation for this water year.

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## WIND DEAL

State lawmakers in the Bi Partisan Coastal Caucus are calling on the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to address their concerns before advancing offshore wind projects.

Earlier this month, BOEM announced the designation of two Wind Energy areas ... One of the sites is off Coos Bay, the other off shore at Brookings...but the caucus says there was overwhelming opposition by coastal communities.

In a letter sent Thursday, the lawmakers outlined concerns over a lack of public engagement for the proposed Areas.

Representative David Gombert says the group can't support the project without meaningful consideration of the impacts on communities, marine environment and tribal interests.

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## PLOVER NESTING

This is nesting season for the western snowy plover and sections of beach on the Oregon Coast have warning signs to protect the threatened species.

Their white speckled eggs and chicks easily blend in with the sand.

Nesting areas will be marked through September 15th.

Dogs, even on leashes, are prohibited near the nests along with vehicles, biking, camping, fires, kite flying, and drones.

Pedestrians and horses are allowed below the high-tide line on wet, packed sand.

The plover nesting area includes 40 miles of Oregon's 362 miles of shoreline.

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## MARCH SNOWPACK 2A/B

Despite a warmer than average winter, Oregon's snowpack is slightly above normal for this time of year.

SOT 2A (:13) And that's really due to three significant storms we've had, from early December to now. If not for even one of those storms, we may not be seeing these elevated snowpack levels.

NRCS Hydrologist Matt Warbritton says there are some areas still below average ... including in the South Santiam Watershed and Hood River Watershed.

And he's concerned about the sunshine and warmer weather forecast for this weekend.

SOT 2B (:12) In March, seeing temperatures above freezing in the mountains is not something we want to see, because then that will promote melting of snowpack. Especially, when you have sunny conditions, as well.

Oregon's snowpack typically peaks in early April.

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## APRIL ECLIPSE 2A/B

We're two weeks from the next solar eclipse event in Oregon.

Although we won't see totality here, OMSI's Jim Todd says we should still take precautions on April 8th.

SOT 2A (:11) It's imperative, imperative to wear solar viewing glasses from start to end. Just do not take them off. Show children how to use them.

Texas, the Midwest and New England will get totality ...

Coos Bay will see, at most, 23-percent ... most in Oregon at 35-percent.

It's our last chance for a while...

SOT 2B (:09) We won't get any kind of eclipse, of any kind, in North America until probably 2040-something. It's going to be a long, long time.

Depending on where you are, the eclipse gets underway at about 10:30 a.m. April 8th ... peaking around 11:30, and ending at 12:20.

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The approach of April marks a key time of the year. It's when mountain snow usually peaks across Oregon — offering a hint at the severity of the coming wildfire season and about conditions for farmers who rely on irrigation.

Throughout the state, snowpacks are about normal, with some exceptions, where levels are below average.

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Reported News related to Public Safety

## ALASKA CEO 2A/B

Twenty-percent of Alaska Airlines' fleet remains grounded for inspection ... after a door-plug blew out of a Boeing 737-Max-nine plane after takeoff.

SOT 2A (:14) That means we are canceling between 110 to 150 flights every day. We will return these aircraft to service only when all findings have been fully resolved and meet the stringent standards of Boeing, the FAA and Alaska Airlines.

In a video to customers, Alaska CEO Ben Minicucci [min'ee-koo'chee] says inspections of the airline's 65 Max-nine planes began January 13th.

SOT 2B (:10) We engaged in a candid conversation with Boeing's CEO and leadership team to discuss their quality improvement plans, to ensure the delivery of the highest quality aircraft off the production line.

He says Alaska is increasing oversight of its planes on Boeing's production line.

A group of passengers is suing the airline and manufacturer for the trauma they experienced during flight 1282.

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## COQUILLE RESCUE

A Hillsboro woman and her three children are safe, after they got stranded in the wilderness on the Southern Oregon Coast.

Coos County Sheriff's officials say the family was Geocaching near Burnt Mountain Road outside Coquille, when the car high-centered on a log down an unpaved road.

The woman walked a mile in the rain to get a cell signal to call for help.

A deputy and a sergeant were able to clear the log and the family drove out on their own.

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## NTSB PRELIM REPORT

The NTSB has released a preliminary report on the January incident, when a door plug blew out of an Alaska 737-9 Max plane.

That flight made an emergency landing in Portland, shortly after takeoff.

Investigators say three bolts appear to have been left off the plug, after maintenance work was conducted in September by Spirit Aerosystems, which manufactured the plug for Boeing.

Officials say the investigation is ongoing, and these early findings are not intended to assign blame for the incident.

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## STOP ARM CAMERAS 3A/B

Drivers ignoring red stop lights on school buses are a major problem.

On just one day last year in Oregon, bus drivers reported over 14-hundred violations. State Representative Courtney Neron [NEER'on] sponsors a bill that would allow districts to work with local police to put stop arm cameras on buses.

SOT 3A (:08) "Signage that a stop arm camera is in use will be required to be posted on a school bus. And the state Board of Education will adopt standards for that signage."

Neron says the bill would also extend an important deadline for school districts to retrofit buses with cleaner burning diesel engines.

Supply chain issues are preventing districts from completing the work.

SOT 3B (:12) "I believe this bill's one year extension is reasonable to allow for the disruption in the supply chain to be resolved and for all school buses to comply with updated diesel emission standards."

The new deadline would be January 2026. The bill passed the House unanimously and moves to the Senate.

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## BLM FIRE EQUIPMENT

The Bureau of Land Management gives away excess firefighting equipment to rural agencies ... through a fire readiness grant program.

BLM fire managers have opened the latest application period for Oregon and Washington partners ... the deadline is March 29th.

Rural fire protection districts and rangeland fire protection associations can get equipment and supplies, including radios ... and wildland fire engines already outfitted with hoses and tools.

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## DROWSY DRIVERS 3A/B

The Triple-A Foundation for Traffic Safety has learned that fatalities in auto crashes caused by drowsy drivers occurs 10 times more often than reported.

Between 2017 and 2021, nearly 30-thousand people were killed in drowsy driving crashes.

Triple-A's Marie Dodds says the change to Daylight Saving Time can be a factor.

SOT 3A (:07) "With the switch to Daylight Saving Time happening this Sunday, the darker mornings and lost hour of sleep can lead to more drowsy drivers."

Dodds says it's up to drivers to be responsible and avoid getting behind the wheel when overly tired.

SOT 3B (:09) "AAA has advice for drivers. Obviously, get enough sleep before you drive. Aim for at least seven hours of sleep per night. Travel at times of the day when you're normally awake."

If you're tired, pull over and take a short nap.

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Reported News related to Substance Abuse

## FENTANYL EMERGENCY 3

Multnomah County, the city of Portland and the state declared a tri-government fentanyl emergency this week.

Governor Tina Kotek says they'll stand up a command center for better strategic coordination between agencies.

SOT 3 (:19) The fentanyl crisis requires state and local government to respond with the highest possible level of coordination. Together, we must do more to increase access to treatment, and we much do more to hold individuals accountable for selling fentanyl and other dangerous drugs.

While exact goals haven't been determined, Kotek wants licensing boards to streamline the certification process for behavioral health and addiction workers.

The emergency declarations are in place for 90 days, with the hope they'll lead to longer-term strategies.

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## DRUG BILL WRAP

The process of toughening penalties for illegal drug possession is now underway in the Oregon Legislature. Heather Roberts reports.

Ballot Measure 110 decriminalized drug possession. Democratic Representative Jason Kropf of Bend says this bill would change that.

SOT 1A (:17) "We've talked about making possession of small amounts of drugs a Class C misdemeanor to deter, among other things, public use and make sure law enforcement has the ability to intervene and confiscate those drugs. We are adding off ramps to treatment recovery to prevent further addiction."

Republicans want it to be a Class A misdemeanor with the potential for more jail time. If defendants choose to enter and complete a deflection program, the charge would be dropped. Canyonville Republican Representative Christine Goodwin questions the effectiveness.

SOT 1B (:14) (Goodwin) "Doesn't the deflection even take that away, so really there's no point in the C misdemeanor and deflection?" (Kropf) "It's an opportunity to avoid being prosecuted if you make the connection to a local service provider."

The goal is to get users into treatment, instead of jail ... unless they don't follow through with the treatment.

More hearings are planned.

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## LEG OD INCREASE WRAP

Two opposing bills to reform Measure 110 are stuck in a joint committee in the Oregon Legislature.

And, as Heather Roberts reports, there now appears to be a split among Republicans on how to proceed. A new report from the U-S Centers for Disease Control took center stage on Oregon's House floor, Monday.

SOT 1A (:11) ... paints a grim picture of the ongoing opioid crisis.

Republican Representative Ed Diehl [deal] says it highlights the need to pass HB 4036, the GOP's proposal to increase drug possession to a Class A misdemeanor, among other reforms. Democrats, like Representative Jason Kropf want a C misdemeanor.

SOT 1B (:06)... has the ability to intervene and confiscate those drugs.

Republican Representative Kevin Mannix, who sits on Kropf's Joint Committee on Addiction ... now says the Democrat-backed HB 4002 could be amended to create a special misdemeanor for drug possession, with what he calls Continuous Compassionate Care Supervision for one year from the date of arrest.

Future hearings have not been scheduled for either bill.

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## M110 POSSIBLE DEAL (:24)

Democratic leaders in the Legislature are strengthening a bill to re-criminalize possession of small amounts of drugs.

Instead of 30 days in jail, possession could bring a sentence of 180 days.

Counties could also choose to set up a system to direct people to addiction treatment.

The changes were made to get law enforcement and prosecutors on board.

House Republican Leader Jeff Helfrich says they are conceptually aligned but need to see the final draft.

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## HB4002 VOTE WRAP

Oregon's House passed a package of bills with bipartisan support ... to address the addiction crisis. Heather Roberts reports.

Representative Greg Smith called House Bill 4002 ...

SOT 1A (:04) ... A delicate balance of mercy with justice.

It creates a new Unclassified Misdemeanor for drug possession, which supporters say provides law enforcement with flexibility to get addicts into treatment instead of jail.

Representative Bobby Levy [lee'vee] was among the numerous lawmakers who said the bill is far from perfect.

SOT 1B (:11) ... loss of life as a result of the policies that remain in Oregon.

Seven opposed 4002 ... Representative Khanh Pham worries about racial equity ... the expense of creating a new system.

SOT 1C (:09) ... for prosecutors, public defenders and probation officers.

The companion bill funding youth drug prevention ... training for future behavioral health workers ... and sobering centers around the state passed with just two members opposed.

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## DRUG COURTS 3

Also passed by the House ... a bill shoring up support for community drug courts.

Speaker Dan Rayfield says specialty court programs are proven to reduce the number of repeat offenders ... but some have shut down in recent years, including Deschutes and Benton counties.

SOT 3 (:18) House Bill 4001 sets up a process to build a model that best meets the needs of communities across the state, by establishing a task force. The task force will answer key questions, to make sure our work in this space leads to intended outcomes, giving communities the tools they need to maintain and grow their specialty courts.

He says the task force would study funding models, eligibility criteria and accountability.

The bill passed unanimously.

All three drug-related bills are now in the Senate ... and would take effect if and when they're signed by the Governor.

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## SENATE DRUG BILLS WRAP

Two bills aimed at reforming ballot Measure 110 now head to the Governor's desk. Heather Roberts has the latest.

Oregon's Senate suspended rules Friday to get the package up for a vote the day after the House.

Again, both the policy bill creating an unclassified misdemeanor for drug possession ... and the corresponding 211-million dollar spending bill ... passed with broad bipartisan support. Senate Minority Leader Tim Knopp

SOT NATS (:06) Senate floor today and report to Oregonians: you won.

Senator Elizabeth Steiner says it'll pay for prevention programs, public safety ... and 400 more treatment beds in 16 counties.

SOT 1A (:07) that people can receive care for their addiction close to home.

Opposing the bills for not going far enough, Senator Dennis Linthicum invoked memories of an old PSA of an egg in a frying pan.

SOT 1B (:16) The body of a former person who could've had a healthy life.

They now await the Governor's signature.

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