Oregon receives $157 million to expand broadband access
White House announced the funding on Wednesday

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Oregon will receive $157 million from the federal government to help connect about 17,000 homes and businesses to the internet, the White House announced Wednesday.

The money, which comes from the $1.9 trillion pandemic relief package passed by Congress in 2021, follows an earlier allocation of $688 million for broadband in Oregon through the $1.2 trillion infrastructure law, also passed in 2021.

"Between these two programs, I would expect that we’re going to get all Oregonians that are currently unserved access to service," Oregon broadband director Nick Batz said during a news conference with the White House announcing the new funding. Several Oregon congressional members and Gov. Tina Kotek also took part.

An early 2020 study found that an estimated 1.7 million Oregonians lived in areas without broadband access or with outdated basic services that don’t meet current demands. The pandemic brought a shift to remote work and school and more telehealth services, highlighting the need for reliable internet access.

"During the pandemic, it just became game-set-match clear that if a family did not have strong, affordable broadband so that a parent could work from home, that Broadband access - Page 9

Man arrested for multiple crimes
Suspect faces 19 Lane County charges

OAKRIDGE: A male suspect believed to be connected to multiple violations in the McKenzie Valley was arrested last week by Oakridge police. Investigators believe Schylar Dominiqu Flick, 29, was involved in car break-ins last Wednesday at the Ben and Kay Dorris Boat Landing as well as the theft of one of the vehicles.

Flick was booked into the Lane County Jail without bail on 19 charges on September 28th. Among them were four counts of Unlawful Entry of a Motor Vehicle, 1st and 2nd Degree Theft, 3 counts of Criminal Mischief, Felon in Possession of a Weapon, Burglary 2, Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card, 3 counts of Identity Theft, and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

After the incidents at Ben and Kay, police connected Flick to the use of a victim’s credit cards in Rainbow and leaving the McKenzie area via Aufderheide Drive. The Oakridge Police Dept. advised they were not able to release further information.

Wreck sent car into canal
Driver uninjured in single-vehicle crash

An accident near the Walterville Presbyterian Church drew a quick response from area residents and emergency personnel when a car left Hwy. 126 and landed in the Walterville Canal.

WALTERVILLE: Shortly after 7 p.m. last Tuesday residents of Page Lane and Walterville Loop ran frantically to the bridge over the EWEB power canal after a car ran off the road and took out a power line. Neighbors quickly gathered to pull a young woman from her vehicle that had plummeted into the canal. Emergency personnel remained on the scene for over an hour, assisting with patient care, traffic control, and coordinating with the Eugene Water & Electric Board personnel for the replacement of the power pole and removal of the car from the canal.

An audit found that work needs to be done for Oregon to be ready to receive federal broadband funding. (Steven Pu- etzer/Getty Images)
Phishing scams, in which message senders or callers pretend to be from a legitimate entity, have been the most prevalent crime in recent years. In 2020, 5,039,620 steelhead smolts were collected and 95.1% barged, the next year, 6,073 adult steelhead returned, the highest number ever recorded. 2/3 of those fish were 1-year-old fish. 2005 was the last year fish were collected in the 21st century, then it drops to 2 million to just 275,073 collected in 2021 and only 37.5% were barged. We are having a disaster return this year in spite of having the best ocean conditions in 2021 in 24 years. In the final analysis, how we should measure our success is by adult returns. However, how many fish we get back is related to the number that starts the journey downstream. It is obvious by the number collected at Lower Granite Dam is declining rapidly. As noted in previous Columbia Basin Bulletins articles smolt collection is a problem when we spill. This inaccurate count combined with no method to account for the difference in adult harvest in good versus bad years makes SARs a poor measure. Steelhead returns started declining in 2016 which corresponds with low barging numbers in 2015. Very low run size and travel times for smolts left in the river were long. Low water behind the lower Columbia River Dam kept the sockeye salmon from going over the fish ladders and they died by the thousands.

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September 20: 10:17:37 a.m: Assault - 94300 blk, old Marcola Rd. A female reported being assaulted by a male barely known to her. The female had injuries consistent with a recent assault. This case is under active investigation.

September 22: 1:29 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 38500 blk, E. Cedar Flat Rd. Verbal dispute between neighbors over the sale of a tractor.

September 23: 10:23 a.m: Suspicious Conditions - 44900 blk, Leaburg Flat Rd. Verbal dispute between family members at a residence.

September 25: 7:00 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident, Unknown Injury - 39000 blk, McK. Hwy. Verbal dispute between family members.

September 26: 1:29 p.m: Disturbance, Dispute - 90700 blk, Hill Rd. Deputies determined the road to be a barbecue cover.

September 27: 6:03 a.m: Location of Stolen Vehicle - Old Mohawk Rd. & Marcola Rd.

September 28: 12:25 p.m: Assault, Follow Up - 41400 blk, McK. Hwy. A caller reported that a gray and brown bag to be a barbecue cover.

September 28: 10:27:40 a.m: Motor Vehicle Accident - Paschelke Rd. & Rescue

McKenzie Fire & Rescue


STATE POLICE REPORT

September 29: 10:13: Recovered Vehicle – East side of Mt. Hagen. Received information from a Giustina Land & Timber Company manager of a trailer on their property. Located trailer that appeared abandoned and stripped. The VIN number associated with the Carson trailer came back stolen NCC (Northern Command Center). Confirmed the vehicle stolen through the Lane County Sheriff’s Office and a locate was sent. Contacted the victim and landowner who agreed to work with one another for removal/recovery.

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Woney Peters shot was the last of basically a three-season show. As the “season finale” of what was Joe Exotic’s only real-life, and that today evokes Newport, Oregon, nearly 30 years and probably seemed like forever, him. And we were just eye to eye the 400-pound monster cat. Peters shot the last lion named Mohammed outside the family home. When he opened the front door, Mohammed darted in, raced upstairs, and jumped on the bed in which Robert’s 11-year-old son Micha was sleeping. Before Robert could get the scene, Mohammed had bitten off Micha’s left ear and otherwise slashed him up severely. Micha was raced to the nearest hospital, in Toledo, and after two hours of surgery, he was listed in serious but stable condition. It is tempting to wonder, with a tip of the hat to the Tiger King show, if Fieber might have said something like Joe Exotic’s famous line, “I am never gonna financially recover from this” (of course, from the animals’ perspective too). Also, a state inspector who had looked over the facility testified that the pens and fences were inadequate, and the inspector told the court that the fencing was bad enough to force people to pay Vince, and saw the owner sit there polishing a 1911 Government Model .45 auto. CPR was performed, but it was too little too late. What did we have on it? Fun belts, stacks of motor oil containers, those little air fresheners shaped like pine trees. What a waste! So I put that stuff out in the repair side of the station and nailed up this little sign. Looks pretty good, doesn’t it?

“Then I got my federal firearms license, bought a bunch of ammunition and some guns, and set it up.” He says he’s always sure to pay double the going rate, but instead, he桩了 the sign there at what we all know as the “gas station guns shop.” “That’s because Vince doesn’t believe in being deprived of his passion for hunting and living. His passion: Guns. His living: Guns.”

We had all known of his passion for many years. He is the perennial president of the local rod and gun club, plans nearly all their annual spaghetti feeds to raise money for targets, if you want to go hunting, all you need to do is pull up in front of Vince’s house on the edge of town with some hounds in the back of the truck in the air, honk the horn, and he won’t even need to call ahead.

The combination business began about three years ago when an out-of-town customer pulled up to the pumps and said, “I want to pay Vince’s gas shop.” “That’s because,” he said, “it doesn’t make any sense to go to a gun shop.” What did we have on it? Fun belts, stacks of motor oil containers, those little air fresheners shaped like pine trees. What a waste!

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Reaching for a pesticide – even an organic one – should be a thoughtful act. Nothing used to kill pests is risk-free.

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* Tolerating pests
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Harsh Reality

My wife and I married eight years ago. One month into our marriage, she was diagnosed with a non-life-threatening form of muscular dystrophy. Over time, she has grown more and more dependent on me. She no longer has the strength to carry a child, and it has become apparent we will never have children of our own. She still works full-time, must take care of the house, and I can imagine cooking, cleaning, and grocery shopping. Over time, I’ve come to look at her less as my wife and more as my responsibility. I don’t love her anymore the way a husband loves a wife. Last January, I asked her for a divorce but continue to live in the same house because she has no one else to help her in and out of bed, and no one else to take care of her. I agreed to see a counselor and discuss my feelings. After meeting with us individually, the counselor said we both needed new objectives. I want a divorce, and she wants to find ways to “fix” our marriage. I stopped seeing the counselor after that because I felt pushed toward her objective. I don’t know where to go from here. She is my family friend and I am going through a mid-life crisis, but I’m only 31. I simply want her to keep our children. She claims she can still do this, though her disease makes it next to impossible. I also want a partner, not a dependent.

How can I help her understand this? I try talking to her, but she always degenerates into an argument with her crying and telling me how much she loves me. I’ve avoided moving out because I feel guilty for leaving her with no one to help her. I need to know how to end this so I can get on with my life.

Reed Reed, one of Shakespeare’s famous women, said “I am sick of love, not love which alters when it alteration finds.”

There are people who love one another so much that no matter what life throws at them, leaving the other would never cross their mind. Another man in your position might count himself lucky his wife did not have a form of the disease that would soon end her life.

That is not what you are saying. You are saying you want a new life and a new wife. You want to go out because she has muscular dystrophy, and that is all there is to it. She is my wife, she always was, but now you feel she is a serious inconvenience.

We, the readers wanting us to shame you and ask how you would like it if the tables were turned. Then, they would say, you would understand you and what you are doing to her. But that is not enough to make us understand you. It is difficult, there is something there that allows them to withstand it.

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Richard Siken is a poet, filmmaker, and an editor at Spork Press. In her profile of Siken, Nell Case, wrote, “he and his writing come together with mundane images—making them both seem beautiful by some strange (lyrical) alchemy.” His poems unread on the page, effortlessly, barely pausing for breath; the speaker’s voice trickled with sexual obsession. His book Crash won the 2004 Yale Younger Series of Younger Poets.

In 2017 he was a finalist for the National Books Critics Circle Award, the Lambda Literary Award, and the Thom Gunn Award. His most recent book is War of the Foxes (Copper Canyon Press, 2015).

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How can I help her understand this? I try talking to her, but she always degenerates into an argument with her crying and telling me how much she loves me. I’ve avoided moving out because I feel guilty for leaving her with no one to help her. I need to know how to end this so I can get on with my life.

Reed Reed, one of Shakespeare’s famous women, said “I am sick of love, not love which alters when it alteration finds.”

There are people who love one another so much that no matter what life throws at them, leaving the other would never cross their mind. Another man in your position might count himself lucky his wife did not have a form of the disease that would soon end her life.

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Broadband access

The Biden administration has secured commitments from internet service providers who cover a combined 80% of the U.S. population to offer plans that cost no more than $50 a month for eligible low-income families. Oregonians can check whether they qualify and sign up at GetInternet.gov.

Rep. Andrea Salinas, D-Oregon, said tens of thousands of her constituents lack internet access. Her district includes Salem and Portland's southwestern suburbs, as well as farming communities in Polk, Yamhill and Marion counties.

“Talk of that reliable broadband in rural communities like mine isn’t merely an inconvenience,” she said. “It’s a serious problem with true negative ramifications across all facets of life, from health care, as we saw during the pandemic, to employment, education and farming.”

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October 5 – Portland and Astoria were infamous ports for shanghaiing sailors. Men known as “crimps” used knock out drugs, alcohol and other means to obtain crews for sailing ship captains. Once the bodies were delivered aboard the ship, the crimp was paid the ship sail. At the height of the Shanghaiing days crews charged as much as $13.50 per man and stories were told of dead men, and even a cigar smoke wooden Indian, having been taken aboard by gallant captains. As steamships became more popular, the sailing era began to fade and large crews were no longer necessary. In time the Portland and Astoria waterfront became relatively safe places, where a man no longer needed to worry about waking up with a hangover and being a hundred miles out to sea.

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Is Instagram making the great outdoors more crowded? Not as much as you might suspect

By Steve Lundeberg, OSU

Excerpt for modest visitor increases at a small percentage of iconic places, Instagram content is not resulting in more tourist traffic on public lands, according to a study by researchers at Oregon State University.

The findings, published in Land Economics, counter a common news media refrain that geotagged posts on social media are “ruining the great outdoors,” said Steve Dundas and Ashley Lowe Mackenzie of OSU’s College of Agricultural Sciences.

“The research also adds to the ongoing quest to understand the role social media plays in society, as well as to policy discussions around social media regulation, the scientists note.

“This has a number of interesting policy implications for public land managers,” said Dundas, associate professor of applied economics. “Access to information on the online activity for publicly managed areas could help administrators better understand visitor trends and behaviors to help steward those locations for current and future generations.”

Dundas and Lowe Mackenzie paired 18 years of visitation data to Oregon state parks with data on park-specific geotagged Instagram posts and their engagement, or the volume of likes and comments that those posts generated.

Geotagging means attaching geographic information to images, video or other content captured by smartphones or other GPS-enabled electronic devices. The information includes latitude and longitude coordinates, altitude and other data, making a potentially hard-to-find spot much easier for new visitors to locate.

The researchers found that the cumulative effect of “viral” content was associated with monthly visitor increases of about 4% at four of Oregon’s 50 state parks; Silver Falls in the Cascade foothills, Smith Rock in central Oregon, and Oswald West and Ecola state parks had a prolonged effect on increasing visitation at these parks — not just an effect right after the contest was posted,” Lowe Mackenzie said. “Our research concentrated on the impacts of Instagram; however, other online sites that use engagement as a way to promote photos with specific geographic information to make that difference in how many tourists a spot receives,” the photos have to receive high engagement.

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“Beyond that quartet of locations, the researchers saw no evidence that Instagram was having an effect on visitor traffic. During the 2010s, public lands across the United States experienced large visitation increases, which led to overcrowding of some parks, said lead author Lowe Mackenzie, who completed her doctoral in applied economics this spring. “Some journalists accused social media, and in particular Instagram, of causing this increased visitation. The reason Instagram received the blame was that content was often geotagged. Journalists created headlines about the public loving our parks to death with Instagram clearly labeled as the responsible party.”

But that rather simplistic storyline is largely inaccurate, Dundas said.

“Our paper finds that content on Instagram is not associated with increased visitation in most parks,” he said. “To the extent Instagram content and engagement do impact visitation to public lands, they don’t do so uniformly. Our results suggest locations with picturesque or iconic landscapes may be susceptible to impacts from social media because the content generated at those sites may become popular online and has the potential to spread to many new people.”

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