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Shady Cove City Council passes 26/27 budget during special meeting

Christy Solo
Editor

The bulk of the June 11 Shady Cove City Council Special Meeting and Budget Hearing was taken up by public comment and replies from council.

Both Shari Tarvin and Natalie Swendener read comments written and submitted by Swendener.

You can hear the comments and council's replies on the recording of the June 11 meeting.

You can also see and hear the comments and council's replies on the Zoom recording of the May 26, 2026 Budget Meeting, because – as Swendener stated in her June 11 comments (both those read by her and Tarvin) she had already asked these questions in May.

Near the end of the May 26 budget meeting (after Swendener's initial questions and the committee's answers), the budget committee asked Swendener, "do you feel your questions were answered?" Swendener replied "No" and the committee listened to and answered her subsequent questions regarding the reorganization of staffing.

Briefly, for those who did not attend or listen to or watch the recordings of

either referenced meeting: Part of the 26/27 budget is the "reorganization" of city staff. This will be done to free up approximately \$118K in the General Fund which will be used to (almost) pay the Sheriff's contract in full (making up the deficit left by the too low Public Safety Fee).

Note: When former Mayor Jon Ball was in office, the sheriff's contract was discussed frequently, both in meetings and in a Town Hall meeting where council asked citizens for ideas on how the city might make up the difference between the PSF and the actual cost of the sheriff's contract.

Upshot from June 11: Options are to increase city taxes (which would need to go on the ballot and very likely would not pass), to increase the safety fee, or to eliminate a city staff member.

The current council opted for the reorganization and elimination of one staff member.

Interim Admin John Edwards Added, "I know the staff reductions are not an easy thing to do, but we're caught between a rock and a hard place. We just do not have revenue available to cover our costs. And we're not the only town, unfortunately, doing this."

SEE COUNCIL PG. 9

Con-Grad-ulations!



Con-grad-ulations Class of 2026! Photo by Christy Solo

Drowning doesn't look like you think, or like it's portrayed in film and on television

With almost officially here, hitting the water is a sure way to find relief. Whether in a pool, pond, lake, creek or river drowning is always a sad possibility as we in our area know too well.

Now is the time to learn the real signs of drowning, it's not what you see on television or in the movies. Knowing what to look for can save a life.

Drowning is not the violent, splashing, call for help that most people expect. If you spend time on or near the water, as we all do here, then you should make sure that you and your family know what to look for whenever people enter the water.

The waving, splashing, and yelling that dramatic conditioning (television) prepares us to look for, is rarely seen in real life.

The Instinctive Drowning Response, named by Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water.

It does not look like most people expect. There is very little splashing, no waving, and no yelling or calls for help of any kind.

To get an idea of just how quiet and undramatic drowning can be, consider this: It is the number two cause of

accidental death in children, age 15 and under 50% of children who drown will do so within 25 yards of a parent or other adult. In ten percent of those drownings, the adult will watch them do it, having no idea it is happening.

Drowning does not look



like drowning.

In the Coast Guard's On Scene Magazine, Dr. Pia described Instinctive Drowning Response:

1. Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is a secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled, before speech occurs.

2. Drowning people's mouths alternately sink below and reappear above the surface of the water. The mouths of drowning people are not above the surface of the water long enough for them to exhale, inhale, and call out for help. When the drowning people's mouths are above the surface, they exhale and inhale quickly as their mouths start to sink below the surface of the water.

3. Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's

surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.

4. Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment.

5. From beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response people's bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs.

SEE DROWNING PG 10

Social Security funds could run short by 2032, program's Trustees warn

(NPR) A trust fund that helps pay Social Security benefits for more than 60 million retirees and family members is expected to run out of money in 2032.

The Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., in April.

Unless Congress makes changes by then, seniors will see an automatic cut in their monthly benefits of 22%, according to a report released Tuesday by Social Security Trustees.

"The Trustees recommend that lawmakers address the projected trust fund shortfalls in a timely way to phase in

necessary changes gradually and give workers and beneficiaries time to adjust," the report says.

The forecast shows the trust fund will be exhausted three months earlier than was predicted last year. Social Security's finances are challenged by a falling birth rate, reduced immigration and the tax cut passed by the Republican Congress last year. Those moves are partially offset by stronger productivity gains.

The basic challenge for Social Security is demographic. Baby boomers are retiring at a

rapid pace, and there are fewer younger workers paying into the system for every senior collecting monthly benefits.

Congress could patch the shortfall by raising taxes, reducing benefits or some combination of the two.

Otherwise, beneficiaries will see their monthly payments cut automatically.

"Nationally, the average monthly cut would total \$500, which is more than what the average retired household spends on groceries each month," said a report from the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.



Social Security is expected to run short of cash in less than seven years. Lawmakers need to adjust benefits or taxes before that to avoid an automatic cut in monthly benefits. Photo by Kevin Dietsch/Getty Images North America

GrangeCo-op and FarmSupply Company Announce Proposed Merger

MEDFORD, OR — June 11, 2026 — Grange Co-op and Farm Supply Company today announced Board approval of a proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger that would create a 13-location cooperative spanning Southern Oregon through the Central California Coast, uniting two member-owned organizations with a combined 160-plus years of heritage and approximately 460 employees.

Grange Co-op has a successful history of growth through partnership. In 1966, Grange Co-op merged with Jackson County Co-op, and in 1996 expanded further through a merger with Josephine County Growers. Grange Co-op's

board of directors unanimously recommended the merger.

Jerry May, Grange Co-op Board Chair, believes the two co-ops' similarities are a great fit for merger "Based on my experience, Farm Supply's culture, people, and operations strongly align with Grange Co-op, and I'm excited for this opportunity."

The proposed merger is expected to immediately and significantly increase purchasing power, offer broader product selection, and provide greater operational resilience through increased geographic and market diversification, benefits that flow directly to members.



"Farm Supply Company and Grange Co-op have earned trust for generations because of the way we care for our customers, employees, and communities. I see tremendous potential in what we can accomplish together,"

said Neil Itzen, CEO of Grange Co-op.

Michael Mendes, CEO of Farm Supply Company, stated "both cooperatives will gain the scale advantages of growth without taking on new debt, and this transaction

is expected to be cashflow positive from day one. We're combining two organizations that share the same values, the same commitment to their communities, and the same belief in the cooperative model."

If approved, current Grange Co-op CEO, Neil Itzen, will serve as CEO of the combined organization. The merged co-op will operate under a unified governance model consisting of board members from each cooperative.



Save the date

EPHS Annual All-School Reunion

Saturday June 20, 2026
Eagle Point High School Cafeteria
More details soon

Eagle Point TOPS

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Thursdays at 8 a.m. at the Butte Creek Baptist Church. For more information, call (559) 285-1707 or go to www.tops.org.

The Prospect Lions' Breakfast

is starting up again! Come out and meet your neighbors and visit with friends!

When: 1st Saturday of each month

7:30 am to 9:30 am
Where: Prospect Lions' Park – 1st Street

Wigwam Menu: Choice 1 Pancakes, eggs, bacon OR sausage, coffee and OJ
Choice 2 Biscuits and gravy, eggs, bacon OR sausage, coffee and OJ

Price: \$8 ½ orders are available
Prospect Senior Lunch Served at 11:30 a.m.

every Tuesday with love
Good news for those who use the Prospect Access Pantry
Access has now added 2 additional days of food delivery to Prospect
There is a mobile truck

now coming to Prospect on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month It will park at the Church of the Nazarene – Mill Creek Dr
Time is 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Prospect Church of the Nazarene – Mill Creek Dr
Please remain in your vehicle and a food box will be brought to you

Every week the Upper Rogue Community Center offers the following:

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Wednesday Lunch - 2nd & 4th Wed from 11-1p.m.
Aerobics

Mon, Wed & Fri. 8:00-9 :00 a.m

Kundalini Yoga Wed. 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Pickleball Sun. 12 - 4 p.m. & Wed 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Main Hall

Food Pantry every Thursday 10 a.m. -12:00p.m.(- food assistance) Thrift Shop open (Wed -Sat from 10- 3p.m.) check website for updates: upperroguecommunitycenter.com

Stone Ridge Golf Club Senior Day, Men's Senior day is every Wednesday at Stone Ridge Golf Club starting at 9 a.m. May - September and 10 a.m. October - April. Cost

\$45 includes golf, golf cart and prizes. If interested in playing please contact the golf shop at 541-830-4653.

Eagle Point Women's Golf Club

Eagle Point Women's Golf League plays every Tuesday at the Eagle Point Golf Club from March - October. Day's play games with flighted prizes, tournaments throughout the season and end of season banquet. Annual fee includes OGA handicap. Discounted weekly fee of \$54 includes green fee, cart & prize fund. If you are interested in joining, call the EPGC pro shop: 541-826-8225.

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Pics 'n Pieces:



Clearly a lot of drivers have made very sudden stops - mostly staying in the lane at least - mostly - as they approach the temporary stop light installed for the constuction on the bridge over Lost Creek Lake.

There are many, obvious "three-mile-orange" warning signs well ahead of the stopping point. Photo by Christy Solo



Once you get the green light to cross the bridge over Lost Creek Lake - be prepared to drive very slowly and keep one eye on the narrow lane and the other on the many construction workers. Photo by Christy Solo

Cri Goes Rogue: commentary by Christy Solo

"Rescuers used ropes to climb 100 feet down a cliff face to save a dog trapped on a ledge in Ecola State Park over the weekend.

The dog's owners contacted a park ranger Saturday afternoon after the pet ran off during a hike at the Oregon coast park and disappeared" The Oregonian, June 9, 2026

Leash.
Your.
Dog.
Please.

I've waited with a friend for several panic-filled hours after her off-leash dog took off on a hike.

I've virtually watched as other friends mounted and all hands on deck search for their two Pharoah Hounds who got out. Helicopters were involved, it took four days to find the dogs and they'd run around in a 20-mile circle during those days. Dogs can cover a lot of ground. Fast.

I saw a couple let their off-leash dog out of their car at Crater Lake, the dog immediately and without looking or pausing RAN and jumped over the stone wall at the viewpoint. Luckily, there was some

ground between the wall and the drop-off to the lake (some places there is not) and the panicked owners caught the dog.

I've had a dog chew through their leash (unbeknownst to me) during a road trip and bolt out of the car straight for Hwy. 62 as I stood in the driveway with half a leash in my hand.

That one was the initiator of the Car Rule: The car door only opens a crack until I have the leash around my wrist and I know it's in one piece and still attached to the collar, then the dog gets out.

I've had another dog back out of her collar and - you guessed it - run straight for a highway.

Luckily all these stories ended well. They each could've ended in tragedy.

Does it sometimes suck to have your dog on a leash when hiking. Yup. Do it anyway.

Does your dog have "perfect recall" and thus not need to be leashed? Do it anyway. I've also been with (yet another) friend who had their "perfect recall" dog blast off the trail down a steep bank ignoring all commands because - elk. Dogs gonna dog.

That was at least only a 30-minute delay in our day. Again - got lucky.

I hike with my dogs a lot and they are always on leash. Have I had photos ruined because a dog yanks on the leash just as I snap the shutter? Yup. Worth it. Have I been pulled off my feet and dragged across asphalt by my leashed dog? Yup. Worth it.

Anywho.

With my variety of sizes, breeds and dogs with varying amounts of prey drive - from "a squirrel could run across their feet and they wouldn't notice to" "I have to spell S-Q-U-I-R-R-E-L or all holy hell breaks loose" I've really upped my leash game.

For many dogs, a leash clipped to their collar is sufficient. I mean, I guess. In theory. I have not yet experienced that dog. But I've seen it work in practice.

My dogs have all been collar slippers - that is they easily back out of their collars due to the whole "two fingers between dog and collar for safety" collar tightness rule. So for walks, I switched to martingale collars (see photo) which are un-back-out-able.

Some dogs just pull too much for those though, despite the collars tightening when the dog pulls, so I have harnesses for two of my dogs now.

Fun fact: Dogs can totally get out of a harness. Don't depend on just that. Kiff flipped out - literally - at the vet and her entire harness came off mid somersault.

So now dogs with harnesses still have either a loose safety collar or martingale clipped in between the rings on the harness (see photos) if they slip out (or FLIP out) of the harness, they will still have the "can't back

out of it" collar attached to them and the leash.

Fun facts: Kiff's hot pink collar was packaged as a "safety collar" - however - similar collars are also called "slip collars" it can be confusing. Basically that collar has no buckles, it will just keep tightening (you can look for "Retriever Training" collars - but many of those are narrow cording, not wide webbing material).

She wears that because the distance between her neck and harness clip is too far for a martingale - a martingale would be tight

all the time if clipped to the harness. So that collar type is a no go. Dizzy is small enough I can clip her martingale collar to the harness without causing discomfort or pressure on her windpipe.

Oh! Also, don't use martingales when the dogs are just at home or in the yard, the collars can catch on things and seriously injure or even kill your dog (back to the "two fingers of space for collar size" thing so dogs can slip out in an emergency).

Many places call martingales "training collars" just an FYI as you search for one.



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R: My new bargain basement priced ginormous and yet washable area rug.

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All Things Oregon: by Christy Solo

Because we haven't yet hit the Dog Days of Summer, now is the perfect time to go hiking with your dog. If your dad has a dog, or if you are a Dog Dad or heck maybe your dog is a dad and needs some time away from the litter - whatever your dogs 'n dads status, a hike is the perfect Father's Day activity!

So let's revisit some of our area's best "Dog friendly hikes!"

We'll start by saying an internet search revealed that 99% of all "Best hikes in Oregon with your dog" lists (and there are many) really missed out on tons of trails in Southern Oregon; we'll fix that.

If you want to explore the entire state with your poochy pal(s), you can purchase an entire book of "Best Hikes with Your Dog in Oregon" and start making your "to do" list.

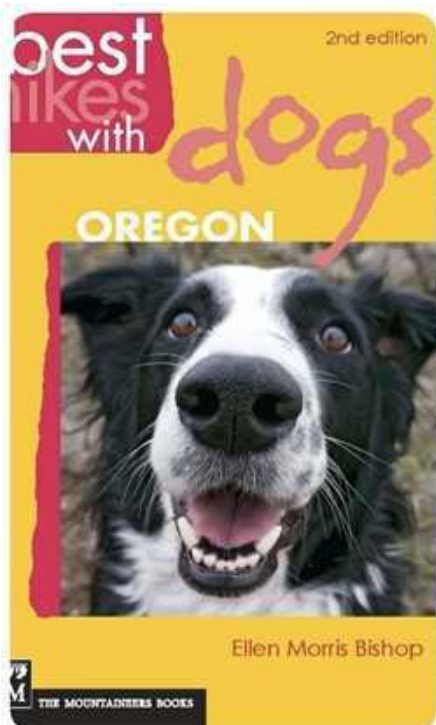
We only have so much room, so let's sniff out close-to-home hikes.

If you were inspired by another of our All Things exploring waterfalls, here are a few "best waterfall hikes with your dog" options.

The hike into stunning Toketee Falls is leashed dog friendly.

Note: Most trails require dogs to be on a leash, always default to leashing your dog unless an area or trail is very clearly marked acceptable for off-leash dogs. Who needs a lawsuit if Fido hurts another hiking human or pooch, or worse who wants to worry about Fido getting lost in the woods?

There are four fab falls to hike to in Prospect. The 1.2-mile Pearsony Falls Trail will take you along Mill Creek where you can also see Barr Creek Falls, Prospect Falls and Mill Creek Falls. If you're going



L-R, T-B: Nifty book on hikes for dogs. Zahi hiking at Crater Lake, Kiff hiking on the Rogue River Trail, Raven hiking at Flat Creek in the Rogue River National Forest. Do they make backpacks for dogs to hike with? Yes, yes the do.

north on Mill Creek Drive off Hwy. 62 the trailhead parking is on your right just before Gun Club Dr. and the Prospect Store.

Next we'll explore the only trail we'll cover which is a bit of a drive, but worth it. You and your dog will love the 1.6-mile Oregon Redwoods Trail near Brookings. This trail takes you back in time as it winds through new and old growth redwoods.

The trail is a well-built and well-maintained trail, most of the trail is wheelchair accessible. It's not one of the areas' more popular trails, so you and your pup will most likely be in for a nice, quiet hike through one of only two old-growth redwood groves in Oregon.

If you and your four-legged friend are up for a full day of hiking, hit the Wagner Butte Trail near Ashland. This hike takes an average time of 5 hours to complete, but because it's an "out-and-back" trail versus a loop, you can hike as much or as little of it as you want.

Odds are you'll want to hike the entirety once you get going, especially if you make

the trek in June because the trail will be abloom with wildflowers. This hike offers stunning scenic views as it goes in and out of forested areas and crosses wide open meadows as well as two creeks.

To get to the trailhead:

Drive on I-5 S for a total of 5.5 miles, then take exit 21 towards Talent. Turn right onto W Valley View Rd. for 0.5 miles, then at the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto E Main St. for 0.5 miles. Make a left onto Wagner Creek Rd. for 0.3 miles, then turn right to stay on Wagner Creek Rd. for another 7 miles. Turn left onto Brick Pile Rd/ NF-22 for 3.6 miles to the trailhead parking on your right.

Now we'll head north to Lost Creek Lake where you have so many dog-friendly hiking options you may never want to go anywhere else. The lake itself has tons of trails surrounding it, as well as two free of charge dog-friendly parks – McGregor and Rivers Edge. Both parks have their own mini trail

systems. McGregor's trails have easy river access for you and your dog as well as many interpretive signs.

Head up to dog friendly Stewart County Park for even more trails. One trail you will want to hit as soon as possible is the Blue Grotto Trail. It's a 5 mile in-and-out hike to one of our area's greatest hidden gems – the grotto itself. The waterfall which makes the grotto, well, a grotto, may be down to a trickle soon, so grab your dog's leash and head out today while there may still be water flowing.

Access the grotto from the Lewis Rd. trailhead. To get there head up toward Prospect on Hwy. 62, after crossing the Peyton Bridge over the Rogue River arm of Lost Creek Lake, turn left on Lewis Road. Continue another 1.0 miles, and turn left to park at the Lewis Road Trailhead.

Let's jump further north now to the Union Creek area where there are dog-friendly trails galore. You can hit the highlights on the Rogue River Trail like the Natural Bridge – two miles south of Union

Creek – then the Rogue River Gorge at the north end of Union Creek.

Or you can hit the trail at either end and hike the miles between the two. If your dog loves to splash in the water, this section of the Rogue River Trail will be doggy nirvana for them – especially the section from Union Creek to the Natural Bridge.

Note: While your dog should always be on a leash on these popular trails (and anywhere else the law requires), for sure never, ever let your dog

off leash above the Rogue River Gorge. Also keep them on leash for at least one-half mile before you get to the Natural Bridge. Both locations will lead Spot to a quick end if he stumbles in the roiling waters above these two dangerous lava features.

You can also hike the Union Creek Trail from just behind Beckie's Café down to the Rogue and back.

We'll take a quick jump north once again to Crater Lake. While there are many areas and trails which are off limits to dogs, there are also many scenic spots (the entire rim drive is dog friendly) and a few trails where your pup can hike their doggy heart out.

Dogs are required to be on leash at all times within the park.

Dog-friendly areas are clearly marked on the map you'll receive when you go through the entry kiosk at the lake.

Final fun fact: Most of Oregon's state parks welcome your furry companions.

For more information, check out the state parks website here:

<https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=main.loadFile&load=>



REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Hall – Council Chambers
17 Buchanan Avenue South

City Council – Meetings are regularly held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers and via Zoom. *Public Hearing notices listed below and separately.*

Planning Commission – June 16th at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers. *See Public Hearing notice below and separately.*

Neighborhood Enhancement Commission – July 6th at 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Planning Commission Public Hearing Notices: The Eagle Point Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 17 South Buchanan Avenue. The public is invited to attend and provide comments during this meeting. Pursuant to ORS 197.797, failure to raise an issue during a hearing, in person or in writing, or failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the decision-maker and the parties an opportunity to respond to the issue will preclude the ability to appeal based on that issue. See separate notices in this edition or on the City's website at www.cityofeaglepoint.org for the full public notice.

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Winding Trails: by Al Hobart

Thursday, June 13, 1968

The honest man

Long ago I came to the conclusion that the favorite past-time of man in general was to skin the socks off of his fellow man. To get the best of a fellow human, stranger or friend, brazenly or subtly, especially in a material way, was the approved method of demonstrating his superiority over his trusting or gullible associates. To outwit someone, even in a sneaky way, taking advantage of others for one's own personal gain, was a sure-fire way to bolster one's ego (so my theory went), besides being one way of making both ends meet without being compelled to work too hard at it.

A pessimistic evaluation of my fellow man's morals, no doubt;

but past events had seemed to justify such an attitude. Having been rooked so many times by ones I trusted, I had made up my mind that the old skin game was an accepted part of a diseased or over-indulgent society, and henceforth (with apologies to Poe's raven) I would trust my fellows never more.

But now all that has changed. I know that not everyone is a chiseler, and for the first time in many years I have a feeling that there's some hope for humanity after all: I have found an honorable, conscientious man and that heartening discovery came to me in a most dramatic way.

As in the case of the great man in history who found he could do his weightiest thinking on top of a mountain, it was up in the mountains that I made my happy discovery that not all

of humanity is corrupt. And in finding that one honest man my pessimism has been tempered with the suspicion there are probably other men waiting discovery by their disenchanting brethren.

At the beginning of our day we never know what experiences will befall us before night comes again. On this particular day, when I went up in the mountains to satisfy my curiosity as to the extent of the snowdrifts remaining on the Bolan Lake road, I had no idea that I'd be picnicking with friends at Bolan Lake – especially after I'd found the high ridge road still closed by drifts, and no tell-tale tracks in the snow.

I'd left my jeep at Low Gap, near the Happy Camp Road, and hiked on in to Bolan Lake, 5½ miles away, much of the road now free of snow but still impassable to cars

because of the occasional still deep but fast-melting drifts. When I neared the lake, to my surprise I saw a pickup-camper parked in a meadow nearby, and could see where others had driven in to the Forest Service campground beside the lake. Only 2 days before, a logging road up French Hill way, from the Sucker Creek side, had been opened, and eager on-the-job fishermen had lost no time in getting up to the lake.

Just before I reached the lakeside campground I was overtaken by a pickup containing a pair of fishermen and their wives. One of the men was a friend of mine of long standing with whom I used to work in local sawmills, he always worked as the sawyer and I as the edgerman. One thing I learned about him in those days was his extreme caution in running the mill, and his

careful regard for the safety of his men. At the slightest hint of trouble he would shut the mill down in the twinkling of an eye. But I was to learn something else about him, something even more remarkable, up at Bolan Lake that day. While I was helpfully doing my bit toward disposing of the picnic lunch (inwardly patting myself on the back at having blundered into this delicious windfall) my friend casually pulled out his wallet, extracted a pair of twenty-dollar bills and handed them to me without a word. When I wanted to know what it was all about he said only that it was some money he owed me.

Not very often I forget about money owed to me, but in this instance I was completely mystified. Without too much protest I accepted the money, having to take his word, without benefit

of explanation that he really owed it to me.

Later, wracking my brain for a clue, at last I began to see a tiny glimmer of light, a faint recollection of having lent my friend this money, an incident that he had never forgotten and fully intended to do something about when the unpredictable voice of fortune said Now.

The amount of the debt isn't important, nor was the fact that the money was never before available due to more pressing needs for it. The remarkable thing is that my friend would remember when I had long forgotten, and his unwavering resolve to repay that debt.

By the faint glow of that memory-light so nearly extinguished, at last I hazily recalled the time I made that small loan – on a day more than 17 years ago.

A botanist's view of local flora: by Dr. F. Alice LeDuc

Big Deervetch – *Hosackia crassifolia*, because of a name change the old name is considered a synonym *Lotus crassifolius*

Deervetch is native to southwestern Washington, western Oregon south through California to Baja California. It is found in open areas of chaparral, pine woodlands, roadside verges and other disturbed areas. It is an excellent plant for reestablishment of burned and logged areas. The roots are spreading from rhizomes that recover quickly after soil is disturbed.

The plant is an herbaceous perennial legume (bean family). It is a rapid grower, sprawling to erect, attaining heights of one to five feet with

the stems hollow at the base. The leaves are compounded with seven to twenty leaflets that are about an inch long, elliptic to egg shaped, that are up to two and a half times longer than wide. The flowers are borne in umbels of seven to twenty tiny

flowers that are pea-shaped (papilionaceous), yellow-green turning red-purple with age. Fruits look like pea pods that are one and one-half to almost three inches long and one to two tenths of an inch wide. The plants bloom from May to August with

fruits occurring from June till September.

The Deervetch has a number of uses. In nature they provide food for pollinators such as bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. In addition, they are the host plant for several species of butterflies, such as the silver-spotted skipper. The foliage and fruits are forage for deer, elk, quail and other birds as well as a number of small mammals. Many reforestation, soil reclamation and agricultural needs are provided by this plant species. The rapid growth and regrowth provides quick cover which prevents soil and bank erosion.

So, how would one go about establishing deervetch? This can be done by seeding or

using root pieces. Let's look at establishment with seeds. The seeds have what is called double dormancy. This means that they have mechanical and physiological properties that must be overcome. The mechanical is solved by rubbing the seeds with an abrasive that will remove some of the seed coat and allowing water to enter the seed. This can also be achieved in some species of legumes by pouring boiling water over the seeds and letting them sit in the water for thirty minutes or even overnight. The later way has not really been researched for Deervetch. So, after you have mechanically scared the seeds, you must then place them in moist soil and refrigerate

them for thirty to ninety days. Now you are ready to plant. Now if you are considering a fall planting then skip the step in the refrigerator and sow directly in the soil. The cold winter will allow for the physiological dormancy to be overcome naturally. If you wish to plant in the spring once the soil has warmed up then you need to refrigerate the seed through the winter in the refrigerator. The plants are very slow to develop so weed management is extremely important. Weeds must be kept to a minimum. Once established the plants are quit drought tolerant and can resprout from the roots or rhizomes.

For additional information talk to your County Extension Agent.



Big Deer Vetch has beautiful rich colored blooms when you get a nice close look. Top Photos by sheriff_woody_pct on iNaturalist, Bottom Photo by Justin Paulin on iNaturalist

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Jackson County Sheriff Arrests

(Editor's Note: Factual information for citations/arrests are provided by official law enforcement agencies. **All persons listed are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.** Charges can be amended or dismissed.)

Thursday, June 4
M, 36, EP, trespassing, theft 3

Friday, June 5
Richardson, Adam Michael, M, 47, EP, fail to report as sex offender

M, 49, WC, reckless driving, DUII alcohol

McPherson, Chad Allen, three counts

sexual assault of an animal, two counts aggravated animal abuse 1

Saturday, June 6
Buntain, Adam Seth, M, 45, WC, felony assault 4, three counts strangulation felony domestic abuse, harassment, parole violation strangulation felony domestic abuse

Lierman, Eric Lynn, M, 46, WC, burglary 2, criminal mischief 2, two counts unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

McBride, Terry Garnel, M, 57, Trail,

parole violation assault 4 felony domestic abuse

Rodriguez, Jose Alejandro, M, 31, WC, trespassing, parole violation burglary 1

M, 33, Prospect, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct 2, unlawful possession of a schedule II controlled substance, parole violation unauthorized possession of meth, FTA escape 3, FTA disorderly conduct 2

Monday, June 8
M, 38, EP, driving while suspended or revoked, reckless

driving, DUII alcohol, assault 4 misdemeanor domestic abuse

M, 52, BF, theft 2 M, 46, SC, two counts driving while suspended or revoked M, 38, EP, DUII alcohol

Tuesday, June 9
F, 32, EP, hit and run vehicle property damage, criminal mischief 2

Wednesday, June 10

F, 45, EP, FTA driving while suspended or revoked

F, 56, EP, FTA city ordinance offense M, 28, WC, three

counts DUII controlled substance M, 42, SC, contempt of court violate restraining order

Mason, Kelsey Theron, M, 37, Trail felony criminal mischief, theft 2

McFerrin, Jason Allen, M, 49, SC, parole violation mail theft, FTA mail theft, FTA theft 3, FTA unlawful possession of meth, two counts FTA theft 1, four counts FTA identity theft

F, 35, WC, FTA child neglect 2

Richardson, Leeanna Joy, F, 42, WC, harassment, attempted

assault 2 domestic abuse, unlawful use of a weapon domestic violence, FTA DUII alcohol

M, 38, EP, disorderly conduct 2

M, 42, SC, interfering with making a report, harassment

F, 35, WC, theft 2

Thursday, June 11
Hanscom, Rhonda Marie, F, 41, WC, unlawful possession of a firearm or ammo, two counts theft 1, unlawful possession of meth

M, 50, EP, reckless endangering, reckless driving, DUII alcohol,

driving while suspended or revoked

Eagle Point Police Citations and Arrests

Monday, June 1
Eagle Point male was cited for driving while suspended and failure to install Interlock device

Wednesday, June 3

Central Point male was cited for speeding

Medford female was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended

Shady Cove female was cited for driving

uninsured and driving while suspended and warned for expired registration

Thursday, June 4
Phoenix male was cited for driving uninsured, failure to obtain

registration and no valid drivers license

Medford male was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended

Saturday, June 6
Central Point

female was cited for driving while suspended and warned for failure to carry proof of insurance

Oroville, Calif.

female was cited for providing a vehicle to an unlicensed driver

Palermo, Calif.

female was cited for no valid drivers license

Sunday, June 7
Grants Pass female

was cited for driving uninsured and driving while suspended

ComParrot by Bonnie J. Malcolm *Can you spot 12 differences between these pictures?*

Solution: 1. Blade of grass behind rock is missing. 2. Grass in front of tackle box is missing. 3. Girl's hand appears. 4. Bottom of flower is colored in. 5. Bush beside tree is colored in. 6. Bottom of fishing rod is colored in. 7. Butterfly has moved. 8. Fishing lure on rod is different. 9. Fishing lure is upside down. 10. Pocket on girl's pants is larger. 11. Card is wider. 12. Dad's shirt is longer.

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- DOWN**
- 1) City named for a Duwamish chief
 - 2) Snub
 - 3) Come into
 - 4) R&B singer Bryson
 - 5) One to admire
 - 6) Spell
 - 7) Mideast monarch
 - 8) Like some operators
 - 9) Academic status
 - 10) Supple leather
 - 11) Whims
 - 12) On the line
 - 15) String next to E?
 - 20) Former NHL defenseman Krupp
 - 22) Infomercial cutlery brand
 - 28) It's frustrating to be in one
 - 29) Scout group
 - 32) Actor Vigoda
 - 35) Center opening
 - 37) Davis of "Do the Right Thing"
 - 38) Tiananmen Square honoree
 - 39) Lacking, with "for"
 - 40) Stick on a slope
 - 41) Blitz
 - 42) Break on "Downton Abbey"
 - 45) Reduced-price offering
 - 46) Hall of "Coming to America"
 - 47) Unlikely, as a chance
 - 50) Historical records
 - 51) Watch a friend's dog, say
 - 52) The NBA's Magic
 - 57) Cloverleaf branches
 - 59) Old tape type
 - 60) Bad mark?
 - 64) Santa __, California

- ACROSS**
- 1) Liner
 - 5) Hope __
 - 10) Shred of evidence?
 - 13) A, to Bach
 - 14) "I wanna do it"
 - 15) See 18-Across
 - 16) Turkish warlord
 - 17) Physicist's proposed particle
 - 18) Literally, forms an obstruction
 - 19) See 23-Across
 - 21) Camps
 - 23) Literally, sacrifices to save one's own neck
 - 24) Pod opener
 - 25) RV chain
 - 26) Chou En-__
 - 27) Like adobe
 - 30) Publicity
 - 31) Sundance's love
 - 33) Blackguard
 - 34) Touch, for example
 - 36) Toaster's words, and a hint to solving eight puzzle answers
 - 40) Fills
 - 43) __ grass
 - 44) World Golf Hall of Famer Aoki
 - 48) Soul seller
 - 49) 1972 Olympics city
 - 53) Beantown landmark, with "the"
 - 54) Rile
 - 55) End of August?
 - 56) See 61-Across
 - 58) Blocks
 - 61) Literally, books
 - 62) See 66-Across
 - 63) Tin Pan Alley gp.
 - 65) Mr. Bean's car
 - 66) Literally, commits perjury
 - 67) Onetime NPR host Hansen
 - 68) Settled
 - 69) "The Conspiracy Against Childhood" author LeShan
 - 70) Itzhak Perlman choice
 - 71) Tart fruit

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Recipe Corner:

Whether you make one of these recipes for your actual father, father-figure, single mom who had double duty so deserves Mother's Day and Father's Day - your Sunday will be delicious!

Maple Bacon Double Cheeseburgers

Ingredients

- 3 pounds ground beef chuck
- Vegetable oil, for the grill
- 12 slices bacon, halved
- 3 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- Coarsely ground pepper
- 6 sesame hamburger buns, split
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons ketchup
- 2 teaspoons spicy brown mustard
- 1 teaspoon Louisiana-style hot sauce
- Kosher salt
- 12 slices colby jack cheese
- Pickle chips, for topping

Directions

1. Form the ground beef into 12 thin patties, about 4 1/2 inches wide. Place on a baking sheet

and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to firm up. Preheat a grill to high and lightly oil the grates.

2. Meanwhile, put the bacon in a large nonstick skillet (it's OK if the slices overlap -- they'll shrink). Turn the heat to medium and cook, turning occasionally, until browned and crisp, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove the bacon to a plate. Pour the drippings into a bowl and reserve.

3. Return the bacon to the skillet in a single layer. Drizzle with the maple syrup and sprinkle with 1 teaspoon pepper. Cook over medium heat, turning the bacon to coat in the syrup, until glazed, about 1 minute; remove to a plate to cool. Brush the cut sides of the buns with some of the bacon drippings. Mix the mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard and hot sauce in a small bowl.

4. Season the patties with salt and pepper on both sides. Working in batches, grill the patties until marked on the bottom, 2 minutes, then flip and top each with a slice of cheese. Cover and cook 30 more seconds for

medium doneness. Toast the buns on the grill.

5. Assemble the burgers: Spread the mayonnaise sauce on the buns. Fill with the pickles, patties (2 per burger) and bacon.

Braised Lamb Tacos

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon cumin seeds
- 1 tablespoon coriander seeds
- 1 cup sherry vinegar
- 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 10 cloves garlic, smashed
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 tablespoons packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons ancho chile powder
- 1 16-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 5-pound bone-in leg of lamb, cross-cut into 5 to 6 pieces (ask your butcher to do this)
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 3 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 12-ounce bottles lager beer (I like Great Lakes Dortmund Gold)

• 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped

• Corn tortillas, warmed, for serving

• Cilantro, for topping

Directions

1. Toast the cumin and coriander seeds in a small skillet over medium heat, swirling the pan, until slightly darkened, about 2 minutes. Transfer to a large bowl. Add the vinegar, olive oil, garlic, red pepper flakes, cinnamon stick, brown sugar, chile powder and tomatoes; whisk to combine. Put the lamb in a large nonreactive container and add the marinade; cover and refrigerate overnight or up to 48 hours.

2. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Remove the lamb from the marinade and pat dry; reserve the marinade. Season the lamb with salt and pepper. Heat the canola oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Working in batches, add the lamb and cook until browned, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Add the reserved marinade, the beer and jalapeno and bring to a simmer. Cover,

transfer to the oven and braise until very tender, about 2 hours. Remove from the oven and let cool slightly. Skim off any excess fat. Remove the lamb and pull the meat off the bone, discarding the bones and fat. Strain the liquid into a smaller pot and keep warm. Shred the meat with your fingers and transfer to a bowl. Pour the warmed braising liquid over the meat and toss to coat. Divide among corn tortillas and top with cilantro.

Smothered Pork Chops

Ingredients

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons onion powder
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 pork chops, 3/4-inch thick, bone-in
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- Chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, for garnish

Directions

1. Put the flour in a shallow platter and add the onion powder, garlic powder, cayenne, salt, and pepper; mix with a fork to distribute evenly. Pat the pork chops dry with paper towels to remove any moisture and then dredge them in the seasoned flour; shaking off the excess.

2. Heat a large sauté pan or cast iron skillet over medium heat and coat with the oil. When the oil is nice and hot, lay the pork chops in the pan in a single layer and fry for 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Remove the pork chops from the pan and add a little sprinkle of seasoned flour to the pan drippings. Mix the flour into the fat to dissolve and then pour in the chicken broth in. Let the liquid cook down for 5 minutes to reduce and thicken slightly. Stir in the buttermilk to make a creamy gravy and return the pork chops to the pan, covering them with the sauce. Simmer for 5 minutes until the pork is cooked through. Season with salt and pepper and garnish with chopped parsley before serving.

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FORM OR-LB-1 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Eagle Point City Council will be held on June 23, 2026 at 6:00pm at Eagle Point Council Chambers 17 S Buchanan Ave, Eagle Point, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 as approved by the City of Eagle Point Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Eagle Point City Hall, between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. or online at <https://cityofeaglepoint.org/105/budget>. This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as the preceding year.

Melissa Owens (541) 826-4212 X104 melissa@cityofeaglepoint.org

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount 2024-25	Adopted Budget This Year 2025-26	Approved Budget Next Year 2026-27
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	22,165,049.14	24,151,651	26,443,257
Fees, Licenses, Permits, Fines, Assessments & Other Service Charges	8,120,799.13	7,261,154	8,104,475
Federal, State & all Other Grants, Gifts, Allocations & Donations	2,480,652.44	1,813,723	1,723,008
Revenue from Bonds and Other Debt	0.00	0	0
Interfund Transfers / Internal Service Reimbursements	1,082,032.16	1,274,940	1,639,230
All Other Resources Except Current Year Property Taxes	1,359,712.20	920,300	975,300
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	2,166,794.24	2,250,000	2,363,000
Total Resources	37,375,039.31	37,671,768	41,248,270

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	4,107,263.05	4,981,040	5,264,705
Materials and Services	3,202,898.07	4,188,644	4,558,009
Capital Outlay	1,435,460.85	17,786,342	17,912,620
Debt Service	263,935.00	263,936	263,935
Interfund Transfers	1,082,032.16	1,274,940	1,639,230
Contingencies	0.00	5,915,259	8,099,900
Special Payments	1,626,745.94	1,580,016	1,768,278
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	25,656,704.24	1,681,591	1,741,593
Total Requirements	37,375,039.31	37,671,768	41,248,270

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM *

Name of Organizational Unit or Program FTE for that unit or program			
General Fund - Administration	448,570	617,930	629,580
FTE	2.87	3.32	3.32
General Fund - Municipal Court	71,811	83,100	86,000
FTE	0.40	0.40	0.40
General Fund - Building	424,848	279,863	275,518
FTE	0.90	0.90	0.90
General Fund - Planning	135,233	200,040	183,950
FTE	0.80	0.80	0.80
General Fund - Police	2,593,669	3,251,210	3,395,824
FTE	15.50	15.50	17.50
General Fund - Parks	256,161	521,350	354,761
FTE	1.05	1.05	1.05
General Fund - RVSS Billing	132,285	131,450	153,700
FTE	0.48	0.48	0.48
General Fund - Museum	35,738	48,295	39,795
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund - Not Allocated to Organizational Unit or Program	9,205,705	7,563,585	10,021,549
FTE	0.10	0.10	0.10
Park SDC Fund	1,968,556	2,098,649	2,275,659
FTE	0	0	0
Street Fund	3,654,037	4,368,576	4,981,718
FTE	3.74	3.89	3.89
Street SDC Fund	2,966,483	3,121,733	3,334,082
FTE	0	0	0
Street Capital Fund	154,420	155,620	156,620
FTE	0	0	0
Storm Water Fund	1,167,460	1,222,750	1,323,358
FTE	1.52	1.72	1.72
Storm Water SDC Fund	837,471	905,856	984,211
FTE	0	0	0
Water Fund	4,597,059	4,542,678	4,825,071
FTE	7.14	7.34	7.34
Water SDC Fund	1,622,834	1,222,903	831,469
FTE	0	0	0
Water Debt Fund	1,485,526	1,545,527	1,605,528
FTE	0	0	0
Sewer Fund	1,746,570	1,498,000	1,684,510
FTE	0	0	0
Capital Purchase Reserve Fund	3,870,603	4,292,655	4,105,367
FTE	0	0	0
Total Requirements	37,375,039	37,671,768	41,248,270
Total FTE	34.5	35.5	37.5

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *

Programs and activities are consistent with prior years. No significant changes to report.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES

	Rate or Amount Imposed 2024-25	Rate or Amount Imposed This Year 2025-26	Rate or Amount Approved Next Year 2026-27
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit 2.4584 per \$1,000)	2.4584	2.4584	2.4584
Local Option Levy	0	0	0
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	0	0	0

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1.	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0
Other Bonds	\$4,838,901	\$0
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$0
Total		\$0

Council ...

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Additionally, it was clarified that a new staff position for streets would be paid for from the Streets Fund not the General Fund – so their salary is not part of the expense/savings of the reorganization.

The Street Fund is largely funded by the state and per Oregon law it must be used for

street/transportation related work. Therefore, those monies cannot be used toward the Sheriff’s contract, so the salary for the new street employee doesn’t factor into calculations for the reorganization which will only save monies the General Fund (which will go to the sheriff’s contract).

In her written statement Swendener erroneously included the salary for the new street employee in her “overall calculation” of 26/27 “total personnel” costs stating the reorganization would not provide any cost savings for 26/27.

It will save costs in the General Fund,

not in the Streets Fund. Government budgeting is complex, to say the least, and as a rule there will be increases in some funds due to inflation, salary raises, gas prices, etc. With the reorganization council is lowering costs where they can to ensure the city continues to have a police presence.

With Q&A over, council proceeded to make a motion to adopt the 26/27 budget with no changes arising from the June 11 Public Hearing. The motion carried 3/1 (Councilor Paige Winfrey, who did not attend the May 26 Budget Meeting, was the “no” vote with no comment or

explanation).

Then council made the two annual “boilerplate” motions, one certifying the city provides four or more municipal services (state requirement) and one declaring the city’s election to receive state revenues (state requirement). Both of these carried 4/0.

Crawlies with Cri: by Christy Solo - ONPA 1st Place Award Winner for Best Local Column

As long-time readers know, once in a while we revisit a past crawly if we feel we didn't give that crawly enough attention the first time around.

This is one of those! I recently found this week's crawly – the first I'd seen in 10 years – and realized "I don't know how to find this critter. I don't know anything about their life history. I've found a (literal) few just by stumbling upon them.

So who is this crawly in such dire need of a redux? We're glad you asked!

This week we'll (re)meet—wait—what IS that thing?

First, don't panic! As crazy as this week's crawly looks, he's totally harmless! Meet the Short-nosed Scorpionfly (Genus *Brachypanorpa*).

Despite his common name, the scorpionfly is neither a scorpion nor a fly. They are in the Order Mecoptera a very small group of flying insects which includes scorpionflies and their cousins hangingflies.

Scorpionflies got their common name because the males' tails resemble a scorpion's. Unlike scorpions, however, scorpionflies don't sting. As for "short-nosed" most scorpionfly species have long faces (which look like noses), but our special species

does not.

Special? Boy are they! There are 55+ species of Common Scorpionflies (Family Panorpididae) in North America.

However, there are only five species of short-nosed scorpionflies and they are only found in the United States! Two species live in the east (VA, NC, TN) and three in the west (MT, CA and OR). Basically, these nubby-nosed critters are as rare as hen's teeth in the big world of insects. Lucky for us we have them here in the Upper Rogue!

How rare are they really? There are only 261 recorded sightings of short-nosed scorpionflies on iNaturalist. The good news is 98 of those are in Oregon!

With so few species of short-nosed, and those split populations, it's thought that the Short-nosed is a relict surviving from ancestors which were spread nationwide in the early Tertiary (66 million to 2.58 million years ago)!

To put that in perspective, that's like a pocket population of Woolly Mammoth wandering around today – only even older. Well, small Mammoths because at about one-quarter of an inch in length, today's short-nosed are about

half the size of their fossilized ancestors found in the Pacific Northwest.

So, how can you find a short-nosed scorpionfly?

Sightings here are along the west side of the Cascades and along the coast. All the ones I've found were on Abbott Creek Rd. in the Rogue River National Forest. However I found them in three different places and on different perches including on plants and (this year's) a dead tree.

Let's dig into some fun facts about their life history. Not only do scorpionflies not sting, but they can't bite us either. They have teeny mouths

and no sharp, bitey mouthparts. So what do they eat? They dine on dead arthropods (no sting, no kill, so they get leftovers) this includes leavings harvested from spider webs. They also nibble on leaves, mosses, petals and pollen and sip nectar. They won't turn down human sweat either.

Fun fact: Female short-nosed scorpionflies look quite different from the males. Not only do they lack the scorpion-like tail, but they are also wingless. To woo the ladies, males make the most of their "fancy" features, vibrating their wings and raising their tails. Normally this is

not enough to impress the ladies, however. The male scorpionfly's big romantic move is to bring a nuptial gift to the female. Usually this nifty gift is a nice deceased bug. Romance is not dead!

Since the world is filled with dead bugs, the short-nosed scorpionflies' meal choices don't offer us much in the way of "how do I find one?" However, what short-nosed do need is moisture. Especially damp soil, so riparian areas, bogs, marshes, etc.

After accepting their buggy nuptial gifts, females lay their eggs in damp soil, and the eggs won't hatch if the soil is too

dry, they'll sit in a suspended state until there is sufficient moisture. Scorpionfly larvae resemble teeny caterpillars and they eat plant matter.

Looking at sightings in our area, you can look for scorpionflies to be on the wing from early June through early July.

They don't look like much at a glance, so arguably the best way to spot them is to see them take flight. With their color and size, they look similar to our little golden stoneflies until you see that scorpion tail! When there are a lot of them around, they are quite noticeable as you drive or hike through the woods.



Left: Male Short-nosed Scorpionfly (Genus *Brachypanorpa*) hanging out in the Rogue River National Forest in 2016. Photo by Christy Solo

Right: Male Short-faced Scorpionfly (Genus *Brachypanorpa*). You can see how he got his common name in the top photo. In the bottom photo you can see that when you look down on them they look a lot like golden stoneflies. Photos by Christy Solo

Drowning ...

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This doesn't mean that a person that is yelling for help and thrashing isn't in real trouble – they are experiencing aquatic distress.

Aquatic distress doesn't last long, and is not always present before Instinctive Drowning

Response, but unlike true drowning, these victims can still assist in their own rescue. They can grab lifelines, throw rings, etc.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes

- Not using legs – Vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back
- Appear to be

climbing an invisible ladder.

Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don't look like they're drowning.

One way to be sure? Ask them, "Are you alright?" If they

can answer at all – they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them.

When children are playing in the water, they make noise. When they get quiet, get to them and find out why.

ODFW fishing report - Upper Rogue and Lost Creek Reservoir

Lost Creek Reservoir: rainbow trout, landlocked spring chinook, bass

The lake level is 1,838.42ft and the water surface temperature at Lost Creek is 67F. In addition to trolling, Lost Creek also offers good bank fishing access, and fishing on both sides of the lake near the dam can be very effective using PowerBait. Trolling wedding rings with a worm has been a proven method.

Anglers can click here to get the latest reservoir details or by

calling the US Army Corps Lost Creek Lake and Applegate Reservoir projects information line at (800) 472-2434. Last updated 6/10/26

Rogue River, upper: steelhead, trout

The release from Lost Creek Reservoir is around 1,780cfs and 51.6F. Click here for current flow at the Ray Gold gage. For up-to-date river levels, check all the USGS Rogue gauges here.

Cole Rivers Hatchery returns as of 6/03/26: New winter steelhead 6, season total 1023. New spring

Chinook 993, season total 5738. Folks are still catching a few hatchery and wild winter steelhead, and side-drifting larger beads seems to be the most productive. There are a few spring Chinook being caught, and angling pressure is starting to increase. The hatchery has started rerunning spring Chinook in the upper Rogue. If you don't intend to harvest a fish, please use proper catch-and-release techniques, such as keeping fish in the water as much as possible and releasing wild fish immediately.

Last updated 6/10/26

Rogue River, above Lost Creek Reservoir: trout

Since campers are already out taking advantage of sunny weather there was 1,100 rainbow trout stocked

in the Rogue River above Lost Creek Lake two weeks ago. Fly fishing can start to become quite good as hatches are starting to come out. Brown trout can also be caught in and around the North Fork

Reservoir in Prospect. Bass crank baits or leech patterns fished near logs or structure can coax them to bite. Anglers are encouraged to harvest brook trout regardless of size. Last updated 6/3/26



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