

Economists project 'kicker' rebates for Oregonians

By Jonathan J. Cooper
Associated Press

SALEM (AP) — State economists are predicting that Oregon taxpayers will receive "kicker" income tax rebates next year.

The quarterly revenue forecast released Thursday projects nearly \$350 million will be credited to taxpayers when they file their 2015 taxes.

Oregon's "kicker" law is triggered when tax collections exceed expectations by

at least 2 percent during a two-year budget cycle.

When that occurs, the unanticipated revenue gets returned to taxpayers. But unlike past kicker rebates, which were distributed as a check around Christmas, those in the future will be refunded on tax returns.

State Economist Mark McMullen says the state will be able to tell for sure whether the kickers will be credited next year after it sees how tax collections go this year.

Ore. has plans but not enough money for highway projects

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press

GRANTS PASS (AP) — Oregon has a plan for retrofitting hundreds of bridges likely to fail in a major earthquake. It just doesn't have a clear path to raising the \$5 billion to pay for it over the next 50 years.

State and federal gas taxes, which fund road projects, haven't generated enough revenue as cars get better mileage — or use no

gas at all.

A new way for charging motorists by the mile is still in the experimental stage.

And major political differences are blocking action to increase highway funding in Congress and the Legislature.

The prospects for a major offshore earthquake led to development of the Oregon Highways Seismic Plus Report last year. It calls for replacing 138 bridges, and retrofitting 580 in phases over the next 50 years.

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this document should make it clear that it greatly diverges from the opinion offered by City Attorney Bryant.

Mr. Peterkin makes the case that there is a lawful remedy the city can follow that will provide a solution to the problems created SP 14-07, the Brad Boyd food cart application. I would hope there is a willingness on the part of the Sisters City Council to see the potential offered in this document, and either follow the advice it provides, or at a minimum, consider obtaining a third opinion from a disinterested legal council experienced in land-use law.

This is the way out of the box you have been put into by others, and there are many in the community watching to see if you will take it. Please, do not disappoint.

A number of citizens have spent their own money to provide you with an exit strategy. We are showing up, we are being involved, and we are putting a solution on the table. We are asking that you not disregard our effort.

Ed Protas

To the Editor:

Those who oppose a paved trail from Sisters to Black Butte have cited many considered and well-articulated reasons for their stand, including fiscal, environmental, safety, administrative and property-valuation concerns. To dismiss people with these legitimate and compound concerns as merely being "selfish" is simplistic and childish and shows a poor understanding and intolerance of how democracy works.

A reminder: the Forest Service cancelled the proposed project because our community was strongly divided over its desirability and questioned its financial solvency. It was broad-based and cogent protest, not the actions of a few supposedly inconsiderate individuals, that led to the project's demise.

This is how a healthy democracy works. If this is unacceptable to them, perhaps the people slinging the "selfish" barbs should consider moving to Iran or China. I hear there's a lot less dissent there.

Michael Cooper

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SISTERS ENTERTAINMENT ARTS SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday~Feb. 26

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Lindy Gravelle 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For more information go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

Friday~Feb. 27

FivePine Conference Center Benefit Auction for Sisters Christian Academy 6 p.m. Enjoy appetizers and live, silent, and dessert auctions! \$28 or \$300 for a reserved table for 10. For tickets or more info: 541-549-4133 or sisterschristianacademy.com.

Clearwater Gallery "Great Outdoors" Show 3 to 5 p.m. Enjoy light appetizers and wine for the "4th Friday" Art Stroll! Call 541-549-4994 or go online to theclearwatergallery.com.

Hood Avenue Art Live Music with Anastacia 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy great music for the "4th Friday" Art Stroll! For additional information call 541-719-1800 or go to hoodavenueart.com.

Sisters High School Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert: Willy Porter & Carmen Nickerson 7 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (\$10 students). For additional information or to purchase tickets call 541-549-4979 or go online to sistersfolkfestival.org.

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Allan Byer 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. And Fondue Friday is \$30 for two! For additional information go online to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

Saturday~Feb. 28

The Belfry Live Music with Randy McAllister 8 to 11 p.m. \$20 online at bendticket.com or \$25 at the door the day of show. Pub doors open 90 minutes early. 541-815-9122 or go online to belfryevents.com.

Listings in the calendar are subject to change. Submit by 5 p.m. Fridays to Teresa@NuggetNews.com

R&B Ranch Leadership Conference with Dr. Lew Sterrett 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mohr Solutions presents Dr. Sterrett on increasing effectiveness and maximizing profit. Free to the public, with lunch provided at 16400 Jordan Rd. 541-602-8626.

Sunday~Mar. 1

Melvin's Fir Street Market Live Music Jam! 5 to 6 p.m. All acoustic; bring your stringed instrument and join, or just come listen & enjoy, free! For more info call 541-388-3987.

Monday~Mar. 2

The Open Door at Clearwater Gallery Live Music with Dennis McGregor 7 p.m. No cover! For additional information: 541-549-4994 or go to theclearwatergallery.com.

Tuesday~Mar. 3

Clearwater Gallery Sisters Folk Festival Poster Party & Live Music with Dennis McGregor & Brad Tisdell 4 to 6 p.m. With appetizers & libations, no cover. For more info call 541-549-4979 or go online to sistersfolkfestival.org.

Thursday~Mar. 5

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music! 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For info go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

Friday~Mar. 6

FivePine Lodge & Conference Center Annual Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony 5:30 p.m. for no-host social hour, and 6:30 p.m. for awards. \$35 per person. Reserve by March 4 by calling 541-549-0251 or email jeri@sisterscountry.com.

Sisters Community Church Living History Museum noon to 2 p.m. The students of Sisters Christian Academy invite you to meet with famous characters from history! For more information call the school at 541-549-4133.

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Tom & Heather Duo 6 to 9 p.m. \$10 cover. And Fondue Friday is \$30 for two! For info: faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

Sunday~Mar. 8

The Belfry Sisters Folk Festival "Celebration of Song" with Martyn Joseph, Keith Greeninger & Many More! 6:30 to 9 p.m. \$20 adults, \$10 students. For tickets call 541-549-4979 or go online to sistersfolkfestival.org.

Sisters Library Diane Jacobson Speaker Series with Jon Renner, "Spreading Our Wings" 1:30 p.m. Aviator & teacher Jon Renner will discuss the Sisters High School Flight Science Program. Free! Sponsored by Friends of the Sisters Library. Info: 541-977-8285 or sistersfol.com.

Monday~Mar. 9

The Open Door at Clearwater Gallery Live Music with La Jeder 7 p.m. No cover! For more information call 541-549-4994 or go to theclearwatergallery.com.

Thursday~Mar. 12

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with CinderBlue 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. For info go online to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

Friday~Mar. 13

The Belfry Sisters Classic Old-Time Radio Experience 7 p.m. SCORE will perform two live radio broadcasts from "My Friend Irma" and "Suspense." Donations gladly accepted. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more info call 541-318-5407 or go online to belfryevents.com.

Faith Hope & Charity Vineyards Live Music with Jeff Jackson 6 to 9 p.m. \$5 cover. And Fondue Friday is \$30 for two! For info go to faithhopeandcharityevents.com or call 541-526-5075.

The Belfry

Feb. 28th / Sat.
Randy McAllister
This is Cajun roadhouse soul by one of America's true blues/roots originals.
8 PM • \$20 online

March 14th / Sat.
Rise Us International Hosts
Revival at The Belfry
Sponsored by Redbird, Bend Roots, and Deschutes Brewery. Performances by Doc Ryan with Wyches Creek, Anastacia, The JZ Band, Leif James, The Mostest and Andy Fecteau from the Church of Neil Band
8 PM • \$10

March 28th / Sat.
Iris DeMent with Pieta Brown
An artist whose first three albums established her as one of the most beloved and respected writers and singers in American music.
8 PM • \$30 online

PUB OPENS 1-1/2 HOURS PRIOR TO SHOWS
BelfryEvents.com
Call for Details
541-815-9122

Sisters MOVIE HOUSE

STARTS FRIDAY

FRI., FEB. 27 - THURS., MAR. 5

Focus (R)
Fri 5:15, 7:30
Sat 2:45, 5:15, 7:30
Sun 2:00, 4:15, 6:30
Mon-Thurs 6:30

McFarland USA (PG)
Fri 4:30, 7:15
Sat 1:45, 4:30, 7:15
Sun 1:00, 3:30, 6:00
Mon-Thurs 6:00

Still Alice (PG-13)
Fri 5:00 • Sat 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
Sun 1:00, 3:15
Mon-Thurs 4:15

Imitation Game (PG-13)
Fri 5:00 • Sat 1:00, 3:15
Sun 1:15, 3:45
Mon-Thurs 4:15

Whiplash (R)
Fri 7:30 • Sat 5:30, 7:45
Sun 6:15 • Mon-Thurs 6:30

Theory of Everything (PG-13)
Fri-Sat 7:00 • Sun 5:30
Mon-Thurs 6:00

Movie times and titles are subject to change. Visit website or call for latest information.

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