

# Oregonians could see record \$1.9 billion 'kicker' next year

SALEM (AP) — Oregon could send out a massive \$1.9 billion "kicker" tax refund next year due to surging income tax receipts.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports if the projections hold, the refund — which takes the form of credits on 2021 tax returns filed next year — would be Oregon's largest-ever kicker. The state's unique kicker tax law sends money back to taxpayers whenever personal income tax revenues come in at least two percent above initial projections during a two-year budget cycle.

The new projection was delivered to a joint meeting of state senators and representatives Wed., Aug. 25. In May, economic forecasters had anticipated the state would see a \$1.4 billion kicker.

Under the anticipated kicker, the median-income taxpayer would receive a \$420 credit on this year's state taxes. The average taxpayer, with an adjusted gross income of roughly \$67,500, would receive \$850. Since the kicker is awarded as a percentage of income taxes paid, the top 20 percent of earners stand to receive far more: between \$1,600 and \$16,880.

The state last hit a record

kicker amount in 2019, the last time the refund was triggered, when more than \$1.5 billion flowed back to taxpayers.

Separate from the personal kicker, the economists also expect the State to receive \$847 million more in corporate taxes than initially expected. That "corporate kicker" will flow to K-12 schools.

"We have more money to invest in pandemic relief, childcare, and housing," Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, said in a statement.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, called the forecast "welcome news" that could help lawmakers continue to focus on digging out of multiple crises.

Republican leaders, meanwhile, issued cautionary statements.

"Despite a budget that has doubled in 10 years, the State is worse off today for our students' education, housing prices, and the safety of our communities," said House Minority Leader Christine Drazen, R-Canby. "While it is great for the State that we have an increase in tax revenues, it is not the same thing as real progress for Oregonians."

## LETTERS

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### Monoclonal antibody treatment

To the Editor:

Central Oregonians — it is so very important that you are aware we have an excellent treatment for COVID-19 that is extremely effective and may keep those positive COVID-19 patients from needing to use our hospital.

The outpatient therapy, monoclonal antibodies, must be prescribed by your physician. There are several requirements to be eligible, but please, most importantly, ask your doctor. This outpatient treatment is available through St. Charles, and Summit BMC will have a soft opening for this monoclonal antibodies treatment by October 1.

Deschutes County had over 1,000 positive cases this past week and our health department said the supply chain of this treatment was adequate. You do want to be treated in the first 48 to 72 hours of the diagnosis.

Please do your research. In addition to this outpatient antibodies treatment, I was told by a COVID-19 survivor to use CD Zinc, which of course, means Vitamin C, Vitamin D, and zinc to keep oneself healthy.

Patti Adair

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# Outlaws corral Cowgirls in volleyball

By Rongi Yost  
Correspondent

The Lady Outlaws volleyball squad walked off their home court Saturday, September 4, with a sweep over the Crook County (CC) Cowgirls, and notched their first win of the season.

Sisters had the jitters in the first set and it took them a bit to settle in and play in front of the home crowd. The Outlaws led 23-20 in the first set, but struggled offensively, which allowed the Cowgirls to tie the game 24-24. Sisters was able to finish and beat CC by two, 26-24.

The Outlaws had the momentum as they headed into the second set and tallied another win with a score of 25-17. With each set, they became more comfortable and confident, and held the



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Mia Monaghan dives for a dig in an Outlaws sweep vs Crook County.

momentum to the end, topped by a 25-17 win in the third set.

Official stats were not kept, but senior Greta Davis definitely led the offense with her powerful and explosive

attacks. Hannah Fendall did an outstanding job offensively from the setting position.

Sisters was scheduled to match up against Ridgeview at home on Tuesday, Sept. 7.



Photos courtesy Angela Lund

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