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A number of jobs still remain to be filled in Monument, Spray, Mitchell and Dayville from Sunday, Sept. 11, to Friday, Sept. 16. Cycle Oregon will pay \$500 to any organization willing to be a green team/cleanup crew, \$1,000 to conduct a site teardown and cleaning sweep and \$1,200 to staff a rest stop or provide a baggage unloading crew.

Bremner said there are 14 different groups from around the county that have elected to raise money through signing up for jobs during the Cycle Oregon ride.

With SO coming cyclists into town, Bremner said it is important to be aware that cyclists will be riding on Highway 26 and other local roads, meaning motorists will have to drive with caution to prevent accidents.

"Just be aware that on Sunday morning they're going to be leaving here," she said. "There's no set time. Everybody is on their own schedule. ... They'll be leaving here probably anywhere from 7:30 (a.m.) to 9 (a.m.)."

Bremner also wants to remind everyone that there will be 1,000 participants in the ride this year. "They're not all going to be together. Most of them have done this before and Cycle Oregon is very safety conscious. That doesn't mean that something isn't going to happen, just be aware that there is going to be a lot of cyclists," Bremner said.

Bremner said she expects Cycle Oregon to donate over \$20,000 to various local groups and organizations for the work they have signed up to do in support of the group's 2022 ride through Grant County.

Participants can also be expected to spend at area bars, money restaurants, grocery stores, retail shops and other local businesses.

"It's a big deal," Bremner added. "They do this somewhere every year. ... They've picked this area because it is beautiful."

Q&A

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Drazan: "The opportunity to bring Oregonians together is a big part of why I'm running. When we have a Portland focus and hard, progressive Democrat agenda, you end up taking that agenda and you impose it on the rural parts of

"Too often in the public policy-making process, you have folks drive six or eight hours to Salem and testify for two or three minutes. No one asks them questions and their proposals do not change outcomes because this single party control machine — they've got the votes.

Having a Republican governor ensures (lawmakers) have to compromise. They have to listen to the stakeholders, because if they don't, they'll get a veto in my administration."

Kotek: "For me, it is about how you listen to people, making sure you're out in local communities, engaging with local leaders.

"As speaker of the House, it was really important for me to represent the entire state. I made a point to encourage my colleagues, Democrats and Republicans, to visit each other's districts.

"As governor, getting out of Salem more often — it's important. You bring people together by listening. And focusing on issues that I don't think are very partisan. Every part of this state has a housing problem. That's not a partisan issue. I honestly think water's not a partisan issue. We all need water.

"So, focusing on issues that aren't highly politicized is a good place to

CP: What marching orders will you give the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality?

Johnson: "Big ones. I want that agency to stop torturing Oregonians and to help Oregonians.

"Frequently, DEQ's answer has been no — to everything. I want can-do, want-to, will-do people running state agencies. I want them to start at yes. I want agencies with regulatory authority to work with farmers and not constantly be looking for fault or wanting to over-regulate.'

Drazan: "My favorite thing that's going to happen on my first day is asking all the agency heads to turn in their resignations — all of them. And we're going to sit down and have a conversation.

"My commitment to Oregonians is to lead in a new direction. We're not going to get that done if you keep the entire bureaucratic machine crankin' along like nothing's changed. I have an expectation that my agency heads are expert in the subject matter, committed to customer service, to being problem-solvers, to getting to 'yes' first and 'no' second and to partnering with Oregonians rather than standing as a barrier.'

Kotek: "I think one of the biggest issues right now is to make sure (DEQ has) the resources and staff power to meet current regulations.

"Nothing is more frustrating for me than to hear someone say, 'I want to



The Oregon Capitol is seen in the background of the Sprague Fountain.

expand my business, but it's taking 18 months to get my new water permit or my air permit renewed.'

"The other issue is making sure our rulemaking processes and rules are inclusive. Oregonians support regulations that have goals.

"We believe in clean water, clean air - we all agree on that. And things have to be set up in a way that businesses can function."

CP: Oregon's new Advanced Clean Trucks rule requires manufacturers to sell a certain percentage of zero-emission vehicles, including heavy-duty trucks, starting with the 2024 model year. Critics say the rules will raise truck prices and push a fleet of electric vehicles on rural communities that don't yet have charging infrastructure. What's your response?

Johnson: "Well, we gotta' slow (the timeline) down. Where's the infrastructure? I don't think the technology has caught up with the reality of what exists on the ground. And at what cost?

"We cannot address Oregon's minor contribution to global climate change on the backs of rural communities that were asked to unfairly bear the economic cost of implementation."

Does Johnson support a move toward more electric vehicles?

"Sure, sure. But we're going faster than it can be implemented on the ground right now," she said.

Drazan: "I do not support an end position of a mandate around what equipment is used by Oregonians. "This move towards electric vehicles

right now doesn't meet all the needs. There's not adequate charging infrastructure. The grid can't support it. "You can't put the cart before the horse. In some cases, these political

agendas force people off of a bridge to nowhere." Does Drazan support transportation

electrification.

"As we move to new technologies that are low-emissions, I would support (voluntary) incentive-based movement in that direction," she said.

Kotek: "If we're going to have new regulation(s), we have to put public money on the table to help people achieve conversion.

"What we all understand is, we have to transition to cleaner engines. How do you make that happen? I think we have to put more urgency behind our electrification plans as a state.

"The good thing is, with the federal infrastructure package, we have more resources coming down from the federal government than we've ever had.

"The thing I always ask in transition conversations is: Does the timeline work for folks? The goal is to have it happen, not to put something in place just to say we put it in place. If the timeline has to be reassessed, we have to reassess it, 'cause the goal is to get people to cleaner vehicles.'

CP: California air regulators voted on Aug. 25 to phase out vehicles that run on fossil fuel, culminating in a total ban on sales of new gas-powered cars, pickup trucks and SUVs by

2035. Washington regulators plan to follow California's lead, and under Gov. Kate Brown, Oregon is also potentially poised to follow suit. If you're elected, will you adopt or reject this policy?

Johnson: "We need a government that does things with Oregonians, not to Oregonians.

"We need to provide more options to reduce fossil fuel use, but I am opposed to heavy-handed mandates that reduce choice and drive up costs on consumers and companies."

"How dare the governor consider doing this without public hearings or legislative action. It's just one more assault on rural economies, farmers, ranchers, loggers and anyone who can't afford a Tesla."

Drazan: "Once again, bureaucrats in the Brown administration are pushing a political agenda that goes well beyond their authority.

"People are already struggling with

an out-of-control cost of living and skyrocketing inflation. Now, Governor Brown's administration wants to make life even more costly for hardworking Oregonians, all in the name of a political agenda that is out-of-touch with everyday people.

"This proposal is dead on arrival. As governor, I'll repeal it on day one."

Kotek: "Policies like this will help make zero-emission cars more affordable and accessible and will ultimately help Oregonians reduce pollution, improve air quality and save money

"I'd support adopting a policy that's tailored to meet Oregon's needs."

CP: Do you support Oregon's existing water rights system under the doctrine of Prior Appropriation, or "first in time, first in right," in which the person with the oldest water right on a stream has seniority and is the last to face a shutoff?

Johnson: "Our water rights system is very complicated. Before politicians change the system, they need to get everybody at the table.

"We need to convene the parties and have a conversation about: What does changing the water rights really mean?

"But I don't want somebody to come away with the opinion that I'm for changing the water rights system. "What I'm supportive of is, if there

is a problem statement that people agree on, what's the statement? Is it that the water rights system is too complicated? Is it that some are getting deprived of water? I would want to have some collective understanding of: What are we solving for?"

Drazan: "I support our existing water rights system.

Would Drazan try to maintain the system if it was challenged?

"I would," she said. "And just to be clear, I don't think any system is perfect. I do believe in the ability to be flexible. I think that needs to be a stronger, more dominant characteristic of our state government in particular, that we're responsive to local needs, but as a principle, and as a construct under which we all operate, I support the existing system.'

Kotek: "It is the fundamental starting place for how water is utilized in the state. It is the law. It is the starting point, yes."

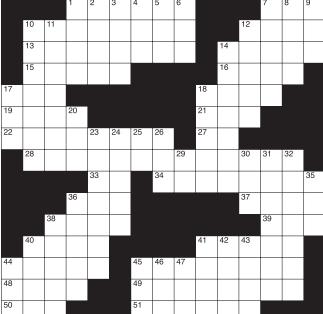
However, Kotek said she is open to conversations about potentially changing other laws. For example, under Oregon water law, if a water rights holder does not use the full water right for five consecutive years, that user could forfeit the right. Kotek expressed concern

'Some people say, 'If I don't use my water, I will lose my rights.' When I listen to that, I'm like, 'OK, does that make sense when the third person down the line also needs water?' Right?" said

"So, how do you have thoughtful conversations about assessing that? The starting point is where we are today, but with the understanding that we have to consider perhaps some new ideas."

ee Break!





CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Grievous 7. Queens ballplaver
- 10. Honorable title 12. Created
- 13. Grillmasters do it 14. Wartime German
- cargo ship 15. Cocoplum
- 16. Hebrew calendar month 17. British thermal unit
- 18. Brews 19. One of Thor's names
- 21. Decorative scarf 22. Clothes
- 27. -__: denotes past 28. A way to address a lover
- 33. Commercial 34. Utters repeatedly
- 36. Google certification (abbr.)
- 37. Taxis Antwerp

- 40. Broad volcanic crater 41. Surgical instrument
- 48. Paddles

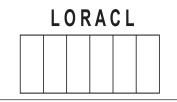
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- 45. Revelation of a fact
- 49. Heard
- 50. Tooth caregiver 51. Metric capacity units
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Protein-rich liquids 2. Musician Clapton
- 3. Wine
- 4. When you hope to
- arrive
- 5. Something one can get stuck in
- 6. Midway between east and southeast 7. Mothers
- German river
- 9. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 10. Discharged

- 17. "__ Humbug!"
- 20. Journalist Tarbell
- 24. One older than you 25. Long Russian river
- 30. Holiday (informal) 31. Furniture with open
- shelves 32. Argued
- 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 38. Volcanic craters
- honey and water
- 41. Shelter for mammals
- 43. Moves swiftly on foot

47. Pacific Standard Time

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dogs.

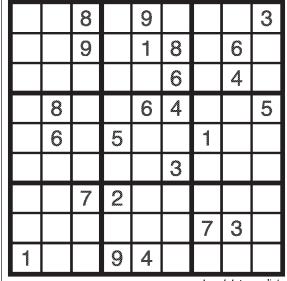


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Clue: Companion anima

21 8 23 15

Clue: Provide for health

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AGILITY

APRON

BALANCE

BARK

BEARD

BELLY

CROUP SHOW DOCKED SPAY DOG TAIL **HOCKS NEUTER**

VETERINARY WITHERS

38. Belgian village in 39. Talk excessively

11. Areas near the retina 12. Greek mythological sorceress 14. Very unpleasant smell 18. White poplar 23. Teachers

26. Run batted in 29. Beloved Hollywood

36. Cars have them 40. Made of fermented

or birds 42. One who utilizes

44. Builder's trough 45. Architectural wing

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