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Rick Stevens, G.M.

5 OCTOBER, 2022

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CRIME

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to local area Crime

OSP SUMMER 1

Oregon State Police are seeing more triple-digit speeders than ever before.

Captain Stephanie Bigman says the number of traffic fatalities don't tell the whole story.

SOT 1 (:12) The fatality rates may not jump a ton in different things, because cars are getting safer. But they're getting faster and, at some point, speed overtakes the safety factors of the cars.

Troopers recently cited several drivers around the state for speeds of 111, 112, even 115 miles an hour ... in one incident, Captain Bigman says there was an unsecured child asleep in the back seat.

She says some drivers know law enforcement agencies are short-staffed and think they can get away with high speeds - not realizing the serious risks.

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

7:11:22 Crime

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — An alleged arsonist who reportedly ignited wildfires in a remote, forested corner of Oregon was apprehended by three local residents and tied to a tree until police arrived.

Federal, state and county authorities responded to a radio call from a U.S. Bureau of Land Management employee who reported a man was walking along a gravel road and setting fires, in the forest some 25 miles northwest of Grants Pass.

Curry County Sheriff John Ward says ground crews, assisted by local residents, and three helicopters quickly got the two fires under control.

The alleged arsonist is jailed under \$100,000 bond.

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

7.27.22 Crime

RIVER GUIDE CRIMINALS (:40)

State Police and a number of other agencies are working together to track down

illegal outfitter guides ... people who lead hunting, fishing and other outdoor

expeditions without a license.

Over the past two years, three people have been sentenced for what OSP says

was ten years of unlawful guiding activities in the Hells Canyon National

Recreation Area.

The Oregon Outfitter Guide Association, State Marine Board, Department of Fish

and Wildlife and OSP now offer rewards for information that leads to a citation or

arrest for illegally acting as an outfitter guide, illegally obtaining a hunting or

fishing license ... or the unlawful take or possession of wildlife related to an

outfitter guide.

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

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crime

CATALYTIC CONVERTER TRAFFICKING

Police say they've busted an Oregon-based catalytic converter trafficking ring.

Beaverton Police began the investigation in late 2021 ... it culminated last week with the search of eight locations.

They seized more than 3-thousand catalytic converters, hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash, a high-end vehicle and jewelry.

Detectives say the ring spanned six Oregon counties and five states, including Texas and New York.

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

8.12.22 Crime

FIRE THEFTS WRAP

A theft in southern Oregon could hamper efforts to quickly detect and fight wildfires. Heather Roberts explains.

SOT 2 (:04) Q.... that makes the camera function.

ODF'S Natalie Weber says that camera system sits atop a fire lookout in the Prospect area ... at least it did ... until Sunday, when two thieves broke in and stole batteries, solar panels and other critical equipment.

It couldn't have happened at a worse time - in the heart of fire season - in an area that sees about a third of all ODF-protected fires.

SOT 3 (:08) Q... perfect storm for fires to really thrive here.

Images from southwest Oregon lookouts are sent to the fire detection center in Central Point, where Weber says they are constantly monitored.

They've lost that birdseye view in Prospect until the gear is recovered or replaced.

SOT 4 (:08) @... despite the fact that we don't have that as a resource.

Video and photos of the thieves are available on the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

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

9.11.22

Coquille, Ore. -- A former Coquille High School teacher has been sentenced on several felony charges.

32 year old Kory Sturgess, was arrested in May for possessing child pornography.

Officials say none of the images depicted children from Coos County.

Coquille Police say Sturgess pleaded guilty to multiple counts and was sentenced to nine years and seven months in prison.

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

DATE:

8:14:22 Crime

COOS BAY, Ore. — Coos Bay Police say trees are being illegally harvested at John Topits Park.

The report was made by concerned citizens.

Chief Chris Chapanar confirms trees have gone missing but it's unclear who has taken them.

While no suspects are in custody yet, those involved could face charges.

The Department of Public Works is conducting the clean up in the wake of the theft.

They believe the trees are being removed after the park's closure.

Officials say the theft is in violation of ORS 164.813, "Unlawful cutting and transport of special forest products."

Anyone with information is asked to call the Coos Bay Police non-emergency line at (541) 269-8911 or Coos Crime Stop at (541) 267-6666.

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

DATE:

8.19.22 Crimi

COOS COUNTY, Ore. — Coos County Community Corrections wants those with outstanding warrants to turn themselves in.

Director Mike Crim says Coos County has more than 300 open warrants, and they want to get those people the help they need.

His office connects those on parole and probation to services like housing, treatment, and mental health services.

Crim says they can turn themselves in by coming to the community corrections office in North Bend or in Coquille.

He says many cases will not result in jail time and instead they'll be offered needed services.

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

DATE: 8:22.22

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COOS BAY, Ore. -- A Coos Bay man has been arrested for selling phone information to unknown individuals, an act the Coos Bay Police Department says led to citizen's bank accounts being hacked and money being stolen.

According to the CBPD, they responded to a call at about 1 p.m. on Monday. report of an employee accessing customer's account information without permission.

Police also allege the suspect changed information, and sold it to unknown individuals.

Police say this led to some customer's bank accounts being hacked into,

Coos Bay police said the suspect was identified as Alexander Keely of Coos Bay. Police said their investigation revealed Keely had accessed at least two different customer accounts in different states on multiple occasions. They also said the investigation showed that Keely changed account information and provided it to unknown people.

Police say Keely was taken to the Coos County Jail on charges of identity theft and computer crimes. CBPD says an investigation into the matter is ongoing. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call CBPD at 541-269-8911 or Coos Stop Crime at 541-267-6666.

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

DATE: 8.24.22 Crime

FIRE LOOKOUT UPDATE

A man suspected of breaking into a southern Oregon fire lookout and stealing

wildfire detection equipment has been caught, thanks to an anonymous tip.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office says 30-year-old Chad McPherson is from

Prospect, near the ODF lookout tower.

He was arrested during a traffic stop ... Investigators say they found burglary tools

in his car at the time.

A subsequent search of his house turned up a weapon the convicted felon wasn't

supposed to have ... and an illegal pot grow.

A tip led deputies to a duffel bag with some of the stolen ODF equipment, but the

batteries and solar panels are still missing.

The second suspect seen in surveillance footage has not been identified.

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

DATE: 8:24:22 Crime

SAFEWAY SHOOTING 1 / WRAP

Police confirm three people are dead, following a shooting inside a northeast

Bend grocery store.

Bend PD's Sheila Miller says multiple callers reported a shooter at the Forum

Shopping Center just after 7 p.m. Sunday ... Investigators believe the suspect first

fired into the Costco parking lot.

SOT 1 (:15) We believe the shooter then entered the western entrance of the

Safeway, shot one person near the entrance. That person was transported and it

has [been] confirmed deceased. The shooter then continued through the store

and shot and killed one additional person.

Officers entering the store then found the suspected shooter dead... Miller says

police fired no shots.

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

DATE: 8:29:22 Cume

OSP JANE DOE

44 years after the body of a young woman was found outside La Grande, State

Police say they're hoping for new leads in the case.

Earlier this month, forensics experts combed through a rural property in Union

County where cadaver dogs had shown recent interest.

Searching the three acres around the original burial site, they found more than 50

bones ... but none turned out to be human ... and no useful evidence was

discovered.

The Finley Creek Jane Doe remains unidentified ... but OSP hopes to eventually

bring closure to her family.

Anyone with information in the case is urged to call state police.

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

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15 HIT AND RUN (:27)

Oregon State Police are investigating a deadly hit and run in Marion County.

A Salem woman's body was found Tuesday afternoon by a litter crew on the shoulder of southbound I-5 ... investigators believe she was struck and killed while crossing the highway Monday night or Tuesday morning.

OSP is looking for a white Subaru ... possibly an Impreza, Cross Trek or Forrester ... with damage to the right front.

Anyone with information is urged to contact OSP.

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

DATE: 9.1.22 Crime

ALMEDA FIRE INVESTIGATION

Two years after the Almeda Fire devastated southern Oregon, authorities say the

investigation into who's responsible continues.

It started on September 8, 2020 in a dry field in Ashland ... and would go on to

destroy nearly 25-hundred buildings and claim three lives.

Arson investigators later determined it was human caused.

A team of local, state and federal agencies executed nine search warrants and

interviewed 154 people in an investigation that spanned four states... but they

still have yet to make an arrest.

Anyone with information about the Almeda Fire is asked to call Ashland Police.

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

DATE: 9:1.22 Crine

Teenager Arrested For Salem Arson

(Salem, OR) -- Salem Police have arrested a teenager in connection with a fire

that damaged a house and injured a firefighter on Friday.

The house is located in the area of Wilbur and Cross Street Southeast. The fire

started on the porch and spread fast.

Residents of the home evacuated safely.

A firefighter suffered a minor injury.

Police interviewed several witnesses who said a teenager put a lit sparkler in a

Halloween decoration starting the fire.

The teen was identified and arrested for arson, criminal mischief, and reckless

endangering.

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

DATE: 9.27.22 crime

COOS BAY, Ore. -- After a hit and run incident left a victim with serious internal

injuries Wednesday morning, Coos Bay police are searching for a perpetrator.

According to the Coos Bay Police Department, at about 7:15 a.m. on September

28 they responded to reports of a man yelling for help in the area of Johnson

Avenue and south Broadway.

Police said they arrived to find 20-year-old Chase Jones of North Bend, injured

and confused.

They add that the victim was taken to a nearby hospital with significant internal

injuries.

The man had apparently been hit by a vehicle traveling southbound at the

intersection at about 6:10 a.m.

Police are looking for information from anyone who may have knowledge of the

incident.

They ask anyone with information call them at 541-269-8911.

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(LOAN SCAMS)

(ACT1)

THE STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM IS BEING USED BY SCAMMERS WHO WANT YOUR PRIVATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION. JASON HORTON, WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES SAYS THEY CAN USE THAT TO STEAL MONEY OR SET UP FALSE ACCOUNTS.

Media: LOANSCAMS-A2

Length: 00:00:07.2 OutCue: PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION

Description: JASON HORTON.

ANY OFFER THAT COMES TO YOU IS PROBABLY A SCAM. CHECK THE ADDRESS OF EMAILS OR OFFERS TO MAKE SURE THEY INCLUDE DOT GOV. IF YOU HAVE STUDENT LOANS AND WANT TO FIND OUT WHETHER YOU'RE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM GO TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITE.

(ACT2)

SCAMMERS ARE USING THE STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM AS A WAY TO TRICK YOU INTO GIVING THEM YOUR PERSONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION. JASON HORTON, WITH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES SAYS YOU CAN FIND OUT WHETHER YOU'RE ELIGIBLE BY GOING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITE.

Media: LOANSCAMS-A4

Length: 00:00:10.4 OutCue: LOAN FORGIVENESS

Description: JASON HORTON.

IF YOU GET A PHONE CALL, EMAIL, OR SEE AN ADVERTISEMENT THAT CLAIMS THEY'LL GET YOUR LOAN FORGIVENESS FASTER, IT'S PROBABLY A SCAM. CHECK THE WEB ADDRESS WHERE THE OFFER CAME FROM AND IF IT DOESN'T HAVE A DOT GOV, IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF THE SCAMMERS.

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EDUCATION

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

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

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

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

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Education

OHA SUMMER SCHOOL WRAP

Despite the summer weather, some students are back in school or preparing to return in a couple of weeks ... amid a new rise in COVID-19.

Heather Roberts reports on how health officials are working with districts during summer school.

Kids in summer school programs are not required to wear a mask ... but State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger says some should.

SOT 2 (:15) Masks still remain a critically important point, particularly for those most at risk for complications. And ODE and OHA, in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recommend implementing universal masking at a time when spread of COVID is high in communities.

Currently, 21 Oregon counties are rated "high" by the CDC.

SOT 3 (:13) So, when a community reaches that high level of spread, we send a letter to the Superintendents in counties, as well as local public health officials, to remind them to go back and review guidance and implement as many layered mitigation strategies as possible.

But, any decisions on requirements are left up to local districts.

He does not anticipate any new state mandates for schools for the fall.

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

7.22.22 Education

OHA BACK TO SCHOOL WRAP

As families prepare for the third back-to-school season amid COVID-19, state

health and education officials say things are looking a lot more "normal."

Heather Roberts reports.

— WRAP:45 —

Daily reported case counts and COVID-related hospitalizations continue to decline

and vaccines are now widely available for nearly everyone...

Oregon Department of Education Director Colt Gill says districts are in a better position this fall to make local protocol decisions ... partly due to steps last year to

upgrade ventilation, provide access to testing and implement universal masking

as needed.

SOT 2 (:17) They'll continue to have those tools this year. So, through those kinds

of variants and surges, I'm really confident in our local school leadership and our

local public health authority leadership to manage and help maintain in-person

instruction for our students. We think that's really important; it's what they need

right now.

The Oregon Health Authority does not expect the COVID vaccine to be added to

the list of required shots for students any time soon.

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Public Affairs News Reporting KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm **OSU FORGIVENESS WRAP**

Borrowers are still trying to work through last week's announcement from

President Biden on his student loan forgiveness plan.

And, as Heather Roberts reports ... So are schools.

- WRAP:49 -

SOT 2 (:06) Oregon State University applauds the White House's steps to reduce

the impact of student loan debt.

OSU's Steve Clark says the plan is likely to benefit hundreds of thousands, if not

millions of current and former students.

But, it's a process... only borrowers making under 125-thousand dollars a year - or

250-thousand for married couples - qualify for relief ... up to 20-thousand dollars

for Pell Grants ... non Pell recipients could get up to 10-thousand dollars.

SOT 3 (:13) Our financial aid office is reviewing student financial aid status and we

will do our best to identify those current students that could be benefitted by this

program and provide information to them.

Clark says there's no way to know how many graduates qualify because the

school doesn't track former students' debt level.

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

DATE: 8.30'22 Education

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Thousands of Oregon families who expected their children to start tuition-free state-provided preschool this month have been told those plans are on hold.

The agency which oversees the Preschool Promise program has yet to send contracts to most of the 248 participating preschools statewide.

Those schools are to offer the program to families living at or below 200% of the federal poverty line.

Without a contract, smaller facilities are hesitant to accept children in the program.

The state says preschools serving more than 6,300 children must now open no later than Oct. 30.

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

DATE: 9-21-22 Education

The latest results from statewide assessment tests in math, English and science

show students across Oregon lost ground during the pandemic.

Though participation was lower than in years past, an average of 85% of students participated this year in the assessment tests, called Smarter Balanced tests, which are required by state and federal law unless a parent files for an

exemption.

On average across the seven grades tested, student proficiency declined nearly 10% in English language arts and about 9% in math from pre-pandemic levels.

Of the state's 197 school districts, 111 tested below the state average in English,

and 124 tested below the state average for math proficiency.

Oregon's declines reflect a nationwide trend showing student learning was negatively affected by the pandemic, which included months of online classes.

At a news conference Tuesday, Dan Farley, research and accountability administrator at the Oregon Department of Education, said the state expects students to recover.

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

DATE: 9.23.22 Education

\$3.3 Million To Fund Increased School Safety

(Salem, OR) -- Oregon Governor Kate Brown has dedicated three-point-three

million dollars in funding to improve security at schools across the state.

The money comes from the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund and will

pay for 19 full-time School Safety and Prevention Specialists that work with all

school districts on how to improve security.

Oregon is also eligible for eight-million dollars from the Bipartisan Safer

Communities Act.

The Oregon Department of Education is working with Education Service Districts

on plans for the money.

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Public Affairs News Reporting

DATE: 9.30.22 Education KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

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FAMILY

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

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

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

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

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Family

DHS LAWSUIT WRAP

Oregon's Governor and Department of Human Services are named in a lawsuit

claiming children in foster care suffered abuse and neglect. Heather Roberts has

the latest.

The suit was initially filed in 2019 but was just granted class action status by a

federal judge.

Tom Stenson, with Disability Rights Oregon, tells KATU News it's not about money

... he wants to see systemic change so kids are safe and protected ... not bounced

around.

SOT 2 (:12) The first thing is to know what that child needs and to make that plan.

The state doesn't do that; kids don't develop plans, they don't get evaluated to

find out what kinds of traumas they've experienced.

And, he says, that would lead to more stability and fewer kids aging out of the

system without family supports in place.

SOT 3 (:09) We're hoping that part of what we're going to see is that foster youth

are going to feel empowered. That they are going to feel like they do have room

to speak up for themselves.

The class action certification expands the suit to all children in the state's foster

system.

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Public Affairs News Reporting

KYTT-FM: 7 & 8an. 5pm

The number of Oregonians seeking food assistance is rising again, after 2021 decline.

Oregon Food Bank Executive Director Susannah Morgan says you won't solve the issue of hunger with food.

SOT 3 (:19) When people go to a food assistance site asking for food, we can provide them with groceries - and we do - and that will help for days or a week. But it doesn't solve the underlying reasons why someone needed food assistance in the first place: their income was too low, their housing costs were too high, they didn't have access to affordable medication.

September is "Hunger Action Month" ... a national effort to bring attention to food insecurity and removing the stigma associated with accepting help.

Morgan says one out of every two people will need food assistance at some point in their life.

An Oregon Senator supports a recent nomination to the U-S Trade Office.

Heather Roberts reports on how the position could benefit local growers.

As Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Ron Wyden led Wednesday's session pushing to approve the nomination of Doug McKalip to the position of Chief Agricultural Negotiator.

SOT 2 (:18) These days, Americans are paying more for their groceries but getting less, and our farms and ranches are getting clobbered by inflation and drought. Americans aren't alone in dealing with these crises. Amid a pandemic, war on climate change, food is in short supply around the world. Smart trade policy is one important solution to hunger in the 21st century.

Wyden says McKalip has the experience to tackle these issues ... and help Oregon growers get their products to the international market, as other countries block U-S ag exports in violation of existing trade agreements.

McKalip's nomination still needs full Senate approval.

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DATE: 9.12.22 FAmily

(MEDICAID WAIVER)

(ACT 1)

OREGON NOW HAS A MEDICAID WAIVER FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FOR THE NATION'S FIRST PILOT PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS MEDICAID MONEY TO PAY FOR A PACKAGE OF SERVICES, CALLED HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS. OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY DIRECTOR PATRICK ALLEN SAYS THEY INCLUDE HOUSING AND FOOD:

Media: MEDICAIDWAIVER-A3

Length: 00:00:13.8 OutCue: AND FRUIT

Description: PATRICK ALLEN.

THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN WILL ALSO EXPAND COVERAGE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 6, AS WELL AS YOUTH AND ADULTS. UNDER THE AGREEMENT, OREGON WILL GET OVER A BILLON DOLLARS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO HELP ADDRESS THE ISSUES LEADING TO POOR HEALTH FOR STRUGGLING OREGONIANS. OREGON WILL HAVE TO KICK IN 88-MILLION DOLLARS IN THE FIFTH AND FINAL YEAR OF THE AGREEMENT. MOST BENEFITS BECOME AVAILABLE IN 2024.

(ACT 2)

OREGON HAS THE GREEN LIGHT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PILOT FIRST-IN-THE-NATION CHANGES TO THE STATE'S MEDICAID PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. A MEDICARE WAIVER NOW ALLOWS FUNDING TO PAY FOR HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS:

Media: MEDICAIDWAIVER-A1A

Length: 00:00:14.1 OutCue: HEALTH INEQUITY

Description: PATRICK ALLEN.

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY DIRECTOR PATRICK ALLEN SAYS OREGON WILL GET OVER A BILLON DOLLARS IN NEW FEDERAL MONEY TO PAY FOR EVERYTHING FROM FOOD AND HOUSING, TO AIR CONDITIONERS, AND GENERATORS - IN AREAS EXPERIENCING EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS. OREGON WILL CONTRIBUTE 88-MILLION DOLLARS IN THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE PROGRAM. THE OREGON HEALTH PLAN WILL ALSO EXPAND COVERAGE FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 6. AS WELL AS YOUTH AND ADULTS. MOST BENEFITS WILL KICK IN IN 2024.

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DATE: 9-29-22 FAMILY

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HEALTH CARE

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Health Care

CRISIS HOTLINE LAUNCHES

A new national and statewide suicide and crisis line launches tomorrow (Sat).

Call or text 9-8-8 to connect with trained crisis counselors, 24-7... in both English and Spanish.

Calls are routed through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, with a network of call centers around the country.

In Oregon, those centers are operated by Lines for Life and Northwest Human Services.

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

7.15:22 healthcare

LINES FOR LIFE 1

A new nationwide 3-digit crisis hotline went live Saturday.

You can now call or text 9-8-8 to connect with a trained mental health counselor.

In Oregon, the majority of those calls are handled by Lines For Life...

CEO Dwight Holton tells Central Oregon Daily News ... Our world is full of stressors.

SOT 1 (:14) Whether it's economic uncertainty, literally war in Europe, you know, we're worried about our healthcare, we're worried about our jobs, all that stuff is legit. It's OK to be stressed out about that stuff and we know that getting help for it can make it better.

State officials hope 9-8-8 will become as part of our lexicon as 9-1-1 ... accessible and easy to remember.

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7.18.22 - Healthcare

OHA HEALTH COSTS REPORT

Oregonians are spending more on healthcare, according to a new state report.

The Oregon Health Authority says healthcare costs grew 49-percent per person between 2013 and 2019... outpacing national trends and statewide incomes.

Researchers found the primary factors were the rising cost of prescription drugs and professional services.

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7.20.22 Healthcare

HOSPITAL STRAIN WRAP

The Oregon Health Authority says the current rate of COVID infections is straining hospitals already struggling with staffing shortages. Heather Roberts reports...

Oregon's latest rise in COVID cases is fueled by the B-A-5 sub-variant, according to the OHA...

But Dr. Dean Sidelinger says COVID hospitalizations are only one part of the stress on health systems, right now.

SOT 1 (:07) We recognize the prolonged strains on our hospital systems and healthcare workers have led to burnout and turnover in their staff.

To help shore up staffing, the OHA is working to bring in contract nurses from other areas.

SOT 2 (:14) We're competing with other states and healthcare systems out of state for those same resources. Many hospitals are choosing to cutback on elective procedures when hospital beds are tight; and that's certainly happening across some healthcare systems right now.

Dr. Sidelinger says Central and Southern Oregon have been particularly hard hit by the combination of COVID and staffing strains.

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7.21.22 healthcare

BLOOD SHORTAGE

The American Red Cross says blood donations were down 12-percent in June ... one of the largest monthly blood donation shortfalls in recent years.

In the northwest, 4-percent fewer donations were made than expected.

To increase the blood supply, the Red Cross and Discovery are partnering for Shark Week.

Blood donors who give this weekend will get an exclusive Shark Week t-shirt ... and be entered to win other prizes.

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7.22.22 Health C.

MONKEYPOX VAX

The Oregon Health Authority has declared a disease outbreak of HMPXV in the

state ... which means, among other things, Oregon insurures are now required to

cover the cost of the monkeypox vaccine.

Doses are reserved for those at high risk of contracting the virus, due to a lack of

supply ... but the OHA expects more doses from the federal government soon.

As of this week, there are 89 confirmed and suspected cases of HMPXV in Oregon.

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

8.11.22 healthcare

OHA BOOSTERS WRAP

The Oregon Health Authority says updated COVID-19 boosters are now available

... targeting the prevalent strains of the virus. Heather Roberts reports.

SOT 1 Q and an mRNA component that targets the original virus strain.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Dean Sidelinger says the Omicron subvariant BA.5 is now

responsible for nearly all new COVID cases in Oregon.

He says 150 thousand doses of the new shot should be available by the end of the

week.

SOT 2 (:09) OHA is opening three new high-volume sites this week, in Redmond,

Medford and Eugene, in addition to our existing high-volume sites and smaller

clinics.

Redmond and Eugene opened yesterday (Wed) and Medford's opens tomorrow.

SOT 3 (:12) We know that it opens up eligibility across even more Oregonians than

we've seen with previous vaccine changes, we wanted to be prepared to have

vaccines available to individuals in as convenient a way as possible.

Boosters are free and a previous booster is not required.

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

DATE: 9.8:2> healtheare

PEDIATRIC MONKEYPOX (:39)

A second pediatric case of Monkeypox has been found in Oregon.

According to the Oregon Health Authority, local public health officials determined it's not linked to a school or child-care setting.

To protect the person's privacy, OHA is not releasing the person's age, gender, county or how the child got hMPXV ... only saying they're under 18.

As of Wednesday, there are 204 presumptive and confirmed cases of the virus in Oregon spread across nine counties ... 141 in Multnomah, 24 in Washington, 22 in Lane, six each in Clackamas and Marion, two in Columbia and one in Coos, Hood River and Union.

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DATE: 9.22.22 Healthcare

(HOSPITAL FUNDING)

(ACT1)

THE OREGON LEGISLATURE'S EMERGENCY BOARD HAS APPROVED ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR HOSPITALS. STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROB NOSSE [[NOHS]] SAYS THE 35-MILLION DOLLARS WILL ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF AVAILABLE BEDS IN HOSPITALS AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

HOSPITALS-A1

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Q: RETAINING STAFF

NEARLY 22-MILLION DOLLARS WILL HELP FUND ADDITIONAL NURSES. FOUR MILLION DOLLARS WILL HELP SET UP RESPITE SHELTERS IN JACKSON AND MARION COUNTIES. ANOTHER FOUR-MILLION DOLLARS WILL GO TOWARD A INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR ADULT FOSTER HOMES.

(ACT2)

UNDER STAFFED HOSPITALS IN OREGON ARE GETTING HELP FROM THE OREGON LEGISLATURE. THE EMERGENCY BOARD HAS APPROVED 35-MILLION DOLLARS. STATE REPRESENTATIVE ROB NOSSE [[NOHS]] SAYS SOME OF THAT FUNDING WILL GO DIRECTLY TO HIRING NURSES.

HOSPITALS-A2

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Q: NURSING STAFF

FUNDING WILL ALSO GO TOWARD LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES THAT ALSO FACE STAFFING SHORTAGES. FOUR MILLION DOLLARS WILL HELP SET UP RESPITE SHELTERS IN JACKSON AND MARION COUNTIES. ANOTHER FOUR-MILLION DOLLARS WILL GO TOWARD A INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR ADULT FOSTER HOMES.

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THIRD QUARTER

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022

ECONOMY/JOBS

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Economy / Jobs

PAID LEAVE WEBSITE

In anticipation of Oregon's new paid leave program, the website Paid Leave dot Oregon dot Gov (paidleave.oregon.gov) is now live.

Beginning January first most employees and large employers will pay into the program's trust fund... paid leave benefits start September third, 2023.

The website provides information for employers, workers and self-employed people, frequently asked questions and other help.

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

7.15.22 economy

STATEWIDE JOBLESS JUNE 1

Oregon's strong labor market continues.

SOT 1 (:08) Oregon employers added 8,700 jobs to nonfarm payrolls in June, and the unemployment rate was essentially unchanged at 3.6%.

State Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer [crew-men-our] says the biggest gains were in construction.

As of June, the state has regained 94-percent of the jobs lost when the pandemic began ... slightly below the U-S average of 98-percent.

Oregon's jobless rate has been below 4-percent for four months and is now in line with the national rate.

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

7.21.22 econ/Jobs

GAS PRICES 1

Prices at the pump fell again this week.

The national average is down 16 cents to 4.03 a gallon... Oregon's average slips 14 cents to 4.91... [insert local]

Triple-A's Marie Dodds says predicting what happens next is a balancing act of crude prices ... demand ... politics ... and environmental factors, like hurricane season.

SOT 1 (:21) Certainly, the national average is poised to fall under \$4 a gallon this week, barring unforeseen events. So, will prices - in most places across the country, in the \$3 a gallon range - spur people on to consume more gasoline and then possibly slow the declines, or even send prices higher again? That's the big question.

She doesn't believe Labor Day travel volumes will be as big as Fourth of July or Memorial Day ... although we could still see gas prices tick up ahead of the holiday.

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OR JULY JOBLESS 1

Statewide unemployment held steady in July at 3.5-percent... matching the

national rate.

Employment Economist Gail Krumenauer says Oregon employers added 42-

hundred jobs last month.

SOT 1 (:12) Oregon is continuing to experience a strong labor market, with

ongoing hiring and really low unemployment. As of July, we've added back 94% of

the jobs that were lost in the pandemic recession.

Leisure and Hospitality saw the biggest gains, adding 15-hundred jobs in July.

Retail Trade has inched downward over the past year ... with general merchandise

stores seeing the biggest job losses.

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Jobs/Econ

OREGON REEMPLOYMENT 3

According to a new Employment Department study, more than a third of people

laid off in the spring of 2020 were hired back by their same employer.

Regional Economist Damon Runberg says the recovery is still uneven.... Industries

like Construction, and Professional and Technical Services have more jobs than

before the pandemic.

SOT 3 (:18) On the other end of the spectrum, we do have industries that are

continuing to lag behind in the recovery. But these were sort of industries that

were disproportionately impacted by those COVID-related layoffs: Leisure and

Hospitality, which includes restaurants and hotels, and Local Government, which

includes to a large extent local school districts, which saw large COVID layoffs.

According to the Oregon Employment Department, the state has seen more than

100-thousand job openings at any given time, over the past year.

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

DATE: 8:25:22 Econ Jobs

After processing a record number of unemployment claims in 2020 and 21... a large number of workers at Oregon's Employment Department will soon be out of work.

Heather Roberts explains ...

In 2020, The Employment Department handled a 14-hundred-percent increase in benefits compared to the previous year... Complaints of slow processing and confusing requirements prompted the agency to shift some staff and hire temporary contractors to help with the immense workload.

Acting Director David Gerstenfeld says federal funding has declined and there isn't enough money to keep those workers on.

SOT 2 (:23) At the end of September, about 200 limited-duration contracted staff will be leaving the Employment Department because their assignments and contracts are coming to an end. These team members, along with our regular permanent staff in Unemployment Insurance and other parts of the agency, were instrumental in providing much-needed unemployment insurance benefits and other services to record-setting numbers of people during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He says the people leaving helped with everything from processing claims to client outreach.

The agency is helping them find new jobs.

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES FOR KYTT-FM QUARTERLY REPORT

THIRD QUARTER
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ENVIRONMENT

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to local area Environment

A map showing the wildfire risk of every property in Oregon is now available for the public.

The Governor's Wildfire Programs Director Doug Grafe [graph] says it's a transition for how the state thinks about wildfire ... from reactive to proactive.

SOT 1 (:15) We're not only simply going to react to wildfires in Oregon, but we're going to take a proactive stance to mitigate and prevent the catastrophic risk of wildfire across Oregon, with proactive programs and greater understanding of our fire risk.

The map - developed by Oregon's Department of Forestry and Oregon State University identifies the wildland-urban interface and assigns a risk level... There are five levels, from Low to Extreme.

Eventually, the State Fire Marshal's Office will develop defensible space codes for properties at highest risk.

To find the map, search online for "Oregon Explorer"... or visit ODF's website.

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

7.6.22 Environment

The Supreme Court sharply limited the power of the EPA to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, in its ruling yesterday (Th).

Heather Roberts has reaction from Oregon policymakers.

SOT 1 (:08) The Supreme Court struck a huge blow to the Environmental Protection Agency's ability to protect our climate from corporate polluters.

Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan tweeted her message shortly after the decision came down... saying she'll use her position as chair of Oregon's Sustainability Board to put the interests of people over polluters.

SOT 2 (:09) We have to continue fighting to give future generations the opportunity to enjoy Oregon's natural beauty and access clean air and water.

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum issued a statement calling the ruling "deeply disturbing."

Both Rosenblum and Senator Jeff Merkley say they're troubled by the High Court even considering the case brought by West Virginia when there is no EPA rule to strike down.

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

7.1.22 Environ.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) announce the opening of razor clam harvesting on the south coast. Recent shellfish samples taken from the area indicate levels of the marine biotoxin domoic acid have fallen below the limit for two consecutive sampling weeks. The entire Oregon coast is now open for razor clam harvesting.

ODA will continue to test for shellfish toxins twice per month, as tides and weather permit. Reopening an area closed for biotoxins requires two consecutive tests with results below the closure limit.

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7.5.22

Environment

EAB IN OREGON WRAP

A destructive beetle has been found in Oregon, and could lead to massive tree

die-offs of trees important to stream habitat. Heather Roberts explains.

A city of Portland employee spotted the Emerald Ash Borers while picking up his

kids from summer camp in Forest Grove... Entomologist Christine Buhl was the

first to respond from the Oregon Department of Forestry.

SOT 3 (:12) There were 16 trees and every single one of them was in a state of

dead or dying. It was pretty bad. These trees were almost finished off; many

beetles flying around the canopies, that had just emerged.

Once the beetles emerge, the damage is already done ... Buhl says EAB kill ash

trees when the larvae burrow under the bark and feed on the soft tissue just

inside ... and they can take out entire stands before they move on looking for new

host trees.

ODF has been preparing for the EAB's arrival for years... it was first discovered in

Michigan in 2002 ... but this is the first enfastation on the west coast.

SOT 4 (:08) There is something we can do to slow the spread. Eradication in total

has not been successful in each state that has tried it.

Don't transport firewood or other wood products... and report sightings of the

small beetle. ODF has been collecting seeds from Oregon ash trees in anticipation

... so they can re-plant in the future.

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SUMMER PLANTS WRAP

Drought conditions have had lasting effects on vegetation in Oregon. Heather Roberts has tips from an expert on how to make sure your yard survives the summer.

We've seen them across the state - patches of brown trees or shrubs on the side of the road or in what is typically a lush forest.

SOT 1 (:14) With the hot, dry summers we've had over the last number of years, and prolonged drought in some very droughty locations in eastern and southern Oregon, plants that traditionally used to do okay without being watered are having issues.

Weston Miller, a Horticulturist with the OSU Extension Service, says even Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar are suffering ... So what does that mean for your yard?

New plants should get water every week through the summer... make sure they get a good soaking, preferably in the morning... and lay down 3 to 5 inches of mulch to help plants retain that moisture.

SOT 2 (:09) If you do see plants going brown, that's a good sign that they need help. Some plants will survive it, but others not so much. Like arborvitae- once they start to go brown, they're not going to ever come back.

As for your lawn ... You can let it go brown... it should come back in the fall when rain returns.

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7.11.22 Environment

MOSOUITO SEASON WRAP

Late spring rains produced perfect conditions for mosquitoes to breed this

summer.

Heather Roberts talked with an expert about how to protect yourself from those

annoying bugs.

It's gonna be a tough year for mosquitoes ... except, of course, for the actual

mosquitoes.

But there are steps you can take ... Gail Langelloto, an Entomologist with the OSU

Extension Service, says first - reduce the standing water in your yard.

SOT 2 (:09) If they have any pots that aren't draining, that are holding water, old

tires are oftentimes receptacles for standing water where mosquitoes can breed.

Some aromatic oils are effective as a natural repellent... and Langelloto says the

chemical Deet is the gold standard for mosquito protection. Or, you can get a

little more creative.

SOT 3 (:09) You can even put a fan out there, because mosquitoes don't fly in

windy conditions, just to keep them away from you when you're trying to enjoy

the outdoors.

She says Bug zappers aren't much help in combating mosquitoes.

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

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1.14.22 Environment

FIRE TRAINING WRAP

Professional female firefighters from all over Oregon spent their weekend in Sherwood ... training young women interested in fire service.

Heather Roberts visited the fire camp ... and reports on the reasons behind this 14-year effort.

— WRAP 1:05 —-

NATS: "nice and hard, it will bounce at your first" (air leaving tires)

From deflating tires at a crash scene, and using the jaws of life...

NATS: (crackling from jaws)

... To how to carry a ladder and navigate halls filled with smoke.

About three dozen young women - ages 16 to 22 - learned firefighting skills along with an understanding of their own abilities at the weekend camp hosted by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.

5 (:06) This is not something that's handed to women. We aren't handed the fire truck, we're handed the Barbi doll when we're kids.

Public Affairs News Reporting KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm DATE: M・18・22 - Environ・ BIRD FLU FAIR 1

Another case of bird flu was found in a Deschutes County backyard flock this week

.. The 40 chickens and ducks have been euthanized.

State Veterinarian Dr. Ryan Scholz [show'lz] says the area seems particularly

susceptible because of the number of private ponds.

SOT 1 (:14) It's primarily people who have domestic waterfowl and other poultry

species and have a pond where wild ducks and geese are coming to that pond, co-

mingling with their domestic ducks and then, that's how these infections are

starting.

Eggs from this flock were also sold to the public, but the property is north of the

Bend-area cases ... so, the Department of Agriculture's quarantine is expanded

into Redmond.

It now includes the fairgrounds, which means there will be no poultry exhibit at

this year's Deschutes County Fair, which begins August third.

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7.27.22 Environ

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — While we're enjoying warm temperatures along the coast, forecasters have issued an excessive heat warning for parts of Oregon and Washington. Highs in eastern Oregon could close in on 110 F.

Portland, could top 100 degrees amid the hottest stretch of a week-long heat wave in the Pacific Northwest region that rarely experiences such scorching weather.

City officials in Portland are opening cooling centers in public buildings and installing misting stations in parks.

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

7.24.22 Environment

An earthquake rattled the Portland metro area early Sunday morning, according

to the U.S. Geological Survey.

A 2.9-magnitude quake was recorded between Hillsboro and Aloha at about 1:45

a.m. at a depth of about 10.8 miles.

Scott Burns, a professor of geology at Portland State University, told KOIN 6 News

the quake was likely movement on a deep fault that has not been previously

mapped there.

Residents in Beaverton, Hillsboro and Sherwood — reportedly felt the

earthquake, which Burns says are rare in the Portland area... adding: it's a rinder

that we live in earthquake country,"

Another earthquake was reported off the Oregon coast about 45 minutes later

That quake was recorded as having a 4.0-magnitude and was about 244 miles

west of Coos Bay.... the USGS said one person in Coos Bay had reported feeling

that quake.

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

EASTERN OR GRASSHOPPERS 1

After two years of record damage from grasshoppers, Eastern Oregonians and the Department of Agriculture are bracing for another summer of the swarming pests.

SOT 1 (:10) "Some areas of Malheur County, last year, they ate all the food out there. And they were kind of concerned about the antelope starving to death. They were left to eating just sagebrush, which they don't normally do."

ODA's Grasshopper Survey Coordinator Todd Adams tells Central Oregon Daily News the grasshoppers and crickets are native ... so eradication isn't the goal.

After the state suffered its worst outbreak in 50 years, the Legislature approved a one-time 5-million dollar package in 2021 for suppression treatments like aerial spraying.

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Oregon Governor Kate Brown has declared a state of emergency for much of the state, whose largest city hit triple digits on Tuesday.

Forecasters have issued an excessive heat warning for parts of Oregon.

They predict Portland could break its previous heat wave duration records of six consecutive days that are 95 degrees or warmer.

Portland officials have opened emergency cooling centers in public buildings and have installed misting stations in parks.

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

7.27.22 Environ.

HONFYBEE ALWRAP

New artificial intelligence developed at Oregon State University could help protect

bees from new pesticides. Heather Roberts talked with one of the developers.

Typically, pesticide developers expose a group of bees to a new chemical and if

more than 50-percent survive, it's deemed nontoxic for these critical pollinators.

But, OSU Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering Cory Simon says this new A-

I can predict bee toxicity in a fraction of a second.

SOT 2 (:12) Instead of conducting 1,000 bee toxicity experiments, which is time

consuming, expensive, and yeah it kills a lot of bees, we could narrow down to a

few pesticides that our model predicts not to be toxic for the experiments.

He believes the machine can be useful in an infestation emergency.

SOT 3 (:13) Where there is a pest invading a field and they need to make a quick

decision 'which pesticide should we use among these new ones?' And they haven't had experiments yet, our model could be used to predict which pesticide

to apply with the lowest risk to bees.

OSU estimates almost 100 commercial crops in the U-S would vanish without

bees to transfer pollen needed for reproduction, so protecting them from

becoming collateral damage to pesticides - researchers say - is critical to the

protection of our food supply.

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

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FISHY DROUGHT 1

Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife is asking outdoor enthusiasts to take

note of drought conditions and extreme heat while recreating.

The agency launched a catchy new campaign yesterday (Wed) to explain how fish,

like salmon and steelhead, struggle to survive in warm water temperatures ... the

ad features singing trout...

SOT 1 (:09) Nats outcue: have kept them from their home.

ODFW says other wildlife may also find food and water scarce in some areas.

They urge people to be considerate of fish and wildlife while swimming, camping

and hiking ... and make sure campfires are fully extinguished.

You'll find more information at Drought Info dot Org (DroughtInfo.org).

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

7.28:22 Environment

MICKINNEY FIRE

Oregon firefighters are in California, working the 51-thousand-acre McKinney Fire, burning in the Klamath National Forest.

Structural task forces from Marion, Linn and Clackamas county are protecting communities, at the request of California.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal's office says resources are in place to protect our area, if needed, and still provide help to the south.

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

81.12 Environ.

FAIR HIRING WRAP

Hundreds of workers are needed to pull off this year's Oregon State Fair.

Heather Roberts reports on how you can get involved this weekend.

— WRAP:31 —

It's a job fair ... for the state fair.

SOT 2 (:03) We're looking to bring on in excess of 400 seasonal workers.

Kimberly Jacobsen says tomorrow's (Sat) employment event will allow managers to interview and hire people on the spot ... so everyone is in place before the fair opens August 26th.

SOT 3 (:07) Some positions will have specific training. Carnival, for rides, security will require a little bit more training.

The job fair is Saturday at the State Fairgrounds in Salem.

It starts at 9 a.m. and Jacobsen says they'll stay open until all positions are filled.

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SUNDAY FIRE UPDATE

The Waldo Lake Wilderness remains closed as wildland crews battle the Cedar Creek Fire, east of Oakridge.

It's estimated at more than 1800 acres and is burning in steep, rugged terrain, which makes it difficult for firefighters to access from the ground.

A community meeting is scheduled for 7:30 tonight (Mon) on the Cedar Creek Fire Facebook page.

The Potter Fire, also in the Willamette National Forest, is over 180 acres, with zero containment ... The nearby Windigo Fire, in the Umpqua National Forest, is over a thousand acres and 15-percent contained.

Near Maupin, the Miller Road Fire is now 95-percent contained at just under 11thousand acres.

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

WATER YEAR RECAP WRAP

While 17 Oregon counties remain under a drought declaration, Oregon's Climate

Office says conditions are slowly improving.

Heather Roberts has the latest.

Larry O'Neill is looking back, now that the water year is officially over.

He says there were a lot of surprises \dots The spring of 2021 was the driest on

record, followed by the spring of 2022, which was well above normal.

SOT 2a (:07) The whiplash between these two different springs was really a

challenge in advising people on water supply and wildfire risk issues.

And, he says those challenges will continue, especially in these La Nina years.

SOT 2b (:14) If the wintertime precipitation isn't well above normal, then we're

really going to depend on spring conditions to make up any deficits. And these

last two springs really show us that we can go back and forth into extremes in

either direction.

He says the last 60 days have been drier than normal around the state ... but La

Nina could bring a wetter than average winter.

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DATE: 8'22-22 Environment

PAC POWER DAMS WRAP

The plan to dismantle four Klamath River dams moves another step forward.

Heather Roberts talked with the dams' owner, PacifiCorp.

— WRAP:45 —

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has completed a key environmental review, recommending removal of the dams... a plan more than two decades in the making.

SOT 1 (:02) It's really a landmark moment.

But Pacific Power's Tom Gauntt says there's still a lot of work to be done by the states of Oregon and California, local tribes ... the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, in charge of restoring the free-flowing river ... and PacifiCorp, which owns the four hydro-power dams.

SOT 3 (:14) These facilities will continue to be producing power for some time, and so obviously that's our concern and that's our responsibility is to keep that power operating as long as is feasible under the plans that exist.

Oregon DEQ expects a final decision from the Regulatory Commission later this fall.

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

DATE: 8-29-22 Environment

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GALICE, Ore. (AP) — Fire officials say the Rum Creek Fire continues to grow and is expected to remain active today because of heat, low humidity and very dry fuels.

Officials said the blaze has burned about 20 square miles since it was sparked by

lightning Aug. 17 and was pushed by wind.

The fire is burning on both sides of the Rogue River and is threatening houses and

other structures in the towns of Galice and Rand.

One home and two structures have been destroyed.

Firefighters on Wednesday worked in locations where fire crossed lines that were

built on the blaze's eastern edge.

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

DATE: 9.1.22 Environment

GOOGLE AG GRANT WRAP

An Oregon-based non-profit will use a Google grant to help irrigation districts

manage needed repairs and upgrades. Heather Roberts explains.

The Farmers Conservation Alliance received 120-thousand dollars from Google to

better manage data, as they help 40 different irrigation communities in the west

learn to better manage their water.

SOT 2 Q... you just have a lot of information that you're managing.

Executive Director Julie O'Shea says much of that irrigation infrastructure is 100

to 125 years old ... and each area needs a custom plan.

SOT 3 Q ... Basin may not be the same solutions for the Klamath Basin.

She also hopes the data collected will help identify other funding opportunities

for future water infrastructure upgrades.

SOT 4 Q ... and then rising cost. You put that together and there's such a need.

O'Shea acknowledges fixing that aging infrastructure won't solve every problem...

but, she believes it will help significantly.

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

DATE: 9.7.22 Environment

Governor Kate Brown, forestry officials, fire managers and power companies are issuing urgent warnings about this weekend's weather.

High winds are forecast for western Oregon and the Columbia Gorge.

Emergency Management Director Andrew Phelps says the state is well prepared for what's likely to come.

SOT 4 (:15) Knowing about the potential wildfire threat, the likelihood of power outages, limited resources, the fire already on the landscape, and the strain on our first responders, as well as the potential impacts to our critical infrastructure, we have chosen to activate the state's emergency coordination center, to coordinate the needs and resources across the state.

The State Fire Marshal's Office also called in reinforcements ... three Washington task forces are now in Oregon.

Two are pre-positioned to help respond if new fires start in Lane and Wasco Counties ... the third is assigned to the Double Creek Fire, which has now burned more than 100-thousand acres in northeast Oregon.

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

DATE: 9.9.22 Environmet

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Lane Regional Air Protection Agency issued an air quality advisory Thursday for Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa counties due to smoke from fires across Oregon and in central Idaho.

DEQ expects the air quality advisory to last until at least Saturday. DEQ and partner agencies will continue to monitor smoke in the area.

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DATE: 9.9. Environment

CEDAR CREEK CLOSURE

The Deschutes National Forest expanded its forest closure order for the Cedar Creek Fire ... which is now nearly 93-thousand acres.

While fire behavior has moderated, officials say fire growth on the southern tip of Waldo Lake and Cultus Lake make the closure necessary for firefighting operations.

The expanded closure now includes eastern portions of the Three Sisters Wilderness, up to the Cascade Lakes Highway's western edge south of Hosmer Lake.

The closure is equivalent to a Level Three evacuation.

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DATE: 9.14.22 Environment

GOV FIRE EMERGENCY

Oregon Governor Kate Brown has requested a federal emergency declaration due to extreme fire risk.

She says the President's approval is critical to helping bolster the state's response to new and existing wildfires.

If granted, Oregon would be the first state ever to receive a declaration for wildfire response.

But Brown says we won't be the last... she believes Oregon will serve as a model of federal support for states facing wildfire threats in the future.

WHITE FANNO CREEK

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

Environmental investigators say they've solved a mystery on the west side of Portland ... after people reported the water in a popular local creek had turned white.

After searching a number of construction sites near Fanno Creek, officials discovered a white liquid had somehow reached the creek from a dry cleaners.

It's a non-toxic combination of microbes and vegetable oil used to clean up certain underground pollutants but it's still not supposed to seep into stormwater or the creek.

The pollution clean-up crew immediately stopped its operations and the system is now cleaned out.

EV CHARGING

Oregon received federal approval yesterday (Wed) for its plan to install E-V charging infrastructure along state highways.

The Biden Administration approved the plan, ahead of schedule, under a national formula established and funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

It unlocks nearly 19-million dollars for Oregon to build a network of more than 22-hundred public charging ports.

OSU POTATO STUDY WRAP

Oregon State University will use 50-million dollars from the USDA to help potato farmers reduce their carbon footprint.

Heather Roberts explains...

More than 60% of the potatoes eaten in the U-S are grown in the Pacific Northwest.

But farmers must rotate them with other crops to keep their fields viable.

OSU's Jeff Steiner says the goal of the new "Climate Smart Potato" initiative is to improve overall soil health.

SOT 2 (:19) When you harvest the crop, there's a lot of soil disturbance and so that will basically reduce the amount of carbon that's in the soil, release some greenhouse gasses. And so, when you look at the other three years that the rotation crops are grown, that poses a real good opportunity to do more enhancement of the soil carbon.

OSU will also work with tribal nations to enhance their growing practices.

Steiner says it could reduce producer costs and lead to better information for consumers who care how their groceries are grown.

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BOAT PATROLS

The US Coast Guard and Oregon State Marine Board will partner with local law enforcement to enforce "Boating Under the Influence" laws this holiday weekend.

Marine officers will specifically be looking for impaired boat operators as part of the national "Operation Dry Water Campaign."

In Oregon, a BUII conviction brings possible jail time and more than 6-thousand dollars in fines.

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HEAT TIPS

The heat wave is here, but it's not too late to make some changes to keep your

home as cool as possible. Heather Roberts has tips on staying comfortable this

week.

Only about 50-percent of Oregonians have air conditioning ... But Pacific Power's

Tom Gauntt says even those who do, shouldn't take it for granted.

He recommends setting the thermostat to 78, so the A-C doesn't work too hard....

Bump it up to a little over 80 when you're gone.

SOT 1 (:14) I know that also sounds concerning but, if your system is in good

shape, it doesn't take that long to cool back down. Whereas, if you're gone for

four or five, six hours, maintaining a cooler temperature when there's no one

there to benefit from it takes up a lot of energy.

With or without A-C, keep curtains and blinds closed during the day ... and open

windows at night when things cool off.

SOT 2 (:07) It's also not the time to say, 'let's see how many cookies we can bake

today,' right? So, try to minimize whatever kind of ways you might heat up your

house.

That means cook outside if you can ... and run your dishwasher, washer and dryer

at night or early in the morning.

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PUC WMP 3

Every power company in Oregon now has an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan filed with the state's Public Utility Commission.

Commissioner Lisa Tawney says each utility has to evaluate the wildfire risk in their area based on topography, vegetation and other factors .. and how high winds might lead to a power safety shut-off.

SOT 3 (:18) The plan tells you how they're making that estimate and then it tells you also how they're going to communicate with customers. So, customers should sign up for local alerts with their emergency departments and they should make sure all their contact information on their utility account is up to date.

She says most utilities began working on these mitigation plans after the Camp Fire destroyed the town of Paradise, California... but Oregon's Senate Bill 762 formalized requirements, last year.

All of the plans are now available on the PUC's website.

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RX DRIVING WRAP

A new study reveals how many drivers admit to getting behind the wheel while

taking medications that could lead to impairment. Heather Roberts explains.

About half of the drivers surveyed by the Triple-A Foundation for Traffic Safety

say they've used one or more potentially impairing medications in the past 30

days.

SOT 1 (:11) Many who took prescription or over-the-counter meds to treat

depression, pain, allergies, or sleep issues were not warned by their healthcare

provider regarding the possible dangerous impact on driving.

Marie Dodds says those drugs include antihistamines, cough medicine and muscle

relaxants ... which can lead to dizziness, sleepiness, blurred vision and attention

problems.

Triple-A is calling on doctors and pharmacists to do more.

SOT 3 (:04) Medical professionals need to provide clear advice to their patients of

the possible risks.

And, she says, patients can ask about options to maintain safe driving ability .. like

changing dosage or timing ... or even exploring alternative treatments.

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COOS COUNTY, Ore. — Coos County is reporting its first confirmed case of the monkeypox virus.

Coos Health and Wellness Deputy Director Dr. Eric Gleason says there are no specifics on the individual at this time and they will be conducting contact tracing.

The County does not have the monkeypox vaccine, but Gleason says they are awaiting delivery and it will be reserved for people who have had close contact with someone diagnosed with monkeypox within the previous two weeks.

Symptoms of monkeypox include:

Fever, Headache, Muscle aches, Exhaustion, Respiratory symptoms, A rash and blisters.

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DROWNINGS 3

With extreme heat over the last couple of weeks, Oregonians are flocking to local

waterways ... but, there are hidden dangers.

More than half a dozen people statewide have died of apparent drowning, just

since July 22nd.

Ashley Massey, with the State Marine Board, says sun exposure, heat, wind and

other environmental factors take a bigger toll than people realize... but there are

proactive steps you can take.

SOT 3 (:18) Staying hydrated with water. Avoid the caffeinated drinks and alcohol,

of course; any type of impairing substance. Also, wear a hat and sunscreen, and

that glare really does impact you so wear sunglasses, too. And then, take frequent

breaks in the shade.

And, she urges everyone to wear a lifejacket, regardless of swimming ability.

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OSFM FIRE RESOURCES

Oregon's Office of State Fire Marshal is pre-positioning resources due to the elevated fire risk in Central and Southern Oregon.

The agency is moving two structural task forces ... a crew from Marion County is heading into Deschutes County today (Th), with 13 firefighters, four engines and a water tender.

On Saturday, a task force from Benton County will mobilize in Klamath County, with 14 firefighters, four engines and a water tender.

Officials say they'll bolster initial fire attack and allow for quicker response to new incidents.

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OSP RECRUITS 1

The Oregon State Police is struggling to bring on enough troopers to fill openings around the state.

Recruiting Sgt. Melody Richmond says the agency used to get around a thousand applications for a cohort ... it's now less than a third of that.

And, those who do apply, don't always last through even just the first round of the process.

SOT 1 (:19) There's a physical agility test, there's some other components that they have to physically show up for. So, even though we may start with 200-300 applicants, which doesn't seem like a bad number when you're trying to hire 15-20, by the time we get through the next steps, we might be reduced to 100, now.

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Of that hundred, she says only around 15 will graduate from the academy.

Sgt. Richmond says big classes hired in the 90s are now getting ready to retire, which could leave big holes in OSP's ranks.

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MEDFORD BEAR ATTACK

Bear encounters continue in southern Oregon.

Medford Police say a woman was attacked in her backyard by a nearly 200-pound bear, Monday night.

She suffered injuries to her arm and leg before her dog intervened.

The dog was also hurt, but was able to help the woman chase the bear off her property.

State troopers and ODFW were notified but responding officers were unable to find the bear.

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MEDFORD BEAR SHOT (:26)

Medford Police shot and killed a bear Tuesday night ... after it was found in a tree

in a woman's front yard.

Authorities say evidence confirms it was the same bear that attacked a woman

and her dog inside her yard, Monday evening.

Just before 10 p.m. Tuesday, officers set up a perimeter and waited for OSP and

Department and Fish and Wildlife ... but they say police were forced to shoot the

bear when it started to climb out of the tree, posing a threat to human life.

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Two bear encounters this week are prompting warnings from the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

On Monday, a bear reportedly attacked a woman in her Medford backyard ... she's recovering from arm and leg wounds ... That bear was shot and killed by police Tuesday night.

Also Tuesday evening, a cub was spotted in a Bend neighborhood.

ODFW's Michelle Dennehy says it was caught and relocated on Wednesday.

SOT 4 (:13) This young bear in Bend, no history of it causing damage, causing human safety issues. Unlike the one in Medford that actually swiped a woman, attacked a woman. So, that's the big difference between these situations.

She suggests making your property uninviting by using bear-proof garbage cans and removing food sources from your property, including bird feeders.

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KID CYBER SAFETY WRAP

Recent cases of predators luring children to meet in person or send explicit

photos are prompting new warnings from the FBI's Portland office.

Heather Roberts has a few tips to help keep kids safe.

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The FBI urges parents to take steps now to protect kids ... even if it means having some tough conversations.

SOT 2 (:18) Set clear rules and closely monitor your child's online activity. And designate one place in the home where your children are allowed to access the internet. Discuss internet safety with children of all ages when they begin to engage in online activity and use internet enabled devices. Many people online are not who they say they are, never communicate with people you don't know.

She also suggests helping kids set strong passwords and appropriate screen names ... teach them to avoid sharing personal information like their address, school or class schedule ... and adjust privacy and parental controls so strangers can't view their profiles.

If your child is a victim of a cyber crime - the FBI says don't take matters into your own hands... call local police or the FBI field office.

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(DISASTER PREP)

(ACT1)

OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE BEING URGED TO PREPARE FOR DISASTERS. SEPTEMBER IS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH. ED FLICK, DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SAYS IT MAKES DEALING WITH A DISASTER EASIER.

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Description: ED FLICK.

PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL MEDCIAL CONDITONS OR THOSE WITH MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SHOULD PLAN AHEAD TO MAKE SURE THEIR NEEDS CAN BE MET. HAVE EXTRA BATTERIES, OXYGEN, CATHETERS, EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AID BATTERIES. IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE PREPARED TO MAKE IT TWO WEEKS ON YOUR OWN FOLLOWING A DISASTER LIKE A MAGNITUDE NINE SUBDUCTION ZONE EARTHQUAKE.

(ACT2)

SEPTEMBER IS PREPAREDNESS MONTH, AND EMERGENCY PLANNERS ARE URGING OLDER PEOPLE AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES TO BE READY FOR A DISASTER. ED FLICK, DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SAYS THEY OFTEN EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST IMPACT.

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Description: ED FLICK.

YOU NEED TO BE TWO WEEKS READY, WHICH MEANS YOU NEED TO SURVIVE ON YOUR OWN FOR TWO WEEKS. BESIDES HAVING ENOUGH WATER AND FOOD, YOU NEED EXTRA PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION, OXYGEN, CATHETERS, HEARING AID BATTERIES, AND OTHER SPECIAL SUPPLIES. THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WESBITE AND READY DOT GOV HAVE MORE TIPS ON HOW TO BE PREPARED.

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FEDS FENTANYL WRAP

Federal drug investigators are joining local law enforcement to issue urgent

warnings about rainbow fentanyl.

Heather Roberts explains.

SOT 1 (:06) It's a real crisis that we're facing. I would say an unprecedented one,

when it comes to drug abuse.

Steve Mygrant is Chief of The Narcotics and Criminal Enterprises Unit for the U-S

Attorney's Office in Oregon.

He's concerned the new brightly colored "rainbow fentany!" will lead to even

more overdose deaths... especially in young people, under the age of 25, now

heading back to high school and college.

SOT 2 (:11) Drug trafficking organizations are specifically marketing to a younger

crowd who have lower tolerances and less experience with an incredibly powerful

drug.

Mygrant says fentanyl is cheap and extremely addictive.

Nationwide, there were around 107-thousand fatal drug overdoses, last year ...

more than three quarters were caused by synthetic opioids - primarily fentanyl.

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FENTANYL K9 WRAP

An Oregon police department is ready to deploy a new tool in its fight against fentanyl addiction. Heather Roberts reports.

Medford is now a hot-bed for fentanyl, largely due to its proximity to California.

SOT 2 (:07) Low-level drug dealers driving to San Francisco and in open-air markets, picking up powdered fentanyl at a very cheap price.

Lt. Mark Cromwell says Nacho and Max are the first to graduate from a fentanyl detection K-9 certification program, developed in part by a Medford officer.

SOT 3 (:12) These dogs are attached to either short or long-term ongoing drug investigations. So, they could be deployed during the service of a search warrant, to help find the drugs in a concealed location.

Because fentanyl can be deadly even in the smallest doses, Cromwell says the K-9s make these drug seizures safer for their human partners.

SOT 4 (:11) The way that they can alert to a substance could eliminate an investigator digging around and, not knowing there's a substance in there, becoming exposed through airborne particles of the fentanyl.

Just in case, each team carries Narcan - the drug that reverses the effects of an overdose ... it can also be used on dogs.

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