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August 20, 2018

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: PUC Filing Center  
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**Re: UG 355 – NW Natural’s OPUC Advice No. 18-11  
Annual Purchased Gas Cost and Technical Adjustments Affidavits of Publication  
and Tear Sheets**

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or the “Company”) files herewith as required by OAR 860-022-0017(4), an affidavit attesting that notice has been given of the above referenced filing, dated July 26, 2018. Affidavits of Publication and tear sheets from the major newspapers<sup>1</sup> in the Company’s Oregon service territory are attached hereto.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503.226.4211 ext. 3589.

Respectfully,

*/s/ Erica Lee-Pella*

Erica Lee-Pella  
Rates & Regulatory Specialist 2  
NW Natural

Attachments

cc: Phil Boyle, OPUC Consumer Services

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<sup>1</sup> *The Oregonian* (Portland); *Statesman Journal* (Salem); *The Register-Guard* (Eugene); and *The World* (Coos Bay).



## AFFIDAVIT

I, Erica Lee-Pella, do hereby attest notice has been given that NW Natural has filed for a rate change in NW Natural's OPUC Advice Filing No. 18-11 / UG 355 dated July 26, 2018.

Attached to this affidavit are the tear sheets of the notice as published by the four major newspapers in the Company's Oregon service territory, with accompanying Affidavits of Publication from each said notice, titled "NW Natural Files to Reduce Rates in Oregon," being duly published in *The Oregonian* on August 8, 2018, the *Statesman Journal* on August 8, 2018, *The Register-Guard* on August 7, 2018, and *The World* on August 8, 2018.

DATED at Portland, Oregon, this 20<sup>th</sup>, day of August 2018.

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 20, 2018 by Erica Lee-Pella.

Donna Ceruti, Notary Public – State of Oregon





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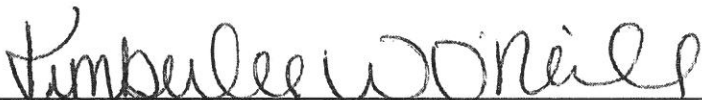
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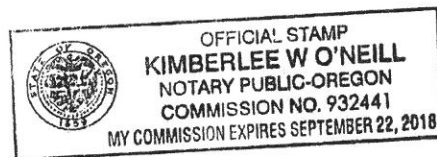
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# Bureaus

**FROM A1**  
will leave office in December.  
Eudaly will be assigned the Portland Bureau of Transportation, which had been overseen by Saltzman, and the Regional Arts and Culture Council, which had been run by Commissioner Nick Fish. She will retain her post as head of the Office of Civic & Community Life.

Fish will keep the Bureau of Environmental Services and also take over leadership of Portland Parks & Recreation from Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

Fritz in turn will get the Water Bureau from Fish.

Saltzman, formerly the transportation commissioner, would keep Portland Fire & Rescue while taking over the 911 and emergency management agencies.

Wheeler spokeswoman Sophia June said the mayor intends to make a public announcement about bureau assignments this week.

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# 3 religious leaders arrested at ICE facility

**Anna Sporre** *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Three religious leaders were arrested Tuesday morning at Southwest Portland's downtown Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility, a Federal Protective Service spokesman confirmed.

Two reverends and a rabbi were cited for obstruction after blocking the driveway to the Southwest Macadam Avenue facility, said Robert Sperling, a Federal Protective Service spokesman. Those arrested were part of a larger group called Interfaith Movement for Immigration Justice that gathered at the facility to deliver a letter to Elizabeth Godfrey, acting field office director for ICE, said Rabbi Benjamin Barnett of Havurah Shalom.

The three faith leaders arrested were the Rev. Michael Ellick with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Rabbi Debra Kolodny of Portland's UnShul and the Rev. Barbara Nixon of First United Methodist Church in Corvallis. All three have since been released.

The arrests come less than two weeks after Portland Police cleared out a 38-day encampment at the same location involv-

ing hundreds of people protesting President Donald Trump's immigration policies.

Demonstrators set up a small camp on the sidewalk outside City Hall on Sunday night.

Overnight Monday, columns on the portico outside the east side of City Hall and a low barrier wall along the sidewalk were tagged with anti-ICE messages. Three members of Occupy ICE PDX were on the sidewalk Tuesday morning outside City Hall. They said they didn't know who had spray-painted the building.

For Kolodny, the tipping point came early in the month, when 79 of the immigrants detained at Sheridan were deemed legitimate asylum seekers with "credible fear" of violence or reprisals if they were to return to their home countries.

About 20 minutes after delivering the letter and receiving no response to their request to meet with Godfrey, Kolodny and others sat in front of the facility's main driveway. Shortly after, Department of Homeland Security officials began asking the clergy if they realized the implications of their actions.

"We understand and we know, and we are

not leaving," Kolodny recalled telling the officials.

All three were handcuffed soon after. They were given two citations each for refusing a direct order and for creating a disturbance. They weren't put in holding cells and were treated graciously, Kolodny said.

"The grace with which they dealt with us and their respect and appreciation for our peacefulness made clear that they were moved by what was happening," she said of the officials.

At least 75 people surrounded them singing spiritual songs as they were being handcuffed. The trio are set to appear in court on Nov. 2.

Ellick said the biblical mandate to welcome immigrants could not be more clear. On the flip side, he added, President Donald Trump's policies have felt punitive and un-American.

"This is an obvious, clear, unambiguous command of our religious faith," he said.

Kolodny said she hopes their actions help speed up the release of the Sheridan immigrants, though only time will tell.

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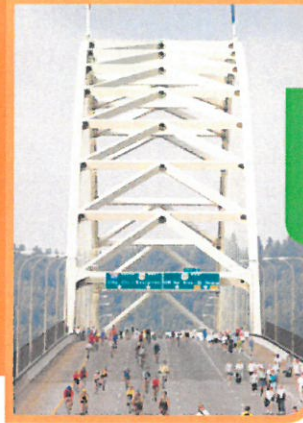
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# NW NATURAL FILES TO REDUCE RATES IN OREGON

In July 2011, NW Natural filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon to reduce gas purchases and other costs of service, adjustments to rates for the upcoming year that began in July. NW Natural will put on the filing in mid-September, as part of the regulatory process. It is likely that rates will be slightly higher or lower depending on changes in the market price of natural gas. Rates increase and September. These costs will graduate into similar filings every year. Additionally, NW Natural anticipates an upward in rates November 1 as a result of the higher Oregon rate rate.

## HOW MUCH WILL MY GAS BILL GO DOWN?

If the same changes are applied as statefile filed, residential rates will be lower by about 2 percent and commercial rates will be lower by about 2.5 percent. Large industrial rates will be lower by 2.5 percent, and large commercial/comparable rates will be lower by 2.5 percent. The large changes for large industrial/commercial and residential pipeline demand charges. Residential customers having an average of 50 therms per month will see a monthly bill reduction of about \$1.00.

## WHY THE PRICE CHANGE?

The primary reason for the price increase is to reflect a gas through the increases of the gas costs. NW Natural will pay more for the long-term cost to its suppliers, a markup of per year gas cost purchases, and changes in other rates cost increases applied by regulators for residential/commercial rates. The increase is in addition to the rate bill trends that the company applied to customer bills as a result of an effort to provide capacity management and use of the company's existing natural gas storage facility.

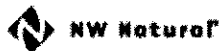
Approved in 2010, NW Natural's cost recovery from Oregon customers with a decrease by \$43,800,000, or about 5.5 percent. The company's revenue is made up of \$1.8 billion, but cost of gas purchases is \$1.75 billion from the cost of other energy-related services.

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# Principals

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the administration program at Portland State University.

Located in West Salem, Brush College serves about 300 students.

The original school was built in 1860, according to the school's website. It was named "brush" because of nearby ground cover and "college" because, at the turn of the last century, the school offered the highest level of learning for the nearby area.

## Bush Elementary

### Tara Baldrige, former principal at Clear Lake Elementary

Baldrige previously taught Spanish and English as a second language, and has served as an administrator in the role of assistant principal at Stephens Middle School and North Salem High School for the past 15 years, officials said.

Baldrige served as principal at Clear Lake Elementary in Keizer beginning in 2013.

Bush, located near Willamette University in Salem, serves about 320 students. The original Bush Elementary was built in 1936, according to the school's website, and the new school built in 2005.

Bush was named for Asahel Bush, an editor and publisher of the Statesman Journal in the 19th century.

## Candalaria Elementary

### Brian Turner, former assistant principal at Swegle Elementary

Turner is from Virginia Beach, Virginia and has taught in public and private education in Virginia, Florida and Oregon. He has served as a special education teacher, a high school baseball coach, an athletic director and teacher recruiter. Turner began his career in education in 2008 and has spent the majority of his career working in urban Title I schools, officials said, specializing in students with emotional and behavioral needs.

Turner joined Salem-Keizer in 2014, working with the high schools to implement an Emotional Growth Center and work as a teacher recruiter for the district with a focus on diversity.

Since 2017, Turner



The original Brush College Elementary School was built in 1860. The current spot in West Salem is seen here in August 2017. ANNA REED/STATESMAN JOURNAL

served as the assistant principal at Swegle Elementary.

Turner received his B.A. in education from Liberty University in Virginia and M.S. in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

Candalaria serves about 340 students and is located in South Salem.

Construction on Candalaria began in 1955 and is named for the Candalaria Heights district of Salem, according to the school's website.

## César Chávez Elementary

### Teresa Tolento, former program associate in the Office of Elementary Curriculum

Tolento has been with the district for more than 24 years, specializing in literacy and biliteracy education.

She has served as an instructional assistant, English language acquisition specialist, bilingual teacher, principal and adjunct professor at Western Oregon University. Most recently,

officials said, Tolento worked as the district's literacy program associate in the Office of Elementary Curriculum.

In June, Olga Cobb, the previous principal at César Chávez, accepted the position of one of three directors of elementary education for the district. Cobb has worked with the district for 18 years.

Chávez Elementary School in North Salem serves about 550 students.

The school opened in 2012 as a professional development school, according to the school's website.

## Clear Lake Elementary

### Artonya Gemmill, former principal at Brush College Elementary

Originally from Southern California, Gemmill has spent the past 20 years in education serving as an instructional assistant, full-inclusion teacher, classroom teacher, special education

teacher, assistant principal and since 2013, principal at Brush College Elementary.

She has been with the district since 2007.

Located in Keizer, Clear Lake serves about 400 students.

Clear Lake elementary was built in 1994 and was named after the Clear Lake district of Keizer, according to the school's website. The area got its name from the lake of the same name.

## Cummings Elementary

### Magda Romero, former assistant principal at Keizer and Chávez Elementary Schools

Romero has been in education for more than 20 years and most recently served as assistant principal at Keizer and Chávez Elementary Schools.

Romero attended Chemekeeta Community College and Portland State University where she received her master's in special education and her administrative license.

In addition to serving as an assistant principal, Romero has also served as an office manager, instructional assistant and classroom teacher.

Cummings Elementary serves about 435 students, according to its website, and is the oldest school in Keizer.

## Hoover Elementary

### Bridget West, former assistant principal at Richmond Elementary West

West has worked in Salem-Keizer for the entirety of her teaching career, beginning at Hallman Elementary.

Throughout her time in the district, West has served as a classroom teacher, instructional coach and most recently

served as the assistant principal at Richmond Elementary, officials said. Located in North Salem, Hoover serves about 550 students and has the mascot the Hoover Hounds.

## Valley Inquiry Charter School

### Jesse Payne, former director of Undergraduate Teacher Education at Corban University

Payne is the new principal of Valley Inquiry Charter School. He has been a licensed substitute for the district and has led training for district staff, district officials said.

As a charter school, admission is open to any student in the Salem-Keizer by lottery and serves up to 168 students in six classrooms.

Payne has served as an elementary school teacher, high school teacher, paraprofessional, university professor, higher education administrator and human resources director.

Payne received his bachelor's degree in business, master's

degree in education and graduated from the University of Southern California in education with an emphasis in K-12 leadership.

Payne will continue working part-time at Corban while serving as principal at Valley Inquiry.

Contact Natalie Pate at [npate@StatesmanJournal.com](mailto:npate@StatesmanJournal.com), 503-399-6745 or follow her on Twitter @Nataliempate or on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/nataliepatejournalist](http://www.Facebook.com/nataliepatejournalist).

# 3 arrested for blocking driveway at ICE facility

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Federal officers arrested three people at the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in southwest Portland.

The arrests came as a group of clergy and others marched to building Tuesday morning and blocked a driveway.

The group sought a meeting with the regional ICE director and the release of more than 100 asylum seekers who are being held at a federal prison in Sheridan, Oregon.

## LOTTERY

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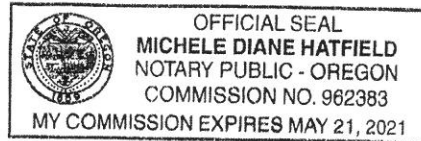
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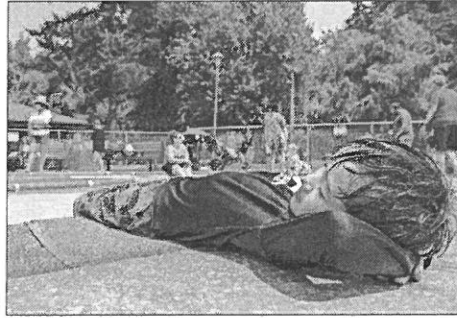
## COOL

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"Previously, it was just a wading pool for toddlers," Newton said. The Emerald Park spray play areas are open daily from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. for children 50 inches tall or under, and from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for children 54 inches tall or under. There is no Thursday evening session due to concerts in the park. It's free for district members and costs \$1 per child for people from outside of the district. The wading pool hadn't been updated since it was built in 1964, Newton said. Construction started in the spring, and the district ran

into delays, he said, having to wait for some building materials. "It was a long project to get through," he said. "We ended up about four or five weeks behind schedule." The spray play area has lifeguards and will be open through Labor Day. The latest round of hot weather in Eugene-Springfield will likely last through Thursday and end Friday, Mackey said. Haze will probably accompany the heat this week. Smoke from wildfires burning in Southern Oregon and Northern California is creating the haze, with the smoke passing over the southern Willamette Valley at about 5,000-7,000 feet, he said. "We really don't expect

people in the Eugene area to smell fire or have difficulty breathing," he said. "It's mostly just a visual kind of thing. You might see a reddish sun at sunrise and sunset." The haze Monday prompted some people to call into the Lane Regional Air Protection Agency, but Jo Niehaus, the agency's spokeswoman, said air quality remained good. "However, as the week goes on, people can expect to see the air quality degrade some as some of that smoke settles," she wrote in an email. "It may be a little bit hazier or so when we can expect more westerly winds and lower temperatures during the weekend."



Kelson Choy, 5, lounges on the pool deck of the newly renovated River Road wading pool. The seasonal wading pool opened on Monday following several months of renovation. (BEN LONGERMAN/THE REGISTER GUARD)

## REVIEW

### OFAM 'Centerpiece' offers creative interpretations

By Doug Anders  
For The Register-Guard

The collection of approximately 500 classic Broadway and jazz song charts, called "The Real Book," is a beloved "Centerpiece" in the toolbox of most jazz musicians. Music director Vicki Brabham led an ensemble of eight peers through an engaging and personal sample of "The Real Book's" Broadway musical tunes on Friday, Aug. 3 at The Shedd's Jaqu Concert Hall. Brabham told the story of the book's influence on her musical life and collaborated with her bandmates in an intimate exploration of 22 songs in the culturally important collection.

"The Real Book" is more of a melody/chorus progressions sketch book of songs — it was never intended as an exact script. It is a tool that leaves much elbow room for individual expression and interpretation of tunes. Brabham and friends made good use of that elbow room. Brabham did most of the arranging. The arrangements (whether hers or those by her colleague, trombonist Glenn Griffith) were creative, tasty morsels. Many were noteworthy for the ideal balance they struck of rich harmonic palettes and crisp rhythmic phrases.

Although all of the arrangements were well-constructed and performed, some highlights that come to mind were "My Ship," "Come Rain or Come Shine," "My Funny Valentine," "Bewitched (Bothered and Bewildered)" and the perennial show closer, "Some Other Time." Each of these had its own lush mix of vocal and/or instrumental harmonies ranging from the bright ones Michael Stone and Sarah B. Rose sang together in "Rain or Shine" to the exotic horn choir ones of "My Ship" and "Bewitched."

The concert started strong (and tongue in cheek) with Rogers and Hart's "I Could Write a Book" After an affectionate intro sung by Stone, he went on to deliver the song with a confidence and style like Bobby Darin (and did so without imitating him).

The well-executed vocal duties carried out by Brabham, Rose, and Stone covered much stylistic territory. Their delivery of Lambert, Hendricks and Ross's arrangement of "Centerpiece" was particularly powerful in

its use of a slightly slower tempo.

In her debut season with Oregon Festival of American Music, it looks like Sarah B. Rose has much to offer audiences. In this concert she took great advantage of diverse opportunities to skillfully share her pleasant voice, including a dexterous scat solo in Ella Fitzgerald tribute of "Just in Time," a sensitively rendered Samba-like version of "You Skipped Out of a Dream" (accompanied only by Don Elkington on cajon and Tyler Abbot on bass), and a magnificent call and response with Idit Shner's high-caliber flute playing in "Softly, As in a Morning Sunrise."

The instrumentalists' uniformly solid performances and inspired short solos were too many to highlight adequately. Griffith and Shner were heavy hitters throughout. UO student trumpeter Alexis Garcia played impressive melodies in "Send in the Clowns" and "Yesterdays."

The devoted artists will give an encore performance of "Centerpiece" at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

## HOME

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The property's co-owner was the Keller Williams realtor who sold the home to them.

Brad Demilieu and Jody Draper are those former co-owners, and they're two of the defendants named in a lawsuit the couple filed in January in Marion County, which was followed by two rounds of "failed" mediation between the family and Keller Williams, Travis told McClatchy. "They don't want to pay for anything," Travis said. "We tried to work with them for a year before taking our story public."

Neither representatives from Keller Williams nor Draper responded to various media outlets requesting comment. The Tubbess — all nine of them — picketed the Eugene Keller Williams Realty office Thursday, KEZI reported.

After Demilieu told the family about the meth coating on all the home's walls and surfaces, 20 tests confirmed elevated levels of methamphetamine residue in every structure, the Salem Statesman Journal reported. The lowest levels of meth contamination on the property were three times more than the level requiring clean-up in Oregon, while the highest levels, over 150 times the allowable limit, were found throughout

the home's ventilation system, according to the newspaper.

The Tubbess ordered a home inspection before buying the home, like most homebuyers do. However, meth contamination level inspections are not a part of any standard home inspector's checklist, according to KEZI.

Families who unknowingly buy meth houses and live in them for a time can experience symptoms ranging from migraines to respiratory problems to skin burns and irritation, according to Scientific American.

Today, the family feels like they've been squatting on their own land for over a year, while the fight with Keller Williams moves to the courtroom. They were in hotels for a few days after getting the meth inspection, Travis said. Then they lived in trailers parked outside their home.

Then Travis and the older children converted a garage on the property to their current living space, but only after it became the first of the six buildings to get the meth dust

cleaned out. They covered the roof in asphalt shingles and plunked in a window air conditioning unit to get at least a little summertime air-flow going.

"It's hot," Travis told McClatchy. "That garage wasn't made to be lived in. That and managing everyone's need for space is probably the hardest part."

Oh, and he's writing a doctoral thesis on managing crops. He's studying at Oregon State University in nearby Corvallis.

He says he's spent \$50,000 on electrical work alone already, and that their lawyer's fees currently sit at about \$60,000, but will continue to climb. Cleaning the meth residue out of the main house will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000, then building back the guts of the home — because "cleaning" in this sense of the word really means tearing everything out of the home — could cost as much as \$600,000 more.

Then there's the storage fees, which are about

\$20,000 and climbing, because most everything the Tubbs family owned before the move still cannot be unpacked. All in all, KATU reported that the family is suing Keller Williams, et. al. for \$500,000. Travis told McClatchy, however, that mediation, which might start in January, could ultimately determine the final settlement price, if such a settlement can be arranged.

But that means the family will have to continue living in their makeshift garage-home for at least six more months, he said. According to GoFundMe campaign Denay started, the family expects to spend its second winter in the garage-home this year.

The family's GoFundMe Campaign had raised just \$4,700 of its \$60,000 goal as of Saturday afternoon, "but we're soldiering on," Travis said, mainly thanks to his wife.

"It takes an amazing woman to be able to even make this situation survivable with seven kids," Travis said. "It's a trial for her, and for our kids, more than for anyone else."

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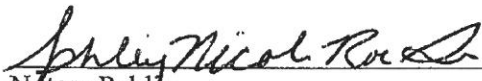
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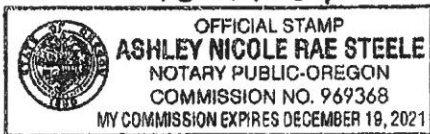
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**CRASH**

An Oregon State Police trooper talks to a driver involved in a single vehicle crash that left a power pole hanging from power lines and her car on the railroad tracks Tuesday at about 7:30 p.m. along U.S. Highway 101 south of Coos Bay. No further details are available at this time.

**MEETINGS**

**THURSDAY, AUG. 9**  
**Douglas County Coastal Advisory Board** — 10 a.m., Umpqua River Lighthouse Museum, 1020 Lighthouse Road, Winchester Bay; regular meeting.  
**Coos County Board of Commissioners** — 10 a.m., courthouse, 250 N. Baxter St., Coquille; work session.  
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**Cammann Road District Board** — 7 p.m., Charleston Fire Hall, 92342 Cape Arago Highway, Coos Bay; regular meeting.

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**THURSDAY, AUG. 9**  
**Central Coast Christian Women's Luncheon** 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Pony Village Mall, Suite 155, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend. Inclusive lunch \$11.50. RSVP to 541-294-9969. Guest speaker: Connie Knapp. Race way to Life. Special presentation: Illea Faover. Aromas will talk about how she got started.  
**Meet Bandon Animal Rescue** 1 p.m., Bandon Public Library, 1204 11th St. SW, Bandon.  
**Summer Adventure Program: Cookies & Canvas for Kids** 2 p.m., Coos Bay Public Library, 525 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay. Registration required for painting with Miss Julie. coosbaylibrary.org  
**City of Roadspport Centennial Celebration Planning Open House** 6 p.m., Waterfront Restaurant & Lounge, 351 Riverfront Way, Roadspport. Bring ideas and suggestions for the year-long celebration.  
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**Music on the Bay Season Opener: Danielle Nicole** 7 p.m., Mungus Park Amphitheater, 600 N 10th St., Coos Bay. Carpool or walk if you can. Food and drink available.  
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**Coos County awarded \$150,000 for Whiskey Run Biking Trail**

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**BANDON** — Coos County's newest mountain biking trail, Whiskey Run, is set to expand.

Coos County was awarded a \$100,000 grant from Travel Oregon and will receive an additional \$50,000 match from Travel Southern Oregon Coast.

The first 10 miles of the new trail opened in June. "We hope to build 30 miles of world class single track," said Coos County Commissioner Melissa Cribbins, who has spearheaded the effort along with Travel Southern Oregon Coast. "These funds are a big step toward that goal."

Whiskey Run is satisfying the growing local demand for more mountain biking infrastructure. "It's also an important part of our economic development strategy for the county," Commissioner Cribbins explained. Outdoor recreation and tourism is a growing sector on the southern Oregon coast. According to the Oregon Travel Impacts study, visitors spent over \$271 million in Coos County in 2017. Tourism directly employs 3,100 people in the county.

"We want to help get more people outside, enjoying the beauty of our woods and water," said



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A young cyclist splashes through a puddle on a guided ride of the Whiskey Run Trails during the inaugural Whiskey Run Mountain Bike Festival north of Bandon on June 6.

Travel Southern Oregon Coast Executive Director Jon-Paul Bowles. "Whether it's helping fund Whiskey Run, water trails, or promotional materials, our goal is to show off the best of the south coast and encourage people to spend more money at local businesses."

The Whiskey Run opening event, held on June 9, attracted over 100 people. "I've been pleasantly surprised," said Coos County Forester Lance Morgan. "There are cars at the trail head every day. I've seen license plates from Arizona, Utah and all over."

**CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

**THURSDAYS**  
**Bay Area Sunrise Rotary Club** Every Thursday 7 a.m., Baycrest Village, 3959 Sheridan Ave., North Bend.  
**Diabetes Screening** Fourth Thursday 9-10 a.m., Bay Area Hospital lobby, 1775 Thompson Road, Coos Bay.  
**Blood Pressure Check** Every Thursday 9-11:30 a.m., Bay Area Hospital lobby, 1775 Thompson Road, Coos Bay. 541-269-8076  
**Body Awareness** Every Thursday 10 a.m., BAH Community Education Center, 3950 Sherman Ave., North Bend. 541-756-1038  
**Tai Chi** Every Thursday 10 a.m., Lakeside Senior Center, 915 N. Lake Road, Lakeside. 541-759-3819  
**Horizon Women's Bible Study** First and Third Thursday 10 a.m., Lounge at United Presbyterian Church, 2360 Longwood Drive. 541-273-3214  
**Elkton Quilters & Friends** Second and Fourth Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Elkton Community Education Center, 15850 Highway 18, Elkton. www.facebook.com/ElktonQuiltersFriends  
**Story Time** Every Thursday 11 a.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. Ages 3-6. Younger siblings welcome. http://www.northbendoregon.us/library/SEPT-MAY

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