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QUARTERLY REPORT

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APRIL – JUNE 2023

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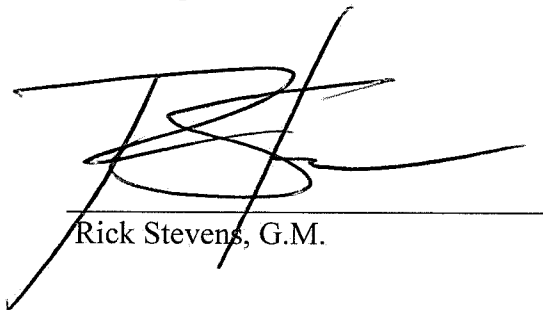
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CRIME

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to local area Crime

COOS BAY, Ore. — A man is scheduled to be arraigned today in Coos County Circuit court on Kidnapping and other related charges relating to an ordeal which lasted several days here in Coos County.

Brian Donaldson was arrested Wednesday, after a woman he'd allegedly kidnapped was able to escape and contact authorities...

(CCSO) Sergeant Adam Slater says Donaldson assaulted his girlfriend and kept her in a tent on Lighthouse Beach against her will for several days.

The woman was treated for injuries at Bay Area Hospital in Coos Bay.

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

DATE: 4.7.23 *Crime*

I-5 SHOOTING (VO :36)

A portion of I-5 near Salem closed Monday morning for several hours, following an officer-involved shooting.

Oregon State Police say a trooper stopped to help what he thought was a disabled motorist just before 9 a-m ... and discovered the driver of a semi was being held at gunpoint.

There was an exchange of gunfire and the suspect - identified as 31-year-old Felipe Manzo - ran into tall grass along the interstate.

When officers reached him, authorities say they provided medical attention, but Manzo died at the scene.

Trooper Andrew Tuttle suffered minor injuries and was placed on administrative leave for his role in the shooting, pending the outcome of the investigation.

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

DATE: 4.11.23 *Crime*

DEER POACHING 2

Last month, two Oregon poachers were sentenced to jail time in separate cases ... incidents that highlight stiffer penalties for illegal hunters.

Steven Hagan, President of the Oregon Hunters' Association, tells Central Oregon Daily News ... There are now fewer mule deer for legal hunters.

SOT 2 (:14) Female survival over winter is at 70% and modeling shows it needs to be about 80% to keep a population even. So, we're trending downward and poaching is a huge part.

ODFW estimates only about five-percent of poaching is reported.

Hagan wants that to increase and asks all Oregonians to speak up when you see someone taking wildlife illegally.

Reports can be made to the State Police Turn In Poachers Tipline.

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

DATE: 4/4/23 *Crince*

MALHEUR CO OIS UPDATE

The man suspected of killing an eastern Oregon police officer is now in custody.

The Malheur County District Attorney says SWAT personnel surrounded a home in Ontario, Oregon Monday morning.

After about an hour, 36-year-old Rene Castro was taken into custody without incident.

The investigation into the fatal shooting of Nyssa reserve officer Joseph Johnson is ongoing.

The Fallen Badge Foundation is accepting donations on behalf of his family.

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

DATE: 4.17.23 *Crime*

MALHEUR CO OIS [check for updates]

A reserve police officer in rural eastern Oregon was shot and killed Saturday night ... and authorities say the suspect is still on the run.

According to the Malheur County District Attorney, 43-year-old Joseph Johnson responded to a call about a violent man threatening others near the town of Nyssa.

He pulled over near a vehicle he believed was the suspect's ... and was shot before backup arrived.

State Police, the Malheur County Sheriff's office and agencies stretching from Idaho to La Grande responded to aid in the investigation ... but the suspect - later identified as 36-year- old Rene Castro, of Nyssa, got away.

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

DATE: 4.18.23 *Crime*

NYSSA OIS PRESSER WRAP

We're learning more about what led up to the deadly officer involved shooting in eastern Oregon last weekend. Heather Roberts has the latest.

Corporal Joseph Johnson died Saturday evening, while responding to a report of a violent man in Nyssa ... a small town on the Oregon-Idaho border.

SOT 1A (:04) The male was reportedly attempting to damage vehicles with a hammer.

Oregon State Police Captain Kyle Kennedy says there was a short car chase.

SOT 1B (:09) And at 8:20, the first initial reports of shots being fired came over the radio. Corporal Johnson was fatally wounded in that interaction.

It took 36 hours to track down the suspect, who was taken into custody after a brief standoff in Ontario, Monday. Malheur County D-A David Goldthorpe says he was arraigned yesterday (Tue) on aggravated murder and other charges.

SOT 1C (:09) We have our Grand Jury set for this week, where the grand jury will determine whether they support those charges or want to modify or add to those charges; that will be their prerogative.

The Fallen Badge foundation says it will cover all expenses associated with Corporal Johnson's funeral. #####

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

DATE: 4.19.23 *Crime*

FENTANYL TRAFFIC STOPS (VO :30)

An Arizona man faces federal charges after authorities say he was caught on I-84 in La Grande transporting 100-thousand fake oxycodone pills, powdered fentanyl and six pounds of cocaine.

A State Trooper pulled the man over last week... the suspect's 17-year-old daughter was also in the car.

Also in federal court Monday, a man arrested south of Salem Sunday... State Police say he was caught with 51 pounds of meth... 31 pounds of powder fentanyl, nine pounds of cocaine and two pounds of heroin.

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

DATE: 4.26.23 *Quina*

CRIME TASK FORCES 3

Multnomah County and the City of Portland are teaming up to tackle retail and auto theft.

Andrew Hoan, President of the Portland Business Alliance, says retail theft is a major problem

SOT 3 (:09) "It is not easy to be a business owner in Portland in 2023. Break-ins, senseless vandalism, robberies, vehicle thefts are plaguing businesses of all size."

The county will fund two deputy district attorneys and the city will pay for two investigators and a legal assistant.

The Multnomah County District Attorney will form two task forces to prosecute cases.

Over the last three years, auto thefts in the Portland area were up 68-percent and 26-thousand business thefts were reported.

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

DATE: 5.3.23 Crime

BANDON, Ore. — A woman was arrested yesterday in Bandon after she allegedly stole a vehicle in Curry County and led police on a high-speed pursuit.

Just before 7 a.m. yesterday, the Coos County Sheriff's Office received a report of a stolen Red Dodge pick-up from Curry County, last seen northbound on Hwy 101.

A deputy spotted the pick-up south of Bandon, and attempted a traffic stop, but the driver failed to yield.

After a short pursuit, 28-year-old Caitlin A. Wakefield was taken into custody. An unidentified passenger was able to flee the scene on foot and has not been located.

Wakefield was arrested on multiple charges and transported to the Coos County Jail.

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KYTT-FM: 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 5.9.23 Crime

GRANTS PASS FORCED LABOR

A southern Oregon couple faces Kidnapping and Involuntary Servitude charges after police say two victims were rescued from a home in Grants Pass.

Detectives began the investigation Sunday when a 22-year-old man called 911 claiming he and his 19-year-old sister were lured from New York to Oregon by their cousin on promises of a job.

Over several months, the victims say they were tortured with ice baths, beatings, starvation and other methods ... they were forced to work online jobs and give all their money to their captors.

On Monday, Grants Pass police raided the home and arrested Eastwood Mohammed Hamman and Cassie Jo Gudino ...

Both victims received medical attention and will be reunited with family in New York.

Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 6.14.23 *Crime*

COOS COUNTY, Ore. — A two-year investigation has led to an arrest in the murder of a Coos County doctor.

U.S. Marshals took Reina Jackson into custody Wednesday night in Atlanta as she re-entered the United States from Guatemala.

She's one of three suspects in the 2021 murder of her ex-husband, Dr. Craig Jackson.

Frasier says his office has been building its murder case against Reina Jackson over the last two years.

She flew back into the United States apparently unaware that there were warrants for her arrest, and she was apprehended in Atlanta, Georgia," Frasier said. "The authorities in Atlanta have issued what's called a fugitive complaint. It will be filed with her in the courts in Atlanta."

If Jackson waives extradition, she could be back in Coos County within a week. If she contests it, Frasier says it could take months for her to return to Coos County.

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

DATE: 6.16.23 *Crime*

DMV DATA BREACH WRAP

Millions of Oregonians' personal information may have been compromised in a DMV data breach. Heather Roberts reports.

SOT 1A (:14) On June 12th, Monday, we learned that multiple files transferred via MOVEit were compromised. Those files included personal information for upwards of 3.5 million customers of Oregon's DMV.

ODOT's Michelle Godfrey would not say what information was accessed by the international hackers, but confirmed it's likely more than just what's on your license.

Thomas Amato, ODOT's Chief Information Officer, says the actual breach likely occurred in late May, when hackers exploited what's called a zero day vulnerability.

SOT 1B (:08) Now 'zero day' is a vulnerability where the threat actor knows of a flaw in software and how to exploit it before security researchers and manufacturers.

Anyone with an Oregon DMV-issued I-D card or driver's license is urged to take steps to protect your identity, including checking your credit report.

You'll find more tips and information at the MOVEit Data Breach link at the top of the DMV's website.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 6.16.23 *Cine*

DMV HACK PRECAUTIONS

Oregon's Attorney General urges everyone to be proactive in the wake of the massive international data breach that hit the DMV.

While the personal information for around 3-point-5 million Oregonians was likely accessed in late May, state officials say they didn't know the full extent of the hack until last week.

The D-O-J encourages anyone with an Oregon Driver's License or I-D card to order a copy of your free credit report to look for fake accounts ... consider freezing your credit ... set up online banking alerts, so you're notified if anyone changes your profile info without your authorization ...

And watch for other indications of identity theft.

Authorities say the information released in the breach could be enough for criminals to open financial accounts in your name.

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DATE: 6.19.23 Cr/mc

ELDER SCAMS 2

Scammers frequently target seniors, but there are steps they can take to avoid becoming a victim.

Jason Horton, with the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation, says be wary of text messages or emails.

SOT 2 (:07) "Random text messages. Emails that look like they're from a person you might know, but you're not sure."

Don't click on the links.

If you think it might be real, don't call the number on the message ... Look up the number for the business or agency and ask whether the message is legitimate.

Relatives of seniors should watch for unusual banking activity or changes to wills or trusts.

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DATE: ~~6.20.23~~ 6.20.23 Crime

COOS BAY, Ore. — Three people were shot after an argument in a home in Barview yesterday afternoon.

The Coos County Sheriff's Office told KCBY that two gunmen were responsible for the shooting, which took place on Travis Lane around 1:30 p.m.

District Attorney Paul Frasier says one female and two male victims were transported to Bay Area Hospital.

He says the circumstances surrounding the dispute are being investigated.

Adding they do believe they have the persons responsible.

Frasier says there is no danger to the public

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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

FREE COLLEGE 2

Public universities and community colleges in Oregon would offer free tuition and fees for residents, under a bill in the legislature.

Sponsor State Representative Farrah Chaichi [CHY'chee] says it pays for itself in the long run.

SOT 2 (:07) "Making higher education free at the point of service will not only reduce student debt and boost our state economy it will improve the lives of our residents."

The bill doesn't identify a funding source, except to use money from the General Fund.

It would also eliminate governing boards at public universities and put them all under the authority of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

The bill remains in committee.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 4.5.23 Education

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS

The U-S Forest Service plans to invest almost 46-million dollars to support public schools ... roads... wildfire prevention ... and other local services in 33 of Oregon's 36 counties.

Funding comes from the Secure Rural Schools program, reauthorized through the end of fiscal year 2023, through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Over the past five years the Forest Services has distributed more than a billion dollars through Secure Rural Schools.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 4.17.23 Education

OSU TUITION INCREASE

It will cost more to attend Oregon State University, starting in the fall.

OSU's Board of Trustees has approved a 3.9-percent tuition increase for returning undergrads in Corvallis and Bend ... and a 4.4-percent increase for new students.

School officials say university-funded financial aid will also rise by 10-million dollars.

Student fees will go up almost 24-dollars per quarter at the Corvallis campus ... and 10-dollars a quarter at OSU-Cascades.

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DATE: 4.20.23 Education

FENTANYL EDUCATION 2

Education about the dangers of fentanyl would become part of the curriculum for Oregon school children, under a bill passed by the legislature.

Tony Morse, with Oregon Recovers, told lawmakers kids need to know counterfeit drugs are usually spiked with fentanyl.

SOT 2 (:04) "Oregon's lack of access to treatment underscores the need for education and prevention."

Under the bill, the Department of Education would develop materials to explain the dangers of synthetic opioids.

Kids would also be taught about immunity laws for people who report drug or alcohol use, or who seek medical treatment for overdoses.

It would start in the 24-25 school year.

The bill passed with near unanimous support and now goes to the Governor.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 5.22.23 Education

SCHOOLS BUDGET 2

Public K through 12 schools in Oregon would get the most funding ever approved by the legislature, under a bill that passed the state House.

Representative Susan McLain says the 900-million dollar increase is nine-point-seven percent over the current budget.

SOT 2 (:08) "Continuing local revenue dedicated to schools and school funding and in the upcoming biennium will top 15.3 billion."

A better-than-expected economic forecast allowed for the increase.

The bill passed with bipartisan support and now goes to the Senate where it will die unless an agreement is reached to end the Republican walkout.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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DATE: 5/15/11

ALYSSAS LAW FUNDING 2

A massive 10-billion dollar budget bill for K-through-12 schools includes funding for a mobile emergency alert system.

Central Oregon State Representative Emerson Levy [lee'vee] says the app allows teachers and staff to quickly notify first responders of a potential school shooter.

It can also dispatch medics if there's a life-threatening allergic reaction or other medical issue.

SOT 2 (:19) The teacher can hit a button that clicks to EMS - you hold it down for a second and a half. And, we've worked with Deschutes County 911 to make sure it all works as it should; and there's money to integrate it into our CAD system. At the same time, schools can program it so that every teacher or staff member that is CPR trained or has access to an Epi pen would be notified.

The education spending bill passed the House this week ... and Levy is optimistic the Senate walkout will end soon, so the budget can get approved before the session ends June 25th.

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DATE: 6.15.23 Education

FINANCIAL ED BILL 3

High school students would be required to take a personal finance class to graduate, under a bill just passed by the State Senate.

Co-sponsor and Senate President Rob Wagner says teens would learn real-world lessons.

SOT 3 (:13) Building creditworthiness and credit scores, budgeting, how to spend wisely, making loan payments, understanding the full cost of rent and homeownership, tax preparation, fraud prevention. Absolutely essential skills.

The bill also requires instruction on higher education and career skills ... like writing a resume and filling out job or college applications.

It passed with near unanimous support and is now in the House.

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DATE: 6-21-23 Education

NEW ODE LEADER

Governor Tina Kotek has named Dr. Charlene Williams as the next head of the Oregon Department of Education.

She'll take over as interim Director on July 10th ... The state Senate will consider her confirmation in September.

For the last seven years, she's worked as a school administrator in southwest Washington, but spent the seven previous years with Portland Public Schools.

If confirmed by the Senate, Dr. Williams will be the first Black woman to oversee the state's public school system.

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FAMILY

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS:

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)

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ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Family

LCD RURAL CHILDCARE WRAP

An Oregon Congresswoman hopes to make rural childcare more accessible with help from the Farm Bill. Heather Roberts reports.

Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer says she heard from several women at recent farm bill listening sessions ... that rural areas lack affordable, high quality childcare.

SOT 1A (:11) Technology has changed dramatically, right? We're not having children out there on the farm and ranch on the tractors. It's very different; it's a real business. And a lot of times - we have a lot of female farmers and ranchers in Oregon.

The Oregon Republican is co-sponsoring a bipartisan bill directing the USDA to address the issue through existing grant programs.

SOT 1B (:12) So, is there funding for not only the individual families to be able to utilize these programs, but are there enough programs available? The quality of childcare - these are our most precious assets.

Chavez-DeRemer sits on the House Agriculture Committee, which is working on the 2023 Farm Bill. She says rural childcare is one of her top priorities for that reauthorization.

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DATE: 6.13.23 Family

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HEALTH CARE

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Health Care

HEALTHCARE MASKS

The state masking requirement in healthcare settings expired today (Mon).

Oregon Health Authority officials announced the change a month ahead, to allow hospitals, clinics and other facilities time to decide whether they would impose their own in-house mask mandate.

The order had been in effect since August of 2021.

OHA encourages people to still wear a mask in any setting if they are sick, have a health condition putting them at high risk for respiratory complications ... or just feel more comfortable with a face covering.

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

DATE: 4.3.23 healthcare

MEDICAID EXTENDED

Extended Medicaid coverage that occurred during the pandemic ended last week ... the Oregon Health Authority will now review 1 in 3 residents for eligibility.

During the next ten months, the OHA will notify all Oregon Health Plan members... telling them whether they need to take action or not.

If it's determined someone is no longer eligible, they'll have 60 days before coverage ends.

State officials will work to connect them with the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace or other health coverage, if they want it.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
4:00 PM - 7 & 8am & 5pm

DATE: 4.3.23 Heather

VAX ECARD 2

Oregonians using the “My Electronic Vaccine Card” website to store their COVID-19 booster information need to update their data before the federal public health emergency expires next month.

SOT 2 (:16) Access to MyElectronicVaccineCard will end May 11th when the system is decommissioned and archived. People can still use the e-card through the service, as proof of their COVID-19 vaccine, indefinitely. But they should add any boosters to the card before May 11th.

State Health Officer Dr. Dean Sidelinger says the system can be reactivated in future public health emergencies.

More than 95-thousand COVID vaccine e-cards were viewed in the past year.

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

DATE: 4.25.23 - Healthcare

SMALLEST CANCER (VO :28)

Guinness World Records has recognized doctors at Oregon Health & Science University for finding the world's smallest skin cancer.

The patient came in to have a spot on her face checked.

It turned out to be fine, but the doctor saw another spot that was barely visible to the human eye.

Using special imaging tools they determined the spot was a melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer.

A biopsy confirmed the cancer which was caught before it could spread.

They say it shows the importance of early detection of skin cancer.

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

DATE: 5.2.23 *healthcare*

HEALTHCARE PROTECTIONS WRAP

A state bill to add health care workers to the list of jobs with legal protection from assault is being stopped by Democrats. Heather Roberts reports.

State Representative Shelly Boshart Davis says she heard from a nurse providing care to a dangerous patient.

SOT 1A (:11) "This nurse followed our safety protocols and had security present. While caring for this patient, the patient was able to push security out of the room, close the door and assault the nurse within seconds."

Taxi drivers, flaggers, emergency medical services providers and corrections officers are protected under Oregon's "assault in the third-degree" crime.

Boshart Davis says health care workers deserve to be on that list.

SOT 1B (:14) "Violent patients are a daily reality in the hospital. Accepting violence is not part of our job description and it should be clearly established that by law, assault and abuse will not be tolerated and must be appropriately punished."

Boshart Davis called for a floor vote to pull the bill out of committee and, despite seven Democrats voting in favor, there wasn't enough support.

It appears destined to die in committee.

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DATE: 5.12.23 healthcare

TRAVEL HEALTHCARE 3

Summer travelers need to take extra precautions if you're visiting an international destination.

Infectious disease expert Dr. Laura Selby suggests you check for any health or safety travel alerts on the CDC and State Department websites ... and consider a visit with your doctor a few weeks before you leave.

SOT 3 (:16) Especially if you're thinking about one of these big trips, realizing that there are some weird things you might actually be required to have. So, for example, Yellow Fever Vaccine: You can't even get through customs in some countries without a Yellow Fever Vaccine. So, having some upfront knowledge ahead of time is super important.

Dr. Selby is with the St. Charles travel clinic in Bend ... and says it's especially important for children to be up to date on their immunizations beforehand.

She also suggests checking the quality of the tap water and even the safety of riding mass transit before you arrive at your destination.

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DATE: 6.12.23 healthcare

PROVIDENCE STRIKE WRAP

Nurses and clinicians from two Oregon hospitals are now on strike, demanding Providence Health negotiate a new union contract. Heather Roberts reports.

NATS (:06) You guys want a sign? Yes please; thank you.

Nurses at Providence Portland Medical Center took to the picket line at 5:30 Monday morning ... The Oregon Nurses Association says they'll be outside the northeast Portland hospital 24 hours a day.

Nurses at Providence Seaside and Providence Home Health and Hospice are also on strike.

The 1800 union members are pushing for a contract they believe will lead to more recruitment of new staff... and retention of experienced nurses.

SOT 1 (:07) Nurses on the outside; problems on the inside. Nurses on the outside; problems on the inside.

Providence officials say replacement nurses are now working to serve existing patients at all locations ... However, those who can go elsewhere for medical care during the strike are encouraged to do so.

Earlier this month, ONA members in Bend authorized a strike against St. Charles Health System ... but they reached a tentative contract deal just four days before the work stoppage was set to begin.

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ECONOMY / JOBS

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ATTACHMENTS: Reported News related to Economy / Jobs

MARCH JOBS WRAP

Oregon's employment picture remains bright with more jobs added over the last month. Heather Roberts reports.

Statewide job losses in February changed direction in March.

SOT 2 (:11) "Oregon employers added 24-hundred jobs to non-farm payrolls in March following a revised loss of 27-hundred jobs in February. Oregon's unemployment rate dropped in March to 4.4%."

Oregon Employment Department Economist Gail Krumenauer says health care and professional and business services saw the greatest increase in jobs.

One sector remains weak.

SOT 3B (:11) "We've seen a little weakness in the retail trade sector over the last year. Overall, Oregon has added over 54-thousand jobs and those job gains over the past year have been pretty widespread over Oregon's economy."

Oregon's 4.4-percent unemployment rate remains higher than the national rate which is 3.5-percent.

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DATE: 4.20.23 Econ | jobs

REVENUE FORECAST 3A/B

Revenues continue to soar for Oregon.

The latest economic forecast predicts two-billion dollars more than officials expected just three months ago.

Josh Lehner [LAY-ner], an economist for the state, says it appears the Federal Reserve may slow the economy to avoid a severe recession.

SOT 3A (:07) "We're still very concerned about recession risk, but with these changes that we're seeing we continue to think those recession risks are pushed off."

State Economist Mark McMullen says revenue is up, because Oregonians are making more money ... and inflation is pushing business revenues and the Corporate Activity Tax up.

SOT 3B (:07) "Available resources are up sharply. Not just today, but in the future."

The kicker is expected to reach a record five-and-a-half billion dollars, due to the surplus ... which will be returned to taxpayers in the form of a credit on next year's tax filing.

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

DATE: 5.18.23 Econ

APRIL JOBS WRAP

Oregon's economy continues to add jobs. Heather Roberts reports.

Oregon added 16-hundred jobs in April, with most of the gains in Services and Health Care.

Construction and Manufacturing lost jobs last month.

Oregon Employment Department Economist Gail Krumenauer says the state's unemployment rate remains near a record low.

SOT 1A (:09) "Oregon's unemployment rate fell from 4.4% in March to 4% in April, yet we were still higher than the U.S. which had an unemployment rate of 3.4% in April."

And the job market is growing.

SOT 1B (:08) "Oregon's unemployment rate remains low by historical standards and Oregon continues to see job growth. Employers have added about 38,000 jobs over the past year."

Sectors losing jobs over the last year are Retail trade ... Financial activities ... and transportation, warehousing and utilities.

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DATE: 5-18-23 Econ/jobs

MAY JOBS OR WRAP

Oregon's unemployment rate remains near a record low.

For the fourth month in a row, Oregon's unemployment rate declined in May. Anna Johnson is an economist with the Oregon Employment Department.

SOT 1A (:12) "Oregon's unemployment rate dropped from 4% in April to 3.7% in May. That matched the U.S. unemployment rate of 3.7% in May which is a decline from the April rate."

Financial activities, leisure and hospitality ... and transportation, warehousing and utilities had the largest gains. Retail trade and government lost jobs. Johnson says there are signs the economy is slowing.

SOT 1B (:10) "While Oregon's unemployment rate remains low by historical standards, and we're still seeing job growth post the pandemic recession, although it's been a bit slower in recent months."

Oregon's economy will experience the effects of higher interest rates, which are intended to slow growth and reduce inflation.

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ENVIRONMENT

REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMS: None

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MARCH SNOWPACK WRAP 1

Early spring storms made a significant impact on Oregon's snowpack. Heather Roberts has the latest.

March was a very good month for powder.

SOT 1A (:05) We saw a pretty significant increase in snow accumulation in all basins.

And NRCS Hydrologist Matt Warbritton says the season isn't over.

SOT 1B (:15) All basins are above to well-above normal, in terms of snowpack, and it hasn't stopped yet. We haven't reached a peak or the onset of snowmelt. That's, of course, good to see; especially in areas that have experienced more extreme or exceptional drought.

Until last week, Crook County was the only place in the western U-S with an Exceptional Drought designation ... it's now moved up to "Extreme" ... in large part because of the massive snowpack in the Ochocos.

In Lane County, Warbritton says the Central Cascades Holland Meadows Snotel site set a new record this season ... and its snowpack is still climbing.

What it all means for summer irrigation remains to be seen ... depending on how quickly temperatures warm.

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BLM INTERNS

The Bureau of Land Management plans to hire 100 interns nationwide over the next few weeks.

In the Pacific Northwest, they'll help care for more than 16-million acres of public lands.

Positions are available in more than a dozen fields, including civil engineering, public affairs, surveying, wildland fire and grant management.

The application period will close as early as next Wednesday. Apply online at USA-Jobs-dot-gov.

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HARNEY WASCO DROUGHT

Governor Tina Kotek issued two more drought declarations Wednesday ... adding Wasco and Harney counties to the list.

The emergency declarations allow water users access to drought-related tools, including financial assistance.

Despite well above normal snowpack, Kotek's office says water year precipitation for Wasco County is well below average, leading to low streamflows.

In Harney County, the forecasted water supply is not expected to improve, as a portion of the region remains under extreme drought, or a D-3 designation.

Kotek declared drought emergencies in Crook and Jefferson counties in February ... and in Grant and Deschutes counties in March.

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KLAMATH WATER

Farmers in the Klamath Basin are preparing for another dry year, despite expected runoff from winter snowfall.

According to the Klamath Water Users Association, the Bureau of Reclamation's initial allocation for irrigators will be 215-thousand acre feet of water from Upper Klamath Lake... that's about 60-percent of what is needed for farms and wildlife refuges served by the Klamath Project.

The association says it's disappointed Reclamation won't release the full 285-thousand acre-feet it announced last fall ... instead sending more than 590-thousand acre-feet of water to the Pacific Ocean to protect Klamath River flows.

Irrigators receiving a reduced allocation can apply for drought relief.

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APRIL DROUGHT UPDATE 2

Oregon's immense snowpack promises to provide some relief to drought-stricken areas.

But Geoffrey Walters, a Senior Hydrologist at the Northwest River Forecast Center, says colder than normal spring weather means a delay in that snow making it into rivers and reservoirs.

SOT 2 (:14) April is typically thought of as the beginning of snowmelt season. But, unfortunately, this isn't a typical year. Those cold temperatures are delaying the onset of snowmelt. So, we're starting to see the byproduct of that: a later runoff.

He says snow density reports show much of the state's snowpack is far from ready to melt off.

The drier-than-average fall could also have an impact ... snowmelt will soak into the parched ground first... and only what's left will run-off.

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FIRE REPORTING APP

A mobile app using crowd-sourced information to report and monitor wildfires is now tracking incidents in Oregon and other western states. Heather Roberts explains.

Watch Duty launched in California last year... expanding to the entire western U-S this week.

CEO and co-founder John Mills tells Central Oregon Daily News people in fire-impacted areas need more timely information than what's put out by other alerting apps.

SOT 1A (:10) Last year, there were two deadly fires that took people's lives in California: the Mill Fire and the Fairview Fire. No one seems to really mention or talk about the fact that those deaths happen within the first hour.

Watch Duty is free and map-based, with live updates on reported fires ... instead of relying on feeds from the federal government, which Mills says can be outdated by the time it's posted.

SOT 1B (:08) This is people listening to radio scanners, these are active and first responders, reporters, dispatchers, and folks who live in these areas.

Only users registered with the app can file reports... Mills says that helps prevent the spread of misinformation.

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MAY SNOWMELT 2

After last weekend's warm temps, Oregon's snowpack is declining.

NRCS Hydrologist Matt Warbritton says that's actually good news ... because the runoff is now filling reservoirs - some of which have been very low for a long time.

But he says there are still areas of concern.

SOT 2 (:13) We're still seeing some below normal soil moisture levels throughout the state, although there has been pretty significant recovery in most parts. But still some dryer soil conditions in parts of Central and Southern Oregon.

And, he says it's too soon to know if the weather will cooperate and allow the snowpack to melt off slowly, which is better for reservoirs, streams and irrigators.

As of yesterday (Tue), nearly every basin in the state is hovering around average for this time of year.

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(DROUGHT)

Drought conditions in the western U.S. have improved, but the drought isn't over for all areas.

Joe Casola, Director of the Western Regional Climate Services for NOAA, says winter and spring conditions helped.

Length: 00:00:05.8..... "These improvements were a consequence of above average precipitation, colder than average temperatures and abundant snow pack."

Crook County in Central Oregon remains in Extreme Drought with most of Central and Eastern Oregon in Moderate to Severe Drought.

Casola says with climate change causing generally warmer temperatures it was rare to have a cool and wet winter and spring.

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(ACT1)

The Oregon Department of Forestry is urging property owners to use caution with yard debris burning. ODF's Jessica Prakke [[PRACK'-ee]] says there are other options

DEBRISBURNS-A3 "Composting is possible, they could chip their debris."

You can also cover it with a tarp and wait until the rainy season to burn it.

Before lighting a burn pile, property owners should check with their local fire district, clear an area 10-feet around the pile, have a shovel and water to keep the fire contained and make sure the fire is out cold to the touch before leaving.

Prakke says conditions are drying out.

DEBRISBURNS-A5..... "We're already seeing a few fires in Southwest and Central Oregon and so it's never too early to kind of starting practicing wildfire prevention as we go into the recreating season."

If the fire does get out of control you can be responsible for the costs.

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BABY WILDLIFE 2

Oregon's Department of Fish and Wildlife is again reminding everyone not to pick up baby animals that appear abandoned in the wild.

ODFW's Beth Quillian says the parent animal is probably off hunting for food or protecting it from predators and will return.

SOT 2 (:18) If someone takes an animal and brings it all the way home, and travels with it, often they're not going to remember exactly where they picked it up, and that makes trying to take it back to the same place really difficult. And by then, it's possible the parent animal has moved on and reuniting with a parent animal is just really difficult.

This is the time of year baby deer and elk, birds and marine mammals are exploring their surroundings.

Quillian says removing them can be dangerous for the young animal and is illegal in Oregon.

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OSU SUMMER OUTLOOK 2

Abundant spring rains and a slow melt-off of the snowpack is helping to hold off the start of Oregon's fire season... but it may not wait much longer.

State Climatologist Larry O'Neill believes conditions will dry out quickly.

He says many basins will see below average streamflows this summer, even with typical levels of precipitation... especially in Central and Eastern Oregon.

SOT 2 (:12) There will be a very sharp recession from above average flows to below average. So, if you're into rafting and things, now's the time to go out and get your high flows in because by the time we hit July, we'll be below average in a lot of places.

The wet spring is helping green-up vegetation in many areas, but experts say it'll turn into abundant wildfire fuel, once things start to dry out.

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STATE STAFFING WRAP

Oregon faces a workforce crisis ... around nine-thousand state jobs remain unfilled. As Heather Roberts reports, Oregon's largest state worker union is calling on the legislature to address the problem.

SEIU Executive Director Melissa Unger says the longer thousands of state positions go unfilled, the bigger the impact on Oregonians.

SOT 1A (:08) Q... enough people to maintain the roads, the list goes on and on.

There are so many vacancies more than six months old, Unger says the state has saved around 610-million dollars... and she wants that money used for recruitment and retention. Jesse Rodriguez works at the State Hospital and says the lack of workers impacts everyone.

SOT 1B (:05) Q... take more mandatory overtime hours than they expected.

SEIU estimates state employees logged 150-thousand hours of mandatory overtime in the first nine months of last year.

SOT 1C (:12) Q.... important family events, their children's sporting events.

The union is negotiating a new contract ... the current state labor deal expires June 30th.

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FLOOD CHANGES

FEMA is proposing changes to the National Flood Insurance program in Oregon, which could have big impacts on property owners.

The federal agency was required to make changes after finding the current program may harm salmon, steelhead, Southern Resident Killer Whale and other threatened species.

Two virtual public meetings are scheduled for June first and seventh, to gather input on the proposal, which would impact all of the western part of the state, and much of Central and northeastern Oregon.

The two scheduled virtual public meetings are June 1 and 7, 4 – 6 p.m. Additional information on these and future in-person meetings is available on the project website.

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HATCHERY FISH LOSS

Fish and Wildlife officials say a fish kill at a southern Oregon fish hatchery was caused by human error ... and compounded by infrastructure issues.

The die-off occurred at the Cole Rivers Hatchery.

ODFW says 2024 "half-pounder" and 2025 adult fisheries for Rogue summer steelhead will be impacted, because all sac fry were lost.

A significant portion of the Coos winter steelhead fry were also lost... affecting 2025-26 fisheries.

The agency is reviewing protocols to prevent future errors.

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(Coos Bay, Oregon) – An incident on the south Oregon coast with a baby seal is providing a rather strong reminder why you should leave seal pups alone.

Coos County Sheriff's Office in Coos Bay Sunday morning put out a warning about staying clear of seal pups after someone moved driftwood to surround a baby seal lying on the beach near the dunes.

“Today Deputy M.R. Smith found a seal pup on patrol where someone had placed driftwood around it, likely thinking that would help protect it,” the Sheriff's office said on social media. “Please refrain from doing this, as the mother may be confused when she returns to pick up the pup.”

If you find a baby seal or any other stranded sea creature (like turtles, whales or sharks), call the Marine Mammal Stranding Network 1.800.452.7888

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WILDFIRE SMOKE WRAP

Wildfire smoke is a growing problem in Oregon.

And, as Heather Roberts reports, the problem is expected to get worse.

— WRAP 1:06 —

DEQ's annual Wildfire Smoke report shows Oregonians across the state deal with wildfire smoke every year.

DEQ's Susan Mills says it's the worst in drought areas.

SOT 1A (:12) "The driest parts of the state are without doubt being affected by wildfire and this wildfire smoke therefore their communities are being affected by more unhealthy air."

Southwest Oregon increased from 41 days in 2012 to 127 days a year now. Southeast Oregon increased from 37 days to 113 ... Bend increased from 10 days to 58 ... and the Portland area went from zero to an average of three days a year.

Mills says residents need to plan ahead.

SOT 1B (:15) "An indoor air filter for indoor ventilation and that would mean you would need a high efficiency particulate air filter. Usually, an air purifier filter is called a MERV 13 or above."

On the Oregon Health Authority website, you'll find instructions for making an air filter for your home.

Warmer temps from climate change are expected to make the problem worse.

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The Coos Forest Protective Association has announced that fire season will begin this Friday, June 9, at 12:01 a.m.

With the start of fire season, restrictions will activate for both public and industrial forest use on all public, private, county, state, and BLM lands within CFPA's District boundaries.

CFPA says that outside burning of debris piles and the use of burn barrels will be prohibited until fire season is over. The Association also reminds residents living in an incorporated city need to contact their local fire department for burning restrictions and permit details.

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FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT 2

Oregon's U-S Senators want more federal efforts to shore up the wildland firefighting force.

Senator Jeff Merkley says Congress needs to act before a temporary pay increase expires in September for more than 16-thousand federal firefighters.

SOT 2 (:14) We also recognize we need a year-round force. We need folks who will work on forest maintenance, doing prescribed burns, and thinning and making our forest more resilient when they're not fighting fires. And also, we don't have to recruit from scratch each year, that way.

Oregon's Senators and colleagues from other western states sent a letter this week to the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs ... urging them to consider a long-term solution to increase recruitment and retention of wildland firefighters.

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SEAL WARNING 3A/B

This is the peak of harbor seal birthing season on the Oregon Coast.

Meghan Dugan, with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, says the mother will leave her pup alone while she gathers food, and they need beachgoers to stay away.

SOT 3A (:06) "Harbor seals are very shy and very unlikely to rejoin her pup if there's activity nearby."

The Marine Mammal Protection Act requires people to stay away from seals and sea lions.

SOT 3B (:06) "It is a violation of federal and state laws to harass, touch, or feed marine mammals."

This is also the time of year California sea lions travel south to breed, and you might see them resting on sand or rocks. And ... Elephant seals are molting, which makes them look sick, but they're not.

If you are concerned about a seal or sea lion, call the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

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OSFM DEF SPACE SITE 2

The Oregon State Fire Marshal launched a new website this week, to help property owners better understand defensible space.

Alison Green helped design the site, and says getting a home ready for wildfire season can be done over the course of a few weekends.

SOT 2 (:16) Start by taking a look at your roof, your gutters, the places that are right around your house, and making sure it's clear of needles or leaves, and those are off your roof, off your gutters, away from the house. We don't want that stuff touching the wood siding or the decks.

The website... Oregon-Defensible-Space-dot-org ... provides a checklist and other resources.

It also allows property owners to schedule a free in-person assessment, which Green says is conducted by either the State Fire Marshal's Office or local fire department.

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NWCC SEASON PREP WRAP

With warmer and drier than average conditions predicted for this summer, preparations are underway for what could be a tough wildfire season. Heather Roberts reports.

Oregon's wildland firefighters, hot shot crews and the agencies who manage them are bringing in more staff and equipment.

SOT 1A (:05) and getting them pre-positioned around the state.

Carol Connolly is with the Northwest Coordination Center, which works with federal and state land management agencies, including the Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and State Fire Marshal.

SOT 1B (:06) and we need the incident management teams, which are interagency, as well.

Fire Weather Program Manager and Meteorologist John Saltenberger says Oregon is caught in the middle of an unusual weather pattern.

SOT 1C (:15). How often do we see that pattern shape up.

He predicts northern Oregon will see increased fire danger earlier in the season ... with that risk moving south as the summer progresses.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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SUMMER DROUGHT FORECAST WRAP

Drought conditions have improved significantly in the Pacific Northwest since the start of the year. But, as Heather Roberts reports, new modeling shows the reprieve may be short lived.

Higher than normal May temperatures brought rapid melting of the mountain snowpack ... and things are drying out around the region.

SOT 1A (:11) The USDA topsoil moisture map is showing Oregon and Washington agricultural lands at 65% and 70% of the topsoil being short to very short.

Climatologist Karin Bumbaco [boom'BACK-oh] says that lack of soil moisture will put a greater strain on reservoirs.

SOT 1B (:06) The irrigation demand may be higher this summer, despite the great snowpack throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Bumbaco says a number of Oregon reservoirs are at or near capacity ... but she's concerned about low levels in the Willamette Basin, where reservoirs heavily rely on rain ... And, Wickiup Reservoir in Central Oregon.

SOT 1C (:13) may not be fully met throughout the summer because those reservoirs are also on the lower side.

Drought conditions are expected to continue this summer in Central and northwestern Oregon.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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SCHOOL SAFETY WRAP

The Oregon legislature is considering a package of bills to increase school security. Heather Roberts reports.

State Representative Jeff Helfrich says a program in the Salem-Keizer School District has been successful in getting students help before they pose a threat.

SOT 1A (:05) "It's a holistic approach where you have counselors, staff and law enforcement officers."

A bill would look at the costs of expanding the program to all school districts in the state. Helfrich says the program is successful.

SOT 1B (:06) "If you have that 'early and often' intervention at those early moments in time you can avert tragedy. Throughout all our lives, we understand that early and often."

The other bills would examine the costs of increasing security in schools and securing a single point of entry into buildings.

They remain in committee.

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Oregon legislators heard from electric utilities about their plans for wildfire prevention. With dry conditions, a downed line can start a wildfire.

Allen Berreth, with PacifiCorps, says they have plans for power shutoffs, but need to coordinate then with local officials.

WILDFIREPOWER-A3: "We then start reaching out to our local public safety partners and emergency services and try to determine what does it mean to shutoff power. Is it going to help the situation or create more risk."

Berreth says power shutoffs are a last case scenario, because of the impacts. Tom McBartlett, with the Ashland Electric Coop, says they're working to reduce risk.

WILDFIREPOWER-A6: "Really stepped up our vegetation management. We sent our arborist to get certified as a line clearance arborist."

They're taking steps to strengthen their power grid, so it's less likely to spark and cause a fire.

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Public Affairs News Reporting
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WATER SAFETY 2

The first heat wave of the season is often one of the deadliest on Oregon waterways ... due to the combination of very cold water, fast moving rivers and recreators not wearing a life jacket.

Ashley Massey, with the Oregon Marine Board, worries about the rising popularity of stand-up paddle boards, kayaks and other paddle-craft.

SOT 2 (:22) We've seen an increase, along with the use, in paddlecraft fatalities. A lot of folks that are new to the activity are inexperienced, may not know how to prepare and the type of equipment that's best to keep them safe, and they may go into areas that aren't best for their skills.

The water in lakes and rivers can be as cold as 50-degrees.

Massey says when a person hits the water at that temperature - especially if it's unexpected - it triggers a gasp reflex... which can lead to a person inhaling water, if their head isn't above the surface.

In 2022, 16 people died in recreational boating incidents ... 10 weren't wearing a life jacket ... and nine were out alone.

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HALT FENTANYL ACT WRAP

An Oregon Congresswoman wants the federal classification for fentanyl raised to reflect the increased danger to the public. Heather Roberts reports.

Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer says Oregon teens are dying of drug overdoses faster than in any other state ... and she blames fentanyl.

SOT 1A (:09) Last year in my district, law enforcement seized enough fentanyl powder to kill the entire population of Oregon in just one single drug bust.

The Oregon Republican wants more support for law enforcement fighting the war on drugs ... and to enact what she calls "tough-on-crime" policies.

SOT 3rev (:08) I'm proud to co-sponsor the HALT Fentanyl Act, which accomplishes both of these goals by permanently classifying fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs.

Fentanyl is currently listed by the DEA as a Schedule Two drug - along with cocaine, Adderall and Ritalin.

Schedule One drugs have no accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse ... like Heroin and LSD.

The HALT Fentanyl Act passed the U-S House yesterday

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Public Safety

WORK ZONE CRASH 2

A construction worker and a driver were injured in a crash on I-84 in the Columbia River Gorge.

ODOT's Michelle Godfrey says the worker was closing a lane near Multnomah Falls when the crash happened.

SOT 2 (:06) "Misjudged the work zone and crashed into the worker's vehicle. The worker was in the vehicle at the time."

The worker was treated and released from a hospital.

The driver that hit the truck was hospitalized.

Godfrey says drivers need to slow down in work zones, if possible...move over a lane, and pay attention for potential changes in the road.

It's also a good idea to use ODOT's TripCheck website before you leave, to see whether there's construction on your route.

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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