

PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES FOR KYTT-FM

QUARTERLY REPORT

FOURTH QUARTER

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2022

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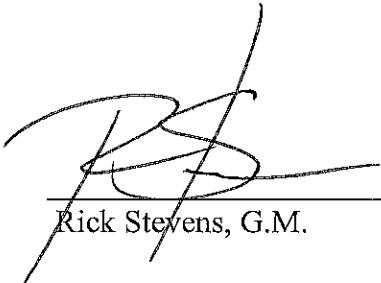
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CRIME

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to local area Crime

COOS COUNTY, Ore. — A Coos County judge has sentenced Kelsey Culver in that fatal hit-and-run in North Bend earlier this year.

10 years in prison and 36 months post-prison supervision for first degree manslaughter and 13 months in prison for failure to perform the duties of a driver. Culver will also pay \$13,109 in restitution for medical bills.

Culver spoke at her sentencing, saying, "I'm sorry. It was an accident. I'm very, very sorry."

Due to the charges being a measure 11 crime, she is not eligible for a sentence reduction.

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

DATE: 10.13.22 *Crime*

Police in Eugene, Oregon, say they made the largest fentanyl bust in their department's history when they searched the car of a man who was slumped over his vehicle's steering wheel at a traffic light, seizing enough of the dangerous drug to kill four million people.

The suspect, 42-year-old Andre Johnson, was in possession of 18 pounds of suspected fentanyl, 12 guns, and \$47,000 in cash, police say.

Johnson was arrested on outstanding warrants and also faces charges of DUI felony, driving while suspended felony, felon in possession of a firearm, and two counts of unlawful delivery of a Schedule 2 controlled substance.

Witnesses described the bizarre moments before Johnson was caught by police, saying the suspect was stopped at an intersection through multiple green lights.

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

DATE: 10.27.22 Crim

MEDICARE SCAM WRAP

Impersonation scams are the most common type of scam reported.

Heather Roberts reports on why Medicare members need to be especially cautious.

Scammers can take on many identities when trying to dupe their would-be victims ... law enforcement, a trusted family member ... even a government agency like Medicare or Social Security.

SOT 1 (:16) The scammers may not always ask for money, but they may ask for your personal information, including your Medicare number. If you have Medicare, you should protect your Medicare card and number like you would a credit card. Scammers can steal your identity by using your Medicare number, and this is becoming more and more common.

The FBI reminds you Medicare already has your information, so they won't contact you out of the blue and ask for your account number.

If you get a suspicious call, text or email from someone who says they're with the government, call the number on the agency's website to verify the request.

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

DATE: 10-28-22 *Cune*

RUFUS, Ore. (AP) — Sheriff's officials say the mayor of a rural Oregon town is facing accusations of attempted murder following a road rage incident Monday night.

KPTV reports the Hood River County Sheriff's Office says Rufus Mayor Downen Jones fired multiple rounds from a handgun at a passing vehicle near Parkdale.

Officials said two adults and two children were traveling on Highway 281 following an SUV that was being driven erratically.

The SUV then abruptly pulled over.

Deputies said when the family's vehicle slowed to get a description Jones fired the weapon at the family's car, damaging it.

No one was hurt.

It wasn't immediately known if Jones has a lawyer to comment on his behalf.

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

DATE: 11.2.22 *Crime*

PORTLAND, Ore. (KOIN) — Following his arrest Monday, the mayor of Rufus Ore., Downen Jones, is now facing several charges, including attempted murder.

On Oct. 31, Jones was allegedly driving erratically and pulled off to the side of the road. Witnesses then claim he got out of his vehicle and fired multiple shots from a handgun at a car passing by.

According to court documents filed Wednesday, Jones is being charged with one count of attempted murder and four counts of attempted assault, one for each of the four people in the car. The Hood River County District Attorney says two children, ages 8 and 5, were in the car, along with two adults.

The city of Rufus has no comment at this time.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 11.3.22 *Crime*

A 75-year-old Ashland woman was arrested early Saturday morning after leading police on a high-speed chase on Interstate 5.

Josephine County Sheriff's Office deputies clocked the car driven by Elizabeth Essex, at 112 mph on the interstate near Merlin just before midnight Friday.

Essex allegedly failed to stop when deputies sounded their sirens, and when she passed into Jackson County, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office took over the chase.

During the pursuit, police spiked Essex's vehicle tires at least seven times, but she kept going, and drove without tires from Central Point to exit 14 in Ashland.

At that point, police used a Pursuit Intervention Technique to stop the vehicle.

Essex is held in Jackson County Jail without bail,

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DATE: 11.7.22

Orme

Former Coos Bay resident, Jeremy Thomas Robertson was sentenced to 26 months in prison after being found guilty of Criminally Negligent Homicide.

The Coos County District Attorney office stated that a jury determined Robertson was responsible for the death of Amber LaBelle.

LaBelle died in September of 2021. After being attacked by a large dog that was in Robertson's care.

Judge Andrew Combs ordered the 42 year old Robertson serve 26 months in prison, followed by 36 months post-prison supervision. And pay restitution to Labelle's family.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 11.11.22 *Crime*

HOLIDAY SCAMS 1

This is the time of year when WE can become the gift that keeps on giving... according to Adam Levin, co-host of the cybersecurity podcast "what the hack."

SOT 1 (:13) One of the way it starts is what I call the pantheon of 'ishings.' That's where you'll be inundated with phishing emails, which is generalized; or spear-phishing email, where something comes directly to you.

There's also "Vishing" - Scam phone calls ... and "Smishing," when they send a message via S-M-S or text ...

The common thread ... crooks ... hoping you give up your personal information.

Shopping scams are at their peak between Black Friday and Cyber Monday... and Levin says if a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 11.24.22 *Crime*

PORTLAND SUBSTATION

In what appears to have become a nationwide trend, the Bonneville Power Administration reports vandals recently damaged a substation outside Portland.

Officials say the trespassers clearly wanted to damage equipment and possibly cause a power outage at the Clackamas facility.

No one lost power, but the damage and clean up is estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Anyone with information on the incident, which occurred in the early hours of November 24th, is asked to contact the FBI.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 12.9.22 *Crime*

PTLD CRIME FIGHTING 3

The Portland-metro area is on track to hit a record number of violent and non-violent crimes this year.

Law enforcement is now trying to show the public agencies are working together to combat the problem.

Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt says prosecutors work strategically and with data to zero in on the worst offenders.

SOT 3 (:16) There are a very small number of people that are generating a very high-volume of crime. And, if we can focus our attention and resources on those individuals and interdict that behavior, we can make an outsized impact on the crime that our streets are experiencing.

Portland Police also announced plans to use overtime budgets for property crime detectives to follow up on cases... especially organized business theft, which has been blamed for some businesses leaving the city.

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DATE: 12.15.22 *Cubie*

INMATE BACK IN CUSTODY

An Oregon inmate is back in custody after six months on the run.

According to the Department of Corrections, Jordan Stephens took off from a work-crew transport van while it was stopped at a red light in Salem, June 15th.

He was arrested in Happy Valley on Tuesday, by the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

The convicted car thief is now back at the Santiam Correctional Institution.

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DATE: 12.21.22 Cuni

FBI HOLIDAY SCAMS 2

Shopping scams are always a concern during the holiday season ... but a new scheme is now keeping law enforcement busy.

Kieran Ramsey, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Portland Field Office, says the "wrong number" scam has become common in Oregon.

SOT-2 (:22) It's essentially just a social engineering scam, where someone sends you a text message and then you say 'who is this?' and they claim, 'oh, I'm sorry; it's a wrong number.' And they engage you in this back and forth conversation over SMS or text message, or social media, and ultimately, it becomes a conversation somehow about investing in maybe crypto-currency or some other thing.

He says victims hand over their money after being lulled into a false sense of friendship with the scammer.

Ramsey reminds you to never click on links in unsolicited texts or emails.

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DATE: 12-22-22 *Crime*

FAKE CRYPTO APPS

State officials are again warning Oregonians about crypto-currency scams.

The Division of Financial Regulation says many crypto trading apps and websites are fake platforms set up to bilk investors out of their money.

DFR officials urge everyone to research cryptocurrency companies and web addresses before transferring funds, to make sure it's legitimate.

Scammers are also trying to take advantage of investors who lost money in the collapse of FTX ... if someone asks for your account usernames and passwords, it's likely a scam.

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EDUCATION

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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

OSU ENROLLMENT

Oregon State University set a new enrollment record this fall ... with 3.3-percent more students than last year...

That makes OSU the largest university in the state for the ninth year in a row.

OSU-Cascades in Bend saw a nearly 17-percent increase in first year students ... university-wide, freshman enrollment increased 8-percent from last fall.

Officials say the e-campus is the biggest contributor to overall growth ... jumping almost 6-percent to 10,679 students.

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DATE: 11.11.22 Education

HECC AUDIT WRAP

A new state audit finds Oregon's 17 community colleges are not performing at the level they should. Heather Roberts explains.

The audit of Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission revealed some improvements since HECC began overseeing community colleges in 2015.

But, Secretary of State Shemia Fagan says, there are still substantial deficits in key areas.

SOT 1 (:16) Oregon's community college student performance still lags behind other states, and there's an equity gap in student performance and that persists. So, accountability, effective public reporting on student results and use of data to drive improvement are all sorely needed.

She says the audit team recommends the new Governor and Legislature provide HECC with more direction and authority.

The state spent 700 million dollars in this biennium to support community colleges ... HECC is requesting a substantial increase in the next budget.

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DATE: 12.20.22 Education

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FAMILY

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

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

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

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

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Family

SNAP COLA

Oregonians who receive help from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - or SNAP - are getting a 12-percent cost of living increase this month.

The maximum food benefit for a four-person household went from 835 to 939 dollars a month.

Food stamp recipients don't have to do anything to receive the additional amount.

The adjustment is part of an annual assessment conducted by the federal government every October.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 10.13.22 *family*

(Salem) – Most Oregonians who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits will receive emergency allotments in November.

The federal government has approved emergency allotments every month since March 2020. This gives SNAP recipients additional support during the COVID-19 pandemic. These emergency benefits are a temporary support that Oregon can provide because of the federal COVID-19 public health emergency.

Because the federal government approved these emergency benefits for November, Oregon will also be able to issue them in December. However, the emergency benefits are expected to end when the federal public health emergency ends.

In November, approximately 430,000 SNAP households will receive approximately \$69 million in extra food benefits in addition to their regular SNAP benefits.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 10.27.22 Family

Oregon's paid family and medical leave program will begin collecting money to fund the new initiative from workers and businesses with 25 or more employees on Jan. 1.

Starting next year, workers will pay 0.6% of their gross wages every paycheck and big employers will contribute an additional 0.4%.

All workers in the state except federal employees, independent contractors and people who work for tribal governments who earn at least \$1,000 in a year and pay into the program will be eligible automatically for coverage, even if they work for a business with fewer than 25 employees.

The state program Paid Leave Oregon, which is housed at the Employment Department, launched a campaign earlier this month to educate employers about the program using paid radio.

Oregon will join 10 other states and Washington D.C. in offering some sort of paid leave program.

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DATE: 11.30.22 Family

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HEALTH CARE

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Health Care

RSV UPTICK WRAP (:56)

Oregon hospitals are seeing an early uptick in pediatric respiratory illnesses.

Dr. Suzanne Mendez, with St. Charles Bend, says RSV and Enterovirus came way ahead of schedule.

She suggests parents be pro-active if their child gets sick - especially kids under two.

SOT 3 (:20) Often they can't blow their nose and so they get really stuffy and then they can't eat because they're so stuffy, and they can't drink and then they get dehydrated and that just makes them more stuffy because the mucus gets thicker. So, keeping their nose suctioned out is what we recommend and keeping kids hydrated, and that'll often help kids get through the worst parts of the virus if they do get it.

She says St. Charles has already sent twice as many kids to Portland - the closest pediatric ICU - compared to the last three years at this time.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, the RSV positivity rate is already 12-percent, statewide ... which is more typical for January or February.

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DATE: 11.1.22 *healthcare*

RSV HOSPITALIZATIONS WRAP

Severe respiratory illnesses are taxing a hospital system not yet recovered from the pandemic.

Heather Roberts reports on the latest virus concerning state health officials.

RSV is not a new virus ... but Deputy State Health Officer Dr. Tom Jeane says it hit early and hard this year.

SOT 2a (:08) Pediatric hospital capacity is currently limited in Oregon and is expected to be heavily strained, based on forecasted levels of RSV activity ahead.

But, it's not just RSV ... Dr. Jeanne says we could see what some are calling a triple-demic this winter.

SOT 2b (:10) We do expect all three of these pathogens - COVID-19, influenza and RSV - to circulate during this respiratory season, at higher levels than we've experienced over the last two years.

He says prevention is nearly the same for all three ... cover your cough or sneeze... clean surfaces and wash hands often ... mask indoors ... and, if you haven't yet, he suggests getting a flu shot and COVID booster soon.

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DATE: 11.14.22 - healthcare

GOV RSV ORDER

Governor Kate Brown issued an Executive Order Monday, in response to the surge in pediatric cases of RSV... a lower respiratory illness that can hit young infants and children with compromised immune systems especially hard.

Brown's office says the order gives hospitals additional flexibility to staff beds for children ... and take other steps to care for pediatric patients.

Since the onset of RSV season in October, the statewide pediatric hospitalization rate has more than tripled.

There are only three pediatric ICUs in Oregon ...at OHSU's Doernbecher Children's Hospital ... Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel ... and Providence St. Vincent's ... all in the Portland area.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 11.15.22 *Healthcare*

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon is seeing a jump in the percentage of positive influenza tests this week as the flu season continues to ramp up for the year.

According to Oregon Health Authority data, the percentage of positive flu tests statewide jumped to 16.3% last week, compared to 9.3% the previous week — even though roughly the same number of people were tested (8,964 and 8,938 patients, respectively).

The OHA reported ten flu outbreaks last week, with six taking place at schools or daycares and four in long-term care facilities. There have been 16 outbreaks reported so far in the 2022-23 flu season.

Health officials say 22 people were hospitalized last week across Oregon with the flu.

The latest flu numbers come as Oregon hospitals see an increasing strain put on by cases of RSV and COVID-19.

A surge in pediatric RSV cases has pushed Oregon children's hospitals into crisis standards of care.

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DATE: 11.29.22 *HealthCare*

Rural areas across the state will share in \$800,000 federal funding to improve rural health care funding and food assistance.

The \$801,300 will be used to support organizations and facilities across Oregon which provide vital emergency rural health care and food assistance to rural communities.

In Florence, The Florence Food Share will receive \$48,600 to help fund increased staffing costs related to the COVID pandemic.

Brookings Harbor Community Helpers will get \$250,200 to support increased staffing including the hiring of a bilingual interpreter and advocate to bridge the gap with the Hispanic community.

Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley said, "These grants awarded to Oregon will help provide crucial support in ensuring Oregon's rural families have access to the health care and food on the table they need to thrive,"

USDA Emergency Rural Health Care program provides up to \$500 million in grant funding to help broaden access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food distribution facilities.

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DATE: 12.1.22 health care

OHA RSV UPDATE 3

The Oregon Health Authority says the worst of RSV may be behind us ... RSV-related hospitalizations peaked the week ending November 19th.

But, Dr. Wendy Hasson [huh-SAHN] says a high number of kids still need specialized care.

SOT 3 (:15) And so we do ask for grace from the public as we may not be able to offer the amenities that they're used to, such as private rooms. So, your child may have to share a room, your child might have to be seen in the hallway. But the most important thing is that your child receives the medical care that they need, when they need it.

More adult hospitals are also reaching capacity in their ICUs and emergency departments, as influenza and COVID-19 surge.

The OHA says elderly hospitalizations have increased 10-fold since late October.

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RESUME SCAMS WRAP

New warnings are out, urging job seekers to be careful of employment scams.

Heather Roberts explains...

— WRAP :40 —

With so many companies looking for new workers, it's easy to get caught up in the process... but the FBI and Federal Trade Commission warn not every recruiter is legit.

SOT 2 (:13) Do your homework on the company you're looking to apply to. Review the company and the person that's reached out to you. Check for any protection alerts or complaints against the company regarding scams and make sure they haven't scammed other potential applicants.

Dixon Land, with the FBI in Portland, says scammers will sometimes trick you into uploading your resume to their website for a fee... but, legitimate employers won't ask you to pay to get a job.

If you think you might be a victim of a resume or employment scam, contact the FBI or FTC.

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

DATE: Oct 9 Employment

OR SEPT JOBLESS WRAP

Oregon's statewide unemployment ticked up slightly last month.

Heather Roberts breaks down the latest numbers.

— WRAP :38 —

The state's jobless rate rose a tenth of a point from August to September ... landing at 3.8-percent.

Overall, Oregon lost 600 jobs last month ... the first drop after 12 months of consecutive gains.

But, State Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer says there was good news.

SOT 2 (:14) Oregon's private sector actually had a slight gain of 500 jobs, and reached a new record high level. Within the private sector, the largest gains in September occurred in Professional & Business Services, which added 1400 jobs.

That puts private sector jobs at an all-time high.

Oregon's unemployment rate is now 3-tenths of a percent higher than the national rate.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 10.20.22
Emp - Jobs

OR INCOME INEQUALITY 2

A new report from the Oregon Center of Public Policy shows the divide deepening between the wealthy and average Oregonians.

Tyler Mac Innis studied newly-available 2020 tax records and says the top one-tenth of one-percent earned - on average - 5.6-million ... while the median income held stagnant at about 39-thousand dollars.

SOT 2 (:20) Income inequality slows our economy's growth overall. So, that has real impacts on innovation, investment and things like that. And so, advancing public policies to really ensure that our state's prosperity is shared more widely can actually have broader positive impacts on our state economy and society at large.

Mac Innis says the current record level of inequality could affect everything from social mobility to physical health.

He estimates it would take that median Oregonian 143 years to earn what that top one-tenth of one-percent earned in 2020.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 11.1.22 economy

SALEM, Ore. — Across the nation companies and agencies are dealing with staffing shortages and the Oregon Department of Transportation is no exception.

ODOT spokesman, Don Hamilton say the biggest hiring needs right are in road maintenance which involves snow removal.

VOXPOP1

Though the shortages are statewide, Eastern Oregon is seeing the biggest number of vacancies. And with rural areas of the state affected the most, Hamilton has a message for motorists

VOXPOP2

Travelers coming back from the holiday may see the impacts of this as soon as Sunday evening or Monday when forecasts call for snow at high elevations.

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DATE: 11-25-22 Employment

OED RECESSION WRAP

Oregon's Office of Economic Analysis predicts a recession is coming ... But, as Heather Roberts reports, we're not there yet.

SOT 2A (:06) We're seeing a lot of things I'm following that aren't consistent with a recession, as of November.

Oregon Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer says the economy is relatively strong ... for now ... with sustained job growth over nearly two years.

SOT 2B (:09) There are still more job openings than there are unemployed workers in Oregon. Typically, when we see an economic downturn, we see those job openings fall off.

But, unemployment is rising... Krumenauer says partly because self-employment became a larger cut of the labor force after the pandemic, and that trend is starting to reverse.

According to the latest forecast from Oregon's Office of Economic Analysis, our state will enter a recession next summer.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 12.19.22 *Economy*

NOV OR JOBLESS WRAP

Oregon's unemployment rate ticked up again in November. Heather Roberts breaks down the latest numbers.

The statewide jobless rate increased 3-tenths of a percent from October.

SOT 1 (:07) Oregon employers added 8500 jobs to non-farm payrolls in November. And the unemployment rate rose to 4.4%.

State Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer says overall job growth remains strong... Oregon has added around 80-thousand jobs in the past year.

SOT 2 (:10) Even though we've seen an uptick in the unemployment rate - it's increased by almost a full percentage point since July - at 4.4% in November, it's still really low by historical standards.

The national rate is still below 4-percent ... holding steady at 3.7-percent in November.

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(OSFM HURRICANE)

(ACT1)

A GROUP OF 13 FIREFIGHTERS FROM OREGON IS HELPING WITH DISASTER RESPONSE FOLLOWING HURRICANE IAN IN FLORIDA. BRETT DEEDON, WITH THE OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE SAYS THEY WENT RIGHT TO WORK WHEN THEY ARRIVED SOUTH OF TAMPA BAY.

Media : OSFM-A1
Length: 00:00:08.2 OutCue: INTENSE FLOODING
Description: BRETT DEEDON.

THE TEAM WILL START TO FOCUS ON REPAIRING INFRASTRUCTURE. POWER IS OUT TO MOST OF THE COUNTY. THE SEWER SYSTEM IS RUNNING ON GENERATOR POWER. THE WATER SYSTEM IS WORKING AGAIN, BUT RESIDENTS HAVE TO BOIL DRINKING WATER FOR AN UNDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME.

(ACT2)

INCIDENT RESPONSE TEAMS FROM OREGON ARE WORKING SOUTH OF TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA TO HELP WITH RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE IAN. BRETT DEEDON, WITH THE OREGON STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE SAYS THEY NORMALLY RESPOND TO WILDFIRES.

Media : OSFM-A4
Length: 00:00:05.5 OutCue: HERE TOO
Description: BRETT DEEDON.

WHEN THEY ARRIVED LAST WEEK, THEY WORKED ON RESCUE MISSIONS. THIS WEEK, THEY'RE TURNING THEIR ATTENTION TO INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS. THE SEWER AND WATER SYSTEMS ARE WORKING, BUT RESIDENTS HAVE TO BOIL ALL DRINKING WATER.

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DATE: ~~10.2.22~~ 10.2.22 Environment

NEWPORT, Ore. — The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has closed all razor clam harvesting on the Oregon coast.

The marine biotoxin domoic acid has been found in levels exceeding the closure limit along the entire coast.

The ODA says it will test for shellfish toxins twice a month. Two consecutive tests at least one week apart that show domoic acid levels below the limit must take place for razor clam harvesting to reopen.

For more information call ODA's shellfish biotoxin safety hotline at (800) 448-2474, the Food Safety Division at (503) 986-4720, or visit the ODA Shellfish Biotoxin Closures webpage.

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(OR BROWN CLIMATE)

(ACT1)

OREGON GOVERNOR KATE BROWN JOINED GOVERNOR'S FROM CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON ALONG WITH THE PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO SIGN A CLIMATE AGREEMENT TO WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

Media : ORBrownClimate-A1
Length: 00:00:04.3 OutCue: make change
Description: Kate Brown.

THE GROUP MAKES UP THE PACIFIC COAST COLLABORATIVE. THEIR GOAL IS TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AT LEAST 80-PERCENT BY 2050. THEY'RE WORKING ON PROJECTS TO TRANSFORM THE POWER GRID, TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, AND BUILDINGS TO REDUCE POLLUTION.

(ACT2)

OREGON, WASHINGTON, CALIFORNIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA HAVE SIGNED A CLIMATE AGREEMENT TO WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. GOVERNOR KATE BROWN SAYS COMBINED THEY HAVE A LARGE ENOUGH POPULATION TO BRING CHANGE TO THE COUNTRY.

Media : ORBrownClimate-A2
Length: 00:00:07.4 OutCue: lead the nation
Description: Kate Brown.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THEY'LL WORK FASTER TO REACH CLIMATE GOALS, INCREASE ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND BRING EQUITY TO THE CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY.

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CEDAR CREEK SMOKE 1

Firefighters continue to make progress on the Cedar Creek Fire, east of Oakridge, which is now 38-percent contained.

But, Operations Section Chief Aaron Rowe says the southern end of the fire has been more active in recent days.

SOT 1 (:12) This dryness and increased activity has obviously created some new smoke issues so, that's just something to be aware of. And, as smoke's come out of here, it's also probably come out of other areas of the fire.

Oregon's DEQ has expanded an air quality advisory related to smoke through Friday.

Clackamas, Deschutes, Douglas, northern Klamath, Lake, Lane, Multnomah and Washington counties are all impacted by the Cedar Creek and fires burning in Washington state.

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregon officials have issued air quality advisories for several counties, as stale, unseasonably warm temperatures and stagnant air have caused wildfire smoke to linger.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Douglas and northern Klamath will be under the advisory through at least Friday.

Department of Environmental Quality officials say smoke from fires in Oregon and Washington is sitting over parts of Oregon.

The Eugene area measured in the red unhealthy zone Monday while Multnomah County was unhealthy for sensitive groups.

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The 2022 wildfire season in Oregon was among the mildest in the past decade, with human-caused fires down nearly 20% from the 10-year average, according to state data.

Humans are the No. 1 cause of wildfires in Oregon and across the country.

Oregon Department of Forestry credits the decline to a wetter than normal spring, statewide investments in the firefighting workforce, aircraft and detection cameras and an expansive public messaging campaign about wildfire risks by the department.

In the year to date, it has responded to 806 wildfires in Oregon, down from the 10-year average of 973.

At a recent hearing of the state Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery, chief of fire protection for the department, Mike Shaw, said it's tough to know how much of a role each factor played, but credited much of the decline in human-caused wildfires to the public information campaign.

In total, fires have burned just over 33,600 acres, well below the 10-year average of 117,827 acres.

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ODF FIRE SEASON ENDS WRAP

Oregon's Department of Forestry has declared fire season officially ends Saturday for all ODF districts.

Heather Roberts wraps up the season.

— WRAP :46 —

Most of this summer's fires on ODF-managed lands were kept small ... Jessica Prakke [praw-kee] tells me 96-percent were held at 10 acres or less.

SOT 2 (:11) It was a more tame season, compared to 2021, 2020. On ODF, specifically, we had two fires. One was the Rum Creek Fire and then also the Van Meter Fire.

She says the lighter than expected season allowed ODF to help other agencies battling their own wildfires.

SOT 3 (:09) We sent resources to some of the larger fires across the state; we helped out our friends at the Office of State Fire Marshal with aviation needs.

With the end of fire season comes debris burning ... Prakke asks everyone to keep wildfire prevention top of mind and take appropriate precautions.

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(Oregon Coast) – It is once again the season for cold-stunned sea turtles along the Oregon coast, and marine experts want beachgoers to keep an eye out for them.

Three stranded and injured sea turtles were found along the Oregon coast in the last two weeks.

One was found at Horsfall Beach near Coos Bay, a second was discovered a few days later at Newport's South Beach area, and the third was found at Warrenton.

Both Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport and the Seaside Aquarium played host to them.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) initially responded to the sea turtle near Coos Bay, moving it quickly to Florence, where it was then brought to Newport's aquarium. They dubbed her Pumpkin – a sub-adult female.

When found on a beach it can be difficult to tell if a sea turtle is dead or alive. They can be unresponsive to touch and have a heartbeat so slow and weak it's very difficult to discern.

Both the Oregon Coast Aquarium and Boothe urged not to touch it or try to rescue it if you see one, as only experts are trained to deal with them. Do not attempt to put it back in the water.

Rather, you should notify Oregon State Police, Washington State Police, or your local marine mammal stranding network.

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WHITE OAK PEST 1

A non-native bug is damaging “white oak” trees around the state.

Oregon Department of Forestry’s Christine Buhl says the “oak lace bug” has been here since 2015, but this year it’s especially noticeable.

SOT 1 (:18) It is an aesthetic pest that can make oaks look pretty bad, and so that’s a concern for the typical homeowner, even though it’s not killing the trees. But, the larger concern is always that whenever we have an invasive insect, sometimes we can have really intense builds in population where we see more damage than normal.

She says the insect itself is very, very small... but it causes discoloration to entire tree canopies.

If you discover you have “oak lace bug” in your trees, Buhl says it’s best to just ride it out ... the leaves should come back healthy in the spring.

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A 5.2-magnitude earthquake shook beneath the Pacific Ocean about 150 miles off the coast of Bandon yesterday morning at about 7:42 a.m., according to the USGS.

The quake, which was 6 miles deep was felt as far north as Lake Oswego and as far east as Roseburg.

No tsunami warnings were issued.

The USGS says Quakes between 2.5 and 5.4 magnitude are often felt but rarely cause much damage, and Quakes below 2.5 magnitude are seldom felt by most people

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The Oregon Coast is expecting a series of King Tides this weekend, which are the highest tides of the year.

The term is non-scientific and refers to when the moon, sun and Earth align at their closest points and the gravitational pull on the Earth is the greatest.

Meg Reed is with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. The group runs Oregon's arm of the international King Tides Project, which documents the impacts over time of high-tide events. Reed encourages people to help the project, as long as they are above and away from the water.

"If you do have a safe place to look at them, take a photograph showing the extent of high water. And really against a recognizable landmark is really helpful, so something like a sign, or a dock, or something where you can kind of tell how high the water level is," she told KLCC.

Reed said this is the 13th year of the Oregon King Tides Project. The dataset they've collected has helped them develop a planning guide, which provides potential adaptation strategies for predicted sea level rise.

King Tides are expected Thursday through Saturday. Reed advises to check tide tables at your location for exact times.

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LANDSCAPE GRANT WRAP

A delay in the state's wildfire risk map put a portion of Senate Bill 762 on hold ...

But, as Heather Roberts reports ... Another piece of that sweeping wildfire mitigation legislation is seeing some success.

SB-762 set aside 20 million dollars in grants for nonprofits, local governments, conservation districts... even private landowners and federal partners to make their landscapes more resistant to wildfire.

Grant Coordinator Jenna Trentadue says it provides reimbursement for everything from prescribed burning to forest thinning ... to invasive grass removal.

SOT 1 (:16) It really covers how we're doing some actionable items out on the ground, to really minimize that risk to communities, to resources and kind of address the landscape-scale type of projects that we need to be implementing to help keep our state safe from those catastrophic wildfires.

So far, the Oregon Department of Forestry has doled out about 9 million dollars ... with 153-thousand acres treated around the state.

ODF expects to impact more than 200-thousand acres before the grant program ends in June.

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COLD WX TIPS 3

Forecasters predict this will be a cold and wet winter... which means higher electric bills for many of us.

Pacific Power's Tom Gauntt says there are a few things you can do now to improve the efficiency of your heating system ... like holding your thermostat at 68, so your furnace doesn't have to work so hard.

And, try not to heat rooms you aren't using.

SOT 3 (:15) Sometimes it can be also simply, 'you know what? We don't really use that spare room anymore.' And you can turn down the heat vent that's in there. You don't want to be foolish about it, if there's some water pipes in the room or something, don't cause a new problem.

Seal off drafts around doors and windows ... and use space heaters sparingly.

A 15-hundred watt heater running 8 hours a day, adds about 30 dollars to your monthly bill.

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EARLY SNOWPACK 3

Oregon's snowpack is off to a great start.

NRCS Hydrologist Matt Warbritton says an early November storm was followed by two weeks of dry weather, which was a little concerning.

SOT 3 (:21) Towards the end of November, we started to get significant storms again that again dropped pretty substantial snowpack for this early in the season, across most parts of the state. Even where it's been a little dryer, like southern Oregon and much of Central Oregon, those areas also received pretty significant snowpack.

As of yesterday (Wed), the Upper Deschutes and Crooked River basin is 160-percent of average for this time of year.

Warbritton says it's not yet enough to overcome several years of drought ... we won't have predictions for summer streamflows for another few months.

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COYOTE CONTESTS 1

Oregon's Fish and Wildlife Commission voted Friday to work toward banning coyote killing contests.

Outdoor Expert Gary Lewis says the competitions help protect livestock from predators that prey on young animals.

SOT 1 (:17) It is good for wildlife conservation because, not only do we want those beef calves to grow up but we want the baby antelope to survive. And, we want to keep the coyote numbers in balance where they need to be, not out of proportion.

Fifteen organizations had asked for state rules for coyote killing contests ... instead, the commission directed ODFW staff to work within its legal authority to stop the competitions.

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DEC DROUGHT 2

Despite snow on the ground, Central Oregon remains in drought.

Oregon State Climatologist Larry O'Neill says snowpack in the Upper Deschutes and Crooked River Basin is 127-percent of normal for this time of year ... but reservoirs are well below normal... even below where they were this time last year.

SOT 2 (:13) There were a lot of irrigation shortages the last couple of summers, and without a lot of precipitation in the remainder of the water year - or wet season - we anticipate those conditions to be an issue as well, going into next summer.

Across Oregon, the snow-water equivalent is about 141-percent of normal, which he says is a great start to winter...

But, according to the U-S Drought Monitor, 53-percent of the Pacific Northwest remains in drought.

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A winter storm hit much of Western Oregon with ice and snow Thursday night..

Thousands were without power following strong wind, freezing rain, sleet, and snow ...

Interstate 84 was closed through the Columbia Gorge from Troutdale to Hood River Thursday night, and Interstate 5 was closed north of Eugene.

Transportation crews say they have been preparing for the storm, putting anti-icer on local roads and having plows, salt, and sand trucks at the ready.

Freezing rain and ice could cause more outages today.

Friday will stay cold, with morning temperatures near 20 again in the metro area, and freezing rain continuing throughout the day. This could create an icy mess on the roads. High temperatures Friday afternoon may climb just above freezing.

Most of the region will begin to warm up Saturday. Rain and showers will be in the forecast for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

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MERKLEY POLLINATOR WRAP

The population of the world's pollinator's has declined significantly in the past 30 years, but an Oregon U-S Senator hopes renewed efforts will reverse the trend.

Heather Roberts reports.

SOT 1 (:10) We really have an 'insect armageddon' in America.

Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley feels strongly about pollinators.

And that's everything from bees to butterflies, if you will.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service launched its Center for Pollinator Conservation this month, in collaboration with the Interior Department.

SOT 2 (:09) Launching this Center for Pollinator Conservation is important to, really the world we leave to the next generation. It's also very important to our agricultural community.

Merkley also says he's working to secure additional conservation investments for the western monarch butterfly ... its population has decreased by nearly 99-percent.

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A High Wind Warning... a High Surf Warning... a Hazardous Seas warning and a Gale warning are all in affect this morning for the Oregon Coast.

Wind gusts as high as 75 mph are forecast for the south central and southern coastal regions, with the strongest gusts expected across the headlands and exposed areas along hwy 101.

The seas will be very dangerous with breaking waves of 25 to 35 feet, with southerly winds up to 40 kt. Mariners are being advised to remain in port if possible.

Current hazardous weather condition are expected to persist until Tuesday evening.

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GOV EXEC ORDER (:37)

Governor Kate Brown issued another Executive Order related to a rise in respiratory illnesses, yesterday (Wed).

Her office says it will give hospitals flexibility to ensure there are enough healthcare workers to meet current needs, during the current increase in RSV, flu and COVID-19.

It's similar to an executive order issued in mid-November for pediatric cases... but expands that flexibility to all hospitals.

The Oregon Nurses Association calls the move "embarrassingly late and lacking in strong solution-driven policy directives."

Brown's office says the Oregon Health Authority is also pursuing supplemental contracts of up to 25-million dollars to help with the nursing shortage.

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