

State's annual wolf count shows anemic growth

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Oregon's wolf population saw its lowest growth rate in years in 2021, with just two more of the canids observed in the state than the previous year.

That's according to the state's annual wolf report, released last week, which said there were a minimum of 175 wolves throughout the state. The report also noted that at least 26 wolves died in Oregon last year, most of them killed by humans.

The number of packs and breeding pairs also decreased, by one and two.

Despite the anemic growth rate, Roblyn Brown, a wolf biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, said the outlook for wolves in Oregon remains positive as they continue to populate new areas of the state.

"The wolf count did not increase as much over the past year as in previous years, and a higher number of mortalities that included the loss of breeding adults certainly played a role," Brown said in a statement. "Despite this, we are confident in the continued health of the state's wolf population as they expand in distribution across the state and show a strong upward population trend."

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Two local volunteers were recognized by the state for their contributions to heritage preservation.

Robert Zimmerling, a volunteer with Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, and Eric

Williams, a volunteer with the Astoria Library, will receive Oregon Heritage Excellence Awards during a virtual event on Thursday at 5 p.m.

The public event is part of the 2022 virtual Oregon Heritage Conference.

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Al-Anon Family Groups information — Oregon Area Al-Anon website, oregonal-anon.org

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Sexual Purity Recovery Group — Part of the Pure Life Alliance (purelifealliance.org) in Portland. For information, call the confidential voicemail at 503-750-0817 and leave a message.

Narcotics Anonymous — For full schedule details, as well as upcoming special events, call the helpline at 503-717-3702, or go to na.org

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TOPS (Seaside) — For information, call 509-910-0354.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Anchor Baptist Church
The congregation meets at the Astoria Christian Church, 1151 Harrison Ave. On Sundays, the service starts at 1 p.m.; Bible study is at 7 p.m. Thursdays. For information, email anchorbaptistastoria@gmail.com

Astoria Christian Church
For service information and updates, go to astoriachristian.org or bit.ly/AstoriaChristian, call 503-325-2591 or email Astoria-Christian@gmail.com

Astoria First Baptist Church
First Baptist Church, 349 Seventh St., holds a worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. The service is also broadcast at fb.me/astoriafirstbaptist
Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. There is no child care, but children are encouraged to join the service. For information, call the church office at 503-325-1761.

Astoria First United Methodist Church
Open for worship on Sundays at 11:30 a.m., 1076 Franklin Ave. Masks are required. For livestream service information, email the church office at office@unit-methodistastoria.org or call 503-325-5454.

Bethany Free Lutheran Church
On Sundays at Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., and the service is at 11 a.m. "Glad Tidings" is at 8:40 a.m. on KAST 1370 AM.
On Mondays, confirmation is at 6 p.m.; Brown Bags is at 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays; and the Bethany Sewing Mission is at 10 a.m. Thursdays. The Women's Missionary Federation meets at 11 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month.
For information, go to bethanyfree.com or call 503-325-2925.

Calvary Episcopal Church SEASIDE — Calvary Episcopal Church, 503 N. Holladay Drive, offers the Holy Eucharist on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For information, call 503-738-5773.

Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship
Common Ground Interspiritual Fellowship holds a service from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, via Zoom, which is open to all belief systems, including the spiritual but not religious. For information, go to cgifellowship.org. For the Zoom link, email info@cgifellowship.org

First Church of Christ, Scientist
Sunday morning services and Sunday school at the Christian Science Church, 632 11th St., are held at 10 a.m.; enter on 11th Street.
Wednesday evening testimony meetings are at 7 p.m. Those wishing to attend by phone can get details by calling 971-320-0294.
The Reading Room hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, except holidays; enter on Franklin Avenue.

Grace Episcopal Church
Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave., holds Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m.; the later service is livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.
There are weekday morning prayer services at 8 a.m., and an evening prayer service on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., with contemplative music by Jennifer Goodenberger, which is livestreamed, as well.
The Grace Food Pantry is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
Church office hours are from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. For information, call 503-325-4691, email graceastoria4691@gmail.com or go to graceastoria.org

Olney Community Church
The non-denominational Olney Community Church, 89351 Oregon Highway 202, meets at 9:30 a.m. Sunday for breakfast. Sunday school is at 10 a.m., and the worship service is at 11 a.m. All are welcome.
A Wednesday prayer meeting is at 2 p.m. For information, call the church at 503-325-3394 or Ed Hortsch, pastor, at 503-791-4475.

Pacific Unitarian Universalist
The Pacific Unitarian Universalist Fellowship now meets in person at noon Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 1103 Grand Ave. The sanctuary entrance is on 11th Street between Grand and Harrison avenues. The service is also held via Zoom; for information, go to pacuuf.org

Peace First Lutheran Church
Peace First Lutheran Church holds Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. at 725 33rd St. The 8:30 a.m. service is also streamed live at bit.ly/3rckrMd
Wednesday Bible study is at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., with noon-time prayers following the first session, at 565 12th St. For Bible study Zoom links, email the church office.
Church office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call 503-325-6252, email office@peace-firstlutheran.com or go to peace-firstlutheran.com

Pioneer Presbyterian Church
WARRENTON — For service information, call the church at 503-861-2421 or go to pioneer-churchpcusa.org

St. Brendon the Navigator Orthodox Church
St. Brendon the Navigator Orthodox Church, 820 Alameda Ave., holds Catechism at 3:30 p.m. Saturday; Great Vespers is at 5 p.m. A light potluck follows.
On Sunday, Matins are at 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy is at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck meal.
Masks must be worn at all times unless there is a medical reason. For questions, contact Rev. Sergey Kakorin at 360-904-7794 or skergeyakakorin@gmail.com or go to orthodoxastoria.org

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish
For information about services at both the Astoria church or the Hammond Mission, or about the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, call 503-325-3671, email office@stmaryastoria.com or go to stmaryastoria.com

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