

Kitzhaber plans low-key inauguration

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SALEM (AP) — Alabama and Texas plan parades to mark their governors' inaugurations. Chief executives in Colorado, Georgia and Illinois will have concerts.

In Oregon, there will be cookies — and not much else — to commemorate John Kitzhaber's unprecedented fourth inauguration as governor.

Kitzhaber takes the oath of office in the state House chamber on Jan. 12. He'll give a speech, and stay for an afternoon reception in the Capitol rotunda funded by his re-election campaign, said Amy Wojcicki, a Kitzhaber spokesman. He'll be accompanied by his fiancée, Cylvia Hayes, whose past business arrangements tormented Kitzhaber's re-election campaign.

Then the Democratic governor will retreat with a small group of friends and family to Mahonia Hall, his official residence in Salem, to watch the Oregon Ducks play the Ohio State Buckeyes in the college football championship.

The plans are similar to those for Kitzhaber's last inauguration in 2011, when

he returned to the governor's office after an eight-year hiatus. The 2011 inauguration came on the same day the Ducks played in their last national title game. They lost to Auburn.

Months later, after the legislative session wrapped up, Kitzhaber held an informal hoe-down to mark his inauguration. No decisions have been made about whether to hold a similar party next summer, Wojcicki said.

Kitzhaber has long preferred to keep things informal. He routinely wears blue jeans to work, even to formal functions like his first inauguration.

Ohio's re-elected governor, John Kasich, isn't eschewing the pomp and circumstance of an inauguration, despite Ohio State's presence in the big football game. He held a "family day at the statehouse" this weekend and an inaugural ball. He plans a second, more elaborate ceremony when he's sworn in Jan. 12.

Oregon will have among the most muted of the dozens inaugural celebrations occurring around the country this month, according to a review of inaugural festivities by The Associated Press.

Pacific Coast sea bird die-off puzzles scientists

SALEM (AP) — Scientists are trying to figure out what's behind the deaths of seabirds that have been found by the hundreds along the Pacific Coast since October.

Mass die-offs of the small, white-bellied gray birds known as Cassin's auklets have been reported from British Columbia to San Luis Obispo, California.

It's normal for some seabirds to die during harsh winter conditions, especially during big storms, but the scale of the current die-off is unusual.

"To be this lengthy and geographically widespread, I think is kind of unprecedented," Phillip Johnson, executive director of the Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition, told the *Salem Statesman Journal*. "It's an interesting and somewhat mysterious event."

The birds appear to be starving to death, so experts don't believe a toxin is the culprit, said Julia Burco, a wildlife veterinarian for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

But why the birds can't find food is a mystery.

Researchers say it could be the result of a successful breeding season, leading to too many young birds competing for food. Unusually violent storms might be pushing the birds into areas they're not used to or preventing them from foraging. Or a warmer, more acidic ocean could be affecting the supply of tiny zooplankton, such as krill, that the birds eat.

U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center in Wisconsin is conducting additional necropsies on dead birds, researchers said.

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Robert Ollikainen, of Tillamook, found 132 dead birds on the beach there including 126 Cassin's auklets on Dec. 26. "It was pretty dramatic," Ollikainen said.

American Red Cross seeks local heroes

Did you or someone in your life do something heroic this year? Now is the time to nominate local heroes for the annual American Red Cross Oregon Mountain River Chapter Heroes event.

Each year the local chapter of the Red Cross honors heroes for their bravery, their knowledge of life-saving skills like CPR, and their willingness to help others. In recent years, heroes have been recognized for saving their neighbors during house fires, performing CPR to strangers in parking lots, and for their work caring for local veterans.

Complete the nomination form at www.redcross.org/news/event/or/bend/Real-Heroes-Event. The deadline for nominations is January 10. Selected heroes will be honored at the 11th annual Real Heroes event, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., March 18 at the Elks Lodge in Bend.

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7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 p.m. music begins at 17505 Kent Rd. Suggested donation is \$20. Bring your own drinks & munchies (and share if you like!) Info, call 541-548-2209.

Monday ~ Jan. 26

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

Sunday ~ Jan. 18

Sisters Schools "Sisters Shootout" Basketball Tournament 8 a.m. start for day-long event. For boys and girls in grades 5 to 8. For additional information go online to sistersshootout.com or call Sisters Park & Recreation District at 541-549-2091.

Friday ~ Jan. 9

The Belfry "Capricornucopia" featuring Live Music with Hobbs the Band & the Circus Luminescence Troupe 8:30 p.m. \$10. 541-815-9122 or go to belfryevents.com.

Monday ~ Jan. 19

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

Monday ~ Jan. 20

The Belfry Frontiers in Science, "Global Warming: Solutions & Costs" 7 p.m. Free, with Nuclear Engineer Mike Cappiello. Presented by the Sisters Science Club. sistersscienceclub.org.

Monday ~ Feb. 2

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

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The Belfry Live Music with David Lindley 7 to 10 p.m. \$20 online at bendticket.com or \$25 day of show. For info: 541-815-9122 or belfryevents.com.

Monday ~ Jan. 12

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

Friday ~ Jan. 23

Sisters Library Annual Artists' Reception & Silent Auction 6 to 8 p.m. Meet the artists, enjoy refreshments, and congratulate the "People's Choice" award-winners! For info call Zeta, 541-549-6157 or Paul Bennett, 541-588-0156.

Saturday ~ Jan. 17

Sisters Schools "Sisters Shootout" Basketball Tournament 8 a.m. start for day-long event. For boys and girls in grades 5 to 8. Info: sistersshootout.com or call SPRD at 541-549-2091.

Friday ~ Feb. 6

Sisters High School Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert with Foghorn Stringband & Beth Wood 7 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door (\$10 students). Call 541-549-4979 or go to sistersfolkfestival.org.

Items are subject to change. Submit by 5 p.m. Fridays to Teresa@NuggetNews.com