

# Carolyn Wood adds a golden touch to First Friday by reading autobiography

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Oregon author, Olympic gold medalist and former world record holder Carolyn Wood has experienced many "firsts" during her life.

She will add one more, Silverton's First Friday that is, during a speaking engagement on June 2. She will be reading from her autobiography "Tough Girl: An Olympian's Journey" and will remain to sign copies of her book. The event takes place at 5:30 p.m. at Apples to Oranges Fine Yarn & Teas, 204 E. Main St.

"Tough Girl" intertwines her road to the Olympic Games and her thousand mile solo trek along the Camino de Santiago in Spain and France during 2012. Throughout the book, she recollects many other journeys, both physical and emotional.

At the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome, Wood won a gold medal as a member of the U.S. women's 4x100-meter freestyle relay swimming team, which set a world record during the competition finals. She also finished fourth in the individual 100-meter freestyle. At 14 years old, she was the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic team to win a medal.

After returning from Rome, Wood attended Beaverton High School,



Oregon author Carolyn Wood won an Olympic gold medal at the age of 14. She will read from her autobiography on June 2 in Silverton. SPECIAL TO THE APPEAL TRIBUNE

where she won seven individual state championships in butterfly, free-

style and the individual medley.

Working as a lifeguard

one summer, she was ruled to be a professional and was ineligible to swim

in college or in any further Olympic Games.

This is a free event. For

further information, call 503-874-4901.

## Democrats slam Richardson for inaccurate alert on audit

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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and members of a legislative budget-writing committee slammed Secretary of State Dennis Richardson May 23 for issuing an "audit alert" containing information they say Richardson should



Richardson have known was inaccurate. "I think that we can and should expect of our Secretary of State to send out information that is accurate, that is honest," Sen. Sara Gelsler, D-Corvallis said. "I expect more. I can't begin to imagine the amount of work this has caused by sending out an alert that clearly has some faulty and inaccurate information."

On May 17, Richardson sent an email to each member of the Legislature and to the press stating that Oregon could be paying for Oregon Health Plan coverage for as many as 86,000 people who are no longer eligible.

In his email, Richardson said the Oregon Health Authority had failed to disclose the problem, putting federal funding at risk.

But Richardson's staffers had been told May 11, in written answers to written ques-

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tions, that those assertions weren't true, OHA director Lynn Saxton told the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services on Tuesday.

OHA has regularly kept Legislative committees and the federal government apprised of the situation, Saxton said, and federal funding is not at risk.

"We have had consistent and clear communications with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services throughout this process on a weekly basis," Saxton told the committee. "We do have written approval for operating the way we have."

Richardson's office also abruptly canceled a May 11 meeting it had scheduled with OHA to discuss answers to the questions, Saxton said.

The problem stems from the process to transition from the failed Cover Oregon computer system to a new one, which has taken more than three years. Enrollees must fill out paper applications, which then are hand-entered into the new system.

There actually are about 115,000 people remaining on the plan who have not had their eligibility "redetermined," Saxton said.

Just over 14,000 have not responded and are in the process of being terminated. A little more than 17,000 have responded and are undergoing the eligibility process. And about 85,000 require manual review to determine what action is needed.

OHA estimates that 28 percent of the total, or about 32,000 people, will prove to be ineligible.

In a statement May 23, Gov. Brown said the remaining cases include Oregonians who must meet multiple eligibility criteria and may be facing significant health challenges.

"Elected officials should be focused on protecting the health care of Oregonians, not playing politics with it," Brown said. "These are Oregonians who cannot afford the health care they need in order to pursue healthy and productive lives."

Brown has set an Aug.

31 deadline for OHA to process the final renewals, she said, and has asked for weekly progress updates.

"As Governor I expect state agency leadership to work quickly and diligently to fulfill their duties and complete this task," she said. "But I will not play games with people's health care in order to score a few political points."

Richardson's office did not immediately respond to an interview request.

Richardson took office in January 2017 after becoming the first Republican to win a statewide election in Oregon since 2002. He previously ran for Governor in 2014, losing to John Kitzhaber.

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## Miller

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Saturday night at many of the parks.

The hitch is that the free camping is based on availability, so good luck if the weather's good.

Another bonus is that you can have four days of free fishing if you visit our neighbor to the north on June 10 and 11 during Washington's Free Fishing Weekend.

And thanks to the 2015 Oregon Legislature, the June 3 and 4 weekend is one of four Free Fishing weekends offered annually in Oregon.

In 2017, the first was April 22 and 23, and the next are June 3 and 4 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

### June 3 highlights

Detroit Lake was scheduled to be stocked with 20,000 keeper-size trout during the two-week run-up to Free Fishing Weekend. The annual event is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 3 at the Hoover Campground boat ramp.

Watch for the sign for the U.S. Forest Service campground on Highway 22 at the east end of the lake.

Or you can shuttle off to Silverton Reservoir, which features a pair of events, one for kids and families and another for those with physical and

During Free Fishing Weekend ... no license or tags are required to go fishing, clamming or crabbing in Oregon.

mental challenges. Because of limited parking, the lot at the lake will be closed, and shuttle buses will run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from the parking lots next to Roth's, 918 First St., and Dutch Brother's, 301 Westfield St., the Silverton Library, 410 S Water St., the Nazarene Church, 1130 S Water St., and the Silverton Grange, 201 Division St. For information or registration for the event for those with special needs, call Jon Debo at (503) 932-7699.

Finally, there will be a 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. clinic with free gear and bait — along with 500 keeper-size trout scheduled to be stocked the week prior — at St. Louis Ponds west of Gervais off St. Louis Road (from Salem, left at the light at Gervais Road off Highway 99E, then left on Tesch just before the railroad tracks).

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the power of the currents.

"Mother Nature is powerful and it's tragic and those things are tragic but in our eyes they are preventable as long as you

know your limits," Balbridge said.

The Three Pools Recreation Area was closed May 23 as crews search for the man.

## Tragedies

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dents around the Northwest.

At Three Pools Recreation Site, northeast of Salem, a 25-year-old swimmer went underwater on Monday in the Little North Santiam River and didn't resurface. He is presumed dead.

year-old boy was swept off a waterfall on the South Fork Snoqualmie River after swimming with friends and is presumed drowned, officials said.

In Southern Oregon, a man is still missing after he jumped off a bridge into the North Umpqua River near Roseburg, and a woman is presumed drowned after being swept downstream in the Illinois River last week near Cave Junction.

Also on Monday, a woman died in a boating accident when the boat she was in crashed in the Columbia River.

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