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**QUARTERLY POSTING OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, NEEDS AND
INTERESTS**

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McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc.

Each quarter, on January 10, April 10, July 10 & October 10, we place in our public inspection file a list of what are considered to be the most significant Problems, Needs and Issues of the Veneta/Eugene-Springfield, Oregon, community.

Along with this list are the programs that were aired to deal with these problems, needs and issues.

ASCERTAINMENT METHODS

To ascertain these problems, needs and issues, McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc., employs a Public Affairs Director who, within the natural course of news gathering, is made aware of problems, needs and issues in the community. The views of citizens of the community and civic leaders regarding community problems, needs and issues are also ascertained during meetings and interviews. Problems, needs and issues are also ascertained during interaction with members of the public.

PROGRAMMING

To air information about these problems, needs and issues, McKenzie River Broadcasting Co., Inc., relies on the following methods:

1. Community Forum: This is a 15-30 minute weekly program that offers in-depth examinations of community problems, needs and issues.

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ISSUES: Economy, Health, Business, Events, Environment

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 07/04/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization:

Andy Vobora, Travel Lane County / Eugene Cascades & Coast:

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Crystalyn Frank, Oregon Country Fair: Crystalyn Autuchovich

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City and State: Eugene-Springfield, Oregon / Veneta, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION: We keep hearing about the pent-up demand for travel and tourism as we emerge from the pandemic. At Eugene, Cascades & Coast / Travel Lane County, they're seeing it firsthand. We chat with Andy Vobora, who talks about how the local tourism agency is working with businesses and local governments to support and promote events. He discusses the challenges and promises of reopening in the wake of the early job losses 16 months ago and the shortage of workers now. And he talks about how event planners have put together and even held events in recent months with robust COVID-19 precautions. Vobora also discusses the challenges of supporting and promoting travel and tourism in the McKenzie Valley in the wake of the Labor Day wildfires and how the Oregon Coast's economy stayed fairly stable as many during the pandemic stayed close to home for recreation and tourism. Then we speak with Crystalyn Frank with the Oregon Country Fair about their decision to hold an online virtual event again this summer. It's an economic blow to the communities of Veneta, Elmira, and Noti, which usually see big business during the three-day event in July. But Frank explains how the non-profit has continued to provide grants to many local organizations and how the event will evolve when it returns next year for in-person celebrations.

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ISSUES: *ELDERS, DISABILITIES, FAMILY, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, FINANCES*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 07/11/21 and 09/05/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Joyce De Monnin, Communications Director for AARP Oregon

Contact information: <https://states.aarp.org/oregon/> and via Marissa Horowitz,

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City and State: Various communities, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Close to 48 million people in the United States are providing care to an adult family member or friend. Hundreds of thousands are in Oregon. Family caregivers are the backbone of our long-term care system, and they are breaking under the strain. A new study conducted by AARP demonstrates the importance of supporting family caregivers not only with resources and education, but financial assistance as well. AARP is backing and helped shape the recently introduced bipartisan Credit for Caring Act, which would provide a tax credit of up to \$5,000 to eligible caregivers. We speak with joyce DeMonnin from AARp Oregon about the study, the challkenges facing family caregivers, and the situation in our state. According to the study, 78% of caregivers report regularly spending their own money on caregiving expenses. The average annual amount caregivers spend on caregiving is \$7,240. A financial strain measure shows family caregivers are spending, on average, one-quarter (26%) of their income on caregiving activities. Caregivers of color experience higher financial strain. Hispanic/Latino caregivers report the highest financial strain, spending an average 47% of their income on caregiving expenses. Gen X caregivers report the highest out-of-pocket costs compared to other generations of caregivers (\$8,502). These caregivers have had less time in the workforce to build financial security. Caregivers caring for someone with dementia report spending approximately \$8,978 per year. Resources are available at www.aarp.org/caregiving

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ISSUES: RECREATION, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ENVIRONMENT, CRIME

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 07/18/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Deputy Arik Schenfeld, Marine Patrol, Lane County Sheriff's Office

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City and State: Lane County, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Oregon's waterways are crowded this summer, and members of the Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol are asking boaters to help make this year safer than last year. It's not uncommon to have motorboats, paddlers, swimmers, and waders on the same piece of water, which requires everyone to slow down and pay attention. We chat with Deputy Arik Schenfeld, who reminds everyone to be safe while having fun. Make sure you have personal floatation devices such as life jackets for everyone on the water and make sure that everyone is wearing them. Scout your route for obstacles. And remember, even though the weather will be sunny and warm, the water temperatures remain cold. Never use alcohol, drugs or marijuana products while boating. It is illegal for any operator to be impaired, even from prescription drugs. Wait until you are back on shore for the day to enjoy a cold one. While boating, drink plenty of water and stay alert. Always wear a life jacket: US Coast Guard approved, properly fitted life jackets would have saved many lives last year. Many victims knew how to swim but were overcome by exhaustion or cold water. Also, park safely and leave your valuables at home. Schenfeld says he's seen traffic congestion and even had to call in tow trucks near busy boat landings after people lots were full and people parked in places where they impeded traffic on nearby roads. And he says smash-and-grab thieves know that anyone who parks at a boat landing or lakeside lot probably will be away for at least an hour. So don't leave valuables in your vehicle. Time and again, thieves spot wallets, cellphones, jewelry, even house keys in plain view. People returning from the river discover their stuff's been stolen and one or more of their car windows shattered.

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ISSUES: *VETERANS, MENTAL HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 07/25/21 and 08/01/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: John Lebow, Shelley Corteville, Veterans' Legacy

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City and State: Alma, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

This morning on Community Forum, we head into the Coast Range to the site of the former Lane County Sheriff's Work Camp, southeast of Veneta, where members of a non-profit group known as Veterans Legacy are working to craft an innovative treatment facility for veterans struggling with PTSD or other disorders as well as problems with alcohol or drugs. Our guest this morning is the organization's president, John Lebow, and caretaker Shelley Corteville, who are taking us on a tour of the 105-acre site. The plan is to start small, perhaps with a handful of veterans and then grow the program along with the crops. But the goal is to serve everyone and create programs for female vets, as well. But initially, because of building constraints and the dormitory-style accommodations, the program will target male vets. It's worth noting that Lane County's Inmate Forest Work Camp closed in 2008. The county kept a caretaker on-site, so the buildings are intact. But there was no maintenance—not until the past couple of years, when Veterans Legacy formed to negotiate a lease for the site. That led to plenty of work parties, involving donated time and materials from a wide range of volunteers and local businesses. Starting with the administration building, they had their work cut out for them. And while the buildings have an institutional look, the setting is anything but. That's www.veteranslegacyoregon.org There's also a Facebook page—search for Veterans Legacy Oregon and you'll find it. Both it and the website are great sources of information, including updates on work parties and other events.

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ISSUES: *YOUTH, HOMELESS, MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH, SAFETY*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 08/08/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Maleigha Myers, Looking Glass Youth & Family Services

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City and State: Eugene, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Young people struggling with homelessness, mental health, abuse, and other issues can find help and connect with local resources through the “New Roads” program at Looking Glass Youth & Family services. This morning, we sit down with Maleigha Myers, who coordinates the New Roads program. She talks about the range of services including a Youth Resource Fair and connections to other local programs including 15th Night; HIV Alliance; WomenSpace; St. Vinny’s Youth House; Catholic Community Services; Directions; and Ophelia’s Place. Learn more about the New Roads program at <https://www.lookingglass.us/new-roads>

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NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 08/15/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Patti Buss, co-founder, Project Hope / One Hope Network

Contact information: patti@onehopenetwork.org

City and State: Lane County, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

It started about a decade ago here in Lane County as pastors, religious leaders, churches, ministries, faith-based communities and their congregations joined together on a series of projects to help make Lane County a better place to live. This morning we sit down to learn about some of the recent efforts of the One Hope Network. Co-founder Patti Buss tells us about the annual Project Hope school supply distribution to local students. There's also "Sheds of Hope" which partnered with community and school groups to build secure storage sheds for people rebuilding up the McKenzie Valley after the Holiday Farm Fire.

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ISSUES: *WILDFIRE, CRIME, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 08/22/21 AND 08/29/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Lieutenant Vonn Schleicher, Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division.

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City and State: Springfield, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Most people who hunt or fish in Oregon are law-abiding. They have valid licenses, tags, and permits. They understand the importance of preserving herds and fish runs, to ensure the animals are there in future seasons and for future generations. Then there are the poachers. People who sometimes break the law unknowingly. But many who break it deliberately and repeatedly. And that's where the Fish & Wildlife Division of the Oregon State Police comes in, which highly trained investigators and specialized tools to help combat poaching and other crimes. This morning on Community forum, we learn more about the investigative division, which has a unit based here in Springfield. We sit down with Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife Division Lt. Vonn Schleicher. the unit's jurisdiction is vast, part of the Southwest Region of Oregon. He talks about the types of investigations they handle, the challenges of building successful prosecutions, the importance of protecting the state's wildlife for hunters and future generations, and how you can help by sharing tips on wildlife crimes and violations. The state's Turn In Poachers or TIP Line may be reached by dialing 1-800-452-7888 or tapping *OSP for Oregon state police on your mobile device. You may also go online to the Oregon State Police Turn In Poachers or TIP webpage, which is also available through the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife and related websites. TIPs are anonymous. If your tip leads to successful prosecution of a case, you are eligible to receive a cash reward of anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000 dollars or preference points toward various hunting tags.

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ISSUES: *WILDFIRE RECOVERY, COMMUNITY, CHARITABLE*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 09/12/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Noreen Dunnells, CEO, United Way of Lane County

Contact information: ndunnells@unitedwaylane.org

City and State: Lane County, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

One year after the Holiday Farm Fire ignited in the McKenzie Valley, United Way of Lane County already has collected and disbursed \$832,810 to support response and recovery efforts. Funds were donated to United Way by individuals, businesses, and foundations from across Lane County. They were then sent to 46 organizations serving individuals and families affected by the fires. The grant distribution continues, with \$88,000 invested last month as community-led organizations continue to identify evolving needs. The grants were used to provide everything from including as financial assistance to survivors, providing necessities including food, shelter, and counseling, funding for debris cleanup efforts, and more. In one project, Sheds of Hope, United Way funds are helping McKenzie High School students to learn construction skills from local construction firms like PIVOT Architecture to build temporary storage sheds for survivors as they recover. We speak with United Way CEO Noreen Dunnells, who tells us contributions still are crucial. Those interested in giving can donate online at www.unitedwaylane.org/donate

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ISSUES: *Health, Low-Income, Housing, Community, Development, Safety*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 09/19/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Amanda Dellinger, Community Relations Director,
SquareOne Villages

Contact information: amanda@squareonevillages.org , 541-525-0501

City and State: Lane County, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Local non-profit SquareOne Villages is continuing to develop and open transitional and affordable housing sites across Lane County as part of its mission to promote as well as housing stability through a series of “tiny house” developments. This morning, we learn more about the organization and its efforts—and about its upcoming annual fundraiser. Amanda Dellinger with SquareOne Villages says the **organization continues to use creative financing to build these developments. Residents share management duties and build equity over time.** SquareOne purchases the land and finances creation of the tiny homes. The land remains in SquareOne ownership but the residents are able to convert their equity stake in their housing should they ever wish to move. Each village has a different financial model and attracts different types of residents, from those looking to move from transitional to permanent housing to veterans. Since its founding in 2012, SquareOne Villages has developed a number of housing “villages” in Lane County. That includes several that opened or are opening this year: the six-unit C-Street Co-op in Springfield; the 13-home Cottage Village in Cottage Grove; and Pece Village Co-op, a 70-unit development taking shape in Eugene. More are in the works and SquareOne also offers consulting expertise.

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ISSUES: *COMMUNITY, SAFETY, ANIMALS, CRIME*

NAME OF PROGRAM: COMMUNITY FORUM

Locally produced / Regularly scheduled

DATE: 09/26/21

TIME: 6:30 a.m.-KKNU / 7:00 a.m.: KMGE & KEUG

LENGTH: 30 minutes

GUEST:

Name, Title, Organization: Brian Austin, Springfield Police and Animal Control

Contact information: 541-726-3634 / <https://www.springfield-or.gov/pets>

City and State: Springfield, Oregon

TOPIC AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Don't be surprised if you see a lot of official Animal Control, Animal Welfare, Animal Shelter, and Veterinary vehicles in Springfield this week. The annual gathering of the Oregon Animal Control Council is taking place Tuesday through Friday. And if your mental image of animal control is the traditional dogcatcher, you're about to learn how the field has expanded well beyond that. Sure, Animal Control and Animal Welfare professionals field calls about lost pets, barking dogs, and feral cats. But they also deal with concerns about animal health and safety, including cases of neglect, hoarding, and abuse. This morning on Community Forum, we chat with Brian Austin. He's an Animal Control Officer with the Springfield Police, and a longtime member of the Oregon Animal Control Council who's helped plan the annual conference. If you want to learn more about the Oregon Animal Control Council and the field of Animal Control and Animal Welfare, check out the organization's website at www.oacc.net

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DISCUSSED

EDUCATION: Another massive donation to forward research and train the next generation of leading-edge scientists at the University of Oregon. Later this morning, campus leaders are announcing a second \$500 million dollar gift from Phil and Penny Knight. The money from the Nike co-founder and his wife will further expand bioengineering and applied scientific research and training at the new complex on the north side of Eugene's Franklin Boulevard that bears their names. It opened late last year. The Phil & Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact houses faculty and student teams whose work to date focuses on spinal injuries, strokes, macular degeneration, rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes. The overall mission of the Knight Campus: accelerate the timeline from scientific discovery to real-world application and improve quality of life in Oregon and beyond. The effort was launched in 2016 with a \$500 million lead gift from the Knights — the largest ever to a public flagship university — and was augmented with \$70 million in state bonds and additional philanthropy. Campus leaders say faculty members recruited from around the world already have launched a number of start-up companies, moving new technologies into the marketplace. In bioengineering, the Knight Campus Graduate Internship Program offers an accelerated master's degree, placing 90 percent of its graduates into careers within three months of graduation. / SAFETY: A local man lost some fingers in what investigators say was a mishap involving improvised fireworks. It happened shortly after midnight yesterday morning at a residence in the 1300 block of Eugene's Chambers Street. Members of the Eugene Police Fireworks Patrol and Eugene-Springfield Fire responded. The man was hospitalized. Officials located no other victims. Investigators say the man improvised fireworks using Tannerite powder. He told them he had just mixed it when moments later it exploded, tearing off some fingers and seriously injuring his hand. Eugene Police say this is another painful reminder of how dangerous fireworks and explosives can be. ; Local residents turned in close to 180 pounds of illegal fireworks during a series of "amnesty days" leading up to the July 4th holiday weekend. It came amid the severe drought, increased risk of wildfire, and a temporary ban on the use of fireworks across the South Hills and much of South Eugene. Residents turned in 54 pounds of illegal fireworks during Eugene's Fireworks Amnesty Day. More than twice that amount, 127 pounds, were turned over in Springfield.

Officials say Most of the Springfield fireworks turned in were very old. Many who handed them in said they had been stored for 10-15 years or more. That sort of long-term storage can make fireworks even more volatile, increasing the risk of fire and injury. Local agencies fielded 128 illegal fireworks complaints this year, up a bit from the year before. / WILDFIRES: If you see haze this morning, it's likely a combination of a wildfire burning on the North Umpqua River drainage and trio of larger wildfires in Northern California. The Oregon wildfire was reported yesterday afternoon near the community of Steamboat. It's prompted a closure of Highway 138-East, the North Umpqua Highway, between Mileposts 40-47. The Jack Creek Fire is burning in rugged terrain on the Umpqua National Forest. The blaze had scorched close to 50 acres by late afternoon. Firefighters are making some progress against a trio of Northern California forest fires that burned homes and forced people to flee communities. The Lava Fire is burning at the foot of Mount Shasta and forced a multi-day closure of Highway 97 near the Oregon-California border. The highway reopened yesterday evening. The Tennant Fire is burning on part of the Klamath National Forest. The Salt Fire destroyed several homes and prompted temporary evacuations near Lake Shasta in the unincorporated community of Lakehead north of the city of Redding. Several air tankers based in Hillsboro have provided aerial support in the fight against the Northern California blazes. / EVENTS, SAFETY, HEALTH: In Creswell, hundreds of people lined the streets to view a Fourth of July parade that took place without a city permit. The event sparked controversy because the organizers included a number of far-right extremist groups, including the Proud Boys. The City of Creswell and Creswell Chamber of Commerce earlier canceled their parade amid the pandemic, although they hosted other local activities. / CRIME: A 27-year-old Lane County man has been arrested in connection with a fatal shooting yesterday in the Fall Creek area. The call came in Monday shortly after 9:30 a.m. 27-year-old Gregory Clement is currently charged with being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The Lane County District Attorney's Office is reviewing the case to determine additional charges. While investigators have not revealed additional details or the name of the victim, they say there is no ongoing threat to the community. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police over the weekend released the names of those involved in Friday morning's fatal three-vehicle crash on Highway 126 west of Veneta. They say it occurred when a Chevy Equinox driven by 59-year-old Kathleen Bauchereau went through a stop sign on Husted Road and entered the highway, striking a Ford F-150 pulling a utility trailer. The impact forced the pick-up into the path of an oncoming Chevrolet Suburban pulling an RV trailer. The driver of the Ford pick-up, 49-year-old Amado Hernandez-Vernegas of Veneta, and his passenger—whose name has not been released—died from their injuries. Bauchereau, the driver of the Equinox, was hospitalized with injuries. The driver of the third vehicle, 52-year-old Randy Holcomb of Eugene, and a juvenile passenger also were taken to the hospital for treatment of their injuries. ; The body of a missing Junction City man has been recovered from Fern Ridge Reservoir. 38-year-old Kevin Carlile disappeared and was presumed drowned following a boating accident. His wife and two children survived. Sheriff's officials say family members assisting in the search located Carlile's body in the water Friday afternoon quite a way south of where the accident occurred. Sheriff's Search and Rescue personnel responded and assisted with the recovery. The accident occurred when officials say water conditions were rough and heavy

winds were making it difficult for the family to return to shore. Family reported that at least one of the children ended up in the water without a life jacket. Carlile and his wife jumped in the water to assist, but had a difficult time making it back to the boat. Carlile's wife and the children eventually made it to the nearby shore. Carlile was last seen about 150 yards away from the shore near the dam along the north side of the reservoir. He was not believed to have been wearing a life jacket at the time. / RECREATION, SAFETY: Oregon's waterways are crowded this summer, and the Oregon State Marine Board is asking boaters to help make this year safer than last year. It's not uncommon to have motorboats, paddlers, swimmers, and waders on the same piece of water, which requires everyone to slow down and pay attention. Among places that deserve extra caution while boating: Marked Swim Areas: It is illegal to operate a motorized or nonmotorized boat in a marked swim area. When near a swim area, motorboat operators should slow down. The boat's wake can impact swimmers or people near the water's edge. Also, if the boat operator loses control, even for a moment, the boat could enter the swim area. Unmarked Swim Areas: Boaters should use extreme caution in areas where swimmers, waders, and others congregate. Careless operation of a powerboat could result in charges against the operator. Conversely, swimmers should make themselves seen and avoid swimming in busy boating areas. Engine Cut Off Switches (ECOS): Most motorized boats have these devices installed and boat operators should use them. The device cuts the engine power if the operator falls overboard or away from the controls. The ECOS lanyard should be attached to your wrist, not your life jacket. This is because incidents can occur when an operator removes his or her life jacket with the lanyard attached. Shut off the motor BEFORE adjusting your life jacket or clothing. Boating Under the Influence: Never use alcohol, drugs or marijuana products while boating. It is illegal for any operator to be impaired, even from prescription drugs. Wait until you are back on shore for the day to enjoy a cold one. While boating, drink plenty of water and stay alert. Always wear a life jacket: US Coast Guard approved, properly fitted life jackets would have saved many lives last year. Many victims knew how to swim but were overcome by exhaustion or cold water. And remember to use caution when you're off the water. Cigarettes and unattended or smoldering campfires are just two things that can turn the riverside into an inferno. Fireworks, exploding targets, tracer rounds, sky lanterns, and other devices are prohibited on many public lands. / WEATHER, SAFETY, GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE: Oregon's governor says that surge of record-breaking hot weather in the Pacific Northwest has killed at least 95 people in our state. Kate Brown spoke Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation," saying despite repeated warnings about the heat, and efforts to disperse water to vulnerable people and set up cooling stations, it was not enough to protect everyone. Brown calls the death toll "absolutely unacceptable." Those who died ranged in age from 44 to 97. The deaths were concentrated mostly in the greater Portland metropolitan area, mostly in Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties. There also were one dozen in Marion County and one in neighboring Polk County. East of the mountains, heat-related deaths affected two people in Deschutes County and one in Umatilla County. This numbers might change as each county's medical examiner receives additional information about the deaths. Across the Northwest, officials are grappling with the aftermath of the record heat during late June. It's believed hundreds died across Oregon, Washington, and southern British

Columbia during the hot days or from complications from heat stroke and other health issues that were aggravated by the high temperatures. Record temperatures included all-time highs of 116 degrees in Portland and 111 in Eugene-Springfield. The hot weather continues to creep east, sending highs well above 100 degrees on Sunday in parts of Idaho and Montana. ; An Associated Press analysis shows that the recent heat wave struck places that are warming up faster than other parts of the United States. Federal weather data since 1990 show that during the summer, the West is heating up more than elsewhere. The Northwest heat wave is not as surprising as it looks. The AP analysis also finds that in the West daytime highs are rising faster, producing those triple digit stunners. But in the East, nighttime lows are getting warmer faster than daytime highs are. And experts say nighttime cooling is needed for the body to recover from daytime heat. ; A farm and a labor contractor under investigation by Oregon's workplace safety agency after the death of a farmworker Saturday were both previously cited for workplace violations. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health division cited Ernst Nursery and Farms in 2014 for failing to provide water to its workers. A person at Ernst Nursery and Farms Thursday said the company would not comment. Andres Pablo Lucas, owner of Brother Farm Labor Contractor, was fined \$7,737 by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division last year for failing to register as a labor contractor and failing to provide workplace injuries information to workers. Pablo Lucas declined to comment on that violation. ; On his 38th birthday, Sebastian Francisco Perez, an immigrant from Guatemala, played chess with his nephew. The next day, he went to work at a nursery in a rural Oregon town as the thermometer soared well above 100 degrees. Perez collapsed that day, last Saturday, as a heat wave baked the Pacific Northwest in record-high temperatures. An ambulance arrived and paramedics tried to revive him, but Perez didn't make it. ; Extreme drought is tearing apart communities in a massive river basin that spans the Oregon-California state line. The U.S. government stopped irrigation to hundreds of farmers for the first time in history. And Native American tribes along the 257-mile Klamath River are watching fish species hover closer to extinction. Dried-up wildlife refuges are also symptoms of an unraveling ecosystem. The situation is attracting anti-government activists trying to politicize a water crisis that was generations in the making. But irrigators in need of federal assistance fear any ties to far-right activism could taint their image. / HEALTH: Oregon reached a vaccination milestone on Friday: 70 percent of adults ages 18 years and older have received at least dose of COVID-19 vaccine. It came in advance of the July 4th holiday weekend, just days after the state fully lifted restrictions. Health officials say reaching the 70 percent adult vaccination goal means Oregon has a better chance to sustain a safe reopening. But they caution that new variants of COVID-19 are more contagious, and that nine out of ten recent cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are among those who either are not vaccinated or are not fully vaccinated. The lifting of restrictions comes after close to 16 months of restrictions and mean the elimination of mask requirements, physical distancing and capacity limits in most places. But there are some exceptions under federal rules: masks will still be required at airports, on public transportation and in healthcare settings. Individual businesses may also require masks to protect their workers and others. Oregon is currently 18th in the nation in the percentage of the total population that has been vaccinated. The state

reached the 70 percent adult vaccination goal through efforts at more than 660 vaccination sites, which were operated by a wide range of health care providers, Tribal partners, Local Public Health Authorities, community-based organizations, pharmacies, volunteers, the Oregon National Guard, retired healthcare workers and countless others—all working together to beat back the pandemic. ; Free COVID-19 testing continues to be offered by the University of Oregon to all asymptomatic U-of-O employees, students, and Lane County community members at the Matt Knight Arena. And as of last week, the testing no longer uses nasal swabs. The U-of-O testing site is collecting saliva samples from those who need screening. See the U-of-O's testing page at <https://coronavirus.uoregon.edu/map-testing> to sign up, book your time slot, and learn more. Registration is encouraged but there is room for some walk-ups. / AGRICULTURE, HEALTH: The Oregon Department of Agriculture has filed a temporary emergency rule requiring all mink ranchers to vaccinate their animals against COVID-19. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that state Veterinarian Dr. Ryan Scholz said officials are looking to stop the virus from mutating in mink and being passed back to humans. The state has given ranchers until the end of August to vaccinate. A 2020 report by the Fur Commission USA counts 11 permitted mink farms in Oregon with an estimated 438,327 animals. That makes Oregon the fourth-largest pelt-producing state behind Wisconsin, Utah and Idaho. Eight of Oregon's mink farms are in Marion County, with two in Clatsop County and one in Linn County. / WILDLIFE, SAFETY: As the number of drone operators on the Oregon Coast rises, the number of black oystercatchers has declined. The Statesman Journal reports the birds were listed as a species of concern in 2021 as their numbers dropped to an estimated 500. In response, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is planning to have new rules on where drones can take off and land on the coast — and all state parks — next summer. Officials say when drones fly at oystercatchers, the small blackish birds with reddish-orange bills often scatter, worried that the drone is actually a predator. Officials say that's having a dramatic effect on the survival of chicks. / CRIME: Oregon State Police released new information on Thursday about a young girl whose body was found near a scenic rest stop near the Oregon Coast last year. KOIN reports the body was found in a duffel bag on December 10 of 2020 at a rest stop along the heavily wooded H.B. Van Duzer Forest State Scenic Corridor near Lincoln City. Officials now say the girl was likely between the age of 7 and 9, had hazel or brown eyes, brown or black hair and light brown skin with no freckles. She was wearing a pull-up diaper. / SPORTS: American champion Sha'Carri Richardson cannot run in the Olympic 100-meter race after testing positive for a chemical found in marijuana. Richardson won the 100 at Olympic trials on June 19. She spoke about her ban Friday on the "Today" show. Richardson says she smoked marijuana as a way of coping with her mother's recent death. She tested positive at the Olympic trials and so her result is erased. She accepted a 30-day suspension that ends July 27, which would be in time to run in the women's relays. USA Track and Field has not disclosed plans for the relay. The 21-year-old sprinter was expected to face Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce in one of the most highly anticipated races of the Olympic track meet. Though pro leagues are slowly adjusting to the reality that marijuana is not a performance-enhancing drug, it remains squarely on the banned list for Olympic sports. / POLITICS, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES: A bipartisan group of 21

Northwest lawmakers called on President Joe Biden to prioritize a long-running effort to renegotiate a 60-year-old treaty that governs how the United States and Canada share the waters of the Columbia River Basin. The lawmakers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana urged the president to update the Columbia River Treaty. The Spokesman-Review reports efforts to revise the treaty began in 2013 amid concerns over salmon runs, flood risk and electricity the U.S. sends to Canada. The treaty came together after a 1948 flood washed away what once was Oregon's second-biggest city, Vanport. It provided for the construction of one dam in Montana and three in British Columbia that doubled the amount of reservoir storage in the basin. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, WILDFIRES: Travel between the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon is limited to just a few routes today because of a pair of major highway closures: On Oregon Highway 138 in Douglas County, a 15-mile stretch remains closed this morning from east of Steamboat to Slide Creek (Milepost 40 – Milepost 55) as crews battle the Jack Creek Fire. ; It comes as crews battle a blaze on steep slopes near parts of the highway and are dealing with burning snags and falling rocks that make it unsafe for motorists. The closure is likely to extend into the weekend. The Oregon Department of Transportation has set a westbound “soft closure” at Lemolo Lake Junction, for local access to some locations on the east side of the closure area. ; And a six-mile stretch of Highway 58 is closed about 15 miles east of Oakridge—between Milepost 51 and Milepost 57 near the Salt Creek Tunnel—until early this afternoon. But from a driver standpoint on the west end, the closure for eastbound traffic begins in Oakridge, with local access to locations between Oakridge and Milepost 51. The closure for westbound traffic begins at Milepost 73, where there is a wide spot that allows large vehicles to turn around. There is local access on the east side of the closure for those needing to get to locations between Milepost 73 and Milepost 51. ; Crews are working to remove a semi-truck that crashed off the side of the highway and plunged down a cliff a week-and-a-half ago. It’s a complex operation. Crews who worked last week to unload the trailer’s cargo had to work on a fragile slope amid the risk of falling boulders. For today’s recovery operation, the Oregon Department of Transportation has brought in a large crane that must be set up in the highway to pull the truck and trailer back up the slope through a tree-covered area. It is safest to do that during daylight hours, with the staging underway early this morning. ; Because of the closures today on State Highways 58 and 138, your remaining routes over the mountains include Oregon Highways 126 and 22 and U.S. Highway 20—or heading to Southern Oregon and taking Highway 66. But remember, Highways 126 and 22 have reduced speed and potentially long waits through last year’s wildfire zones, so allow extra time and obey speed restrictions if you’re taking those routes./ WILDFIRES, SAFETY. COMMUNITY: A task force featuring personnel and equipment from firefighting departments and agencies across Lane County is headed south this morning, to help battle a fast-growing blaze along the North Umpqua River. They formed up</p>

at the Goshen fire station to depart around 5:00 a.m. The task force includes personnel and vehicles from Lane Fire Authority, South Lane Fire, Eugene-Springfield Fire, Mohawk, Coburg, and McKenzie Fire. Fueled by hot temperatures, dry conditions, and steep terrain, the Jack Creek Wildfire has grown from 50 acres when it was first reported late Monday afternoon to 1,500 acres overnight. The blaze is burning east of the community of Steamboat. It's prompted a closure of Highway 138-East, the North Umpqua Highway, between Milepost 40 and Milepost 55. Early yesterday afternoon, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office issued mandatory evacuations for some rural neighborhoods, recreation areas, and campgrounds between Milepost 43 and the Eagle Rock Campground. Oregon Governor Kate Brown yesterday invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act. That makes more state resources available to fight the fire and allows for the mobilization of fire task forces from Lane and other counties. The fire is evoking painful memories and providing emotional triggers for many who survived last year's Labor Day wildfires in the Cascades. Among them, those who were forced to flee the Archie Creek Fire, which scorched more than 130,000 acres, heavily damaged a portion of the North Umpqua canyon, and destroyed many homes. / WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY: Oregon's death toll from a late June's record-smashing heat wave topped 100 Tuesday. And Governor Kate Brown issued new directives intended to help better protect people from future rounds of extreme summer heat. They include calling on Oregon OSHA to enact emergency rules to protect better workers who are exposed to high temperatures. One of those who died was a Marion County farmworker. The temporary rules would expand requirements for employers to provide shade, rest time and cool water for workers during these extreme heat events. The state medical examiner says Oregon's death toll from the heatwave now stands at 107, with victims ranging in age from 37 to 97. In the Portland Tri-County area, where most of the deaths occurred, officials said many victims had no air conditioners or fans. Many died alone. While the updated total does not include any deaths in Lane County, two of the victims are from Linn County—a 59-year-old woman and an 82-year-old man. / EDUCATION: A massive donation to forward research and train the next generation of leading-edge scientists at the University of Oregon. Campus leaders yesterday announced a second \$500 million dollar gift from Phil and Penny Knight. The money from the Nike co-founder and his wife will further expand bioengineering and applied scientific research and training at the new complex on the north side of Eugene's Franklin Boulevard that bears their names. The first building opened late last year. This gift supports a new phase, which includes a second research building. Under the current plans, it would be a 175,000 square-foot facility focused on bioengineering and applied science research. The money will also help hire more than one dozen new faculty members and their research teams. The Phil & Penny Knight Campus for Accelerating Scientific Impact houses faculty and student teams whose work to date focuses on spinal injuries, strokes, macular degeneration, rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes. The overall mission of the Knight Campus: accelerate the timeline from scientific discovery to real-world application and improve quality of life in Oregon and beyond. The effort was launched in 2016 with a \$500 million lead gift from the Knights — the largest ever to a public flagship university — and was augmented with \$70 million in state bonds and additional philanthropy. Campus leaders say faculty members recruited from around the world already

have launched a number of start-up companies, moving new technologies into the marketplace. In bioengineering, the Knight Campus Graduate Internship Program offers an accelerated master's degree, placing 90 percent of its graduates into careers within three months of graduation. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: One key player who was absent at yesterday's Knight Science Campus announcement: University of Oregon President Michael Schill. Officials say he is being treated at a local hospital for a serious infection that developed from a cut on his hand. Schill is expected to make a full recovery but is taking several more days to recuperate. Provost Patrick Phillips is serving as acting U-of-O president. / CRIME: The Lane County Sheriff's Office yesterday released the name of the man shot and killed this week in the Fall Creek area. Investigators say he is 46-year-old Joshua Vandervort. The suspect, 27-year-old Gregory Clement is currently charged with being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The Lane County District Attorney's Office is reviewing the case to determine additional charges. While investigators have not revealed additional details or the name of the victim, they say there is no ongoing threat to the community. Officials have not said what led to the shooting. / SAFETY: Officials in Douglas County say a Roseburg teen drowned Sunday evening in the Umpqua River. Officials say they responded to the water rescue call shortly after 6:30 p.m. on July 4th at the Yellow Creek Ramp near Oakland. Investigators say 15-year-old Aliya Yasmin Grizzard of Roseburg was on a family outing and had been floating on an inflatable air mattress when she was swept through a rapid and wound up in the water. She was not wearing a life jacket. / YOUTH, SAFETY, HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, HOUSING: Young people struggling with homelessness, mental health, abuse, and other issues can find help and connect with local resources today. The "New Roads" program at Looking Glass Youth & Family services is coordinating a Youth Resource Fair from noon to 2 p.m. It takes place at New Roads, located at 941 West 7th Avenue in Eugene. Among those taking part in the event, offering information and resources: 15th Night; HIV Alliance; WomenSpace; St Vinny's Youth House; Catholic Community Services; Directions; and Ophelia's Place. / SPORTS: The U.S.A. Track and Field unveiled its Olympic team roster yesterday, and the state of Oregon is well-represented: Former University of Oregon runner and national champion Cole Hocker leads the entrants in the Men's 1,500 meters. Another former U-of-O star, All-American Raevyn Rogers, is among those in the Women's 800 Meters. Barlow High School alumnus and reigning Olympic shot-put champion Ryan Crouser will enter that event as the gold medal favorite. Former UO football and track star Devon Allen will represent the U.S. in the men's 110 hurdles. Former U-of-O cross country national champion Galen Rupp will compete for the U.S. in the marathon. Former Duck Jenna Prandini will represent the U.S. in the women's 100 and 200. 2016 Olympic gold medalist English Gardner made the pool for the women's 4x100 after failing to qualify in the 100. Cravon Gillespie, who ran for UO until 2019, made the men's 4x100 pool, as did former Benson High School star Micah Williams, who just finished his freshman season for the Ducks. ; Banned sprinter Sha'Carri Richardson is not on the Olympic roster released by USA Track and Field. The decision means the American's positive test for marijuana will cost her a chance at running on the relay team in Tokyo, in addition to her spot in the 100-meter individual race. Richardson's positive test nullified her win at Olympic trials last month and the spot that went with it in the 100. Her 30-day suspension was

set to end before the start of the relays in Tokyo. That left open the possibility she could run on the relay team. But her name was missing from the 130-person roster USATF sent out Tuesday. It means no Olympics for the 21-year-old sprinter, who was expected to challenge for gold medals in Tokyo. ; USA Track and Field says it's "incredibly sympathetic toward Sha'Carri Richardson's extenuating circumstances" but the banned sprinter won't be given a spot on the 4X100 relay team in the Olympics. Richardson had already been banned from the 100 following a positive test for marijuana. Richardson says she used the drug following the death of her mother. Her 30-day suspension was set to end before the start of the relays in Tokyo. That left open the possibility she could run on the relay team. But her name was missing from the roster USATF sent out Tuesday. The ban has been criticized. USATF says it "fully agrees" that international rules regarding marijuana should be reevaluated. ; The Eugene Emeralds got back in the "win" column last night, opening their six-game home stand against the Everett Aquasox with a 9-3 victory. Last night marked the first home game allowing a full-capacity crowd since the 2019 season. The Emeralds and Sox are back in action tonight. First pitch is at 7:05 p.m. Tickets at www.EmeraldsBaseball.com Use promo code "WEMADEIT" to receive 50 percent off box seat tickets during this series. ; Janie Reed, a 28-year-old former University of Oregon athlete, is preparing to play outfield for the U.S. softball team at the Olympics. The 28-year-old Janie Reed, formerly Janie Takeda, is making her preparations as her husband, pitcher Jake Reed, was called up by the Los Angeles Dodgers and this week made his major league debut. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A couple of quick travel updates this morning: On Oregon Highway 138-E in Douglas County, a 15-mile stretch remains closed this morning from Steamboat to Slide Creek (Milepost 38.5 – Milepost 55) as crews battle the Jack Creek Fire. It comes as crews battle a blaze on steep slopes near parts of the highway and are dealing with burning snags and falling rocks that make it unsafe for motorists. The closure is likely to extend into the weekend. The Oregon Department of Transportation has set a westbound “soft closure” at Lemolo Lake Junction on the east side of the highway closure, to allow access to some nearby recreation areas, including Lemolo Lake. ; Crews were able to successfully recover a semi-truck and trailer that went down a steep embankment late last month on Highway 58 near the Salt Creek Tunnel. The roadway at Milepost 55 is being reduced to single-lane traffic for the next week while crews stabilize the slope below the roadway, rebuild and repave the highway shoulder, and replace the damaged guardrail. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, HEALTH, WEATHER: The Jack Fire in eastern Douglas County grew to close to 2,400 acres late yesterday. It is burning on the north side of Oregon Highway 138 and east of Jack Creek Road. Fueled by hot temperatures, dry conditions, and steep terrain, the blaze has grown rapidly from the 50 acres first reported late Monday afternoon. It’s prompted a closure of Highway 138-E, the North Umpqua Highway, between Milepost 38.5 and Milepost 55. There have been mandatory evacuations for some rural neighborhoods, recreation areas, and campgrounds between Milepost 43 and the Eagle Rock Campground, including the Dry Creek community. There are 200 personnel battling the blaze, including members of a Lane County Task Force that includes personnel and equipment from a half-dozen fire departments and agencies. The Oregon State Marine Board has temporarily closed a portion of the North Umpqua River to boaters at the request of the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office. The closure stretches from the Boulder Flat boat launch at River Mile 68 downstream to the Alder Creek confluence at River Mile 51.3. ; In eastern Klamath County, the Bootleg Fire on the Winema National Forest has grown to 3,000 acres. It’s located roughly 11 miles northeast of the town of Sprague River. Smoke is visible in that community and in Chiloquin. The blaze was first spotted Tuesday afternoon and is growing quickly in dry timber, brush, and grasses. Today’s forecast calls for gusty winds in that area.

Governor Kate Brown has invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act to send additional crews and resources to battle the fire. / CRIME, WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Investigators with the Benton County Sheriff's Office have arrested two men they say admitted throwing lit illegal fireworks from a vehicle on Sunday afternoon. One of the devices sparked a blaze on Highway 34 near Milepost 21. Crews from the Alsea Fire Department and Oregon Department of Forestry quickly contained it to less than an acre on both sides of the highway. Later that day, sheriff's deputies heard from a witness who provided a description of the blue sedan and the two suspects. The witness said they saw both men laughing as one firework was thrown from the vehicle. A deputy later spotted and stopped the sedan, which investigators say still had illegal fireworks visible inside the vehicle. Officials say the driver, Tyler Weeks, and his passenger, Tristan Forrest, admitted to a sheriff's deputy they had been lighting illegal fireworks. They're charged with Arson 2, Reckless Burning, Possession of Illegal Fireworks, Criminal Mischief 1, and Disorderly Conduct 1. / DISASTERS, SAFETY: Tomorrow at 10 a.m., Central Lane 911 is conducting a test of the Community Emergency Notification System for the McKenzie Highway area, served by McKenzie Fire and Rescue, and of the Mohawk Valley area served by Mohawk Valley Rural Fire District. The goal is to send notification messages to all landline and mobile phones in that specific geographical area that have been registered with AlertSense, the county's emergency messaging service. If you receive the test, there is no need to respond and please do not call 9-1-1. If you are not already registered with AlertSense, you still may do so—whether you're in tomorrow's test area or in other parts of the county. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY: State officials say 71 percent of the debris removal work is complete at the residential and business sites gutted in last year's massive wildfires. They have cleared more than 2,100 homesites. More than 25,000 property owners and residents have registered for FEMA aid. More than 1,000 people are still being sheltered in some form of temporary housing. Officials say residents might see a slowing of debris removal work this summer, as the effort shifts to sites with more challenging terrain, teams gather soil samples and navigate between tight property lines. State-led crews also have assessed the majority of fire-damaged trees along highway corridors and that one-third of their tree removal is finished. That amounts to roughly 48,700 trees. Tree removal involving contractors on private lands also is continuing. Last week, President Biden announced that the federal government will cover 100 percent of the cost of debris removal and emergency protective measures taken by state and local governments during the Labor Day fires. It comes after concerted work by Oregon's Congressional delegation. They say the costs of debris removal alone are estimated at \$622 million and the total disaster cost will exceed \$1 (b)billion. Twenty of Oregon's 36 counties were affected by the wildfires and are eligible for a portion of the stepped-up FEMA aid. / WEATHER, COMMUNITY: Stop watering lawns. Postpone washing windows. Oregon Governor Kate Brown has issued an executive order directing state agencies to curtail water use amid the drought. The order directs state agencies that own or manage land or facilities to reduce or stop non-essential uses of water, including watering lawns, washing windows, and running fountains that do not recirculate water. The order also bans the installation of new landscaping that requires irrigation and urges agencies to place signs inside their buildings to ask employees to reduce water use. Nineteen of Oregon's counties are in drought emergencies and the state experienced a

record-breaking heat wave this month. / WEATHER, SAFETY: The state medical examiner has added another nine deaths to Oregon's tally from late June's record-setting heatwave. That brings the toll to 116. The victims ranging in age from 37 to 97. Most were in Portland's Tri-County area, among those who had no access to air conditioners or fans. There were three deaths in neighboring Linn County but, so far, it's believed there were none in Lane County. ; Can we expect severe heatwaves across Oregon every few years? It's possible, according to the experts. A quick scientific study finds that the recent deadly heat wave in the Pacific Northwest would be virtually impossible without climate change. Wednesday's study from a team of international scientists says the chance of the record-smashing heat experienced in late June was at least 150 times more likely because of fossil fuel emissions. It is still a once-in-a-millennium event now. But scientists warn that it will happen every five to 10 years or so around mid-century if carbon pollution continues. The study also finds that climate change added 3.6 degrees to the heat. The study is not yet peer reviewed. ; An Associated Press analysis shows that the recent heat wave struck places that are warming up faster than other parts of the United States. Federal weather data since 1990 show that during the summer, the West is heating up more than elsewhere. So the Northwest heat wave is not as surprising as it looks. The AP analysis also finds that in the West daytime highs are rising faster, producing those triple digit stunners. But in the East, nighttime lows are getting warmer faster than daytime highs are. And experts say nighttime cooling is needed for the body to recover from daytime heat. / WEATHER, AGRICULTURE: Oregon farmers say the extreme heat late last month damaged crops including raspberries, blueberries, and cherries. Others began ripening quickly, leading to a rush to harvest. Some of the damage is easily visible: sunburn on berries and tree fruits. The farmers reported the damage through their county's weekly agriculture surveys. Many say they are seeking emergency aid. Cattle ranchers, meantime, say the severe drought is making it difficult to find enough water and forage for their herds. Some are selling animals early to reduce the drain on their land and their budgets. / HEALTH: Another Lane County resident has died from COVID-19. The death of the 87-year-old man was announced by state health officials on the same day the county reported ten new cases. Thirteen local patients remain hospitalized. Four of those people are in intensive care and two of those are on ventilators. Lane County's pandemic death toll stands at 169. ; Oregon has seen more than 2,700 deaths from COVID-19 in the past 16 months. Across the U.S., more than 606,000 people have died from the disease and its complications. Yesterday, the global COVID-19 death toll surged past four million as outbreaks continued to spread in many countries with low vaccination rates and the proliferation of highly contagious variants. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: State employment experts say our "pandemic recession" was unlike any economic crisis we've seen. It arrived fast and its impacts were devastating. Oregon's previously healthy economy lost 286,000 jobs in two months' time. And the impacts were not evenly distributed, with in-person, service-based sectors experiencing significantly higher rates of job loss. Among the highlights of a new analysis from the Oregon Employment Department: Unemployment spiked to a record high of 13.2 percent in April 2020. Taken together, leisure and hospitality, other services – including hair salons, repair shops, and other personal services – and private education accounted for nearly half (48 percent) of all jobs lost in the initial economic shock. While most

sectors began rebounding from the initial pandemic recession job losses, local government – and public education in particular – did not, continuing to shed jobs as the pandemic wore on. Because of the sectors that were hardest-hit, especially in the hotel, restaurant and other Leisure and Hospitality businesses—more women, younger workers between the ages of 16 and 24, and people of color—especially Latino and Hispanic—were affected by the pandemic recession. Those sectors also list more minimum-wage jobs, greatly affecting individuals and families already toward the bottom of the economic scale. All of that meant low-wage earners experienced some of the most severe economic and job losses. That was reflected in state unemployment claims. But analysts say the benefit payments that served as a safety net to displaced workers and business owners under public health restrictions helped keep many afloat. But early and lengthy delays in many of those payments badly harmed household budgets. ; Analysts have said job openings are still at record levels as many workers stay home to care for children, protect their health, look for higher-wage and higher-benefit positions, or simply leave the workforce, perhaps to retire early. For a second straight month, U.S. employers posted a record-high number of open jobs. It came as the rapidly rebounding economy has created an intense demand for workers. The Labor Department said that the number of available jobs on the last day of May rose slightly to 9.21 million, from 9.19 million in April. That is the highest since records began in December 2000. The previously reported figure for April of 9.3 million was revised lower. / EMPLOYMENT, YOUTH The owners of restaurants, amusement parks and retail shops, many of them desperate for workers, are sounding an unusual note of gratitude this summer: Thank goodness for teenagers. As the U.S. economy bounds back with unexpected speed from the pandemic recession and customer demand intensifies, high school-age kids are filling jobs that older workers can't — or won't. The result is that many teens who are willing to bus restaurant tables or serve as water-park lifeguards are commanding \$15, \$17 or more an hour, plus bonuses in some instances or money to help pay for school classes. / TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: How desperate is the need for workers as Americans satisfy their pent-up need for summer travel? The Seattle Times reports that over the July 4th holiday weekend, some executives who normally have desk jobs with Alaska Airlines stepped up to fill the role of baggage handlers at SeaTac International Airport, in order to get luggage onto flights for on-time departures. The Transportation Security Administration or TSA says that between July 1 and July 5 their agents screened more than 10.1 million travelers at airport security checkpoints across the nation. It was the highest volume since the beginning of the pandemic. Planning air travel this summer and want to reduce your time in line? The agency suggests enrolling in the TSA PreCheck program. Officials also remind you that face masks are still required in airports. They urge you to go to the TSA's website to review the list of prohibited items in carry-on and checked baggage. And arrive early for your flights to allow time to clear security checkpoints. / TRANSPORTATION: Amtrak plans to spend \$7.3 billion to replace 83 passenger trains, some of which are nearly a half-century old. That includes some of the trainsets operating on the Amtrak Cascades daily routes between Eugene and Seattle. Officials with Amtrak, the nation's passenger railroad, say they've signed a contract for the transportation unit of the company Siemens to build the trains at a factory in Sacramento, California. Congress still needs to

finalize the funding, but Amtrak officials say they have a way to finance the purchases, if needed. Some of the trains will be hybrids, able to operate on diesel fuel and electricity where wires are available. The new trains will begin running in 2024. They'll have more comfortable seating, better ventilation systems, individual power outlets and USB ports, and onboard Wi-Fi. / CRIME, AGRICULTURE: A Washington man has been sentenced in fraud schemes that involved grass seed at facilities in Albany and Jefferson, Oregon. The Albany Democrat-Herald reports Christopher Claypool, of Spokane, was sentenced Wednesday to three years in federal prison and three years of supervised release. Claypool under his plea deal already has paid almost \$8.3 million in restitution and agreed to forfeit nearly \$7.8 million in criminally derived proceeds. Claypool pleaded guilty in March to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering. Acting U.S. attorney Scott Erik Asphaug says Claypool engaged in schemes to defraud the J.R. Simplot Co. and its customers while he was the general manager of Jacklin Seed Co., then owned by Simplot. / EVENTS, HEALTH: Looks like Eugene had more fans at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials than will be attending this summer's Olympic Games in Tokyo. Officials with Japan and the International Olympic Committee just announced that fans will be banned from the Tokyo Olympics amid a declaration of a "state of emergency" aimed at containing rising COVID-19 infections in the Japanese capital city. It's not a big change, since fans were already banned. But many hoped the cases would ease, leading to at least some spectators being allowed in the Olympic venues. The emergency declaration made for a rude arrival in Japan for International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach, who landed in Tokyo on today just hours before the new measures were announced. He'll be spending three days in self-isolation at his hotel before joining the on-site meetings and preparations. /

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you don't need to do anything: There is no need to respond. Please do not call 9-1-1. If you are not already registered with AlertSense, you still may do so—whether you're in today's test area or in other parts of the county. / SAFETY: Officials say fireworks caused a deadly Fourth of July blaze at an apartment complex in northeast Portland. Portland Fire & Rescue said two men died in the large blaze and six other people were hurt, including a 25-year-old woman who remained hospitalized in critical condition. Residents told the Oregonian and OregonLive that people jumped from their windows or balconies. Witnesses said one man who died jumped from the porch of his top-floor unit. Other residents said they encouraged his roommate to jump but he did not, and also died. Portland officials had banned fireworks a few days before the holiday because of hot, dry conditions. / WEATHER, HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, LABOR, SAFETY: Oregon OSHA, the state's workplace safety agency, has adopted an emergency rule that strengthens requirements for employers to protect workers from extreme heat. It comes in the wake of the late-June heatwave that killed at least 116 people in this state. Advocates say the new rule is among the nation's most protective. It expands access to shade and cool water and mandates regular cool-down breaks and communication between employees and supervisors so workers may report any concerns. Similar rules were already in place, but these are more specific, outlining what employers must do to keep their workers and crews safe as the heat climbs to certain temperature levels. Among those who died early last week was a migrant worker on a crew at a mid-Willamette Valley nursery that was relocating irrigation lines. Oregon OSHA also is considering permanent rules to protect workers from extreme heat and wildfire smoke. A decision on that is expected later this year. / HEALTH: Tyson Foods is recalling almost 4,500 tons of ready-to-eat chicken products after finding the products they might be tainted with listeria bacteria. The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the recall, saying it comes after two consumers reported falling ill with listeriosis. Further investigation also revealed one death tied to the products. The recall involves pre-cooked chicken produced by a Tyson plant in Missouri, according to a statement from the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. The recall involves three dozen products, all containing pre-cooked chicken, and marketed under the Tyson and other labels. These items were shipped nationwide to retailers and institutions, including hospitals, nursing facilities, restaurants, schools and military locations. The recalled products bear establishment number "EST. P-7089" on the product bag or inside the USDA mark of inspection. Listeriosis is a serious infection that primarily affects older adults, those with weakened immune systems, and pregnant women and their newborns. It causes fever, muscle aches, headache, stiff neck, confusion, loss of balance and convulsions sometimes preceded by diarrhea or other gastrointestinal symptoms. In pregnant women, the infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths, premature delivery or life-threatening infection of the newborn. In addition, serious and sometimes fatal infections in those with weakened immune systems. / HEALTH: Oregon is still seeing hundreds of new COVID-19 infections every day. But as vaccination spreads, the rate of infection, severe illness and hospitalization is falling. According to the report: The Oregon Health Authority's latest weekly report tallied close to 1,200 cases last week—a 13 percent decrease over the previous week. New COVID-19 related hospitalizations dropped by 40 percent, to 66, from 110 the previous week. Still, there were 19 reported COVID-19 related deaths last

week, up from seven reported the previous week. People ages 70 and older account for close to two in every five COVID-19 related hospitalizations and three of every four COVID-19 related deaths. The Oregon Health Authority reported 212 new COVID-19 infections and two deaths. / EVENTS, HEALTH, COMMUNITY: It will be a nice evening at the ballpark tomorrow for Sheldon High School math teacher and baseball coach Scott Wright: a chance to sit back, watch a ball game, and be thankful that he's able to do it. In November, Wright thought he had a mild cold. It turned into a severe case of COVID-19, that led to a lengthy period on a ventilator as he clung to life in a hospital intensive-care unit. The recovery was long and slow. Talk to anyone who's survived a severe health crisis. They'll tell you there are challenges, but that every day is a gift. Scott Wright and his family will celebrate Saturday at P.K. Park, as the Eugene Ems take on the Everett Aquasox. And they'll do it in the Em's luxury suite, courtesy of COVID Clinic. If you're attending Saturday's game, be sure to give him a smile and a wave. Scott, it's really good to have you on the mend. Want to attend the weekend's Ems' games? Fans can use the promo code 'WEMADEIT' when purchasing tickets at www.EmeraldsBaseball.com to receive 50 percent off box seat tickets for any game through Sunday. / HEALTH, SCHOOL: U.S. health officials say vaccinated teachers and students don't need to wear masks inside school buildings. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the new guidelines today. The changes come after a growing national vaccination campaign in which children as young as 12 are eligible to get shots, as well as a general decline in recent months in COVID hospitalizations and deaths. The guidance generally leaves it to local officials to figure out how to ensure the unvaccinated are using precautions while letting those who are fully protected go mask-free. The biggest questions will be at middle schools where some students are eligible for shots and others aren't. / HEALTH: Pfizer is preparing to seek U.S. authorization for a third dose of its COVID-19 vaccine, saying yesterday that another shot within 12 months could dramatically boost immunity and maybe help ward off the latest worrisome coronavirus mutation. Research from multiple countries shows the Pfizer shot and other widely used COVID-19 vaccines already offer strong protection against the highly contagious delta variant, which is spreading rapidly around the world and now accounts for most new infections in the U.S. and Oregon. Two doses of most vaccines are critical to develop high levels of virus-fighting antibodies against all versions of the coronavirus, not just the delta variant. But antibodies naturally wane over time, so studies are also underway to determine how often boosters might be needed. ; The Pfizer news comes as researchers in France reported new evidence that full vaccination is critical. In laboratory tests, blood from several dozen people given only their first dose of the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccines "barely inhibited" the delta variant. But the scientists reported in the journal Nature that those who received their second dose and weeks later had reached full immunity had a boost strong enough to neutralize the delta variant. Researchers in Britain early determined that two doses of the Pfizer vaccine are 96 percent protective against hospitalization with the delta variant and 88 percent effective against symptomatic infection. That finding was echoed last weekend by Canadian researchers. ; The Food and Drug Administration has approved new prescribing instructions that are likely to limit use of a controversial new Alzheimer's drug. The update comes one month after approval of Aduhelm, which has sparked a wave of criticism over its price and

questionable benefits. The updated prescribing label says the drug is appropriate for patients with early or mild Alzheimer's. That's a big change from the original FDA instructions, which said simply that the drug was approved for Alzheimer's disease in general. The change could ease some scrutiny from experts and lawmakers concerned about the cost of the drug. ; The recent emergence of a virus that typically sickens children in colder months has baffled U.S. pediatricians and put many infants in the hospital with troublesome coughs and breathing trouble. RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, is a common cause of cold-like symptoms but can be serious for infants and the elderly. Cases dropped dramatically last year during COVID-19 restrictions but began cropping up as pandemic precautions eased. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a health advisory on June 10 about an increase in RSV cases across parts of the South. Cases have appeared in many other states. / EVENTS, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: For close to 50 years, the second weekend in July has been a big one for fans of the Oregon Country Fair, with close to 50,000 people enjoying culture and the arts outdoors each day in the woods along the Long Tom River. But this year, you won't find the annual event on the fair's site west of Veneta. Instead, a virtual Oregon Country Fair—dubbed "Fair in the Clouds"—is taking place online today through Sunday (July 9, 10, 11). It gets underway this morning at 11:00 a.m., the same time the gates would normally open. And even though it's a virtual event, you can still enjoy a lot of the fair's popular features: Stream 60 hours of music and vaudeville performances over the next three days; check out online exhibits from Community Village and the Energy Park; participate in Crafts demonstrations; and purchase items from regular fair artisans and merchants. You can even explore in 3-D and create your own avatar to wander the virtual site. And you can dip into the fair's archives and history. The Oregon Country Fair's "Fair in the Clouds" is free to stream at the fair's website, but you're encouraged to make a donation to help sustain the programs and the grants that the fair supports all year-round. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Commissioners in Oregon's most populous county have voted to extend a pause on evictions, for tenants who have applied for rental assistance, through September. Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury says the demand for rental assistance in the county that includes Portland is estimated to be twice as high as all other Oregon counties combined. The state's "Safe Harbor" eviction pause lasts only through August, so the Board of Commissioners voted Thursday to extend it in Multnomah County for an additional 30 days. Officials say the move will give service providers more time to process and distribute funds to struggling tenants. / GOVERNMENT: President Joe Biden is relaunching the council of governors, and Oregon's Kate Brown is one of its members. The panel includes an advisory board of governors and a number of key Cabinet secretaries and top administration officials. The focus is on strengthening federal and state collaboration on major national security issues. Brown is one of nine governors on the council. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, UTILITIES, HEALTH: Crews continue to monitor and douse a fire that broke out yesterday evening near Highway 99 and Milliron Road, south of Junction City. A portion of the highway and several side streets were closed for several hours overnight. It has reopened, but watch for emergency crews, lane restrictions, and slow down. Some nearby residents were evacuated for a time, as a precaution. The blaze was burning in a log deck on property on the east side of the highway. Those sorts of fires can take time to extinguish and pretty much have to burn themselves out. Eugene-Springfield Fire crews also scrambled to put out several small brush fires Saturday night on the slope of Skinner Butte. They combined to char about one acre. Investigators believe the blazes were human-caused. ; A fire that was first spotted Sunday afternoon in Central Oregon, midway between Lake Billy Chinook and the city of Sisters. It quickly expanded southwest, prompting widespread evacuations in some rural neighborhoods northwest of Redmond as burns toward the southwest. Level 3 ("Go now") evacuation orders were issued around 9 p.m. last night for homes threatened by the Grandview Fire, which is burning on parts of Deschutes and Jefferson Counties. The American Red Cross has set up an evacuation shelter at Sisters Middle School. One resident who lives several miles east of Sisters yesterday evening shared photos of the distant smoke plume and noted that wildfire ash was "falling like snow." KTVZ-TV in Bend reports the fire was called in 1:30 p.m. yesterday on the Crooked River National Grassland and private lands, west of Crooked River Ranch. But fire officials add that Crooked River Ranch, Three Rivers. Camp Sherman and Cove Palisades State Park "are not under any evacuation order and are open." Meanwhile, in the La Pine area, a smaller blaze was contained yesterday at 54 acres. The Newberry Fire briefly prompted some Level 1 "Get Ready" evacuation advisories, but crews had it contained later in the day. ; The biggest active fire in Oregon—and in the nation—is the Bootleg Fire in eastern Klamath County. During the past six days, it has exploded in size amid gusty winds and hot, dry weather—including single-digit humidity. The blaze has charred more than 153,000 acres. It is zero percent contained. The Bootleg Fire is burning on the Winema (why-KNEE'-muh) National Forest and on private land, north of the towns of Sprague River and Beatty. The blaze has sent huge plumes of smoke into the air and across the region, which is

visible from Highway 97 near Chiloquin and Oregon Highway 140. Fire managers said over the weekend their crews had faced days of intense fire behavior, with conditions so extreme that at times they had to disengage and move to predetermined “safety zones.” Some of the more than 1,000 firefighters battling the flames reported conditions more extreme than any they’d ever encountered. The fire is being fueled by critically dry timber, brush, and grasses. Over the weekend, a task force from Lane County, made up of personnel and equipment from Coburg Fire, Lane Fire Authority, Mohawk, Siuslaw Valley, South Lane, and Eugene-Springfield Fire. They are joining other task forces from across the state and working to protect homes and other buildings. An estimated 3,000 homes are at risk. But not everyone has been willing to evacuate as the fire approaches. Officials say that puts not just residents but firefighters at extreme risk—and that unnecessary traffic on nearby roads is hampering firefighting efforts. Klamath County Sheriff’s officials say they’ve begun handing out citations and issuing stern warnings. They say they will begin arresting people who refuse to follow evacuation orders. The Bootleg Fire is threatening power supplies in California. Three major transmission lines are in the fire zone and the blaze has disrupted their operations. That prompted a weekend “flex alert” in California, as state power operators urged residents there to conserve electricity as much as possible to avoid outages. The powerlines are part of the California-Oregon AC Intertie. They carry 4,800 megawatts of power, enough to serve millions of homes. ; The Jack Fire in eastern Douglas County has more than doubled in size since Friday, growing to close to 11,000 acres by midday yesterday. It is ten percent contained. The cause remains under investigation. Crews have started some mop-up on the west side but are still working to create containment lines to protect the Dry Creek area. In Some cases, that involves strategically burning vegetation to deprive the advancing fire of fuel. The most active portion of the fire yesterday was south of North Umpqua River and along Oregon Highway 138. The blaze was first reported one week ago. On Tuesday, a task force from six Lane County fire departments and agencies joined the battle to help protect residences and other structures from the Jack Fire. So far, no buildings have been lost. Task forces are continuing to work their way east to locate additional homes and buildings that might need protection. There are 781 personnel battling the blaze on the ground and in the air. The steep terrain has been a challenge, as well as poison oak that is growing in many places. After a hot, dry, weekend, the forecast calls for cooling to temperatures in the 80s over the next day or so, which are closer to normal. There have been mandatory evacuations for some rural neighborhoods, recreation areas, and campgrounds between Milepost 43 and the Eagle Rock Campground. A 17-mile portion of Highway 138 along the North Umpqua River—between Steamboat and Slide Creek—remains closed because of flames near the roadway, falling rocks, and the need to keep the highway clear for firefighting crews. There is a “soft closure” at Lemolo junction on the east side to allow local access to some nearby recreation areas. The Oregon State Marine Board has temporarily closed a portion of the North Umpqua River to boaters at the request of the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office. The closure stretches from the Boulder Flat boat launch at River Mile 68 downstream to the Alder Creek confluence at River Mile 51.3. / HEALTH, RECREATION, WEATHER: It happens during hot stretches of the summer, when water levels are low and temperatures are high. The Oregon Health Authority on Friday evening issued a recreational use health

advisory for Fern Ridge Lake because of the presence of an algae bloom that can be harmful to people and pets. You can still visit Fern Ridge and enjoy activities such as fishing, camping, hiking, biking, picnicking, and bird watching. Boating is safe as long as speeds do not create excessive water spray. Sprays could lead to the risk of inhaling cyanotoxins. But you want to avoid swimming and high-speed water activities, such as water skiing or power boating, in areas of the lake where blooms are as the major route of exposure in ingestion of water. The toxins are not absorbed through the skin. However, if you have skin sensitivities you may get a puffy red rash. And you don't want to accidentally swallow any lake water. Children and pets are at increased risk for exposure because of their size and level of activity. Dogs can get extremely ill and even die within minutes to hours of exposure to cyanotoxins by drinking the water, licking their fur, or eating the toxins from floating mats or dried crust along the shore. Exposure to cyanotoxins can be serious and cause a range of symptoms. Symptoms may be similar to food poisoning such as stomach cramping, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. Symptoms may also be more serious, such as numbness, tingling, dizziness and shortness of breath. These symptoms may require medical attention. Dogs can experience weakness, difficulty walking, seizures, lethargy, loss of appetite and more. If your dog exhibits symptoms you should seek veterinary treatment as quickly as possible. / HEALTH, WEATHER, AGRICULTURE: The heat wave that recently hit the Pacific Northwest subjected the region's vineyards to record-breaking temperatures nine months after the fields that produce world-class wine were blanketed by wildfire smoke. But when temperatures began climbing close to 120 degrees in late June, the grapes in Oregon and Washington state were still young, many still shaded by leaf canopies that had not been trimmed back yet. That saved them from harm. If it had been earlier or later in the growing season, it could have been disastrous. The bad news is that extreme heat events and wildfires are apt to become more frequent because of climate change. / WEATHER, WILDLIFE: The calls flooded into Blue Mountain Wildlife first thing on June 28 because dozens of baby hawks, desperate to escape the blast of early summer heat, bailed from their nests and plummeted to the ground. The East Oregonian reports calls poured in day after day as temperatures pushed beyond 110 degrees across Eastern Oregon. In her 30 years as director of the wildlife rehabilitation center outside of Pendleton, Lynn Tompkins had not seen anything like it. In all, the center took in nearly 50 nestling Swainson's and Cooper's hawks after they leaped from their nests in the extreme heat wave in the Pacific Northwest. Thirteen of the raptors had to be euthanized. / SAFETY: Two men from Albany were killed when a homebuilt trike aircraft they were in crashed near Millersburg. The Linn County Sheriff's Office said the crash happened before 9 p.m. Friday in a field behind Deciduous Avenue. When they arrived on scene they found the pilot, 57-year-old Charles Kizer and his passenger 49-year-old Matthew Irish dead at the scene. They were flying in a North Wing Trike, a two-seater, motorized glider-type aircraft. The sheriff's office said there were witnesses of the crash. The Federal Aviation Administration has been called to help investigate. A trike is an ultralight aircraft composed of a robust hang-glider and a powered tricycle. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Oregon's \$1 million COVID-19 vaccine jackpot winner is a fine arts student at Oregon State University. Gov. Kate Brown handed Chloe Zinda a check on Friday. Zinda, who is from McMinnville, says she plans to use the money to pay off student loans, pursue her dream as an artist

and open her own studio. There are also \$10,000 prizes in each of Oregon's 36 counties and people between the ages of 12 and 17 have a chance to win one of five \$100,000 scholarships. Officials say the winners will be announced in the coming weeks. / AGRICULTURE, FAMILY, EDUCATION: As canning season gets underway, the Oregon State University Extension Service's Food Safety and Preservation hotline today begins taking your calls. The toll-free hotline opens today and operates through early October (Oct. 8). The number is 1-800-354-7319. It is staffed with experts who can answer your food safety questions between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Even when the hotline is closed for the evening, callers can leave a message. The hotline is staffed by certified Master Food Preserver volunteers in Lane and Douglas counties, but is available to all Oregonians. The most common calls include questions about preserving salsa, tomatoes and tuna. The OSU Extension Service offers publications on each: Salsa Recipes for Canning, Canning Seafood, Canning Tomatoes and Tomato Products and Safely Canning Foods: Pressure Canners, Pressure Cookers and Electric Pressure Cookers. Extension's Ask an Expert, an online question-and-answer service, is another way to get information. Post a question and an expert will get back to you within 48 hours. They can offer information about anything related to food preservation from safety concerns to recipes. There's also a free app – Canning Timer & Checklist – that provides reminders of essential steps in the canning process. Additionally, many Extension offices offer free pressure canner dial gauge testing. Hotline volunteers can provide you with information specific to your county. Launched in 1980 in Lane County, the Master Food Preserver program has grown to include more than 300 Master Food Preservers who must complete an eight-week course to be certified and start volunteer shifts on the hotline. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, WEATHER, SAFETY: Yesterday afternoon, a Forest Service lookout detected a new fire near the boundary between the Detroit and Sweet Home Ranger Districts. The Bruler Fire is now estimated to be 60 acres and is burning near the junction of Forest Road 11 (Straight Creek Road / Quartzville Road) and Forest Road 1133 approximately 8 miles south of Detroit Lake. Local firefighters and aircraft responded quickly and worked late into the evening. Today, crews will continue to aggressively attack the fire and aircraft will resume dropping water in attempt to slow fire growth. A Type 2 Incident Management team will brief this evening and take command of the fire tomorrow morning. Additional resources have been ordered and are expected to arrive in the coming days. Smoke will continue to be visible from the town of Detroit and Santiam Pass, with light to moderate smoke expected to settle in lower elevation areas in the vicinity overnight. "This fire does have the potential to spread, and the forest is very dry," said Sweet Home District Ranger and agency administrator Nikki Swanson. "The safety of the public and the firefighters is our first priority. We're in the process of closing several roads and trails to ensure firefighters can work efficiently and that the public remains safe. This will be managed as a full suppression fire." The public is asked to avoid Daly Lake, Tule Lake, the Old Cascade Crest trails, Forest Roads 11 (Straight Creek Road / Quartzville Road), Forest Road 10 leading south from Detroit Lake, Forest Roads 1161, 1133 and 1012. Linn County is assisting the Forest Service with notifying the public in the area as a precaution. There may be increased fire traffic on Highway 22. The fire is not currently threatening any communities or structures. The cause of the fire remains under investigation and containment is currently zero percent. ; Airport officials facing jet fuel shortages are concerned they'll have to wave off planes and helicopters that drop fire retardants during what could be a ferocious wildfire season, potentially endangering surrounding communities. U.S. officials say they've already had sporadic shortages at some tanker bases and fear multiple bases running out simultaneously during what is shaping up to be a ferocious wildfire season in the U.S. West. Airport officials, aviation companies and jet fuel transport companies say jet fuel supply chains that atrophied during the coronavirus pandemic haven't been able to rebuild fast enough to keep pace with the reopening of the U.S. economy. ; Across the West, nearly 60 large, active

wildfires are burning from Alaska to Wyoming—with many of the largest in Oregon, Washington, and California. More than 1,000 personnel continue to battle the Bootleg Fire in eastern Klamath County, which currently is the largest fire in Oregon and the nation. Yesterday morning, fire managers said the blaze had burned more than 153,000 acres—about twice the size of the city of Portland—and was zero percent contained. The fire, on parts of the Fremont-Winema National Forest and private lands, was spotted one week ago north of the towns of Sprague River and Beatty. The blaze has sent huge plumes of smoke into the air. After three days of explosive growth, conditions calmed a bit yesterday. Officials have divided crews and management of the fire into two zones. Crews to the south will focus on protecting rural communities and up to 3,000 homes, many of which are under mandatory evacuation. That effort includes members of a task force from Lane County. They'll also work to create expanded containment lines on the east flank. Crews to the north will focus on creating containment lines along forest roads on the west side of the blaze. With calmer conditions and less extreme fire behavior, officials hope to place more wildland firefighters on night shifts when temperatures are cooling. The Bootleg Fire threatened power supplies in California, as three major transmission lines—which normally carry enough electricity to light millions of homes—had to be deenergized as the flames approached. Power companies are inspecting for damage to the high voltage powerlines to determine if when they can safely be re-energized. The blaze has pumped huge clouds of smoke into the sky which, combined with other fires across the region, has diminished air quality and increased wildfire haze. These fires can take a long time to control. Fire managers have set a tentative containment date for the Bootleg Fire of November 30. The cause of the fire is under investigation. ; In Central Oregon, the Grandview Fire has doubled in size to more than 4,500 acres since yesterday but it appears crews are gaining the upper hand. The blaze, which was first spotted Sunday afternoon in Central Oregon, is burning midway between Lake Billy Chinook and the city of Sisters. It has prompted widespread evacuations in some rural neighborhoods northwest of Redmond as burns toward the southwest. Officials say the fire is five percent contained. Ground and aerial crews yesterday morning used dozers to cut preliminary containment lines around much of the fire's footprint—shoring up some lines with aerial retardant drops in active fire or less-accessible locations. Five air tankers and two helicopters are supporting the more than 350 people battling the blaze. The fire is burning in dry juniper, brush, and grasses. ; The growth of the Jack Fire in eastern Douglas County slowed yesterday. It has burned more than 12,500 acres, is 15 percent contained, and could see full containment by mid-August. Crews made significant progress yesterday mopping up many areas on the north side of Oregon Highway 138. A 17-mile stretch of that roadway remains closed east of Steamboat. On the fire's eastern flank, crews have strategically burned vegetation to deprive the advancing fire of fuel. The fire remains active on the south side of Highway 138 and the North Umpqua River. There are 755 personnel battling the blaze on the ground and in the air, including members of a Lane County task force. There have been mandatory evacuations for some rural neighborhoods, recreation areas, and campgrounds between Milepost 43 and the Eagle Rock Campground. ; The fires across the West erupted amid a second bout of dangerously high temperatures in just a few weeks. Forecasters say the heat wave appears to have peaked in

many areas, and excessive-heat warnings are largely expected to expire today. Scientists say a megadrought fueled by climate change is creating conditions that make wildfires increasingly active and dangerous. / WILDFIRES,

TRANSPORTATION: In Northern California, a wildfire that last month forced the closure of a portion of U.S. Highway 97 near the Oregon border also damaged a portion of the Union Pacific rail line. That has forced freight traffic to reroute and has temporarily halted Amtrak rail service between Sacramento and Klamath Falls. That means that between now and at least mid- to late-July, and possibly into early August, passengers on the Coast Starlight run will be transferred to Amtrak buses for that portion of their West Coast trip. That allows crews to assess and repair damage to a span known as the Dry Creek Bridge and nearby tracks in a rail section northwest of Mt. Shasta. / WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY, LOW-INCOME, ELDERS, TRANSPORTATION: State officials said Monday that some Oregon residents struggled to get rides to cooling centers during the recent heat wave and staffing shortages prevented callers from reaching operators at a statewide toll-free 2-1-1 information line. It comes as officials examine their response to the scorching temperatures that broke all-time records across the region in late June as an historic drought and a warming planet make extreme weather more common and intense. Oregon blamed 116 deaths on the heat, Washington reported at least 91 and officials in British Columbia say hundreds of "sudden and unexpected deaths" are likely due to the soaring temperatures. Andrew Phelps, director of the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, said during a media briefing that, "One of the heartbreaking things about this heat wave is that there were resources that were available to communities, whether it was cooling centers or transportation, and folks couldn't access those resources to protect themselves." In the week leading up to the late June heat wave, Oregon officials contacted providers, set up cooling centers and connected with vulnerable populations, including those in low-income communities or experiencing homelessness. One major complaint from community members was not knowing where to go to cool down and a struggle to find that information. For days, officials urged people to call a helpline that could connect them with health and social service organizations to learn about cooling centers and transportation. But as temperatures started rising, people said they couldn't get through to an operator, in part because the line normally is not staffed on the weekend. The state directed additional funding and staffing to the helpline operation after learning of the complaints. Another major challenge, officials said, was getting residents, many of whom do not have air conditioning and are used to mild early summers, to recognize and respond to the dangers of the extreme heat. Temperatures reached as high as 111 degrees in Eugene-Springfield and 116 degrees Fahrenheit in Portland. Patrick Allen, director of the Oregon Health Authority, says there have been historically few places in Oregon that experience a substantial number of days over 90 degrees. But Allen says that due to climate change, nearly the entire state will need to prepare for steady increases and extreme heat over the next few decades. State officials say as heat waves become more common, they continuing to take steps to improve their response. Last week, Oregon enacted emergency rules to protect workers from extreme heat after a farmworker died moving irrigation lines. State leaders also will review the number and location of cooling centers, the speed and frequency with which health data is provided for emergency management, and how agencies

communicate and think about risk. / SAFETY, CRIME: A Springfield police officer was injured when another vehicle struck his patrol car as he responded to a call on Sunday afternoon. It happened shortly before 5 p.m. at the intersection of Pioneer Parkway East and "F" Streets. Investigators say the other driver failed to obey a stop sign and struck the driver's side of the police car, briefly trapping the officer inside. The officer used an emergency vehicle escape tool to get out with the assistance of some nearby residents. He was treated at the hospital for minor injuries. Police say the other driver left the crash scene, but a witness followed that vehicle and called police after seeing the driver park the car and flee on foot. Police contacted the suspect, whom they say initially was non-compliant, and took him into custody. They believe drugs and alcohol use by that driver contributed to the crash. / SAFETY: Some scary moments for two people sleeping inside the camper shell on a pick-up truck in Veneta early yesterday morning. The vehicle caught fire. It happened shortly after 4:00 a.m. Monday in the 25000 block of Cheney Drive. Investigators say the two awakened and were able to escape without injury. The cause of the fire is under investigation. If you have any information about the incident, the Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to hear from you. Call investigators at 541-682-4150 and press "1". / GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, HEALTH: After 16-months of being closed to the public as a COVID-19 safety measure, Oregon's Capitol building has reopened. The building's closure has been a long point of tension between Democratic and Republican lawmakers, as Republicans argued throughout the pandemic that everyone should have access to the Capitol. While the Capitol is open as of Monday, and guided tours will resume July 19th, there are still parts of the building that remain inaccessible due to the Capitol Accessibility, Maintenance and Safety project taking place throughout the summer and into the fall. The Senate and House wings of the building will be closed through Dec. 31. / SCHOOLS, HEALTH, ECONOMY, BUSINESS: As more children go back to the physical classroom and families look to restart their lives, back-to-school spending this year is expected to top pre-pandemic levels, according to one key spending measure. Mastercard SpendingPulse, which tracks spending across all payment forms including cash, forecasts that spending will be up 5.5 percent between July 15 and Sept. 6. That's compared with the year-ago period when sales rose only 1.2 percent as the pandemic wreaked havoc on schools' reopening plans and back-to-school shopping. In a more telling sign of a rebound, back-to-school sales should increase 6.7 percent on a two-year basis, according to Mastercard SpendingPulse. The figures exclude sales from autos and gas. /

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DISCUSSED SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A semi-tanker hauling corrosive materials crashed and rolled yesterday evening, completely blocking Oregon Highway 58 about 15 miles east of Oakridge. The Oregon Department of Transportation had the mess cleared and lanes reopened around 4 a.m. today. But if you're heading over the mountains this morning on Highway 58, be prepared to slow for any workers who are finishing the clean-up. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY, WEATHER, HEALTH: The largest fire burning in the United States is the Bootleg Fire in south-central Oregon. It has charred more than 200,000 acres of timber, brush, and grasses on the Fremont-Winema National Forest in Klamath and Lake Counties. It threatens close to 2,000 homes. Smoke from the blaze continues to spread, causing hazy conditions and prompting air quality alerts across much of Central and Eastern Oregon, including the nearby communities of Klamath Falls, Chiloquin, Lakeview, and Paisley. Yesterday, smoke from the Bootleg Fire and other large West Coast blazes drifted into Salt Lake City and other areas. The fire has expanded in leaps, growing 50,000 acres on Monday, for example. It continued to spread yesterday amid a "Red Flag" warning that included Extreme drought conditions, single digit humidity, and high temperatures. Fire managers say the potential for rapid spread continues for the next several days. Three smaller fires totaling 150 acres were reported near Summer Lake. Incident Commanders warned their teams to stay safe and "adjust their reality." They say they have not seen a fire move like this, in these conditions, this early in the year. They are telling wildland crews to expect the Bootleg Fire to do things that they have not seen before. When conditions become too dangerous, firefighters retreat to predetermined "safety zones" until the winds and wildfire-generated weather subsides. In one location, firefighters assisted evacuating residents in two vehicles when their route was blocked by downed trees. The firefighters got the trees out of the roadway so the group could safely escape. The fire continues to affect a high-voltage transmission line that carries electricity to millions of homes in California. Fire officials and representatives with the power companies are working on plans to safely re-energize the lines as soon as possible. The wildfire has also damaged tribal lands. A leader of the Klamath Tribes says the blaze caused extensive damage to a forest where the tribe has treaty rights. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Fire managers have set a tentative containment date for the Bootleg

Fire of November 30. ; A new fire in Central Oregon, the Darlene Fire, saw explosive growth yesterday two miles southeast of La Pine. Fueled by gusty winds, it grew from ten to more than 700 acres in a matter of hours. That prompted evacuations in some rural neighborhoods. A temporary evacuation shelter was set up at La Pine Middle School. Crews worked through the night, using a half-dozen dozers to continue cutting fire lines in an effort to halt the spread. ; Investigators said yesterday that the Newberry Fire, which over the weekend burned close to 75 acres northeast of La Pine, was caused by a spark from a chainsaw as someone cut firewood. This was at an approved location and at a permitted time. But on Monday morning, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management halted all commercial and private firewood cutting on lands the agencies manage in Central Oregon. ; Midway between Lake Billy Chinook and the city of Sisters, the Grandview Fire yesterday grew a bit, to more than 5,700 acres. The National Weather Service has issued a Red Flag Warning for gusty winds today and tomorrow. The lines held on the southwest portion of the blaze, which allowed crews to continue reinforcing fire lines and mopping up. Heavy air tankers supported them by continuing retardant drops. Eventually, the crews will tie into existing dozer lines on the northeast section of the fire. The fire was more active on the northwest side yesterday, but lines held and helicopters dropped water to assist crews on the ground. The Grandview Fire is burning on private lands protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry and on lands managed as part of the Crooked River National Grassland. It is charring dry juniper, brush, and grasses. ; The Jack Fire in eastern Douglas County has burned more than 13,700 acres along Highway 138 and the North Umpqua drainage. It remains threatens more than 240 homes and other structures and is 15 percent contained. Full containment is expected by mid-August. As crews reinforce containment lines, some of the task forces from Lane County and elsewhere are being sent to battle other blazes like the Bootleg and Grandview Fires. A 17-mile stretch of Highway 138 remains closed east of Steamboat. ; U.S. Forest Service crews yesterday aggressively attacked the Bruler Fire, backed by aircraft dropping water on the most active areas. The blaze was an estimated 65 acres yesterday morning. The blaze is burning near the junction of Forest Road 11 (Straight Creek Road / Quartzville Road) and Forest Road 1133 approximately eight miles south of Detroit Lake. Watch for increased fire traffic on Oregon Highway 22. The fire is not currently threatening any communities or structures. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. ; With no rain in the long-term forecast, things remain dangerously dry. Crews with Eugene Springfield Fire yesterday afternoon responded to a grass fire on Interstate 5 Northbound near the Gateway Exit in Springfield. It slowed traffic and no doubt raised concerns among those in nearby neighborhoods. Ten firefighters responded to the blaze and prevented it from spreading beyond the area near one end of the pedestrian-bicycle bridge that spans the freeway. No injuries. The cause is being determined.

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GOVERNMENT: Most people who perished in last month's record-smashing heat wave in Oregon's most populous county were white, male, older and socially isolated. That is the portrait given in a preliminary report released yesterday in Portland. Initial tallies show that heat was likely the cause of death for 71 residents of Multnomah County, home to Oregon's largest city. The heat is officially confirmed as the cause of death in 54 of those people. Most were white,

male, older and socially isolated. Nearly half the dead were found in apartments on the third floor or higher—or they lived in mobile homes, RVs, or in their cars. Almost one-quarter had no source of cooling, not even a fan. Some residents' bodies were not found for up to a week after the worst of the heat had passed. The average age was 70. Three straight days of high temperatures in the Pacific Northwest shattered all-time records and sent public health officials scrambling late last month. Portland reached triple digits for three days, peaking at 116 degrees as records fell in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia, Canada. Oregon blamed more than 100 deaths on the heat, Washington state reported at least 91 and British Columbia says hundreds likely died. / AGRICULTURE, WEATHER: Oregon farmers continue to assess the damage from last month's record-breaking heatwave and salvage what they can from sunburned and shriveled crops. According to reports filed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the dry, hot weather is affecting everything from blueberries to raspberries, cherries to winter wheat. Nursery crops suffered some sunburn, but most vegetable crops emerged largely unaffected if they had regular irrigation. The fruit developing on apple and pear trees also appears in good shape. But there are concerns about how the weather will shape up for the rest of the summer season. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: Oregon's unemployment rate dropped from 5.8 percent in May to 5.6 percent in June as the economy continues to reopen. Analysts with the Oregon Employment Department say many employers continue to have hiring difficulties. But they add there also is a large group of jobless residents who have had difficulty regaining employment. Many either lack the skills needed for available openings, or they have health conditions or childcare challenges that make it difficult to accept an in-person job. The number of Oregonians unemployed for 52 weeks or more remained at about 40,000 in June, compared with an average of about 8,000 during the three years prior to the recession. There were big hiring gains in some sectors, including health care and social assistance (+2,400 jobs); other services (+1,700); transportation, warehousing, and utilities (+1,000); leisure and hospitality (+1,000); and wholesale trade (+800). Only one major industry shed more than 300 jobs in June: construction (-900). Leisure and hospitality is still lagging: It employed 169,500 in June, and added only 1,500 jobs in the most recent three months. The industry is still 46,800 jobs (or about 22 percent) below its peak month of February 2020. It accounts for 45 percent of overall nonfarm payroll jobs yet to recover from Oregon's pre-recession peak. / GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, TRANSPORTATION, DEVELOPMENT: Congressional leaders and the president are continuing to negotiate and lobby over a comprehensive infrastructure package. Today, Oregon Congressman Peter DeFazio brings U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg to the state to see some of Oregon's most pressing needs and promising projects. DeFazio chairs the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and helped shape the early discussions on the improvements plan. He and Buttigieg will visit Eugene-Springfield and Corvallis. DeFazio says he wants to highlight investments that could boost the economy, create jobs, improve transportation safety, and fight climate change. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: University of Oregon President Michael Schill is back at home after being hospitalized for a serious infection. It developed after he suffered a cut on one hand. Campus officials say Schill is taking several additional days to recover. U-of-O Provost Patrick Phillips is continuing to serve

as acting president of the university while Schill gets well. / HEALTH: Oregon might be seeing a new surge in COVID-19 cases, mostly among those who are unvaccinated. After seeing numbers fall as inoculations rose, infection and hospitalization rates are starting to creep up again. Lane County Public Health, which reported fewer than one dozen cases per day during the past week, listed 25 new infections yesterday. Twelve local patients remain hospitalized, with three of them in intensive care—two of whom are on ventilators. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 340 new COVID-19 cases and three new deaths. Looking for a vaccine? Another free clinic takes place this afternoon between 4-6 p.m. at West Eugene's Churchill High School. ; The COVID-19 curve in the U.S. is rising again after months of decline. Officials say the number of new cases per day has doubled over the past three weeks, driven by the fast-spreading delta variant, lagging vaccination rates and Fourth of July gatherings. Confirmed infections climbed to an average of about 23,600 a day on Monday, up from 11,300 on June 23, according to Johns Hopkins University data. And all but two states — Maine and South Dakota — reported that case numbers have gone up over the past two weeks. At the same time, parts of the country are running up against deep vaccine resistance, while the highly contagious delta version of the coronavirus that was first detected in India is accounting for an ever-larger share of infections. CDC officials say more than 99 percent of those who are newly hospitalized are unvaccinated. ; Nationally, more than 55 percent of all Americans have received at least one COVID-19 shot, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The five states with the biggest two-week jump in cases per capita all had lower vaccination rates, including Nevada, Utah, Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Even with the latest surge, cases in the U.S. are nowhere near their peak of a quarter-million per day in January. And deaths are running at under 260 per day on average after topping out at more than 3,400 over the winter — a testament to how effectively the vaccine can prevent serious illness and death in those who happen to become infected. Still, authorities are begging even immunized people to resume wearing masks in public. ; The nation's top doctor says it's "certainly possible" that Americans eventually will be advised to get a booster shot of the coronavirus vaccine. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy told CNN that no decision had been made yet after a meeting Monday with Pfizer to discuss its request for approval of a third shot of its coronavirus vaccine. He added as officials make their assessments, "what we're really looking for is clear evidence that immunity is waning," such as breakthrough infections in the vaccinated population. He says that may trigger a recommendation for booster shots. Murthy also says it's "certainly very possible" a third shot will be recommended for immunocompromised or vulnerable Americans, such as those on chemotherapy. ; U.S. regulators added a new warning to Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine about links to a rare and potentially dangerous neurological reaction. The announcement Monday said it's not entirely clear the shot caused the problem. The government said there have been reports of 100 people who got the shot developing an immune system disorder that can cause muscle weakness and occasionally paralysis. The reports represent a tiny fraction of the nearly 13 million Americans who have received the one-dose vaccine. Officials say Pfizer and Moderna vaccines show no risk of the disorder. /

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EMPLOYMENT, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: Fueled by a big infusion of federal relief funds and supplemented by state dollars, the Oregon Employment Department has paid more than \$10 billion in benefits to jobless workers over the course of the pandemic. There have been long delays for some. But the money when it arrives has helped families and individuals keep a roof over the heads and food on the table. It's also fueled the state's rapid economic recovery. According to Employment Department analysts, many businesses continue to face hiring challenges: Oregon businesses reported having 97,800 job vacancies at any given time in spring 2021. This was the highest number of quarterly job openings seen in Oregon since the beginning of this survey in 2013. The previous high was 66,600 vacancies in summer 2017. Employers also had record difficulty filling vacancies, reporting hiring challenges for 71 percent of all job openings. Hiring demand was widespread across Oregon's economy. Four industries experienced record high vacancies: health care and social assistance (22,200 vacancies), leisure and hospitality (19,900 vacancies), retail trade (10,500 vacancies), and other services (7,000 vacancies). Employers had job openings in more than 240 different occupations. The occupations with the most vacancies in spring 2021 included retail salespersons (5,500 vacancies), maids and housekeeping cleaners (4,800), personal care aides (3,700), and waiters and waitresses (3,300). The average starting wage reported in spring was \$18.44 per hour, a 3 percent inflation-adjusted increase from spring 2020. Earlier this week, the Employment Department released the unemployment rate and jobs numbers for Oregon in June. Employers added 7,500 jobs to nonfarm payrolls in June. Oregon now has added back 64 percent of the jobs lost in the spring of 2020, compared with 70 percent for the U.S. / FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH: The U.S. government is starting to deposit child tax credit money into the accounts of more than 35 million families. President Joe Biden has expanded the credit for one year as part of coronavirus relief. The result is that most families will now qualify for monthly payments of as much as \$300 per child beginning today. Biden is seeking to extend the payments and make them permanent. He says that would cut child poverty in half and help economic growth. Some Republican lawmakers say the payments will make parents less likely to work. The credit is for families with children who are 17

years old and younger. Advocates say the monthly payments can help smooth out an impoverished family's income, making it easier for them to budget and less dependent on high-interest lenders. The administration has launched a website at childtaxcredit.gov with details for potential recipients. Families could receive payments ranging from \$3,000 to \$3,600 annually per child. The credit is \$3,600 annually for children under age 6 and \$3,000 for children ages 6 to 17. But six months of payments will be advanced on a monthly basis through the end of the year. This means eligible families will receive \$300 monthly for each child under 6 and \$250 per child older than that. This is a change from last year, when the credit totaled \$2,000 per child. Families who did not owe the government income taxes were also unable to claim the credit, a restriction that Biden and Congress lifted. The payments begin to phase out at incomes of \$75,000 for individuals, \$112,500 for heads of household and \$150,000 for married couples. But higher-income families with incomes of \$200,000 for individuals and \$400,000 for married couples can still receive the previous \$2,000 credit. If you filed taxes and the IRS already has your bank account information, the payments should be deposited directly into your account on the 15th of each month. The Treasury Department estimates that 35.2 million families will receive payments in July. But even if you haven't filed taxes in 2019 or 2020, you might still be eligible for the credit and can apply on the IRS website. Some people prefer using the child tax credit for annual refunds on their taxes, instead of monthly payments. They may unenroll from monthly payments on the IRS website. / WILDFIRES, WEATHER, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT: Another day of dry weather, brush fires, and growing wildfires yesterday: Some tense moments, but crews protected a couple of homes that were threatened by an afternoon grass and brush fire burning near Goshen and Dillard Road yesterday afternoon. It burned close to one acre. KEZI reported that someone working at a nearby farm drove his water truck over to help douse flames as they neared the structures. In Douglas County, the Jack Fire along the North Umpqua River has burning close to 14,000 acres. But residents who evacuated their homes are being allowed to return. And crews are hoping to finish cleaning up and reopening a 17-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 138, perhaps as early as this weekend. They are removing debris and hazard trees, evaluating burned signs and damaged guardrails. ; The Bruler Fire has burned 90 acres about eight miles south of the community of Detroit. Crews took advantage of milder weather yesterday to attack the fire directly, digging hand lines for containment while helicopters dropped water on active spots. To increase safety for fire crews and the public, the Willamette National Forest is finalizing a large closure area that will encompass large portions of Forest Service lands south of Detroit Lake, west of Highway 22 and north of Highway 20. The closure will also include portions of the Middle Santiam Wilderness, Daly Lake, Tule Lake, and the trail network known as the Old Cascade Crest trail system. Watch for updates on the Willamette National Forest webpage and please avoid Bureau of Land Management lands along the Quartzville Scenic Byway and Quartzville road, including Yellowbottom Campground and Old Miner's Meadow Group Site. ; In Central Oregon, the Grandview Fire northeast of Sisters has charred close to 6,000 acres. But it is now 14 percent contained. More than 820 personnel are building and strengthening containment lines. The blaze is burning in juniper, brush, and grasses and its growth has slowed in recent days. ; In Central Oregon, crews yesterday completed a containment line around the

Darlene Fire, which has scorched close to 600 acres two miles southeast of La Pine. Teams scouted for spot fires and shored up protections around nearby homes. ; The Bootleg Fire in eastern Klamath County stands at more than 213,000 acres. It is five percent contained. Crews say they made steady progress building fire lines despite gusty winds. However, they continue to see extreme fire growth and behavior. They conducted "burnout" operations to deprive the blaze of fuel on its south and east sides and used bulldozers to assist with cutting containment lines. They also continued work on sturdy containment lines on the west side, to protect the community of Chiloquin and Highway 97 should winds change and the blaze begin burning in that direction in the coming weeks. Heavy smoke continues to send haze across the region. Evacuations continue to affect close to 2,000 homes. More than 1,300 personnel are battling the Bootleg Fire. ; Crews controlled a brush fire between Canby and Oregon City that broke out yesterday along Highway 99-E. It prompted brief evacuations of nearby neighborhoods and a closure of a five-mile stretch of the roadway for several hours. But mop-up was underway overnight. ; The Oregon Department of Forestry also made good progress on a fire burning on the Tillamook State Forest about 22 miles west of Forest Grove. The Game Hog Creek fire was held to about 70 acres with the assistance of helicopters and ground crews. ; The US West is getting hit with a triple whammy of record heat, megadrought and wildfires. In the past 30 days, the country has set 585 all-time heat records, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Of those, 349 are for daily high temperatures and 236 are the warmest overnight low temperatures, which are vital for people to recover from deadly heat waves. And this doesn't include Death Valley hitting 130 degrees preliminarily. If this is confirmed, it would be the hottest temperature on Earth in decades — and several meteorologists say it would be the hottest reliable temperature recorded because many don't trust the accuracy of two hotter records. Nearly 60 percent of the U.S. West is considered in exceptional or extreme drought, the two highest categories, according to the University of Nebraska's Drought Monitor. That's the highest percentage in the 20 years the drought monitor has been keeping track. Less than one percent of the West is not in drought or considered abnormally dry, also a record. How much moisture in the soil is key because normally part of the sun's energy is used to evaporate moisture in the soil and plants. Also, when the soil and plants are dry, areas burn much more often and hotter in wildfires and the available water supply shrinks for places like California. Both NOAA and NASA show soil moisture levels down to some of the lowest recorded levels for much of the West. Most of California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Idaho are drier than in 99 percent of other years. There are 68 active large fires burning, consuming 1,038,003 acres of land, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. With those fires and ones in Canada, there is "one large area of smoke over much of the U.S. and Canada," NOAA said Tuesday. So far this year, wildfires have burned 2.2 million acres (899,000 hectares), which is less than the 10-year average for this time of year. But that may change because dry plants are at extra high risk of burning in much of the West as shown in what experts call fire's energy release component. From 1991 to 2020, summers in the Rockies and westward have on average become 2.7 degrees warmer. The West is warming faster than the rest of the United States and the globe. The weather phenomenon that is roasting the West now and that brought 116-degree temperatures to

Portland and 111 degrees to Eugene-Springfield at the end of June is often called a heat dome — where high pressure parks over an area and warm air sinks. This usually happens when the jet stream — the river of air that brings weather to places — gets stuck and doesn't move storms along. Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann found the number of times the jet stream stalls in the Northern Hemisphere is increasing from about six times a summer in the early 1980s to about eight times a summer now. The West on average received 13.6 inches of snow and rain from July 2020 to June 2021. Over the last 10 years, the region has averaged a bit more than 19 inches of precipitation a year in the middle of what scientists call a megadrought. In the 1980s and 1990s, before the megadrought started, the West averaged nearly 22 inches of rain. From 2011 to 2020, on average 7.5 million acres burned in wildfires each year. That's more than double the average of 3.6 million acres a year from 1991 to 2000, according to data from the National Interagency Fire Center. It's not just more acres burned, but more very large fires, according to scientists. They say the combination of drought and heat means plants are more likely to burn and fires to get bigger. And they point to this year's drought and warm temperatures, which have allowed the fire season to come on hard and early.

/ CRIME, SAFETY, RECREATION: Park safely and leave your valuables at home. That's the word from the Lane County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol. They've seen traffic congestion and even had to call in tow trucks near busy boat landings after people lots were full and people parked in places where they impeded traffic on nearby roads. And they say smash-and-grab thieves know that anyone who parks at a boat landing or lakeside lot probably will be away for at least an hour. So don't leave valuables in your vehicle. Time and again, thieves spot wallets, cellphones, jewelry, even house keys in plain view. People returning from the river discover their stuff's been stolen and one or more of their car windows shattered.

/ HEALTH: A new report from the Oregon Health Authority shows an increase last week in daily COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, but a decrease in related deaths. There were 1,318 new daily cases of COVID-19 last week, up 11 percent over the previous week. New COVID-19 related hospitalizations rose to 104 statewide, up from 66 the previous week. But the 15 reported COVID-19 related deaths were down a bit from the 19 reported the previous week. Still, the report notes that positive COVID test results climbed a bit. Health experts say the vast majority of new cases are tied to unvaccinated individuals. Looking for a COVID-19 vaccine? Another free clinic takes place this evening at the Sheldon Community Center, off Eugene's Willakenzie Road between 7:00 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Lane County Public Health reported seven new cases yesterday., But the number of local patients who are hospitalized rose from 12 to 16. There are five residents in ICU beds, up from three yesterday. Four of those patients are on ventilators.

; A new survey by University of Oregon researchers finds the best people to convince vaccine-hesitant Oregonians to get COVID-19 vaccines are their doctors or other primary health care providers. But The Oregonian and OregonLive report the researchers found that Governor Kate Brown, because of her polarizing political presence, is the "least trusted" figure to deliver health messages to unvaccinated individuals. The study from the U-of-O's Institute for Policy Research and Engagement says Brown's frequent messages encouraging vaccination might be undercutting the state's efforts to reach herd immunity. The survey was conducted in late May and early June and canvassed

close to 700 vaccination-hesitant Oregonians. Brown declined through a spokesperson to respond to the findings. But the spokesperson indicated the governor will not change her messaging or other work regarding COVID-19 vaccinations. / HEALTH, DISABILITIES: In a medical first, researchers have harnessed the brain waves of a paralyzed man unable to speak to help him communicate better. Researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, implanted electrodes on the surface of the man's brain. A computer analyzed patterns of the words he tried, but failed, to say — and turned those signals into sentences on a computer screen. It will take years of additional research. But the study published Wednesday marks an important step toward restoring more natural communication for people who can't talk because of injury or illness. / HEALTH, SAFETY: Johnson & Johnson says it is recalling five of its sunscreen products after some samples were found to contained low levels of benzene, a chemical that can cause cancer with repeated exposure. The affected products, packaged in aerosol cans, are Aveeno Protect + Refresh aerosol sunscreen, and four Neutrogena sunscreen versions: Beach Defense aerosol sunscreen, CoolDry Sport aerosol sunscreen, Invisible Daily Defense aerosol sunscreen and UltraSheer aerosol sunscreen. J&J said it's unlikely users would be harmed. The recall includes all can sizes and all levels of SPF, or sun protection factor. Consumers can contact the company for a refund. / TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH: Americans hoping to travel abroad this summer may have to delay their plans if they need new or renewed passports. The State Department says the wait for a passport is now between 12 weeks and 18 weeks, even if you pay for expedited processing. That's because of ripple effects from the coronavirus pandemic that caused extreme disruptions to the process at domestic issuance facilities and overseas embassies and consulates. A department official says a backlog of 1.5 to 2 million applications means that applications submitted now probably will not be issued until the fall. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits has reached its lowest level since the pandemic struck last year, further evidence that the U.S. economy and job market are quickly rebounding from the pandemic recession. Today's report from the Labor Department showed that jobless claims fell by 26,000 last week to 360,000. The weekly tally, a proxy for layoffs, has fallen more or less steadily since topping 900,000 in early January. The U.S. recovery from the recession is proceeding so quickly that many forecasters have predicted that the economy will expand this year by roughly 7 percent. That would be the most robust calendar-year growth since 1984. /

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TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Construction work at the Beltline-Delta Highway Interchange is nearing completion. One of the last major pieces of the project is connecting that new off-ramp with its new overpass on northbound Delta. According to the Oregon Department of Transportation: On Sunday, July 18, the current off-ramp from northbound Delta Highway to the westbound Beltline Highway closes. For the next ten days, until July 28, there's a detour in place: Northbound Delta travelers will continue to the light at Green Acres Road and turn left onto the on-ramp to westbound Beltline Highway. A temporary left turn signal will control traffic. This access will only be available for the detour. Crews will be completing the new off-ramp from northbound Delta Highway to westbound Beltline Highway. On Wednesday, July 28, the new off-ramp with its separate overpass opens. Travelers going to both east and westbound Beltline Highway will exit just south of the new traffic signal. These dates could change if the weather does, but once the new off-ramp is complete there's just a bit left to do to complete the project. Crews expect to wrap things up next month. /

COMMUNITY, WEATHER, SAFETY: A continuing drought and a slow-to-extinguish blaze in a lumber yard has put a strain on water storage in Junction City. Yesterday, city officials asked residents to voluntarily cut back water usage by 10 percent to allow municipal tanks to fully refill. They say Junction City has enough water on-hand to meet current needs. But officials remain concerned that the ongoing drought and another fire—like the one in the log deck near Highway 99 and Milliron Road—could draw on reserves and prompt a larger water emergency. Junction City residents are being encouraged to cut back on things like watering lawns—reducing the time they have the sprinklers on and limiting outdoor watering to 20 minutes per zone or area. They're also asking residents to delay washing sidewalks, walkways, streets, driveways, parking lots, and other hard surfaces. /

WILDFIRES: Members of Task Force 22—made up of personnel and equipment from six Lane County fire departments and agencies—are heading back to work this morning in eastern Klamath County. For the past week, they've been among the now more than 1,700 people battling the massive Bootleg Fire. They are from Coburg Fire, Lane Fire Authority, Mohawk, Siuslaw Valley, South Lane, and Eugene-Springfield Fire. They and members of other task forces from across the state specialize in protecting homes and other

buildings. That allows wildland firefighters to focus on battling the blaze itself, which has ballooned to more than 227,000 acres. Authorities yesterday ordered a new round of evacuations. The Bootleg Fire has destroyed 21 homes. It is only seven percent contained. It remains the largest currently burning in the U.S., covering an area larger than New York City. Dean Chappell from Lane Fire Authority says you don't turn your back on this blaze. The Bootleg Fire has generated enormous smoke columns that can be seen by satellites and for miles across South-Central Oregon. Fire managers say the blaze is so intense it is creating its own weather, with erratic winds and the potential for fire-generated lightning. It also has stymied firefighters for nearly a week with its erratic winds and extremely dangerous behavior. ; Extreme crowning. Dangerously fast runs. Embers traveling large distances to spark spot fires. Crews scrambled during the past 24 hours against the Bootleg Fire in southeastern Oregon. It is spreading several miles each day in dangerously windy "Red Flag" conditions. And it's just one of dozens of blazes across the West that are sending heavy smoke into the air and straining firefighting resources. Authorities yesterday ordered a new round of evacuations as the flames chewed through vast expanses of drought-affected timber, brush, and grass. The Bootleg Fire has grown to 227,000 acres and has destroyed 21 homes. It is seven percent contained. More than 1,700 personnel are working on the ground and in the air. The wildfire has generated enormous smoke columns that can be seen on weather satellites and for miles across South-Central Oregon. Fire managers say the blaze is so intense it is creating its own weather, with erratic winds and the potential for fire-generated lightning. The Bootleg Fire remains the largest wildfire currently burning in the U.S., having torched an area larger than New York City. It also has stymied firefighters for nearly a week with its erratic winds and extremely dangerous fire behavior. Early on, the fire doubled in size almost daily and strong winds from the south yesterday afternoon again pushed the flames rapidly to the north and east. Crews pulled back to safe areas late yesterday as the fire grew more intense and unpredictable. They scouted ahead of the main blaze for locations where they could carve out fire lines to stop the inferno's advance. They also continued work on containment lines on the west side, to better protect the community of Chiloquin and Highway 97 should winds change direction in the coming weeks. Those managing the fight say the fire has the potential to move 4 miles or more in a single afternoon. There is concern it could merge with the smaller nearby blaze designated as the Log Fire. That blaze started Monday in three separate locations. But the blazes quickly merged and exploded to nearly 5,000 acres in 24 hours, fanned by strong, gusty winds. The Bootleg fire is affecting an area north of the Oregon-California border that has been gripped by extreme drought. The blaze was seven percent contained yesterday. Concerned about its spread, authorities on Thursday expanded previous evacuation orders near Summer Lake and Paisley. Both towns are located in northern Lake County, off Oregon Highway 31, in a remote area of lakes and wildlife refuges with a total population of about 8,000. Among the recreational closures: the Summer Lake Wildlife Area. With two wildfires burning nearby, officials have closed access for public safety along with some nearby campgrounds. ; Officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture say that at least 68 wildfires are burning across 12 Western states and have consumed more than one (m)million acres. They say drought conditions and intense heatwaves across the region have contributed to what is shaping up to be

another record-breaking fire season. ; With no additional growth and minimal fire activity, crews battling the Grandview Fire northeast of Sisters are focusing mopping up around the blaze's perimeter to increase containment, which stands at 20 percent. The fire began on Sunday but remains at just below 6,000 acres. In a major accomplishment, crews yesterday completed laying hoses around the entire fire perimeter. It came after on Wednesday they successfully extinguished three "spot fires" started by strong winds that blew burning materials over the fire lines. More than 820 personnel are assigned to the Grandview Fire. Today, six Oregon Air National Guard helicopters are joining the fight to dump water on hot spots and monitor containment lines. The long and tedious process of mop-up means ensuring that everything within 150 - 300 feet of the fire's perimeter is cool to the touch with no chance for embers to escape and reignite. The blaze is burning in timber, juniper, brush, and grass. ; Crews took advantage of lighter winds and cooler temperatures yesterday to increase containment of the Bruler Fire, burning eight miles south of the community of Detroit. Improved mapping puts the fire's size at 155 acres, but it has seen little growth in recent days. Additional firefighting resources arrived yesterday. But it could take several weeks to lay hoses, complete the perimeter, and begin full mop-up because the fire is burning in steep, difficult-to-access terrain in very dry fuels. To increase safety for fire crews and the public, the Willamette National Forest has established a large closure area encompassing large portions of the U.S. Forest Service lands south of Detroit Lake, west of Highway 22 and north of Highway 20. The closure includes portions of the Middle Santiam Wilderness, Daly Lake, Tule Lake, and the trail network known as the Old Cascade Crest trail system. The public also is asked to avoid the Bureau of Land Management lands along the Quartzville Scenic Byway and Quartzville road, including Yellowbottom Campground and Old Miner's Meadow Group Site. ; In Douglas County, the Jack Fire along the North Umpqua River has burned more than 15,200 acres. But it is 20 percent contained and crews have secured the east, west, and northwest flanks of the blaze. On Wednesday, evacuated residents were allowed to return home. Oregon Department of Transportation crews and contractors are working to finish the clean-up and reopening of a 17-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 138, perhaps as early as this weekend. They are removing debris and hazard trees, evaluating burned signs and damaged guardrails. ; Firefighters continue to dig containment lines around the 130-acre Game Hog Creek Fire that is burning in the Coast Range about 22 miles west of Forest Grove in the Tillamook State Forest. The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The close to 80 members of the ground crew are being aided by helicopters making water and retardant drops onto active areas in steep, inaccessible terrain. Cooler air off the ocean is expected to move inland over the fire zone today, which also should help crews make headway. The battle against the fire is being managed by the Oregon Department of Forestry. Most of the Tillamook State Forest remains open to visitors with the exception of Drift Creek and Idiot Creek forest roads and the Fear and Loaming mountain bike trail due. Rogers Camp trailhead is being used as a staging area for firefighters and is also closed to the public. Highway 6 and 26 to the coast remain open and unaffected by the fire, which is entirely within the state forest. / HEALTH: Another 322 new reported COVID-19 infections across Oregon yesterday and seven new deaths. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority say the vast majority of new cases are tied to unvaccinated individuals. Lane County

Public Health reported 28 new cases yesterday. Sixteen local patients remain hospitalized. Five are in intensive care. Four of those patients are on ventilators. Looking for a COVID-19 vaccine? Another free clinic takes place this afternoon at North Eugene High School off Silver Lane. The vaccination clinic runs from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT, RECREATION: Cringe if you want, but it kept him alive. A Douglas County man who was rescued in May after surviving a 17-day ordeal lost in the Oregon Cascades says he did everything he could to stay alive and see his wife again. Harry Burleigh disappeared while on an overnight fishing trip in the Twin Lakes area. But the experienced outdoor recreationist says he made some critical mistakes before he left, including skipping some planning and leaving a few essential supplies behind. He said he hadn't been out in a year because of the pandemic and preparations that should have been second nature fell by the wayside. As he ran out of food and water, he ate bugs, a snail, and a crow, and drank his own urine. He dealt with late-spring snow and fell several times—hitting his head once, spraining his ankle another time—while trying to find his way back to his vehicle. But Burleigh said he tried to leave signs for search crews—he knew they were looking for him. After more than two weeks, one team found a makeshift shelter, left food, water, and other supplies, and—hoping he might return to the site—left a note saying they'd be back the next day. Burleigh spent more than two weeks recovering at PeaceHealth RiverBend Medical Center in Springfield. He's still healing. But he says he's grateful every day to be alive. / BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, SAFETY: Oregon's not-for-profit worker safety organization, SAIF, is returning another big dividend to its policyholders. It is the 12th consecutive year Oregon businesses are receiving the money. It comes after SAIF declared a \$210 million dividend. Officials say \$20 million of that is being returned to Lane County policyholders. During the pandemic, SAIF took extra steps to help injured workers who faced challenges accessing care and working to reduce the financial burden on businesses. Last year, SAIF also helped more than 3,400 businesses through its \$25 million coronavirus worker safety fund. The fund helped employers quickly add physical and organizational protections in their workplaces that allowed them to continue operating. SAIF returned a \$100 million dividend in 2020. / CRIME, WILDLIFE: He'll pay a \$1,000 fine, is banned from fishing for three years while serving three years of federal probation and must perform 40 hours of community service. A 31-year-old Pendleton man, Tyler Warren, was sentenced this week after illegally taking Bull trout from the Metolius River in 2017. Bull trout are listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. The Metolius is an important spawning ground for the fish. Prosecutors say photos on Warren's phone helped make their case: Among other images, one showed him posing with a dead Bull trout over a frying pan. Another showed him holding a dead fish. It had a beer can wedged in its mouth. A post on Instagram showed him holding a Bull Trout on the Metolius. A fishing buddy and co-defendant, 30-year-old Thomas Campbell of Culver was sentenced earlier. He had posted a photo on Instagram where he was holding a juvenile Bull Trout. A third defendant, 29-year-old Joshua Hanslovan of Albany, pleaded guilty to charges of violating wildlife protection laws during the same fishing trip. A fourth poacher, 42-year-old Tyrone Wacker of Culver, was sentenced in a separate criminal case. Prosecutors said the men had also fished from land that is protected by the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and accessible only to tribal members. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, LEGAL,

GOVERNMENT, HEALTH: A federal freeze on most evictions enacted last year is scheduled to expire July 31, after the Biden administration extended the date by a month. The moratorium, put in place by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in September, was the only tool keeping millions of tenants in their homes. Many of them lost jobs during the coronavirus pandemic and had fallen months behind on their rent. Landlords successfully challenged the order in court, arguing they also had bills to pay. They pointed out that tenants could access more than \$45 billion in federal money set aside to help pay rents and related expenses. Advocates for tenants say the distribution of the money has been slow and that more time is needed to distribute it and repay landlords. Without an extension, they feared a spike in evictions and lawsuits seeking to boot out tenants who are behind on their rents. As of June 7, roughly 3.2 million people in the U.S. said they face eviction in the next two months, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey. The survey measures the social and economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic every two weeks through online responses from a representative sample of U.S. households. Oregon is one of several states that enacted a moratorium last year halting eviction proceedings for residents who have experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the measure expired in June. As experts warned about a mass wave of evictions in the state, lawmakers and the governor passed and implemented additional safety nets for struggling tenants. Oregon set aside \$200 million in federal emergency assistance to help tenants and landlords with current and outstanding rent. Based on data from Oregon Housing and Community Services, approximately 15,000 households have completed applications for rent assistance. While Oregon has millions of dollars available to pay past-due rent, high demand created a backlog that officials said would not be cleared before the end of the state eviction moratorium. As a result, in June Oregon lawmakers passed a "Safe Harbor" amendment on Senate Bill 278 to pause evictions. Under the amendment, which received bipartisan support, tenants who are unable to pay July or August rent will not be evicted for 60 days if they provide proof to their landlord that they have applied for rental assistance. The bill was signed by Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, last month. In addition, earlier this year Oregon lawmakers voted to extend the grace period for past-due rent during the moratorium, allowing tenants to have until Feb. 28, 2022, to pay back rent. As the state braces for evictions, courts are also hastily preparing for an influx of evictions. In addition, retired judges are being assigned to courts that need short-term assistance. Some circuit courts are exploring mediation as well. It's hard to say exactly how much homelessness will increase in Oregon. However, one indication of the scope of the problem is census data in May showing 53 percent of Oregon renters who responded to a survey — or more than 27,000 renters — said that it was "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that they would be evicted from their home. / ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER, FISHERIES, WILDLIFE: The Seaside Aquarium says a fish rarely found on the Oregon Coast washed up on Sunset Beach north of Seaside. KGW reports a 3.5-foot, 100-pound opah was reported to the aquarium Wednesday. Sunset Beach is located between Seaside and Warrenton on the northern coast. Aquarium officials said on social media that staff recovered it and that it created a stir at the Aquarium where folks were encouraged to see the "beautiful and odd-looking fish." Officials say the fish will be dissected by a school group. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration says opah, also known as moonfish, are warm-blooded fish that typically live in tropical and temperate waters in open ocean. /

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The blaze is burning in timber, juniper, brush, and grass. ; Officials on Sunday once again reduced evacuation levels for the Darlene Fire, burning southeast of La Pine. The Central Oregon blaze destroyed two homes, several outbuildings, a number of RVs and other vehicles. It is 85 percent contained. ; The Jack Fire in eastern Douglas County is 85 percent contained. It has burned more than 16,700 acres. But on Friday afternoon, transportation crews reopened that 17-mile stretch of Oregon Highway 138 east of Steamboat along the North Umpqua River. Firefighters are securing containment lines and conducting burnout operations in some spots to deprive the blaze of fuel. Four heavy helicopters and one light helicopter are assisting with the mop-up effort. ; At 156 acres, the Bruler Fire eight miles south of Detroit Lake did not grow over the weekend. Crews took advantage of cooler temperatures, higher humidity, and lighter winds on the west side of the Cascades to strengthen fire lines. Containment is listed at 10 percent. Firefighters are placing sprinklers at key locations around the perimeter of the blaze to reduce the possibility the fire will spread and add humidity to the area. Heavy equipment is being used to create enhanced fuel breaks. The Bruler Fire is burning in steep, difficult-to-access terrain. The Willamette National Forest has established a large closure area encompassing large portions of the U.S. Forest Service lands south of Detroit Lake, west of Highway 22 and north of Highway 20. The closure includes portions of the Middle Santiam Wilderness, Daly Lake, Tule Lake, and the trail network known as the Old Cascade Crest trail system. The public also is asked to avoid the Bureau of Land Management lands along the Quartzville Scenic Byway and Quartzville road, including Yellowbottom Campground and Old Miner's Meadow Group Site. ; The Game Hog Creek Fire stands at 135 acres in the Coast Range on a portion of the Tillamook State Forest. Much of the forest remains open to visitors, with the exception of Drift Creek and Idiot Creek forest roads and the Fear and Loaming mountain bike trail due to nearby firefighting activity. The Rogers Camp trailhead is being used as a staging area for firefighters and is also closed to the public. Highway 6 and 26 to the coast remain open and unaffected by the fire, which is entirely within the state forest. / WEATHER, FISHERIES, AGRICULTURE, UTILITIES: The record-shattering heat wave in the Pacific Northwest has prompted fishing and conservation groups to ask a federal court to order more spill from dams on the lower Snake and Columbia rivers next spring to aid the migration of endangered salmon and steelhead runs. Earthjustice and other groups asked Friday in a federal court in Portland, Oregon, for more water to be released to help the fish navigate a series of dams in the river basins. Increasing the amount of water helps flush young fish along their river migration to reach the ocean where they mature. The groups are also seeking lowered reservoir levels to help speed fish migration through reservoirs that are routinely too hot. / CRIME: Eugene Police on Saturday arrested a 35-year-old woman who is accused of setting fire to some bushes on the west side of the former Shopko property off Coburg Road and Chad Drive. Fire crews extinguished the blaze. Investigators say the suspect, Natasha Ann Anderson, left the scene but was spotted later in the 2800 block of Crescent Avenue and then on Southview, south of Crescent. Police said she had a baseball bat attached to her backpack and that they had to deploy a Taser to take her into custody. Anderson was charged with Reckless Burning and Interfering With a Police Officer. / TRANSPORTATION, FISHERIES, WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNMENT: Oregon's salmon vehicle license plate is

getting a makeover. Want to get one? The new design will be available September 1st, or Oregonians can opt for the classic salmon license plate until August. Lowest-numbered new plates will be available through a special auction in cooperation with Oregon nonprofits that support salmon habitat restoration. The Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department first debuted the salmon plate in 1998. Revenue from the specialty plate protects and restores native salmon habitat. To date over \$8 million of salmon plate funding has been invested in Oregon. The original plate was one of the earliest custom designs available in Oregon, and the new design is a colorful upgrade, showing spawning salmon in a clear, cool stream. The new art was created by Gretchen Kirchner, an amateur artist and former graphic designer for Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. The public can continue to order the classic plate design before they retire in August and can keep the classic plates on their car if they choose, while still supporting habitat projects. To launch the new salmon license plate, the Oregon Conservation Partnership (ORCP) is hosting a Salmon Plate VIP List Auction using eBay. On July 20, 2021, members of the public can go to <https://www.ebay.com/> and search for "Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts Salmon License Plate." The auction allows bidders to secure low number spots on the VIP list for plate numbers SM 00001 through SM 00020 when the new plates are released. Bids must be placed by 5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2021, to be eligible. Proceeds from the auction will benefit statewide nonprofit organizations who strongly support on-the-ground salmon recovery in Oregon. The new plates will be available for passenger vehicles through the Oregon Department of Transportation's Driver and Motor Vehicle Services (DMV) beginning September 1, 2021, but when and how Oregonians apply for the new plate matters. To guarantee landing the new salmon plate design, vehicle owners need to apply in person, online at DMV2U, or by mail on or AFTER September 1, 2021. Orders online or in person before August 31, 2021 will receive the classic plate. / HEALTH: As the highly transmissible Delta variant sweeps across the nation, fueling an increase in COVID-19 cases, Oregon is no exception. For at least 11 consecutive weeks COVID-19 cases had been decreasing in Oregon—until last week. Health experts describe the surge as a "pandemic of the unvaccinated" as the Delta variant and other more-contagious strains fuel the spread of the coronavirus. Last week the Oregon Health Authority reported 1,318 new COVID-19 cases — an 11 percent increase from the previous week. Oregon health officials say the Delta variant accounts for about only five percent of the state's COVID-19 cases, but that is likely an undercount and the numbers are growing. / DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS: The Statesman-Journal is reporting that Amazon plans to build a five-story, 3.8 million-square-foot logistics center to store, prepare and distribute products on 82 acres in Woodburn. According to plans with filed with Woodburn officials, the center will create 1,250 new jobs. Amazon's filing notes it purchased 128 acres next to a WinCo Foods Distribution Center along Interstate 5 for \$27 million. Major improvements were added in 2015 to the Woodburn interchange on Interstate 5 to accommodate more traffic through the busy area and more might be in the works to handle the Amazon distribution center traffic. Woodburn officials said in a statement that Amazon has not applied for nor indicated it will seek any municipal enterprise zone tax breaks. Seattle-based Amazon opened a fulfillment center in Salem in 2017 and now has six locations in Oregon. / BUSINESS, AGRICULTURE: Oregon's legal cannabis

industry is keeping its starring role in a television series. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the Discovery Channel has picked up a second season of "Growing Belushi." Actor and entertainer Jim Belushi started his Southern Oregon legal cannabis farm in 2015 and Season One premiered last August. No word on when Season Two begins airing, but it is expected later this year. Belushi started the operation in 2015 and it now covers more than 90 acres. He says the second season will focus on his becoming more knowledgeable about cannabis farming and managing the business. Viewers should expect to see more of Dan Aykroyd and Judy Belushi, experiments with cannabis-infused cuisine, and other familiar faces from Season One. / CRIME: Two people died and multiple people were injured in four different early morning shootings Saturday in Portland, Oregon, a city that has seen gun violence and associated homicide rates soar in the past six months. Mayor Ted Wheeler called the rash of shootings a "pandemic" and said he would push hard for more officers and resources for the Portland Police Bureau, which has lost 125 sworn officers in the past year. Portland has had 570 shootings so far this year. That's more than twice the number in the same period in 2020. / HEALTH: The U.S. surgeon general says he's worried about what lies ahead with cases of COVID-19 increasing in every state, with millions still unvaccinated and a highly contagious virus variant spreading rapidly. Noting nearly all coronavirus deaths now are among the tens of millions of people who haven't received shots despite widespread vaccine availability, Dr. Vivek Murthy is painting a grim picture of what the future might hold. Speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," Murthy said, "I am worried about what is to come because we are seeing increasing cases among the unvaccinated in particular. And while, if you are vaccinated, you are very well protected against hospitalization and death, unfortunately that is not true if you are not vaccinated." U.S. cases of COVID-19 last week increased by 17,000 nationwide over a 14-day period for the first time since late fall — and a rise in deaths usually follows a spike in illness. Murthy says much of the worsening problem is being driven by the delta variant first identified in India, that has since hit the United Kingdom and other countries. While U.S. case numbers and hospitalizations are still far below levels from the worst of the pandemic early this year, Murthy says the worsening situation shows the need to convince more people to get inoculations. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, WEATHER, SAFETY: The threat of thunderstorms and lightning has prompted Oregon officials to ask for help from outside the Pacific Northwest to prepare for additional blazes. It comes as many resources are already assigned to the massive Bootleg Fire in south-central Oregon. At more than 364,000 acres, the Bootleg Fire has burned across close to 570 square-miles of the Fremont-Winema National Forest northeast of Klamath Falls and a number of rural areas. While the region is remote, the fire has destroyed more than 70 homes and close to 100 other structures. It is 30 percent contained. Another 2,000 homes have been evacuated during the course of the blaze and another 5,000 threatened, although many evacuations have eased as the Bootleg Fire sweeps north and east into remote parts of northern Lake County. It now threatens small communities such as Paisley, Silver Lake, Summer Lake, and Long Creek. The flames yesterday forced the evacuation of the wildlife research station at Sycan Marsh, which hosts thousands of migrating and nesting birds. The blaze has chewed through an area of old-growth and managed forests, dotted with lakes and wildlife refuges. It has been fueled by years of drought coupled with hot, dry weather and gusty winds. That has helped the blaze grow to a massive size, fourth largest in Oregon since 1900. That list includes two massive rangelands fires, making this the second-largest forest fire in modern state history, behind the 2002 Biscuit Fire on the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest. Fire managers say the conflagration is so large it is creating its own extreme weather, including potential for lightning and fire tornadoes. The wildfire grows by miles each day, making dangerous runs that have forced crews to retreat for a time to safety zones. As they faced the possibility of thunderstorms overnight, fire managers are recruiting additional crews and equipment from states like Alaska, Nevada, and Arkansas. Already, more than 2,200 personnel are battling the blaze. Some rain fell on the Fire Camp in Lakeview yesterday afternoon, but it was unclear whether it was reaching the burn zone. A Red Flag Warning and more high-intensity fire behavior are expected again today. Experts say megafires like the Bootleg Fire often burn until late Fall or even early Winter, when continued rain and the arrival of snow helps crews put them out. The Darlene Fire southeast of La Pine has charred 686 acres and is 85 percent contained. The Grandview Fire northwest of Redmond has burned more than 6,000 acres and is 72 percent contained. The Jack Fire in

eastern Douglas County has spread across 18,000 acres along the North Umpqua River drainage and is 55 percent contained. The Bruler Fire, eight miles south of Detroit Lake, remains at 156 acres and is 10 percent contained. And the Game Hog Creek Fire stands at 135 acres in the Coast Range on a portion of the Tillamook State Forest. ; Sixteen large uncontained fires were burning in Oregon and Washington state yesterday. Fire managers and scientists say extremely dry conditions and heat waves tied to climate change have made wildfires harder to fight. They say the climate shift also has made the West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme, leading to more frequent and destructive blazes. In Northern California yesterday, authorities expanded evacuations on the Tamarack Fire in Alpine County in the Sierra Nevada mountains to include the town of Mesa Vista. The Tamarack Fire exploded over the weekend and remains uncontained. / WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH: State health officials yesterday lifted a toxic algae advisory for Fern Ridge Reservoir. It was issued on July 9. Testing indicates the level of toxins has decreased and that it is again safe to enjoy the lake. The cyanobacteria can bloom during hot, dry weather when water levels fall on local lakes and reservoirs. You, your children, and your pets should avoid playing in areas where the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green or blue-green, or if thick brownish-red mats are visible or bright green cells are suspended in the water. If you see any of those signs, avoid activities that cause you to swallow water or inhale droplets. That includes swimming or high-speed water activities. Cyanotoxins can still exist in clear water. When a bloom dies, toxins released may reach into clear water around the bloom. Blooms can be pushed into other areas, leaving behind the toxins released. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: The old off-ramp from northbound Delta Highway to the westbound Beltline Highway is closed. For the next week-and-a-half, there's a detour in place while crews with the Oregon Department of Transportation complete that new off-ramp from northbound Delta Highway to westbound Beltline Highway. If you're traveling north today on the northbound Delta and need to get onto the westbound Beltline, you'll continue to the light at Green Acres Road and turn left onto the on-ramp to westbound Beltline Highway. A temporary left turn signal is controlling traffic on the detour. On Wednesday, July 28, the new off-ramp with its separate overpass opens. Travelers going to both east and westbound Beltline Highway will exit just south of the new traffic signal. / SAFETY: They're working to determine whether it was a medical issue. Lane County Sheriff's investigators say a 58-year-old Creswell man died after experiencing an issue yesterday afternoon while recreating at Cottage Grove Reservoir. Witnesses at Lakeside Park said Albert Johnson was jet skiing when he parked and got off his jet ski, complained that he could not breathe, and fell into the water. He was pulled to shore and given CPR. But medics were unable to revive him./ SAFETY: The Lane County Sheriff's Office is investigating a fatal vehicle crash that occurred late Sunday night in the 38000 block of Pengra Road near Lowell. They say the driver was the lone occupant of the 2005 Nissan that, for unknown reasons, left the roadway, struck a tree, and caught fire, burning surrounding vegetation before emergency crews were able to put it out. Authorities are working to confirm the driver's identity and notify next-of-kin. Officials say excessive speed and alcohol are being investigated as factors that contributed to the crash. ; The Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking your

help in locating a missing man, who might have left his disabled vehicle on foot after running out of gas. They say 36-year-old Todd Ian Chappell was last seen in the area of Milepost 5 of Carpenter's Bypass Road, near Lorane, very early Saturday morning around 3:00 a.m. or 4:00 a.m. It is believed Chappell left on foot in an unknown direction. He is described as a white male with brown hair, brown eyes, standing about five-foot-11 and weighing about 190 pounds. He might have stubble on his face. He has some tattoos on his face and neck, including a tattoo of a question mark on his right cheek. He was last seen wearing a pastel-colored tie dye shirt and blue jeans. Have you seen him? The Lane County Sheriff's Office would like to hear from you. Call 541-682-4150 and press Option 1. ; A former member of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners died Monday afternoon in a traffic crash on Oregon Highway 138 near Milepost 33. Investigators say a motorcycle driven by 71-year-old Joseph Laurance of Winston was following a passenger vehicle heading westbound on the highway when it struck the car as it slowed and tried to turn left into a roadside pullout. Laurance died at the scene. The car's driver was uninjured. Laurance served two terms on the Douglas County Board of Commissioners between 2007 and 2014. / CRIME: Federal prosecutors call him a prolific tax cheat. Now, a Lebanon man with ties to Lane County faces up to 27 years in prison and close to \$1 (m)million in fines when he is sentenced in October. As part of his plea agreement to six felony charges, Robert Andrew Lund will pay more than \$1.7 million in restitution to the IRS and \$70,000 to the Oregon Health Authority. Investigators say Lund's personal income tax evasion scheme dates back to 2001. In the process, they say he repeatedly failed to file tax returns even though he was making a lucrative income. Officials say he used some of his ill-gotten proceeds to establish offshore trusts to hide his earnings and used his untaxed profits to buy 90 acres of land outside Eugene. There, prosecutors say he built a 7,000 square-foot house that was later appraised at \$950,000. Lund, a small aircraft pilot, also built a private landing strip on the property. Prosecutors say Lund also purchased the former city hall and post office building in Albany, a trailer park with multiple rental units, and two rental houses. During this time, they say he ran several businesses, including a health food store, a bookstore, and a scuba diving equipment and lessons company. Investigators say Lund went to extraordinary lengths to hide his assets and income from the IRS while also stealing from government assistance programs and taking advantage of personal contacts. They say he repeatedly transferred title to his properties to various straw entities and people; hid rental income by signing leases with the names of at least 16 different LLCs, partnerships, and trusts; applied for and received food stamps and Medicaid benefits; and convinced an employee to open a bank account on behalf of one of Lund's trusts. On his food stamp and Medicaid applications, Lund boldly claimed to be a part-time handyman earning just \$810 a month. In total, Lund stole approximately \$70,000 in public benefits, most of which were paid by the federal government. ; Police say they've arrested and charged a Eugene man with Second-Degree Kidnapping in connection with the disappearance of a woman who was reported missing in the downtown Eugene area early Sunday morning but awakened later that morning in a commercial shop in Creswell. The victim said she alone in the shop when she woke up and left to summon help, calling her family to report she was safe. Eugene Police and the Creswell deputy from the Lane County Sheriff's Office began searching the area, determining the shop was

on North Mill Street. At the same time, they observed a man in the area, later identified as 23-year-old Jesus Martinez Cruz, who was driving a white 2012 Ford Transport van and engaging in what they considered suspicious behavior. Detectives followed him and later found his vehicle at his residence in southeast Eugene. Detectives developed evidence with the help of Downtown Public Safety station manager, Lane Community College Public Safety and University of Oregon Police that they say tied Cruz to the crime and arrested him. Investigators say they are concerned Cruz might have other victims. If you experienced a similar incident, Eugene Police would like to hear from you. Please call 541-682-5144. ; In Linn County, investigators say they arrested a 19-year-old man and charged him with Second-Degree Murder in connection with a death that occurred Sunday night at a rodeo-type event that drew hundreds of people to a private residence and land south of Albany. The victim, 24-year-old Hector Cisneros of Corvallis, was found dead after a reported shooting. The suspect is 19-year-old Pedro Martinez-Carillo of Independence. Investigators say the suspect turned himself in. They are asking anyone with information about the case to contact the Linn County Sheriff's Office. / HEALTH: How severe are the health issues for people who contract COVID-19? For some, the symptoms are mild. But for others, it can mean weeks and even months of hospitalization. Last week in Douglas County, officials celebrated the homecoming of their longest hospitalized local resident. The person spent 180 days in critical, respiratory and recovery care units, while receiving treatment for various medical issues and complications resulting from their COVID infection. And even though they're home, health officials say they face a long road to full recovery as they grapple with "long-haul" symptoms including permanent damage to their lungs. They are on a wait list for a lung transplant. ; Hospital stays are expensive. COVID-19 vaccines are free. Another free local COVID-19 vaccine clinic takes place this afternoon between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at Willamalane's Bob Keefer Center off South 32nd Street in Springfield. ; COVID-19 infections are continuing their alarming rise across the U.S. and Oregon as the highly contagious Delta variant takes hold in community after community. After weeks of declines, both the Oregon Health Authority and Lane County Public Health are seeing a steady increase in the number of infections. Health experts say vaccines provide strong protection against the Delta variant; better than 99 percent of all new cases and hospitalizations are among those who are unvaccinated. Uncertainty over the latest pandemic surge and the possibility of more business shutdowns fueled big losses on Wall Street yesterday, with the Dow down close to 700 points. ; Health officials say the delta variant of the coronavirus continues to surge and accounts for an estimated 83 percent of U.S. COVID-19 cases. That's a dramatic increase from the week of July 3, when the variant accounted for about 50 percent of genetically sequenced coronavirus cases. "The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 variants is to prevent the spread of disease, and vaccination is the most powerful tool we have," said Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, during a U.S. Senate hearing. The delta variant is a mutated coronavirus that spreads more easily than other versions. It was first detected in India but now has been identified around the world. / RECREATION, COMMUNITY, ELDERS, HEALTH: After a 16-month pandemic closure, the Willamalane Adult Activity Center, located at 215 W. C St. Springfield, Ore., reopened yesterday. The center is an activity hub for older

adults, featuring scheduled social gatherings, games, and movies. The center also provides services like blood pressure checks, foot care, and food assistance. During the closure, center staff and volunteers adapted, as the drive-thru Senior Meals service saw a 35 percent increase in demand. They delivered more than 25,000 meals in one year to vulnerable adults. Those drive-through meal services will continue operating in a drive-thru format at least into the Fall. / EVENTS, YOUTH, AGRICULTURE: This week during the Lane County Fair, youth with the local chapter of the 4-H and FFA will exhibit their animals and their non-animal projects. This includes cattle, goats, sheep, swine, and small animals, along with photography, baking and food preservation, gardening, art, educational displays, and sewing. These talented young people have worked hard throughout the year and are keeping the 4-H spirit alive. One of the big highlights for the 4-H and FFA members is the Youth Livestock Auction. It's taking place on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Interested in bidding? Make some time to walk through the livestock barns to meet some of the kids and teens, learn about their projects, and plan your bidding. / LABOR, BUSINESS: Fred Meyer warehouse workers have voted unanimously to authorize a strike, which could disrupt food distribution at 180 locations across the Pacific Northwest as early as Monday. KOIN reports that contract negotiations between Teamsters Local 117 and Fred Meyer have been underway with little progress. Union officials added that Fred Meyer rejected a proposal to allow workers to refuse a task that would put themselves or the public in danger. Teamsters Local 117 represents roughly 500 warehouse workers with Fred Meyer, servicing stores in Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Idaho. A work stoppage could go into effect as early as midnight on Monday morning. /

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Yesterday, state emergency officials urged Oregonians to prepare for everything from the effects of wildfire smoke to potential evacuations should new blazes spark and spread. Doug Grafe with the Oregon Department of Forestry says drought conditions across the West are increasing the potential for large fires. Governor Kate Brown has declared drought emergencies in 19 of the state's 36 counties. And Oregon State Fire Marshal Mariana Ruiz-Temple said that with more than 450,000 acres already burned, this is already an historic fire season. Andrew Phelps, who heads the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, says now is the time to make sure you have an emergency kit or "Go Kit" ready should you need to evacuate. Phelps encourages Oregonians to sign up for emergency alerts and become familiar with the three major evacuation levels: Level One and "Be Ready"; Level Two and "Set"; and Level Three and "Go." Phelps adds that residents should trust their instincts and evacuate early if they are concerned about a nearby blaze. "If you feel unsafe," he says, "don't wait for knock on the door." ; The Bootleg Fire in south-central Oregon has burned across more than 388,000 acres and is 32 percent contained. The blaze has destroyed more than 70 homes and close to 100 other structures. More than 2,200 personnel are battling the blaze. The Bootleg Fire began about 28 miles northeast of Klamath Falls and is making its way north and east into remote parts of northern Lake County. It is threatening the communities of Paisley, Silver Lake, Summer Lake, and Long Creek. Yesterday, the fire reached portions of Sycan (say: SEYE'-can) Marsh, which hosts thousands of migrating and nesting birds. Researchers say it burned about 20 acres of marshland. But they say years of forest thinning to remove dead and dying trees paid off: The fire's pace slowed and, rather than leaping from treetop to treetop, it moved back toward the ground, burning grasses and brush but leaving many trees largely unharmed. Firefighters continue to patrol more than 40 miles of fireline on the blaze's less-active southern and western flanks. ; Wildfire smoke and haze from Oregon and other Western blazes have made their way across the country. Smoky skies partially obscured the skylines in New York City, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and elsewhere. In some places, the haze triggered air quality advisories. The same thing happened last fall when the Labor Day wildfires sent massive plumes of smoke into the air and thousands of miles east across the U.S. ; As infernos continue to rage across Oregon, officials say that the state will need "every firefighter on deck" this wildfire season." Currently, 5,000 firefighters are battling blazes in the state. Fire officials say that while there are still some local crews and National Guard members available to help, teams from Utah and California have also been brought to Oregon. / HEALTH: Two more Lane County residents have died from complications of COVID-19. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday confirmed the deaths, which occurred late last week. They were a 53-year-old woman and a 67-year-old man. That puts our local pandemic death toll at 171. They were among six deaths reported statewide yesterday, along with 595 new infections. Lane County Public Health reported 19 new cases yesterday. Eleven local residents are hospitalized, with two of those in intensive care and on ventilators. Yesterday, officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 83 percent of new U.S. COVID-19 cases are tied to the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus. Across the country as COVID-19 cases surge, the vast majority of new infections are among those who are unvaccinated or those who are not fully vaccinated. Oregon last week saw a 54 percent leap in the number of

new cases. There also are a growing number of outbreaks across the state tied to long-term care facilities, where unvaccinated staff have infected other workers and patients with vulnerable immune systems. One such outbreak, at Spruce Point Assisted Living and Memory Care in Florence, has sickened at least eight staff members and 20 residents. County public health officials say that Florence outbreak alone accounts for one-fifth of the county's new COVID cases. They say only a small percentage of Spruce Point's staff are vaccinated. ; U.S. life expectancy fell by a year and a half in 2020, the largest one-year decline since World War II. The decrease for both Black Americans and Hispanic Americans was even worse: three years. The drop spelled out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is due mainly to the COVID-19 pandemic, which health officials said is responsible for close to 74 percent of the overall life expectancy decline. More than 3.3 million Americans died last year, far more than any other year in U.S. history, with COVID-19 accounting for about 11 percent of those deaths. Killers other than COVID-19 played a role. Drug overdoses pushed life expectancy down, particularly for whites. And rising homicides were a small but significant reason for the decline for Black Americans, said Elizabeth Arias, the report's lead author. Other problems affected Black and Hispanic people, including lack of access to quality health care, more crowded living conditions, and a greater share of the population in lower-paying jobs that required them to keep working when the pandemic was at its worst, experts said. Life expectancy is an estimate of the average number of years a baby born in a given year might expect to live. It's an important statistical snapshot of a country's health that can be influenced both by sustained trends such as obesity as well as more temporary threats like pandemics or war that might not endanger those newborns in their lifetimes. For decades, U.S. life expectancy was on the upswing. But that trend stalled in 2015, for several years, before hitting 78 years, 10 months in 2019. Last year, the CDC said, it dropped to about 77 years, 4 months. / CRIME: A Portland man was sentenced Monday to four years in prison after pleading guilty to setting fire to the Multnomah County Justice Center and throwing a Molotov cocktail at officers during a protest in September. The Oregonian and OregonLive report 22-year-old Cyan Bass pleaded guilty to all five charges, including first-degree arson, first-degree assault and unlawful possession of an explosive device. / LOW-INCOME, FAMILIES, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The first of three monthly payments to Oregon children begins this week. Families will receive between \$75 and \$136 per child to help pay for nutritious food. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the payments, which have received little publicity, are intended to make up for the free or reduced-cost meals that more than 400,000 preschoolers and public-school students were not able to access during the past year while their schools and childcare centers were closed because of the pandemic. Most Oregonians ages 18 and under will receive the money, which may be spent on a wide array of foods and beverages that already are eligible for purchase with food stamps. For children enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the extra money will be loaded onto their parents' Oregon Trail cards between Thursday and July 29, then again in late August and late September. Hundreds of thousands of additional children, who are eligible even though their families make too much money to qualify for food stamps, will be mailed special debit cards with the child's name on them. The cards will be mailed Thursday from South Dakota, and state officials are tried

to let families know to be on the lookout for the mailing and not throw it away. As is the case with the Oregon Trail cards, they will be reloaded in late August and late September to allow for purchase of additional groceries. Children in certain schools will be sent the money regardless of their family's income. That's because hundreds of Oregon schools offer free meals to all their students, under a federal school meals rule known as "community eligibility." If a school has at least 40 percent of its students in certain state programs including food stamps or foster care, then every student is served free meals without any families having to fill out school meal-related paperwork. The first of the three payments is designed to cover school lunches children would have received last October, November and December. Any child who was eligible for free or reduced-price school meals and whose school was closed or serving most of its students remotely during that period is eligible. Children whose schools served most students with a combination of in-person and distance learning during those months will be sent \$75 a month. Students whose schools served grab-and-go meals to students engaged in distance learning or otherwise provided students food outreach will still be eligible for the full \$136 a month. The August payments will cover missed school meals from January, February and March. And the final payments, arriving in September, will cover school care closures or hybrid teaching schedules for just two months, April and May, meaning the final payment will top out at \$272. Families who wish to opt out of the program may do so by emailing ebt.schoolmeals@dhsosha.state.or.us, but declining the money will not make those funds available to any other children. The Oregon Department of Education is working with the human services agency to get the money to as many eligible children and teens as possible. Officials say neither the federal child tax credit nor the three months of extra grocery money will affect children's or families' eligibility for food stamps, day care support or other Department of Human Services programs for low-income people. / SCHOOLS. HEALTH: School districts across the country have an important decision to make before fall classes begin: Will students be required to wear masks? The spread of the delta variant and deep political divisions over the COVID-19 outbreak have complicated such decisions. Students and teachers in Wichita, Kansas, public schools can ditch the masks. Detroit public schools will probably require them unless an entire room is vaccinated. In Pittsburgh, masks will likely be required regardless of vaccination status. And in some states, schools cannot mandate face coverings under any circumstances. The issue is even more fraught in areas where infections are soaring. School officials also cite conflicting advice from public health officials. /

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HOMELESSNESS, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, SAFETY, CRIME: One location is off Garden Way, the other near the Chambers Connector. Members of the Eugene City Council yesterday approved the first Safe Sleep Sites for people experiencing homelessness. The sites will be managed by social service providers and offer a spot for people to legally park their vehicles or sleep in tents. It's part of an effort to reduce unsanctioned camping across Eugene. The goal is to provide safe, legal places for overnighting and help people transition to permanent housing. City staff reviewed more than 300 locations and vetted dozens of potential sites. The first site, Chase Commons Park, is located northwest of the traffic circle on South Garden Way at Commons Drive. It is a four-acre parcel that was purchased by the city some years ago for future park development. A portion of the site will accommodate up to 20 Conestoga huts. The other location, near 2nd and Garfield, is owned by Lane Transit District. Officials say that five-acre parcel can accommodate both tents and vehicles. Additionally, the panel agreed to expand the existing medical respite site near what's known as the Eugene Service Station, located off Highway 99 near Four Corners and managed by the St. Vincent DePaul Society of Lane County. That site will serve as an additional Rest Stop location and assist up to 12 people at a time. Other properties are being evaluated as future Safe Sleep sites. They include both public and private properties. People staying at the two large temporary camps at 13th Avenue and Washington-Jefferson Park are the first being considered for the move to the new sites once they're established. Those living in their vehicles in industrial areas would receive priority to move to safe parking sites. Officials and staff with the City of Eugene and Lane County also are working with local social service agencies and landlords to increase affordable rental options, expand rapid rehousing programs, improve support for tenants, and add more permanent supportive housing units. / HEALTH: COVID-19 cases nearly tripled in the U.S. over the past two weeks. Health officials say it is happening amid an onslaught of vaccine misinformation. The result: An increase in patients that is straining hospitals, exhausting health care providers, and prompting many clergy to encourage vaccination. On July 6, the seven-day rolling average for daily new cases across the U.S. stood at 13,700, according to data from Johns Hopkins University. On Tuesday, that daily rolling average was more

than 37,000 cases. Health officials blame the Delta variant and slowing vaccination rates. Only a little more than 52 percent of Americans have received at least one dose of the vaccine, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Oregon Health Authority says we had more than 2,000 new COVID-19 cases last week. That is a jump of 54 percent from one week earlier. Hospitalizations climbed in the space of one week from 104 to 123. Deaths were up from 15 to 29. The state received reports of 421 new cases yesterday. The vast majority of new infections in Oregon and across the U.S. are among those who are unvaccinated or those who are not fully vaccinated. Growing numbers of those patients are younger — with many in their 20s, 30s and 40s. The state's most recent death? A 39-year-old woman from Marion County who died last week at PeaceHealth Riverbend Medical Center in Springfield. Lane County Public Health reported 10 new coronavirus cases yesterday. Thirteen local residents are hospitalized, up two from the day before. Two of the 13 patients remain in intensive care and on ventilators. / WILDFIRES, HEALTH: Officials say the massive Bootleg Fire in south-central Oregon was sparked by lightning more than two weeks ago and has burned close to 400,000 acres. It is 38 percent contained. The weather was calmer the past two days, allowing crews to take advantage of reduced winds, lower temperatures, and slightly higher humidity, as they continued building and reinforcing firelines. The blaze began about 28 miles northeast of Klamath Falls and is making its way north and east into remote parts of northern Lake County. It is threatening the communities of Paisley, Silver Lake, Summer Lake, and Long Creek. It has destroyed more than 70 homes and close to 100 other structures. More than 2,300 personnel are battling the blaze. ; Smoke from wildfires in the western U.S. and Canada is blanketing much of the continent and reaching unhealthy levels this week in communities from Washington state to Washington D.C. Experts say get used to it, as a warmer climate stokes bigger and more intense blazes. Growing research points to potential long-term health damage from breathing in microscopic particles of smoke, with millions of people potentially at risk far from where huge fires burn. / RECREATION, WILDFIRES, SAFETY: As wildfire danger climbs across Oregon, a couple of important notes for campers: Starting today, no campfires are allowed in state parks and in state-managed forests east of Interstate 5, even in designated campfire areas. This includes charcoal fires, cooking fires, warming fires, charcoal briquettes, pellet grills, candles, tiki torches and other devices that emit flames or embers. Portable cooking stoves or propane lanterns using liquefied or bottle fuels are allowed, but propane fire pits are not. Along the coast and in the Coast Range, the Siuslaw National Forest also has temporary campfire restrictions that went into effect this week. The restrictions prohibit campfires outside of campfire rings in most developed campgrounds and picnic areas. Campfires are entirely prohibited at Marys Peak Campground. But, for now, they still are allowed at sand camps at the Oregon Dunes and Sand Lake recreation areas. There is no smoking in the vicinity of dry vegetation and other flammable materials, unless you're in an enclosed vehicle or at a designated spot at a developed recreation site. Do not use generators unless it's in an area completely free of vegetation. The Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and Sand Lake Recreation Area remain open to motor vehicle use in designated motorized areas. But remember to keep your motorized vehicles on designated trails and roads only. As always, fireworks are prohibited everywhere on the forest. / WILDFIRE

RECOVERY: The head of FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, was in Oregon yesterday to receive an update on recovery efforts from last year's wildfires and learn about preparations for this year's season and other natural disasters. Deanne Criswell also met with tribal leaders from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. Officials with Oregon's Debris Management Task Force say crews have cleared more than 2,400 heavily damaged or destroyed homesites—or 82 percent of qualifying sites. More than 25,000 people have applied for FEMA assistance. The state estimates slightly more than 1,000 people remain in temporary shelters and more than 380 in FEMA-supported housing. Along fire-ravaged highways, the Oregon Department of Transportation estimates its crews have removed more than 52,000 hazard trees and completed about one-third of the removal effort. A reminder: There are special speed limits in many of last year's wildfire to protect drivers and recovery crews. / **DISASTERS, COMMUNITY, SAFETY:** Concerned about the possibility of summer wildfires and determined to prepare for earthquakes, floods, and other severe weather emergencies, Eugene-Springfield Fire has developed a map of Evacuation Zones across the metro area. It allows community members, emergency services crews, emergency managers, and 911 dispatchers to use the same names for the evacuation areas. There are 50 numbered zones covering all of Eugene-Springfield. Zone 1, for example, includes Eugene's airport and some farmlands to the west. Autzen Stadium and Alton Baker Park are in Zone 29. Parts of the University of Oregon are in Zones 23 and 30. Zone 25 includes Springfield's Gateway area. Zone 50 includes a portion of the Thurston Hills south of Highway 126. The zone map also highlights three major community assembly points: The Lane County Fairgrounds, Valley River Center, and Willamalane's Bob Keefer Center. The numbered zones cover both cities, contracted fire districts and extend past Urban Growth Boundaries. ; Want to prepare yourself and your household for emergencies and potential evacuations? Lane County's AlertMe! notification system sends notifications, including to mobile devices, from the Central Lane Communications Center. This project was developed in partnership with Lane County, the City of Eugene, and the City of Springfield Emergency Management Teams. You may sign up for "Alert Me!" and learn how to create a family or business emergency plan, learn which emergency supplies to have on-hand, recognize hazards, how to care for your animals during an emergency, and more. / **BUSINESS, WILDFIRES:** Leaders with Eugene company CrewBoss say they've created the first approved Smokejumper Suit, used by an elite crew of airborne firefighters when they parachute in to put out otherwise inaccessible fires in remote areas. There are fewer than 500 highly trained smokejumpers who deploy on short notice from nine bases across the United States. The news release from CrewBoss notes that they worked with smokejumpers to incorporate the features they like on gear that needs little maintenance during use. / **POLITICS, EVENTS, COMMUNITY:** The Register-Guard is reporting that two local organizers of a controversial, unpermitted Fourth of July parade in Creswell have been fined \$2,550 each for violating city codes. The citations are being given to the event's two organizers — Julie Bivens of Creswell and Chris Tough, who is affiliated with the far-right extremist group Proud Boys, of Cottage Grove. Reporter Louis Krauss quotes Sergeant Scott Denham with the Lane County Sheriff's Office, says it comes after organizers failed to apply for a permit for the parade, which disrupted two-way traffic on Creswell's major thoroughfare.

Denham said some of the parade's participants were under the false impression the parade was permitted or the city denied giving a permit. But city officials told The Register-Guard there would have been no way for the city to deny a parade permit based on the controversial nature of the Proud Boys or any other group wishing to march. The event attracted hundreds of participants, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, logging trucks and several vehicles with people dressed in Proud Boys attire waving flags. / EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME: The Oregon Employment Department yesterday reopened seven of its WorkSource centers, including WorkSource Lane and the offices serving Douglas and Coos Counties. They were shuttered the past 16 months to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and as Employment Department staffers shifted to process a record number of jobless claims. WorkSource centers help job seekers find employment. They can assess and help you sharpen your skills, explore careers, and connect directly with local businesses. The centers offer job listings and referrals, and in non-pandemic times holds hiring events. You may also get resume and application assistance, use their free Internet for job search, and have access to copiers, fax machines, phones and other equipment. The state's WorkSource centers can also help connect you with things like apprenticeship programs, adult basic and continuing education, and more. For now, you'll need to call the local center to book an appointment. If all goes smoothly, the state will begin reopening its remaining WorkSource centers later this summer. ; There are "now hiring" and "help wanted signs" posted across the state. The Oregon Employment Department reports that in recent months there have been more than 98,000 job vacancies across 200-plus occupations. Lane County's average job vacancies rose from 4,000 in the Spring of 2020 to 7,100 in the spring of this year. Why is it do hard to hire workers? Labor analysts say there are a lot of reasons: Some people won't return to the workforce until their kids are back in school on regular schedules. Others are concerned about their health while the pandemic continues or are caring for a family member. Some postings have requirements that don't quite match with applicants' job skills. And some are leaving the workforce entirely: opting to stay at home, perhaps while someone else in the household earns a paycheck. Or they might be retiring—early in many cases. State employment experts say the number of jobs held by workers ages 55 and older—led by the Baby Boomers—more than tripled between 1992 and 2018, even though the overall number of jobs was up only a bit more than 50 percent. But coming off the pandemic, with one in every four workers now age 55 or older, many of those workers are opting to retire, often earlier than they planned. /

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WEATHER, COMMUNITY: Last month's record-setting heatwave and continued hot, dry weather are tough on trees and shrubs. OSU Extension Service Forester Lauren Grand says if you have trees in your yard, remember to water them deeply and mulch around the roots to better retain water. Remove competing grass and weeds and lay down 2 to 3 inches of mulch to keep the root zone of a tree cool and slow evaporation from the soil. But do not pile mulch against the trunk, as that can lead to disease problems. For smaller and mid-sized trees, you might also consider supplemental watering. Invest in some five-gallon plastic buckets, drilling drip holes in the bottom, and using bricks or wood frames to raise them an inch or so off the ground. Position them around the "drip line" of your tree's canopy. Fill them a couple of times. Do it as needed during the summer. If we have another nasty heatwave, you can even hang tarps or shade cloths to protect your trees from sun scald, which can damage and kill the bark and leaves. For forest landowners, Grand says there isn't much to do besides work to keep your trees healthy from the get-go. That includes managing them at a healthy spacing so that they can prevent stress before climatic situations like this occur. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: The growth of the massive Bootleg Fire in south-central Oregon has slowed in recent days as crews got a break from the weather, including calmer winds and higher humidity. Yesterday, fire managers said the blaze was 40 percent contained. It has burned close to 400,000 acres. But there's still a battle underway on the leading edge of the Bootleg Fire, as yesterday it jumped firelines as it continued to move toward Summer Lake, prompting an immediate evacuation order for some residents of northwestern Lake County. The blaze has destroyed more than 70 homes and close to 100 other structures. More than 2,300 personnel are on the scene. The fire, which was sparked by lightning, had been expanding by up to 4 miles a day, pushed by strong winds and critically dry weather. Crews are aggressively mopping up less-active areas of the burn zone. Officials said firefighters had locked in containment lines and had gained a substantial foothold lower southeastern side, in what was described as a "24-7 run-and-gun" fight. That's allowed to pull some crews from the more dangerous nighttime shifts and use them to supplement daytime attacks. ; Smoke and ash from The Bootleg Fire and other massive blazes in the West are continuing to cloud the sky and lead to air

quality alerts in parts of the East Coast, some 2,500 miles away. Strong winds carried the haze across the country this week, sending plumes from Oregon, Washington, California, and Montana all the way to New York City, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It was reminiscent of last fall, when the Labor Day fires burning during one of Oregon's worst wildfire seasons also affected air quality several thousand miles away. People in parts of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and elsewhere with heart disease, asthma and other health issues were told to avoid going the outdoors, with air quality alerts posted at least through yesterday. ; The latest complication in the battle against the Bootleg Fire? COVID-19. Officials say nine personnel have tested positive. Fire camps have COVID safety protocols in place, including sanitation and cleaning supplies, handwashing stations, distanced camping, food services, and more. But crews must frequently work in close contact as they deploy equipment, lay hoses, and dig firelines. Those who test positive are being isolated, close contacts are being quarantined, and COVID testing is expanding. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: Officials with Lane Community College this week announced that all students attending on-campus classes beginning Fall Term will need to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccinations will also be required for faculty and staff. LCC has been encouraging students and employees to get vaccinated as soon as they are eligible and able. Starting in September with the resumption of mostly in-person classes, students coming to campus will need to verify their vaccinated status unless they are claiming a medical or non-medical exemption. Lane Community College is continuing to offer COVID-19 vaccines through its Student Health Clinic. LCC is the only community college in Oregon to have an on-campus health clinic. Many local colleges and universities have announced COVID-19 vaccination requirements for Fall Term, including the University of Oregon and Oregon State University. Other community colleges have announced vaccine requirements for athletes, students in on-campus housing, and allied health students and are considering wider requirements. / HEALTH, ELDERS: Lagging vaccination rates among nursing home staff are being linked to a national increase in COVID-19 infections and deaths at senior facilities. It raises concerns among public health experts that the successes in protecting vulnerable elders with vaccines could be in peril as the more aggressive Delta variant spreads across the country. Nationally about 59 percent of nursing home staff have gotten their shots, about the same as the overall percentage of fully vaccinated adults. But that remains significantly lower than the roughly 80 percent of residents who are vaccinated, according to Medicare. The vast majority of fully vaccinated people who become infected with the Delta variant suffer only mild symptoms. But many nursing home and long-term care residents are frail, older adults with weakened immune systems, who are more vulnerable to complications, including hospitalization and death. Some policy experts are urging the federal government to close the gap by requiring nursing home staffers get shots, a mandate the Biden administration has been reluctant to issue. Nursing home operators fear such a move could backfire, prompting many staffers with vaccine qualms to simply quit their jobs. One obstacle is that COVID-19 vaccines aren't yet fully approved by the Food and Drug Administration and are being administered under emergency authorization. In Oregon, The Oregonian and OregonLive report a state law passed 32 years ago prohibits health care facilities from requiring vaccinations among staff. We appear to be the only state in the country with such a restriction. Throughout the

pandemic, people in long-term care facilities have seen more COVID-19 cases and deaths, along with increased isolation due to lockdowns. It's estimated that nursing home residents represent about one percent of the U.S. population, but account for about 22 percent of COVID-19 deaths. That translates to more than 133,000 people across the U.S. Experts generally agree that staff are one of the main triggers of nursing home outbreaks, because workers may unwittingly bring the virus in from the surrounding community before developing symptoms. With the arrival of vaccines and an aggressive effort to get residents immunized, cases and deaths plummeted, and nursing homes emerged from lockdown. But COVID-19 has not been wiped out. During the week ending July 4, there were 410 residents sickened nationwide and 146 who died. / HEALTH: The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 539 new cases of COVID-19 and one new death, a Douglas County woman in her 90s. Lane County Public Health received reports of 50 new cases. We continue to see a slow but steady increase in other numbers: Hospitalizations grew yesterday from 13 patients to 15. The number of local residents considered infectious has climbed over the past two weeks from 43 to 152. Across Oregon and the U.S. this summer, better than nine in every ten new COVID-related cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are among the unvaccinated. Growing numbers of those patients are younger — with many in their 20s, 30s and 40s. Want to get a free vaccine? Doses are available from local health care providers, pharmacies, and Lane County Public Health clinics. This afternoon, there's another vaccine event between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at North Eugene High School. The Whiteaker (say: whitaker) Community Council is partnering with Alluvium at 810 West 3rd Avenue this evening for a free vaccine clinic. It runs from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ; As daily COVID-19 cases doubled in the past week, Oregon health officials report the highly transmissible Delta variant has become the dominant coronavirus variant in our state. But even as cases rise, there are still many Oregon adults who remain unvaccinated—close to 29 percent. Health experts are sounding the alarm, saying this is becoming a “pandemic of the unvaccinated.” Across the U.S. and here in Oregon, better than nine in every ten cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are among the unvaccinated. Yesterday, experts with the Oregon Health Authority shared numbers that show counties with lower vaccination rates have higher infection rates. That includes many parts of Eastern and Southern Oregon. / WILDLIFE, HEALTH: For the fourth time this year, a bat in Lane County has tested positive for rabies. Officials with Lane County Public Health say a South Eugene resident collected the bat on their property and submitted it to testing, which was conducted at the Oregon State Veterinary Lab in Corvallis. There is no evidence the bat had contact with humans. Local health officials say having four cases in the first seven months of the year is somewhat unusual. Dr. Patrick Luedtke, Lane County's Senior Public Health Officer, notes that the uptick is a reminder that it is always a good practice to stay away from bats and to make sure your pets are vaccinated for rabies. Rabies in bats has been documented in 49 states and is endemic—or common—in Oregon's bat population. Data suggest that transmission of rabies virus can occur from minor, seemingly unimportant, or unrecognized bites from bats. Human and domestic animal contact with bats should be minimized. Bats should never be handled by untrained and unvaccinated persons or be kept as pets. If you are bitten nor exposed to a bat, collect it safely if you can and submit it for testing. Safe collection means not actually handling the bat, but rather using a

utensil to pick it up and place it a safe container which cannot be punctured. Report it to Lane County Public Health. Health experts add that most bats are healthy. They are a critical part of the environment, eating large quantities of bugs and even pollinating some plants. They should not be targeted or deliberately killed. Bats' primary feeding time is at dusk. Avoid letting pets outside an hour before and an hour after dusk. Also, make sure all windows have screens. /

HEALTH, SAFETY: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration this week announced a voluntary recall for various brands of muffins sold through Walmart, 7-11, Stop 'n Shop, and other retailers nationwide. The products were produced by a single bakery (Give and Go Prepared Foods Corp) but were packaged under a wide range of labels, including Uncle Wally's, The Worthy Crumb, Stop 'n Shop, 7-11 Selects, Freshness Guaranteed, Great Value, and Marketside. Testing revealed the potential for some of the products to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. There have been no reports of illness. The recall does not affect other Give and Go products. /

BIPOC, INDIGENOUS, COMMUNITY: Members of the Coquille (Tribal: koh-KWEL' / Non-tribal: koh-KEEL') Tribe are mourning the death of tribal Chief Don Ivy after a battle with cancer. He was 70. Ivy worked to preserve tribal traditions and was involved in efforts ranging from education to combatting racism. This spring, Ivy was inducted as a Distinguished Alumnus at Southwestern Oregon Community College—a college his father helped create. He served on the state's Racial Justice Council. He also was a member of the Oregon Tribal Cultural Items Task Force, which worked to preserve tribal items in the possession of state agencies and other public organizations. The Coquille Tribe has scheduled a memorial for September 25 at The Mill Casino in North Bend. /

GOVERNMENT: State Representative Gary Leif died suddenly on Thursday. He was 64. No cause of death was announced. Leif was serving his third term in House District 12, which includes portions of Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine counties. He was previously a member of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners. Fellow lawmakers shared condolences, saying Roseburg had lost one of its great legislative champions. They described Leif as patient, humble, hardworking and a mentor. /

SPORTS: The Register-Guard is reporting that Barney Holland, a member of the Oregon athletics hall of fame who guided the North Eugene boys' basketball team to three state championships, died Wednesday. He was 89. Holland, who coached at North Eugene from 1964-77. His final team was led by Danny Ainge, who went on to a long career with the Boston Celtics. Holland played football and Basketball at the University of Oregon, served in the Air Force, and coached at Aloha High School and Lebanon High School before taking the job at North Eugene High. /

BUSINESS, HEALTH: Small businesses in the U.S. that depend on tourism and vacationers say business is bouncing back, as Americans rebook postponed trips and spend freely on food, entertainment and souvenirs. U.S. states and cities have loosened many of their restrictions on crowd size and mask-wearing, a positive sign for businesses that struggled for more than a year. Still, the return to a pre-pandemic "normal" is a way off. For one thing, there are few business

travelers and international tourists. And if a surge of the more contagious variant of the coronavirus forces states to reenact restrictions or lockdowns, the progress might be lost. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits rose last week from the lowest point of the pandemic, even as the job market appears to be rebounding on the strength of a reopened economy. The Labor Department said Thursday that jobless claims increased last week to 419,000, the most in two months, from 368,000 the previous week. The number of first-time applications, which generally tracks layoffs, has fallen steadily since topping 900,000 in early January. Economists characterized last week's increase as most likely a blip caused by some one-time factors and partly a result of the inevitable bumpiness in the week-to-week data. Applications for jobless aid jumped last week, for example, in Michigan, where some auto plants have temporarily shut down production because of supply shortages. Complaints by companies that they can't find enough workers have led 22 states to prematurely end a \$300-a-week federal unemployment benefit, which comes on top of state jobless aid. Twenty states have ended their participation in two other federal programs — one of which provides benefits to the self-employed and gig workers, and another that serves people who have been out of work for six months or longer. ; Americans are shopping, traveling and eating out more as the pandemic has waned, boosting the economy and forcing businesses to scramble for more workers. Companies have posted the highest number of available jobs in the two decades that the data has been tracked. Hiring has picked up, though businesses say they often can't find enough employees at the wages they're willing to pay. At the same time, analysts are becoming concerned about the potential economic consequences of a tick-up in confirmed viral infections as the highly contagious Delta variant spreads, especially among the unvaccinated. / HEALTH: A new poll shows that most Americans who haven't been vaccinated against COVID-19 say they are unlikely to get the shots. Most of them also doubt they would work against the aggressive delta variant despite evidence they do. Those findings underscore the challenges facing public health officials as soaring infections in some states again threaten to overwhelm hospitals. The poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 35 percent of adults who have not yet received a vaccine say they probably will not, and 45 percent say they definitely will not. Just 3 percent of unvaccinated Americans say they definitely will get the shots, though another 16 percent say they probably will. ; Federal health officials signaled Thursday they're hunting ways to quickly learn if a third COVID-19 vaccine dose might better protect organ transplant recipients and other patients with weak immune systems. While the vaccines are strongly effective in most people, many Americans with immune-suppressing health problems remain in limbo after immunization, uncertain how protected they really are. France and Israel already have begun offering an extra dose to transplant recipients and other immunocompromised people. U.S. patients increasingly are pushing for -- even lying to get -- another shot, too. Advisers to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reviewed some small studies that hint that a third dose might help at least some immunocompromised patients. The panel can't formally recommend an extra dose without Food and Drug Administration permission. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY: Wildfire smoke and haze is in the air around Oakridge today, as crews continue to battle one dozen lightning-sparked wildfires on the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. Helicopters are taking off from Oakridge's airport and dipping water from nearby lakes and streams. Crews are based at Oakridge High School and staging along many nearby roads and forest roads. The twelve individual fires make up the Middle Fork Complex. Combined, they have burned close to 590 acres. Five of the fires are 100 percent contained. Officials say 360 personnel are battling the blazes, which are burning primarily in timber and light logging slash. The 24-acre Kwis Fire, is the closest blaze to Oakridge and is located south of County Road 24 near Salmon Creek. It is the highest priority fire in the complex. On Sunday, heavy equipment and hot shot crews continued building primary and alternate containment lines. The goal is to use dozer lines and hand-dug lines to tie into existing roads and the natural fire barrier that is Salmon Creek. On the nearby Warble Fire, crews are patrolling and securing lines, as needed. Evacuations remain in effect along a section of Big Fall Creek Road—also known as Forest Service Road 18. The Gales Creek Fire has scorched more than 400 acres. It is zero percent contained. The Level 3 "Go Now" evacuation order was issued on Friday and covers the portion of Big Fall Creek Road east of the intersection with Forest Service Road 1821. That includes any rural homes in that area along with the Puma Campground, Bedrock Campground, and nearby dispersed recreation sites. Four fires, along with the Gales Creek Fire, make up the northwest section of the Middle Fork complex. The Gales Creek Fire is moving toward the Elephant Rock Fire, which is approximately two miles to the southeast. Firefighters also are developing plans for primary and alternate containment lines on the 50-acre Ninemile Fire. Additionally, crews spent yesterday monitoring and patrolling the Journey and Symbol Rock Fires, both of which are 100 percent contained. South of County Road 19, firefighters on the 2.25-acre Devils Canyon Fire continued hazard tree removal and laying hose around the fire as mop-up continues. Southwest of the Hill Creek Reservoir, firefighters on the Packard Fire continue snag removal and mop-up. The 90-acre Windfall Fire now has contained lines around it as crews continue mop-up efforts. Near Hills Creek Reservoir, firefighters are patrolling and monitoring the Way and

Larison Cove Fires. Three helicopters are assisting ground crews with aerial water and retardant drops. Fire managers are keeping an eye on the forecast, which includes a chance of afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms. While rain could help firefighters make progress against the blazes, there's a risk lightning might ignite more fire starts. The air quality index around the Oakridge area on Sunday was "very unhealthy." Breathing wildfire smoke increases health risks, not just for those with vulnerable conditions but those who are otherwise healthy. ; Firefighters in Oregon are reporting progress in the battle against the nation's largest wildfire. Containment of the Bootleg Fire in remote southern Oregon is up to 84 percent late Sunday. It was 56 percent contained a day earlier. The blaze has scorched 646 square miles. The U.S. Drought Monitor says critically dry conditions persist across Northern California and the Northwest, where there has been an expansion of exceptional drought. ; Air quality alerts were posted on Sunday for numerous areas of the U.S. West and Midwest as wildfire smoke continues to linger over much of the country. The alerts came across the northern U.S. Rockies, including portions of Colorado, Wyoming, Washington state and Idaho. Further to the east, smoke from fires burning in Canada was drifting for hundreds of miles and triggering pollution alerts in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. Wildfires emit huge volumes of microscopic smoke particles that researchers say can be harmful if breathed in, leading to both immediate and long-term health impacts. Children, the elderly and people with underlying health conditions are particularly at risk. ; Heading into the weekend, President Joe Biden sounded the alarm about the need for more resources to fight a series of wildfires in Western states. The president met Friday with governors of western states to discuss the resulting supply shortages as the fires have worsened. Biden says climate change is to blame for the spread and ferocity of the blazes. Washington Governor Jay Inslee says the president must ultimately pass measures through Congress to limit climate change. ; Portland has banned homeless people from camping in forested parks to both protect them from potential wildfires and prevent them from accidentally starting blazes. The Portland City Council adopted the rule last week amid a summer of drought and record-breaking heat. The so-called high-risk hazard zones include Portland's famous Forest Park and heavily forested wetlands and natural areas around the city. Forest Park is one of the largest urban forests in the U.S. The city says there have been frequent reports of fires at unsanctioned campsites. An advocacy group says the solution is "half baked" unless the city also provides safe places for displaced residents to go. ; It was another hot, dry weekend across many parts of the West, with temperatures in some areas climbing into the mid-90s and low-100s. Late last week, Oregon Governor Kate Brown has issued an emergency declaration in 23 counties from Portland to southern Oregon and parts of central and eastern Oregon because of heat. The declaration was designed to free up more resources and activate the Office of Emergency Management to respond to the heatwave. Some cities provided free transportation to cooling centers for those who dialed the state's 211 information line. The 211 service will continue to offer a recorded prompt through the end of the summer for callers seeking information on resources available during hot weather. / LEGAL, WEATHER, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: Oregon's attorney general late last week ordered the release of the identities and addresses of most of the state's 83 confirmed deaths from hyperthermia during June's heat wave. It came after The Oregonian and

OregonLive and other media sought the information to independently analyze the circumstances of individual deaths and how the safety net failed so many. The state medical examiner had denied media requests for the information, citing the state public records law that makes them conditionally exempt from disclosure. That law, however, does allow disclosure if the public interest requires it. The Oregonian and OregonLive argued it did in this instance and appealed the medical examiner's denial to the Attorney General's Office. / ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER, COMMUNITY: Dozens of homeowners' wells have gone dry, leaving them with no running water in an area near the Oregon-California border where the American West's worsening drought has taken a dramatic toll. At least 120 — and probably several hundred — domestic wells have dried up in the past few weeks. The news comes just a few months after the U.S. government shut off federally controlled irrigation water to hundreds of farmers in the area for the first time ever. Farmers have drawn on deeper wells to try to salvage some crops. That, plus a historic drought, have depleted shallower groundwater normally tapped by homes and hobby farms. / WEATHER, FISHERIES, WILDLIFE: Baby salmon are dying by the hundreds of thousands in one California river and an entire run of endangered salmon could be wiped out in another. Fishermen who make their living off adult salmon, once they enter the Pacific Ocean, are sounding the alarm as blistering heat waves and extended drought in the U.S. West raise water temperatures and imperil fish from Idaho to California. A crash in one year's class of young salmon can have lasting effects on the total population and shorten or stop the fishing season. That could be devastating to the commercial salmon fishing industry, which in California alone is worth \$1.4 billion. Fishermen say the high cost of salmon is already pricing some customers out. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, SAFETY, BUSINESS, SCHOOLS: It has been a month since Oregon lifted statewide coronavirus-related restrictions, but last week Governor Kate Brown announced the reimplementing of mask requirements in schools and state agency buildings. On Friday, she also encouraged Oregonians to wear masks indoors in public spaces, to protect against the highly contagious Delta variant. Oregon has seen more than 1,000 new daily cases a handful of times in the past week. It follows an upswing in infections nationwide, which prompted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to last week update its masking recommendations. Oregon's new guidance for state agency buildings requires all state employees, visitors or customers — regardless of vaccination status — to wear face coverings. In a statement from the Oregon Department of Education, officials say they are working to create a rule requiring face coverings in all indoor school settings — both public and private — for all individuals two years and older. This includes students, staff, contractors, volunteers and visitors. Officials say the rule will take effect upon adoption, but the exact date is unclear. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown is “examining” whether or not to mandate that state workers get vaccinated, as the highly transmissible delta variant continues to spread across the state and COVID-19 cases spike. In addition, following national updated mask guidance the Oregon Department of Education has not immediately required the state's public schools to adopt indoor mask mandates, and it remains unclear whether it will do so at all. Under current guidelines from the state's department of education, individual districts can decide whether to require students, staff and faculty to wear masks inside school buildings. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: New jobless claims, which remained stubbornly high in

Oregon last spring, are down substantially over the past few weeks. Fewer than 4,200 Oregonians filed new claims for benefits last week, the lowest number since October. The number of new Oregon claims is now below the average number of new claims in the 10 weeks before the pandemic. The Oregonian and OregonLive's Mike Rogoway reports that's a hopeful sign. Oregon's jobless rate was near an all-time low until COVID-19 hit. The dearth of new layoffs this summer, combined with a steep fall in the number of people collecting benefits each week, suggests the state may have a path to get back to something like full employment. "Employers added as many payroll jobs in the first six months of this year as they did in the 22 months leading up to the pandemic," Oregon Employment Department economist Gail Krumenauer wrote in an email. "We still have a large gap to full jobs recovery, but the recalls of workers to their jobs and much additional hiring is bringing people back into the workforce." It's no great mystery why claims are falling now. Oregon has pulled down nearly all COVID-19 restrictions over the past few months, enabling bars, restaurants, hotels, movie theaters and other sectors to reopen after an unprecedented downturn leading into the pandemic. ; Oregonians could lose more than \$70 million in weekly employment benefits after Labor Day, when some federal pandemic aid programs expire and the state stops paying a \$300 weekly unemployment bonus. Oregon Employment Department acting director David Gerstenfeld called it a "sobering" moment on his weekly media call last week. He noted that more than 115,000 Oregonians are receiving assistance under temporary programs that date to the first COVID-19 relief act from March 2020. The state has now reopened nearly all of its WorkSource job search assistance offices and Gerstenfeld says employers are hiring at a nearly unprecedented rate. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, LEGAL, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH: A federal freeze on most evictions enacted last year expired on Saturday, after the Biden administration extended the original date by a month. The moratorium, put in place by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in September, was the only tool keeping millions of tenants in their homes. Many of them lost jobs during the coronavirus pandemic and had fallen months behind on their rent. Landlords successfully challenged the order in court, arguing they also had bills to pay. They pointed out that tenants could access nearly \$47 billion in federal money set aside to help pay rents and related expenses. Advocates for tenants said the distribution of the money had been slow and that more time was needed to distribute it and repay landlords. Without an extension, they feared a spike in evictions and lawsuits seeking to boot out tenants who were behind on their rents. Even with the delay, roughly 3.6 million people in the U.S. as of July 5 said they face eviction in the next two months, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey. The survey measures the social and economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic every two weeks through online responses from a representative sample of U.S. households. Oregon is one of several states that enacted a moratorium last year halting eviction proceedings for residents who have experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the measure expired in June. As experts warned about a mass wave of evictions in the state, lawmakers and the governor passed and implemented additional safety nets for struggling tenants. Oregon set aside \$200 million in federal emergency assistance to help tenants and landlords with current and outstanding rent. Based on data from Oregon Housing and Community Services, about 15,000 households have

completed applications for rent assistance. While Oregon has millions of dollars available to pay past-due rent, high demand created a backlog that officials said would not be cleared before the end of the state eviction moratorium. As a result, in June Oregon lawmakers passed a "Safe Harbor" amendment on Senate Bill 278 to pause evictions. Under the amendment, which received bipartisan support, tenants who are unable to pay July or August rent will not be evicted for 60 days if they provide proof to their landlord that they have applied for rental assistance. The bill was signed by Governor Kate Brown, a Democrat, last month. In addition, earlier this year Oregon lawmakers voted to extend the grace period for past-due rent during the moratorium, allowing tenants to have until Feb. 28, 2022, to pay back rent. As the state braces for evictions, courts are also hastily preparing for an influx of evictions. The Chief Justice Order directs courts to schedule eviction proceedings "as soon as practicable," but allows them to schedule first appearances within 14 days and any trial within 30 days, both of which are double the normal time. In addition, retired judges are being assigned to courts that need short-term assistance. Some circuit courts are exploring mediation as well. Oregon had a housing crisis before the pandemic, and since then it has only been exacerbated. It's hard to say exactly how much homelessness will increase in Oregon. However, one indication of the scope of the problem is census data in July showing 38 percent of Oregon tenants who responded to a survey — or more than 35,000 renters — said that it was "very likely" or "somewhat likely" that they would be evicted from their home. / WILDLIFE, AGRICULTURE: The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has approved killing up to four uncollared wolves in eastern Oregon's Baker County, where officials say the Lookout Mountain wolf pack attacked four cows in 14 days. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports the state has confirmed that wolves killed or hurt the cows from July 14 to July 26, and it approved a kill permit for the affected livestock producer. State rules allow for the lethal removal of wolves when repeated attacks present a significant risk to livestock and when nonlethal methods such as electric fencing or hazing haven't stopped the attacks. ; Wildlife advocates have sent a formal petition to relist gray wolves as an endangered species throughout the U.S. West. The move Thursday is in response to new laws in Idaho and Montana intended to significantly reduce wolf populations. Western Watersheds Project, WildEarth Guardians and others sent the petition Thursday to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The groups cite unregulated hunting, poaching and genetic problems involving small wolf populations. The agency is supposed to respond to the petition within 90 days on whether there is enough information for a potential listing under the Endangered Species Act. / WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES: Endangered killer whales have received new habitat protections from the U.S. government. The National Marine Fisheries Service on Friday finalized rules to expand the Southern Resident orca's critical habitat from the Canadian border down to Point Sur, California, adding 15,910 square miles of foraging areas, river mouths and migratory pathways. While environmentalists praised the action, many also called for habitat protections for salmon to aid in the orca's recovery. There are currently 75 southern resident orca whales in the three resident J, K and L pods. The whales have in recent years been at their lowest numbers since the 1970s. / ENERGY, UTILITIES, GOVERNMENT: Oregon's governor last week signed into law a clean energy bill, which is one of the most ambitious timelines for eliminating carbon dioxide emissions in the country. The

legislation lays out a timetable for the state's two major power companies — Portland General Electric and Pacific Power — to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity sold to Oregon consumers. Additionally, it bans the expansion or new construction of power plants that burn fossil fuels and allocates \$50 million in grants for community-based energy projects, among other measures. / EMPLOYMENT, LABOR, BUSINESS: Fred Meyer and union warehouse workers based in Puyallup, Washington, reached a tentative agreement to avert a strike that could have affected stores across the Northwest. The Teamsters Local 117, which represents the warehouse workers, said Friday the agreement on a four-year contract has the full recommendation of its bargaining committee. The union did not describe the terms of the agreement but said members were set to vote on the contract this week. / POLITICS, HEALTH, SAFETY, CRIME: A former Oregon lawmaker who was expelled for letting violent, far-right protesters into the state Capitol last week pleaded guilty to one count of official misconduct. The Statesman Journal reports that Mike Nearman was sentenced Tuesday to 18 months' probation, during which he will need to complete 80 hours of community service and is banned from the Capitol building and grounds. He will also pay \$200 in court fees and \$2,700 to the Oregon Legislative Administration for damages done during the Dec. 21 riot. Last month Nearman, a Republican from Polk County, became the first member of the Oregon House to be expelled in its 160-year history. The House voted 59-1 to remove him from the Legislature for disorderly behavior. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The nation's top infectious disease expert is warning that more "pain and suffering" is ahead as COVID-19 cases climb again and officials plead with unvaccinated Americans to get inoculated. Dr. Anthony Fauci also said on ABC's "This Week" that he doesn't foresee additional U.S. lockdowns because he believes enough people are vaccinated to avoid a recurrence of last winter. However, he said not enough are inoculated to "crush the outbreak." Currently, 58 percent of Americans 12 years and older are fully vaccinated. However, the director of the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Francis Collins, said on CNN that U.S. vaccinations are up 56 percent in the last two weeks. / SPORTS: New Pac-12 Commissioner George Kliavkoff can thank Oklahoma and Texas for adding another huge priority to his lengthy list of issues to address. With both schools petitioning the SEC for membership, the latest round of conference realignment looks to be off and running. Kliavkoff noted that expanding the Pac-12 doesn't have to be a given but it will be considered. He's also looking to address the Pac-12's failure to be more competitive on a national stage in football and men's basketball. While men's basketball appears to be on the rebound after UCLA made the Final Four, football faces more of an uphill climb. / SPORTS, BUSINESS: The partnership between Oregon edge rusher Kayvon Thibodeaux and Nike co-founder Phil Knight might be one of the most unusual and high-profile deals to come out of new rules allowing college athletes to earn money for use of their name, image and likeness. The earnings potential of everyone from Thibodeaux, a junior who could be the first player selected in the next NFL draft, to walk-ons dominated the conversation at Pac-12 media day. Stanford coach David Shaw was skeptical of endorsement deals for players, saying he doesn't understand why companies would give "a bunch of money" to student-athletes. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: Smoke from the Middle Fork Complex of wildfires is continuing to degrade air quality in the Oakridge and Westfir areas. Yesterday afternoon, the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency issued an Air Quality Advisory for the communities and nearby areas that will remain in effect at least through 5 p.m. Wednesday. The worst conditions are expected in the afternoon and evening hours, as hot temperatures aggravate the already smoky conditions. Pollutants in wildfire smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. If you're in an area affected by wildfire smoke, stay indoors if possible. Keep doors and windows closed. Limit outdoor activities. Those most at-risk include people with heart and lung disease, infants, young children, older adults, and pregnant women. ; One of the biggest challenges for crews battling the now-78-acre Kwis Fire, a few miles east of Oakridge? Burning material that's been rolling down steep slopes and past containment lines. It's forced specialized "hot shot" crews to rethink how they carve containment lines between the blaze and nearby Salmon Creek. Over the next few days, they'll also conduct burnout operations to deprive the fire of fuel. That should allow firefighters to shift to mop-up and containment. The Kwis Fire is burning south of Forest Road 24 near Salmon Creek. It is one of 12 lightning-caused wildfires burning since last Thursday on the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. If you're in the Oakridge area, you might see plenty of activity, from crews based at Oakridge High School and staging along many nearby roads and forest roads—to helicopters are taking off from Oakridge's airport and dipping water from nearby lakes and streams or making retardant drops. Some 360 personnel are battling the blazes. Combined, the fires have burned close to 600 acres. Six of the fires are fully contained. The blazes are burning in the Fall Creek and Hills Creek Reservoir areas, and the area north of Huckleberry. The largest is the Gales Creek Fire at 400 acres with zero percent containment. It is located off Forest Road 18—also known as Big Fall Creek Road. While crews respond to the wildfires and mop up, there is an emergency closure of all roads, trails, developed recreation sites, dispersed camping, and entering of nearby National Forest lands to protect members of the public and wildfire crews. The closures include multiple nearby forest roads, along with a number of campgrounds, trails and trailheads:

Roads: Forest Roads 1802, 1816, 1817, 1818, 1821, 1824, 1825, 1828, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, 1834, 1835, 1839, and 1912. Campgrounds: Dolly Varden, Big Pool, Broken Bowl, Clark Creek Organizational Camp, Bedrock Campground, Puma Campground. Trails and Trailheads: Fall Creek Trail, Clark Creek Nature Trail, Johnny Creek Nature Trail, Hehe Mountain Trailhead, Gold Point Trailhead, Saddle Blanket, Cowhorn Mountain, Tall Trees Trail, Jones Upper and Jones Lower trailheads, Jones Trail, Alpine Trail and Trailheads, Elk Camp Trailhead. Also: Little Cowhorn Lookout, Timber Butte Lookout, Saddle Blanket Mountain. ;

On Sunday afternoon and evening, officials say lightning storms sparked more than 50 new wildfires across parts of Southern Oregon and the Siskiyou National Forest. Thirty-five of those remained active yesterday. Crews put out 20 of them and most of the remaining 15 are lined and have burned, at most, 4-5 acres. While no communities are threatened, officials in southern Douglas and northern Josephine County have issued a Level One "Get Ready" advisory for some residents near a blaze in a rural area east of Azalea. / SAFETY: A fire in a motorhome parked near Highway 99-North and Four Corners sent a plume of black smoke into the sky just before the noon hour yesterday. It was visible for miles. Crews with Eugene-Springfield Fire say the blaze briefly spread to nearby grasses and other vehicles before it was extinguished. Firefighters protected nearby buildings. No injuries reported. / HEALTH: Here we go again. The Oregon Health Authority and Lane County Public Health say COVID-19 cases are continuing to climb. And one major local hospital group has reimposed limits on visitors to protect patients and workers. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported a combined 2,056 new COVID-19 infections from Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, along with five new deaths. One of those was a 59-year-old Lane County man who tested positive for the coronavirus on Wednesday and died on Thursday. Lane County Public Health yesterday was notified of 306 combined new infections over the Friday through Sunday period. We now have 21 local patients who are hospitalized. Six of them are in intensive care and two of those people are on ventilators. Lane County's pandemic death toll stands at 175. And the number of people currently infected has soared in the past few days—from 330 on Thursday to 504 on Sunday. Health experts say many new cases are coming after the lifting of state restrictions, as people began socializing and getting out more without taking enough precautions around those who are not members of their households. The highly contagious Delta variant is also increasing transmission across Oregon and nationwide. Oregon reported more than 5,900 new COVID cases last week, nearly twice the number of the week before. Hospitalizations also are climbing during this fifth wave of infections. ;

Yesterday, officials with PeaceHealth said they are temporarily restricting all visitor access, with some exceptions, at their Lane County facilities. This change, which takes effect today at noon, is a direct result of the increase in COVID-19 cases in our community, including those tied to highly contagious variants. The temporary restrictions apply to PeaceHealth's four Lane County medical centers in Springfield, Eugene, Cottage Grove, and Florence, along with all local PeaceHealth Medical Clinics. For patients who do not have or are suspected not to have COVID-19: Two support persons will be allowed for patients who are at the end of their lives or are minors. One support person will be allowed for patients in the Emergency Department or in the Labor and Delivery and Mom-Baby areas, along with a certified doula or midwife for labor and birth. Both

parents are allowed for an infant in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). One support person is allowed to help a patient with mobility challenges or discharge instructions. Patients who have confirmed COVID-19 or are suspected to have COVID-19 may have one visitor if they are receiving end-of-life care; are a minor; are in labor and delivery; or have a cognitive or physical disability who require assistance. Until the latest COVID surge eases, PeaceHealth encourages loved ones to again connect with patients through technology, such as cell phones, tablets and laptops. PeaceHealth Medical Group clinics will temporarily limit visitor access at its clinics except for visitors accompanying patients needing assistance, such as children and patients with physical or cognitive impairments, or those assisting with key decision-making in, for example, for Obstetrics, Palliative Care, Oncology and major procedures. The facilities also are testing all admitted patients for COVID-19. / GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: Five years after voters approved recreational marijuana sales, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which regulates those sales, is changing its name. It's still the OLCC, but it now will be known as the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission. Officials say it reflects the importance of the billion-dollar cannabis sector in generating tax revenue to fund state programs. It also better reflects the mission of the OLCC, which issues alcohol and marijuana licenses and alcohol and marijuana server permits. / WILDFIRES, WEATHER, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, BUSINESS: Oregon adopted emergency rules Monday intended to protect workers from wildfire smoke and provide relief to those living in labor housing during bouts of extreme heat. The Oregonian and OregonLive report the rules, which take effect next Monday and remain in place for six months, are a temporary measure while the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health administration, known as Oregon OSHA, drafts permanent versions. The new rules require that employers make an effort, whenever feasible, to change work schedules or relocate work when air quality levels reach "very unhealthy" levels of 201 or higher on the air quality index, which measures air pollution. If employees will be exposed to air quality levels above 201, employers must ensure that workers wear N95 respirators. For this year, employers can substitute those respirators with KN95 masks as long as air quality levels are below 499. The air quality index doesn't track levels above 500. Employers must also maintain an adequate supply of respirators when air quality levels exceed 101, which is considered unhealthy to sensitive groups. Employers are required to alert workers to air quality hazards and train workers who may be exposed to air quality levels above 101 of the health risks of wildfire smoke and emergency procedures in place to protect workers. Those trainings must take place before Aug. 16. Employers whose employees work in indoor workplaces or vehicles where air filtration takes place are exempt from the new rules. However, those employers must ensure that windows and doors remain closed when air quality deteriorates, except when people are entering or exiting. / HOUSING, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH: The White House is pressing state and local governments to swiftly adopt policies to protect renters after an eviction moratorium expired over the weekend. The end of the ban on evictions could end up pushing millions of Americans out of their homes. In a statement yesterday, the White House emphasized the federal government has provided \$46.5 billion to keep renters in their homes. But it accused states and cities of being "too slow to act," preventing that aid from making its way to tenants whose livelihoods have

been upended by the pandemic. The focus on states comes as President Joe Biden faces criticism, including from some in his own party, that he was slow to address the end of the moratorium. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has called the prospect of widespread evictions "unfathomable." ; The White House says that Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was "unable to find legal authority for a new, targeted eviction moratorium." It asks that states and local governments put in policies to keep renters in their homes. Mass evictions could potentially worsen the recent spread of the COVID-19 delta variant. Roughly 1.4 million households told the Census Bureau they could "very likely" be evicted from their rentals in the next two months. But the Biden administration says it is unable to take action. But it also notes that state-level efforts to stop evictions would spare a third of the country from evictions over the next month. ; Tenants are turning up at housing courts hoping for last-minute reprieves from looming evictions after the federal eviction ban ended over the weekend. Also there are landlords who, frustrated with the slow pace of federal help and with bills to pay, just want their apartments back. Scenes like this are playing out from North Carolina to Virginia to Ohio and beyond as the eviction system, which saw a dramatic drop in cases before the federal moratorium expired, rumbled back into action Monday. Activists fear millions will be tossed onto the streets as the delta variant of the coronavirus surges. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT; The U.S. finally reached President Joe Biden's goal of getting at least one COVID-19 shot in the arms of 70 percent of American adults. But it's a month late and amid a fierce surge by the delta variant that is swamping hospitals and leading to new mask rules and mandatory vaccinations around the country. Biden set a goal of reaching the 70 percent threshold by the Fourth of July. But that target was set well before the highly contagious delta variant enabled the virus to come storming back and undermined the assumptions that were used to arrive at that figure. The U.S. still has not hit the administration's other goal of fully vaccinating 165 million American adults by July 4. It is about 8.5 million short. ; The delta variant is more contagious than its predecessors, but COVID-19 vaccines still provide strong protection against it. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cited the variant's surge in advising that vaccinated people return to wearing masks indoors in areas with high transmission. The change is based on new research suggesting vaccinated people who get infected can spread it to others, even if the vaccinated don't get seriously ill. It helps protect the unvaccinated, including children not yet eligible for the shots. Some breakthrough cases were always expected. A Kaiser Family Foundation analysis found such cases remain rare. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, BUSINESS: Employers are increasingly losing patience with unvaccinated workers. A growing number of businesses are requiring their employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19, alarmed by the rise of the more contagious delta variant and frustrated that vaccination rates in the U.S. have plateaued. Others are stopping short of a mandate while taking steps to make it more onerous for workers to remain unvaccinated, requiring them to take regular COVID tests or denying them certain privileges reserved only for the vaccinated. ; New York City will soon require proof of COVID-19 vaccinations for anyone who wants to dine indoors at a restaurant, see a performance or go to the gym, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced today. It is the first big city in the U.S. to impose such restrictions. The new requirement will be phased in over several weeks in August and September. It's the most aggressive step the city has taken

yet to curb a surge in cases caused by the Delta variant. Data shows that about 66 percent of adults in New York City are fully vaccinated. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: A federal appeals court has ruled that Indiana University can proceed with its plan to require students and employees to get vaccinated for COVID-19. Monday's ruling is the highest court decision regarding college immunization mandates. The Chicago-based appeals court upheld a district court judge's ruling that found that the university was acting reasonably "in pursuing public health and safety for its campus communities." Both courts rejected a request by eight IU students who sought to block the requirement while they challenge its legality, claiming it would violate their constitutional rights by forcing them to receive unwanted medical treatment. The plaintiffs' lawyer says he will ask the Supreme Court to consider the case. / TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH, SAFETY: It's summertime and airports are packed with vacationers again. And combined with bad weather popping up in places, that's causing problems for the airlines. The U.S. set another pandemic-era record for travel on Sunday, with more than 2.2 million people going through airport checkpoints. That's the biggest number in 17 months, although travel is still not quite back to pre-pandemic levels. The big crowds and summer thunderstorms are creating headaches for travelers, because thousands of flights a day are running late, and hundreds more are canceled. There are long lines at Spirit Airlines ticket counters in Orlando, Florida, after the discount airline canceled about one-third of its flights on Monday. / COMMUNITY, HEALTH: The coronavirus pandemic has changed just about every other way we interact with each other these days. Some people who use dating apps are tweaking their approach to such sites and some sites have made changes to adapt. For example, Tinder has announced new tools that will let people add videos to their profile — and enable them to chat with others before matching with them. Dating apps have thrived during the pandemic. Tinder says last year was its busiest yet. Another site, Hinge, says it tripled its revenue from 2019 to 2020. It expects further growth this year. Recode and Vox reported earlier this year that conversations on Tinder were an average 32 percent longer than they had been pre-pandemic and people matched — meaning both people found the other attractive — 42 percent more. The number of swipes on Tinder broke 3 billion in a single day for the first time in March of 2020, and then surpassed that benchmark 130 more times during the past 16 months. The increased use of dating apps was not isolated to Tinder. Competitors like Bumble and Hinge also saw huge growth during the pandemic. /

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WILDFIRES, HEALTH, WEATHER: Smoke from the Middle Fork Complex of wildfires is continuing to degrade air quality in the Oakridge and Westfir areas. The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency has extended its Air Quality Advisory for far eastern Lane County at least through 11 p.m. on Thursday. The worst conditions are expected in the afternoon and evening hours, as hot temperatures aggravate the already smoky conditions. Pollutants in wildfire smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. If you're in an area affected by wildfire smoke, stay indoors if possible. Keep doors and windows closed. Limit outdoor activities. Those most at-risk include people with heart and lung disease, infants, young children, older adults, and pregnant women. ; There might be a bit more smoke today coming from the Kwis Fire, east of Oakridge. The blaze has grown to 204 acres. And as part of an effort to shore up containment lines, crews are conducting burnout operations to deprive the fire of fuel. That should allow firefighters to shift to mop-up and containment. Miles of hoses are being laid along key control lines. The Kwis Fire is burning south of Forest Road 24 near Salmon Creek. It is one of 12 lightning-caused wildfires burning since last Thursday on the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. Seven of the smaller blazes are 100 percent contained. Crews continue to base at Oakridge High School and stage along many nearby roads and forest roads. You might see helicopters taking off from Oakridge's airport and dipping water from nearby lakes and streams or making retardant drops. Officials say 463 personnel are battling the blazes. The blazes are burning in the Fall Creek and Hills Creek Reservoir areas, and the area north of Huckleberry. The largest is the Gales Creek Fire, which grew yesterday to 1,268 acres and is zero percent containment. It is located off Forest Road 18—also known as Big Fall Creek Road. There is an emergency closure of all roads, trails, developed recreation sites, dispersed camping, and entering of nearby National Forest lands to protect members of the public and wildfire crews. The closures include multiple nearby forest roads, along with a number of campgrounds, trails and trailheads. /

ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER, RECREATION, COMMUNITIES, WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, UTILITIES: At the end of July, Cottage Grove Reservoir was 24 percent full-- 76 percent less than it should be this time of year. The drought and

hot temperatures are having a big effect on Willamette Valley reservoirs. According to officials with the Portland District of the Army Corps of Engineers, year-to-date precipitation across the Willamette was 82 percent of normal as of Aug. 2. The Corps manages reservoir inflows to balance flood risk and storage needs. The Willamette Valley Systems' 13 reservoirs are kept lower in the winter to reduce downstream flooding and refilled in the spring to prepare for recreation and adequate flows for fish. But the reservoirs in the Willamette Valley Project depend on spring and early summer rainfall to refill. Corps officials say the lack of precipitation only allowed the system to refill to 67.4 percent. The lack of measurable rain in the past 50 days has aggravated the situation. Additionally, the snowpack is zero percent of median for the Willamette – meaning there is no snowpack left. Snowmelt helps keep reservoir elevations up in the summer if it lasts and matches outflows – but it only accounts for roughly 10 percent of the system's overall storage (when there is enough snowpack). Want to get a better sense of what's going on? The Corps of Engineers is hosting an online information session on Thursday, Aug. 5, from 12-1 p.m. You'll receive an update about lake levels and recreation opportunities at the Corps' 13 Willamette Valley reservoirs. ; Meteorologists tracking the drought say this is the first time in 122 years of record-keeping that drought conditions are affecting the entire West. Officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture said this week they are investing \$15 million in a new pilot program to assist agricultural producers impacted by worsening drought conditions in Oregon and California's Klamath River Basin. And yesterday, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack came to Oregon to get an update on the drought and the battle against this summer's wildfires. The USDA is providing emergency payments to Klamath Basin producers to reduce irrigation demand. Officials hope that will free up more of the region's limited supply of water for other practices that are vital to the region's food supply. The agriculture secretary also toured a Salem-area farm to see the drought effects firsthand in the Willamette Valley and hear how that's affecting everything from field crops to orchards, Christmas trees to shellfish. / UTILITIES, DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY: A pause while it awaits review from Oregon's Land Use Board of Appeals. Crews with the Eugene Water and Electric Board yesterday temporarily halted tree-cutting at the site of two planned drinking water reservoirs in South Eugene. EWEB has owned the 11 acres near 40th and Patterson since the 1950s, with long-term plans to use it to expand local drinking water supplies as the area grows. The utility hopes to build two water tanks, each capable of storing up to 7.6 (m)million gallons of water. But neighbors have challenged the effort, saying they oppose cutting the trees on the property and how the project will affect their quality of life. They have argued that only one reservoir is needed on the site. EWEB officials say the two reservoirs will help replace the College Hill Reservoir, which provides drinking water to close to 80,000 Eugene residents. They say the College Hill Reservoir is going out of service in 2023 and these new water storage facilities need to be on-line by then. / DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: The Register-Guard is reporting that the Lane County Board of Commissioners yesterday voted to tentatively deny for an application for a long-planned, controversial gravel quarry on an Oakridge-area butte. Reporter Adam Duvernay writes that the panel voted 3-2 against amending the Lane County Rural Comprehensive Plan to add the proposed quarry to the inventory of significant mineral and aggregate sites and authorize

mining there. Oakridge-area residents have fought to protect the site, commonly known as TV Butte, from mining operations since it was proposed in 2015. The tentative denial instructs county staff to draft language for another vote in October that would outline specifically why commissioners are denying the application, as the law requires. The Register-Guard reports the commissioners' decision was based on findings from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife concerning conflicts with an elk herd living in the area. / HEALTH, HOUSING, LOW-INCOME: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday issued a new eviction moratorium that would last until October 3. It comes as the Biden administration seeks to counter criticism from progressives that it is allowing vulnerable renters to lose their homes during a pandemic. The ban could help millions stay sheltered as the coronavirus' delta variant spreads and states remain slow in releasing an estimated \$47 (b) billion in federal aid to renters and landlords. It would temporarily halt evictions in counties with "substantial and high levels" of virus transmissions and would cover areas where 90 percent of the U.S. population lives. The announcement was a reversal for the Biden administration, which allowed an earlier moratorium to lapse over the weekend after saying a U.S. Supreme Court ruling prevented an extension. Biden said he pushed the CDC to again consider its options, even though he still questions whether the new moratorium can withstand lawsuits about its constitutionality. Renter advocates estimate some 3.6 million Americans are at risk of being evicted during the COVID-19 crisis. But the head of the National Apartment Association says the eviction moratorium forces housing providers to deliver a costly service without compensation and saddles renters with insurmountable debt. / HEALTH: As COVID-19 cases continue to climb in Oregon and in some counties, officials in many regions say they are seeing the highest hospitalization numbers since the pandemic began. Statewide coronavirus-related hospitalizations increased to 379 people on Tuesday. That's 39 more than the previous day. Some hospital officials including those at Oregon Health & Science University say they are postponing some surgeries that are not urgent. ; Another big leap in the number of new COVID-19 infections in Oregon and Lane County as the highly transmissible delta variant takes hold. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday received reports of 1,575 new cases and nine additional deaths. That's the highest total since early January. It comes as only about 71 percent of Oregon adults have received COVID vaccines. Officials say most new cases are among the unvaccinated. Lane County Public Health yesterday received reports of 135 new COVID-19 infections. Local hospitalizations climbed a bit yesterday, from 21 to 24. The number of Lane County residents considered infectious is up to 564. / HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT: Earlier this week, PeaceHealth announced it was reimposing limits on visitors to protect patients and workers from the spread of the virus. Yesterday, PeaceHealth leaders said they also will require all caregivers at their hospitals and clinics in Oregon, Washington, and Alaska be vaccinated by the end of the month or submit a qualifying medical exemption. They say 80 percent of their workforce is already immunized. Unvaccinated individuals will be subject to regular COVID-19 testing, additional masking requirements, potential reassignment to non-patient care settings, and other safety protocols. PeaceHealth is not alone in this. On Monday, Kaiser Permanente announced it was requiring COVID-19 vaccination of all employees and physicians across its system, which includes Oregon, Washington, California, five other states and the

District of Columbia. Those among its close 240,000 employees and physician affiliates who choose to forgo vaccination must show proof of weekly testing. ; Across the U.S., employers are increasingly losing patience with unvaccinated workers. A growing number of businesses are requiring their employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19, alarmed by the rise of the more contagious delta variant and frustrated that vaccination rates in the U.S. have plateaued. Others are stopping short of a mandate while taking steps to make it more challenging for workers to remain unvaccinated, requiring them to take regular COVID tests once or twice per week, or denying them certain privileges reserved only for the vaccinated. Major cities from San Francisco to Los Angeles and New York are requiring their workers submit proof of vaccination and weekly or even twice-weekly negative COVID-19 tests. Major employers, from Microsoft to Tyson Foods are adding similar requirements, along agencies that operate airports and transit systems. New York City will soon require proof of COVID-19 vaccinations for anyone who wants to dine indoors at a restaurant, see a performance on Broadway, or go to the gym. Close to 800 universities and community colleges have vaccination or testing requirements in place for those planning to be on campus for Fall Term. That includes the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Lane Community College. The requirements apply to students, faculty, and staff unless individuals submit proof of a qualifying medical condition or agree to regular COVID testing. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT: If you do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan and you don't have insurance through your workplace, a reminder that you can sign up for an individual or family plan at the Oregon Marketplace. The deadline for 2021 coverage is Sunday, August 15. To learn more, visit OregonHealthCare.gov or call 855-268-3767 (toll-free) to find free, local help. More than 2 million people have signed up for subsidized health insurance plans through the Affordable Care Act since President Joe Biden reopened health insurance markets as part of his pandemic response plan. The Department of Health and Human Services says 1.5 million enrolled through the federal HealthCare.gov marketplace and 600,000 through state-run insurance exchanges. Since April 1, all "Obamacare" customers have been eligible for much more generous financial assistance with their coverage, a temporary benefit boost that Biden and congressional Democrats hope to make permanent through legislation later this year. / SPORTS: The commissioners of the Pac-12 and Big 12 are discussing how the two conferences might benefit from working together or maybe even merging. The talks between the Big 12 and Pac-12 commissioners come after Texas and Oklahoma last week announced plans to leave the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference in 2025. The remaining eight Big 12 schools are facing a huge drop in the value of their next television contract without Texas and Oklahoma in the conference. The Pac-12 has not indicated it is in a rush to add members. But among the items reportedly discussed were a possible merger of the two conferences, which would create a 20-team conference with schools in every major U.S. time zone. Another possibility: Instead of a merger, consider a scheduling agreement or alliance with regular nonconference matchups between the Pac-12 and Big 12 in the high-profile sports of football and basketball. Insiders say that potentially could increase the value of each league's next TV deals. The Big 12's current TV deal runs out in 2025. Losing Texas and Oklahoma could slash the conference's television revenue by about 50 percent if the two school's \$280 million in revenue goes to

the Southeastern Conference. The Pac-12's current television deal is similar in value to the Big 12's and expires in 2024. / SPORTS, WOMEN: A law firm's look into the gender equity of the men's and women's NCAA Tournaments found the offerings for the women's teams came up short in everything from COVID-19 testing to weight room facilities and areas to escape hotel bubble life. The NCAA yesterday released the 100-plus page review. The report says the women in San Antonio received less of just about everything from promotion to signage around town to quantity of food during the three-week stay. The disparities came to light soon after teams arrived, and NCAA President Mark Emmert has apologized. The problems were called out on social media, most notably by Oregon player Sedona Prince whose initial tweet on the topic has now been viewed more than 18 million times. At almost every step, the report found, the men's tournament went full speed ahead for well-equipped weight rooms, spacious lounge areas at its hotels and tournament sites while those running the women's event did not have similar resources. The law firm's deep dive also discovered that COVID-19 testing procedures differed, with men getting daily rapid PCR tests, while women were required to have just one PCR test a week along with daily antigen testing. / WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT: U.S. land managers have begun efforts to capture about 50 percent more wild horses than originally planned this year because of severe drought across the U.S. West. The emergency roundups that began Sunday and Monday target about 6,000 additional animals primarily in parts of Oregon, Nevada, and Colorado. Officials with the Bureau of Land Management say the expanded effort concentrates on places where "chronic overpopulation" of the herds has stretched available food and water to their limits. Horse advocates say the emergency roundups are being driven by pressure from ranchers who don't want wild horses competing with their livestock for limited forage and water. A spokesperson with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association says ranchers have voluntarily reduced and rotated grazing on federal lands during the drought. The bureau already has gathered 1,200 animals this year and originally intended to round up about 12,000. The new effort would push the total to about 18,000 across 10 Western states from Montana to California. The bureau says the estimated 86,000 free-roaming mustangs and burros on federal lands is three times what the ecosystem can sustain, something that animal advocates dispute. About 1,400 that are rounded up would be returned to the range after they receive contraceptive drugs. The BLM announced last week that it was taking additional steps to ensure that captured horses made available for public adoption do not end up in the hands of secondhand buyers who ship them to slaughterhouses. That move drew mixed reactions from horse advocates, who welcomed efforts to tighten regulations but said the reforms don't go far enough and that horses will still end up being slaughtered as long as the government offers \$1,000 cash incentives to adopt the animals. ; Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife staff shot and killed two wolf pups Sunday after approving a permit for ranchers to kill up to four uncollared wolves in Eastern Oregon. ODFW officials say staff in a helicopter shot and killed two pups from the Lookout Mountain pack. ODFW earlier approved a rancher's permit to kill wolves in Baker County, where officials said the Lookout Mountain pack had attacked four cows during the last two weeks of July. Agency spokeswoman says killing the pups reduced the pack's food needs and disrupted its behavior, so they do not associate livestock with an easy meal. / BUSINESS:

Oregon beer drinkers once treasured it as their own local craft beer. But times and tastes change. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that Henry Weinhard's Private Reserve, once the pride of Northwest beer drinkers, is being discontinued by current owner Molson Coors after more than four decades of production. Commonly known as Henry's, the brand is among 11 beers the publicly traded corporation will stop producing. OregonLive reports the beer was one of the remaining vestiges in the legacy of Northwest beer pioneer Henry Weinhard, a German immigrant credited in the 1850s as the founding father of brewing in Portland. Blitz-Weinhard first brewed Henry Weinhard's Private Reserve in 1976, marketing it as a "super premium" beer. But drinkers complained the quality deteriorated in recent years after the company it was purchased by Molson-Coors. /

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DISCUSSED HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYMENT: Be vaccinated or undergo weekly testing. That's the choice for Oregon health care workers as COVID-19 cases, fueled by the highly contagious delta variant, spread at a rapid pace across the state. The governor yesterday made the announcement, saying the new Oregon Health Authority rule in will go into effect September 30. The date was chosen to give employers time to prepare for its implementation and to allow unvaccinated health care workers to become fully vaccinated. It comes after leading health organizations — including the Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems — pressed state leaders to clear the way for health care organizations to put vaccination rules in place. Yesterday, the Oregon Nurses Association applauded the decision, calling it a “reasonable and sensible approach which respects the individual choices of health care workers while also protecting public health.” On Monday, officials at Kaiser Permanente, one of Oregon’s largest private health systems, announced that health care workers, along with the rest of its staff, would be required to get vaccinated or face weekly testing. The only exemptions are for medical or religious reasons. PeaceHealth made a similar announcement on Tuesday. Hospital and state health officials stressed that this is not a vaccine requirement. Rather, they say it gives health care personnel a choice between weekly testing or providing proof of vaccination. The new rule applies to personnel in health care settings who have direct or indirect contact with patients or infectious materials. Officials say the decision follows the rise of the more contagious delta variant, which they say has changed everything in the battle to end the pandemic. There has been a dramatic increase in cases, mostly among those who are unvaccinated. A number of recent outbreaks in health care and long-term care settings have been tied to unvaccinated staff members. About 29 percent of Oregon adults remain unvaccinated. Officials say the new rule calling for vaccination or weekly testing will better protect health care workers from severe illness and hospitalization, preserving our first line of defense against the coronavirus. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday was notified of another 1,213 COVID-19 infections yesterday—95 of which were reported to Lane County Public Health. There were five additional deaths statewide, bringing the state’s pandemic death toll to 2,875. One of those deaths was a 78-year-old Lane County man, who tested positive on Wednesday of last week and died on Friday.

That raised the county's death toll to 176. Out local hospitalizations climbed again yesterday, from 24 to 30. Seven of those patients are in intensive care, with two on ventilators. The number of Lane County residents considered infectious was up again, to 572. Officials with the Oregon Health Authority say the state logged more than 5,900 new daily cases, a 92 percent rise over the week before. Hospitalizations climbed by 75 percent last week and continue to increase this week. Yesterday, 435 people were hospitalized with COVID-19, with 133 of those patients in intensive-care beds. Oregon officials warn that hospital beds across some parts of the state are filling up quickly. The crunch has not yet hit Lane County but is becoming a factor in the Portland area and many parts of Eastern Oregon. Some hospital officials, including those at Oregon Health & Science University, said they again are postponing non-essential surgeries to handle the surge. ; A state law enacted in 1989 prohibits employers from independently mandating vaccines for certain limited categories of workers, including health care workers. But a spokesperson from Governor Kate Brown's office says the new rule does not conflict with the law. In addition, Brown says she intends to work with stakeholders and lawmakers to address the existing law during the February 2022 legislative session. Brown said that she is looking at additional health and safety options to protect Oregonians, including vaccination and testing policies for state workers. She added that she is encouraging Oregon cities, counties, businesses, and employers to think creatively, and to implement measures such as paid time off for vaccination, and incentives for employees, in addition to instituting masking requirements and other health and safety measures in the workplace. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell last week by 14,000 to 385,000, more evidence that the economy and the job market are rebounding briskly from the coronavirus recession. The Labor Department reported that unemployment claims — a proxy for layoffs — dropped last week from a revised 399,000 the week before. The applications have more or less fallen steadily since topping 900,000 in early January. Still, they remain high by historic levels: Before the pandemic slammed the United States in March 2020, they were coming in at around 220,000 a week. / WILDFIRES, HEALTH, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: Wildfire smoke and haze continue to blanket parts of Oregon, as dozens of lightning-caused fires burn on the west side of the Cascades and the massive Bootleg Fire continues its slow advance in south-central Oregon. Much of our smoke is coming from the Middle Fork Complex of wildfires on the Willamette National Forest. An Air Quality Alert remains in place through noon on Friday, with conditions especially harsh in Oakridge and Westfir. The 333-acre Kwis Fire east of Oakridge is now 25 percent contained. It is burning south of Forest Road 24 near Salmon Creek. The Gales Creek Fire grew yesterday to more than 1,800 acres in a more remote area off Forest Road 18—also known as Big Fall Creek Road. It is zero percent contained. Twelve lightning-caused wildfires have been burning since last Thursday on the Middle Fork Ranger District of the Willamette National Forest. Seven of the smaller blazes are 100 percent contained. The fires are in the Fall Creek and Hills Creek Reservoir areas, and the area north of Huckleberry. There is an emergency closure of all roads, trails, developed recreation sites, dispersed camping, and entering of nearby National Forest lands to protect members of the public and wildfire crews. The closures include multiple nearby forest roads, along with a number of campgrounds, trails and trailheads. Other clusters of lightning-

caused fires are on the Umpqua National Forest in southeastern Douglas County and in parts of Jackson and Josephine Counties. / WEATHER, AGRICULTURE: Another after-effect of that late-June record heatwave in the Northwest: Some growers of popular Walla Walla sweet onions say they've lost big chunks of their crop after the tops of many onions essentially baked in the field. The Seattle Times says it came after Eastern Washington temperatures neared 120 degrees in some locations. One farmer says he noticed later that week the tops of his onions appeared soft. When it came time to harvest, he said the soft, pale blisters under the onion skins had begun to rot. The record heat had effects across the region. Oregon's coastal areas might have been protected by clouds and fog, but in British Columbia scientists say an estimated one (b)illion sea creatures including mussels, clams, and snails baked alive during low tide in tide pools along the coast of southwest Canada. / SPORTS: Oregon native Ryan Crouser broke his own Olympic record—three times—on his way to defending his shot-put title. And as Crouser took the gold medal, he said it was a tribute to his late grandfather, Larry Crouser, who died shortly before Ryan left for Tokyo. Crouser was unable to break his world record, which he set in Eugene in June during the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials. But he broke his won Olympic record on each of his first, second, and third throws. His final, winning throw: 76-feet, 5-1/2 inches. U.S. teammate Joe Kovacs finished second and Tomas Walsh of New Zealand was third. That was the exact same order of finishers as five years ago at the Olympics in Rio. As a boy, Crouser first threw a shot put in his grandfather's backyard. He was a track and field star at Gresham's Barlow High School. Last month, Crouser was asked to describe the sport of shot-putting and hurling its heavy metal ball in simple but creative terms. He said it is the equivalent of picking up the heaviest of bowling balls and trying to toss it the length of a basketball court. / CRIME: Eugene Police say two University of Oregon football players are charged three counts each of Reckless Endangering, Assault, Unlawful Discharge of a Firearm, and Disorderly Conduct. It comes after investigators say 20-year-old Jamal Hill and 20-year-old Desmond James were accused of using a realistic-looking airsoft gun in multiple incidents involving pedestrians Tuesday night. Shortly before midnight, police received a report from one man who said he'd been shot in the face at 14th and Willamette Streets by someone inside a passing sedan. In all, police say three people reported similar incidents at about the same time and in the same area. One victim said he was riding in his electric scooter and was almost hit by the vehicle as it left the area. The suspects were spotted near 11th and Willamette Streets and cited in lieu of custody in the case. / SAFETY, ANIMALS: Springfield Police say two people were badly hurt after their dog turned on them yesterday morning in the backyard of their apartment. It happened at Jenna Village in the 4800 block of Aster Street. Springfield Police and Eugene Springfield Fire personnel say they learned that during the attack, a neighbor shot the dog with a small caliber gun in an effort to save the couple. When the dog retreated to the apartment, the neighbor shut the dog in. Police and fire personnel were able to get to the patients in the backyard by removing fence boards from the adjoining apartment's yard. Both people had extensive injuries and are being treated at the hospital. The owners consented to have the dog euthanized. An Animal Control Officer was able to remove the injured dog from the residence and transport him to the Emergency Veterinary Hospital, where it was euthanized. / SPORTS: The Indiana Pacers have signed

first-round draft pick Chris Duarte. Terms of the deal were not immediately available. Duarte was the 13th overall pick last week. He played collegiately at Oregon after starting his career at Northwest Florida State, a junior college. He was a third-team All-American and was selected as the 2021 Jerry West Award recipient, which goes to the best shooting guard in Division I basketball. /

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WILDFIRE RECOVERY: Federal, state, and local officials yesterday got a first-hand look at wildfire recovery efforts in the McKenzie Valley. They saw how tens of millions of dollars in public money in the Blue River area is helping to pay for everything from a new library, wellness clinic, water and wastewater systems, to a fire station. They also stopped by the U.S. Basketball Academy, where 17 FEMA units are providing temporary housing for those in the process of rebuilding. Survivors of the Holiday Farm Fire have already been selected and will begin moving in over the next few days. Labor Day marks the one-year anniversary of the devastating blaze, which burned more than 173,000 acres, destroyed more than 400 homes, and left one person dead. / WILDFIRES: Crews continue to battle the lightning-caused Middle Fork Complex of wildfires on the Willamette National Forest. An Air Quality Alert remains in place through noon today. The worst of the smoke has settled across the communities of Oakridge and Westfir. Six of the 12 fires in the Middle Fork Complex are 100 percent contained. Two are in mop-up. The Kwis Fire east of Oakridge is at 358 acres. Crews had to scramble the middle of this week, as winds carried some embers past fire lines, creating small spot fires between Forest Road 24 and Salmon Creek. Ground and air crews kept them in check. The Gales Creek Fire stands at more than 2,100 acres in a more remote area off Forest Road 18—also known as Big Fall Creek Road. Crews are focusing their efforts on the western side of the fire to protect five rural structures. The fires are burning in the Fall Creek and Hills Creek Reservoir areas, and the area north of Huckleberry. There is an emergency closure of all roads, trails, developed recreation sites, dispersed camping, and entering of nearby National Forest lands to protect members of the public and wildfire crews. The closures include multiple nearby forest roads, along with a number of campgrounds, trails and trailheads. There also are dozens of other lightning-caused fires on the Umpqua National Forest in southeastern Douglas County, in parts of Jackson and Josephine Counties, and in far northeastern Oregon. Most are fairly small, with fire managers prioritizing crew deployments to those that threaten homes and rural communities. ; Officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture yesterday offered more numbers on what is shaping up to be a record wildfire season across the nation. They say there are 100 major fires actively burning on 1.9 million acres across 14 states. More than 21,000

personnel—including National Guard resources—are battling these blazes. Officials with the National Interagency Fire Center said yesterday their U.S. wildfire response is at its highest stage, known as National Wildland Fire Preparedness Level 5. The Bootleg Fire in south-central Oregon remains the largest, having charred well over 413,000 acres. It is 87 percent contained followed by the Dixie Fire in northeastern California at 278,00 acres. Both are pumping massive amounts of smoke into the air, which in recent weeks has reached as far as the East Coast. / BUSINESS: A major local wood products company is being acquired by another big player in the region. Officials with Seneca yesterday announced they would become part of Sierra Pacific Industries. The purchase price was not disclosed. The sale is expected to close by the end of the third quarter. Family-owned Seneca was founded by Aaron Jones in 1953 and is co-owned by three of his daughters. The firm operates a 175,000-acre tree farm, sawmills, and a biomass plant off Highway 99 north of town. Sierra Pacific, or SPI, is in its third generation of family ownership. It manages more than 2.1 million acres of timberland in California and Washington state, and manufactures millwork, windows, and is producing renewable energy. Seneca CEO Todd Payne says the two businesses complement one-another and the deal will result in increased efficiency and significant benefits for employees and customers. / WEATHER, SAFETY, ELDERS, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: The unprecedented heat wave that swept the Pacific Northwest this summer killed scores of the region's most vulnerable residents who could not leave their homes, afford air conditioning or get a ride to public cooling centers. Consecutive days of temperatures as high as 116 degrees in Portland and offset years of planning for more anticipated disasters such as earthquakes and snowstorms, taking a devastating toll on the socially isolated and older, low-income people. Experts say the disaster should be a wake-up call as climate change raises the temperature in the historically temperate region and a harsh lesson in how unprepared cities and states are. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: There was good economic news this morning from the U.S. Labor Department: Hiring surged in July as American employers added 943,000 jobs. The U.S. unemployment rate dropped to 5.4 percent from 5.9 percent in June, another sign that the economy is continuing to bounce back strongly from last year's coronavirus shutdowns. Hotels and restaurants reopened, doing brisk business and adding 327,000 jobs last month. Public schools added 221,000 workers as they prepared for in-person classes. Overall, the number of Americans who reported they had jobs surged by one million. But the employment picture remains clouded: The Delta variant of the coronavirus is causing a surge in cases, hospitalizations and deaths, particularly among the unvaccinated. There are concerns this fifth wave of COVID-19 could lead to drops in business if people again retreat to their homes and revert to online shopping. / HEALTH: The Oregon Health Authority yesterday was notified of another 1,382 new COVID-19 infections—118 of which were reported to Lane County Public Health. There were eight additional deaths statewide, bringing the state's pandemic death toll to 2,885. Across Oregon, there were 457 COVID patients who were hospitalized. That's up 35 from the day before. Oregon officials warn that hospital beds across some parts of the state are filling up quickly as the contagious Delta variant continues to spread. Health care providers and pharmacies are among those who continue to offer free COVID-19 vaccines. Lane County Public Health is holding another free clinic this afternoon from 4:00 –

6:00 p.m. at North Eugene High School. Free COVID testing also is available. ; Moderna officials say while its COVID-19 vaccine's protection is holding up, it's planning for booster doses to help fight the contagious delta variant. A "booster will likely be necessary to keep us as safe as possible" this winter, Moderna President Dr. Stephen Hoge says. The shots remain 93 percent effective four-to-six months after the second dose, according to the latest tracking of Moderna's 30,000-person vaccine study. That came before the recent surge in delta-caused COVID-19 cases. Real-world evidence from multiple countries shows protection, especially against hospitalizations and deaths, remains strong against the delta variant. Hoge says a half-dose of the original vaccine given six-to-eight months after people's second shot may provide a sufficient boost. ; Coronavirus hospitalizations are surging as the delta variant cuts across the country. The number of people in the hospital has more than tripled in the past month, from an average of roughly 12,000 to almost 43,000, according to the CDC. Cases are surging to 94,000 a day on average, a level not reached since mid-February. Florida, Georgia and Louisiana account for nearly 40 percent of all hospitalizations in the country. Louisiana and Georgia have some of the lowest vaccination rates, with 38 percent of their populations fully inoculated. Florida is closer to the national rate, at 49 percent. Most New England states are well over 60 percent. Deaths per day have soared 75 percent in the past two weeks. The overall confirmed U.S. death toll stands at more than 614,000. / BUSINESS, HEALTH: United Airlines will require U.S.-based employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by late October, and maybe sooner. United announced the decision today. The airline joins a growing number of big corporations that will require vaccinations. This is happening as a mutant variation of COVID-19 drives a surge in new infections. United CEO Scott Kirby says he knows some employees will disagree with the decision. But he says it's clear — that everyone is safer when everyone is vaccinated. United has 67,000 employees in the U.S. It's the first major U.S. airline to say it will require vaccinations for workers. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING: As states struggle to process a backlog of pandemic-driven rental-assistance applications, Oregon Housing and Community Services is hiring additional staff and an outside vendor to assist with the push where the demand is greatest. It comes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this week issued a new moratorium on evictions for many across the U.S. In Oregon, renters have additional protections for nonpayment of rent if they apply for rental assistance. Tenants applying online to the Oregon Emergency Rental Assistance Program can qualify for help with current, future, and back rent along with utilities. / CRIME: The man accused of killing his father and two other people in June in North Bend has been extradited Oregon to face prosecution. Thirty-year-old Oen Nicholson has been held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, after he kidnapped and forced a Springfield woman to drive him more than 2,000 miles, where he surrendered there to police. KVAL is reporting that Nicholson was transferred from Wisconsin overnight and arrived in Oregon early today. ; Medford Police say he showed up in their lobby, asked to speak with an officer, and confessed to having homicidal thoughts and planning to carry out an attack. Now, a custodian at a South Medford High School is facing felony charges after investigators say he took "significant steps" toward planning what they describe as a "mass casualty event" — including one at the school where he worked. The Mail Tribune reports 24-year-old Kristopher Wayne Clay was jailed after police

seized a cache of guns, ammunition and handwritten manifestos found at three locations in Jackson County. Police say Clay began working as a custodian for the school starting in February. ; Yesterday marked the one-year anniversary of the disappearance of 27-year-old Michael Bryson of Eugene. It has been an agonizing 12 months for his family and friends, who have continued to search for him. Lane County Sheriff's investigators continue to request leads in the case. Bryson was last seen on August 5, when he attended a rave at a roadside campground known as Hobo Campground. It is located off Brice Creek Road just west of Champion Creek Road in South Lane County. At around 4:30 that morning, Bryson reportedly wandered away from a group of friends in an unknown direction and has not been seen since. His family reported him missing when he did not return home. Bryson left behind his camping gear. His phone had been powered off for several days. Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue teams spent days at the scene but did not discover any sign of him. Bryson's friends and family also assisted with the search. Michael Bryson's parents just want to know what happened to their son. They also maintain a Facebook page called "Let's Find Michael Bryson," where they post updates. Michael Bryson is 6'2", weighs approximately 180 pounds, and has short brown hair and hazel eyes. He was last seen wearing a white t-shirt, tan shorts, white Crocs with rainbows on them, and a brown, corduroy baseball cap. Anyone who has seen Michael Bryson or knows his whereabouts is asked to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 then press 1 and reference case # 20-5286. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: Crews continue to battle the lightning-caused Middle Fork Complex of wildfires on the Willamette National Forest. And as they work to shore up and reestablish some containment lines on the 358-acre Kwis Fire, a "Level 1 –BE READY" evacuation notice went into effect yesterday afternoon for several areas on the eastern edge of Oakridge, including the High Prairie and Fish Hatchery areas, parts of Oakridge north of Roberts Road, and parts of Oakridge east of Salmon Creek. "Level 1" means you should be aware of the danger that exists in your area and monitor local media outlets and your telephones and mobile devices for further information. Officials say this is the time for preparation and precautionary movement of persons with special needs, mobile property, pets and livestock. If you have livestock, you should begin preparing them for evacuation. If conditions worsen, public safety personnel will make contact again using the emergency notification system. Call 911 if you will need assistance evacuating if a Level 2 notice is issued. The Kwis Fire is one of 12 lightning-caused fires being managed as part of the Middle Fork Complex. Crews spent much of the weekend controlling the spread of a spot fire beyond the southern containment line. They were supported by aerial water and retardant drops. Hand crews and heavy equipment also are working on lines on the 2,956-acre Gales, 282-acre Ninemile, and 7-acre Elephant Rock Fires. Eight smaller blazes in the Middle Fork Complex are secured and are being patrolled for flare-ups of any hot spots. The Gales Creek Fire stands at more than 2,100 acres in a more remote area off Forest Road 18—also known as Big Fall Creek Road. Crews are focusing their efforts on the western side of the fire to protect five rural structures. The fires are burning in the Fall Creek and Hills Creek Reservoir areas, and the area north of Huckleberry. There is an emergency closure of all roads, trails, developed recreation sites, dispersed camping, and entering of nearby National Forest lands to protect members of the public and wildfire crews. The closures include multiple nearby forest roads, along with a number of campgrounds, trails and trailheads. ; The 59-acre Knoll Fire continues to burn off Highway 126, about seven miles north of McKenzie Bridge and four miles north of Belknap Hot Springs. More than 50 personnel are battling the lightning-caused blaze, located along Forest Service Road 2654 near Deer Creek Road. The fire has forced the closure and evacuation of Olallie Campground, Deer Creek Hot

Springs, and other dispersed camping and recreation sites nearby. ; There also are dozens of other lightning-caused fires on the Umpqua National Forest in southeastern Douglas County, in parts of Jackson and Josephine Counties, and in far northeastern Oregon. Most are fairly small, with fire managers prioritizing crew deployments to those that threaten homes and rural communities. ; If you fly, they can't. Authorities are asking you to stop flying drones near and above wildfire areas. Recently, crews fighting the Middle Fork Complex Fire outside of Oakridge have seen an increase in drone activity. Drones flying in an area where fire suppression efforts are underway force firefighting aircraft out of the area, usually grounding them for hours at a time. Your decision to launch your drone over a wildfire fly could hamper firefighting efforts, putting crews, residents, and homes in danger. ; Eugene-Springfield Fire responded to a grass fire in the 3800 block of Rockcress Road in South Eugene's Moon Mountain neighborhood Sunday evening. Arriving crews found a fast-moving grass fire but were able to contain it to about one-tenth of an acre before it spread to some nearby homes that were under construction. The fire is suspicious in nature. Its cause is being investigated. There were no injuries. / SAFETY: Eugene-Springfield Fire crews responded to a report of a fire in a piece of heavy equipment at a construction site on West Eugene's Cloudburst Way, off South Danebo (say: DAY'-nuh-boh) Avenue, on Sunday afternoon. Crews were able to contain the blaze to the piece of equipment despite the dry and windy conditions. There were no reported injuries. The cause is under investigation. ; Eugene-Springfield Fire crews spent much of Saturday morning dousing and monitoring a fire off Highway 99 and Roosevelt Boulevard in West Eugene. The blaze started in wooden pallets on an industrial property and began to spread in to grass and brush, threatening nearby commercial buildings and power lines. Northbound traffic on Highway 99 was temporarily stopped Saturday morning while crews attacked the fire. Smoke lingered in the area for several hours. Once the fire was contained, crews needed to keep an eye on hot spots. They say they were grateful to Schnitzer Steel for using one of its forklifts to assist crews pulling apart stacks of burning wood. / ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH: Calling it a "Code Red" for humanity, a panel of 234 scientists appointed by governments across the planet have reviewed more than 14,000 climate studies. They came to a grim conclusion: Earth's climate is getting so hot that temperatures will continue to rise, melting ice sheets, raising ocean levels, and driving increasing heatwaves and more severe storms. The report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change makes forecasts into the 21st century, saying the increased risk of extreme weather and long-term climate-related disasters can be countered if politicians, nations, communities, scientists, activists, and citizens work together. The assessment, released every seven years, concludes that humans are unequivocally warming the planet, and that's triggering rapid changes in the atmosphere, oceans and polar regions, and increasing extreme weather. Scientists say computers and climate modeling have greatly improved since the last report and that they understand more about Earth's climate system and the ways specific regions and people around the globe are vulnerable. In the West, it means more megadroughts, wildfires, air quality alerts, and coastal erosion. Changes will affect everything from plants and trees, to fish, wildlife and people. This year alone, 2021 has brought deadly extreme weather events across the globe, from extensive wildfires to extreme

heat, excessive rainfall and flash flooding. Such events are becoming more common in a warming world. / HEALTH: As coronavirus cases continue to spike in Oregon, health officials describe the dire situation they are seeing play out in hospitals — especially among unvaccinated people. Officials say they are seeing younger and sicker people be hospitalized due to COVID-19 than during previous surges. Close to 500 people are hospitalized in Oregon due to COVID-19. Based on data from the health authority, the state's record of people hospitalized was 622 during November's surge when vaccine doses were not yet available. As COVID-19 cases continue to climb in Oregon, some counties — most where less than half of the area's adult population is vaccinated — are experiencing their highest hospitalization numbers during the pandemic. ; The COVID-19 outbreak in the United States has crossed 100,000 new confirmed daily infections. It's a milestone last exceeded during the winter surge and driven by the highly transmissible delta variant and low vaccination rates in the South. Health officials fear that cases, hospitalizations and deaths will continue to soar if more Americans don't embrace the vaccine. Nationwide, 50 percent of residents are fully vaccinated and more than 70 percent of adults have received at least one dose. More than 44,000 Americans are currently hospitalized with COVID-19, according to the CDC, up 30 percent in a week and nearly four times the number in June. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, LOW-INCOME: A reminder from the Oregon Employment Department: Pandemic-related temporary federal unemployment benefit programs expire on Saturday, September 4. Unemployed Oregonians seeking work are being encouraged to contact the state's WorkSource Oregon offices to receive assistance in finding work and exploring new career options or training. Later this month, the department will notify more than 600,000 people who received unemployment benefits at some point during the pandemic to remind them of the September 4 end date. The expiring benefit programs are Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), and the Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program. Information on when temporary federal benefits end and details on continuing assistance is available at unemployment.oregon.gov/resources This includes links to 211info.org, rental and housing assistance, health care, food assistance, and more. The department's resources page also lists programs for workers and people who are self-employed and more. / HEALTH: The U.S. government's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, says he's hopeful that the Food and Drug Administration will give full approval to the coronavirus vaccine by month's end. He's predicting the potential move will spur a wave of vaccine mandates in the private sector as well as schools and universities. The FDA has only granted emergency-use approval of the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, but the agency is expected to soon give full approval to Pfizer. The Biden administration says that the federal government does not have the authority to mandate vaccinations beyond the federal workforce but is increasingly urging state and local governments as well as businesses to consider such mandates. / BUSINESS, HEALTH: Businesses large and small, from McDonald's and Home Depot to local yoga studios, are reinstituting mask mandates as U.S. coronavirus cases rise. Meanwhile, growing numbers of bars, gyms and restaurants across the country are requiring vaccines to get inside. After a largely mask-free summer, it's a reversal no one wanted to

see, brought on by the fast-spreading delta variant and new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control. But business owners and workers say they are doing what they can to stay open and continue the economic gains of the last few months. The shifting guidance has caused confusion over which rules companies enforce and how. Some retailers, for example, now require masks for workers but not shoppers in areas where virus transmission rates are high. McDonald's is requiring masks for both employees and customers. Home Depot's mask mandate is nationwide. A handful of places, like Louisiana, the San Francisco Bay area and Las Vegas, also are mandating masks indoors. After lifting mask recommendations for fully vaccinated people in May, the CDC changed course in late July, recommending masks for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people in areas of higher transmission, which now includes the entire country. ; A coalition of bars in Portland has banded together to require proof of COVID-19 vaccination as the Delta variant spreads throughout the state. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the coalition of 15 bars is being organized by Teardrop Cocktail Lounge owner Daniel Shoemaker. He expects to add up to 30 more members as they seek to protect customers and staff by allowing only vaccinated guests inside. Each bar in the coalition will create its own rules around what constitutes proof, but generally a vaccine card or photo of it should suffice. Most will continue to offer outdoor seats to all. The coalition was formed after seeing bars in San Francisco and Seattle do the same last week. / COMMUNITY, HEALTH: As workers return to the office, friends reunite and more church services shift from Zoom to in person, the question of whether to shake hands is befuddling growing numbers of people. The handshake has been around for centuries. A widely held belief is that it originated to prove to someone that a person was offering peace and not holding a hidden weapon. These days, a handshake can symbolize connection, particularly after a long period of no touching. But hands can be germ. And that's where the conflict lies. Is the handshake ever coming back? The answer depends on who you ask. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: Motorists have felt the need to speed during the pandemic, a worrisome trend as roads grow busier with the final stretch of summer travel. The number of highway deaths in 2020 was the greatest in more than a decade even though cars and trucks drove fewer miles during the pandemic, and motorists are continuing to speed, tailgate and zigzag through traffic. Tickets by the California Highway Patrol for speeding in excess of 100 mph from January to June were nearly double pre-pandemic levels. New York State Police say both the percentage of fatalities for which speeding was a primary factor and the number of speeding tickets were up in the same period. / HEALTH, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT: A reminder: If you do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan and you don't have insurance through your workplace, a reminder that you can sign up for an individual or family plan at the Oregon Marketplace. The deadline for 2021 coverage is Sunday, August 15. To learn more, visit OregonHealthCare.gov or call 855-268-3767 (toll-free) to find free, local help. More than 2 million people have signed up for subsidized health insurance plans through the Affordable Care Act since President Joe Biden reopened health insurance markets as part of his pandemic response plan. The Department of Health and Human Services says 1.5 million enrolled through the federal HealthCare.gov marketplace and 600,000 through state-run insurance exchanges. Since April 1, all "Obamacare" customers have been eligible for much more generous financial assistance with their coverage, a

temporary benefit boost that Biden and congressional Democrats hope to make permanent through legislation later this year. / CRIME: Nearly 50 years after skyjacker D.B. Cooper vanished out the back of a Boeing 727 with \$200,000 in cash, a crime historian conducted a dig on the banks of the Columbia River in Vancouver, Washington, over the weekend in search of evidence. KOIN reports that Eric Ullis, a self-described expert on the infamous D.B. Cooper case, began a two-day dig on Friday. Ullis and four volunteers are searching for evidence about 10 to 15 yards away from where a boy found \$6,000 of Cooper's ransom money in 1980. The case of Cooper has become infamous, not only in the Pacific Northwest but also in the country. /

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HEALTH, SAFETY, WEATHER: Temperatures in Lane County are forecasted to reach triple digits on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Lane County Public Health is reminding you to be aware of the signs of heat-related illness and to stay safe by staying cool. Those at greatest risk for heat-related illness include young children; adults 65 and older; athletes; and people with chronic illness or who are overweight, work outdoors, or have a low income. The best way to protect yourself from the harmful effects of excessive heat is to stay cool, stay hydrated and stay informed. Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, sweating stops, and the body can't cool down. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided. Heat exhaustion is a milder illness that can develop after prolonged exposure to high temperatures. This is particularly true if fluids are not being replaced fast enough or when you are not drinking the right kinds of fluids. If you have an air conditioner, make sure it is installed and working. Set air conditioners to the setting most comfortable to you, preferably between 72° F and 79° F. Block the sun by using awnings or closing curtains and blinds during the day. Avoid using a fan as your main cooling source — especially when it is 90° F or more. If you don't have a place that is cool during the hottest parts of the day, LCPH recommends visiting a place that has air conditioning, e.g., a library, community center or shopping center, or a park with plenty of shade and/or a water feature, like a splash pad. / WILDFIRES: A task force made up of personnel and equipment from a number of Lane County fire departments and agencies is heading to the east side of Oakridge this morning. The Kwis Fire, burning several miles east of Oakridge, yesterday expanded to 489 acres. It is burning south of Salmon Creek Road. As crews gain containment of smaller blazes in the complex, more personnel are being shifted to the lines of the Kwis Fire. On Sunday, a "Level 1 –BE READY" evacuation notice went into effect yesterday afternoon for several areas on the eastern edge of Oakridge, including the High Prairie and Fish Hatchery areas, parts of Oakridge north of Roberts Road, and parts of Oakridge east of Salmon Creek. "Level 1" means you should be aware of the danger that exists in your area, and prepare yourself, family members with special needs, property, pets, and livestock for possible evacuation. The 12

lightning-caused fires in the Middle Fork Complex have charred more than 5,000 acres combined. The largest is the more than 4,100-acre Gales Creek Fire in a remote area off Big Fall Creek Road, followed by the 323-acre Ninemile Fire. The smaller Elephant Rock Fire has been absorbed by the Gales Creek Fire, which also threatens a handful of rural homes. The fires are burning in the Fall Creek and Hills Creek Reservoir areas, and the area north of Huckleberry. There is an emergency closure of all roads, trails, developed recreation sites, dispersed camping, and entering of nearby National Forest lands to protect members of the public and wildfire crews. The closures include multiple nearby forest roads, along with a number of campgrounds, trails and trailheads. Eight smaller blazes in the Middle Fork Complex are secured and are being patrolled for flare-ups of any hot spots. ; The 59-acre Knoll Fire continues to burn off Highway 126, about seven miles north of McKenzie Bridge and four miles north of Belknap Hot Springs. More than 50 personnel are battling the lightning-caused blaze, located along Forest Service Road 2654 near Deer Creek Road. The fire has forced the closure and evacuation of Olallie Campground, Deer Creek Hot Springs, and other dispersed camping and recreation sites nearby. Crews are using the Deer Creek, the McKenzie River, and nearby forest roads as natural fire lines. ; Dozens of lightning-caused blazes make up the Skyline Complex and Devil's Knob Complexes of wildfires, which are burning across rural portions of southern Douglas and northern Josephine and Jackson Counties. There have been evacuations from residences in remote forested areas near the communities of Milo, Tiller, and elsewhere. ; The massive Bootleg Fire in Southeastern Oregon now is 98 percent contained. It covers more than 413,000 acres with fire lines that stretch around its perimeter for more than 300 miles. It started on July 6 and its growth this week has been minimal. Fire managers expect full containment by October 1. / WEATHER, FISHERIES, WILDFIRE, ENVIRONMENT: Low numbers of summer steelhead returning to the North Umpqua River have prompted state fishery managers to close the river and its tributaries to all angling from the mouth of the North Umpqua to the marker below Soda Springs Dam. The emergency closure is effective today through November 30. Initial counts of summer steelhead passing Winchester Dam are historically low at about 20 percent of average. River flows are low, water temperatures are high. Biologists with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife say the closure was not an easy decision. But they add it is the best way to protect wild summer steelhead, which are already dealing with unexpected stresses. / HEALTH: The surge of coronavirus cases tied to the highly contagious Delta variant continues. Two more Lane County residents have died from COVID-19 and its complications. The Oregon Health Authority reported yesterday that the 59-year-old woman tested positive on July 29 and died on Saturday. An 83-year-old man tested positive on May 5 and died on Friday. They are among 14 new deaths and more than 3,200 cases reported Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to state health officials. Lane County's three-day weekend total included some cases from earlier last week that were not previously reported. They all added up to 622 new cases. Officials say 179 local residents have died from the complications of the virus. Twenty-four Lane County residents are in local hospitals, along with 34 patients from other counties who are being cared for in our hospitals. County public health officials say 836 local residents are considered infectious because they were exposed to someone who tested positive for the virus. ; As COVID-19 cases in Oregon surge and hospitals

fill, officials in the state's most populous county announced on they are reimplementing an indoor mask mandate. People ages five and older — vaccinated and unvaccinated — in Multnomah County will be required to wear masks in indoor public spaces including stores, restaurants and gyms. The mandate announced Monday goes into effect on Friday. In addition, officials say that "for the first time" the mandate will be "accompanied by an enforcement mechanism" that includes up to \$1,000 fines. The county's decision to reimplement mask mandates comes as Oregon physicians and nurses say they are overwhelmed, and that hospital space is severely limited as more people need care due to COVID-19. / CRIME: A woman is dead, a man was badly wounded, and another man is in custody following a shooting east of Pleasant Hill yesterday morning at a residence off Highway 58 near Hilltop Drive. Lane County Sheriff's investigators have not released a lot of details but say the woman who died was shot in the chest and the male victim was shot in the head. A small child at the residence was unharmed. During their investigation, deputies say they spotted a man armed with a handgun hiding in the bushes next to the driveway. It took 45 minutes to persuade him to surrender and he was taken into custody. The Lane County Sheriff's Office is seeking additional information as they investigate. If you have leads, contact officials at 541-682-4150, option 1. ; Eugene Police say they arrested a man early Sunday morning following a large brawl at a downtown bar. But in the process, they say they faced a hostile crowd during the incident outside the Drake at 77 West Broadway. Police detained a suspect, 23-year-old Elijah Muhammad Jackson of Springfield after learning he had confronted another bar patron and that escalated into a verbal confrontation that turned physical. He's facing charges of Physical Harassment and Disorderly Conduct after allegedly punching a woman. Police say there were some tense moments outside the bar as they took the suspect into custody and were surrounded by an estimated 100 people, some of whom were intoxicated. / SAFETY: A Lane County woman died Sunday in a single-vehicle crash on Battle Creek Road near Territorial Highway. Lane County Sheriff's deputies say a blue Ford Hybrid went off the roadway and rolled down an embankment, landing on its roof in a shallow creek. The driver, 56-year-old Rose Marie Vandecar, was the only occupant and died at the scene. EDUCATION, HEALTH: With more than 600 colleges and universities now requiring proof of COVID-19 inoculations, an online industry has sprung up offering fake vaccine cards. Dozens of students interviewed by The Associated Press said they were aware of fake COVID-19 vaccination cards, though none admitted to actually using one. On the dark web, sellers on websites such as Counterfeit Center, Jimmy Black Market, and Buy Express Documents list COVID-19 vaccine cards, certificates and passports for sale, some costing €400 Euros or about \$473 in U.S. dollars. The easy access to fake documents has set off alarms at some schools where officials worry that unvaccinated students with forged credentials might cause an outbreak. / HEALTH: A new poll finds that most Americans have high trust in doctors, nurses and pharmacists. Researchers say that trust could become important in the push to increase COVID-19 vaccinations, as long as unvaccinated people have care providers they know and are open to hearing new information about the vaccines. A poll from the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy and The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows at least 7 in 10 Americans trust doctors, nurses and pharmacists to do what's right for them and their families

either most or all of the time. / HEALTH, BUSINESS: The pandemic is reshaping America's fitness industry and ushering in a new era of home workouts and virtual classes. An industry trade group says roughly 9,000 health clubs and fitness studios—22 percent of the nation's total—have closed since March of 2020. Many are struggling to stay afloat and have redesigned their spaces, turned toward personal workouts and added online training. The question is can they survive the onslaught of fitness apps, pricey bikes, and treadmills—or will they go the way of arcades, video rental shops and bookstores. Experts say they expect the digital fitness wave will continue to shake up the industry. An industry group is lobbying Congress to approve a \$30 billion relief fund for the fitness industry because many clubs are struggling to recover from months of lost revenue and membership declines and still owe back rent. High-end exercise equipment maker Peloton, meantime, is banking on the home fitness trend. The company is breaking ground this week on its first U.S. factory as sales soar. Demand surged so much during the pandemic that some Peloton customers had to wait months for their popular fitness bikes. While the company said the backlog has waned, it reported that sales have continued to soar, up 141 percent in the first three months of this year. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: U.S. employers posted a record 10.1 million job openings in June, another sign that the job market and economy are bouncing back briskly from last year's coronavirus shutdowns. Job openings rose from 9.5 million in May, the Labor Department reported Monday. Employers hired 6.7 million workers in June, up from 6 million in May. The gap between openings and hiring suggests that firms are scrambling to find workers. Lingering health fears, difficulty getting childcare at a time when many schools are closed and expanded federal jobless aid may have kept some unemployed Americans from seeking work. Still, hiring (up nearly 12 percent) grew faster than job openings (up 6 percent), narrowing the mismatch. A record low 1.3 million people were laid off or fired in June. /

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SUBJECT
DISCUSSED WEATHER, HEALTH, SAFETY, WILDFIRES: An Excessive Heat Watch remains in effect through 10 p.m. Saturday evening. WHAT: Dangerously hot conditions with temperatures up to 105 possible. WHERE: Willamette Valley, Portland Metro Area, and Columbia River Gorge. Extreme heat will significantly increase the potential for heat related illnesses, particularly for those working or participating in outdoor activities. The hottest days are expected to be Thursday and Friday, with daytime highs dropping below 100 degrees on Saturday. Overnight temperatures will be warmer than usual, limiting recovery time and adding to an increased risk for heat related illnesses. Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances. This is especially true during warm or hot weather when car interiors can reach lethal temperatures in a matter of minutes. Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible, reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear lightweight and loose-fitting clothing when possible. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air-conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency! Call 9-1-1. ; The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency have issued an Air Quality Advisory, which is in effect through Friday afternoon around eastern Lane County and southeast Linn County. Wildfires burning in the region combined with forecasted conditions will cause air quality to reach unhealthy levels at times through Friday afternoon. There might be improvement during the late afternoons and evenings. When air quality improves, open windows to air out homes and businesses. Smoke levels can change rapidly depending on weather. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Please follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition. ; With another heatwave arriving across Western Oregon, Lane Transit District is offering free bus service to people traveling to and from designated cooling centers until the declaration is lifted. Passengers will not be

charged a fare if they inform the bus operator that they are going to or returning from a designated cooling center. All other passengers will need to pay fares to travel to and from their desired destinations. All passengers are encouraged to consider preventative measures for heat exhaustion and for sun exposure, such as using sun block, dressing appropriately, and carrying a water bottle. As a reminder, all passengers are required by federal regulations to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth on all LTD buses and property. ; Temperatures in Lane County today, Thursday, and Friday are forecasted to reach triple digits. Lane County Public Health is reminding you to be aware of the signs of heat-related illness and to stay safe by staying cool. Those at greatest risk for heat-related illness include young children; adults 65 and older; athletes; and people with chronic illness or who are overweight, work outdoors, or have a low income. The best way to protect yourself from the harmful effects of excessive heat is to stay cool, stay hydrated and stay informed. Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, sweating stops, and the body can't cool down. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided. Heat exhaustion is a milder illness that can develop after prolonged exposure to high temperatures. This is particularly true if fluids are not being replaced fast enough or when you are not drinking the right kinds of fluids. If you don't have a place that is cool during the hottest parts of the day, LCPH recommends visiting a place that has air conditioning, e.g., a library, community center or shopping center, or a park with plenty of shade and/or a water feature, like a splash pad. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, ANIMALS: Evacuation levels moved up a notch in the Oakridge-Westfir area yesterday afternoon because of the 655-acre Kwis Fire. The blaze is burning several miles east of town south of Salmon Creek Road. The East Oakridge area is being moved to "LEVEL 2 - GET SET." "Level 2" means there is significant wildfire danger in your area. You should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or outside of the affected area. If you choose to remain, be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. You may have time to gather necessary items but doing so is at your own risk. The rest of Oakridge plus Westfir on both sides of the river, including Deception Creek Mobile Park, and the Hills Creek Reservoir area south of Highway 58 to Larison Cove, is going to "LEVEL 1 - BE READY." "Level 1" means you should be aware of danger in your area, monitor emergency services websites and local news for information. This is the time for preparation and for the precautionary movement of people with special needs, mobile property, pets, and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel might contact you via an emergency notification system. Red Cross Cascades Region volunteers are supporting Lane County in opening a shelter for residents whose homes are in evacuation zones related to the Middle Fork Complex Fire, including the Kwis and Knoll fires which both have active evacuation zones. The shelter is located at: in Pleasant Hill at Pleasant Hill High School. Individuals and families affected by the Middle Fork Complex Fire and in need of assistance are encouraged to simply show up for help. Follow the Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oakridge Fire & EMS, and other key local sources for updates. ; Yesterday, four task forces-- from Lane, Linn, Marion, and Clackamas Counties--mobilized to help protect homes and other structures in the Oakridge area. This is an evolving situation. We're headed for triple-digit high temperatures the next three days,

which could create volatile fire conditions. Evacuation levels could change at any time, day or night. Be alert. Stay safe. Protect yourself and others. ; The Knoll Fire, burning off Highway 126 about seven miles north of McKenzie Bridge, yesterday grew to close to 400 acres. A "Level 1 – BE READY" advisory was issued for areas including Belknap Hot Springs and near the Trail Bridge Reservoir. The lightning-caused fire also has forced the closure and evacuation of Olallie Campground and Boat Ramp, Deer Creek Hot Springs, and other dispersed camping and recreation sites nearby. A section of the McKenzie River near the fire is closed to boaters because of the risk of falling trees. A nearby section of the McKenzie River Trail also is closed. Crews are using the Deer Creek, the McKenzie River, and nearby forest roads as natural fire lines. /

HEALTH: How fast is the latest COVID-19 surge spreading across the country? During the past 28 days, 2.1 million Americans have fallen ill. More than 10,000 have died. Those numbers are shocking to health experts, who say the cases are being driven by the spread of highly contagious Delta variant. Last week, Oregon saw more than 8,300 new infections—a 40 percent increase from a week earlier. A new study from the Oregon Health and Sciences University predicts that hospitals have 1,100 COVID-19 patients by early September if steps aren't taken to reverse the spread of the virus, including a return to indoor masking in shared public spaces. ; As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations surge in Oregon, Governor Kate Brown announced Tuesday that she is issuing two new coronavirus-related mandates —the return of statewide indoor mask requirements and a vaccination requirement for state employees. Details about the statewide mask requirement will be released during a news conference later today. State employees will be required to be fully vaccinated on or before Oct. 18 or six weeks after a COVID-19 vaccine receives full approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, whichever is later. ; Alarmed by the fast uptick in COVID-19 cases, members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners—acting as the county's Board of Health—yesterday approved an Emergency Public Health Advisory. It calls for all individuals, businesses, and employers to immediate action in shared indoor spaces, including wearing masks even if vaccinated. ; Another big jump in local and statewide COVID-19 cases yesterday. The Oregon Health Authority received reports of 2,329 new infections and nine new deaths. The number of people hospitalized rocketed to 635, surpassing a previous high set in November. There also is a record number of COVID-19 patients in intensive-care beds across the state: 164. Lane County received reports of 264 new infections. Thirty-three Lane County residents are in local hospitals, along with 29 patients from other counties who are being cared for in our hospitals. Fourteen of those COVID patients are being treated in local intensive-care units. County public health officials say 969 local residents are infectious. Officials say 179 local residents have died from the complications of the virus. Want to get a free COVID-19 vaccine? There's another opportunity this afternoon from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at West Eugene's Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Road. /

EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, BUSINESS: U.S. Labor Secretary Marty Walsh visited Springfield yesterday, touring a workforce training center and discussing how yesterday's Senate passage of a big infrastructure bill can boost jobs and paychecks in Lane County and across the country. Walsh was accompanied by local officials, including Fourth District Congressman Peter DeFazio, who chairs the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Walsh toured the UA

Local 290 College of Mechanical Systems & Technologies in Springfield. The infrastructure bill includes investments in workforce training and apprenticeships, which are more important than ever as the country recovers from the pandemic. Apprentices begin earning wages on their first day of training and build valuable in-demand skills and a credential that is recognized by employers across the country. / SPORTS: Alabama is Number One, Clemson is Number Two. The Oregon Ducks are ranked 12th in the preseason college football USA Today – Coaches' Poll. The Ducks last year won their second consecutive Pac-12 Championship, although the COVID-limited season was anything but normal. Duck Athletics officials say this marks the third straight season under head coach Mario Cristobal that Oregon has opened in the top 15 of the coaches' poll. The Ducks are the highest ranked team in the Pac-12, with USC two spots behind at No. 14 and Washington coming in at No. 21. Utah, Arizona State, UCLA, Stanford and California also received votes. Oregon will open the 2021 season on September 4 against Fresno State in Autzen Stadium before going on the road to face No. 4 Ohio State in Columbus on September 11. /

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the body becomes unable to control its temperature: the body's temperature rises rapidly, sweating stops, and the body can't cool down. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided. Warning Signs of Heat Stroke: Very high body temperature (104° F or more); Red, hot skin; Rapid and strong pulse; Possible unconsciousness. If you see any of these signs, it could be a life-threatening emergency. Call 911 and then begin first aid for heat stroke. Do the following: Move the person to a cooler place, such as a shady or air-conditioned space. Reduce the person's body temperature by using cool cloths, a garden hose or even a cool shower. Do NOT give fluids. Monitor body temperature and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101–102° F. If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for more instructions. Heat Exhaustion: Heat exhaustion is a milder illness that can develop after prolonged exposure to high temperatures. This is particularly true if fluids are not being replaced fast enough or when you are not drinking the right kinds of fluids. The warning signs include the following: Heavy sweating; Weakness; Fast, weak pulse; Cold, pale and clammy skin; Fainting; Nausea or vomiting. If you or someone you know is experiencing heat exhaustion: Move to a cooler location. Lie down and loosen your clothing. Apply cool, wet cloths to as much of your body as possible. Sip water. If you have vomited and it continues, immediately seek medical attention. Keeping Your Home Cool: If you have an air conditioner, make sure it is installed and working. Set air conditioners to the setting most comfortable to you, preferably between 72° F and 79° F. Block the sun by using awnings or closing curtains and blinds during the day. Avoid using a fan as your main cooling source, especially when it's above 90°. If you don't have a place that is cool during the hottest parts of the day, LCPH recommends visiting a place that has air conditioning, e.g., a library, community center or shopping center, or a park with plenty of shade and/or a water feature, like a splash pad. Many communities have created emergency cooling shelters and added resources for those who are unhoused. ; A reminder: Lane Transit District is offering free bus service to people traveling to and from designated cooling centers until the declaration is lifted. Passengers will not be charged a fare if they inform the bus operator that they are going to or returning from a designated cooling center. All other passengers will need to pay fares to travel to and from their desired destinations. All passengers are encouraged to consider preventative measures for heat exhaustion and for sun exposure, such as using sun block, dressing appropriately, and carrying a water bottle. As a reminder, all passengers are required by federal regulations to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth on all LTD buses and property. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown has declared a state of emergency and activated an emergency operations center during the extreme heat, citing the potential for disruptions to the power grid and transportation. A 24-hour statewide help line also is directing callers to the nearest cooling shelter and offer safety tips. Dial 2-1-1 to access it. / WILDFIRES: Dozens of wildfires continue to burn across Oregon, forcing evacuations in some areas and closing access to recreation in others. The Kwis Fire, three miles east of Oakridge, now stands at 786 acres. It expanded earlier this week to the south and west along the steep slopes above Salmon Creek. The blaze is sending heavy smoke into Oakridge and Westfir, with patchy smoke and haze affecting Lowell and other nearby communities along the Willamette River in the foothills of the Oregon Cascades. The East Oakridge area remains at "LEVEL

2 - GET SET." "Level 2" means there is significant wildfire danger in your area. You should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or outside of the affected area. If you choose to remain, be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. You may have time to gather necessary items but doing so is at your own risk. The rest of the greater Oakridge-Westfir area, including the Deception Creek Mobile Park and the Hills Creek Reservoir area south of Highway 58 to Larison Cove, remains at "LEVEL 1 - BE READY." "Level 1" means you should be aware of danger in your area, monitor emergency services websites and local news for information. This is the time for preparation and for the precautionary movement of people with special needs, mobile property, pets, and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel might contact you via an emergency notification system. The Red Cross Cascades Region continues to offer a shelter for residents whose homes are in evacuation zones related to the Middle Fork Complex Fire, including the Kwis and Knoll fires, at Pleasant Hill High School. If you have not already, register for emergency alerts at public.alertsense.com/SignUp/ Follow the Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oakridge Fire & EMS, and other key local sources for updates. ; The Knoll Fire, burning off Highway 126 about seven miles north of McKenzie Bridge, yesterday grew to close 513 acres. A "Level 1 – BE READY" advisory remains in place for areas including Belknap Hot Springs and near Trail Bridge Reservoir. The lightning-caused fire also has forced the closure and evacuation of Olallie Campground and Boat Ramp, Deer Creek Hot Springs, and other dispersed camping and recreation sites nearby. A section of the McKenzie River near the fire is closed to boaters because of the risk of falling trees. A nearby section of the McKenzie River Trail also is closed. Crews are using the Deer Creek, the McKenzie River, and nearby forest roads as natural fire lines. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: It has been six weeks since Oregon Governor Kate Brown announced the full reopening of Oregon's economy and lifted indoor mask restrictions. But since then, the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 has spread, sending infections and hospitalizations to record highs. On Friday, the state's indoor mask mandate is being reinstated. Same as it was before, it applies to indoor public spaces ranging from offices to retailers, gyms to theatres. It applies to all Oregonians ages 5 and older. When the state restrictions were lifted at the end of June, the governor handed off decisions on masking and other coronavirus-related policies to county leaders. But by the start of this week, with cases soaring, only Portland's Multnomah County had announced a local mask mandate. Brown said she realized virtually no other county leaders would take the politically unpopular step to save lives. For businesses, reaction to the new mask mandate is mixed. Some fear it will hurt their bottom line. Others say it is a relief to have a state rule in place, so they do not have to set their own policies. ; Vaccination is our only way out of this. That's the word from Lane County Public Health officials, who say the latest surge in COVID-19 cases fueled by the contagious Delta variant will only get worse before it gets better. Dr. Patrick Luedtke (LUHD'-key), our Chief Medical Officer, spoke yesterday as a doctor, a parent, a community member, and a patron of local businesses when he pleaded with local residents to be vaccinated against the coronavirus. He says people are falling ill, being hospitalized, and dying because they did not make the choice to be inoculated and contracted the virus, often passing it on to others. Luedtke says we find ourselves at a place for which health experts had prepared but hoped

never to see. He says the Delta variant affects adults and children and is so severe that if it had arrived before we had vaccines it would have, quote, "brought us to our knees." Luedtke says if we don't have enough people vaccinated soon, hospital capacity will be overwhelmed, and businesses might again face shutdowns. He says vaccination is essential to protect ourselves and our local economy. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 1,991 new COVID-19 cases and eight new deaths. The number of patients hospitalized across the state with the coronavirus set another record yesterday: 665. There are 172 COVID patients in intensive-care beds. Lane County, which on Tuesday reported a daily record of 264 new infections, saw yesterday's number decline a bit to 183. The total number of residents infected with COVID is at a record high of 963. There are 61 COVID-19 patients in local hospitals. Thirty of those are from Lane County, the rest from surrounding counties as they battle surges of their own. Officials say 14 of those patients are being treated in ICUs. Lane County Public Health officials say 85 percent of those who are hospitalized are unvaccinated and that many of the others were not fully vaccinated. While many smaller hospitals and some in the Portland area are seeing their ICUs fill with COVID-19 patients, local officials say their beds are currently two-thirds full. But they say the open beds could fill quickly if there is a continued surge in cases locally and in surrounding counties, leading to more patients being treated here. ; In an effort to encourage the vaccine-hesitant to become inoculated, Lane County Public Health yesterday began offering a new, temporary incentive: \$50 Visa gift cards, while they last, for anyone over the age of 12 who receives a vaccine from a Lane County Public Health vaccine clinic. Participants will receive one gift card per dose: A gift card each time you receive a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, a single gift card for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no household limit. All individuals over the age of 12 in a household are eligible to receive their own \$50 Visa gift card with vaccination. The \$50 incentive is ONLY being offered at Lane County Public Health vaccine clinics. It is not available at the Community Health Centers of Lane County, pharmacies, or other provider clinics. Want to get a free COVID-19 vaccine and the gift card? Today, clinics are at: From noon to 2 p.m. at the Mim's House, 330 High Street in Eugene. From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Echo Hollow Pool, 1655 Echo Hollow Road. ; The surge in new COVID-19 cases has overwhelmed contact tracers in Lane County. With more than 1,000 new local coronavirus cases reported in the past week, the 16-18 people making calls to those who have been infected are unable to reach everyone. Instead, they are focusing on calls to older adults who are ages 59 and older, or families of those ages 18 and younger, to get a sense of how the Delta variant is affecting children and teens. But many people are hostile and uncooperative, making it difficult to find out who else might have been infected and how the virus is spreading in our communities. Officials say some COVID patients curse when they receive a phone call from contact tracers, say they won't share the names of those with whom they had contact or the places they've been, then hang up. Lane County also has case managers, who can help those who are infected with finding safe places to quarantine, even helping to get things like groceries delivered. But they say they are dismayed when some people with active COVID cases say they are not planning to isolate and even intend to continue heading to work—often without mentioning their infection to coworkers. /

HEALTH, EVENTS: Lane County Public Health officials say they are beginning to

see clusters of cases tied to recent summer gatherings. Already, there are 23 cases linked to attendees of last month's Lane County Fair. Because they have only been able to call a fraction of those who are testing positive for the virus, they suspect the actual number is three times higher. Additionally, they opened case file yesterday on infections tied to the Oregon Jamboree country music festival. While a spokesman did not have the official total among Lane County cases, he said the number so far would be in the double-digits since that is what triggers an official outbreak designation. If other counties report similar cases, they will show up later this or next week in state totals. ; Local health leaders are looking into a COVID-19 outbreak linked to an outdoor music festival in eastern Oregon. KATU-TV reports Umatilla County Public Health Director Joseph Fiumara says officials have tied 66 COVID-19 cases to the Pendleton Whiskey Music Fest on July 10. Sixty-one of those people were unvaccinated. Forty-three are Umatilla County residents. The event featured Toby Keith, Cole Swindell (swin-DEL') and Clay Walker. Outbreaks linked to outdoor music festivals are raising new concerns across the country about outdoor transmission and the more contagious delta variant. / HEALTH, WOMEN, FAMILIES: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention yesterday urged all pregnant women to get the COVID-19 vaccine. It comes as hospitals in hot spots around the U.S. see disturbing numbers of unvaccinated mothers-to-be seriously ill with the virus. The new advice also applies to nursing mothers and women planning to get pregnant. The updated guidance was issued after a CDC analysis of new safety data on 2,500 women showed no increased risks of miscarriage for those who received at least one dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine before 20 weeks of pregnancy. Expectant women run a higher risk of severe illness and pregnancy complications from the coronavirus, including perhaps miscarriages and stillbirths. But their vaccination rates are low, with only about 23 percent having received at least one dose, according to CDC data. The new guidance comes amid a surge in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths in the U.S., driven by the highly contagious delta variant. / SAFETY: A 22-year-old Eugene woman drowned yesterday evening in a swimming accident on the Willamette River in Eugene. Emergency crews were called shortly before 6:00 p.m. after the woman was swept away in the current near the Frohnmayer (FROHN'-my-uhr) Bike Bridge while wading at the Willamette. People searched for her in the water and from boats. She was finally located by Eugene-Springfield Fire crews but was unresponsive. Police say there was no indication of intoxication or foul play. Her name will be released once relatives are notified. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE: A new federal rule expands protected habitat for the endangered southern resident orcas down the West Coast. The Center for Biological Diversity pushed for the protections, which designate 15,910 square miles of habitat for wildlife. The new protections expand those in the Salish Sea and along the coasts of Washington and Oregon, down to California's Point Sur. More foraging areas, river mouths and migratory routes are protected now, which are added to current protected areas. The rule follows a 2019 court-ordered agreement achieved after the center sued the Trump administration for failing to issue habitat protections required by the Endangered Species Act. / WEATHER, AGRICULTURE: A drought in eastern Washington state and parts of Eastern Oregon that is the worst since 1977 has devastated what is normally the fourth largest U.S. wheat crop. The soft white winter wheat grown in the region is prized in Asian countries because it is excellent for making

pastries, cakes, cookies, and noodles. About 10 percent of Washington's wheat comes from irrigated land and the rest is fed by rain, which has been rare this year. Officials estimate this year's crop will produce 117 million bushels, down from last year's 165 million bushels. Many farmers have crop insurance that covers up to 80 percent of losses. But some do not and could go bankrupt. /

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TRANSPORTATION: A Red Flag Warning continues today in the Oregon
Cascades and Cascade foothills for increased wildfire risk. Conditions may be
favorable for rapid spread on any new or existing fires. Extreme fire behavior is
possible. Fire-generated weather such as pyro-cumulus and pyro-cumulonimbus
activity is possible. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown has declared a state of
emergency and activated an emergency operations center during the extreme
heat, citing the potential for disruptions to the power grid and transportation. A 24-
hour statewide help line also is directing callers to the nearest cooling shelter and
offer safety tips. Dial 2-1-1 to access it. ; Lane Transit District is offering free bus
service to people traveling to and from designated cooling centers while they
remain open. Passengers will not be charged a fare if they inform the bus
operator that they are going to or returning from a designated cooling center. All
other passengers will need to pay fares to travel to and from their desired
destinations. All passengers are encouraged to consider preventative measures
for heat exhaustion and for sun exposure, such as using sun block, dressing
appropriately, and carrying a water bottle. All passengers are required by federal
regulations to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth on all LTD buses
and property. For more information about how to stay cool and about local cooling
centers, go to <http://lanecountyor.gov/cooling> LTD bus schedules are available at
<https://www.ltd.org/route-schedules-maps/> ; A reminder from the National
Weather Service in Portland: As the region experiences dangerously hot
temperatures through Saturday, many will want to seek refuge from the heat and
head to the beach. However, some are not familiar with Oregon's normal beach
hazards, including but not limited to rip currents, sneaker waves and cold-water
temperatures. High beach visitation rates occurred during the June heatwave and
resulted in increased rescue rates and deaths. Rip currents are powerful currents
of water moving away from shore and can sweep even the strongest swimmer
away. If at all possible, swim near a lifeguard. Don't swim against the current
directly to shore, swim along the shoreline until you escape the current's pull. The
current temperature of the ocean water along the Oregon's coastline ranges
between 50 and 60 degrees. This impacts the body much more severely
compared to air temperature, and can lead to loss of breathing control, heart and

blood pressure problems, and a high risk of suddenly drowning. Be aware of ocean hazards. Wear a wetsuit and/or life preserver if going out or in the ocean, and if possible, stay near a lifeguard. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, ANIMALS: The Kwis Fire, three miles east of Oakridge, grew yesterday to 1,083 acres. It expanded earlier this week to the south and west along the steep slopes above Salmon Creek. The blaze is sending heavy smoke into Oakridge and Westfir, with patchy smoke and haze affecting Lowell and other nearby communities along the Willamette River in the foothills of the Oregon Cascades. Crews are conducting "backfire" operations in places to deprive the blaze of fuel and shore up fire lines. ; The East Oakridge area remains at "LEVEL 2 - GET SET." "Level 2" means there is significant wildfire danger in your area. You should either voluntarily relocate to a shelter or outside of the affected area. If you choose to remain, be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice. You may have time to gather necessary items but doing so is at your own risk. The rest of the greater Oakridge-Westfir area, including the Deception Creek Mobile Park and the Hills Creek Reservoir area south of Highway 58 to Larison Cove, remains at "LEVEL 1 - BE READY." "Level 1" means you should be aware of danger in your area. This is the time for preparation and for the precautionary movement of people with special needs, mobile property, pets, and livestock. If conditions worsen, emergency services personnel might contact you via an emergency notification system. The Red Cross Cascades Region continues to offer a shelter for residents whose homes are in evacuation zones related to the Middle Fork Complex Fire, including the Kwis and Knoll fires, at Pleasant Hill High School. A shelter for livestock and other large animals opened yesterday at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene for those under any level of evacuation notice because of the Kwis and Knoll wildfires. The shelter is located in the Fairgrounds' livestock arena building on the west end of the property. The fairgrounds are at 796 West 13th Avenue in Eugene. A domestic pet shelter has also been established by Greenhill Humane Society and is accepting pets from wildfire evacuees at its facility at 88530 Greenhill Road. Pet owners are asked to call ahead to 541-689-1503 in advance of arriving with their pets. Evacuation crates from Greenhill for domestic animals are available at the Oakridge Fire Station for pick up between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If personnel are out on a call people may need to stop by at a later time. ; They hope it won't come to this, but fire crews in the Oakridge area have been going door-to-door in vulnerable neighborhoods, working to assess the danger to individual structures and do what they can to create what's known as "defensible space." In some cases, that includes working with property owners and residents to clear brush from nearby walls or trim overhanging limbs back from roofs. They also are placing bright green placards on structures they've surveyed. Should there be a "LEVEL 3 – GO NOW" evacuation order issued, "Firefighter Risk Assessment Placards" display critical information to first responders. That may include things like how well fire engines are able to access the property, whether there is a nearby propane tank that might be at risk of exploding, and any other notes. Residents are asked to leave all green placards in place under nearby wildfires are contained. ; If you have not done so already, register for emergency alerts at public.alertsense.com/SignUp/ See evacuation maps and other updates at www.LaneCountyOR.gov/MiddleForkComplex Follow the Lane County Sheriff's Office, Oakridge Fire & EMS, and other key local sources for updates. ; The Knoll Fire, burning off Highway 126 about seven miles

north of McKenzie Bridge, grew a bit yesterday to 540 acres. A “Level 1 – BE READY” advisory remains in place for areas including Belknap Hot Springs and near Trail Bridge Reservoir. A section of the McKenzie River near the fire is closed to boaters because of the risk of falling trees. A nearby section of the McKenzie River Trail also is closed, as is the Olallie Campground and Boat Ramp, Deer Creek Hot Springs, and nearby dispersed camping and recreation sites. ; Other fires on the Middle Fork Complex include the 6,850-acre Gales and Elephant Rock Fires, which merged earlier this month, are burning off Big Fall Creek Road. When it was sparked late last month by lightning, it prompted a “LEVEL 3 – GO NOW” evacuation advisory for nearby rural homes and recreations sites. That order remains in effect. The Ninemile Fire has charred 389 acres. ; In the mountains east of Canyonville, crews continue to battle dozens of lightning-caused wildfires in the Skyline Ridge and Devil’s Knob complexes of blazes. They have prompted evacuation warnings for some rural homes near Tiller and other small communities. ; Eugene-Springfield Fire crews scrambled to stop a fast-moving brush fire yesterday morning off Bailey Hill Road in southwest Eugene. The blaze was reported around 10:30 a.m. as it moved up a nearby hill toward a home. When crews arrived, bystanders were working to slow the fire with extinguishers and heavy equipment. The fire was held to one-tenth of an acre. Its cause is under investigation. Eugene-Springfield Fire was assisted by crews from the Lane Fire Authority and Oregon Department of Forestry. / SAFETY: Police yesterday released the name of the 22-year-old woman who drowned Wednesday evening in a swimming accident on the Willamette River in Eugene. They say Amina Rose Sandefer of Eugene was swept away in the current near the Frohnmayer Bike Bridge while wading in the river shortly before 6 p.m. There was no indication of intoxication or foul play. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: Oregon’s indoor mask mandate goes back into effect today to slow the deadly spread of the coronavirus and its extremely contagious Delta variant. The indoor masking requirements are the same as they were before. They apply to indoor public spaces ranging from offices to retailers, gyms to theatres for those ages 5 and older. ; Another day of grim records in Oregon’s pandemic: The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 2,387 new COVID-19 cases—another daily record—and nine new deaths. Those deaths included a 19-year-old woman in Eastern Oregon’s Union County who tested positive in last July and died on Tuesday. The number of coronavirus patients hospitalized across the state yesterday, 670, also set another record. A record 177 of them were in Intensive Care Unit beds. Lane County received reports of 240 new COVID-19 cases and set another single-day record for the number of local people who are currently infectious: 992. Lane County Public Health has logged 1,339 coronavirus cases in the past seven days. There are 58 people hospitalized for COVID-19 in Lane County. Those include 36 residents of nearby counties who were transferred here either for more specialized care or because the hospitals in their home counties are overwhelmed with patients and filling rapidly. Twelve people are in ICU beds at our local hospitals. Lane County Public Health officials said earlier this week that 85 percent of those who are hospitalized are unvaccinated and that many others were not fully vaccinated. ; In Douglas County, Mercy Medical Center is operating near capacity and its officials say the pandemic has significantly strained its resources. That includes a dramatic rise in COVID-19 cases arriving at the Roseburg hospital’s Emergency

Department and large numbers of infected unvaccinated patients being admitted to the hospital for intensive treatment. Mercy Medical Center officials said yesterday they have 43 COVID patients spread across multiple units in the hospital. Eleven of those are in the Intensive Care Unit, with eight of those patients on ventilators. Mercy officials in Douglas County say the elevated volumes of coronavirus patients have reduced their ability to continue to provide inpatient elective surgeries. This week, they began temporarily postponing some surgical procedures identified as being less urgent, especially if a patient requires a hospital bed following their procedure. Outpatient surgeries and those not needing hospitalization will continue, for now. According to alarming new projections, if infections continue to rise, Mercy officials say they will see more than double their current COVID patient load by mid-September. They say that would overwhelm their capacity and paralyze their ability to provide all types of care. As the need for ventilator equipment increases, and the Roseburg hospital's staffing pool is stretched and depleted, Mercy officials say they are facing tough choices, using what are known as the "Crisis Standards of Care." In health emergencies, that could mean making difficult and painful decisions about who would medically benefit the most from hospital care. They hope that sort of life-and-death prioritizing won't be necessary and are pleading with Douglas County residents to be vaccinated against the coronavirus, wear masks, and protect themselves and others. ; Patients left on beds in hospital hallways, their monitoring machines beeping away as too few doctors and nurses attend to an overload of emergencies. People diagnosed with cancer or heart disease desperately needing treatments but being turned away. Hospital staffers and public health managers in southern Oregon say it's never been this bad. And it's apt to get worse as the super-contagious delta variant of COVID-19 spreads through a region where fewer than half the residents have been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. ; In an effort to encourage the vaccine-hesitant to become inoculated, Lane County Public Health is offering a new, temporary incentive: \$50 Visa gift cards, while they last, for anyone over the age of 12 who receives a vaccine from a Lane County Public Health vaccine clinic. Participants will receive one gift card per dose: A gift card each time you receive a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, a single gift card for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no household limit. All individuals over the age of 12 in a household are eligible to receive their own \$50 Visa gift card with vaccination. The \$50 incentive is ONLY being offered at Lane County Public Health vaccine clinics. It is not available at the Community Health Centers of Lane County, pharmacies, or other provider clinics. Want to get a free COVID-19 vaccine and the gift card? Today's clinic takes place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at North Eugene High School, 200 Silver Lane. On Saturday, there is a Lane County vaccine clinic in Cottage Grove at Harrison Elementary School, 1000 South 10th Street, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. / LOW-INCOME, HEALTH: A reminder: If you do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan and you don't have insurance through your workplace, a reminder that you can sign up for an individual or family plan at the Oregon Marketplace. The deadline for 2021 coverage is Sunday, August 15. To learn more, visit OregonHealthCare.gov or call 855-268-3767 (toll-free) to find free, local help. / SPORTS, HEALTH: Pac-12 teams that cannot play because of COVID-19 issues will likely be forced to forfeit games this season. The conference announced it is reinstituting its forfeiture policy after it modified its

rules last season because of the pandemic. Last season, a game that could not be played because of COVID-19 problems with either team was canceled and considered no contest. This season, COVID-19 will not be automatically considered an excused absence. The conference policy states that if an institution is unable to play through its own fault, it shall forfeit. A forfeit will count as a conference victory for a forfeiting team's opponent. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Oregon lawmakers are starting the once-a-decade process of redrawing electoral maps that will determine how voters pick state representatives, state senators and members of Congress for the next five election cycles. In a normal redistricting year, the weeklong task would already be underway, if not completed. But the coronavirus pandemic caused delays in the release of U.S. Census Bureau data required to draw new maps. The redistricting data, culled from the 2020 census, was released Thursday — four months later than expected. The redistricting numbers that states use for redrawing congressional and legislative districts show where white, Asian, Black and Hispanic communities grew over the past decade. They also show which areas have gotten older or younger and the number of people living in dorms, prisons and nursing homes. The data covers geographies as small as neighborhoods and as large as states. An earlier set of data released in April provided state population counts. Steady population growth — driven by newcomers from other states — is giving Oregon greater national political clout. U.S. Census Bureau figures released in April showed the state's population increased by 10 percent over the past decade, and as a result, Oregon got an additional congressional district for the first time in 40 years. For state legislative districts, there is a set number so lawmakers can only move the boundary lines and they must be equal in population. Congressional districts are added and subtracted to states based on population and also must be equal in population. Expanding Oregon's number of U.S. House seats from five to six won't necessarily be a win for Democrats, who control the state politically and hold all but one of its U.S. House seats. Democrats, who also overwhelmingly control the Legislature, agreed to give up an advantage in redrawing the state's political districts for the next 10 years in exchange for a Republican commitment to stop blocking legislation with delay tactics. With the agreement, Democrats and Republicans will have an equal number of members on the redistricting committee. A party-line vote will be insufficient to pass new maps, which essentially grants Republicans a veto power to block any map. The deal gives Republicans more say over what the boundaries for 90 legislative districts will look like and increases the GOP's influence on how to divide the state into congressional districts. Under the Oregon Constitution and state laws, the deadline to redraw districts is July 1, well before census data was released. Senate and House leaders filed a petition with the state Supreme Court for an extension, which was approved. The Legislature now has until Sept. 27 to complete the redistricting process. If lawmakers fail to pass new legislative boundaries by then, the task will fall to Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, a progressive Democrat. Lawmakers have succeeded in passing a legal plan just twice since 1911. Last week, Fagan announced that she is planning to form a "People's Commission" to offer thoughts on what the maps should look like if the job were to fall to her. Oregon Public Broadcasting reported that Fagan's office will open a web portal Thursday where residents can apply for the committee. To qualify, applicants must be 16 or older and have lived in Oregon since April 2020.

Depending on how many applications it receives, the Secretary of State's Office plans to select up to 20 commission members. If lawmakers fail to come to an agreement on new U.S. House districts by Sept. 27, it would be settled in the courts. /

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DISCUSSED SAFETY, COMMUNITY: Eugene-Springfield fire crews, with assistance from personnel with the Oregon Department of Forestry, last night contained a fast-moving grass fire in West Eugene. Crews remained in the area overnight to continue mop-up and douse any hot spots. The blaze forced the closure of West 18th from Bertelsen Road to Willow Creek Road. The road is expected to reopen sometime today. The cause of the fire is under investigation. While the blaze burned grass and brush, there was no damage to structures and no injuries. / WILDFIRES, HEALTH, SAFETY, COMMUNITY, FAMILIES, ANIMALS: Smoke began clearing yesterday afternoon across parts of Oregon as fire crews inched toward containment on some big wildfires and winds slowly shifted to bring marine air into the valleys and Cascade foothills. On the Kwis Fire, burning a few miles east of Oakridge, crews have installed sprinkler systems to strengthen containment lines on some higher-elevation containment lines. There was a lot of mop-up and patrolling yesterday and teams worked with heavy equipment to continue building alternate containment lines should conditions change and winds flare up. Task forces have finished their assessment of homes and other structures in areas under Level One and Level Two evacuation notices for the Kwis Fire and Level Three for structures near the Gales Fire. They've posted bright green Firefighter Risk Assessment Placards at the homes and other buildings. The placards display critical information to first responders. That may include things like how well fire engines are able to access the property, whether there is a nearby propane tank that might be at risk of exploding, and any other notes. Residents are asked to leave all green placards in place under nearby wildfires are contained. The information also has been shared with local fire response agencies in Oakridge and Lowell, giving them critical response details should fire risk increase. And as containment on the blazes grows, the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Incident Management Team is working to determine when and where to reposition and demobilize crews. That allows task forces to return to their home districts, although they can be reactivated, if needed. Among the things being factored into those assessments and decisions: the weather forecasts, risk to life and property, how fire perimeter and contingency lines are holding, and more. ; Here are the latest updates on the largest fires burning in the lightning-caused Middle Fork Complex: The Kwis Fire, three miles east of

Oakridge, grew yesterday to 1,083 acres. It expanded earlier this week to the south and west along the steep slopes above Salmon Creek. The blaze is sending heavy smoke into Oakridge and Westfir, with patchy smoke and haze affecting Lowell and other nearby communities along the Willamette River in the foothills of the Oregon Cascades. Crews are conducting “backfire” operations in places to deprive the blaze of fuel and shore up fire lines. The East Oakridge area—including the High Prairie area, Fish Hatchery area, and rural neighborhoods north of Roberts Road, and east of Salmon Creek—remains at “LEVEL 2 - GET SET.” The rest of the greater Oakridge-Westfir area, including the Deception Creek Mobile Park and the Hills Creek Reservoir area south of Highway 58 to Larison Cove, remains at “LEVEL 1 - BE READY.” Crews have had success halting the progress of the Knoll Fire over the past several days. It is burning off Highway 126 about seven miles north of McKenzie Bridge. The Knoll Fire stands at 544 acres and is 50 percent contained. A “Level 1 – BE READY” advisory remains in place for areas including the Belknap Hot Springs resort area, and structures near the juncture of Scott Creek and Highway 126. A section of the McKenzie River near the fire is closed to boaters because of the risk of falling trees. A nearby section of the McKenzie River Trail also is closed, as is the Olallie Campground and Boat Ramp, Deer Creek Hot Springs, and nearby dispersed camping and recreation sites. Other fires on the Middle Fork Complex include the 1,160-acre Gales Fire off Big Fall Creek Road. When it was sparked late last month by lightning. A “LEVEL 3 – GO NOW” evacuation notice remains in effect for all homes, campgrounds, and dispersed recreation along Big Fall Creek Road east of Forest Service Road 1821. That includes the Puma and Bedrock Campgrounds. Another lightning-caused blaze, the Ninemile Fire, has charred 488 acres. ; Here are details on shelters for people and animals affected by the Middle Fork Complex of wildfires: The Red Cross Cascades Region continues to offer a shelter at Pleasant Hill High School for residents whose homes are in evacuation zones related to the Middle Fork Complex Fire, including the Kwis and Knoll fires. Oakridge and Westfir residents may ride the Diamond Express for free to the Red Cross shelter in Pleasant Hill. A free shelter for livestock and other large animals opened yesterday at the Lane County Fairgrounds in Eugene for those under any level of evacuation notice. The shelter is located in the Fairgrounds’ livestock arena building on the west end of the property. The fairgrounds are at 796 West 13th Avenue in Eugene. Donations will be welcome at the Lane County Fairgrounds between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. while the livestock shelter is in operation. Please call ahead (541-359-9404) to determine the current need for items such as quality hay, water buckets, feed, and netting to prevent chicken escape. No horse blankets or tack will be accepted. A free domestic pet shelter for those evacuating wildfire zones has been established by Greenhill Humane Society, 88530 Greenhill Road. Pet owners are asked to call ahead to 541-689-1503 in advance of arriving with their pets. Evacuation crates from Greenhill for domestic animals are available at the Oakridge Fire Station for pick up between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If personnel are out on a call people may need to stop by at a later time. / WILDFIRES: There was big news going into the weekend: The massive Bootleg Fire in southeastern Oregon—which at one point this summer was the largest blaze in the nation—is now 100 percent contained. The Bootleg Fire started on July 6 and quickly merged with a second blaze. The wildfire has scorched more than 413,000 acres—roughly 650 square

miles. At one point, more than 2,000 firefighters were working the conflagration. In a Facebook post, fire managers say they were thrilled with reaching containment. But the work is far from over. For the next few months, crews will continue to tackle hot spots within the fire lines and conduct mop-up operations. Smoke will still be visible in the region. ; Two new wildfires started by lightning Thursday afternoon grew rapidly in southeastern Oregon, forcing the governor on Friday to declare a conflagration for the 2,000-acre Patton Meadows Fire. It is burning south of the Bootleg fire, about 14 miles west of Lakeview in southern Oregon's Lake County. The blaze exploded to 11 square miles in less than 24 hours in a landscape sucked dry by extreme drought. An RV park was evacuated as the flames threatened communications structures. Another nearby fire was smaller but growing. ; The U.S. Forest Service said Friday it's operating in crisis mode, fully deploying firefighters and maxing out its support system as wildfires continue to break out across the U.S. West. The agency says it has more than twice the number of firefighters working on the ground than at this point a year ago and is facing "critical resources limitations." An estimated 6,170 firefighters alone are battling the Dixie Fire in Northern California, the largest of 100 large fires burning in 14 states, with dozens more burning in western Canada. It has destroyed more than 1,000 structures in the northern Sierra Nevada. It continues to threaten several forest communities. / HEALTH, MILITARY, GOVERNMENT: Oregon's governor said on Friday she is deploying up to 1,500 National Guard troops to hospitals around the state to support healthcare workers as COVID-19 surges amid the rapid spread of the Delta variant. Governor Kate Brown said that starting this Friday, August 20, she will send an initial 500 Guard members to 20 hospitals across the state serve as equipment runners and to help with COVID-19 testing, among other tasks. As of Friday, there are 733 people hospitalized with the virus in Oregon—a 10 percent jump from the day before and nearly double from two weeks earlier. That included 185 people in intensive care units. Hospitals have warned they are near capacity as the state endures a fourth wave of the outbreak. The Delta variant now makes up 96 percent of all recent COVID-19 case samples that have been tested. Six weeks ago, it only made up 15 percent of test samples, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Oregon, once viewed as a pandemic success story, has seen that progress slip in recent weeks. The state kept an indoor mask mandate and social distancing rules in place until June 30, shut down restaurants, bars, gyms and other businesses repeatedly since March 2020 and had strict indoor capacity limits for businesses long after other states had returned to near-normal. Amid the surge, Brown has mandated masks for all students and staff in K-12 schools and a new statewide indoor mask mandate took effect Friday. But earlier this week, hospitals warned that Oregon's record-setting virus hospitalization numbers were pushing them to capacity, and some have already had to start delaying care for non-COVID conditions. Oregon Health & Science University reported dire projections last week, which conclude the state will have 1,000 hospitalized COVID-19 patients by Labor Day if nothing changes, leaving Oregon short 400 to 500 hospital beds. / HEALTH: There were 1,785 new or presumed cases of COVID-19 reported to state health authorities on Friday and seven new reported deaths. Later this morning, we'll have the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday combined three-day case totals from the Oregon Health Authority and Lane County Public Health. They will give us a sense of whether the surge is continuing or beginning to plateau. Health experts expect the surge to

continue, largely because about 29 percent of adults in Oregon are unvaccinated. Lane County received reports of 250 new COVID-19 cases on Friday morning and set another single-day record for the number of local people who are currently infectious: 1,053. Lane County Public Health logged 1,559 coronavirus cases in the seven-day period ending on Thursday. / HEALTH, COMMUNITY: In an effort to encourage the vaccine-hesitant to become inoculated, Lane County Public Health is offering a new, temporary incentive: \$50 Visa gift cards, while they last, for anyone over the age of 12 who receives a vaccine from a Lane County Public Health vaccine clinic. Participants will receive one gift card per dose: A gift card each time you receive a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, a single gift card for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no household limit. The gift cards are available while supplies last. All individuals over the age of 12 in a household are eligible to receive their own \$50 Visa gift card with vaccination. The \$50 incentive is ONLY being offered at Lane County Public Health vaccine clinics. It is not available at the Community Health Centers of Lane County, pharmacies, or other provider clinics. Want to get a free COVID-19 vaccine and the gift card? Today's clinic takes place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Splash! At Lively Park, 6100 Thurston Road in Springfield. / HEALTH: Warning of tough days lie ahead with surging COVID-19 infections, the director of the National Institutes of Health said Sunday that federal officials could decide in the next couple weeks whether to offer coronavirus booster shots to more Americans this fall. The initial booster might be offered to older adults and health care providers. Late last week, U.S. officials approved boosters for organ transplant recipients and others with severely compromised immune systems. Dr. Francis Collins also pleaded anew for unvaccinated Americans to get their shots, calling them "sitting ducks" for the Delta variant that is ravaging the country and showing little sign of letting up. Federal health officials have been actively looking at whether extra shots for the vaccinated may be needed as early as this fall, reviewing case numbers in the U.S. "almost daily" as well as the situation in other countries such as Israel, where preliminary studies suggest the vaccine's protection against serious illness dropped among those vaccinated in January. Israel has been offering a coronavirus booster to people over 60 who have already been vaccinated. No U.S. decision has been made because cases here so far still indicate that people remain highly protected from COVID-19, including the delta variant, after receiving the two-dose Pfizer or Moderna regimen or the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine. But U.S. health officials made clear Sunday they are preparing for the possibility that the time for boosters may come sooner than later. Because the Delta variant only started hitting the U.S. hard in July, the "next couple of weeks" of case data will help the U.S. decide. / EVENTS, HEALTH: Health officials say over 160 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed so far in people who attended the Watershed Music Festival at the Gorge Amphitheatre in central Washington. The Seattle Times reports more than 20,000 people attended the three-day outdoor country music festival in late July at the Gorge in George. The Grant County Health District said Friday the cases are tied to residents in counties including King, Grant, Pierce, Skagit, Kittitas, Okanogan, Whatcom, Kitsap, San Juan, Lincoln and Stevens. One case linked to an Oregon resident. Grant County Health District expects more cases associated with the festival to be confirmed in the coming days. Public Health officials urge people who attended the festival to self-quarantine and get tested. / LOW-INCOME,

HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, FAMILIES: The Biden administration has approved a significant and permanent increase in the levels of food stamp assistance available to needy families—the largest single increase in the program's history. Starting in October, average benefits for food stamps — officially known as the SNAP program — will rise more than 25 percent above pre-pandemic levels. The increased assistance will be available indefinitely to all 42 million SNAP beneficiaries. Many states, including Oregon, had already increased benefits on an emergency basis during the pandemic after receiving additional funding from the federal government. It came as unemployment soared and lower-income families shouldered much of the economic impact. With many states rescinding their emergency benefits, those families faced a drop back to earlier levels. Advocates for larger food stamp benefits argued the earlier payments did not account for higher food prices and inflation. They say the permanent increase in SNAP benefits will reduce hunger among low-income adults and children. /

EDUCATION, HEALTH: A new Oregon law that suspends a requirement for a basic-skills test in math, reading and writing to graduate high school is being praised by advocates as a way to rethink education standards and sharply criticized by others as a misguided effort that will hurt children's learning in the long run. Gov. Kate Brown signed Senate Bill 744 last month without much attention. The measure temporarily eliminates essential-skills testing through next school year. That requirement had been put on a hold because of the coronavirus pandemic. The Oregon Department of Education has said the new law will allow the state to develop more equitable graduation requirements. / WEATHER,

DISASTERS, HEALTH: Officials are investigating one possible heat-related death in Oregon from a Pacific Northwest heat wave. Emergency room visits for heat-related illness also have risen sharply as sweltering temperatures gripped the normally temperate Pacific Northwest for the second time this summer. ; U.S. weather officials say Earth in July was the hottest month ever recorded. Friday's announcement by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says the global average temperature of nearly 62.1 degrees in July edged records set in 2016 and tied in 2019 and 2020. Records go back 142 years. The heat was worst on land in the Northern Hemisphere such as the U.S. West, as well as parts of Europe and Asia. The northern land temperature records weren't just set, they were smashed. NOAA's chief says July adds to the disturbing and disruptive path of climate change. /

GOVERNMENT, ECONOMY, DEVELOPMENT: The sweeping \$1 trillion infrastructure bill approved by the Senate this week includes funding for Western water projects that farmers, water providers and environmentalists say are badly needed across the parched region. The Senate voted this week in favor of the legislation that seeks to rebuild America's roads and highways, improve broadband internet access and modernize water pipes and public works systems. The bill's future in the House is uncertain. The federal funding would come as the West bakes under a decades-long drought that is straining water supplies. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WILDFIRES, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: Some good news for residents in rural neighborhoods on the east side of Oakridge: "Level 2 – GET SET" evacuation notices yesterday were lowered to "Level 1 – BE READY." These areas include High Prairie, Fish Hatchery, Oakridge north of Roberts Road, and Oakridge east of Salmon Creek. It comes as crews continue to make progress on containment lines on the 1,482-acre Kwis Fire, burning a few miles east of town. The downgrade in evacuation notices means all of Oakridge and Westfir now is at "Level 1 – BE READY." Because of the reduction in evacuation levels, the Red Cross also has deactivated its emergency shelter at Pleasant Hill High School. The large animal shelter at the Lane County Fairgrounds and domestic pet shelter at Greenhill will be reuniting evacuated animals with their owners over the next few days. Should conditions worsen or evacuation levels need to be elevated again, all of these services will be reinstated. Authorities ask that everyone remain vigilant and pay attention to current conditions and notifications. Although evacuation levels are reducing today, these hot and dry conditions still pose an extreme risk of wildfire. Monday afternoon, a smoke plume from the close to 7,600-acre Gales Fire—burning off a portion of Big Fall Creek Road—was visible from Eugene-Springfield and surrounding areas. As conditions cleared around the fire, helicopters resumed their efforts, dropping water on active portions of the blaze and to aid burnout operations. The fire crossed Forest Road 18 and was moving northeast in the area of the Tiller Creek drainage, north of Fall Creek Trailhead, below Forest Road 1832. The 544-acre Knoll Fire, burning off Highway 126 about seven miles north of McKenzie Bridge, remained within its footprint yesterday. Management of that fire is shifting to the Willamette National Forest. In southern Douglas County, fire crews have reduced or lifted evacuation levels associated with the Devil's Knob Complex in the Cascade foothills southeast of the community of Tiller. / HEALTH: Another massive surge in new COVID-19 cases over the weekend. For Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the Oregon Health Authority reported a combined 4,396 new cases and 14 new deaths. In Lane County, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday saw a combined 611 new reported infections and another death—a 69-year-old man who died on Thursday. That raises our pandemic death toll to 180. There are 44 Lane County patients in local hospitals, seven of who are in intensive care. Local hospitals also are caring for</p>

patients from nearby counties who need specialized treatment or for whom there are no beds available in their communities. Lane County Public Health is averaging 221 new reported COVID cases each day and was notified of 1,549 cases in the past seven days. Similar surges are taking place in nearby counties, along with more deaths. Douglas County over the weekend reported three more coronavirus deaths, including a 27-year-old woman. The surge in cases is being fueled by the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus. Health experts say they expect the surge to continue, largely because about 29 percent of adults in Oregon are unvaccinated. Vaccination rates have grown in recent weeks amid alarming reports of infections and outbreaks across the state. But they remain lower than officials say is needed to stem the tide of new cases. Testing sites, meantime, remain busy and waits for walk-ups at some locations now stretch for hours. The U.S. is logging more than 130,000 new reported infections daily. Since the pandemic began, the virus has sickened 36.8-million Americans. COVID and its complications have killed 622-thousand people nationwide. ; Oregon has reported yet another daily COVID-19 hospitalization record as the state's health system battles another surge fueled by the highly transmissible delta variant. Health officials said on Monday that 752 people were hospitalized due to the coronavirus. That's far above even November's level of 622, when vaccines were not yet available. Oregon now has more people in the hospital with COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. Hospitals are postponing elective procedures to free up bed space. Nurses at many facilities say they are overwhelmed. Health officials continue to urge people to get vaccinated and wear masks. / POLITICS, HEALTH: All seven members of Oregon's Congressional delegation on Monday send a letter urging the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional medical personnel to help the state cope with the latest surge in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. In a letter to FEMA, the lawmakers backed Thursday's request to FEMA by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown requesting the added medical personnel. The U.S. Senate and House members noted that although more than 71 percent of adult Oregonians are vaccinated and the state has had relatively low levels of infection earlier in the pandemic, communities with low-vaccination rates are experiencing extremely high rates of COVID-19 infection and that hospitalizations are spiking statewide. As a result, they say state hospital and health care systems are facing an acute staffing need. State officials estimate that the current surge in cases is likely to exceed hospital capacity by 400-500 beds in a matter of weeks. / HEALTH, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, GOVERNMENT: Oregon Governor Kate Brown is extending the statewide residential mortgage foreclosure moratorium until December 31. The moratorium allows homeowners experiencing financial hardship because of the pandemic to put their mortgage in what's known as "forbearance." The moratorium was set to expire September 30. According to July numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent Household Pulse Survey, more than 49,000 Oregon homeowners said they were behind on their mortgage payments. / SCHOOLS, HEALTH, FAMILIES: Facing a surge in coronavirus cases just weeks before local schools are set to welcome back students, the Eugene Public Schools are giving parents an option: Return to in-person learning five days a week or take part in online learning. Students whose families opt to have them in classrooms will see a range of COVID precautions, from required masks to three feet of space between desks. The online options include the "Eugene Online

Academy”—which was used last school year—and the new “4J K–5 Connect.” That program is designed for elementary school students. It features online classroom learning with a Eugene District teacher on a set schedule. Families are being asked to notify the district by August 23 of their selection. ; The University of Oregon is partnering with the Oregon Health Authority to provide free COVID-19 testing to Kindergarten through 12th-Grade students in public and private schools across southwestern Oregon for the coming school year. The U-of-O's Monitoring and Assessment Program will receive slightly more than \$17-million dollars to provide the free testing to help schools safely reopen and remain open. The program will offer voluntary weekly testing for students at participating schools in Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties. It is funded through a grant to the state from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Schools must opt into the voluntary program and register through the Oregon Health Authority. Parents and guardians then will decide whether their children will participate. The saliva-based test kits will be given to participating students, who take them home to collect their sample. The collection kits are returned to the school, Samples are picked up each week by couriers or a national shipping company. Test results are made available through a secure result portal. Once results are available, the student or a parent will receive an email and text with login information to access the results. Results will come typically one to two days after the tests are returned to the school. The results will be shared directly with the student or guardians, the Oregon Health Authority, and the local public health office. The school will not receive the test results for participating students but may be notified by local public health officials if contact tracing is required. Parents who are interested in knowing how to sign up should reach out to their school to see if they have opted-in to the program. The University of Oregon's COVID-19 Monitoring and Assessment Program already has provided more than 90,000 free COVID-19 tests across the state during the past year, including free regular campus and community testing at the Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene. / HEALTH, COMMUNITY: In an effort to encourage the vaccine-hesitant to become inoculated, Lane County Public Health is offering a new, temporary incentive: \$50 Visa gift cards, while they last, for anyone over the age of 12 who receives a vaccine from a Lane County Public Health vaccine clinic. Participants will receive one gift card per dose: A gift card each time you receive a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, a single gift card for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no household limit. The gift cards are available while supplies last. All individuals over the age of 12 in a household are eligible to receive their own \$50 Visa gift card with vaccination. The \$50 incentive is ONLY being offered at Lane County Public Health vaccine clinics. It is not available at the Community Health Centers of Lane County, pharmacies, or other provider clinics. Want to get a free COVID-19 vaccine and the gift card? Today's clinic takes place from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Willamalane's Bob Keefer Center, 250 South 32nd Street in Springfield. The clinic is offering doses of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Free COVID testing also is available. / HEALTH, EVENTS: Public health officials say more than 200 COVID-19 cases are now linked to a three-day country music festival at the Gorge Amphitheatre in George. The Seattle Times reports Grant County public health officials said Monday they are aware of 210 people with COVID-19 linked to the Watershed Music Festival. The Grant County Health District on Friday had said

there were more than 160 cases. Officials are continuing to urge people who attended the event to self-quarantine and seek testing. At least two upcoming events at the Gorge, including the Bass Canyon electronic music festival and concerts by Phish are requiring proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test.

/ SPORTS: Alabama is No. 1 in The Associated Press Top 25 preseason college football poll for fourth time in the past six seasons. The Crimson Tide are the defending national champions and got the nod from the sports writers and broadcasters who vote in the poll. Oklahoma is No. 2 with six first-place votes, just ahead of No. 3 Clemson. Ohio State and Georgia round out the top five. The Oregon Ducks are ranked No. 11, the highest of any Pac-12 school in the pre-season poll. USC is No. 15; Washington No. 20; Utah No. 24; and Arizona State rounds out the list at No. 25. The Pac-12, Big Ten, and SEC conferences each have five teams in the Top 25. The ACC and Big 12 each have three. The Oregon Ducks open their 2021 season on Saturday, September 4, at home against Fresno State, then head to Columbus, Ohio, on September 11, for a big match-up against fourth-ranked Ohio State. ; On the heels of a Sweet Sixteen appearance during its spring campaign, the Oregon volleyball team checks is listed at No. 14 in the preseason polls. Oregon placed second in the Pac-12 last season and finished with a 15-5 record and earned the No. 10 national seed in the NCAA Tournament, the third top-10 national seed in program history. The 2021 regular season begins Aug. 27-28 with the Oregon Invitational and meets Portland State in an afternoon match the first day.

/ HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: U.S. experts are expected to recommend COVID-19 vaccine boosters for all Americans, regardless of age, eight months after they received their second dose of the shot. The goal is to ensure lasting protection against the coronavirus as the delta variant spreads across the country. That's according to two people familiar with the matter who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. An announcement was expected as soon as this week, with doses beginning to be administered widely once the Food and Drug Administration formally approves the vaccines. U.S. health officials recommended boosters last week for some with weakened immune systems.

/ HEALTH, ECONOMY: Americans cut back on their spending last month as a surge in COVID-19 cases kept people away from stores. Retail sales fell a seasonal adjusted 1.1 percent in July from the month before, the U.S. Commerce Department said. It was a much larger drop than the 0.3 percent decline Wall Street analysts had expected. The report is the first glimpse into whether a surge in COVID-19 cases in July has kept people from heading out to shop. According to the report, spending fell at stores that sell clothing, furniture and sporting goods. /

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HEALTH, COMMUNITY: Oregon's COVID surge continued into the weekend. Later today, we'll receive weekend updates on case numbers from both the Oregon Health Authority and Lane County Public Health. On Friday, the state reported another 3,207 new cases and 20 new deaths. Lane County on Friday reported 145 new cases. No new deaths. But close to 80 local patients are hospitalized, with 26 in intensive care and 16 of those on ventilators. That's in addition to more than 50 patients from other counties who are being treated in Lane County hospitals. Lane County Public Health is averaging 212 new reported COVID cases each day and was notified of 1,487 cases in the past seven days. The surge in cases is being fueled by the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus. Health experts say they expect the surge to continue, largely because about 29 percent of adults in Oregon are unvaccinated. Vaccination rates have grown in recent weeks amid alarming reports of infections and outbreaks across the state. But they remain lower than officials say is needed to stem the tide of new cases. Testing sites, meantime, remain busy and waits for walk-ups at some locations now stretch for hours. Since the pandemic began, the virus has sickened 38.7-million Americans. COVID and its complications have killed 637-thousand people nationwide. / MILITARY, HEALTH, COMMUNITY: This morning, members of the Oregon National Guard begin arriving at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend in Springfield. They are part of the deployment ordered by the governor to help shore up hospitals across the state as the COVID surge continues. Guard members will serve through the end of September, performing duties in various nonclinical areas. Those duties will include data entry and clerical work; working in Food Services; cleaning beds at peak discharge times for Environmental Services; and assisting in the medical center's Supply Chain. / HEALTH, COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME: Friday is the final day to get a vaccine at one of the pop-up clinics sponsored by Lane County Public Health and receive a \$50 Visa gift card. The incentive has been a popular one, encouraging more than 4,000 people to receive doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Participants will receive one gift card per dose: A gift card each time you receive a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, a single gift card for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no household limit. The gift cards are available while supplies last. All individuals over the age of 12 in a household are

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begin Sept. 7 for South Umpqua High School students. The Elkton school board, also in Douglas County, will start school Sept. 20 and so will Culver School District in Jefferson County. / WILDLIFE, RECREATION, SAFETY: The archery deer and elk hunting seasons opened on Saturday. And it was complicated by what has been a very active summer wildfire season. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife does not close hunting seasons due to fire danger. But hunters faced fire restrictions and a lot of popular areas were closed due to active fires, firefighting activity or post-fire cleanup. / WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Fire crews had another long weekend working to gain containment of some of the larger blazes still burning on the Middle Fork Complex. That included setting some backburns and reinforcing already completed bulldozer and hand-dug lines. The Kwis Fire, east of Oakridge, is nearing containment at 1,485 acres. But trees and brush will continue to burn in the fire's interior for quite some time, meaning smoke will be visible for weeks if not months. Crews continue to mop up and patrol for hot spots and flare ups. The big priority is protecting lives, homes, and other structures. But fire managers also work with specialists in fields ranging from botany and archaeology to wildlife habitat to focus on other areas that are priorities for protection. Think of things like campgrounds and trails, tribal sites, and prime wildlife habitat on land and in nearby lakes, rivers, and streams. In some cases, that might mean using water instead of fire retardant in certain locations to avoid contaminating waterways, avoid harming nesting sites, or protecting the woody debris in streambeds for salmon and other spawning fish. / SAFETY: A very busy Sunday for local fire crews: One large blaze sent plumes of black smoke into the sky above a Eugene auto yard off East Enid Road. In all, 25 cars were burning, and the fire took approximately 30 minutes for crews from Lane Fire Authority and Eugene-Springfield Fire to bring under control. There were no injuries. The cause is under investigation. ; Mid-afternoon, Eugene Springfield Fire responded to a reported RV fire on Pacific Avenue in West Eugene. Everyone got out safely, but the RV was a total loss. Crews also quickly put out a small blaze that sparked in dry grass nearby. The cause of the RV fire is under investigation. ; And a vehicle fire shutdown the eastbound lanes of the Beltline Highway east of River Road for more than an hour yesterday afternoon. The blaze appeared to originate in the engine compartment of the Jeep Patriot. The vehicle is a total loss, but no injuries were reported. / ENVIRONMENT, WILDFIRES: Experts say Oregon is becoming less resilient to drought as fewer seasons of abundant rain and snow prevent it from bouncing back from hot and dry conditions. The Capital Press reports that Larry O'Neill, state climatologist at Oregon State University, says the current drought is "historically significant," with about three-quarters of the state experiencing conditions considered "extreme" or "exceptional." O'Neill says between March and July, the state received less rain than during any comparable period in nearly a century. / FISHERIES, ENVIRONMENT: Record low numbers of steelhead are returning to the Columbia River this year, prompting conservationists and anglers alike to call for a halt to recreational fishing for the sea-run fish. Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that as of this week, just 29,000 steelhead passed the Bonneville Dam since July 1 — less than half the average of the past five years. A coalition of conservation and fishing groups sent a letter to the Oregon, Washington and Idaho agencies that manage fish and wildlife requesting an immediate closure of recreational steelhead fisheries on the Columbia River, the Lower Snake River and their

tributaries. / COMMUNITY, TRANSPORTATION, BUSINESS: Southwest Airlines began service out of Eugene's airport yesterday. The national carrier is offering nonstop daily flights to Las Vegas and twice-daily flights to Oakland, California. Both of those airports are regional hubs connecting to Southwest's larger network. Eugene Airport officials hope Southwest, with fares that often are lower than competing airlines, will help persuade passengers who often drive to Portland and other airports to instead book their flights out of Eugene. Currently, they say two of every five local air passengers drive elsewhere for their departing flights. / GOVERNMENT, FINANCES, ECONOMY: Oregon could send out a massive \$1.9 billion "kicker" tax refund next year due to surging income tax receipts. If the projections hold, the refund — which takes the form of credits on 2021 tax returns filed next year — would be Oregon's largest-ever kicker. The state's unique kicker tax law sends money back to taxpayers whenever personal income tax revenues come in at least two percent above initial projections during a two-year budget cycle. The new projection was delivered to a joint meeting of state senators and representatives Wednesday morning. In May, economic forecasters had anticipated the state would see a \$1.4 billion kicker. Under the anticipated kicker, the median income taxpayer would receive a \$420 credit on this year's state taxes. / SPORTS, HEALTH, COMMUNITY: Fans headed back into stadiums for the start of college football season. Schools are eager to let fans back in. Power Five teams bring in an average of \$18.6 million annually from ticket sales in a typical year. That's according to research by Patrick Rishe. He's director of the Business of Sports Program at Washington University in St. Louis. Schools were hit hard with limited attendance last season. The pandemic is still raging but college football is going ahead with mostly full stadiums planned. ; The Oregon Ducks open their 2021 season on Saturday, September 4, at home against Fresno State, then head to Columbus, Ohio, on September 11, for a big match-up against fourth-ranked Ohio State. A reminder: All attendees 12 and older at designated University of Oregon events and activities—including all Oregon Athletics events—will be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the past three days to obtain entry. / SPORTS: Pac-12 leaders said on Friday they will not look to add schools to the 12-team conference, making it highly unlikely the Big 12 schools being left behind by Texas and Oklahoma will find new Power Five homes. The announcement came two days after the Pac-12, Atlantic Coast Conference and Big Ten pledged to work together on governance issues and scheduling agreements in football and basketball. The formation of a three-conference alliance was announced a little less than a month after the Southeastern Conference invited Texas and Oklahoma to join the league in 2025, which would coincide with the end of the Big 12's current television contract. /

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Testing sites, meantime, remain busy and waits for walk-ups at some locations now stretch for hours. Since the pandemic began, the virus has sickened 39.0-million Americans. COVID and its complications have killed 638-thousand people nationwide. / HEALTH, MILITARY: Caregivers and medical providers at PeaceHealth's RiverBend Medical Center in Springfield gathered—at safe distances—outside the hospital's main entry yesterday to welcome more than one dozen members of the Oregon National Guard. They are part of a statewide deployment ordered by the governor to help shore up hospitals across the state as the COVID surge continues. Guard members will serve through the end of September, performing duties in various nonclinical areas. Those duties will include data entry and clerical work; handling and distributing meal trays for Food Services; cleaning beds to make rooms available during peak discharge times; and helping to manage the medical center's supplies. / HEALTH, COMMUNITY, LOW-INCOME: Friday is the final day to get a vaccine at one of the pop-up clinics sponsored by Lane County Public Health and receive a \$50 Visa gift card. The incentive has been a popular one, encouraging more than 4,000 people to receive doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Participants will receive one gift card per dose: A gift card each time you receive a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, a single gift card for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no household limit. The gift cards are available while supplies last. All individuals over the age of 12 in a household are eligible to receive their own \$50 Visa gift card with vaccination. The \$50 incentive is ONLY being offered at Lane County Public Health vaccine clinics on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. It is not available at the Community Health Centers of Lane County, pharmacies, or other provider clinics. Want to get a free COVID-19 vaccine and the gift card? Today's clinic takes place from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Willamalane's Bob Keefer Center. That's located at 250 South 32nd Street in Springfield. The clinic is offering doses of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. / SCHOOLS, HEALTH: With school starting, Lane County Public Health has launched a resource page to help parents, caregivers, youth and families navigate available pandemic supports. Learn more at: LaneCountyOR.gov/COVIDandKids / SAFETY: A two-vehicle crash on Lorane Highway near Sarvis Berry Road has left two people dead. It happened shortly before 6:00 p.m. yesterday evening. Officials with the Lane County Sheriff's Office say the driver and passenger in one vehicle were killed and the driver—who was the only occupant of the second vehicle—was transported to the hospital. No other details at this time. Names will be released once relatives are notified. ; Five recreational vehicles owned by members of the Eugene Yacht Club were destroyed in an overnight fire early Monday and another was damaged. The fire broke out inside one of the trailers on the property on Fern Ridge Reservoir around 1:30 a.m. and spread to several other RVs. All were empty. No one was injured. Lane Fire Authority investigators say the blaze was sparked by an electrical short in one of the RV refrigerators. Damages are estimated at about \$200,000. ; Eugene-Springfield Fire investigators say an overheated electrical cord on the back porch of a home sparked an overnight house fire. It heavily damaged the residence in the 2100 block of Springfield's 15th Street. The first call came in just before midnight. Everyone got out safely, but the home is considered a near-total loss and the Red Cross is assisting the family. ; Authorities say a 54-year-old man was rescued in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area after being stranded for five days. Officials with the

Coos County Sheriff's Office say the man had fallen off a dune and had back and neck injuries. He also became severely dehydrated during the ordeal. He was spotted by hikers on the John Dellenback trail in the scenic Umpqua Dunes. The U.S. Coast Guard assisted in the rescue, airlifting him to a hospital. / MILITARY, SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, ANIMALS: If you saw or heard a military helicopter flying low over an area of West Eugene yesterday, no need for alarm. Eugene Police say it was part of a tactical security training. EPD officials are not providing many details but say the training is helping to acclimate their police dogs to noise and conditions they might not ordinarily experience. Eugene Police Chief Chris Skinner says it allows the agency to be ready to use their K9 assets in almost any circumstance. / SPORTS, COMMUNITY, HEALTH: Colleges across the country are cautiously optimistic that pregame tailgating atmospheres around campus will remain close to normal, even as they monitor how things have changed since the emergence of the delta variant. About three dozen Power Five schools responded to a survey regarding their tailgating policies. Nearly all the schools that responded are tentatively planning to restore the tailgating policies they had in 2019. Many of them noted that's subject to change based on the status of COVID-19 cases in their area. ; The Oregon Ducks open their 2021 season on Saturday, September 4, at home against Fresno State. The game is being broadcast at 11 a.m. on the Pac-12 Network. A reminder: All attendees 12 and older at designated University of Oregon events and activities—including all Oregon Athletics events—will be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test within the past three days to obtain entry. The outdoor facemasks requirement also is in effect for Autzen Stadium. On Saturday, September 11, the Ducks head to Columbus, Ohio, for a big match-up against fourth-ranked Ohio State. ; Oregon State opens its 2021 football season Saturday at Purdue. The game kicks off at 4 p.m., our time, on FS1. The Beavers' home opener takes place on Saturday, September 11, when OSU will host Hawaii. As is the case with U-of-O games, attendees will need to show proof of vaccination or proof they are "negative" for COVID in a test that was taken within the previous three days. The outdoor facemask policy also is in effect. / MILITARY, VETERANS, MENTAL HEALTH: After two decades, the United States has completed its withdrawal from Afghanistan, ending America's longest war and closing a sad chapter in military history. It's likely to be remembered for colossal failures, unfulfilled promises and a frantic final exit that cost the lives of 13 U.S. service members, some barely older than the war. The last U.S. Air Force evacuation flight from Kabul airport late Monday marked the end of a frantic effort to get out Americans, Afghans and others desperate to escape the Taliban's return to power 20 years after they were ousted in a U.S.-led invasion. More than 2,400 Americans lost their lives in the long war. The withdrawal brings mixed emotions for many veterans, including those who have suffered mental health issues as a result of their services. Local organizations say they are working to provide support and care for those who need it. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>HEALTH: COVID-19 patients now occupy one-third of all hospital beds in Lane County, three in every four ICU beds, and are using half of all available ventilators. Lane County Public Health yesterday received reports of 184 new COVID cases and two additional coronavirus-related deaths. That raises the local pandemic death toll to 198. They were among the 43 new deaths reported statewide yesterday by the Oregon Health Authority, along with more than 2,400 new infections. Lane County is averaging close to 200 new reported COVID cases each day and was notified of close to 1,400 new COVID cases over the past seven days. New case numbers have decreased slightly in recent days. But hospitalizations and intensive-care bed numbers, which usually follow infection trends by about two weeks, increased yesterday. For example, 16 more Lane County residents were hospitalized between Monday's and Tuesday's report, as did the numbers of those in ICU beds and those on ventilators. Because Lane County is a regional medical hub, we have 80 local COVID patients hospitalized along with another 58 from surrounding counties for a total of 138. The regional patients often are sent here because hospitals in their home counties either are full, or those patients need a higher level of specialized care. The statewide and national surge in cases is being fueled by the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus. Health experts say they expect the surge to continue, largely because so many adults in Oregon remain unvaccinated. But there have been some breakthrough cases, often as infected people spread the disease to those with compromised immune systems. Doctors in Oregon say they are seeing sicker and younger patients—more so than at any other point during the pandemic. Since the pandemic began, the virus has sickened 39.1-million Americans. COVID and its complications have killed 640-thousand people nationwide. ; Friday is the final day to get a vaccine at one of the pop-up clinics sponsored by Lane County Public Health and receive a \$50 Visa gift card. The incentive has been a popular one, encouraging more than 4,000 people to receive doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Participants will receive one gift card per dose: A gift card each time you receive a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, a single gift card for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no household limit. The gift cards are available while supplies last. All individuals over the age of 12 in a household are eligible to receive their own \$50 Visa gift card with vaccination.</p>

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/ WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, SAFETY: A sigh of relief for many residents of the Oakridge and Westfir areas. While the battle against the Middle Fork Complex wildfires is far from over, officials yesterday downgraded evacuation levels. That included dropping evacuation notices for those previously under a "Level 1 – BE READY" advisory. The change includes all areas under earlier evacuation notices on both sides of Highway 58 between Mileposts 30 and 42. On the Kwis Fire, which is burning several miles east of Oakridge, crews are continuing their mop-up operations and repairing fire lines. They've also posted an updated community briefing on the Middle Fork Complex Facebook page. Fire managers say lines are holding well on the Gales Fire near Fall Creek, but that crews have stayed busy chasing spot fires ignited by windblown embers and firebrands in several locations. They continue to keep an eye on the weather, which began turning a bit drier yesterday. That could lead to increased fire activity, despite cooler temperatures. They encourage you to use caution when operating power tools outside, avoid parking on dry vegetation, and properly dispose of cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles after grinding them out completely. Our wildfire haze is coming from blazes across the region, including the Middle Fork Complex near Oakridge and Fall Creek, and the Bull Complex burning near Detroit, Lyons, and Mill City. The Bull Fire also is prompting a Level One "Be Ready" advisory for the Breitenbush Hot Springs resort area off the Santiam Highway (Oregon Hwy. 22). It was posted earlier this week.

/ SAFETY: A fast-moving grass fire in West Eugene yesterday afternoon disrupted traffic in the area of West 11th Avenue and Sam Reynolds Street as crews scrambled to contain it. Crews said that when they arrived, the blaze was moving quickly to the south and east from West 11th and Bertelsen. The fire was sending columns of white smoke into the air and into parts of the southwest hills. Firefighters were able to corral the flames before they reached any structures. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

/ EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: A reminder from the Oregon Employment Department: Pandemic-related temporary federal unemployment benefit programs expire on Saturday, September 4. Earlier this month, the department notified more than 600,000 people who received unemployment benefits at some point during the pandemic to remind them of the September 4 end date. The expiring benefit programs are Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Federal Pandemic Unemployment

Compensation (FPUC), and the Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program. If you're an unemployed Oregonian who is seeking work, contact the state's WorkSource Oregon offices to receive assistance in finding work and exploring new career options or training. Analysts say that while some people have stayed on the sidelines until their enhanced benefits expire, many others are remaining away from workplaces because of concerns about their health or because they are schooling their children at home. This includes links to 211info.org, rental and housing assistance, health care, food assistance, and more. The department's resources page also lists programs for workers and people who are self-employed and more. / SPORTS, HEALTH: Fans returning to stadiums for the start of the Pac-12 football season will find a patchwork of regulations spurred by the ongoing pandemic. The state of Oregon requires masks, even at outdoor events, so fans of the Ducks and the Beavers will have to mask up for home games. Similar mask requirements are in place at UCLA and USC. But in Utah, the state says schools can't mandate masks, so fans are only encouraged to wear them. ; Colleges across the country are cautiously optimistic that pregame tailgating atmospheres around campus will remain close to normal, even as they monitor how things have changed since the emergence of the delta variant. About three dozen Power Five schools responded to a survey regarding their tailgating policies. Nearly all the schools that responded are tentatively planning to restore the tailgating policies they had in 2019. Many of them noted that's subject to change based on the status of COVID-19 cases in their area. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>EDUCATION, HEALTH: The University of Oregon and Oregon State University will require weekly COVID-19 testing for all unvaccinated students and employees this fall. The two schools, along with Oregon's other public universities, are requiring COVID-19 vaccines for students and employees who will be on campus. People are legally allowed to request exemptions, but the weekly testing requirement includes those who are exempt. The University of Oregon's weekly testing requirement takes effect the first day of Fall Term on September 27. At Oregon State, unvaccinated students and employees will be required to test weekly for COVID-19 beginning September 15. / HEALTH, WOMEN: A message to pregnant women from a leading local obstetrician: COVID vaccines are safe and will help protect you and your baby from severe illness. Dr. Brooke Kyle spoke yesterday during the Lane County Public Health weekly briefing. She says she is alarmed by the number of unvaccinated pregnant women being admitted to the hospital for COVID treatment. She says numbers have skyrocketed in recent months. And she says the cases are often severe, with many unvaccinated pregnant women being intubated and sometimes transferred to Portland hospitals for specialized treatment. The PeaceHealth obstetrician says she understands that some moms-to-be were hesitant to be vaccinated in the early months because there wasn't a lot of data on pregnant women. But she says the data now is strong and the vaccines are safe. Kyle says COVID vaccination during pregnancy helps enhance a woman's immune system, which is weaker while she is carrying her baby to term. COVID infections can have a tremendous negative impact on pregnancies, leading to pre-term deliveries, infant deaths, and emergency C-sections. Kyle says the coronavirus affects and damages the placenta, reducing blood flow to an unborn baby. / HEALTH: She's been a registered nurse for 21 years. But Misty Villalobos says she's never seen anything like the COVID pandemic that is filling hospital beds to near capacity. Villalobos spoke yesterday during Lane County Public Health's weekly briefing, sharing what she's seen first-hand and encouraging everyone to be vaccinated against COVID to help slow the frightening increase in infections. A nurse in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit or "PACU," Villalobos says she's seen the ripple effect at PeaceHealth RiverBend, where she works. As COVID patient loads grew, her care unit—a post-surgery recovery room—was converted to a makeshift ICU. But</p>

because the recovery room is a large open area with bays for patient beds, she says it is never quiet—the sounds of machines and health alarms is constant. Villalobos says the loss of the post-surgery recovery room and available beds for non-COVID patients has led to postponements of non-essential surgeries. She says some people mistakenly think those are small procedures, such as cosmetic surgeries. But she says we're talking about postponements of things like hip and knee replacements and other major procedures. She says vaccinations can help reduce the number of very ill COVID patients and help open up hospital beds, leading to the gradual return of non-essential surgeries for those who desperately need the procedures. ; Lane County Public Health yesterday received reports of 201 new COVID cases. Our local pandemic death toll has climbed by seven in recent days, to 205. Lane County is averaging close to 200 new reported COVID cases each day and was notified of more than 1,400 new COVID cases over the past seven days. COVID-19 patients now occupy close to one-third of all hospital beds in Lane County, close to three in every four ICU beds, and are using almost half of all available ventilators. Because Lane County is a regional medical hub, we have 83 local COVID patients hospitalized along with close to 60 from surrounding counties for a total of 141. The regional patients often are sent here because hospitals in their home counties either are full, or those patients need a higher level of specialized care. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 2,827 new infections and 23 additional deaths across the state. ; The statewide and national surge in cases is being fueled by the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus. Health experts say they expect the surge to continue, largely because so many adults in Oregon remain unvaccinated. But there have been some breakthrough cases, often as infected people spread the disease to those with compromised immune systems. Doctors in Oregon say they are seeing sicker and younger patients—more so than at any other point during the pandemic. During the past two weeks in Lane County, more than one-third of all new COVID infections were among people between the ages of 20 and 39. Another one-quarter of recent infections were among those between the ages of 40 and 59. More older patients are being hospitalized and dying. But the cases among younger adults are causing concern among medical experts, especially as we head for the Labor Day holiday weekend and families send children back to school. Since the pandemic began, the virus has sickened 39.3-million Americans. COVID and its complications have killed 642-thousand people nationwide. / HEALTH, MILITARY: More Oregon National Guard members deployed to assist Lane County hospitals yesterday, this time arriving at Springfield's McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center. As is the case at PeaceHealth RiverBend, they will provide support in non-clinical areas. Additional Guard members are expected to arrive at McKenzie-Willamette later today. They are part of a statewide deployment ordered last month by the governor to help shore up staffing at hospitals across the state. / EDUCATION, SPORTS, HEALTH: KVAL is reporting that the Bethel Schools are the latest to be forced to cancel or reschedule some prep sports events because of a handful of positive COVID cases among student athletes. That includes this week's varsity and JV football games versus Springfield, along with two soccer matches this week, and a delay for a volleyball match. Athletics officials hope to reschedule the contests later this season. / HEALTH: Friday is the final day to get a vaccine at one of the pop-up clinics sponsored by Lane County Public Health and receive a \$50 Visa gift card.

The incentive has been a popular one, encouraging more than 4,000 people to receive doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Participants will receive one gift card per dose: A gift card each time you receive a dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, a single gift card for the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There is no household limit. The gift cards are available while supplies last. All individuals over the age of 12 in a household are eligible to receive their own \$50 Visa gift card with vaccination. The \$50 incentive is ONLY being offered at Lane County Public Health vaccine clinics on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. It is not available at the Community Health Centers of Lane County, pharmacies, or other provider clinics. Want to get a free COVID-19 vaccine and the gift card? Today's clinic is in the Bethel area. It runs from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Cascade Middle School. That's at 1525 Echo Hollow Road, off Barger. This clinic is offering doses of the Pfizer or the Johnson & Johnson vaccines. COVID-19 testing also is available. / FAMILIES, HEALTH: With school starting, Lane County Public Health has launched a resource page to help parents, caregivers, youth and families navigate available pandemic supports. Learn more at: LaneCountyOR.gov/COVIDandKids / SAFETY, HOMELESS: Eugene-Springfield Fire crews responded to a brush fire early this morning at 39th Street and Kathryn Avenue in Springfield. Officials say the blaze broke out in a transient camp and spread to nearby brush. One occupant of the camp told investigators the fire was started by a propane heater. / WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Crews continue to make progress against two of the larger blazes in the Middle Fork Complex fires burning on the Willamette National Forest. That includes the Kwis Fire east of Oakridge, and the larger Gales Fire near Fall Creek. But while firefighters are completing containment lines and mopping up hot spots, incident managers warn the blazes will not be completely contained until significant rains arrive this fall. That could mean keeping some crews at the fires well into October. Officials say both fires are burning in challenging terrain covered in heavy timber and brush that can hold heat and fire for long periods of time and will require consistent, significant moisture to put out. Some areas might not be safe to enter for months to come. While evacuation notices were lifted earlier this week in the Oakridge and Westfir areas, closure orders remain in effect across large sections of the Willamette National Forest. That means no access to some popular recreation spots close to active fires and no hunting in those areas, either. Officials encourage you to use caution if you plan to spend your Labor Day Weekend in the woods. There are bans on campfires in most locations. Make sure tow chains are not dragging on pavement—they can throw sparks and start fires. Avoid parking on dry vegetation. Properly dispose of cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles after grinding them out completely. Obey restrictions and warnings when operating power tools outside. Our wildfire haze is coming from blazes across the region, including the Middle Fork Complex near Oakridge and Fall Creek, and the Bull Complex burning near Detroit, Lyons, and Mill City. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY, COMMUNITY, HOUSING: As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Holiday Farm Fire and other devastating blazes in the foothills of the Cascades, along with the earlier fires in Southern Oregon and the Coast Range, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management says 862 people remain in emergency shelter. That includes more than 300 (318) living in FEMA-provided housing. More than 25,000 people (25,251) have applied for individual assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. So far, more than \$37 million in aid has been

approved. Across the state, more than 2,500 home sites (2,572) have been cleared of wildfire debris. Officials with the Debris Management Task Force say September 15 is the final enrollment deadline for those opting into the state-led, no-cost cleanup program for properties damaged in the 2020 wildfires. Visit debriscleanupnews.com to learn more and opt-in by calling the clean-up hotline at 503-934-1700. Many residents who lost their housing to the wildfires are working to rebuild, navigating the often-complex process of working with insurers, FEMA, contractors, lenders, state and local governments to finalize plans and get construction underway. Others have decided to move elsewhere or sell their properties for a fresh but challenging start. / CRIME, SAFETY: The good news: No one was hurt or killed. But some alarming moments early Monday morning, after Eugene Police say a 36-year-old Florence woman sped away from a traffic stop in West Eugene and ran multiple red lights before being taken into custody. Officials say police first pulled over Ashley Tanice Lawson around 1:30 a.m. Monday. But she told the officer he was not a real cop and took off. Other officers spotted Lawson running red lights and driving recklessly. One ran the license plate and learned she had prior DUII arrests and a requirement for an Ignition Interlock Device. A few minutes later, multiple patrol units blocked her vehicle at West 11th and City View. But officers said Lawson refused commands to open her locked driver's-side door and instead reached her hands down to the left side of her body. That triggered some alarm, as officers broke her driver's-side window to take Lawson out of the vehicle and into custody. She was jailed on charges of DUII, Interfering with a Peace Officer, Reckless Driving, and Eluding With a Vehicle. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: A reminder from the Oregon Employment Department: Pandemic-related temporary federal unemployment benefit programs expire on Saturday, September 4. Earlier this month, the department notified more than 600,000 people who received unemployment benefits at some point during the pandemic to remind them of the September 4 end date. The expiring benefit programs are Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), and the Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program. If you're an unemployed Oregonian who is seeking work, contact the state's WorkSource Oregon offices to receive assistance in finding work and exploring new career options or training. Analysts say that while some people have stayed on the sidelines until their enhanced benefits expire, many others are remaining away from workplaces because of concerns about their health or because they are schooling their children at home. This includes links to 211info.org, rental and housing assistance, health care, food assistance, and more. The department's resources page also lists programs for workers and people who are self-employed and more. / SPORTS: The Oregon Ducks open their 2021 season on Saturday, September 4, at home against Fresno State. The game is being broadcast at 11 a.m. on the Pac-12 Network. Oregon State opens its 2021 football season Saturday at Purdue. The game kicks off at 4 p.m., our time, on FS1. The Beavers' home opener takes place on Saturday, September 11, in Corvallis when OSU hosts Hawaii. Heading to Autzen or Reser Stadiums? All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks

past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. / HEALTH, CRIME, SAFETY, LEGAL, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT: A federal bankruptcy judge has approved with conditions a historic opioid settlement between Purdue Pharma and thousands of local and state governments. The agreement accepted Wednesday caps a long-running legal drama involving a company that had come to symbolize the corporate culpability behind an epidemic that has claimed more than 500,000 lives over the past two decades. Under the settlement, the OxyContin maker will be reorganized into a new company that will funnel its profits into efforts to fight the overdose crisis. Members of the Sackler family will give up ownership of the company and pay \$4.5 billion, but they also will be freed from any future civil liability involving opioids. ; A landmark settlement in the nation's opioid epidemic is forcing the owners of OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma to give up the company and pay out \$4.5 billion. But many families of those who died from overdoses say it's not enough. They're upset that the Sackler family behind Purdue Pharma will be able to keep much of their fortune and be protected from future opioid lawsuits. Other families who lost loved ones say they aren't thrilled with the settlement but are supporting it because much of the money will go toward fighting opioid addiction through treatment and education programs. / RELIGION, MILITARY: America's major religious faiths and denominations, often divided on other big issues, are preparing to receive an influx of refugees from Afghanistan. Among those gearing up to help are Jewish and Islamic groups; conservative and liberal Protestant churches; and prominent Catholic relief organizations. The U.S. and its coalition partners have evacuated more than 100,000 people since the airlift began Aug. 14, including Afghans who helped the U.S. during the 20-year war. Refugee admissions dropped annually under former President Donald Trump and ultimately reached a record low. Now resettlement agencies are scrambling to expand capacity and rebuild infrastructure so they can handle the arrivals from Afghanistan. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell last week to 340,000, a pandemic low, another sign that the job market is steadily rebounding from the economic collapse caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Jobless claims dropped by 14,000. Vaccinations for COVID-19 have been supporting the job market by encouraging businesses to reopen or expand hours and consumers to return to restaurants, bars and shops. In response, employers across the country have been boosting hiring to meet a surge in consumer demand. Still, a resurgence of cases tied to the highly contagious delta variant has clouded the economic outlook. / FAMILY, LOW-INCOME, GOVERNMENT: The government is collaborating on a new internet site to help more Americans apply for and receive the expanded child tax credit. The credit provides a monthly payment of as much as \$300 per child and was part of the coronavirus relief package. Code for America says its developed GetCTC.org in collaboration with the White House and Treasury Department. The goal is to provide a straight-forward, online form that can be accessible via mobile phones for people who are not legally obligated to file taxes to apply for the tax credit because they don't earn enough money. / BUSINESS, HEALTH, ECONOMY: The global shortage of computer chips is getting worse, forcing automakers to temporarily close factories including those that build popular pickup trucks. General Motors announced this morning that it would pause production at seven North American plants during the

next two weeks, including two that make the company's top-selling Chevrolet Silverado pickup. Ford will stop making pickups at its Kansas City Assembly Plant for the next two weeks. Shifts will be cut at two more truck plants in Dearborn, Michigan, and Louisville, Kentucky. Industry analysts say the delta variant of the novel coronavirus has hit employees at chip factories in southeast Asia hard, forcing some plants to close. That's worsened a chip shortage that was starting to improve earlier in the summer. ; If this were a normal year, Labor Day would traditionally kick off the start of end-of-model-year vehicle clearance sales. Consumers can often find good deals as dealerships are eager to sell their remaining inventory to make room for next year's models. But this hasn't been a normal year in the car business. Most automakers could not build as many vehicles as planned because of a lack of semiconductor chips, which are essential components of a modern vehicle. New vehicle inventory is a third of where it would normally be at this time of year. As a result, car shoppers on Labor Day weekend will face higher prices and a limited selection whether they are shopping for new or used. Jessica Caldwell, executive director of insights at Edmunds, says inventory won't likely be back to normal levels until next year — if at all. /

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HEALTH, MILITARY: Additional Oregon National Guard members continue to arrive in Lane County to assist local hospitals struggling amid the surge in COVID cases. Today, more personnel are expected at PeaceHealth's Springfield, Eugene, and Cottage Grove medical centers. They are part of a statewide deployment ordered last month by the governor to help shore up staffing at hospitals across the state and are performing non-clinical duties such as distributing food trays and supplies, or handling data entry and clerical work. Earlier this week, Guard personnel arrived at PeaceHealth RiverBend and McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center in Springfield. / HEALTH: Lane County Public Health yesterday received reports of 206 new COVID cases and three additional coronavirus-related deaths. We continue to average close to 200 new reported COVID cases each day and the county was notified of more than 1,400 new COVID cases over the past seven days. COVID-19 patients continue to occupy close to one-third of all hospital beds in Lane County, close to seven in every ten ICU beds, and are using more than one-third of all available ventilators. Because Lane County is a regional medical hub, we have 85 local COVID patients hospitalized along with more than 50 from surrounding counties for a total of 137. The regional patients often are sent here because hospitals in their home counties either are full, or those patients need a higher level of specialized care. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday reported 2,449 new infections and 27 additional deaths across the state. Our local pandemic death toll stands at 206. In many cases, those who contract new infections are not hospitalized but instead have a mild case of COVID. But "mild" isn't necessarily the same thing as "pleasant." Some people with so-called "mild" coronavirus cases report feeling the sickest they have in their lives. They complain of persistent headaches and heavy fatigue. Others describe it as feeling as though they were "run over by a truck." ; The statewide and national surge in cases is being fueled by the highly contagious Delta variant of the coronavirus. Health experts say they expect the surge to continue, largely because so many adults in Oregon remain unvaccinated. But there have been some breakthrough cases, often as infected people spread the disease to those with compromised immune systems. Doctors in Oregon say they are seeing sicker and younger patients—more so than at any other point during the pandemic. During the past two weeks in Lane County, more

than one-third of all new COVID infections were among people between the ages of 20 and 39. Another one-quarter of recent infections were among those between the ages of 40 and 59. More older patients are being hospitalized and dying. But the cases among younger adults are causing concern among medical experts, especially as we head for the Labor Day holiday weekend and families send children back to school. Since the pandemic began, the virus has sickened 39.5-million Americans. COVID and its complications have killed more than 643-thousand people nationwide. The seven-day nationwide average of new cases has risen to its highest level since January and stands at more than 160,000 new cases per day. At the same time, Americans have stepped up their vaccination rates, with about 14-(m)million people receiving their initial doses last month—up from July. At the same time, there remains an increased risk of infection among unvaccinated people and fears those who contract the coronavirus might spread it over the holiday weekend. Earlier this week, those concerns prompted experts with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to encourage those who are unvaccinated to avoid Labor Day weekend travel. ; Oregon officials say unvaccinated people accounted for more than 84 percent of the state's recent COVID-19 cases. The Oregon Health Authority said Thursday its latest breakthrough case report showed 2,592 breakthrough cases between Aug. 22 to Aug. 28 accounting for 15.9 percent of the state's total cases that week. During that same time period, unvaccinated people accounted for 84.1 percent of Oregon's reported COVID cases. KOIN reports that to date, there have been 13,166 COVID vaccine breakthrough cases in Oregon. The median age of all cases was 48. Of Oregon's total breakthrough cases, health officials say 4.9 percent of people were hospitalized and 0.9 percent died. The median age of those who died was 81. ; Today is the final day to get a vaccine at one of the pop-up clinics sponsored by Lane County Public Health and receive a \$50 Visa gift card. The incentive has been a popular one, encouraging more than 4,000 people to receive doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Want to get a free COVID-19 vaccine and the gift card? Today's clinic takes place from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Lane Events Center Auditorium, off West 13th Avenue. This is a walk-in clinic offering doses of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Third "boost" doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are available to those with moderate to severely compromised immune systems. That includes people receiving active cancer treatments; those who have received an organ transplant; and others. Lane County Public Health officials say they are working to offer future incentives to continue to encourage residents to be vaccinated. So far, more than 240,000 Lane County residents have received at least an initial dose of COVID vaccine and more than 220,000 of those are fully vaccinated. / EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH: As more businesses add requirements for COVID vaccines for their workers, some employees are choosing to leave their jobs, rather than be vaccinated. During the past two weeks, the head of the Oregon Employment Department discussed how leaving a job over an employer's vaccination requirements might disqualify you from receiving state unemployment benefits. Interim employment chief David Gernstenfeld says those jobless claims are being reviewed on a case-by-case basis, adding that there is no "one size fits all" policy on whether to grant unemployment payments in such instances. Gerstenfeld says employers have a legal right to set workplace policies. He says rulings on whether to approve jobless benefits often hinge on such questions as,

“What were the overall expectations of the job?” and “Was the policy a reasonable one?” And he adds that any unemployed worker who is denied jobless benefits has a right to challenge the decision through the agency’s appeals process. ; If you are unemployed and have been collecting enhanced federal jobless benefits, a reminder from the Oregon Employment Department: Pandemic-related temporary federal unemployment benefit programs expire on tomorrow (Saturday, September 4). You still may file for this week’s eligible benefits starting Sunday morning. But after tomorrow, an estimated 81,000 Oregonians will see their benefits scaled back to regular levels. Also on Sunday, those applying for initial jobless benefits will see a return of what’s known as the “waiting week,” which means there will be a one-week period after your initial filing before you begin receiving unemployment benefits. Oregon employment officials say that over the course of the pandemic, they have paid out more than \$10.8 (b)billion dollars in state and federal jobless benefits to more than 613-thousand Oregonians. That includes \$92 (m)million in payments to more than 120,000 people last week alone. The expiring federal enhanced jobless benefit programs are Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC), Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), and the Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) program. Information on when temporary federal benefits end and details on continuing assistance is available at unemployment.oregon.gov/resources. This includes links to 211info.org, rental and housing assistance, health care, enhanced SNAP benefits for food assistance, and more. The department’s resources page also lists programs for workers and people who are self-employed and more. ; Over the past two months, the Oregon Employment Department has reopened its WorkSource centers, including WorkSource Lane. They were closed during much of the pandemic. WorkSource centers help job seekers find employment. They can assess and help you sharpen your skills, explore careers, and connect directly with local businesses. The centers offer job listings and referrals, and in non-pandemic times holds hiring events. Two dozen hiring events are planned across the state of September 15, along with some online job fairs. At WorkSource center, you also may get resume and application assistance, use their free Internet for job search, and have access to copiers, fax machines, phones, and other equipment. The state’s WorkSource centers can also help connect you with things like apprenticeship programs, adult basic and continuing education, and more. Call your local center to book an appointment. /

EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS: As we head toward Fall, there remain plenty of “now hiring” and “help wanted signs” posted across the state. Why is it do hard to hire workers? Labor analysts say there are a lot of reasons: Some people won’t return to the workforce until their kids are back in school on regular schedules. Others are concerned about their health while the pandemic continues or are caring for a family member. Some postings have requirements that don’t quite match with applicants’ job skills. And some are leaving the workforce entirely: opting to stay at home, perhaps while someone else in the household earns a paycheck. Or they might be retiring—early in many cases. State employment experts say the number of jobs held by workers ages 55 and older—led by the Baby Boomers—more than tripled between 1992 and 2018, even though the overall number of jobs was up only a bit more than 50 percent. But coming off the pandemic, with one in every four workers now age 55 or older, many of those workers are opting

to retire, often earlier than they planned. / WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, HOUSING, LOW-INCOME: As we approach the one-year anniversary of the Holiday Farm Fire and other devastating blazes in the foothills of the Cascades, along with the earlier fires in Southern Oregon and the Coast Range, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management says 862 people remain in emergency shelter. That includes more than 300 (318) living in FEMA-provided housing. More than 25,000 people (25,251) have applied for individual assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. So far, more than \$37 million in aid has been approved. Across the state, more than 2,500 home sites (2,572) have been cleared of wildfire debris. Officials with the Debris Management Task Force say September 15 is the final enrollment deadline for those opting into the state-led, no-cost cleanup program for properties damaged in the 2020 wildfires. Visit debriscleanupnews.com to learn more and opt-in by calling the clean-up hotline at 503-934-1700. Many residents who lost their housing to the wildfires are working to rebuild, navigating the often-complex process of working with insurers, FEMA, contractors, lenders, state and local governments to finalize plans and get construction underway. Others have decided to move elsewhere or sell their properties for a fresh but challenging start. / RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT, WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Heading outdoors to enjoy your Labor Day Weekend? A reminder that wildfire-related closure orders remain in effect across large sections of the Willamette National Forest. That means no access to some popular recreation spots close to active fires and no hunting in those areas, either. Officials encourage you to use caution if you plan to spend your Labor Day Weekend in the woods. There are bans on campfires in most locations. Make sure tow chains are not dragging on pavement—they can throw sparks and start fires. Avoid parking on dry vegetation. Properly dispose of cigarette butts in appropriate receptacles after grinding them out completely. Obey restrictions and warnings when operating power tools outside. Among the active fires sending haze our way: the Middle Fork Complex near Oakridge and Fall Creek; and the Bull Complex burning near Detroit, Lyons, and Mill City. / CRIME, RACISM, BIPOC, RELIGION: The FBI says hate crimes are up across the U.S. and by close to 60 percent between 2019 and 2020 in Oregon. And officials say they know many hate crimes go unreported and victims suffer in silence. There were 271 reported bias crime incidents in Oregon last year, up from 170 in one year earlier. Incidents targeting Black people were the most reported. But incidents targeting Asian-Americans were up significantly, along with crimes targeting others for their perceived race, ethnicity, or national ancestry. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that the FBI is running a public-awareness campaign this month encouraging people to report incidents of hate. / SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT: A section of Eugene's Blair Boulevard was closed for several hours late yesterday morning while crews cleaned up spilled oil. Eugene Police say the oil came from a commercial truck and while the discharge was limited to a few dozen gallons it was enough to create slick conditions on that portion of the pavement. The roadway reopened during the noon hour. / CRIME, SAFETY: In Springfield, police say a man riding a stolen motorcycle was spotted near the 1800 block of Centennial Boulevard around 1:30 Thursday morning committing several traffic violations. Investigators say the suspect, 52-year-old Darren Leigh Carson, sped off when an officer tried to pull him over near the intersection of 16th and J Streets. The motorcyclist went through the parking lot of McKenzie-

Willamette Medical Center and back onto nearby streets but missed a turn near 14th and Main Streets and crashed into a rock. Springfield Police say Carson was hospitalized for serious injuries and was given multiple citations. ; Some scary moments early yesterday morning after a fiery crash on Springfield's Martin Luther King Boulevard at Cardinal Way, just across the road from PeaceHealth's Riverbend medical center. It happened shortly after 2 a.m., trapping the driver in the burning vehicle. Eugene-Springfield Fire personnel and a Springfield Police officer put out the blaze and pulled the driver from the wreckage. He was hospitalized with serious injuries. Investigators say it appears the vehicle, a Chevrolet S-10 pickup, hit the median, causing the driver to lose control of the truck and strike a tree, which started the fire. Officials say it appears alcohol consumption was a contributing factor. Springfield Police say they'd like to hear from anyone who witnessed events leading up to the crash. Contact investigators at 541-726-3714. ; Early Wednesday morning, Eugene Police say they got a call about a suspicious vehicle near West 7th Avenue and Garfield Street that was missing a tire and had sparks. Moments later, police received a call from a nearby business, The Vintage Underground near West 6th and Garfield, that a truck had crashed into its roll-up garage, hit equipment inside, and caused a significant amount of property damage. They say the driver had driven off. Police say they located the stopped vehicle outside some apartments near 15th and City View. 26-year-old David Cervantes-Savina was spotted standing outside the truck searching for items inside the rig. Investigators say he appeared intoxicated and had an earlier arrest warrant. He was jailed for that, DUII, Reckless Driving, and Property Damage in connection with the Hit and Run at the business. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they've arrested a 37-year-old Waldport woman in a case involving the sale of fake gold bars to a Eugene man. They say on July 2, a Eugene man in his 40s, reported to the Lincoln City Police Department that he had purchased some gold bars earlier in the year in Lincoln City for approximately \$18,000 in cash from 37-year-old Amanda Laine Bryant. A short time after he purchased the "gold," he took the bars to a pawn shop where he learned they were worthless metal. The victim told investigators that between June and August, Bryant contacted him on numerous occasions to sell more "gold bars." A detective worked the case, and investigators say Bryant agreed to meet the victim in Eugene at a location off Willamette Street to sell him more "gold." Instead, undercover detectives showed up at the meeting. They say once Bryant spotted a marked police vehicle, she tried to jog away, ditching a carrying case in a flower box. Bryant was arrested a short distance away and lodged at Lane County Jail on a charge of Aggravated Theft in the First Degree By Deception. Case 21-13274. If anyone believes they have purchased gold bars from Bryant, please call 541.682.5111 and refer to case 21-13274. Tips for Avoiding Fake Gold Bars or Silver: Make sure you are purchasing from a reputable business dealer or verified website. Before purchase, check the bars' purity, form, size, and weight. Store your bars in a secure location and consider insuring them. /

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DISCUSSED WILDFIRES, HEALTH: Smoke from the Middle Fork Complex and Bull Complex of wildfires continues to drift into the Willamette Valley and across the Oregon Cascades. There also is a smaller fire burning in Central Oregon southeast of La Pine. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY, COMMUNITY: The checklist is extensive: Clearing hazard trees and the burned debris that was once homes and outbuildings. Testing soil, getting new wells drilled, new septic systems installed. There are contractors to hire, loans to secure, permits and more permits, trees and shrubs to replant. Today marks the one-year anniversary of the Holiday Farm Fire and other devastating blazes that swept through the foothills of the Cascades on Labor Day of last year. For those evacuated, it has been 12 months filled with challenges and heartache. Some say they still have nightmares, grow tense when they see or smell smoke from other wildfires. But they say they feel a fierce sense of community and a determination to rebuild. Last night, there was a procession through the McKenzie Valley, guided by Lane County Sheriff's deputies. Coordinated by the group, "McKenzie River Locals Helping Locals," participants celebrated being "McKenzie Strong." They remembered what was lost but also showed support for those who are rebuilding. It was an emotional event. Some said they cried during the procession. But for many, it was a time to smile through the tears because they say they are rebuilding their communities, love their valley, and it is home. Even with new, centralized programs, many wildfire evacuees say they spent much of last year grappling with insurance and clean-up efforts, securing financing and permits, finding contractors, dealing with record-high lumber prices, and finally getting work underway. Some, especially those who were renters, were permanently displaced or chose to move elsewhere. Others say they are committed to rebuilding on their land and in their communities, even as they acknowledge that the valley and their lives will be different going forward. The Holiday Farm Fire blaze ignited amid high, east winds on the evening of September 7, 2020, and overnight swept down the valley, burning more than 173,000 acres and destroying hundreds of homes, community businesses, and other buildings. The scope of the disaster was unprecedented and triggered an unprecedented response. Across Lane County, residents and businesses donated money, goods, and services and volunteered their time to support those forced to evacuate. The state and local governments scrambled to

address the needs of the thousands left unhoused after various the Labor Day fires, a process sometimes marked by fits and starts as they worked to streamline clean-up and permit processes. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY, COMMUNITY, CHARITABLE: One year after the Holiday Farm Fire ignited in the McKenzie Valley, leaders with United Way of Lane County say the special fund they created to assist wildfire survivors and affected communities has collected more than \$830,000 to support response and recovery efforts. The funds were donated by individuals, businesses, and foundations from Lane County and across the country, and were distributed to 46 organizations serving individuals and families affected by the fires. Grants are still being distributed, included \$88,000 invested last month as community-led organizations continue to identify and prioritize various recovery needs. That includes financial assistance to survivors, and providing necessities such as food, shelter, and counseling, funding for debris cleanup efforts, and more. One effort, Sheds of Hope, provides temporary secure storage sheds for residents who are rebuilding. United Way funds donated to the effort are helping McKenzie High School students to learn construction skills from local construction firms like PIVOT Architecture. ; Another organization focused on recovery from the Holiday Farm Fire is the McKenzie Valley Long-Term Recovery Group. It includes representatives from faith-based, non-profit, government, business, and other organizations. Just last month, the organization received close to \$150,000 from the Oregon Community Foundation to help support residents who have not received adequate support from FEMA, their insurance policies, and other assets to restore safe, secure and sanitary living conditions on their property. And last week, the group welcomed its new executive director. Devin Thompson coordinated efforts at for fire survivors at the Vida Relief Center last fall. Thompson also has extensive nonprofit experience as a board member for Northwest Youth Corps, and longtime volunteer with the McKenzie River Trust, Friends of Fish Lake, McKenzie Community Development Corporation and Friends of Awbrey Park. / WILDFIRES: Quick update on the Middle Fork Complex of wildfires burning on the Willamette National Forest: The Kwis Fire, burning a few miles east of Oakridge, is 98 percent contained. It covers close to 1,500 acres. Crews are focusing on putting out all burning materials along the fire's perimeter. While some interior areas are still aflame, fire managers remain confident the blaze will remain within its current footprint. The much larger Gales Fire near the Fall Creek drainage is at more than 23,000 acres and is 12 percent contained. Crews spent the weekend building and strengthening primary and secondary containment lines. In some areas, the terrain is so steep and challenging that crews cannot attack the flames directly because of the danger of smoky conditions and falling snags. / CRIME: Investigators say a 59-year-old man involved in a physical dispute with family members last night pointed a firearm at responding Lane County Sheriff's deputies and died after a deputy fired rounds in response. The call came in shortly before 10 p.m. from a residence in the 37000 block of Camp Creek Road. Family members had called to request assistance after they said the suspect, Robert Gutierrez, physically struck another family member. Gutierrez was reported to have retrieved a gun and had fired the weapon prior to law enforcement arriving on scene. Other residents of the property said they felt they were unable to leave safely. When deputies arrived, they say they attempted to establish verbal contact with Gutierrez and de-escalate the situation, but said he

responded with profanity and pointed a gun at them. That's when one deputy fired the rounds that struck Gutierrez. Deputies said they immediately began administering life saving measures, but that Gutierrez did not survive his injuries. No law enforcement officers were physically injured during the incident. The deputy involved in the shooting has been placed on paid administrative leave, which is standard protocol in deadly force incidents. Members of the Lane County Interagency Deadly Force Investigation Team—composed of investigators from several outside agencies and overseen by the Lane County District Attorney's Office—are reviewing the incident. / SPORTS, HEALTH: The Number 11 Oregon Ducks opened their 2021 season with a 31-24 win on Saturday over Fresno State at Autzen Stadium. The Ducks are on the road this weekend for a Saturday morning game with Number 4 Ohio State. The teams kick-off at 9:00 a.m., our time, on FOX. Oregon State is preparing for its Saturday home opener against Hawai'i at Reser Stadium. It's a late game, kicking off at 8:00 p.m. on FS1. The Beavs dropped last weekend's game at Purdue, 21-30. OSU fans, reminder: All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. / GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: Those expanded federal unemployment benefit programs ended over the Labor Day weekend. You still may file for last week's benefits if you were eligible. But for an estimated 81,000 Oregonians, jobless payments are back to regular levels. Also back: the return of what's known as the "waiting week." That's the one-week period after your initial filing before you begin receiving unemployment benefits. Learn more at unemployment.oregon.gov/resources [Find out how to access](#) rental and housing assistance, health care, enhanced SNAP benefits for food assistance, and more at 211info.org. Make appointments to visit WorkSource Lane and other state WorkSource centers for job-seeking assistance and to sharpen your skills. The centers offer job listings and referrals, and in non-pandemic times holds hiring events. Two dozen hiring events are planned across the state of September 15, along with some online job fairs. / RELIGION, COMMUNITY, DEVELOPMENT: Oregon is home to more than 154,000 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Many are based in Eugene-Springfield and the surrounding region. This month, L-D-S church leaders announced that a planned new temple will be constructed in Springfield's North Gateway Area. The Willamette Valley Temple, as it will be known, will take shape on a ten-and-one-half acre parcel off International Way at Corporate Way. Architects' renderings call for a single-story, 30,000 square-foot structure with a steeple, clad in what appears to be white marble. It will be the third Latter-Day Saints temple in Oregon—with other temples in Lake Oswego and Medford. The Eugene-Springfield temple is part of a global effort by the church to construct 20 new temples in the coming years. L-D-S temples are located in key regions and provide a space for specific rituals to support congregations of local meetinghouses and chapels known as "wards" and "stakes." In addition to Eugene-Springfield, other new temple locations announced this year include eight other locations in the Western U.S. / HEALTH: Oregon officials say unvaccinated people accounted for more than 84 percent of the state's recent COVID-19 cases. The Oregon Health Authority said Thursday

its latest breakthrough case report showed 2,592 breakthrough cases between Aug. 22 to Aug. 28 accounting for 15.9 percent of the state's total cases that week. During that same time period, unvaccinated people accounted for 84.1 percent of Oregon's reported COVID cases. KOIN reports that to date, there have been 13,166 COVID vaccine breakthrough cases in Oregon. The median age of all cases was 48. Of Oregon's total breakthrough cases, health officials say 4.9 percent of people were hospitalized and 0.9 percent died. The median age of those who died was 81. / HEALTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT: A coalition of police and firefighters are suing Gov. Kate Brown over her mandate requiring COVID-19 vaccination for state workers. KOIN-TV reports the lawsuit, filed in Jefferson County Circuit Court, says the plaintiffs are the Oregon Fraternal Order of Police along with troopers from around the state and firefighters at the Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base. The group is asking a judge to declare the order "unenforceable" because it allegedly works against existing Oregon statutes and would result in wrongful termination of employees. It names the governor and the state of Oregon as defendants. Brown's office declined to comment on the pending litigation. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: The resurgence of COVID-19 this summer and the national debate over vaccine requirements have created a fraught situation for the nation's first responders, who are dying in larger numbers but pushing back against mandates. It's a stark contrast from the beginning of the vaccine rollout when first responders were prioritized for shots. The mandates affect tens of thousands of police officers, firefighters and others on the front lines across the country, many of whom are spurning the vaccine. That is happening despite consequences that range from weekly testing to suspension to termination. The virus is now the leading cause of U.S. law enforcement line-of-duty deaths. / WILDFIRES. GOVERNMENT: U.S. wildfire managers have started shifting from seasonal to full-time firefighting crews to deal with what has become a year-round wildfire season as climate change makes the American West warmer and drier. The crews also could remove brush and other hazardous fuels when not battling blazes. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management said Thursday that it's adding 76 firefighters and support personnel to its firefighting workforce of 3,400 people. Additionally, 428 firefighters will change from part-time seasonal work to either full-time seasonal or permanent work with health and retirement benefits. It comes as climate change is making weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive. / GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYMENT, LOW-INCOME: Millions of jobless Americans have lost their unemployment benefits, leaving only a handful of economic support programs for those still being hit financially by the year-and-a-half-old coronavirus pandemic. Two critical programs expired yesterday. One provided jobless aid to self-employed and gig workers, and another provided benefits to those who have been unemployed more than six months. Further, the Biden administration's \$300 weekly supplemental unemployment benefit also ran out yesterday. It's estimated that roughly 8.9 million Americans will lose all or some of these benefits. While the White House has encouraged states to keep paying the \$300 weekly benefit by using money from the stimulus bills, no states have opted to do so. Many states even opted out of the federal program early after some businesses complained that they couldn't find enough people to hire. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, WILDFIRES: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency have issued an Air Quality Advisory, which is in effect until 11 PM Thursday. This is primarily for areas in the Cascades and locations near the Bull and Middle Fork Complexes. This includes areas near Oakridge and Detroit. Wildfires burning in the region combined with forecasted conditions will cause air quality to reach unhealthy levels at times through Thursday evening. Pollutants in smoke can cause burning eyes, runny nose, aggravate heart and lung diseases, and aggravate other serious health problems. Limit outdoor activities and keep children indoors if it is smoky. Please follow medical advice if you have a heart or lung condition. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY: A landslide repair project on U.S. 20 in the Cascades is closing the road for three days east of Sweet Home near Sheep Creek, between milepost 54 and 57. That's about 25 miles east of Sweet Home or 23 miles this side of Santiam Pass. Crews are trenching to install two culverts under the road. Today through Friday, Sept. 10: The road is closed entirely for three days and reopens at 11:59 p.m. on Friday night. There are no local detours. Detour routes along OR 126 and OR 22 are in place and there are signs throughout the corridor to help guide traffic. There will be no through traffic during this three-day closure. Sept. 11 through December: When the road reopens, expect one 15-foot-wide travel lane with 24-hour flagging. This will continue until the project pauses for winter at the end of December. The project is scheduled to be completed in August 2022. Detour signs and routes will be marked. But remember, wildfire recovery and hazard tree removal are underway on Highways 22 and 126, so be prepared for additional delays. / TRANSPORTATION, YOUTH, EDUCATION: School is back in session, and students from the Eugene, Bethel, and Springfield districts head to classrooms during the next few days. After an extended time away, the streets will once again be active with children and school buses. Please be alert and use extreme caution when approaching school zones and residential areas. Neighborhoods around schools will see a dramatic increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Drive safe and avoid distractions like cell phones and loud music, which can take your attention away from the road and decrease reaction time. Budget extra time and be patient with delays. Exercise patience as families and children get used to</p>

the back-to-school commute. It's a good idea to leave a little earlier than normal, budget extra time for your commute, and prepare for school area delays. Watch out for children walking and biking to school. Children who are excited about going back to school may not always be paying attention to traffic like they should. Drive defensively and be prepared to stop quickly. Obey traffic patrol members (crossing guards)—it's the law. Crossing guards are in place to assist children with crossing the road in a safe manner. People driving are required by law to stop, and remained stopped, when a crossing guard indicates that children have entered or are about to enter a crosswalk. Stop for school buses. People driving must stop for a school bus when its red lights are flashing, even if it is on the other side of the street (unless there is a median or barrier dividing the opposing lanes of traffic). Drive the speed limit and watch for school zones. The speed limit in school zones is 20 mph statewide. School speed zones are signed either "7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on school days" or as zones with actuated flashing lights and warning signs. Plan a safe and fun walk, bike, or skate to school: Map a safe route to school. Select lower-traffic streets for your child's walk or ride to school when possible. When walking, cross the street at intersections or marked crosswalks, not mid-block. If there is a signal, wait for the walk signal or green light. Before crossing, make eye contact with people driving to ensure they see you. When biking, know and follow the rules of the road. Under most circumstances, people biking must obey the same rules of the road as people driving. Always bike in the same direction as traffic and ride in the bike lane or as far to the right as is safe. When skateboarding, use the sidewalk. Skateboarding is not allowed on Eugene streets, including bike lanes. People skateboarding can use paths and sidewalks if they are outside of the downtown zone. Always wear a helmet when biking or skateboarding (for those under 16, it's required by law). When riding the bus, always cross the street in front of the bus, not behind it. / HEALTH, EDUCATION, GOVERNMENT: As students return to Oregon classrooms for another school year, health officials warn the threat of having to shut down schools and go back to distance learning is "real if we don't all do our part" and slow the spread of COVID-19. Governor Kate Brown was joined by health and education officials yesterday as they urged Oregonians to continue to wear masks and be vaccinated as the highly transmissible Delta variant continues to spread. Brown says she knows many parents are excited for kids to return to the classroom full time, and at the same time anxious about the delta variant. Schools in Oregon first went remote in March 2020, and many did not reopen their doors until one year later. ; Colt Gill, the director of the Oregon Department of Education, says the school year has just begun, but a few Oregon schools have already had to close or delay the start of classes because of student- and staff-related COVID quarantines. Gill says we all have a role to play in creating a safe environment for children to return to class. He says the threat to losing school time or to moving back to online school is real. But Gill believes Oregonians can do better. Children younger than age 12 currently are not eligible for COVID-19 vaccine. As part of the effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and increase vaccination rates, the governor last month implemented a list of health and safety measures — including indoor and outdoor mask mandates and requiring state employees, health care workers and K-12 school staff to be fully vaccinated. Yesterday, Oregon's education department announced additional advisories, including that people in the school community and families with

school-age children limit non-essential gatherings. The advisories encourage schools to consider holding extracurricular activities outside and hold large “beginning of the school year” events — such as open houses— online whenever possible. Dr. Dana Braner, physician-in-chief at Oregon Health & Science University children’s hospital, says a return to in-person school is essential, not only for our children’s education, but for their physical and mental health. He says only vaccination, masking, and other safe practices make that possible. ; The surge in COVID cases tied to the Delta variant is prompting officials with Lane Community College to shift Fall Term classes online—at least for the first month. In a letter yesterday to LCC students, Provost Paul Jarrell says the increase in recent coronavirus cases caused campus leaders to re-evaluate their plan for in-person instruction starting later this month. Instead, through at least October 24, Lane Community College will be operating in a mostly remote learning environment. For many career and technical education courses, health professions courses, and laboratory courses, officials say there will be the opportunity to meet for some reduced hours of in-person instruction with the possibility for more in-person instruction after October 24th if conditions improve. LCC leaders continue to urge students to be vaccinated against the virus and is planning to host its own vaccination clinics through Lane’s Student Health Clinic later this fall. ; The University of Oregon is going ahead with plans for mostly in-person education Fall Term. Campus leaders say a key part of the effort is required COVID vaccinations for students, faculty members and staff, unless they submit a request for an exemption. U-of-O President Michael Schill says more than 95 percent of UO students and employees who have submitted their information say they are fully vaccinated. Those who are unvaccinated must be tested weekly for the coronavirus, starting September 27. Face coverings are required in all classrooms, although instructors are being allowed to deliver class material without a mask if they maintain at least six feet of distance from students. Where possible, air exchange rates have been boosted and upgraded air filters have been installed in campus buildings. Campus officials say the University of Oregon’s Monitoring and Assessment Program now can process 4,000 tests a week using faster saliva testing methods, automated registration, and four-day-a-week testing availability. On-campus testing is for people who are not experiencing any signs of illness. U-of-O officials say adds that zip codes for areas surrounding the Eugene campus have high vaccination numbers. /

HEALTH: Over the four-day Labor Day Weekend, Friday through Monday, the Oregon Health Authority received reports of more than 5,800 new COVID-19 cases (5,821) and 54 new deaths. Lane County Public Health received reports of 611 new cases over the same four-day period and eight new deaths. That raises our local pandemic-related death toll to 222. Officials say 110 COVID patients are in Lane County hospitals, 96 of those from Lane County, the other 14 from surrounding counties. Twenty-seven of our local patients are in intensive-care unit beds, with 13 of those on ventilators. Our surge in new infections had eased a bit during the past week, but Lane County is still averaging more than 180 new cases per day and health officials were notified of more than 1,270 (1,274) new cases in the past week. COVID-19 patients occupy close to one-quarter of all hospital beds in Lane County, more than six in every ten ICU beds, and are using close to one in every five available ventilators. State health officials say Oregon officials say unvaccinated people account for more than 84 percent of the state’s recent

COVID-19 cases. SAFETY: It was a freak accident but he's safe and uninjured. Fire crews yesterday afternoon rescued a 67-year-old Eugene man after he fell into a 16-foot partially-water-filled sinkhole that had opened alongside the foundation of his home. The home is near Royal Avenue and Fischer Road—not a neighborhood known for sinkholes. It is unknown what caused it although repair crews will try to figure that out. Rescuers were able to quickly remove the man from the narrow sinkhole. They said he'd been trapped in it for 20-30 minutes. ; Oregon State Police yesterday released the names of those involved in Friday afternoon's four-vehicle fatal crash on Highway 101 in several miles north of Florence. Investigators say the driver of a Dodge 1500 pickup, 39-year-old Jessica Herselius of Elmira, was headed northbound when she failed to yield for stopped traffic. State Police say that triggered a chain reaction crash and critically injured the driver of a Toyota Rav4, 61-year-old Cynthia Bue of Elmira. Bue died later at a hospital. Two other drivers were uninjured. Hwy 101 was closed for the better part of 90 minutes. ; A 40-year-old man died Sunday evening after he was struck by a vehicle near a Roseburg convenience store. Investigators say it appears Mitchell Lee Bandy of Roseburg was looking down at his cellphone when he stepped out into the path of an oncoming vehicle. No arrests or citations have been made in the incident. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, ELDERS: The summer that was supposed to mark America's independence from COVID-19 is instead drawing to a close with the U.S. more firmly under the grip of the virus, with deaths per day back up to where they were last March. The delta variant is filling hospitals, sickening alarming numbers of children and driving coronavirus deaths in some places to the highest levels of the entire pandemic. School systems that reopened their classrooms are abruptly switching back to remote learning because of outbreaks. Legal disputes, threats and violence have erupted over mask and vaccine requirements. The U.S. death toll stands at more than 650,000, with one major forecast model projecting it will top 750,000 by Dec. 1. ; COVID-19 booster shots may be coming for at least some Americans but there's still important science to be worked out about who really needs them and when. The Biden administration's initial plan was to offer Pfizer or Moderna boosters starting Sept. 20. While real-world data shows the vaccines used in the U.S. remain strongly protective against severe disease and death, their ability to prevent milder infection is dropping for reasons that are not fully understood. Scientific advisers will publicly debate Pfizer's evidence on Sept. 17. Officials say regulators want more data about Moderna's boosters. /

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HEALTH: Our surge in COVID cases might be easing a bit across Oregon, but officials say infection levels remain high and hospital capacity remains tight. Since the start of the pandemic, Oregon has logged more than 300,000 cases, a milestone we reached over the weekend. State health officials said over the Friday through Sunday period, they received reports of 4,700 new infections and 32 new deaths. Lane County Public Health received reports of 641 new cases over the same three-day period and seven new deaths. That raises our local pandemic-related death toll to 234. Lane County is still averaging 168 new COVID cases per day and health officials were notified of 1,176 new infections during the past week. Officials say 108 COVID patients are in Lane County hospitals, 51 of those from Lane County, the other 57 from surrounding counties. Seventeen of our local patients are in intensive-care unit beds, with 11 of those on ventilators. COVID-19 patients occupy close to one-quarter of all hospital beds in Lane County, 45 percent of the ICU beds, and are using close to one in every five available ventilators. Oregon is in the midst of its worst COVID-19 surge since the start of the pandemic — which health officials say is fueled by unvaccinated people and the highly transmissible delta variant. The surge has, among other things, forced local hospitals to postpone less-urgent surgical procedures and set up intensive care beds in other parts of their facilities. A report last week from the Oregon Health Authority noted that 80 percent of recent COVID cases were among the unvaccinated, and that they make up the majority of those hospitalized and dying from the virus. They say the rate of coronavirus cases among unvaccinated people is five times higher than in those who are vaccinated. /

EDUCATION, HEALTH: Preparations are continuing for the safe start of mostly in-person classes Fall Term at the University of Oregon. The university is requiring vaccination against COVID for all students, faculty, and staff unless they qualify for an exemption and are tested weekly for the virus. Today is the deadline for students moving into the residence halls to provide their proof of vaccination. All other students must do so by the first day of classes on September 27. COVID testing also is being encouraged even for vaccinated students, if they are living in off-campus group settings, such as apartments or quads. Campus leaders said last week that more than 95 percent of those who have submitted their information are fully vaccinated. Face coverings are required indoors in all U-of-O

facilities unless people are alone in a room or are in a designated area. /

BUSINESS: Oregon beers and breweries snagged 15 medals—including seven golds—at one the nation's premiere brewing competitions. It happened at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver. The world's largest beer-tasting competition gave a gold medal to Eugene's Alesong Brewing & Tasting Room in the Belgian Fruit Beer category for their "Stonefruit Symphony." Block 15 Brewery & Tap Room in Corvallis took gold for its Altbier in the German-style Altbier category. Many of the other Oregon wins were from breweries in the Portland area—including in the highly competitive IPA division, where Von Ebert Brewing's "Volatile Substance IPA" took top honors over 400 other entries. A handful of Central Oregon breweries also claimed awards, including Three Creeks Brewing Co. in Sisters in the session beer category for its "Stonefly Session Ale." /

SAFETY, PRIVACY, BUSINESS: Do you have an Apple iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple Watch, or other Apple product? The company has released an emergency software patch and you're being urged to update your devices immediately. It comes after researchers say they uncovered a security flaw that could allow hackers to secretly install spyware on your Apple devices even if you don't click on anything. The spyware was recently discovered but has been circulating since February. It gets onto your device through the iMessage app. The vulnerability makes it possible to eavesdrop or steal data from your device. It affects all Apple operating systems and devices. The spyware was developed by an Israeli cybersecurity company and is being sold to some governments, security forces, and companies globally. It's unlikely the average user might be targeted, but analysts say it's possible hackers might also try to exploit the vulnerability.

Because so many Apple owners are trying to update their devices, the software download and installation might take a bit longer than usual. / **CRIME:** A traffic stop led to a foot chase yesterday evening in Eugene-Springfield. Police say an officer tried to stop a vehicle driven by the suspect, 28-year-old Marcos Saucedo in Eugene the area of MLK Boulevard and Lindley Lane for a traffic violation. But investigators say Saucedo fled on foot, jumping several fences and running through yards. A short time later, a nearby resident called in to report a burglary. The suspect description matched Saucedo's. He was spotted moments later and taken into custody but began losing consciousness. Police say he later indicated he had ingested heroin and fentanyl during the foot chase. Officials say the suspect was treated for the opiate overdose but was combative at the hospital, trying to flee again. Police are still finalizing the charges against him but say that in addition to charges of Obstructing Justice, Trespass (Residence), and Escape, Saucedo has three Felony warrants for Eluding Police and Stealing a Vehicle. /

SAFETY: A house fire yesterday afternoon damaged the attic of a home in the 1200 block of West Olympic Street in Springfield. But crews from Eugene-Springfield Fire prevented it from spreading into the main part of the home. They say it wasn't easy: those high winds that kicked up last yesterday afternoon created some challenges. One of the home's occupants was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The cause of the blaze is being determined. /

SAFETY, FISHERIES: A quick response by the U.S. Coast Guard helped save two men, a woman, and a dog found adrift in a life raft after their vessel sank Sunday afternoon in the Pacific Ocean approximately 45 miles off Lincoln City. It happened about 2 p.m. Sunday when watchstanders at Sector North Bend received a distress signal from a beacon was registered to the Royal, a 44-foot

commercial fishing vessel. The Coast Guard dispatched a helicopter rescue crew from a Newport and around 4 p.m. the aircrew located a debris field and the life raft approximately about six miles from the beacon's last transmitted location. A rescue swimmer assisted the survivors, helping them into a hoist that lifted them to the helicopter. They were in stable condition, did not require medical assistance, and were met by friends and family. No details on what caused the boat to sink. But Coast Guard officials say this is another reminder of the critical importance of acting when something goes wrong and having the necessary equipment to survive an emergency. Officials say the preparation and readiness saved lives. They add all mariners should have not only the proper safety equipment—including a life raft, personal flotation devices, and a way to call for help—but the training to use it. / EVENTS: “Saddle up and let ‘er buck.” In Eastern Oregon, the Pendleton Round-Up takes place this week, attracting tens of thousands to the rodeo grounds. The Round-Up was canceled last year because of COVID but is planning a full schedule of events. Slack and Extreme Bull Riding take place today, with rodeo performances and the Happy Canyon shows starting on Wednesday. Between now and the final day of competition on Saturday there are plenty of other Pendleton Round-Up events, including Friday’s parade. The Round-Up began in 1910, is a seven-time winner of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association’s (PRCA) “Large Outdoor Rodeo of the Year” award, and in 2008 the Pendleton Round-Up was inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. / BUSINESS: According to a financial regulatory filing, Northwest coffee chain Dutch Bros. hopes to raise up to \$484 million in its initial public offering, set for Wednesday. The Oregonian and OregonLive reports that would make it the largest IPO in Oregon history — and the first to raise more than \$100 million in 14 years. Reporter Mike Rogoway writes that the Grants Pass-based company plans to sell shares for between \$18 and \$20 apiece. That would value the business at up to \$3.3 billion, making it Oregon’s seventh-most-valuable public company — ahead of the likes of NW Natural, Greenbrier and Schnitzer Steel. Dutch Bros, intends to trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol “BROS.” / WILDFIRES: President Joe Biden is using his first Western swing since taking office to hold out the wildfires burning across the region as an argument for his \$3.5 trillion rebuilding plans. He is calling year-round fires and other extreme weather a climate change reality the nation can no longer ignore. With stops Monday in Idaho and California, Biden sought to boost support for his big rebuilding plans, saying every dollar spent on “resilience” would save \$6 in future costs. And he said the rebuilding must go beyond simply restoring damaged systems and instead ensure communities can withstand catastrophic weather that doesn’t strike based on partisan ideology. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Gov. Kate Brown says the Oregon Legislature will return to the Capitol Sept. 20 for a special session to adopt new congressional and legislative district maps. The state Constitution does not allow the governor to limit the length of a special session, but Brown on Friday asked that lawmakers act “expeditiously.” The Statesman Journal reports the deadline for the Legislature to complete and submit state and federal district maps is Sept. 27. Last week Republican and Democratic state lawmakers on presented dueling visions on where the state’s new, sixth U.S. House district should be. State legislative Democrats, who overwhelmingly control the Legislature, agreed to give up an advantage in redrawing the state’s political districts for the next 10 years in a deal with the GOP. / SPORTS: The Number 4

Oregon Ducks are back home at Autzen Stadium this week. They host Stony Brook Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in a game being broadcast by the Pac-12 Networks. The Ducks vaulted in the polls after they stunned Ohio State last weekend in Columbus, 35-28. Oregon State is home again this weekend and hosting Idaho. Kick-off is at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Reser Stadium. The game is being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. Last week, the Beavs defeated Hawai'i, 45-27. Heading to the Oregon or Oregon State games? A reminder: All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Officials from Multnomah County joined Portland in exempting law enforcement from a COVID-19 vaccine order after county officials say a vaccination requirement for local officers is now legally dubious due to new guidance from the state health authority. Under Oregon law, local municipalities can only issue vaccine mandates for police officers if a federal or state rule requires it. The county believed Gov. Kate Brown's vaccination mandate issued last month for state healthcare workers covered officers because they receive some medical training. But guidance from the health authority, released on Friday, said law enforcement was "probably not" subject to the governor's orders as providing medical care was "likely not a fundamental part of their job." ; Mayor Ted Wheeler confirmed Wednesday that state law prohibits Portland from making police officers get vaccinated against COVID-19 despite a new city mandate that requires municipal workers do so. Wheeler told The Oregonian/OregonLive he's disappointed and will urge officers to get vaccinated. The city attorney's office said the order requiring police to be vaccinated had become legally dubious because of new guidance from the Oregon Health Authority. The city believed that a vaccine requirement for state health care workers imposed last month by Gov. Kate Brown was broad enough to include Portland police officers, who require some medical training. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: Across the U.S., vaccine-hesitant parents are struggling with vaccine-seeking teenagers set on getting their shots. A return to in-person school this month are raising the stakes for high school students who want to be safe in packed classrooms and homecoming rallies. Coronavirus outbreaks are already forcing some school closures, especially in states with low vaccination rates. President Biden has called for schools to host at least one vaccine clinic. But in many states, schools and local health officials are not promoting vaccines or making it easy for kids to get them, fearing political fallout from parents. / HEALTH: Officials say an infant in southwest Oregon has died from COVID-19 complications. The News-Review in Roseburg reports the Douglas County health officials said the infant was diagnosed with COVID-19-related symptoms Aug. 20 and died last Monday. The baby was one of 13 deaths listed Wednesday in the county's Wednesday report. Douglas County Public Health Officer Bob Dannenhoffer says officials have chosen not to provide more detailed case information out of respect for family privacy. He said officials can say some of those who died were "perfectly well" before contracting the virus and dying. Seattle Children's Hospital confirmed its first patient death from COVID-19 in late August. / EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS, HEALTH: Labor unions are divided over vaccine mandates. The split has become

more significant after President Joe Biden announced his plan to require federal workers to get inoculated and private companies with more than 100 employees to get them vaccinated. Several prominent unions have backed Biden's plan. But some unions have pushed back. Police and firefighter unions have fought hard against mandates in cities. Some federal unions have objected to Biden's mandate for U.S. government workers. Experts say they are taking different approaches because the labor movement represents workers of all political. ; The new federal vaccine requirement for large companies has raised concerns over whether it will now be even harder to retain workers or find new ones. President Joe Biden announced sweeping new orders Thursday requiring employers with more than 100 workers to mandate vaccinations against COVID-19 or offer weekly testing. The new rules could affect as many as 100 million Americans. Even companies that favor Biden's decision as a means of stopping the coronavirus from spreading further are afraid that vaccination-averse workers will leave, or job seekers won't apply for their openings. Some workers may also switch to smaller companies where vaccination is not required. / CRIME, RACISM: A Colorado trucker who nearly killed a Black man by slashing his neck in an unprovoked attack at an eastern Oregon truck stop has been sentenced to 16 years in federal prison. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Nolan Strauss, who is white, pleaded guilty to a federal hate crime involving an attempt to kill. Strauss, of Colorado Springs, walked into an Arby's next to the Pilot Travel Center along Interstate 84 and stabbed Ronnell Hughes in December 2019. His lawyer argued that Strauss committed the crime because he was off his mental health medication and was having a manic episode. But prosecutors said there was no mistaking Strauss' racial animosity in the ambush. /

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WEATHER, SAFETY, WILDFIRES: The National Weather Service says the weather pattern will change later this week as a series of strong, wet cold fronts will bring an end to this long dry and hot summer. Overnight temperatures will cool into the lower to mid-40s tonight, with some of our more exposed and traditionally cooler locales dropping down into the 30s. With the potential of frost in outlying rural areas, consider taking time and precautions to protect any temperature sensitive plants. Afternoon high temperatures will be in the 70s through Thursday, then cool to the 60s for Friday into this weekend. A strong cold front will push into the region Friday night, bringing the first significant widespread rain to the region since last spring. Rain may be heavy along the front and may be heavy enough to cause localized debris flows in recently burned areas such as Santiam Canyon, the upper McKenzie River Valley, as well as the Bull, Middle Fork, and Rough Patch fire complexes. Elsewhere, heavy rainfall rates Friday night may lead to some ponding on roadways and minor urban flooding issues in areas of poor drainage. Overall expected rainfall amounts may still be adjusted between now and the event, but at this point 1 to 2 inches of rain are expected for the inland valleys by Monday morning, with 2 to 4 inches possible along the coast and across the higher terrain. With the expected rainfall, any clogged drains or gutters could easily overflow. With the dry weather through Thursday, consider checking outdoor drains, roof gutters, and other areas with poor drainage and clearing out the dead leaves and debris. / HEALTH: The Oregon Health Authority yesterday released more details on five Lane County weekend deaths tied to COVID. They include a 36-year-old woman and a 49-year-old man, along with a 57-year-old woman and two people in their 70s. While our surge in COVID cases might be easing a bit across Oregon, officials say infection levels remain high, hospital capacity remains tight, and they're seeing younger patients. State health said yesterday they received reports of another 2,040 new infections and 44 new deaths. Lane County Public Health received reports of 138 new cases and four additional new deaths. That raises our local pandemic-related death toll to 238. Lane County is still averaging 168 new COVID cases per day and health officials were notified of 1,175 new infections during the past week. Officials say 107 COVID patients are in Lane County hospitals, 77 of those from Lane County. Sixteen of our local patients are in intensive-care unit beds, with eight of those on

ventilators. COVID-19 patients occupy close to one-quarter of all hospital beds in Lane County, two in every five ICU beds, and are using close to one in every five available ventilators. Oregon is in the midst of its worst COVID-19 surge since the start of the pandemic — which health officials say is fueled by unvaccinated people and the highly transmissible delta variant. The surge has, among other things, forced local hospitals to postpone less-urgent surgical procedures and set up intensive care beds in other parts of their facilities. A report last week from the Oregon Health Authority noted that 80 percent of recent COVID cases were among the unvaccinated, and that they make up the majority of those hospitalized and dying from the virus. They say the rate of coronavirus cases among unvaccinated people is five times higher than in those who are vaccinated. /

EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS, HEALTH: The unemployment rate in Oregon's dropped to 4.9 percent in August — the lowest rate since pre-pandemic numbers in March 2020 when it was 3.6 percent. It's also only the third time since 1976 that the unemployment numbers for the state have fallen below five percent. Among the sectors that saw growth: Government, as schools prepared to reopen; Wholesale trade; Leisure and Hospitality; and Professional and Business services. Retail trade was the only sector to cut jobs and it trimmed 1,900 positions statewide. Oregon lost more than 205,000 jobs during the early weeks of the pandemic-induced recession. Analysts say we've now gained back 72 percent of those. The bulk of the losses were in the Leisure and Hospitality sector as restaurants, bars, hotels, motels, and tourism-related businesses saw long-term losses. Despite some impressive hiring in recent months, that remains the sector that is still trailing in job recovery, with only about 60 percent of the jobs regained since the start of the pandemic. /

GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, LOW-INCOME: A new analysis finds that those massive government relief bills passed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic helped move millions of Americans out of poverty last year, even as the official poverty rate increased slightly. The Census Bureau reports the nation's official poverty level increased by one percentage point in 2020. That translates to 11.4 percent of all Americans, or more than 37 million people. It was the first increase in poverty after five consecutive annual declines. But the Census Bureau's supplemental measure of poverty, which takes into account government benefit programs and stimulus payments, concluded that the share of people in poverty dropped significantly once the aid was factored in—by slightly more than nine percent. That could change the second half of this year, with the end of pandemic-enhanced federal unemployment benefits and the lifting of many rental eviction and foreclosure moratoriums across the nation. With the start of the school year and hopes for a growing economy, White House officials are hoping more Americans will be able to find jobs and stabilize their household finances. /

BUSINESS: Sounds like when Northwest coffee chain Dutch Bros. begins its IPO this morning, it could raise tens of millions more dollars than originally expected. Financial analysts predicted the company would set its initial share prices between \$18 and \$20 dollars. But last night, Dutch Bros. said they would kick off the IPO on the New York Stock Exchange with a \$23 share price. That could raise the estimated IPO funds from \$484 million to \$550 million. That would give the Grants Pass-based company a valuation on Wall Street of up to \$3.8 billion, making it Oregon's seventh-most-valuable public company — ahead of the likes of NW Natural, Greenbrier and Schnitzer Steel. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that would make it the largest IPO in Oregon

history — and the first to raise more than \$100 million in 14 years. Dutch Bros will trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol “BROS.” / HOMELESSNESS, VETERANS, HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH: Two Lane County organizations that help provide treatment and transitional housing for homeless veterans are forming an alliance. Leaders of the non-profits, “Veterans Legacy Oregon” and “Housing Our Veterans,” say the partnership will help provide consistent, long-term care for veterans struggling with homelessness, substance abuse, PTSD, and other mental health issues. The two organizations say that, between them, they can provide more than 100 beds for veterans’ care. Veterans’ Legacy operates Camp Alma, a rural residential treatment facility in the Coast Range. Ideally, veterans in need will begin their care and rehabilitation there and stay an average six months. Then, they would move into town and into care through Housing Our Veterans for about one year. The organization provides housing and life skills support along with a number of living arrangements. Ultimately, those involved in the programs hope that after 18 months of intensive treatment, veterans will be clean and sober with realistic employment potential, and stable housing. / WILDFIRES: Interesting tactic being deployed this week by managers battling the Middle Fork Complex of wildfires. They’re using an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)—I guess we’d think of it as an industrial-grade drone—to strategically set fire to areas of unburned fuel within their firelines. The goal is to deprive the blaze of fuel that might cause them to expand. It also means human crews don’t have to place themselves in added danger in challenging terrain. The operation is taking advantage of this week’s cooler weather and calmer winds. / WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, FISHERIES: Meantime, the Army Corps of Engineers is conducting an interesting flight experiment on the Columbia River right below The Dalles Dam. For five days over the summer, they brought in trained falcons to see if they were effective in driving off some of the predatory birds that hang out near the spillways and fish ladder and feed on young salmon. They say it went well, the falcons seemed to have a good time, the predatory birds left—at least for a while. Officials hope to continue the experiment in the future, saying it’s another good tool in their efforts to protect migrating young fish. / SPORTS: More kudos for the Oregon Ducks after Saturday’s big football win at Ohio State: Safety Verone McKinley and running back CJ Verdell have earned national honors. McKinley—who helped seal the Ducks’ win with an interception late in the fourth quarter—was named the “National Defensive Player of the Week” by the Football Writers Association of America. Verdell—who powered the offense with 195 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns—was named the “Maxwell Award Player of the Week,” which is given to the player with the top overall performance on offense, defense, or special teams. Verdell also was named the “Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week.” / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: COVID-19 deaths and cases in the U.S. have climbed to levels not seen since last winter, wiping out months of progress and potentially bolstering President Joe Biden’s argument for sweeping new vaccination requirements. The U.S. is averaging over 1,800 COVID-19 deaths and 170,000 new cases per day. That is still well below the peak of about 3,400 deaths and a quarter-million cases per day in January. But it’s frustrating for health care leaders to see it happen nine months into the nation’s vaccination drive. ; President Joe Biden has invited CEOs and business leaders to the White House to discuss COVID-19 mandates. The meeting follows Biden’s announcement last week that the Labor Department

is working to require that businesses with 100 or more employees order their workers to be fully vaccinated or submit a negative COVID-19 test at least weekly. Biden said 100 million workers would be subject to the requirement. Biden announced the new mandate and several other steps last week as part of a new effort by the administration to curb the surging delta variant of the coronavirus. / CRIME, LEGAL, YOUTH: One of the primary insurers of the Boy Scouts of America has reached a tentative deal with the organization and attorneys representing tens of thousands of men who say they were molested decades ago by scoutmasters and others. Under the agreement, The Hartford will pay \$787 million into a fund to be set up for the men. In exchange, the Boy Scouts and its local councils will release the carrier from further liability regarding sex abuse claims. Under a separate settlement, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints agrees to pay \$250 million into the fund for abuse claimants. The organization, commonly known as the Mormon church, was the largest single sponsor of Boy Scout troops before ending its partnership with the BSA last year. The proposed settlements are part of an effort by the Boy Scouts, which declared bankruptcy last year, to forge a reorganization plan that must be approved by a majority of abuse victims and the court. Attorneys are still trying to negotiate a settlement with the Boy Scouts' other major insurer, Century Indemnity. / CRIME, BUSINESS, SAFETY: Even as Apple rolls out a batch of new products, current users of the company's devices are trying to secure their gear against a big security hole. Researchers say the flaw could let hackers infect iPhones and other Apple devices without the owner doing anything to facilitate the hacking. /

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HEALTH, ELDERLY: They call it, quote, "a problem that is quickly becoming a crisis." Lane County Public Health officials are talking about the growing number of COVID outbreaks in long-term care facilities, and how those outbreaks are behind many of our recent hospitalizations and deaths. It's also why late yesterday morning, there were only three Intensive-Care Unit beds available across all Lane County hospitals. Officials say they are tracking 39 active outbreaks in long-term care facilities representing about 350 cases. Some of the larger clusters are at Avamere Riverpark, Bayberry Commons, River Grove Memory Care, Gateway Living, and South Hills Rehabilitation Center. Public health officials say they are seeing a rapid rise in cases in the South Hills outbreak. If the 32 reported infections so far, 22 came in the past seven days. One person has died. Lane County Public Health officials say the outbreak was traced to an unvaccinated staff member who continued working even while they were awaiting COVID test results. Public health spokesperson Jason Davis says this really underscores the need for staff members at long-term care facilities to do everything they can to protect vulnerable individuals. While 88 percent of the residents were vaccinated, health officials say only 64 percent of the staff is. Long-term care residents are especially vulnerable because even though many are vaccinated, they often have weak immune systems that make them vulnerable to exposure to an infected person. Davis says it is very scary for people living in those facilities. He says Lane County Public Health is hearing from them and their loved ones about their fears. He adds that public health also is hearing from operators of long-term care facilities about the problems they're facing. Those include staffing shortages and trying to prevent the spread of disease in facilities that often have close quarters and staff members who work with multiple residents. Staffers also sometimes work at multiple facilities. Public health officials say it's another grim reminder of the importance of staying home if you are sick or awaiting the results of a COVID test. They say they understand people need to make a living, but when it comes to COVID it's important to communicate with your managers, especially in these health-care settings. And they encourage workers to continue masking and distancing at all times. /

HEALTH, EDUCATION: Some encouraging news for students, teachers, staff, and parents. Lane County Public Health officials say they currently have no direct

evidence of any classroom transmission of the coronavirus. Classes resumed last week at many local public and private schools. Health experts say that while they expect there have been some cases, they know a lot of people are working hard to keep students and classrooms safe. The county has received reports of school-aged kids who have contracted COVID, but they say the bulk of those cases are tied to extracurricular activities, especially after-school sports. The county is tracking at least two active outbreaks on school sports teams and multiple other cases spread among sports squads. But officials say virtually none have been hospitalized. / HEALTH: Lane County Public Health yesterday reported 167 new COVID infections and six additional deaths. While our surge in COVID cases might be easing, officials say infection levels remain high and hospital capacity remains tight. Lane County is still averaging 168 new COVID cases per day and health officials were notified of more than 1,200 new infections during the past week. KATU-TV in Portland reports we are one of three Oregon counties, including Tillamook and Josephine, which has requested a mobile morgue truck to store bodies should capacity be needed. COVID-19 patients occupy close to one-quarter of all hospital beds in Lane County, two in every five ICU beds, and are using close to one in every five available ventilators. The Oregon Health Authority received reports of 2,069 new COVID cases and 46 new deaths. Oregon is in the midst of its worst COVID-19 surge since the start of the pandemic. Health officials say is fueled by unvaccinated people and the highly transmissible delta variant. The surge has, among other things, forced local hospitals to postpone less-urgent surgical procedures and set up intensive care beds in other parts of their facilities. A report last week from the Oregon Health Authority noted that 80 percent of recent COVID cases were among the unvaccinated, and that they make up the majority of those hospitalized and dying from the virus. They say the rate of coronavirus cases among unvaccinated people is five times higher than in those who are vaccinated. ; Lane County Public Health officials say COVID cases might climb again as cooler temperatures arrive along with autumn rains. As people spend more time indoors, they say there is an increased possibility of transmission. In Lane County, close to 224,000 residents are fully vaccinated, with close to 20,000 partially immunized. Public health officials say slightly more than two-thirds of residents have had at least one dose, including more than 72 percent of the eligible population—those ages 12 and older. But more than 23,000 Lane County residents have been infected with COVID since the start of the pandemic—and those are just among the people who got tested. Our local death toll stands at 244. Sixty of those deaths were reported in the past month alone. Officials say 93,000 eligible Lane County residents remain unvaccinated and reducing those totals would go a long way toward protecting community health and saving lives. / BUSINESS: Guess folks on Wall Street really like coffee. After humble beginnings as a pushcart operation by an Oregon town's railroad tracks, Dutch Bros Coffee yesterday was welcomed by investors as it launched an initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange. Dutch Bros Coffee Executive Chairman Travis Boersma was on the floor of the exchange for the event. The company's shares were initially priced at 23 dollars on Wednesday, but the price had jumped by more than 50 percent by midday briefly touching 40 dollars per share before closing at slightly more than 36 dollars. The stock was at 46 dollars this morning. The drive-through coffee shops sporting windmill emblems have sprouted up across the West and are now

located as far east as Texas and Oklahoma. / WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT: “Welcome home” to some local firefighters. Lane County sent task forces earlier this month to help protect homes and other buildings threatened by the Cougar Peak Fire in southeastern Oregon’s Lake County. They were able to return to their home agencies this week after calmer weather helped slow the blaze’s rapid spread and wildland crews established expanded fire lines. / WILDFIRES, COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT, CHARITABLE: More money is headed to the McKenzie Valley to aid recovery after last year’s Holiday Farm Fire. The Oregon Community Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, Ford Family Foundation, and American Red Cross yesterday announced that \$125,000 is going to McKenzie Fire and Rescue to create an emergency operations center. McKenzie Fire and Rescue protects many parts of the valley burned in last year’s blaze. The Disaster Relief Logistics Center will help coordinate disaster preparation and response. It also will house critical supplies including firefighting and emergency communication equipment, sand and sandbagging equipment in the event of floods, and other non-perishable items. In addition, the Disaster Relief Logistics Center will have a dedicated conference room where teams can meet and coordinate in the event of a disaster. / WILDFIRES: Interesting tactic being deployed this week by managers battling the Middle Fork Complex of wildfires. They’re using an Unmanned Aerial System (UAS)—a specialized, industrial-grade drone—to survey the fire zone and even strategically set fire to areas of unburned fuel within their firelines. The goal is to deprive the blaze of fuel that might cause them to expand. It also means human crews don’t have to place themselves in added danger in challenging terrain. The operation is taking advantage of this week’s cooler weather and calmer winds. Shawn Sheldon, the Incident Commander of NW Incident Management Team 6, is working the Gales Fire near Fall Creek. He shared this video from Washington state that shows of how the craft are being used on Northwest blazes. / COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, FAMILIES, GOVERNMENT: Internet access can be a lifeline for students in school, people working or looking for work, those connecting with family and friends, and people taking care of their health, household spending, and other financial needs. But as we’ve learned during the pandemic, not everyone has solid internet access. But this week, officials with the Eugene Public Library announced that they have a new service where patrons may borrow a mobile Wi-Fi hotspot. Each hotspot can be used by up to 10 devices at a time—ideal for your home or a small workplace—and allows you to access free high-speed internet with unlimited data. There are 250 of the devices available. Cardholders may borrow a hotspot at any Eugene Public Library location or go online to place a “hold request” and pick them up later. Go to bit.ly/EugLibraryHotspot to learn more. The mobile Wi-Fi hotspots are simple to use and come with instructions in English and Spanish. They are rechargeable, small and easy to carry anywhere. Additionally, the Eugene Public Library is supplying 250 hotspots to local agencies that serve unhoused community members and others facing barriers to internet access. And thanks to everyone who donated to the Eugene Public Library Foundation and the Friends of Eugene Public Library to raise \$60,000 to purchase many of the lending hotspots. A reminder: Eugene Public Library cards are free for all residents of the City of Eugene and for all students enrolled in Eugene School District 4J and Bethel School District. For more information contact Eugene Public Library at eugene-

or.gov/library or 541-682-5450. / SPORTS: Congratulations to the Eugene Emeralds, who have punched their ticket to the High-A West Championship Series. It comes after the Ems had a dominant performance last night against the Tri-City Dust Devils with a 6-0 win. The Ems needed just one win in the final five games of their regular season to advance. Nice to get it out of the way early. They'll face Spokane in a series that starts on the road in Washington state on Tuesday. ; More kudos for the Oregon Ducks after Saturday's big football win at Ohio State. Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown has been named "National Quarterback of the Week" by the organization that hands out the annual Davey O'Brien Award. Brown is the Pac-12's leader in total offense the past two weeks. On Saturday, he accounted for more than 300 yards against Ohio State. He was 17-of-35 in passing for 236 yards and scored two touchdowns while rushing for 65 yards on ten carries. ; The Number 4 Oregon Ducks are back home at Autzen Stadium this week. They host Stony Brook Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in a game being broadcast by the Pac-12 Networks. The Ducks vaulted in the polls after they stunned Ohio State last weekend in Columbus, 35-28. Oregon State is home again this weekend and hosting Idaho. Kick-off is at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Reser Stadium. The game is being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. Last week, the Beavs defeated Hawai'i, 45-27. Heading to the Oregon or Oregon State games? A reminder: All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. / HEALTH, YOUTH: Experts say there's no scientific evidence showing that masks cause harm to kids' health despite claims to the contrary on social media and elsewhere. The unfounded claims are circulating just as virus outbreaks are hitting many reopened U.S. schools, particularly those without mask mandates. Among the unfounded claims is that masks can cause unhealthful levels of carbon dioxide and can sicken kids if they become moist with germs. But experts say cleaning masks regularly keeps them safe and clean. And they note that there's strong evidence that masking children in schools can reduce COVID-19 transmission to other children and adults. / EMPLOYMENT, HEALTH: The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits moved up last week to 332,000 from a pandemic low, a sign that worsening COVID-19 infections may have slightly increased layoffs. Applications for jobless aid rose from 312,000 the week before, the Labor Department said. Jobless claims, which generally track the pace of layoffs, have fallen steadily for two months as many employers, struggling to fill jobs, have held onto their employees. Two weeks ago, jobless claims reached their lowest level since March 2020. /

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WEATHER, WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Cool, wet, and blustery weather is headed our way late tonight. Look for occasionally heavy rain late tonight into Saturday, then cool and showery conditions Saturday into Sunday, with isolated thunderstorms possible both Saturday and Sunday. Windy conditions will spread along the coast today as the front moves onshore. The cool and showery weather will continue through Monday morning. Drier weather will return early next week before another system arrives mid-week. The areas around in wildfire burn areas, such as the upper McKenzie River Valley and Santiam Canyon, could see localized debris flows. While Eugene-Springfield has seen some sprinkles and drizzle, but our last measurable rainfall was 1/100th of an inch on July 7. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYMENT: You can add Lane County Government to the list of organizations with a vaccine requirement. By the end of November, all employees and volunteers of Lane County Government and its agencies will be required to be fully vaccinated unless they are exempt under existing law. Employees subject to the requirement who are not vaccinated by the deadline and who do not have an approved medical or religious exception will be subject to provisional layoff. But because state law prohibits employers from requiring certain personnel to be vaccinated, law enforcement and parole officers will not fall under the vaccination requirement. Earlier this year, Lane County held a number of employee vaccination clinics and plans to hold additional employee and volunteer opportunities ahead of the November 30 deadline. Public Health Officer Dr. Patrick Luedtke says Lane County Government has led community efforts to slow the pandemic. He says the decision came after much discussion, consideration, and reflection. And he adds that as one of the largest public service employers in the region, the county is following the science, and "walking the talk." / HEALTH: Lane County Public Health yesterday reported 188 new COVID infections but no new deaths. Local hospitalizations and use of intensive-care unit beds are down a bit from last week, but it comes after the county received reports of 18 COVID-related deaths in the previous seven days. Officials add that infection levels remain high and hospital capacity remains tight. Lane County is averaging 175 new COVID cases per day and health officials were notified of more than 1,200 new infections during the past week. COVID-19 patients occupy one out of every five local hospital beds,

45 percent of all ICU beds, and are using 17 percent of available ventilators. Our local death toll remains at 244. Sixty-four of those deaths were reported in the past month alone. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday received reports of 2,242 new COVID cases and 11 new deaths. Health officials say our surge in cases is being fueled by unvaccinated people contracting the highly transmissible delta variant. The surge has, among other things, forced local hospitals to postpone less-urgent surgical procedures and set up intensive care beds in other parts of their facilities. The Oregon Health Authority noted last week that 80 percent of recent COVID cases were among the unvaccinated, and that they make up the majority of those hospitalized and dying from the virus. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: Officials say Oregon's second-largest high school is halting in-person classes because of COVID-19 spread that is requiring 900 students and staff to quarantine. The Oregonian and OregonLive report that at Reynolds High School—east of Portland in Troutdale—officials canceled class for the rest of this week and will revert to distance learning next week. They hope to resume in-person classes on September 27. It comes after at least four confirmed COVID infections. The closure is by far the biggest in Oregon and comes only weeks after districts began welcoming students back for the school year amid the pandemic. The school enrolled over 2,600 students in the last school year and serves one of the most diverse communities in the state. / SPORTS, HEALTH: Lots of high school football on the schedule tonight. And while Sheldon is on the road at Newberg, there'll still be a game at Sheldon's northeast Eugene stadium. Marshfield High School is borrowing Sheldon's field to take on Washington state's Prairie High School. The Pirates were supposed to meet Coos Bay-area rival North Bend, but the Bulldogs are on a COVID protocol. Marshfield was able to hastily schedule a replacement game for tonight with the Washington state school and the two teams are splitting the driving distance by holding the game in Eugene. ; The Number 4 Oregon Ducks are back home at Autzen Stadium this week. They host Stony Brook Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in a game being broadcast by the Pac-12 Networks. The Ducks vaulted in the polls after they stunned Ohio State last weekend in Columbus, 35-28. Oregon State is home again this weekend and hosting Idaho. Kick-off is at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Reser Stadium. The game is being carried by the Pac-12 Networks. Last week, the Beavs defeated Hawai'i, 45-27. Heading to the Oregon or Oregon State games? A reminder: All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. / ANIMALS, HEALTH: Experts say it is a preventable disease and vaccines make all the difference. Now, we're not talking about people and the risk of COVID, we're talking about horses and the threat of the West Nile virus. The Capital Press reported this week that at least six horses in four counties scattered across southern and eastern Oregon have tested positive for West Nile in recent weeks. State agriculture officials say none of the infected horses — two in Klamath County, two in Malheur County, one in Umatilla County and one in Baker County — had been recently vaccinated against the virus. Sadly, three of the horses has to be euthanized. The other three are recovering. One additional suspected case in northeast Oregon is still under investigation. Wild birds are the

primary hosts for West Nile virus, though it can be transmitted to both humans and horses by mosquitoes. The effects of the disease in horses can range from mild flu-like symptoms to inflammation of the brain, which is fatal in approximately one-third of all cases. Officials say it's a reminder of the importance of vaccinating your horses to help keep them healthy and happy. / TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY, BIPOC, ENVIRONMENT, EVENTS: Looking to add a splash of color to your vehicle? The newest state license plate, which helps support the Oregon Cultural Trust, features a vibrant, colorful design by Eugene artist Liza Burns. The plate may be purchased beginning October 1 on the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles website or at DMV field offices and at car dealerships across the state. The price includes a donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust, which funds programs and activities across the state. The new license plate design features a painting that represents Oregon's landscape, including its mountains and rivers. Overlaid across the image are 127 symbols representing the state's cultural and natural heritage, from tribal baskets to a pint of beer, musical instruments, Oregon wildlife, and more. The artwork is called Celebrate Oregon! and recognizes the Oregon Cultural Trust's 20th Anniversary. The 33-year-old Burns says she worked with a team of cultural and heritage experts to finalize the design. Copies of the artwork also will be installed as full-scale murals at the Eugene, Medford, Portland, and Redmond airports. At Eugene's airport, the unveiling ceremony is set for October 28. In addition, a 38-foot outdoor banner featuring the image will be installed at the Portland Art Museum's Northwest Film Center. / CRIME, NATIVE AMERICANS, WOMEN: Two Oregon tribes are among one dozen nationwide joining an expanded partnership with the U.S. Department of Justice to access and share crime data. The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua and Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation have been selected for participation in the Tribal Access Program for National Crime Information — "TAP," for short. TAP improves information-sharing between tribal and non-tribal agencies investigate crimes, protect victims of domestic violence, place foster children in safe conditions, and apprehend fugitives on tribal land. The program provides training, along with software and computer workstations for processing fingerprints, taking mugshots, and submitting information to the FBI's databases. Officials say 108 federally recognized Tribes are currently participating in TAP. Officials hope to add more Oregon tribes in the future. Backers say TAP strengthens public safety in tribal communities by providing access to federal criminal databases and information that can be used to prevent violent crime in tribal communities. The Department of Justice began TAP in 2015 in response to concerns raised by tribal leaders about the need to have direct access to federal data systems. Using TAP, tribes have shared information about missing persons; registered convicted sex offenders; entered domestic violence orders of protection for nationwide enforcement; run criminal histories; identified and arrested fugitives; entered bookings and convictions; and completed fingerprint-based record checks for non-criminal justice purposes such as screening employees or volunteers who work with children. / CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: From dusty towns to forests in the West, illegal marijuana growers are taking water in uncontrolled amounts when there often isn't enough to go around for even licensed users. Conflicts about water have long existed, but amid a severe drought, illegal marijuana farms add additional strain on the precious resource. In Oregon, the number of illegal grows appears to have increased recently even as

the Pacific Northwest this year endured its driest spring since 1924. Illegal grows continue to proliferate despite legalization in West Coast states. / HEALTH, YOUTH: A new study ties the COVID-19 pandemic to an “alarming” increase in obesity in U.S. children and teenagers. Childhood obesity has been increasing for decades, but the new work suggests an acceleration last year — especially in those who already were obese when the pandemic started. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the study Thursday, which is the largest yet to look at obesity trends during the pandemic. The study had some limitations. It only included children who got care before and during the pandemic. And it also did not look at how obesity trends may have differed between racial and ethnic groups. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT: Government advisers are debating whether to recommend extra doses of the Pfizer vaccine, a key step toward the Biden administration's plan to dispense COVID-19 booster shots to most Americans. Scientists inside and outside the U.S. government have been divided in recent days over the need for boosters and who should get them. A panel of Food and Drug Administration advisers will vote today on the safety and effectiveness of boosters. If the FDA approves the extra doses a separate committee convened by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will debate who should get boosters and when. /

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WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT, WILDFIRES, SAFETY: Yes, we received a lot of rain over the weekend. But, no, the drought is not over. Not even close. On Saturday, Eugene received a record rainfall for that date: 1.48 inches. But we remain seven-and-a-half inches below normal for the calendar year and more than ten-and-a-half inches below normal for the rain year, which began October 1. The rain, higher humidities, and cooler temperatures were a welcome break for fire crews as they continue to battle the Middle Fork Complex of blazes outside Oakridge and Fall Creek, along with other wildfires across the region. But fire managers say the moisture wasn't enough to offset potential fuels in the forests, which remain critically dry. This week's forecast calls for sunshine with temperatures heading back into the mid-80s. But the rains did clear the air for nearby residents who've experienced weeks of wildfire smoke and haze. There will be some smoke returning this week, depending on wind direction. But it should be reduced a bit from last week. ; Despite the weekend rain, all of Oregon remains in drought. Tree experts in Oregon say the effects of the multi-year drought and late June's record heat won't be fully known until next spring. Oregon State University professor and forest health specialist Dave Shaw says there's typically a delay before trees begin dying from drought. Drought can harm root systems and foliage, making trees more susceptible to heat and insect infestations. Certified arborist Andrew Craig of Springwater Arboriculture tells The Oregonian and OregonLive that when trees lose too many leaves, they can't get enough energy from sunlight needed to grow and fight off disease. He says some trees never show their traditional fall colors and instead die and falling to the ground. Craig says big-leaf maples in some places are dying, and many hemlocks are struggling with insect infestations and lack of water. He predicts Western red cedars will gradually disappear in the Willamette valley over the next 20 years except for in very protected pockets because of continued drought and climate change. Even Western Oregon's iconic Douglas-fir is showing stress in some areas—including along the eastern part of the Willamette Valley heading into the Cascade foothills. / SPORTS: The Oregon Ducks are up one spot, to Number 3, in the Associated Press Top 25 College Football Poll. Oregon struggled a bit in the first half on Saturday, but went on to defeat Stony Brook, 48-7. The Ducks remain at Number 3 in the USA Today Coaches' Poll. Kick-off was delayed half-

an-hour because of lightning nearby. It came during torrential rain that sent a deluge of water down the base of the seating areas, creating miniature waterfalls onto the edge of the field. Oregon opens Pac-12 Conference play on Saturday at home against Arizona. Game time at Autzen Stadium is 7:30 p.m. The contest will be broadcast by ESPN. Heading to the game? All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. ; Oregon State dominated Idaho on Saturday, 42-0. It was the Beavers' first shutout since 2008 and the first in Reser Stadium since 2006. OSU is back on the road this week to meet USC in Los Angeles. The 7:30 p.m. game is being carried by FS1. ; Former Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert and the Los Angeles Chargers lost to Dallas 20-17 as the Cowboys connected on a 56-yard field goal as time expired. Herbert had the 10th 300-yard game of his young career but threw two interceptions. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: College students are returning to the Willamette Valley ahead of the start of Fall Term classes. On Sunday, students began moving into residence halls at Oregon State University in Corvallis. They continue arriving today and tomorrow. Students were welcomed first at Reser Stadium, where they received their room key and were tested for COVID, regardless of vaccination status. Thousands are headed to the U-of-O's residence halls starting Thursday and will be greeted by an event known as "Unpack the Quack." That's when volunteers provide move-in assistance and a welcome program for arriving students and their families. They'll include current students, faculty members, staff, and community members who help students unload vehicles and transport items to their new rooms. Among their destinations: Unthank Hall, the newest campus residence hall. It's named for DeNorval Unthank, Jr., the first African American student to graduate the UO's School of Architecture and Allied Arts. He went on to serve as an associate professor and also had a long career in Portland. Unthank Hall is located on the northeast corner of 15th and Agate Street, across the from the U-of-O Law School and diagonally across from Hayward Field. It contains a student welcome center, student and faculty living space, a dining hall, grocery store, academic and social areas. At both universities, students must be vaccinated for COVID unless they receive an exemption and are tested weekly. Fall Term classes begin next Monday, September 27. / SPORTS, EDUCATION: Not many college freshmen can start their year with an Olympic gold medal to their name. But incoming Oregon State University freshman and elite gymnast Jade Carey can. Carey first visited Oregon State in 2015. She committed to the Beavers in 2017. But before heading to college she wanted a shot at the Olympics. In Tokyo this summer, Carey won gold in floor exercise. Now she's making good on her decision to compete at Oregon State, where she'll begin her first season with the Beavs this winter. She said the NCAA's new Name, Image and Likeness rule makes it easier to compete at the college level while maintaining their elite status. / CRIME: Officials are investigating what they say was a suspicious fire last night at the Centennial Plaza shopping area in Springfield. Arriving crews found fire burning in the soffit area of one building with burn marks up the exterior wall. Smoke got into the interior of one business and one person was inside, was evaluated, and was

determined to be uninjured. / POLITICS, HEALTH: At Oregon's Capitol, hundreds gathered on Saturday to protest Gov. Kate Brown's COVID-19 vaccine and mask mandates. The Statesman Journal reports that participants gathered along the street in front of the Capitol building and filled part of the Capitol mall to hear speeches, then march through downtown Salem. Some of the protesters identified themselves as health care workers, teachers, emergency services workers and state employees. Gov. Kate Brown has ordered those groups to be vaccinated by Oct. 18. ; The director of the Oregon Poison Control Center says you should never use unproven and potentially dangerous drugs to fight COVID-19. On Friday, officials said about two dozen people have contacted the poison center in Oregon after self-medicating against COVID-19 with a drug used to treat parasites, with five becoming hospitalized and two of them winding up in intensive care units. The drug they used was ivermectin, which has no proven use against the coronavirus and is instead approved in human and veterinary forms to treat some parasites. At pet stores and farm stores, it is sold as a de-worming medication. Between Aug. 1 and Sept. 14, the Oregon Poison Center at OHSU managed a total of 25 cases. Patient symptoms included mental confusion, balance issues, low blood pressure and seizures. The patients ranged in age from their 20s to their 80s, though most were older than 60. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Oregon lawmakers begin a special session this week in Salem to work on drawing new political district boundaries. The final map will be in effect for the next decade and are based on the most recent numbers from the Census Bureau. For Democrats and Republicans, shifts in boundaries can affect legislative control. / WILDLIFE: Authorities are stepping up efforts to kill wolves from a pack in eastern Oregon due to continued attacks by the animals and evidence they are now focusing on livestock. KTVZ reports the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife decision Thursday comes after nine livestock depredations in two months — despite extensive non-lethal measures in place since early spring. ODFW said it is issuing limited-duration kill permits to four impacted livestock producers that allow them to take two uncollared wolves from the ground on land they own or legally occupy from now until Oct. 31. Conservation groups are critical of state policies allowing the killing of wolves and argue gray wolves still need protection as the species is still recovering. / TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY, SPORTS: A United Airlines plane tipped backward while being unloaded in Idaho, with passengers including part of the University of Southern California football team still on board. United representatives said in a statement that the plane tipped — so that its nose was pointing in the air — due to a weight shift during unloading in Lewiston on Friday. No injuries were reported. The plane was levelled and the remaining passengers unloaded. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: Pfizer says its COVID-19 vaccine works for children ages 5 to 11. The vaccine maker said today it plans to seek authorization for this age group soon in the U.S., Britain and Europe -- a key step toward beginning vaccinations for youngsters. The vaccine made by Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech already is available for anyone 12 and older. But many parents are anxiously awaiting vaccinations for their younger children. Pfizer studied a lower dose of its two-dose vaccine in more than 2,200 kindergartners and elementary school-aged kids. The kids developed coronavirus-fighting antibody levels just as strong as teenagers and young adults. ; An influential federal advisory panel has overwhelmingly rejected a plan to give Pfizer booster shots against COVID-19 to most Americans,

but it endorsed the extra doses for those who are 65 or older or run a high risk of severe disease. The twin votes Friday represented a heavy blow to the Biden administration's sweeping effort to shore up nearly all Americans' protection amid the spread of the highly contagious delta variant. The decision was made by a committee of outside experts who advise the Food and Drug Administration. The White House called the action "an important step forward in providing better protection" from the virus. ; The National Institutes of Health director says a government advisory panel's decision to limit Pfizer COVID-19 booster shots to Americans 65 and older as well as those at high risk of severe disease is a preliminary step and predicts broader approval for most Americans "in the next few weeks." Dr. Francis Collins told "Fox News Sunday" that the panel's recommendation Friday was correct based on a "snapshot" of available data on the effectiveness of Pfizer's two-shot regimen over time. But he said real-time data from the U.S. and Israel continue to come in showing waning efficacy among broader groups of people that will need to be addressed soon. The Food and Drug Administration will consider the advisory group's advice and make its own decision, probably within days. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also is set to weigh in this week. / WEATHER, GOVERNMENT, SAFETY: The Biden administration is moving to protect workers and communities from extreme heat. The initiative comes after a dangerously hot summer that spurred an onslaught of drought-worsened wildfires and caused hundreds of deaths from the Pacific Northwest to hurricane-ravaged Louisiana. Under a plan to be announced today, the Labor Department and other federal agencies are launching actions intended to reduce heat-related illness and protect public health. White House climate adviser Gina McCarthy calls heat stress a "silent killer" that disproportionately affects the poor, elderly and minority groups. /

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SAFETY: One person died and two others were taken to the hospital for injuries, after a four-vehicle accident yesterday morning on Highway 126 about four miles west of Noti. Investigators with the Oregon State Police say a Kenworth log truck, operated by 64-year-old Shane McVay of Eugene, was heading east toward town when the loaded trailer tipped over. The trailer struck an oncoming Toyota Prius, operated by 25-year-old Sarah Susman of Springfield, and a Dodge Ram truck towing a boat, operated by 70-year-old Randall Tokich of Eugene. The pickup then struck an eastbound Ford Mustang, operated by 20-year-old Jordyn Tippet of Coquille. Susman died from her injuries. She was a part-time employee with the Western Lane Ambulance District and, according to a post on the district's Facebook page, was on her way to work when the crash occurred. Susman was also a volunteer with the Lowell Rural Fire Protection District. The log truck driver and the driver of the Mustang were taken to the hospital for treatment of their injuries. The driver of the pick-up truck had minor injuries. The crash closed that portion of Highway 126 for most of the day and into the evening, forcing traffic to detour along Poodle Creek Road to Highway 36, rejoining 126-W in Mapleton. It reopened overnight. / **CRIME:** A Eugene man arrested last week in Linn County faces charges of Menacing, Harassment, and Arson after making threats to a family member in the community of Lyons, about 15 miles southeast of Salem. Investigators say that on Thursday morning they received a call about a trespass in progress involving the suspect, 42-year-old David Allen Crouch of Eugene. After he left the scene, the family member followed him but told sheriff's deputies they lost sight of Crouch and when they returned to the property—the site of the former Fox Valley School—the residence was on fire. Fire personnel from 14 agencies responded to douse the fire, which had fully engulfed the home. While flames quickly spread to the field of a neighboring property, crews were able to contain it before it damaged any other buildings. But the first residence was destroyed. Crouch was located and arrested later that day with the help of the Eugene Police SWAT team. He was taken to the Linn County Jail in Albany and might face additional charges. Investigators ask anyone with information about the incident to contact Detective Colin Pyle at (541) 967-3950. ; Police are seeking leads as they investigate Sunday night's suspected arson at the Centennial Plaza shopping area in Springfield. The blaze caused \$10,000

damage to the building, sending smoke into one business. A witness who was working on a washing machine inside a laundromat in the building told investigators he smelled smoke, went out, and saw fire on the sidewalk in front of a daytime spa business. He said he suspected something flammable had been used to start the blaze but did not see anyone nearby. The man told police he grabbed some waster to douse some of the flames but could feel intense heat coming from the nearby wall and feel the fire spreading and called 9-1-1. An arriving police officer saw a man and two women in the area, but said they fled before he could question them. Springfield Police detectives are reviewing surveillance video and seeking tips in the case. Know anything? Call them at 541-726-3721. / WILDLIFE, CRIME: A 20-year-old man is facing charges in connection with the illegal shooting of a bull elk in Elkton earlier this month. Oregon State Police say the elk had been shot with a rifle at a location of Mehl Creek Road sometime on or before September 2, during bow season. Officials say the investigation determined that 20-year-old Jase Billman shot the bull from the roadway with a .270 caliber rifle, then enlisted the help of three friends and family to pack it out. Billman was issued a citation for the Unlawful Take of a Bull Elk and his rifle was seized, along with the antlers and meat. Officials say the meat was able to be salvaged. Two other people were issued citations for Aiding in a Wildlife Offense. State Police encourage you to report Wildlife and Habitat Law violators. It protects respects safety and habitat, and preserves the animal both for legal hunters and for the propagation of Oregon's wildlife and herds. Report a Wildlife and/or Habitat Law Violation or Suspicious Activity to the TIP Hotline: 1-800-452-7888 or OSP (677) TIP E-Mail: TIP@state.or.us The Oregon Hunters Association TIP reward offers preference points or cash rewards for information leading to an arrest or issuance of a citation. Cash rewards can also be awarded for turning in people who destroy habitat, illegally obtain licenses/tags, and for the unlawful lending/borrowing of big game tags. / SCHOOL, TRANSPORTATION: School is back in session and more people are riding the bus. The Lane Transit District is adding more bus trips and adjusting its time schedule. The changes take place on Sunday. The transit district expects to have more riders as the University of Oregon and Lane Community College begin Fall Term classes next week. Additionally, more students are attending in-person classes and more people returning to work. The changes add additional bus trips on popular and increasingly busy routes, adjust stop times to reflect changes in traffic, and in some cases add earlier and later bus runs. Go to www.ltd.org for details. Also, a reminder that Lane Transit is moving to its new fare-payment system, known as Umo (YOU'-moh). It replaces TouchPass. Umo includes new electronic payment tap cards and the Umo Mobility App. LTD riders have until the end of the month, September 30, to make the change. You may continue to use and reload your current tap card. But you'll now be managing it through <http://UmoPass.com> Kindergarten through 12th-Grade students who ride on Lane Transit buses will need to have their free Student Transit Pass on a tap card or the Umo Mobility app by October 31 to continue to ride for free. Students may visit or call their school office for details on how to get their free pass. Lane Transit also reminds riders that a federal mandate continues to require that all passengers wear a mask covering their nose and mouth when using public transit, including on LTD buses and the transit district's property. Last week, LTD officials announced they've received funding from the state and federal

governments to purchase 19 new battery-electric buses for their fleet. They'll take delivery of the vehicles next year. The 40-foot buses will be supported by a new system of charger depots, which are also being paid for by state and federal funds. / **POLITICS, ELECTIONS:** Oregon lawmakers returned to the state Capitol Monday for a special session to tackle the once-a-decade task of redistricting, which will determine how voters pick state representatives, state senators and members of Congress for the next five election cycles. For the first time in nearly 40 years, Oregon is receiving an additional seat in the U.S. House— increasing the number of congressional districts from five to six and giving the state greater national political clout. But Democrats and Republicans have dueling visions on where congressional district boundaries should fall. On Monday afternoon, the Senate Redistricting Committee — which is made up of a majority of Democrats — swiftly voted on party-lines to move the Democrats' congressional redistricting bill forward. Shortly after the proposed plan — which would likely result in five of Oregon's six congressional seats being blue — passed in the Senate 18-11. However, the redistricting process in the House is proving to be much slower and with more acrimony. Oregon Democrats hold supermajorities in both the House and Senate, and it seemed the political party would have a powerful advantage in the redistricting process. However, a deal made during the 2021 legislative session relinquished that advantage. In exchange for Republicans agreeing to stop blocking bills with delaying tactics, during the last legislative session, Democrats agreed to evenly split the House Redistricting Committee – essentially granting veto power to Republicans, as a party-line vote would be insufficient to pass new maps. The deal gave Republicans a weightier say over what the six congressional districts and the state's 90 legislative districts will look like. But the Democratic speaker of the House rescinded the deal yesterday. House Speaker Tina Kotek's about-face Monday means Democrats will likely end up with five U.S. House seats to the GOP's one. Republican lawmakers are accusing Democrats of gerrymandering. If lawmakers fail to successfully pass new legislative boundaries by Sept. 27, the task will fall to Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, a progressive Democrat. Four of Oregon's House seats in Congress are currently held by Democrats while one has long been held by a Republican. The Democrats' map proposes new congressional District 6 should be south of Portland, Oregon's biggest city, and west of Interstate 5. Republicans also put it south of Portland, but on the east side of the interstate. ; Oregon lawmakers have succeeded in passing redistricting plans just twice since 1911. If lawmakers they fail to come to an agreement on new U.S. House districts by late September, it would be settled by a five-judge panel. Lawmakers are scheduled to release drafts of the redistricting maps during a hearing on Friday at 8 a.m. and tentatively plan to hold a special session the week of Sept. 20 to pass the maps. / **MENTAL HEALTH, SAFETY, HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS:** It is a national model for similar efforts across the country. Now, Oregon's Medicaid program is receiving a big federal grant to develop a mobile crisis intervention service modeled on WhiteBird Clinic's CAHOOTS program. The \$952,000 in grant money was included in the stimulus bill Congress passed in the spring. Oregon U.S. Senator Ron Wyden spearheaded the effort. Overall, \$15 million in enhanced Medicaid funding is set aside for 20 states, including Oregon, that are interested in creating similar programs. CAHOOTS, stands for "Crisis Intervention Helping Out On The Streets." Wyden says CAHOOTS is an example of how to encourage the use of

health care, rather than law enforcement, when people are experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis. CAHOOTS mobile teams include people trained in mental health, medical, and social work. They are dispatched to assist people suffering from mental health, homelessness, or addiction-related emergencies. Sometimes, the assistance simply involves counseling and a quick transport to a shelter or medical facility in the CAHOOTS van. / SPORTS: The Number 3 Oregon Ducks open Pac-12 Conference play on Saturday at home against Arizona. Game time at Autzen Stadium is 7:30 p.m. The contest will be broadcast by ESPN. Heading to the game? All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. Oregon State is back on the road this week to meet USC in Los Angeles. The 7:30 p.m. game is being carried by FS1. / ECONOMY, HOUSING, FINANCES, BUSINESS: U.S. home construction rebounded 3.9 percent in August after a July decline with the strength coming in apartment construction. The August increase left home construction at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.62 million units, 17.4 percent above the pace of a year ago, the Commerce Department reported. The strength came in a 21.6 percent jump in construction of apartment units which offset a 2.8 percent fall in construction starts of single-family homes. Applications for building permits, seen as a good sign of future activity, rose 6 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.73 million units. ; Rising costs and shortages of building materials and labor are rippling across the homebuilding industry, delaying construction and prompting many builders to pump the brakes on how many homes they put up for sale. Lumber futures hit their lowest level in more than a year last week after vaulting nearly fivefold to an all-time high in May. The roughly 64 percent drop since then reflects an uptick in production and a pullback in demand from builders as prices skyrocketed. Still, the decline has yet to translate into lower costs for many builders. Meanwhile, the industry is contending with a bevy of other elevated costs for windows, doors, flooring, roofing and other types of construction products. / HEALTH: COVID-19 has now killed about as many Americans as the 1918-19 Spanish flu pandemic did — approximately 675,000. And like the worldwide scourge of a century ago, the coronavirus may never entirely disappear. Instead, scientists hope the virus that causes COVID-19 becomes a mild seasonal bug as human immunity strengthens through vaccination and repeated infection. U.S. deaths are running at over 1,900 a day on average, and the country's overall toll has topped 673,000. The 1918-19 influenza pandemic killed 675,000 people in the U.S. when it had a population one-third the size of what it is today. ; Johnson & Johnson says a booster dose to its one-shot coronavirus vaccine provides a strong immune response months after people receive a first dose. The company said an extra dose — given two months or six months after the initial shot — revved up protection. The results haven't yet been published or vetted by other scientists. The J&J vaccine was considered an important tool in fighting the pandemic because it requires only one shot. But even as rollout began, the company already was running a global test of whether a two-dose course might be more effective. /

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ISSUE OR SUBJECT DISCUSSED	<p>WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT: Goodbye, summer! Autumn arrives this afternoon. / POLITICS, HEALTH: An unscheduled pause in Oregon's special legislative session. Lawmakers have been sent home early following reports of a positive COVID-19 case at the state Capitol. There was no word on who had the infection, whether it was a lawmaker, staff member, or Capitol employee. But legislative leaders learned yesterday afternoon of the Monday diagnosis. House lawmakers were told they will be in adjournment at least through Saturday. Those who had close contact with the infected person are being tested. It's an abrupt interruption to the legislature's work on redistricting. The process happens once each decade, using new Census numbers to redraw the state's political boundaries for the Oregon House, state Senate, and Congressional districts. The Oregon Senate already has approved a redistricting map backed by majority Democrats and sent it to the House. / RECREATION, ECONOMY: The details are still being finalized on what is being called a "tourist tax." It would add a 25 percent surcharge to overnight RV camping fees for out-of-state visitors to Oregon's popular state parks campgrounds. It's similar to fees being used by a number of other states, which set their lowest rates for their own residents. The Statesman-Journal reports the fee will apply to everything from small pop-up trailers to Airstreams to and motorhomes. But it will not apply to tents, yurts or cabins. Oregon RV owners already pay an annual licensing fee that includes money for state parks. Members of the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission are expected to finalize the out-of-state surcharge at their November meeting. Once they do, the fee on out-of-state RV campers will be assessed starting next year in the system's 56 campgrounds. The new fees are expected to generate an added \$1.6 million for state parks in the first 18 months. Officials say that money is desperately needed to help pay for maintenance and operations. Oregon State Parks do not receive state general fund money. Instead, they rely on user fees, the RV license renewal fee, and a share of lottery revenues. Roughly 60 percent of Oregon's state park campsites are designed for RVs. Overnight fees currently run between \$24 to \$40 per night. Next year, non-residents will pay between \$30 to \$50. / HEALTH: Two more Lane County residents have died from complications of COVID-19. That</p>

raises our pandemic death toll to 248. Lane County Public Health yesterday received reports of 152 new infections. There are 94 patients from Lane and surrounding counties being treated in local hospitals—29 of whom are in intensive-care units. Close to 20 of those patients are on ventilators. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday received reports of more than 1,700 (1,707) COVID cases and 30 additional deaths. Our infection numbers have eased a bit across the state but coronavirus deaths, which tend to follow earlier increases in hospitalizations, remain high. Lane County Public Health officials say close to 80 percent of the COVID patients hospitalized during this surge are unvaccinated. / HEALTH, ELDERS, DISABILITIES: Medicare says families and patients have a new online tool to compare COVID-19 vaccination rates among nursing homes. The agency announced Tuesday the details are now being made available through the “Care Compare” feature at Medicare.gov. That is the online tool for basic research on quality and safety issues at nursing homes. Consumers will be able to compare up to three nursing homes at the same time, and the webpage shows vaccination rates for residents and staff, as well as national and state averages. Medicare's move addresses complaints from consumer groups and lawmakers that the critical data had been too difficult to find. / CRIME: Eugene Police yesterday afternoon arrested the suspect in an alleged assault and bias crime that occurred on August 31 in West Eugene and sent the victim, an African American man in his 20s, to the hospital with severe injuries. Investigators say the incident occurred near 11th and Grant Streets. Police say the suspect, 36-year-old Marcus Crowe of Eugene and an unidentified woman, yelled racially offensive and derogatory terms at the victim. When the man asked the two to stop, investigators say Crowe threw a sharpened metal pole or spear-like object at the victim, causing the severe wound. The investigation is continuing and if you witnessed the August 31 incident or have any leads in the case, Eugene Police would like to hear from you. / COMMUNITY: Somebody won Tuesday's MegaMillions jackpot of \$432 million. The single winning ticket was sold in New York City. Friday's prize is reset to \$20 million. Meantime, tonight's multi-state Powerball jackpot stands at \$490 million. / SAFETY: Investigators are working to determine the cause of a vehicle fire yesterday afternoon in a car lot off Coburg Road. Eugene-Springfield Fire officials say they were able to contain the blaze and keep it from spreading to other nearby vehicles. There were no injuries. / WILDFIRES, EDUCATION. COMMUNITIES, HOUSING, WILDLIFE, ENVIRONMENT, WEATHER: After years of increasingly destructive wildfires, many experts say it's time to change the way we think about and prepare for such blazes. Yesterday, several experts from Oregon State University warned our cycle of drought, heatwaves, and massive wildfires will likely continue. And while many rural homeowners want to believe fire crews can prevent or stop big blazes from spreading, that's increasingly not the case. The panel members say it's not really practical to live in a concrete house that withstand the flames. But David Blunck, who studies wildfires and their spread for OSU's College of Engineering, says homeowners need to be prepared and make that preparedness a part of their regular thinking and routines. He says residents of communities and individual homeowners who live in or near our forests need to be diligent about things like cleaning out gutters and keeping flammable materials away from their homes. And he says we they should ask themselves not, “What is a fire happens?” but “When will it happen?” and “Have I done my part to prepare my

home and my family for whatever may come?" OSU College of Forestry Dean Tom DeLuca says, "We don't think we're going to stop a flood or a tsunami, but we've adopted a mindset that we can stop fire." He thinks that's a disconnect, that our attitudes need to change, and that we need to learn to live with fire and build more resilient, fire-adapted communities. ; One year after the historic wildfires in the Cascades, scientists who study rivers and streams and their nearby riparian zones say they're seeing a lot of damage—but also some surprising recovery. Kevin Bladon with Oregon State University's College of Forestry says one example is in the burn zone of the Archie Creek Fire in Douglas County, which charred a stretch along the North Umpqua River drainage. He says scientists have ten years of historic stream temperatures and fish counts data for that area. After the blaze burned away much of the forest canopy along some streams and riverbanks, Bladon says water temperatures in some locations at times were several degrees beyond anything they'd measured prior to the fire. You might think that would have a horrible effect. And Bladon says it does, in many ways. But so far, the fish count numbers are up, as is the amount of biomass—all the green stuff growing along and in the water. Bladon says that seems to apply to data recorded in parts of other basins, including the McKenzie and the Santiam. This summer's drought has left Western Oregon dry and in need of precipitation. But Bladon says the long stretch of dry weather has allowed some ecosystems to stabilize while not experiencing the kind of early erosion wildfire experts initially feared. / WILDFIRES, UTILITIES, GOVERNMENT; Two Willamette Valley electrical cooperatives are receiving millions of dollars from the federal government to help cover some of the costs they incurred rebuilding parts of their systems after last year's devastating Labor Day wildfires. Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley yesterday announced that Lane Electric Cooperative and Consumers Power Inc. will receive a combined \$21 million. The bulk of that money-- \$19.9 million—is going to Lane Electric. The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, is providing the grant to cover repair and replacement of things like power poles, pole heads, overhead and underground conductors, and ancillary equipment that were destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire. Another \$1.1 million is going to Consumers Power Inc. – which has electrical system components that serve rural customers in portions of Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Linn, Polk and Marion counties. Lane Electric's general manager, Debi Wilson, says grants like this are essential to financing repairs to the utility's transmission and distribution system after devastating events like the 2020 wildfire. / HEALTH, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME: Even if you do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan and do not have insurance through your workplace, you can still get coverage for yourself and your family through the Oregon Marketplace. On Friday, the federal government announced the extension of the annual open enrollment period from Nov. 1 to Jan. 15 to purchase private health insurance for the 2022 plan year. Officials say more than 80 percent of Oregonians are eligible for financial help through the Marketplace under provisions of the stimulus act known as the American Rescue Plan. They say a typical Oregonian is receiving an average \$437 per month in premium tax credits to reduce their monthly premium under the expanded eligibility. Along with the extension, the stimulus bill also added additional savings for enrollees by removing the upper income limit to qualify for financial assistance. It also decreased the amount of premium that consumers are responsible to pay before

tax credits are available. The Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace offers a quick snapshot of the plans and savings to eligible Oregonians. It has been updated to correctly calculate the additional savings. The “window shopping” tool will be enhanced again this Fall to allow Oregonians to determine if their preferred providers are covered by each plan. Oregonians will also be able to see if their prescription drugs are covered and what the estimated costs will be for prescriptions on each plan. Enhancements will be live in the tool in October. Still need health coverage for 2021? You may be able to enroll under a special enrollment period. Start at OregonHealthCare.gov to get to the right application or to find an insurance agent or community partner organization to help complete the application and enroll. Insurance agents and community partners provide local, one-on-one assistance at no charge. This help is available virtually, on the phone, and in person following safety protocols. / HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS: Influential government advisers are beginning to debate just which Americans should get an extra dose of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine — even though regulators haven't yet cleared the extra shots. The Food and Drug Administration is expected to rule soon on Pfizer's bid for extra doses, after its advisers last week dramatically scaled back the Biden administration's plans for boosters for everyone. Instead that panel backed another dose just for seniors and others at high risk. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has the final word on who would qualify and convened its own advisers today to start deliberations. ; Johnson & Johnson says a booster dose to its one-shot coronavirus vaccine provides a strong immune response months after people receive a first dose. The company said Tuesday an extra dose — given two months or six months after the initial shot — revved up protection. The results haven't yet been published or vetted by other scientists. The J&J vaccine was considered an important tool in fighting the pandemic because it requires only one shot. But even as rollout began, the company already was running a global test of whether a two-dose course might be more effective. / FAMILIES, HEALTH: So much for the “stay home” baby boom. A lot of us joked last year during the early COVID shutdowns that we might see a baby boom as families stayed home. Turns out, it didn't happen. The Census Bureau reports births in the U.S. have been declining overall since 2008 and were a bit lower than anticipated in 2020. But experts say there's been a small uptick this year, suggesting some people who postponed having babies last year had them this year. /

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DISCUSSED HEALTH, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY: The U.S. has moved a step closer to offering booster doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine to seniors and others at high risk from the virus. The Food and Drug Administration on Wednesday authorized booster doses for Americans who are 65 and older, younger adults with underlying health conditions and those in jobs that put them at high risk for COVID-19. This is not yet a done deal: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has yet to weigh in on their own, more specific recommendations on who it believes should get boosters and when. A CDC panel of advisers began meeting yesterday and is expected to wrap up its work today, but there is no sense of whether they will reach the same recommendation. This week's decision also only applies to those who have received Pfizer's COVID vaccine doses. U.S. regulators will decide at a later date on boosters for people who have received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. They indicated that the Pfizer shots would not be recommended for people who initially received a different brand of vaccine. The FDA authorization would allow for Pfizer boosters in health care workers, teachers, grocery workers and those in homeless shelters or prisons. The Pfizer vaccine is considered safe and effective. The issue is, as is the case with things like flu vaccines and tetanus boosters, how quickly the body loses some of its immunity and requires another dose. The FDA recommendation, if approved by the CDC, would provide to seniors, people with vulnerable health, and certain types of front-line workers six months after they have received their second Pfizer dose. Health experts say COVID-19 vaccines continue to offer strong protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death. But there are signs that immunity can wane, leading to breakthrough cases among some vaccinated people—particularly among those whose health is more vulnerable or who work in certain high-exposure settings. Ultimately, the committee must decide who is considered at high enough risk for an extra dose. The U.S. has already authorized third doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for certain people with weakened immune systems, such as cancer patients and transplant recipients. Some other Americans, healthy or not, have managed to get boosters, in some cases simply by asking. ; Lane County Public Health officials are awaiting the final word on Pfizer boosters from federal, regional, and state regulators. But they say they are readying to roll out more mass-vaccination clinics as early as

next week. Spokesman Jason Davis says officials are working on a plan that would allow the agency to vaccinate up to 16,000 people per week. The county would use its site in the parking lot of the Lane Events Center, with the ability to add up to three other mass-vaccination locations if needed. Those “mass-vaxx” clinics begin as early as next Tuesday, with operations on Tuesdays through Saturdays, as needed. Lane County Public Health officials estimate close to 25,000 people are in the eligible groups under the FDA’s criteria and at least six months past their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. ; Lane County’s chief public health doctor, Patrick Luedtke, says boosters are nothing new for Americans. Luedtke says some vaccines, such as the one for measles, confer lifetime immunity. But others, such as tetanus, require boosters every ten years to maintain maximum protection. New flu shots are rolled out annually to combat several of the season’s dominant strains. Luedtke also points to the outbreak of Whooping cough in parts of Oregon and Washington a few years ago, and the use of TDAP (say: T-DAP) boosters to combat that outbreak. ; Three more Lane County residents have died from complications of COVID-19. That raises our pandemic death toll to 251. Lane County Public Health yesterday received reports of 153 new infections. There are 94 patients from Lane and surrounding counties being treated in local hospitals—31 of whom are in intensive-care units. Lane County Public Health spokesman Jason Davis said yesterday that half of all ICU beds are currently occupied by COVID patients and that, combined with others needing critical care there were only two available ICU beds across our four hospitals. Seventeen of those patients are on ventilators. Davis says we’ve seen the number of daily COVID infections ease a bit, but the numbers remain at a high level with high cases of death among older adults and those with underlying health conditions. In the last two weeks, Lane County has received reports of 2,185 total cases. And officials are seeing a slow increase in the number of cases among children and teens. There have been 205 cases in youngsters ages nine and under, and 282 infections reported in those between the ages of 10 and 19. David says many of those infections are tied to school sports, tournaments, and other extracurricular activities. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday received reports of more than 2,300 (2,312) COVID cases and 26 additional deaths. It comes as the OHA’s latest weekly report shows decreases in daily COVID cases and hospitalizations but an increase in deaths. Last week, the state received reports of 11,655 new cases of COVID-19, which was a 10 percent decrease from the previous week. New hospitalizations also eased a bit, down from 592 to 579. But there were more deaths: 148 last week compared to 120 the week before. Officials say there is usually a lag after infection surges: Hospital numbers begin to climb a couple of weeks later, with deaths increasing noticeably a couple of weeks after that. One driver of the hospitalizations and deaths is outbreaks in senior living communities, nursing homes, and other congregate care settings. The Oregon Health Authority’s report on last week’s cases notes there were 187 active COVID-19 in such settings. Outbreaks are declared when there are three or more confirmed cases and one or more COVID-19 related deaths in such facilities. Lane County has seen dozens of outbreaks in long-term care settings during this latest surge. Public Health officials say close to 80 percent of recently hospitalized COVID patients were unvaccinated and that some spread the infection to vaccinated adults with weakened immune systems. / GOVERNMENT, HEALTH: More than half of Oregon’s state employees have an extra six weeks to

get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as a deadline has been pushed back to Nov. 30. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the change affects about 24,000 state employees represented by the Service Employees International Union 503 out of about 42,000 state executive branch employees. The same Oct. 18 deadline set by Gov. Kate Brown for health care workers and teachers remains in place, Brown's office said. Brown announced the vaccine mandate among all executive branch employees Aug. 10. Union members now have more time to complete shots but no more leeway in getting vaccinated than they did before. /

EDUCATION, HEALTH: The delta variant is causing a surge in infections among kids in the U.S. and elsewhere, but experts say there are no strong signs yet that it is causing more severe disease for young patients. Experts say delta poses more of a risk to children because it spreads more easily. The spike in infections among children and teens has also meant an increase in hospitalizations. The sheer numbers can make it seem like children are getting sicker, but experts say that does not appear to be the case. COVID-19 vaccines also continue to provide protection against the delta variant. ; Schools have welcomed students back to classrooms but face a new challenge: a shortage of teachers and staff the likes of which some districts say they have never seen. Public schools have struggled for years with teacher shortages, but the coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated the problem. One school official in California calls it "the most acute shortage of labor" he has ever seen. Similar scenarios are playing out across the country as schools cope with a spike in retirements and a need to hire more teachers, counselors, tutors, and aides to help children recover make up for learning losses. ; It is Move-In Day at the University of Oregon. Watch for plenty of traffic later today on Agate Street near the residence halls as thousands of students, accompanied by family members, take part in "Unpack the Quack." Current students, faculty members, staff, and community members are volunteering to help students unload vehicles and transport items to their new rooms. They also are providing a welcome program. U-of-O students must be vaccinated for COVID unless they receive an exemption and are tested weekly. Fall Term classes begin on Monday. Classrooms will be at maximum capacity with masks required indoors. Fully vaccinated instructors who are at least six feet away from their students are allowed to remove their masks for teaching, provided all others in the room keep their masks on. /

ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT: Oregon employers continue to add back many of the more than 205,000 jobs that disappeared in the early months of the pandemic. But the gains have been uneven. The Oregon Employment Department reports that, collectively, the state's eight metropolitan areas have regained three out of every five (62 percent) lost jobs. But while the Salem and Albany metro areas have seen the return of nine out of 10 jobs lost last Spring, the recovery has been slower in Eugene-Springfield, Corvallis, and Portland. Each has only regained about two-thirds of the jobs lost during the recession. Part of that has to do with the types of jobs lost, which include many positions in the Leisure and Hospitality sector. The bulk of those long-term employment losses were in restaurants, bars, hotels, motels, and other tourism- or leisure-related businesses. Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 4.9 percent in August — the lowest since right before the arrival of the pandemic in March of 2020. By comparison, Eugene-Springfield's jobless rate stood at 5.5 percent. /

EDUCATION, FAMILIES, LOW-INCOME, CHILDREN: Four Oregon colleges and universities are receiving a share of \$400,000 in federal money to help reduce

childcare costs for some parents working to complete their studies. Oregon U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley said this week that the grant targets lower-income parents who are working to complete degree programs and qualify for better jobs, all while raising a family. Lane Community College is receiving \$114,000. Another \$220,000 will provide support to parents enrolled at Oregon State University. The rest of the money is divided between OSU's Cascades campus in Bend and Central Oregon Community College. The grants, which will be administered by the schools, may be used for before- or after-school services. It's not the first time Lane Community College has received a grant through the federal program. LCC Child and Family Education Manager Cheryl Henderson says they know costs of and access to childcare can be a barrier for many parents who want to finish their educations. Lane has its own on-campus early childhood care and education center on its campus. Henderson says the grant money can help students succeed and create brighter futures for their whole family. / HOMELESSNESS, BUSINESS, CRIME, SAFETY, LOW-INCOME, HOUSING: Leaders of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce say public safety and issues related to homelessness are growing concerns and top priorities for their members. Yesterday, the Chamber issued a report that includes a survey of 150 business executives, community leaders, and experts with non-profit organizations. The Chamber estimates more than 3,100 men, women, and children were without stable housing or shelter in Lane County last month alone. The report concludes that managing the issue is no longer enough. It finds that better long-term solutions are needed, not only to get homeless people into emergency and permanent housing, but to better support businesses. Chamber officials say many businesses are feeling the direct impacts of illegal activities tied to illegal camps around Eugene. At the same time, they say they despair that so many people have fallen on hard times and don't have safe places to stay in our community. The report concludes that the issues are so large and so complex that government alone can't create all of the solutions—it requires a communitywide approach. That, say business leaders, means getting good data on how many people are homeless and who they are; coming to agreement on shared goals with other community leaders; working to improve capacity for service providers and emergency shelter providers; and improving outreach, case management, and wrap-around services. At the same time, the report calls for shifting from a culture of tolerance to one of enforcement accountability for those who choose to break the law. The Eugene Chamber's report concludes those are the first steps to rebuilding community trust and instill a sense of hope for the future. / SAFETY: Oregon State Police yesterday released the name of the person who died in Tuesday afternoon's fatal crash on Highway 36 about one mile east of Cheshire. Investigators say a Polaris ATV, operated by 88-year-old Robert Nelson of Junction City was crossing Hwy 36 when it was struck by a Honda Motorcycle, operated by 34-year-old Jesse Hayworth. Hayworth died from his injuries. Nelson and his passenger, 87-year-old Marjorie Nelson, were hospitalized. Highway 36 was closed at the crash site for about three hours. / CRIME: Eugene Police say they've arrested a suspect in a series of commercial burglaries that occurred Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Investigators say 39-year-old Thomas Dale Young III was found possession of stolen property from at least one of the businesses when he was arrested and faces charges of three counts of Second-Degree Burglary and a Parole Violation. Police say the

first break-ins occurred late Tuesday night at Pegasus Pizza and Laughing Planet, both in the 2800 block of Willamette Street, when an object was thrown through a glass window or door and the cash registers targeted. A similar burglary was called in a little after 3 a.m. on Wednesday at the Friendly Neighborhood Pub in the 1600 block of Chambers Street. Shortly after 5:30 yesterday morning, an employee of the Coburg Road Safeway called to report that someone had just broken the glass doors of neighboring restaurant Ta Ra Rin. Police arrived to find the glass door into the nearby Papa Murphy's Pizza had also been broken. One officer spotted a suspect matching a description from one of the overnight burglaries. Young was arrested and police are working to determine if there are additional business victims. / SPORTS: Some of the nation's elite cross-country runners are in Springfield this evening for the Bill Dellinger Invitational. The event, at Pine Ridge Golf Club, features athletes from 17 colleges and universities. The Men's 8k starts at 6 p.m., followed by the women's 6,000 meters at 6:40 p.m. The Dellinger Invitational will feature eight teams ranked inside the top 25 with six others who receiving votes in the national poll. In the most recent polls, the Men of Oregon check in at No. 7 and the Women of Oregon are up to No. 24. Proof of vaccination or a negative test result will not be required for spectators to attend the Dellinger Invitational. But masks are always required while on the spectator shuttle regardless of vaccination status. Masks are not required while outdoors but are encouraged where physical distancing is not possible. The event is being streamed by RunnerSpace online. RunnerSpace requires a subscription to stream the event. The competing teams are Oregon, Air Force, Arkansas (women), Boise State, Cal Poly, Cal State Fullerton, Colorado State, Gonzaga (men), Idaho, Ohio State (women), Portland, San Francisco, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, UCLA, Utah (women), Washington State. ; A plan to expand the College Football Playoff has stalled. The CFP management committee was not able to formulate a consensus Wednesday on whether to grow the postseason format from four to 12 teams. The committee will reconvene next week, with college presidents joining online. No vote is expected. A plan to increase the playoff was unveiled in June. Concerns have been raised about some of the details, including how many games a team would end up playing in a season. /

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EVENTS, COMMUNITY, RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: Saturday is the annual SOLVE Fall Beach & Riverside Cleanup. Many of the activities focus on the Oregon Coast. It is one of the state's largest volunteer events. The event includes more than 70 participating volunteer projects, ranging from beach cleanups and inland cleanups of riverbanks and parks. At some locations, there are opportunities to assist on restoration projects and plant native trees and shrubs. Here in Lane County, the focus is on some favorite stretches of the Central Oregon Coast, with beach clean-up events at Siltcoos Outlet, the North Jetty area of the Siuslaw River, and along Heceta Beach. Inland, volunteers are planning projects along the Fall Creek watershed and the Eagle's rest Trail Near Lowell. Go to solveoregon.org to learn more about the projects and preregister. You do not need to sign up in advance, but it gives coordinators a better idea of how many supplies are needed. Many events begin at 10 a.m. and wrap up by 1 p.m. Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring your own reusable bag, bucket, and water bottle. SOLVE can provide bags and gloves if you need them. Because of the pandemic, you'll need to wear a mask for those times you can't socially distance from folks who are not part of your household. All participating volunteers must agree to SOLVE's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines. Over the past half-century, SOLVE has supported more than 250,000 volunteers as they helped remove more than 17 million pounds of litter and debris from Oregon's coast, forests, urban areas, and natural landscapes. / HEALTH, ELDERS, COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday endorsed booster shots for millions of older or otherwise vulnerable Americans, opening a major new phase in the U.S. vaccination drive against COVID-19. CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky signed off on a series of recommendations from a panel of advisers late Thursday. The advisers said boosters should be offered to people 65 and older, nursing home residents and those ages 50 to 64 who have risky underlying health problems. The extra dose would be given once they are at least six months past their last Pfizer shot. However, Walensky decided to make one recommendation that the panel had rejected: She is allowing people to receive a booster if they are between the ages of 18 to 64 and are health-care workers or have another job that puts them at increased risk of being exposed to the virus. Walensky noting that the move

aligns with an FDA booster authorization decision earlier this week. The category she included covers people who live or work in institutional settings that increase their risk of exposure, such as health care workers, and those in prisons or homeless shelters. Experts say getting the unvaccinated their first shots remains the top priority, and the panel wrestled with whether the booster debate was distracting from that goal. Only about 182 million Americans are fully vaccinated, or just 55 percent of the population. All three of the COVID-19 vaccines used in the U.S. are still highly protective against severe illness, hospitalization, and death, even with the spread of the extra-contagious delta variant. But there is a slight drop in immunity among older adults. And immunity against milder infection appears to be waning months after people's initial immunization. There are millions of Americans who received Moderna or Johnson & Johnson shots early in the vaccine rollout and are awaiting word on whether they will receive boosters. The government is awaiting that data for consideration later this fall, as well as whether it is safe or effective to mix-and-match and give those people a Pfizer shot. The U.S. has already authorized third doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for certain people with weakened immune systems, such as cancer patients and transplant recipients. Other Americans, healthy or not, have managed to get boosters, in some cases simply by asking. ; Lane County Public Health officials say they are readying more mass-vaccination clinics to provide that third "booster" dose of the Pfizer vaccine as early as next week. Details will be released in the coming days, once state and regional health regulators sign off on the new CDC guidelines. The county would use its site at the Lane Events Center, with the ability to add up to three other mass-vaccination locations, if needed. Those "mass-vaxx" clinics could begin as early as next Tuesday, with operations on Tuesdays through Saturdays, as needed. Lane County Public Health officials estimate close to 25,000 people are in the eligible groups under the FDA's criteria and at least six months past their second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. / HEALTH: Four more Lane County residents have died from complications of COVID-19. That raises our pandemic death toll to 255. In the past seven days, officials have received reports of 11 local deaths. Lane County Public Health also was notified yesterday of 153 new infections. There are 87 patients from Lane and surrounding counties being treated in local hospitals—27 of whom are in intensive-care units. Twenty-one of those patients are on ventilators. Lane County Public Health officials say more than 84 percent of recently hospitalized COVID patients were unvaccinated and that some spread the infection to vaccinated adults with weakened immune systems. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday received reports of more than 1,800 (1,836) new cases and 12 additional deaths. One driver of the hospitalizations and deaths is outbreaks in senior living communities, nursing homes, and other congregate care settings. The Oregon Health Authority's report on last week's cases notes there were 187 active COVID-19 in such settings. That includes close to two dozen active outbreaks in Lane County. Outbreaks are declared when there are three or more confirmed cases and one or more COVID-19 related deaths in such facilities. Lane County has seen dozens of outbreaks in long-term care settings during this latest surge. / CRIME, COMMUNITY: A major breakthrough in a "cold case" from 44 years ago: Lane County Sheriff's officials they have identified the person who killed two teenage North Eugene High School students at a forested picnic area in June of 1977. But they say the man, Ronald Albert Shrov, died

earlier this year when he was involved in an unrelated domestic violence incident in Arizona and took his own life. Still, officials hope the resolution of the case will bring closure to families and friends of then-16-year-old Liana Gay Adank (AY'-dank) and then-17-year-old Eric Shawn Goldstrand. In June of 1977, the two had gone to the Broken Bowl picnic grounds off Big Fall Creek Road, for an afternoon picnic and fishing outing. When the couple failed to return home, their parents notified the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Law enforcement located their bodies, saying the girl has been sexually assaulted and both had been fatally shot. Investigators collected evidence but could not match fingerprints or bullets to anything in the national databases. There were few leads. But the "cold case" was assigned to then-Lane County Sheriff's Detective Kurt Wuest (say: west) in 1983. Thirty-eight years later, now retired and a volunteer "cold case" investigator, Wuest helped get evidence submitted last year for further DNA analysis. The results matched DNA from Ronald Albert Shroy, a former Lane County resident who was 23 at the time of the killings. Shroy moved from Oregon in the early 1980's and had been living in Mesa, Arizona, since 2008. In February, as investigators were making final preparations to present the matter to a grand jury, arrest, and charge him, Shroy was involved in that unrelated domestic violence incident and took his own life. The Lane County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Team is made up of volunteers and is funded by donations from the community. Those donations helped pay for the recent DNA work on the case. During the investigation, Lane County worked with jurisdictions in other states, including the Mesa Police Department, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. / LAW ENFORCEMENT: Lane County's District Attorney says a sheriff's deputy was justified when he shot and killed an armed man involved in a domestic dispute earlier this month at a residence off Camp Creek Road east of Springfield. One family member said the suspect, 59-year-old Robert Gutierrez, was intoxicated, had struck one of them, then fired his .22-caliber handgun at the ground two or three times, leaving her in fear of their lives. When sheriff's deputies arrived, supported by an armored vehicle, they said Gutierrez ignored commands to drop the weapon and instead pointed it at law enforcement. A deputy fired in response, wounding Gutierrez in the chest. The suspect was given medical aid but died at the scene. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: Plenty of traffic yesterday on Franklin Boulevard and on Agate Street near the University of Oregon as thousands of students moved into campus residence halls. Things should be a bit less congested today as the "Unpack the Quack" event continues. U-of-O students must be vaccinated for COVID unless they receive an exemption and are tested weekly. Fall Term classes begin on Monday. Classrooms will be at maximum capacity with masks required indoors. Fully vaccinated instructors who are at least six feet away from their students are allowed to remove their masks for teaching, provided all others in the room keep their masks on. / POLITICS, ELECTIONS: In the final days leading up to Oregon's redistricting deadline, state House Democrats remain adamant about their proposed new political maps and think they have cleared a path to pass them while Republicans are contemplating a walkout to block those plans. With the deadline to redraw Oregon's electoral boundaries approaching Monday stakes are high for both the GOP and Democrats in a year when the state has gained a sixth U.S. House seat. The House is scheduled to return to the floor on Saturday at 9 a.m., following a three-day pause due to a COVID-19 case in the Capitol in Salem. Democrats have

majorities in the House and Senate but don't have large enough advantages to convene without a few Republicans present. / SPORTS, HEALTH: The Number 3 Oregon Ducks open Pac-12 Conference play on Saturday at home against Arizona. Game time at Autzen Stadium is 7:30 p.m. The contest will be broadcast by ESPN. Oregon is rolling undefeated into the Pac-12 season. The Wildcats are without a win this season and coming off a disappointing loss to lower division Northern Arizona. The Wildcats have a school-record 15-game losing streak. Heading to Autzen on Saturday? All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. Oregon State is back on the road this week to meet USC in Los Angeles. The 7:30 p.m. game is being carried by FS1. / ECONOMY, FINANCES, GROWTH, HEALTH: Rising costs and shortages of building materials and labor are rippling across the homebuilding industry, delaying construction, and prompting many builders to pump the brakes on how many homes they put up for sale. Lumber futures hit their lowest level in more than a year last week after vaulting nearly fivefold to an all-time high in May. The roughly 64 percent drop since then reflects an uptick in production and a pullback in demand from builders as prices skyrocketed. Still, the decline has yet to translate into lower costs for many builders. Meanwhile, the industry is contending with a bevy of other elevated costs for windows, doors, flooring, roofing, and other types of construction products. /

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SPORTS: The Oregon Ducks remain at Number 3 in the national football polls after opening Pac-12 Conference play with a win on Saturday against Arizona, 41-19. Oregon is the lone undefeated team in the conference with a 4-0 record. Anthony Brown threw for 206 yards and three touchdowns. Oregon safety Bennett Williams, who made eight tackles and two interceptions, was yesterday named the National Defensive Player of the Week. The Ducks are on the road at Stanford this Saturday. Kick-off is shortly after 12:30 p.m. on KEZI-TV (ABC). ; A huge victory on Saturday for the Oregon State Beavers as they dominated USC, 45-27. It was OSU's first win in the Coliseum since 1960. The Beavers are now 3-1 on the season and enjoying a three-game winning streak. Chance Nolan threw four touchdown passes. Tyjon Lindsey had five receptions for 102 yards and two touchdowns, and B.J. Baylor ran for 158 yards. Oregon State is back home this weekend for a Saturday game with Washington. Kick-off is shortly after 6 p.m. on the Pac-12 Networks. Heading to Reser Stadium on Saturday? All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. ; Justin Herbert's touchdown toss to Mike Williams with 32 seconds to go lifted the Los Angeles Chargers to a 30-24 victory over the Chiefs. The Chargers capitalized on four Kansas City turnovers, including Patrick Mahomes' second interception in the closing minutes. Herbert finished with 281 yards passing and four touchdowns without an interception, outdueling Mahomes in a matchup of two of the game's best young quarterbacks. Mahomes finished with 260 yards and three touchdown passes along with his two interceptions. Kansas City also lost two fumbles. / EDUCATION, HEALTH: Fall Term classes begin this morning for the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Lane Community College. The U-of-O and OSU are holding mostly in-person classes. Students, faculty, and staff must be vaccinated against COVID-19 unless they receive an exemption and are tested weekly. For now, Lane is conducting courses mostly on-line but might transition to mostly in-person once Lane County's COVID infection numbers ease. Over the weekend, the county received reports of 169 new cases on Saturday and 113

new infections on Sunday. / **HEALTH, COMMUNITY, ELDER:** Now that the CDC has approved third doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for those ages 65 and older, many health care providers, health clinics, and pharmacies are scheduling doses. Tomorrow, Lane County Public Health begins a new series of mass-vaccination clinics to provide third "booster" dose of the Pfizer vaccine for those who are age 65 and older and are at least six months past their second Pfizer vaccine dose. The county is using its site inside the Lane Events Center, with the ability to add up to three other mass-vaccination locations, if needed. Those "mass-vaxx" clinics will operate on Tuesdays through Saturdays, as needed. ; Still looking for your first doses of COVID vaccine? Lane County Public Health is holding vaccination clinics at Lane Transit District's stations in Eugene and Springfield on Tuesdays and Thursdays this and next week. LTD Eugene Station: Tuesday, September 28 and Tuesday, October 5 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. LTD Springfield Station: Thursday, September 30 and Thursday, October 7 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Remember to wear a mask over your nose and mouth when on public transit property and while on a public bus to comply with federal regulations. / **POLITICS, ELECTIONS:** Republicans in the Oregon House failed to show up for a floor session on Saturday, thwarting majority Democrats' attempts to pass new political maps before a looming deadline. The absence of GOP lawmakers denied the House a quorum, meaning there weren't enough members present to formally begin work. On Saturday evening, Democratic House Speaker Tina Kotek announced that the House would adjourn until 9 a.m. this morning. If a quorum isn't reached by 9:30 a.m., she says the session will end. The Legislature has until the end of the day on today to participate in the once-a-decade job of redrawing the state's political districts, including a new, sixth U.S. House seat. Otherwise, the process goes to Oregon Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, a Democrat. Congressional maps would be handled by a panel of five Oregon judges. The once-a-decade task of redistricting, which will determine how voters pick state representatives, state senators and members of Congress for the next five election cycles. For the first time in nearly 40 years, Oregon is receiving an additional seat in the U.S. House— increasing the number of congressional districts from five to six and giving the state greater national political clout. But Democrats and Republicans have dueling visions on where congressional district boundaries should fall. / **CRIME, EDUCATION, SAFETY:** As college and university students return to town for the start of Fall Term classes, Eugene Police say now is the time for them to protect their property from burglars and thieves. College neighborhoods, parking lots, and other areas on and around campus can be magnets for criminals. Burglaries from apartments, thefts from vehicles, and thefts of laptops and bicycles are common crimes. Take some simple steps to prevent becoming a victim: The majority of burglaries in these areas occur during the day, often when a door or window is left unsecured. Police suggest students lock all doors and windows, even when they are home. Don't leave anything visible in your unattended vehicle, no matter the value. Thieves don't care if your windows cost a lot to repair. They will shatter them to grab even a small item that attracts their interest. Do not ever leave your laptop unattended. Thieves will grab unattended electronics in libraries, coffee shops, and from vehicles. Bicycles are valuable, portable, and easy to resell, making them attractive to thieves. Eugene Police say 603 bicycles were reported stolen in 2019. Lock your bike at all times, even if you're parking it for just a few minutes. Make sure the lock is attached to

the frame of the bicycle and secured to a fixed, immovable object. Invest in a solid hardened steel U-bolt style lock. You should expect to pay \$40 or more for a quality lock. Cheap ones can be easily defeated. Some U-locks come with insurance that will pay you if the lock is overcome and the bike is stolen. You can use additional locks to secure wheels and other parts. Cable locks can be good secondary locks but should not be used as your primary lock. Secure your bicycle in the garage the same way you would on the street. There is no locking method that is 100 percent infallible—with time and tools, a thief can defeat your lock. Bikes left at racks overnight are particularly vulnerable. Bring your bicycle indoors or lock it in your garage whenever possible. Register your bike with Greater Eugene Area Riders (GEARs). GEARs' Bike Index sends alerts on stolen bikes and provides a publicly searchable database to help people avoid buying a stolen bike. If your bike is stolen, file a police report as soon as possible. Call your police agency's emergency phone number. Post the bike as stolen in the bike section of Craigslist. If you receive a tip or info, contact police, 541-682-5111 for the incorporated area of Eugene. For your safety, do not attempt to recover the bike on your own. / SAFETY, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS: On Saturday, Oregon became the latest state to require the safe storage of firearms. It requires that firearms be secured with a trigger or cable lock, in a locked container or gun room. There is a maximum fine of \$500 for a gun owner who fails to safely secure their firearm. If a minor accessed the firearm, the fine is \$2,000. Supporters say the new law prevents accidental shootings by children, suicides, and mass shootings. Opponents say a delay in accessing a firearm for self-defense could cost lives. There are some exceptions under the new state law: If you are a gun owner and are alone in your home, the safe storage requirement does not apply. Now does it if you are with other people allowed to use the firearm. The bill was named for two people (Cindy Yuille and Steve Forsyth) who were slain during a mass shooting at the Clackamas Town Center shopping mall near Portland in 2012 by a man who stole a friend's AR-15 rifle. A third person was seriously wounded. The new law also bans bringing weapons into the state Capitol. It also allows public school districts and college campuses to set their own policies. / ANIMALS, SAFETY, CRIME, GOVERNMENT: Don't be surprised if you see a lot of official Animal Control, Animal Welfare, Animal Shelter, and Veterinary vehicles in Springfield this week. The annual gathering of the Oregon Animal Control Council is taking place Tuesday through Friday. Animal Control and Animal Welfare professionals field calls about lost pets, barking dogs, and feral cats. But they also increasingly deal with concerns about animal health and safety, including cases of neglect, hoarding, and abuse. / ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY, COMMUNITY: They help search for lost hikers, campers, hunters and others. Some assist on water rescues, others in alpine settings. Some work with dogs, others with horses or off-road vehicles. Lane County Search & Rescue is recruiting volunteers. Our local search and rescue teams include: Eugene Mountain Rescue; Ground Search & Rescue; Pacific Northwest Search Dogs; Lane County Sheriff's Mounted Posse; and the Special Vehicles Group. Interested? Prospective volunteers must first attend one of three informational meetings, which begin in mid-October. There is a formal application process. / WEATHER, WILDFIRES, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY: Cooler temperatures and occasional rain are making the job easier for firefighters battling blazes in the Oregon Cascades. The blazes that make up the Middle Fork Complex of fires,

near Oakridge and Fall Creek, are 55 percent contained. Crews are continuing mop-up operations and targeting hot spots. Smoke is still visible as the flames consume fuels inside the firelines but autumn and winter rains could help knock those down. There's also additional work underway to prepare for the change in seasons: Crews are chipping limbs and debris and removing logs from the edge of the fire. Hoses that are no longer needed along the firelines are being rolled, packed, and returned to storage. Firefighters are clearing ditches and creating "water bars" to slow runoff and prevent erosion during the rainy season. At the same time, fire managers are continuing to monitor the blazes, both from the ground and using aerial surveillance. / COMMUNITY, RECREATION, ENVIRONMENT: Close to 2,000 Oregonians turned out on Saturday for the annual SOLVE Fall Beach & Riverside Cleanup. It is one of the state's largest volunteer events. The event includes more than 70 participating volunteer projects, ranging from beach cleanups and inland cleanups of riverbanks and parks. At some locations, people removed little and debris. At others, there are opportunities to assist on restoration projects and plant native trees and shrubs. Here in Lane County, the focus was on some favorite stretches of the Central Oregon Coast, with beach clean-up events at Siltcoos Outlet, the North Jetty area of the Siuslaw River, and along Heceta Beach. Inland, volunteers took part in projects along the Fall Creek watershed and the Eagle's rest Trail Near Lowell. Over the past half-century, SOLVE has supported more than 250,000 volunteers as they helped remove more than 17 million pounds of litter and debris from Oregon's coast, forests, urban areas, and natural landscapes. / EVENTS, HEALTH: The wait is finally over! Luke Combs, Ashley McBryde, and Ray Fulcher light up the stage at Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene on Tuesday, September 28. Planning to be there? Arrive early so you don't miss a minute of the show. Expect long lines at the door. Here are some important reminders: Concertgoers must be fully vaccinated (14 days past final vaccination shot) OR have received a negative COVID-19 test within 3 days of the event. Children under 12 years of age do not need to provide proof of vaccination or a negative test. Mask wearing will be REQUIRED, except when eating or drinking. / HEALTH: With more than 40 million doses of coronavirus vaccines available, U.S. health authorities said they're confident there will be enough for every American who qualifies. A spike in demand is expected after the Centers and Disease Control and Prevention endorsed boosters of the Pfizer vaccine for all Americans 65 and older. The CDC said younger people at higher risk from the coronavirus because of health conditions or their jobs would also qualify. Meanwhile, more than 70 million Americans remain unvaccinated. That despite the enticement of lottery prizes, free food or gifts and pleas from exhausted health care workers as the average number of deaths per day climbed to more than 1,900 in recent weeks. ; Pfizer's CEO says "it's a question of days, not weeks" before the company and German partner BioNTech submit data to U.S. regulators for federal authorization of a COVID-19 vaccine for children age 5 to 11. That would be an important step toward starting vaccinations for youngsters, especially with kids now back in school and the delta variant resulting in a big jump in pediatric infections. Pfizer said last week that its vaccine works for that age group with a much lower dose than used for anyone 12 and older. /

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Umatilla County Public Health Director Joseph Fiumara told county commissioners Monday the county's case count last week was 550 cases of COVID-19, and Fiumara said he had 151 pending cases from the weekend. So far, there are 44 cases of the illness tied to the Pendleton Round-Up, most from Umatilla County and some from Wallowa County. The Round-Up is a large, annual rodeo that concluded this year on Sept. 25. The rodeo and festival typically attract large crowds to northeastern Oregon. / SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION: Oregon State Police are working to determine how a Veneta man returning from a hunting trip in Eastern Oregon suffered severe head trauma. Investigators issued an appeal yesterday to drivers who might have been on a stretch of Interstate 84 between Arlington and Rufus on Saturday morning. They're hoping someone will contact them with a lead. Shortly before noon on Saturday, State Police received a 911 call about a man lying face down in the gravel in front of his silver 2015 Ford F-350 crew cab, which was pulling his 2019 Keystone Cougar travel trailer. It was parked at the base of an off-ramp off westbound I-84 at Exit 109, near the town of Rufus. When troopers arrived, they said the driver—identified as 38-year-old Derek Martell of Veneta—was in the driver's seat of the truck but unresponsive and suffering severe head trauma. Martell was life-flighted to a hospital for treatment. Investigators say Derek Martell was returning home to Veneta from an elk hunting trip in Eastern Oregon with friends. They determined he had spoken to his wife at 11:30 a.m. Saturday and had not reported issues. The 911 call was received 28 minutes later. Troopers located Martel shortly before 12:30 p.m. and called for medics. State Police have distributed photos of Derek Martell, his truck, and his camper. They are requesting anyone who might have been traveling from Arlington to Rufus along I-84 late Saturday morning or anyone with information regarding the incident contact Oregon State Police Dispatch. Call 1-800-442-2068 or OSP from your mobile. Please reference case number SP21274660. ; Oregon State Police have released the names of the riders involved in Saturday afternoon's fatal crash involving two motorcycles on Highway 126 east of McKenzie Bridge. Investigators say 60-year-old Karl Rudolph Klassen of Springfield was traveling near Milepost 13 when he entered the oncoming travel lane, possibly to pass other motorists. At the same time, second motorcycle operated by 68-year-old Michael Brad Siegel of Tucson, Arizona, was making a left-hand turn onto a Forest Service Road and was T-boned by Klassen's bike. State Police say Klassen died at the scene. Siegel was life-flighted to the hospital with serious injuries but is expected to survive. / CRIME, ANIMALS: Investigators in Coos County have released more details about the Myrtle Point woman who was killed during a dog attack in her home. They say 42-year-old Amber Dawn Labelle was watching a Springfield woman's animal with a friend when it became aggressive. The friend, Jeremy Robinson, told investigators he had placed the dog in a bedroom, closed the door, and left to run errands. He said he was told that when Labelle opened the bedroom door, the 120-pound dog—described as a pit bull-bulldog mix—attacked her. Police said Labelle's two children—ages 8 and 10—witnessed the attack and ran for help, calling neighbors who pulled the dog off Labelle. Myrtle Point Police arrived and shot and killed the dog after they said it began pulling one of the neighbors in the direction of officers. Labelle was rushed to a Springfield hospital but died early Saturday morning from her wounds. Coos County officials are working to determine whether to file charges in connection with the attack.

Officials said that in July, the dog had attacked two minors in Springfield. /

CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: The Lane County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect in an illegal dumping incident that occurred near Big Fall Creek Rd. Milepost 3 earlier this summer. The suspect is described as a medium build white male adult with gray balding hair. He had a gray beard at the time of the incident. The suspect is associated with a dark gray or black four door Toyota Tacoma pickup with oversized wheels and tires. The Lane County Sheriff's Office has already received over 100 separate reports of illegal dumping in 2021. Not only does illegal dumping create unsafe and hazardous conditions, it damages our beautiful landscape and costs Lane County taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars every year. Anyone with information about the suspect or his whereabouts is asked to contact Deputy Todd Olson with the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4141 opt. 1. /

POLITICS, ELECTIONS: Despite a threat to block new political maps, Republican state lawmakers returned to the Oregon Capitol on Monday. The Democrat-majority House and Senate have finalized that map of new legislative and Congressional boundaries. The governor yesterday signed it into law. House Republicans complained the new map is unfair to their constituents, describing it as "gerrymandered." House GOP members were no-shows at Saturday's special legislative session, staging a walkout. But they returned to the chamber yesterday as the plan passed on party-line votes. Democrats hold majorities in both legislative chambers. It came ahead of yesterday's deadline for lawmakers to approve the map of new Congressional and Legislative districts, or hand over the decision to Oregon's Secretary of State, a Democrat, and a panel of judges. The new Congressional map includes four U.S. House seats that contain either a reliable majority of registered Democrats or lean in the party's favor. There continues to be one reliably Republican Congressional seat and one that could be a toss-up. One seat that could be in play is held by moderate Democratic Congressman Kurt Schrader, who has served Oregon's mid-Valley 5th Congressional District since 2009. The new political map puts the state's newest Congressional district south of Portland and mostly east of Interstate 5, same as in a previous plan. But it makes several changes to the previously proposed borders of the other congressional districts, including keeping Portland and Bend in separate districts instead of combining them. /

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HEALTH, COMMUNITY: Lane County Public Health is continuing its new series of mass-vaccination clinics to provide third “booster” doses of the Pfizer vaccine for those who are eligible. To be eligible, you must be 65 and older and at least six months past your second dose of Pfizer vaccines; or a younger adult have a compromised immune system; or live or work in a setting where you are at risk of increased exposure to COVID-19 and its complications. Yesterday, state officials said that includes people who were in the original vaccination phases earlier this year, including many health care workers, first responders, transit workers, teachers, and grocery store workers. This week, Lane County’s third-dose booster shots are available by appointment only. To schedule, go online to <https://lanecounty.org/vaxclinics>. Officials say they have the capacity to provide boosters to close to 800 people each day. Clinics continue today through Saturday at the Lane Events Center, with anticipated next week. This week’s clinic hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Thursday; and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. ; Lane County Public Health officials said yesterday they’ve received reports of five new deaths from complications of COVID-19. That raises our pandemic death toll to 261. The county also was notified of 135 new coronavirus infections and saw a jump in local hospitalizations, to 95 patients from Monday’s 73 patients. Officials say slightly more than four out of five people hospitalized are unvaccinated. The Oregon Health Authority yesterday received reports of another 41 deaths statewide. But officials noted that vaccination rates are climbing, and more than 2.5 million Oregonians now are fully vaccinated with another more than 200,000 having received at least their first dose. ; State health experts say Oregon finally is experiencing a downward trend in COVID-19 hospitalizations and cases after a crippling late-summer surge. Hospitalizations and new case numbers are declining, and the state’s positivity rate for virus tests has dropped from 12 percent to just under nine percent since September 1. New case counts have declined for three weeks in a row. State officials say they continue to pin their hopes on widespread vaccination to finally turn the corner on the pandemic. And they say there is ample supply of the Pfizer vaccine in Oregon for people in certain groups eligible for those third booster shots. Three-quarters of all Oregonians currently eligible for the vaccine have received at least one dose and close to 69 percent are fully vaccinated, according to statewide COVID-19

data. About 300,000 Oregonians are eligible for that third “booster” dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Officials say they have 400,000 Pfizer doses available, so supply is plentiful. The Pfizer boosters are intended for those over age 65 who are six months past their second Pfizer inoculation and younger adults who either have compromised immune systems—or who live or work in locations where they are at increased risk for exposure to the virus. Rachael Banks, director of the Oregon Health Authority's public health division, says her agency is helping coordinate large-scale vaccine clinics for those booster shots. And she says officials are working to create a list of “child-friendly” sites should vaccination doses for children between the ages of five and 11 be approved later this fall. ; Oregon Governor Kate Brown and state health officials said yesterday there are “gravely concerned” about an outbreak in the wake of the Pendleton Round-Up. So far, there have been at least 49 confirmed cases of COVID-19 tied to the annual rodeo and festival, which attracted thousands of people to Umatilla County from September 11-18. Most of the cases were reported in Umatilla County, where the round-up take place, and in nearby Wallowa County. It's still too early to say if those cases foreshadow a new spike in cases statewide and health officials are watching closely for that possibility, said Deputy State Epidemiologist Dr. Tom Jeanne. Umatilla County's public health director has said that some people who attended the rodeo were sick with COVID and showing symptoms but chose to go anyway. Umatilla County has one of the lower vaccination rates in the state, with only 46 percent of its eligible residents fully vaccinated. As cases climbed over the summer during the recent surge tied to the delta variant, hospitals in the region struggled to handle the influx of patients hospitalized with COVID-19. On Monday, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation on Monday voted to declare a public health emergency because of what they said was a “drastic spike” of at least 72 new cases diagnosed at its tribal health clinic last week. They believe many of those cases are tied to the Pendleton Round-Up. ; We've talked a lot about COVID-19 vaccines this month, but health experts say we also should be getting our flu vaccines. It's free. Doses are being offered by health care providers, at pharmacies, and at clinics. In a typical year, Lane County Public health officials say we only see about 33 percent of our community receiving a flu shot. But they would love to see that number much higher. Sure, cases numbers for influenza were lower nationwide last year—largely because so many of us were staying home. But that's no longer the case. Experts say flu vaccines can prevent severe complications and hospitalizations. Last year locally, we had a handful of cases where people were infected both with a flu virus and COVID-19. It made for some challenging situations. Officials remind you that even if for you the flu might be relatively minor, it can be devastating to someone else. They say this is another chance to have a real positive impact on community health. / LOW-INCOME, FAMILY, GOVERNMENT: As the pandemic continues, many Oregonians are continuing to struggle to feed their families. State and federal officials say that beginning October 1, lower-income Oregonians who receive what's known as SNAP benefits will see a permanent average increase of about \$36 per month, per person. In addition, most SNAP recipients in Oregon will continue to receive additional emergency SNAP benefits next month. SNAP stands for “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,” once known as “food stamps.” Since the start of the pandemic in March of 2020, the federal government has approved emergency allotments monthly. In October,

approximately 408,000 Oregon SNAP households will receive a combined \$64 million in extra food benefits on top of their regular SNAP allotments. The emergency food benefits will be available on October 12 for current SNAP households. New SNAP households will receive the emergency allotments either on October 29 or November 2. SNAP recipients do not have to take any action to receive these benefits; they will be issued directly on their EBT cards. Individuals and families who are experiencing income disruptions and struggling to make ends meet are encouraged to apply for SNAP benefits to help put food on the table. In our state, the federal SNAP program is administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services, providing food assistance to roughly one million eligible, low-income families and individuals, including many older adults and people with disabilities. Oregonians in need can apply for benefits that include SNAP, childcare, cash assistance and Medicaid. Learn more at <https://govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-benefits> /

CRIME, ENVIRONMENT: The Lane County Sheriff's Office is thanking everyone for the tips after they shared photos yesterday of an illegal dumping incident that occurred near Milepost 3 along Big Fall Creek Road earlier this summer. They say they've identified the suspect and the vehicle and charged the person with illegal dumping. Officials say illegal dumping creates unsafe and hazardous conditions, damages our beautiful landscapes, and costs taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in clean-up costs every year. Already this year, the Lane County Sheriff's Office has received more than 100 separate reports of illegal dumping. /

CRIME: Investigators with the Lane County Sheriff's Office are seeking a man they say they've linked to a series of recent crimes, including arson. But they say the suspect—38-year-old Branden Paul Sherrill—fled a traffic stop yesterday morning in the Veneta area. Now, they are asking anyone who might have tips about Sherrill's whereabouts to contact them. Call the Lane County Sheriff's Office at 541-682-4150 and select Option 1. It comes after a sheriff's deputy tried to stop a yellow Nissan Sentra in the area of Highway 126 and Ellmaker Road in Veneta around 10:30 yesterday morning. It's believed Sherrill was the driver. Officials say the vehicle fled east on Highway 126 into West Eugene, striking a van at the intersection of West 11th Avenue and Bertelsen Road. It was last seen heading northbound on Bertelsen. The Nissan was located a short time later near the intersection of Fairfield Avenue and Wood Avenue. Eugene Police searched the area for the Sherrill, who is described as a white male, possibly wearing a dark gray jacket. Residents are encouraged to report any suspicious activity to authorities. ; Eugene Police responded to two separate and unrelated incidents yesterday involving man menacing others with a knife. The first case was reported shortly after 7:30 yesterday morning at the Express Inn & Suites, in the 900 block of West Sixth Avenue. 28-year-old Zachary Ryan Carter of Springfield was arrested after yelling at a number of people, displayed a knife to a female employee and ran after the woman. And shortly before noon, police were called to the Valvoline business on west Eugene's Cubit Street about a man with a knife who'd become confrontational with employees. They located the suspect, 34-year-old Thomas Tyler Rinck, in his vehicle in the parking lot of a nearby business and arrested him. /

RACIAL JUSTICE, BIPOC, GOVERNMENT: For generations, it's been known as "Columbus' Day." But members of the Lane County Board of Commissioners say it's time to right some historic wrongs. Members this week voted to declare the second Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day." In approving the change, Lane County is

joining the cities of Springfield, Eugene, Corvallis, Portland, the State of Oregon, and others in recognizing the contribution of tribes and other indigenous peoples. County Board Chair Joe Berney says the declaration is just one step toward recognizing the many contributions of those cultures, particularly of the Kalapuya peoples whose traditional homeland includes Lane County. The concept of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations at a United Nations-sponsored international conference. Berney noted that in spite of what many of us were taught as children, Christopher Columbus did not "discover" the Americas. Rather, there were thriving and vibrant Indigenous cultures across this continent long before Europeans arrived. /

EDUCATION: University of Oregon officials this week welcomed back students for the start of Fall Term classes. And they say their freshman class is the largest and most diverse in the institution's history. U-of-O officials say there are more than 4,600 first-year students on campus, up 17 percent over last year and more than 50 percent from 20 years ago. They say that the group's average high school GPA is 3.73 and that there are more than 1,600 new students who identify with a racial, ethnic, or cultural group other than White. For the start of Fall Term, all students on campus must either be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. If they receive an exemption, they must provide weekly proof of a negative coronavirus test. / ECONOMY, COMMUNITY: U.S. home prices soared in July from a year earlier by a record amount as buyers desperate for homes bid up prices amid a limited supply of available properties. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index surged 19.9 percent in July compared with a year ago, the largest gain on records dating back to 2000. Seattle led all comers with a better than 25 percent leap during those 12 months. Home sales have increased this year, largely because of low mortgage rates and individuals seeking more space to live in amid the pandemic. But the increased prices are making it more difficult for younger potential buyers to purchase homes. Additionally, there are "move-up" buyers with larger budgets who are relocating to more affordable areas where they're financially able to outbid local residents. This continued high buyer demand has even outstripped the improvements in the supply of for-sale homes from the all-time lows experienced in the spring. /

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WEATHER, ENVIRONMENT: Another indication of the continuing drought: Our official "rain year" (Oct. 1 – Sept. 30) ends tonight. We remain more than 10 inches below normal, with slightly more than 30 inches of rain in the past 12 months compared to the slightly more than 40 inches that is typical. For the calendar year to date (Jan. 1 – Sept. 30) we are more than 7 inches below normal, with only 17 inches accumulated over the past nine months compared to our typical amount of more than 24 inches. ; Lane County's outdoor burning season – which usually opens October 1 – has been delayed until October 15 by the Lane County Fire Defense Board and the Oregon Department of Forestry. Yes, we've had some recent rain. But the forecast for the weekend into early next week remains sunny and generally dry, fueling fire concerns. Yard debris may not be burned while the season remains closed. Lane Forest Products, Rexius, and Lane County's transfer stations and dumpsites offer locations for those who wish to dispose of woody yard material ahead of the anticipated opening of the burn season on October 15. Residents who burn during the closed season are subject to violations with penalties ranging from \$50 to \$2,500 or more. ; Many Americans enjoy watching the colorful changing of autumn leaves. But experts say the recent leaf-viewing seasons have been disrupted by weather conditions across the country. In the West, New England, and elsewhere, arborists and ecologists say the trend is likely to continue as the planet warms. Trees have experienced droughts that cause leaves to turn brown and wither before they reach peak color. Heat waves prompt leaves to fall before autumn even arrives. And some extreme weather events strip trees of their leaves altogether. The warming is also pushing back the start of the Fall Foliage season in some parts of the country. / WILDFIRE RECOVERY, COMMUNITY: It's not the home they lost, but it's offered shelter while they work to rebuild their lives. Now, officials with FEMA—the Federal Emergency Management Agency—say they are giving survivors of last year's big Oregon wildfires the opportunity to purchase their temporary housing unit. State officials say they've worked with FEMA to activate the Sales and Donations Program to purchase the units at an adjusted fair market value. Participation in this program is voluntary and if someone decides they do not wish to purchase their FEMA unit, it has no impact on their eligibility in the direct housing program during the period of assistance. Officials say affected residents will receive

information about the sales program, including a form to return to FEMA if they are interested. If they wish to pursue purchasing their unit, they'll be contacted by a FEMA representative. FEMA and state officials say the home purchase program provides housing stability for survivors and it removes a barrier to recovery by giving them an affordable solution in a tight housing market. / CRIME: Eugene Police made another arrest yesterday in connection with the riots and looting of several downtown businesses in late May of last year. The suspect, 21-year-old Jesse Angel Kidd of Eugene, was jailed on charges of Riot, Theft, Criminal Mischief, Reckless Burning, Disorderly Conduct, Interfering With a Police Officer, and Menacing. Police so far have arrested 36 people in connection with the criminal event that took place 16 months ago near the base of the Washington Street Bridge. Investigators continue to analyze video and photos from the scene, match images of suspects to confirm identities, and locate those people. Additional arrests are expected. Police continue to ask for your help in identifying suspects. / BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION: It stands for Air-Hotel-Adventure or "aha!" And it's the name of a new direct airline connection linking Eugene to Reno and Lake Tahoe. ExpressJet Airlines yesterday announced it will begin nonstop flights three times each week starting November 1. Company officials say the connection will appeal to travelers seeking to enjoy the casinos, skiing, and other attractions in the Reno-Tahoe region. Flights will operate each Monday, Wednesday and Friday—departing Eugene Airport at 12:35 p.m. and arriving in Reno-Tahoe at 2 p.m. Return flights will operate on the same days, departing Reno-Tahoe at 10:25 a.m. and arriving in Eugene at 11:50 a.m. "aha!" is using 50-passenger Embraer commuter jets and offering introductory \$49 fares ahead of its November launch in Eugene. Reservations may be made at www.flyaha.com and the company anticipates offering vacation packages at the website in the near future. / HEALTH, EDUCATION: Officials with Lane County Public Health say in the past week they've seen more cases of COVID-19 tied to Kindergarten through 12th-Grade schools and more spread of the virus tied to classrooms and other school-related activities. That includes cases where transmission or exposure happened on buses. Students are supposed to wear masks at all times when riding and distance as much as possible. But public health spokesperson Jason Davis says a lot of exposures are happening when kids sit too close together. Not all exposures are resulting in a positive case, but Davis says the impact is being felt when one child tests positive for COVID and the 20 children who were sitting next to them have to go into quarantine as a precaution. Davis says it's another example of how a single infection can have a wide impact, whether exposure happens on the school bus, in the classroom, or during after-school activities. Lane County Public Health, for example, is monitoring two more recent outbreaks of the coronavirus associated with athletics teams. Health experts say they know it's challenging for parents and educators to persuade some children and teens to wear a mask and follow distancing rules, even on a good day. But county health officials say the spread of COVID is disrupting learning. At some school buildings, nurses say they are overwhelmed and districts are struggling to do the best they can dealing with a very difficult situation. Public Health experts say parents can be positive factor and prevent disruptions to learning and their child's education—and ease the burden on educators. They're asking parents to help their kids understand the impacts of COVID and the child's role is of preventing spread of infection in their school and

among their friends. / HEALTH: Lane County Public Health officials said yesterday they've received reports of three new deaths from complications of COVID-19—a total of 13 during the past week. That raises our pandemic death toll to 264. The county also was notified of 106 new coronavirus infections. Officials say slightly more than four out of five people hospitalized are unvaccinated. Lane County Public Health is monitoring 27 active outbreaks in long-term care facilities and are in daily communication with seven of those facilities where they are seeing recent big spread in cases. Two more of the county's recent COVID deaths are tied to those outbreaks. ; The Oregon Health Authority yesterday received reports of another 2,000-plus new COVID-19 infections and 21 additional deaths statewide. But officials noted that the past week saw a decrease in daily cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Newly reported cases have fallen in Oregon the past four weeks. But coronavirus cases, hospitalizations, and deaths continue to be higher in counties with lower vaccination rates. Among those: Douglas County. Yesterday, 120 Douglas County doctors and other providers with the Douglas County Independent Practitioners' Association released an open letter to county residents. It noted that COVID-19 is causing death and suffering like none of them have ever seen. The health care providers say they strongly support the use of vaccines. They point out that improving vaccination rates will reduce infections, free up hospital resources, and allow their patients to reschedule postponed surgeries and other care they need. The Douglas County health care providers say they strongly oppose the use of unproven treatments that are putting their patients at risk for unnecessary complications. They also support the use of masks indoors and in crowded outdoor areas by all who can wear them. ; Lane County Public Health is continuing its new series of mass-vaccination clinics to provide third "booster" doses of the Pfizer vaccine for those who are eligible. They provided more than 700 of those third-dose boosters on the first day alone. To be eligible, you must be 65 and older and at least six months past your second dose of Pfizer vaccines; or a younger adult have a compromised immune system; or live or work in a setting where you are at risk of increased exposure to COVID-19 and its complications. That includes people who were in the original vaccination phases earlier this year, including many health care workers, first responders, transit workers, teachers, and grocery store workers. This week, Lane County's third-dose booster shots are available by appointment only. To schedule, go online to <https://lanecounty.org/vaxclinics>. Officials say they have the capacity to provide boosters to close to 800 people each day. Clinics continue today through Saturday at the Lane Events Center, with anticipated next week. Please bring your vaccination card showing your previous two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, both for verification and so information about the third dose may be added. This week's clinic hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Thursday; and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Lane County Public Health officials also want to remind you that if you need a first or second dose of COVID vaccine, that is also available at the clinic, which is taking place at the Lane Events Center. For those doses, just drop by the Lane Events Center's Auditorium Building during regular clinic hours. If you've already received a first dose of vaccine, remember to bring your vaccination card. / HEALTH, POLITICS: Health care workers who were once saluted for saving lives in the COVID-19 outbreak are now being issued panic buttons and ditching their scrubs before going out in public to avoid harassment.

Across the country, doctors and nurses on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic are dealing with hostility, threats and violence from patients angry over safety rules designed to keep the virus from spreading. Some hospitals are so concerned that they equipped workers with panic buttons, while others have limited the number of public entrances to their facilities. In Idaho, nurses they're scared to go to grocery stores unless they've changed out of their scrubs so they aren't accosted by angry residents.

/ ECONOMY, FINANCES, LOW-INCOME: After hovering for years at lows sometimes near \$1 per pound, coffee futures — the price large buyers agree to pay upon delivery months down the road — are now around \$1.90 per pound. Factors including wild weather in Brazil, supply bottlenecks and worker shortages have all contributed. Although most experts expect the rising costs to hit consumers by year end, a spike in coffee prices on the international futures market doesn't always trickle down. One mitigating factor is the supply of beans large roasters already have on hand. Starbucks, for instance, says it has enough supply to get through this year and most of the next.

; In an economy upended by the coronavirus, shortages and price spikes have hit everything from lumber to computer chips. Not even toilet paper escaped. Now they're cutting into one of the humblest yet most vital links in the global manufacturing supply chain: The plastic pellets that go into a vast universe of products ranging from cereal bags to medical devices, automotive interiors to bicycle helmets. Like other manufacturers, plastic, paint and other petrochemical companies have been shaken by the pandemic and by the way consumers and businesses responded to it. Yet petrochemicals, which are made from oil, have also run into problems all their own, one after another. The price of polyvinyl chloride or PVC, used for pipes, medical devices, credit cards, vinyl records and more, has rocketed 70 percent. The price of epoxy resins, used for coatings, adhesives and paints, has soared 170 percent. Ethylene — arguably the world's most important chemical, used in everything from food packaging to antifreeze to polyester — has surged 43 percent, according to ICIS figures. The root of the problem has become a familiar one in the 18 months since the pandemic ignited a brief but brutal recession: As the economy sank into near-paralysis, petrochemical producers, like manufacturers of all types, slashed production. They were caught flat-footed when the unexpected happened: The economy swiftly bounced back, and consumers, flush with cash from government relief aid and stockpiles of savings, resumed spending with astonishing speed and vigor.

/ COLLEGE SPORTS: Will colleges with revenue-generating NCAA sports teams soon need to pay those players and provide other benefits? A lot of sports experts say don't be surprised if it happens in the next year or so. The top lawyer with the National Labor Relations Board says college football players and some other athletes in money-making sports are employees of their schools. Analysts say the guidance could lead to players forming unions and negotiating their working conditions. The National Labor Relations Board's General Counsel Jennifer Abruzzo also threatened action against schools, conferences, and the NCAA if they continue to use the term "student-athlete." She says the term was designed to obscure the employment relationship with college athletes. The NCAA says it disagrees with the guidance.

; The Number 3 Oregon Ducks are on the road at Stanford this Saturday. Kick-off is shortly after 12:30 p.m. on KEZI-TV (ABC). The Oregon State Beavers are back home this weekend for a Saturday game with Washington. Kick-off is shortly after 6 p.m. on the Pac-12 Networks. Heading to

Reser Stadium on Saturday? All attendees 12 and older must show proof of vaccination or negative results from a COVID-19 test taken in the previous three days. If you are showing proof of vaccination, you must be two weeks past either your first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or two weeks past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. There also is an outdoor facemask requirement for everyone ages 5 and older. / COMMUNITY: Friday's MegaMillions lottery prize is \$34 million. Saturday's Powerball jackpot stands at \$620 million after nearly four months without a big winner. That makes it the 10th largest U.S. lottery prize ahead of Saturday night's drawing. There have been 39 drawings in a row without a Powerball grand prize winner, dating back to the last time someone hit the jackpot on June 5. It's no mystery why it's been so long since a player has hit the jackpot — the odds are a steep one in 292.2 million. Although the jackpot is billed as \$620 million, that is the estimate for the annuity option paid over 30 years. Winners nearly always opt for the cash option, which for Saturday's drawing will be an estimated \$446 million. /