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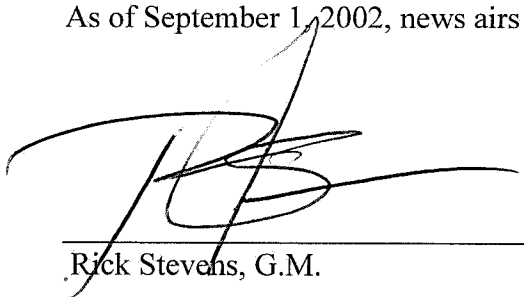
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CRIME

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to local area Crime

HAZELBROOK MS WRAP

Students at a Portland-area middle school are staying home again, because of a threat over an assault at the school. Heather Roberts reports.

Hazelbrook Middle School in Tualatin was evacuated Friday after receiving a specific threat.

The school got several threats following viral videos of a fight ... but the latest was against certain people at the school.

SOT 1A (:13) "We are about education; we are not about drama. Children are safe with us and we want to be able to do our job, so we need people to stand down and let us do that."

Tigard-Tualatin School District Superintendent Sue Reike-Smith [RIE'kee Smith] says Tualatin Police and the FBI are investigating the threat.

SOT 1B (:07) "It was a generic like a gmail, AOL, type of thing. We hand that over to law enforcement and let them run that process."

The student believed to be responsible for the assault was taken into custody.

Both students are minors, and under laws covering juveniles it's unlikely the details of the prosecution will be released.

Teachers will report to school today (Mon) ... Students will return Tuesday.

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DATE:

10-2-23 Cume

CRESCENT CITY, Calif. (AP) — Authorities say a Northern California sheriff's deputy was found dead in her home and added her boyfriend was later arrested arrested in Oregon on suspicion of killing her.

The Del Norte County Sheriff's Office says the body of Deputy Deanna Esmaeel was discovered Thursday at the residence in coastal Crescent City, California.

An arrest warrant was issued for Daniel James Walter, who was arrested Friday in Curry County, Oregon.

It wasn't known Sunday if he has an attorney.

Esmaeel was the mother of actor Marty York, best known for a role in the 1993 movie "The Sandlot."

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Public Affairs News Reporting
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm
DATE: 10.16.23 Crime

PORTLAND Ore. (KPTV) – An Alaska Airlines pilot has been charged with 83 counts of attempted murder and endangering an airplane after he attempted to shut down a plane’s engines midflight, on Sunday.

Authorities say off-duty pilot Joseph David Emerson, 44, was taken into custody following the incident on a Horizon Airlines flight heading to San Francisco from Everett. The flight was diverted and landed in Portland around 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Emerson was reportedly riding in the jump seat of the cockpit when he attempted to shut down both engines by pulling the plane’s engine fire extinguisher handles.

Alaska Airlines later stated the quick reaction of the captain and first officer kept the engines from failing completely....

The plane crew was able to subdue Emerson in the back of the plane and he was taken into custody on landing.

Emerson is currently being held at the Multnomah County Detention Center.

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

DATE: Crime 10.24.23

EMERSON HEARING WRAP

The off-duty pilot accused of trying to shut down the engines of a Horizon Air flight now faces federal charges. As Heather Roberts reports, he appeared in a Portland courtroom yesterday (tu). During his initial appearance in Multnomah County Court, Joseph Emerson's attorney spoke on his behalf.

SOT 1A (:02) I enter a 'not guilty' plea on all counts.

Emerson faces more than 80 counts of Attempted Murder, among other charges, in connection with the Sunday evening incident on a plane bound for San Francisco.

It was diverted to Portland after Emerson allegedly tried to pull the engine fire extinguishers ... According to court documents, he later admitted to using psychedelic mushrooms, although the timeline is unclear. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office says he's been on suicide watch since shortly after booking early Monday.

Judge Jenna Plank did not set bail, noting Emerson's crimes qualify for a more robust release hearing.

SOT 1B (:11) Let me ask the District Attorney's office, were there any named victims who wish to make statements today? My understanding, your honor, is that there is not at this time. We will reserve that at the preventative detention hearing, if we have one.

Public Affairs News Reporting
His federal court appearance - on a charge of interfering with the flight crew - has not been scheduled.

DATE: 10.25.23 *Clina*

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CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Oregon State University officials say a person suspected of threatening to place a bomb in a robot that delivers food orders on campus has been arrested.

Officials around lunchtime Tuesday sent out what they called an urgent alert on X, formerly known as Twitter, that there was a bomb threat in Starship food delivery robots.

The post said people should not open the robots and to avoid all robots until further notice.

The university said about an hour later that the robots had been isolated and that technicians were investigating.

Officials later said people could resume their activities and that a person had been arrested.

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

DATE: 10.25.23 *Crime*

COOS BAY, Ore. — A terrifying scene which took place at John Topits Park in Coos Bay late Friday afternoon left one man with stab wounds and a woman fortunate not to have been kidnapped.

Coos Bay Police responded to a 911 call reporting the attack, which had occurred just after 5:30 Friday

That's when Officers learned of attempted kidnapping.

The suspect was identified as 40-year-old Brian Springer, who was the estranged boyfriend of the woman.

By 6:00 pm A CCSO deputy spotted Springer on the Southwestern Oregon Community College (SOCC) campus, which prompted authorities to lock down the campus.

A short time later he was taken into custody, on several charges including attempted murder and attempted kidnapping.

Springing is currently lodged him at the Coos County Jail.

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

DATE: 10.30.23 *Crime*

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WRAP

Oregon's Secretary of State, says the findings of a recent audit reveal: "More needs to be done to help domestic violence victims in our state.....Heather Roberts has details.

A third of women and a quarter of men have experienced domestic violence.

Krystine McCants, from the Oregon Audits Division, says shame, bias, fear and manipulation can keep them from getting help.

SOT 1A (:10) "There are also challenges related to societal issues like a lack of housing, childcare, transportation and income challenges. There's a lot of stuff that goes into stopping people from getting help."

Auditors reviewed the state's response to domestic violence and work to prevent it. McCants says it recommends agencies take steps to work better together.

SOT 1B (:10) "Figuring out where those holes are, getting help to people who need it, who are having trouble with it right now and just being a little bit more coordinated across all areas with people who are trying to do this good work."

It also suggests a statewide strategy to centralize resources ... and encourages legislators to provide stable funding instead of one-time allocations.

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DATE: 11/23 *CP/mc*

BBB YA SCAMS 3

Scammers are finding new ways to target young adults.

A new report from the Better Business Bureau shows fraud victims aged 18-to-24 lost more money per scam than older age groups.

Roseann Freitas, with the BBB, believes young people are also less likely to report when they've been taken.

SOT 3 (:16) They're embarrassed, they didn't think it would happen to them. And maybe even also for some of them, it's a smaller dollar amount that they're losing, maybe, so they don't think about it. They think, 'oh, I ordered something. It didn't come in. No big deal.' Or even worse, they ordered something and they totally forgot about it.

The riskiest scams for adults under 25 relate to employment ... online purchases ... cryptocurrency and fake rentals.

Freitas suggests parents talk to their adult children about red flags to watch for when responding to online requests for personal or financial information.

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

DATE: 11.3.23 *Celine*

BOISE, Idaho. (AP) — An Oregon man who pleaded guilty in connection with hate crimes, including trying to hit people with a car in Idaho, has been sentenced to three years in prison.

The U.S. Justice Department says Matthew Lehigh was sentenced Thursday to 37 months followed by three years of supervised release.

Lehigh previously pleaded guilty to two felony charges of violating the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

The incidents occurred last October and involved members of the LGBTQ community..

Lehigh said he regretted his actions.

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

DATE: 11.3.23 Crime

BOHANNON CONVICTED

A sentencing hearing has been set for later this morning in Coquille for Johnny Ray Bohannon.

Bohannon was convicted yesterday of second degree murder in the death of Rebecca Reeves, which took place in June of this year.

After a five day trial, the jury reached the guilty verdict late yesterday afternoon.

Second degree murder is a measure 11 offense and is punishable with a mandatory life sentence in prison.

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

DATE: 11.8.23 *Crime*

LANE CO ELECTIONS

The Elections office in Eugene was back open yesterday after a suspicious package arrived in the mail Wednesday forcing the closure of the office.

The FBI has taken over the investigation after Lane County Law Enforcement initially responded to the call.

An Employee with the Clerks office discovered the suspicious envelope, the day after election day...

County Clerk Dena Dawson says her office is cooperating with the investigation ... so - quote - "the person or people who wanted to terrorize our staff and disrupt the elections process are held accountable."

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Public Affairs News Reporting
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm
DATE: 11-10-23 *Cume*

MILWAUKIE BOMB THREAT

In Milwaukie, City Hall was evacuated Wednesday afternoon, due to a bomb threat.

A 32-year-old Clackamas County man was arrested nearby.

They believe he knew someone involved in a case in Municipal Court and may have been trying to interrupt that proceeding.

Police officers and a bomb-sniffing dog searched the building but no explosives were found.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm
DATE: 11.10.23 *Crime*

FBI ELECTION LETTERS (VO :26)

The FBI's Portland Field Office confirms there were multiple incidents of suspicious letters sent to Oregon ballot counting offices, around last week's election.

Lane County's elections office was forced to close Wednesday, due to suspicious mail.

FBI officials say they can't release details, citing the ongoing investigation.. But ask everyone to take care handling mail, especially from unrecognized senders.

Anything suspicious should be immediately reported to local law enforcement.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 11.13.23 *Crime*

SOCIAL MEDIA FRAUD WRAP

A new social media scam is targeting users who get locked out of their account. But, as Heather Roberts reports, there are ways to keep from getting taken.

SOT 1A (:05) You have to be very careful when you get locked out of your account, that you don't fall for something that's going to make it worse.

Cybersecurity expert Adam Levin says scammers are just waiting to be contacted by someone who thinks they need external help to recover their account.

SOT 1B (:11) You're searching for a solution online, you find a company that claims that they can help you for a fee. Sometimes you'll even see testimonials from people who've claimed they've been helped by that company.

They'll ask for initial payment, then string along a victim for more money.

In some cases, victims report being asked for personal financial information that allows hackers to access bank accounts. Levin says, as a general rule...

SOT 1C (:07) Never pay anyone to recover your account, because the overwhelming majority of people that would ask you to pay them are all fraud.

Instead, work through the help-page on the social media platform yourself... and never hand over your log-in information.

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DATE: 11.14.23 *Crime*

The FBI wants Oregonians to report hate crimes and bias incidents, which law enforcement and researchers say occur far more often than they get reported.

The federal law enforcement agency has pushed the campaign on billboards in Medford, Corvallis, Eugene and at the Portland International Airport.

According to crime data, there were 290 bias incidents reported in Oregon last year. The annual total has more than doubled since 2018. The number of victims also increased to 428 last year.

A hate crime is when a person's motive towards harming another is based on race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity .

The FBI's Kieren Ramsey said: "Admittedly, not every hate incident is a hate crime, and not every hate crime is a federal hate crime," adding "If law enforcement doesn't know about it, we can't do anything about it."

For the last several years, Oregon has tried to increase reporting of bias crimes and incidents. In 2019, Oregon lawmakers passed legislation that created a hotline to better capture both crimes and incidents.

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DATE: 11-28-23 *Crime*

MORE HOLIDAY SCAMS WRAP

Scammers work extra hard during the holidays to get your money. Heather Roberts reports.

Scammers know you're looking for holiday shopping deals. Ellen Klem, in the Oregon Attorney General's Office, says one trick is getting you to download an app.

SOT 1A (:15) "Scammers have been known to use this technique to lure consumers into clicking on this link and then collecting and doing all sorts of awful things to your phone, your iPad, or your computer."

Maybe you ordered something on Cyber Monday ... Watch out for the Tracking Number Scam. You'll get a text or email saying there's an issue with your shipment.

SOT 1B (:06) "They're set up in a way so they look legitimate, like they're from UPS or they're from FedEx."

Only use the tracking number you received from your order, and go to the shipping provider's website to check the number.

There's also a Hot Deal Scam, attracting victims with extremely low prices. Klem says if the offer sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

If you do fall victim to a scam, report it on the Oregon Attorney General's website.

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DATE: 11-27-23 C. W. C.

PACKAGE THEFT 3A/B

Porch pirates are busy this time of year, because online sales increase.

Kenton Brine, with the Northwest Insurance Council, says some sellers offer theft protection for packages.

SOT 3A (:11) "Some sellers will offer replacement protection in case your package is lost or stolen, or damaged en route, and it's a good idea to ask about before you make a purchase online."

Credit cards can also offer protection.

Homeowners and renters insurance policies cover theft, but the item needs to be expensive.

SOT 3B (:09) If the value of the package stolen is less than, equal to, or even slightly above your deductible you're really not going to help yourself very much by filing an insurance claim."

Know how the package is being delivered and track its arrival, so someone can be home to bring it inside.

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DATE: 12.11.23 *Crime*

POACHING SPIKE 2A/B

Oregon State Police fish and wildlife troopers are investigating almost a dozen recent poaching incidents, ranging from bear cubs to elk.

ODFW's Yvonne Shaw says fish and wildlife troopers need the public to report poaching incidents.

SOT 2A (:10) We have 128 troopers across the state, and they are great at finding these cases and intercepting crimes while they're happening.

But, they can't be everywhere.

SOT 2B (:09) Because there is so much land to cover, we do rely on the public to be aware and, if they see something suspicious, to turn it in.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife launched a campaign with OSP earlier this year to better educate the public about poaching and its impacts.

Shaw is hopeful the recent increase in cases is because more people are reporting suspected poaching.

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SHOOTING VICTIM IDENTIFIED ~

Coos County Major crimes team continues their investigation this morning into the shooting death of 56 year old William Averill.

Averill's body was found early yesterday morning in the parking lot of Umpqua Dairy, on Ocean Blvd.

Coos Bay Police have developed a person of interest in the case. He is 47 year old Lynn Crouch, who has ties to the Portland Area.

Investigators are also looking for the driver of a dark colored SUV, who initially flagged down a passing motorist yesterday morning alerting them of the shooting.

Coos County District Attorney Paul Frasier indicated that the shooting appeared to be an isolated incident and not an active shooter situation.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the CBPD

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DATE: 12.13.23 *Crime*

FBI HOAX THREATS 2A/B

As we reported yesterday (Tu)... multiple Oregon school districts received bomb threats via e-mail Monday, leading to evacuations, and in some cases school closures.

The FBI now says the hoaxes were widespread.

SOT 2A (:15) We had over 18 incidents of threats being conveyed to some nearly dozen school districts across the entire state, three synagogues, as well as two of our smaller regional airports and even a small regional airline.

Special Agent in Charge of the Portland Field Office Keiran Ramsey says the FBI works with local, state and federal partners in each incident.

SOT 2B (:09) To determine, 'Okay; where did this threat originate from? Is there any further potential credibility behind that threat? And, how can we hold them accountable?'

He says some of the threats used very similar - if not the same - language ... and some were sent from a foreign I-P address.

Ramsey encourages everyone to report threats to local law enforcement or the FBI ... School threats can also be reported to the Safe Oregon tipline or website.

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DATE: 12.13.23 *Creme*

DCSO DEPUTY EMBEZZLEMENT

A Douglas County Sheriff's Deputy has been booked into the jail where he used to work.

Former Corrections Deputy Peter Collins was arrested by the Roseburg Police Department yesterday on five counts each of aggravated theft, computer crime and fraudulent use of a credit card ... along with falsifying business records, forgery and official misconduct.

Investigators say Collins admitted to embezzling more than 100-thousand dollars from his union, while serving seven years as the treasurer.

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DATE: 12.14.23 *Crene*

HOLIDAY SCAMS WRAP

Scammers hope the frantic final days of the holiday shopping season means people are letting down their guard. Heather Roberts explains.

We've been warned about emailed phishing and spear-phishing scams ... smishing text scams ... and vishing phone calls.

But now, we need to watch for Quishing.

SOT 1A (:10) Q-U-I-S-H-I-N-G. And that's where you get snickered by a QR code. You think it's real, but it's actually a malware-laden QR code.

Adam Levin, host of the What the Hack Podcast, says those QR codes can appear anywhere ... from a parking meter to an email.

Overall, he warns consumers to be cautious with anything from an unknown source ... Including, if you're accessing the internet while traveling.

SOT 1B (:09) Also, if you're going to be in public, do not use public wifi. Use a secure network, use a personal hotspot, use a Virtual Private Network.

And, Levin suggests shopping with a credit card instead of debit, to protect your bank account from hackers.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 12.18.23 *Crime*

OSP DUII (VO :28)

Oregon State Police report troopers arrested more than 26-hundred people for driving under the influence ... between January first and the third week of December.

While OSP is increasing DUII patrols statewide on New Years Eve ... troopers will conduct targeted operations in southern Oregon, where they say impaired driving has become a prolific problem.

In Jackson and Josephine counties, so far this year, OSP has arrested 355 suspects for DUII.

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ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Education

ODE REPORT WRAP

Oregon schools need to do a better job keeping students in the classroom, according to new school and district profiles issued by the state Department of Education. Heather Roberts reports.

The At-A-Glance report looks at a broad range of data about districts and individual schools. One concern is a decline in regular attendance.

Jon Weins, with the Oregon Department of Education, says regular attendees fell two-percent last year.

SOT 1A (:12) "When we look at the declines, they are most concerning in the early grades. We did see the largest declines at the early grades and actually really small declines at high school. So most of the declines were at the early grades."

ODE Director Dr. Charlene Williams says the problem started with the pandemic.

Sot 1B (:11) "First cause, of course, coming out of the pandemic is the residual implications that we are still learning about as a result of the pandemic."

She says pandemic-era financial support available to families for food and rent are gone, and that might be causing some students to miss class.

The Legislature renewed funding to the Every Day Matters program, which was successful at increasing attendance.

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DATE: 10.26.23 - Education

KOTEK SCHOOLS WRAP

Oregon's largest school district could face its first ever teacher's strike, if a contract agreement isn't reached by Wednesday. As Heather Roberts reports the Governor is watching the situation closely.

Governor Tina Kotek says the Portland Teachers' Association and the Portland Public Schools need to reach a contract agreement.

SOT 1A (:13) "We are having behind the scene conversations with all parties to provide direction and suggestions, and it is really up to them to figure it out, and the only way you do that is you practically live with each other for the next 48 hours."

Portland and other Oregon districts say they need more money from the state. This year, the Legislature approved a record budget for schools and Kotek says they need to operate efficiently.

SOT 1B (:10) "I want families to know that our public education system is critical for the present, and what our kids are going through, but also for our future and we're committed to making sure that the resources are used well."

Kotek is working with Oregon Department of Education Director Dr. Charlene Williams to help districts use the funds they have.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 10.31.23 - Education

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregon's largest school district says it has reached a tentative agreement with its teachers union and its roughly 45,000 students will be back in class on Monday after more than three weeks.

The agreement must still be voted on by teachers who have been on the picket line since Nov. 1 over issues of pay, class sizes and planning time.

It must also be approved by the school board.

Portland Public Schools students missed 11 days of school before the district began its weeklong Thanksgiving break.

As the strike dragged on, tensions rose and one school board member's rental property was vandalized.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 11.27.23 Education

NALOXONE SCHOOLS

The Oregon Health Authority will soon distribute opioid overdose reversal kits to middle and high schools around the state.

It's an expansion of a harm reduction initiative that provides Naloxone and other supplies at no cost.

Registration opened last week for the program and, so far, more than 500 schools have signed up.

Each school is eligible for three kits containing a wall mounted Naloxone box, instructions, emergency medical supplies and eight doses of Naloxone nasal spray.

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DATE: 12.8.23 Education

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH WRAP

School districts around the state report rising costs associated with helping students with mental and behavioral health struggles ... But an Oregon Senator says new federal legislation will help. Heather Roberts reports.

Oliver Middle School eighth grader Sophia Vargas says fourth through sixth grade are the most important for kids developing their sense of self.

SOT 1A (:08) The kids currently in this school missed those years. Our social skills were impacted by that, and so were our grades.

Centennial School District serves about five-thousand students on the Portland-Gresham border... in the past year, they referred 350 for mental and behavioral health support. Districts everywhere are doing the same.

SOT 1B (:13) Oregon ranks last in the country - last - as far as young people getting help when they're dealing with mental health challenges.

Senator Ron Wyden says the 2022 gun safety bill included a provision to allow districts more flexibility to bill Medicaid for those services.

SOT 1C (:08) There is an A+ option now, for school districts across Oregon to help meet this mental health challenge.

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That provision kicks in in January. ### DATE: 12.11.23 Educ

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LEFTOVER RECIPES 3A/B

Holiday leftovers can be overwhelming this time of year ... unfortunately, much of it gets tossed.

Lane County Waste Reduction Outreach Coordinator Daniel Hiestand [HEE'stan] says the average family throws away around two-thousand dollars of food every year. He wants to cut that number ... and help the environment.

SOT 3A (:10) Saving food is really one of the most powerful things we can do to address the climate crisis. When we toss out food that could be eaten or composted, it emits methane gas in the landfill.

Hiestand recently launched a leftovers recipe contest.

SOT 3B (:08) I want to know: what should I do with those mashed potatoes and green beans, and things like that, aside from just eating them plain. You know? There's some really creative things happening.

The prize drawings are only open to Lane County residents through January third, but Hiestand says the recipes will be available online for everyone to enjoy.

You'll find more at "Eat Smart Waste Less dot tips."

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Family

(GENERIC) -- November is National Family Caregivers Month and a few tips can help people with these duties.

Head of the Oregon organization Aging Concerns, Vicki Schmall, says family caregivers often are called the backbone of long-term care.

But she says people performing these roles must remember to think about themselves as well.

:07 "I often say to family caregivers taking care of yourself is really the best gift you can give to the person who needs your care."

Tag: Schmall says its critical that they be willing to ask for and accept help.

She says there are local supports available for caregivers through programs such as Oregon Care Partners and the state's Aging and Disability Resource Connection.

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DATE: 11.07.23 Amity

(OREGON COURTS) -- An Oregon mother of five has appealed a court's ruling against her in a case alleging that the government is religiously discriminating against her by refusing to allow her to adopt children from the state system.

Jessica Bates filed a federal lawsuit against the state's Department of Human Services earlier this year after she was denied the opportunity to adopt a child allegedly because she refused to express support for gender ideology and homosexuality.

A district court ruled against Bates in November, arguing in part that "invalidating and disaffirming a child's LGBTQ+ identities" would "diminish the rights of children in [Oregon Department of Human Services] care" who claim those identities.

Attorneys with the legal advocacy group Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) announced this month that Bates would be filing an appeal on that ruling with the U.S. Court of Appeals.

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HEALTH CARE

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Health Care

YOUNG BREAST CANCER 2A/B

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month ... but for cancer doctors and patients it's much more than pink ribbons and fundraisers.

Kaiser Permanente Radiation Oncologist Dr. Eric Chang is concerned about a growing trend...

SOT 2A (:07) Q... which is not something we saw that commonly in the past.

A new report in the Journal of American Medical Association also shows more people under 50 are getting cancers, with breast cancer accounting for some of the highest rates.

But Dr. Chang says more people are also surviving breast cancer.

SOT 2B (:15) Q... But a good portion of that too is definitely the increase in breast cancer screening and catching these things earlier.

He says that early detection is key to better outcomes.

Many women put off their mammograms during the pandemic ... Chang says those screening numbers are only now starting to rebound.

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

DATE: 10.9.23 *healthcare*

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT HELP

Medicare open enrollment is underway and the Oregon Department of Human Services is offering free help.

The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program is available to explain Medicare options and benefits, provide enrollment guidance and help people avoid scams.

The deadline to complete Medicare open enrollment is December 7th.

The website "SHIBA dot oregon dot gov" has details on how to get help.

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

DATE: 10.18.23 *Healthcare*

BBB MEDICARE SCAMS WRAP

Medicare open enrollment can also be an open door for fraud. Heather Roberts has advice for how to avoid getting taken.

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SALINAS RURAL HEALTH WRAP

Rural health facilities would have access to financial help from the U-S-D-A, under a bill proposed by an Oregon Congresswoman. Heather Roberts reports.

Sixth District Representative Andrea Salinas says her proposal is in response to several recent closures ... including an eastern Oregon labor and delivery ward.

SOT 1A (:10) We're seeing some real problems when it comes to rural health and the facilities and hospitals and clinics that actually help care for patients.

Under her Rural Health Facility Revitalization Act, hospitals in areas designated as rural by the U-S Department of Agriculture ... would qualify for USDA Community Facility loans.

The Oregon Democrat says it could be used to pay debt obligations, increase doctor pay or update telehealth and other technology.

SOT 1B (:09) It's really about helping them stay afloat, keep their lights on, but also bring them into the next era of healthcare.

Salinas is a founding member of the new Rural Health Caucus, along with Oregon Republican Congressman Cliff Bentz.

She says she's asked him to sign on to support this new bill.

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A bill introduced in Congress by an Oregon Representative aims to improve mental health services for farm workers and others living in rural areas. Heather Roberts reports.

Congresswoman Andrea Salinas is the chief sponsor of a bill in the U-S House that would provide 10-million dollars each year to improve access to tele-mental health services.

SOT 1A (:05) This legislation will specifically help folks working in farming, fishing and forestry.

She says Oregon has the second largest number of triple-F workers, per capita, in the country. But many in rural areas don't seek mental health services because of stigma.

SOT 1B (:07) Improving telehealth access will take away that stigma, save folks time and resources and get more Oregonians the help they need, when they need it.

This fall, Oregon launched the Agri-stress help line, for those in farming, logging and fishing communities. Salinas' Home-Based Telemental Health Care Act of 2023 has bipartisan support in the House.

A similar bill introduced in the Senate earlier this year also has bipartisan support.

OREGON ONE APP WRAP

Oregon has a new way for people to manage their state health benefits.
Heather Roberts reports.

Nathan Singer, director of the Oregon Eligibility Partnership, says they wanted to create an easier way for people to coordinate with the state about their benefits.

SOT 1A (:08) "The people of Oregon that we get to serve in the Oregon Department of Human Services are the center of why we do this work. We want to provide choice and options for individuals."

They designed the Oregon ONE Mobile app to be a central clearinghouse.

SOT 2B (:10) "This app's a great way for people to provide critical documentation to us as they renew their benefits including for the Oregon Health Plan and allows them to manage their benefits from their phone."

Users must first create a ONE Online account and then can use the app for medical, food, cash and childcare benefits.

They can upload documents and get updates on the status of an application.

The app is available for both Apple and Android phones.

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M110 SECOND AUDIT 2A/B

State auditors say Measure 110 is helping expand addiction treatment options ... but more changes are needed.

Oregon Secretary of State Audit Manager Ian Green says a new report reveals the OHA needs to do a better job collecting information on behavioral health services funded by 110 grants.

SOT 2A (:13) We made a recommendation to the Oregon Health Authority to develop a strategic plan on how they're going to collect the data they need to really assess those outcome metrics that are required to be assessed by statute.

Green says that data will be important for determining whether 110 is working.

Auditors also recommend changes to how grants are awarded and spent.

SOT 2B (:14) There was a delay in the initial grants going out to providers. But once the providers had the grants, there's also been delays in spending it. So, we're two-thirds of the way through the grant process. But only one-third of the funds have been spent.

A third mandated audit is scheduled to be released in two years.

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VAX RESOLUTION 2

The Oregon Health Authority wants you to make a New Years resolution to get vaccinated against respiratory viruses.

OHA Medical Director for Respiratory Viral Pathogens Dr. Melissa Sutton says RSV, COVID and flu shots are the best way to protect yourself from serious illness.

SOT 2 (:17) But in addition to vaccination, we have other tools and they're tools that we've had for a long time. These include: wearing a well-fitting mask, staying home if you're sick, covering coughs and sneezes, washing your hands and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

While COVID cases in Oregon are starting to trend down again, flu and RSV seasons have not yet peaked.

Vaccines are typically covered by health insurance, and there are options available for the uninsured.

If you need help finding a provider, call 2-1-1 ... or visit [vaccines-dot-gov](https://www.vaccines-dot-gov).

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OCT OR JOBLESS 2A/B

After gaining 55-hundred jobs in September, Employment Department economist Gail Krumenauer says Oregon's labor market went backwards last month.

SOT 2A (:06) "Oregon employers lost 4,600 jobs from non-farm payrolls in October and the unemployment rate is 3.6%"

That's a tenth of a point higher than a month ago.

Professional and business services lost the most jobs, followed by leisure and hospitality.

SOT 2B (:06) "Construction added 1,500 jobs over the month and reached a new all time high with a total of 123,000 jobs."

Over the past year, Oregon added around 44-thousand jobs, which is an increase of two-point-three percent.

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LABOR FORCE WRAP

Oregon employers continue to have a difficult time filling job openings.

The size of Oregon's labor force declined by 40-thousand people this year.

Oregon Employment Department economist Gail Krumenauer says there are two main reasons.

SOT 1A (:08) "Ongoing low unemployment and trends, such as retirements, have been among the contributors to employer's ongoing difficulty filling job openings."

Krumenauer says three main factors are responsible for the difficulty:

There aren't enough applicants, the applicants lack the skills for the job, or the job has unfavorable working conditions.

SOT 1B (:11) "Taken together, these three categories of job vacancies, ones that have a lack of applicants, a lack of qualified candidates or unfavorable working conditions account for seven out of ten hard to fill jobs in the state."

This year, there have been over 71-thousand jobs open at any given time. Currently, there's one job available for every person looking for work.

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OR NOV JOBS WRAP

Oregon has lost jobs for two months in a row. Heather Roberts report.

Oregon lost 43-hundred jobs in October, and Gail Krumeauer, with the Oregon Employment Department, says that got worse last month.

SOT 1A (:07) "Total non-farm payroll employment fell by 7300 jobs in November and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.6%"

Oregon's unemployment rate has been under three-point-seven percent for the last seven months. Krumeauer says the employment market isn't showing serious signs of problems.

SOT 1B (:12) "Although we've seen a slowdown in recent months things seem to be generally stable where the overall employment level was similar to May or June and unemployment has remained relatively stable as well."

Professional and business services ... construction ... and leisure and hospitality had the largest losses.

Healthcare and social assistance added 24-hundred jobs.

For the year, healthcare added nearly 18-thousand jobs.

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OED JOBS 2A/B

Growth in Oregon's labor market slowed this year, compared to 2021 and '22.

Oregon Employment Department economist Gail Krumenauer says it's been all growth until this year.

SOT 2A (:05) "Monthly ups and downs have resulted in about as many jobs in November as we had in May or June."

Krumenauer says the economy is cooling off, but still growing.

The number of people looking for work is on a slight upward trend.

SOT 2B (:04) "The total number of unemployed persons in Oregon has grown by about 2,500."

The Federal Reserve is keeping interest rates up, in an effort to slow the economy and reduce inflation.

That could cause unemployment to rise in the New Year.

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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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(CRAB NUMBERS) –

More Dungeness Crab were landed by commercial fisherman this past season than any of the six previous seasons; however, the total value wasn't as high as compared to last season.

Figures released by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife show crabbers landed a little over 31.5 Million Pounds between January and August.

Almost double the amount of last year.

However, the season average price was \$2.69 lb., as compared to \$5.33 lb. processors paid last year.

Charleston's fleet brought in 6,152,107 lbs.

The Dungeness crab fishery usually is the most valuable single-species fishery in Oregon.”

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WELL WATER TEST WRAP

A campaign to test drinking water in two eastern Oregon counties is being called a success by the Oregon Health Authority. Heather Roberts reports.

An estimated 33-hundred households in Morrow and Umatilla counties rely on domestic wells for their drinking water ...

The OHA says around half of those have been tested for nitrate, thanks to an outreach campaign that includes going door to door.

SOT 1A (:10) Q.. So we are developing other ways to try to reach those folks.

Gabriela Goldfarb, with the Oregon Health Authority, says 235 households had water with nitrate levels above the safe threshold ... and testing is ongoing.

SOT 1B (:15) Q...The effect of the Nitrate for those populations is to reduce the ability of blood to carry oxygen.

The state is paying for testing and the upgraded treatment systems or water deliveries, where needed, for the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area.

It's a region with sandy soil that allows nitrate from fertilizer and other agricultural operations to leach into groundwater.

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WIND STUDY 3A/B

Offshore wind farms are being planned off the West Coast and Maine.

Oregon State University researchers will study perceptions from coastal communities about the projects.

Lead researcher Hilary Boudet [boe-DAY] says in Europe, the projects include community benefits, and they want to know whether that would help in the U.S.

SOT 3A (:11) "How the community benefit model has worked in other locations, and we'll present those findings to the communities that we're serving and interviewing, so those residents can then understand what's possible in this type of agreement."

Community benefits can include job training, childcare, and funds for community projects. It's a four-year study.

They'll release results along the way, but also want to see if perceptions change as residents learn more about what's involved.

SOT 3B (:14) "That is definitely one of the goals of the project, and because we'll be working in multiple locations in California, Oregon, Washington, and Maine we'll also be able to compare across the different locations in terms of what these perceptions and values are."

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They will also work with Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to include their perspectives on how wind farms could affect traditional fishing areas.

COOS COUNTY, Ore. — Coos County's Board of Commissioners have voted to gather community feedback before passing a proclamation against the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's wind energy efforts off Coos Bay.

During a public meeting yesterday, Commissioner Bob Main read through a proclamation he drafted, urging the board to make clear its stance against the proposed wind energy area off Coos Bay.

Commissioner John Sweet opposed pushing the proclamation through yesterday despite a looming public comment deadline.

The board ultimately decided to vote during a special public work session scheduled for Thursday to gather public comment.

That meeting is happening at the Sawdust Theatre at 120 N. Adams St. in Coquille at 6:30 p.m.

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OREGON COAST –

The U.S. Department of Commerce has declared a fishery disaster for coastal communities impacted by the declining Chinook salmon seasons.

According to the press release from Senator Ron Wyden’s office, this determination will make anglers eligible to receive disaster assistance from NOAA.

The press release says from 2013 to 2017, the commercial value of Chinook salmon was around \$6.3 million annually in Oregon. By 2020, the value fell to under \$1.5 million.

Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley added: “This federal disaster declaration, recognizes the significant toll of declining salmon populations on our fishermen...., and it cements our commitment to investing in the long-term recovery of Oregon’s coastal communities.”

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FALL DROUGHT UPDATE 3

Oregon struggles to recover from drought conditions, despite last spring's strong snowpack and recent fall rains.

State Climatologist Larry O'Neill says precipitation is still rehydrating overly dry soils, instead of adding to recovery efforts.

And summer's warm temperatures didn't help.

SOT 3 (:16) We didn't have the really big, high-level heatwave events, like we had in 2021. But, it was just persistently warmer than normal, and this has really driven enhanced backward demand off the landscape throughout the summer. So, the precipitation we did get is not going as far to meet our water supply needs.

Oregon highs in June, July and August averaged a little more than three degrees above normal.

He says southeast Oregon has seen significant drought relief... but the western, central and northern portions of the state are 10 to 30-percent behind their average yearly precipitation.

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The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners declared a state of emergency Wednesday due to flood damage.

Several inches of rain battered the region, causing major damage to the county's infrastructure. Estimated at about \$2.5 million, Tillamook County Emergency Manager Randy Thorpe said.

✓ The county is seeking assistance from the Oregon Department of Emergency Management to fund the extensive repairs.

The Tillamook County Sheriff's Office has told residents to limit travel as much as possible. County buildings and schools in Tillamook were closed Wednesday.

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FLOODING UPDATE

Flooding continues to cause problems along the Oregon coast and throughout the Willamette Valley ... as an atmospheric river moves over the state.

Earlier this week, authorities found the body of a man swept away in a Portland creek ... a second man was found dead in a Washington County creek.

Yesterday (wed) Several stretches of Highway 101 and other coastal roads were closed due to high water.

The massive rainfall caused sewer overflows into the Willamette River in Portland and Salem.

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SNOWPACK DEC UPDATE 2A/B

Warmer than average temperatures are proving troublesome for Oregon's snowpack.

Associate State Climatologist Nick Siler says several Atmospheric River events moved through earlier this month... but that moisture fell as rain.

SOT 2A (:13) And we see pretty much across the board, with the exception of a couple of basins in SW Idaho and SE Oregon, we see significantly lower percentiles of snowpack than we do of precipitation.

Snowpack in Oregon basins are between 20 and 80-percent of normal for this time of year.

SOT 2B (:10) I would like to emphasize, it's still early in the accumulation season, so there's plenty of time to recover from this snowpack deficit.

But, Siler says, the Climate Prediction Center expects temperatures to remain above average across the region ... through February.

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WINTER DRIVING 2

Oregon's Department of Transportation is warning drivers fewer highways will get plowed this winter ... especially in Central and Eastern Oregon.

ODOT's Mindy McCartt urges everyone to be prepared for changing road conditions every time you head out.

SOT 2 (:19) We've heard so many stories from the road where drivers thought they were just making a quick trip to a neighboring town, when they suddenly hit ice, ended up in a ditch wearing only shorts and open-toed shoes. So, wearing appropriate clothing for the weather outside is super crucial for your safety.

She also suggests carrying an emergency kit, including a flashlight, blanket and ice scraper ... as well as chains.

And practice putting those chains on your tires before you find yourself stuck in the snow.

ODOT says it's facing budget cuts due to declining gas tax revenues.

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LEAD APPLESAUCE

The FDA is recalling cinnamon applesauce pouches over lead poisoning concerns.

At least 22 reports of illness are potentially linked to the applesauce, including multiple kids in Oregon with elevated blood lead levels.

The recalled products were sold under several names, including WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree pouches ... distributed through Amazon, Dollar Tree and other retailers.

Lead Toxicity can cause headache, vomiting and anemia ... long term exposure can result in irritability, fatigue, muscle aches and difficulty concentrating.

Health officials say parents and caregivers should stop feeding children the recalled fruit pouches, regardless of if their child shows any symptoms of lead poisoning.

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DANGEROUS DRIVING 2A/B

A new study from the Triple-A Foundation for Traffic Safety finds nearly 60-percent of drivers admit to risky behaviors.

Triple-A's Marie Dodds says that includes aggressive driving, distracted driving and speeding.

SOT 2A (:17) "Few drivers think that speeding is dangerous. Many drivers think it's ok to go 10 or even 20 miles an hour above posted speed limits. This study shows that speeding isn't perceived as being as dangerous as other risky behaviors. but speeding continues to be a major factor in fatal crashes."

Dodds says dangerous drivers think others are the problem ... but it's okay for them to break the rules of the road.

SOT 2B (:07) "We've done this study every year since 2008 and we find there's a real disconnect between driver attitudes and behaviors."

41-percent of drivers are safe, and the study finds most of them are women.

Dodds says dangerous driving increases the number of crashes, and in Oregon, fatal crashes are up 18-percent since 2020.

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M110 PROPOSAL WRAP

Groups representing Oregon District Attorneys, Sheriffs and Police Chiefs, along with the League of Oregon Cities, say they've created a comprehensive plan to address the failures of Measure 110 and the ongoing drug crisis. Heather Roberts has more...

Deschutes County D-A Steve Gunnels says the 11-point plan won't solve everything.

SO1 1A (:07) But, I believe if all or most of these proposals were set into law by the legislature, they would improve our situation in Oregon.

Among the recommendations... recriminalize public drug use ... and redefine possession from a violation to a Class A Misdemeanor. Gunnels says the state also needs to restore a statute that allowed prosecutors to charge dealers even if caught before a sale.

SOT 1B (:09) Redefine delivery to include Possession with Intent to Distribute, which is modeled on the federal statute for delivery of a controlled substance.

And, diversion programs would clear convictions of addicts who complete a treatment program.

SOT 1C (:04) All of these are designed to get people into treatment and not just put them in jail.

The legislature is expected to take up the issue of reforming 110 in the February session.

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PORTLAND DEALER ARRESTED

The suspect in one of the largest drug busts in Oregon history is back behind bars.

Luis Funez was originally arrested December 7th when deputies seized over 52 pounds of fentanyl powder and more than eight-thousand fentanyl pills.

He was booked and ordered to report to the court the next morning, but didn't show.

The US Marshal's Service helped Multnomah County Sheriff's deputies track him down ... he was re-arrested Wednesday during a Gresham traffic stop.

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