

**SEA LION** *from page 1A*

Once people have finished the trail and received their stamps, participants can drop them off until Wednesday, Sept. 9, to be included in the drawing to be held on Sept. 10.

Prizes include one \$100 certificate, two \$50 gift certificates and four \$25 gift certificates redeemable at the host locations. Winners will be notified by email.

Searchers of the fuzzy masked sea lion can pick up a stamp book and map at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce visitor's center, 290 Highway 101 in Florence, or at any of these participating Chamber members' businesses: All About Olives, Artefacts, Backstreet Gallery, BeauxArts Fine Art Materials, Chicken Coop on Maple, Florence Coast Humane Society Regional Arts Alliance,



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sort, Waterlily Studio Florence, Wind Drift Gallery and Wind Drift Kites.

For more information on the event, to volunteer, or join the Chamber, visit [FlorenceChamber.com](http://FlorenceChamber.com) or call 541-997-3128.

**BENEFITS** *from page 1A*

Oregonians who may be eligible for "Benefits While You Wait":

1. Applied for regular unemployment benefits;
2. Had their claim flagged for adjudication because the Employment Department has to determine if they meet the legal requirements to get regular unemployment benefits;
3. They are out of work due to a COVID-19 qualifying reason (see full list below); AND
4. Are likely eligible for PUA if they cannot receive regular unemployment benefits.

For now, people should continue filing their weekly claims as they have been. The Employment Department will notify people who may be able to benefit from this approach.

The administrative workaround will work as follows:

- As long as claimants qualify for PUA and file weekly regular unemployment claims, the Employ-

ment Department will pay these Oregonians their regular unemployment benefit amount until their claim is adjudicated. If, at the end of the adjudication process, it turns out that they qualified for regular unemployment benefits, nothing will change. They will keep getting regular unemployment benefits as long as they file their weekly claims and are eligible.

- If it turns out they didn't qualify for regular unemployment, then the Employment Department will move their claims into the PUA program. If their PUA weekly benefit amount is higher, the Employment Department will also send them the increase for all the past weeks they got the regular UI amount.

- In the unlikely event this results in overpayment, the person would have to pay it back.

"Benefits While You Wait" is not available to individuals having their claims reviewed because of past or current school work experience, people

who need to prove they are legally authorized to work in the U.S., claimants who reported being out of their labor market at least 3.5 days during a week, and some other situations.

COVID-19 reasons a person may be eligible for PUA:

- They have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or they have symptoms of COVID-19 and are seeking a medical diagnosis.

- A member of their household has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

- They are caring for a family member or a member of their household who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

- Their child can't go to school because their school is closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, and they need their child to be in school for them to work.

- A person in their household for whom they have primary caregiving responsibility can't go to a facility for care because the facility is closed as a direct result of the COVID-19

public health emergency, and they need them to be in facility care for them to work.

- They can't get to their workplace because of a quarantine imposed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

- They can't get to their workplace because a health care provider has advised them to self-quarantine due to concerns related to COVID-19.

- They were scheduled to start a job but they can't start it or can't get to it as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

- They have become the main income earner for their household because the head of their household died as a direct result of COVID-19.

- They had to quit their job as a direct result of COVID-19.

- Their workplace is closed as a direct result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

For more information, visit [www.oregon.gov/employ/unemployment](http://www.oregon.gov/employ/unemployment).

**HIT-&-RUN** *from page 1A*

at a traffic light just north of North Bend. The pickup reportedly hit the car from behind, then pushed the vehicle out into the middle of the intersection.

The driver of the car, who did not report injuries, said the pickup then took off up the highway toward Florence, "driving recklessly."

On the way, Simpson reportedly struck several more vehicles, resulting in one injury. The occupant was transported to PeaceHealth Peace Har-

bor by Western Lane Ambulance.

OSP received more calls, this time stating the pickup was seen by the trailhead to Siltcoos Lake. Again, it was reported that the pickup was intentionally hitting more vehicles.

The rampage ended near milepost 196, where the vehicle crashed through a gate leading to private property, and became stuck in the sand.

OSP located Simpson on Highway 101, where he was arrested for failure to perform the duties of a

driver (hit and run), reckless endangerment, reck-

less driving and criminal mischief.

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