



## ODFW sounds all clear on backyard feeders

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Oregon bird enthusiasts can put their yard feeders out once again.

Earlier this year, officials from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife asked residents to take down feeders to halt the spread of salmonella among some local bird populations.

The disease appears to have run its course in the area, said Stuart Love, district wildlife biologist in the Charleston Field Office of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Love reported from Coos County but expects the situation to be the same throughout the area.

“The short lifespan is normal for outbreaks like this. Birds pick up the bacteria that cause salmonella on their feet when they feed at an infected feeder. Then they carry it to another feeder and inoculate that feeder with the bacteria, which results in other birds being exposed,” Love said.

Salmonella can kill birds quickly and can result in many deaths in a short span of time.

ODFW suggests that people with bird feeders and birdbaths clean them regularly. Any bird feeder can become the site for a proliferation of salmonella but it seems that wood ones are the most likely to be the type that will be involved, probably due to the porous nature of wood. Cleaning wood feeders with bleach is highly encouraged.

When cleaning bird feeders, wash them with soap and water. Soaking them in a 10%-bleach solution should be enough to wipe out most diseases. Let the bird feeders dry completely and then refill with fresh seed that was purchased recently. Before putting bird feeders back up, the ground below the feeder should be swept and discarded.

Feeders should be cleaned regularly and owners should wash their hands after handling or cleaning dirty feeders.

## Oregon plays who wants to be a vaccinated millionaire

Hoping to boost Oregon’s vaccination rate, state officials announced that Oregonians who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination will be entered to win \$1 million cash.

One \$10,000 winner will be selected from each county in the state.

“I’m encouraging every eligible Oregonian to take your shot. Go get vaccinated. It can save your life. And just maybe make you a millionaire,” Brown said during a press call Friday.

Teens won’t be eligible for cash prizes, but vaccinated Oregonians age 12 to 17 could win one of five \$100,000 college scholarships in the form of an Oregon College Savings Plan account. That money can be used for educational expenses, including community college and trade school.

All coronavirus vaccinations registered through June 27 will be eligible. The money will come from Oregon’s federal coronavirus relief payments.

Winners will be selected by the Oregon Lottery using a state database of all Oregonians who have received a vaccine. To protect patient privacy, the lottery will receive only an identification number for each vaccinated Oregonian and use those numbers to conduct the drawing, Brown’s office said. The Oregon Health Authority, which maintains the state vaccine database, will then use those numbers to identify and notify the winners.

## Two school board races decided, two other too close to call

The outcome of Salem-Keizer School Board races may not be decided until June when the election is certified. New board members are sworn in July.

Contests in Zone 3 and 5 were so close that voters correcting ballots could still flip the outcome.

Ashley Carson C o t t i n g h a m was leading the race in Zone 3 by 86 votes over Linda Farrington after the Marion County Clerk’s office released nearly final tallies late last week.

In Zone 5, Karina Guzman Ortiz led opponent Mike Slagle by a more comfortable 279 votes. Incumbent Jesse Lippold was a distant third.

About 500 ballots were rejected by the clerk’s office for mismatched signatures and forgotten signatures. Roughly 100 ballots had such issues in Polk County. Voters had two weeks to

make corrections and were contacted by letter with instructions. County Clerk Bill Burgess said updated totals will be announced once the two-week window closes.

Regardless of those outcomes, the election was a historic one for Salem-Keizer Public Schools with two Latino candidates clinching their races. Osvaldo Avila in Zone 1 and

Maria Hinojos Pressey were leading their opponents by counts more than the number of outstanding ballots. The pair will be the first Latino members of the school board and may yet be joined by Guzman Ortiz.

Avila was leading his top opponent Kari Zohner by more than 1,800 votes in a four-way race. Hinojos Pressey was ahead of Liam Collins by more than 1,000 votes.



Avila



Hinojos Pressey

## Library eliminates late fees, drop box closes temporarily

The Keizer Community Library Board of Directors has unanimously voted to eliminate all overdue fines. If you have overdue books or other media checked out from the library, you may return them during curbside pickup hours (Mondays 1-3 p.m. or Tuesdays 4-6 p.m.) at the Keizer Cultural Center, 980 Chemawa Road NE.

If you’ve lost an item, you may replace it with another of the same item or make a monetary donation of equal value.

Curbside pickup at the Keizer Community Library will be suspended starting Monday, June 7 and continue through Tuesday due to the remodel construction project inside the library.

Collections will be boxed up and moved out of the way as the library paints, recarpetts and rearranges the interior space.

Library patrons are encouraged to stock up on book check-outs between now and June 7.

Additional Library information is available on the website, [www.keizerlibrary.org](http://www.keizerlibrary.org). The Keizer Community Library, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization staffed totally by volunteers.

## Rummage sale will support diabetes patients

Salem-based Diabetes Support Services will be hosting a rummage sale and health fair on June 5-6.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 6, at 3886 Beverly Avenue N.E.

The health clinic will include free blood glucose testing, free blood pressure testing, free literature and whole-body

sonic vibration demonstrations.

Furniture, appliances, tools, books, clothing, household goods, holiday decorations, jewelry, medical equipment and more have already been donated for the rummage sale, an annual fundraiser for Diabetes Support Services.

Volunteers interested in helping organize the event can call 503-585-1335.