



Portland Metro Chamber Honors Jordan Schnitzer and Albina Vision Trust

Elected Leaders Joined as Top Service and Leadership Awards were Presented

The Portland Metro Chamber brought together the region's business community yesterday evening for one of its most anticipated annual events—the 2025 Business Leadership Evening. More than 550 industry professionals and elected officials gathered at the Portland Art Museum to celebrate exceptional leaders whose contributions to business, philanthropy, and civic engagement strengthen the fabric of the Rose City. At a time when the region faces economic headwinds, the event underscored what can be achieved when the community unites around shared values and a common vision for progress.

Speakers included U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, former State Senator Betsy Johnson, Chamber President and CEO Andrew Hoan, and honoree Jordan D. Schnitzer. They highlighted how the resilience and creativity of Portlanders has shined especially bright recently in the face of federal and local challenges. They also emphasized the integral role of business leadership in driving innovation, fostering collaboration, and building a strong and inclusive Portland economy.

The Chamber bestowed the William S. Naito Outstanding Service Award to Jordan D. Schnitzer. In honor of the late Bill Naito, the award recognizes Schnitzer's decades of visionary leadership in building one of the West Coast's most successful commercial real estate portfolios and driving regional economic growth.

Schnitzer's journey began in 1965—Jordan, Harold and Arlene Schnitzer's son, began



Portland's business community came together to recognize exceptional leadership and transformative community impact at the Chamber's annual celebration.

working weekends and evenings performing maintenance and janitorial duties in the family's apartment, retail and office buildings. After graduating from the University of Oregon and Lewis & Clark Law School, Jordan joined the family business full-time in 1976.

By 1995, Jordan Schnitzer assumed the role of President and CEO of what is known today as Schnitzer Properties, growing the company's commercial real estate holdings from 3.4 million square feet to 31 million square feet across six Western states by 2025.

Jordan combined his father's love for smaller-unit buildings like apartments and offices with his interest in flex industrial warehouse spaces to carve out a visionary niche for industrial workspaces for small and mid-sized manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors and service providers—the backbone of the American economy.

Today, the 75-year-old family company owns more than 200 properties with 4,250+ tenants

with nearly \$500 million of new development underway in 2025. Schnitzer works every day from his office in downtown Portland and lives with his family in Multnomah County.

Beyond his real estate achievements, Schnitzer is an internationally recognized art collector, named by ARTNews as one of the world's top 200 art collectors. The Jordan Schnitzer Family Foundation, with its collection of thousands of contemporary artworks, has organized and funded more than 180 exhibitions at 130 museums at no cost to the museums. Additionally, Schnitzer serves as president of the Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation, which has donated over \$300 million to fund hundreds of nonprofit projects.

"I'm honored to accept this year's William S. Naito Award. Bill and I served together on several commissions and if there ever was someone that committed his heart and soul to helping improve Portland, it was Bill Naito," said Schnitzer.

Schnitzer added, "I hope I have followed in Bill's footsteps and look forward to continuing to work every day, not only in our real estate business, but philanthropically and civically to make our home, Portland and the State of Oregon, a wonderful place to live."

The President's Award was presented to Albina Vision Trust (AVT) for its exceptional accomplishments to transform the future of our community—leading the largest restorative redevelopment effort in America. Executive Director Winta Yohannes accepted the award on behalf of AVT.

Once known as the "Harlem on the Willamette," the neighborhood of Lower Albina was nationally recognized as a West Coast hotspot for jazz and soul music before urban renewal projects displaced families and dismantled its social and cultural fabric. Albina was classified "blighted" and redlined, and families were displaced so that the neighborhood could be demolished and replaced by Inter-

state 5, Veterans Memorial Coliseum, and the Portland Public Schools headquarters facility.

Today, Albina Vision Trust is reclaiming land and creating inclusive opportunities for housing and economic development to rebuild the 94-acre thriving community. In 2023, Albina Vision Trust broke ground on the inaugural 94-unit, family-centered affordable housing development, Albina One. In September, the \$66.7 million, seven-story apartments opened 94 units of 100% affordable housing, welcoming people back into the district for the first time in 40 years.

Albina Vision Trust is now in the process of acquiring the 10.5-acre Portland Public Schools headquarters campus to deliver 1,000 units of housing for over 3,000 working-class Portlanders, mixed-use commercial space, an education hub for marginalized students, and accessible green spaces.

"I am honored to accept this recognition on behalf of the entire Albina Vision Trust team," said Albina Vision Trust Executive Director Winta Yohannes, noting the partnership between the Chamber and AVT. "The Portland Metro Chamber was right there cheering on our landmark partnership with the Portland Trailblazers, called the Albina Rose Alliance."

Yohannes added, "Whenever we've asked PMC to show up in Salem to testify alongside us, they've never wavered. They've rolled up their sleeves to join us in coordinating national coalitions for infrastructure investments."

The Portland Metro Chamber is proud to recognize Albina Vision Trust's exceptional leadership in spearheading a nationally heralded, precedent-setting model for 21st century urban restorative development, which has literally and figuratively broken ground to deliver inclusive opportunities for affordable housing and land development, wealth building, and cultural revitalization.

The Chamber is proud to celebrate Jordan Schnitzer and the Albina Vision Trust for their visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to shaping the future of Portland.

Hillsboro Shelter Celebrates Grand Opening



Pictured left to right: Simone Brooks, Metro Councilor Juan Carlos González, Hillsboro Mayor Beach Pace, Senator Jeff Merkley, Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, Project Homeless Connect Executive Director Kim Marshall, Washington County Chair Kathryn Harrington.

The Hillsboro Shelter Joins the Shelter Program, Representing Over 400 Beds County-Wide

Elected leaders from the Oregon federal delegation, Washington County, City of Hillsboro and Metro gathered today to mark the grand opening and cut the ribbon for Hillsboro's new year-round shelter.

The shelter will be operated by Project Homeless Connect and provide 75 safe sleeping spaces, as well as onsite meals, hygiene & laundry facilities, and housing navigation resources with trauma-informed staff available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. To meet diverse needs, the shelter will offer 35 indoor congregate sleeping areas & 40 individual shelter pods and further reduce barriers by allowing pets.

"Everyone in Oregon should have a safe, secure roof overhead," said U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, who secured funding for this community-initiated project as a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "As I hold a town hall in each of Oregon's 36 counties every year, I hear firsthand from folks about what matters most to them, and tackling our nation's housing crisis is high on that list. This project is a critical piece of the puzzle to help those struggling with housing instability in Hillsboro, and I'll continue working in Congress to deliver critical housing resources and support to communities in every county in Oregon."

"The new year-round shelter in Hillsboro will serve as a safe and welcoming place for people who are experiencing challenging times and a lack of housing," said Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici. "I'm grateful that I could secure federal funds for this project, and appreciate everyone who has worked to make the vision for the first year-round shelter in Hillsboro a reality. I will continue advocating for projects that connect people with housing and the wraparound services they need."

"This shelter is about more than beds. It's about safety, dignity, and a path toward permanent housing, especially as we head into the coldest months of the year," said Washington County Chair Kathryn Harrington. "Even with federal uncertainty, I am heartened to see local leaders rolling up their sleeves to meet the critical need showing up in our community."

"We are proud to be able to provide community members the safety and support that are essential to their wellbeing and offer a first step on the path toward long-term housing," said Hillsboro Mayor Beach Pace. "By listening to our community and honoring a shared commitment to help everyone thrive — along with the dedication and collaboration of trusted partners — we are now able to answer the call for these essential services and support members of our community as they continue their journey toward positive change."

"Since voters gave us the resources to address homelessness with the passage of the Metro Supportive Housing Services measure, we've been able to reach communities and corners of the Metro area that weren't being served before," Metro Councilor Juan Carlos González said. "That includes right here in Hillsboro,

where we're delivering on promises with the opening of the first permanent year-round shelter for adults in the city's history."

"We are proud to serve as the boots on the ground support for some of our most vulnerable neighbors," said Project Homeless Connect Executive Director Kim Marshall. "Historically, we've made it work in temporary locations. Thanks to this permanent facility, our team will be set up for success to continue providing people experiencing homelessness with lifesaving shelter and the resources to reach stability."

The shelter project is made possible thanks to \$17 million in funding, including \$5.4 million in City of Hillsboro American Rescue Plan-enabled funding, over \$2 million in State of Oregon funding, \$850,000 in funding received through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development secured with the help of Congresswoman Bonamici, and \$8.3 million from the voter-approved Metro Supportive Housing Services measure allocated through Washington County. Ongoing operations will also be funded by the Washington County allocation of the Supportive Housing Services measure.

The City of Hillsboro purchased the property on SW 17th Avenue in 2021 with the goal of a building a future year-round shelter for adults experiencing homelessness. The property is located near an established business area, with nearby public transportation, and is within walking distance to groceries and employment opportunities. With design, amenities, and operator selection informed by community engagement, this is the first shelter location in Hillsboro that is specifically designed to meet the needs of adults experiencing homelessness and connect them with long-term housing.

Civil Rights Icon Jesse Jackson Hospitalized



The Rev. Jesse Jackson speaks during a news conference after the verdict was read in the trial of former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin, Tuesday, April 20, 2021, in Minneapolis, in the death of George Floyd. (AP Photo/John Minchillo, File)

Family Thanks Public for Support

(AP) - The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who has been receiving around-the-clock care at home, has been hospitalized with a rare neurological disorder, according to his Chicago-based organization.

The civil rights leader was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease about a decade ago. But his Rainbow/PUSH organization said Thursday that the 84-year-old remained under observation at a Chicago hospital for progressive supranuclear palsy, or PSP, a neurodegenerative disorder he has been "managing for more than a decade" and received a diagnosis for in April. He was reported in stable condition.

"The family is grateful for all the well-wishes and prayers," the organization said in a statement late Thursday, a day after he was admitted.

Jackson had suffered from symptoms consistent with Parkinson's and disclosed a diagnosis in 2017, but during

a Mayo Clinic visit in April, doctors confirmed a diagnosis of PSP, which can have similar symptoms to Parkinson's.

After disclosing he was receiving outpatient treatment in 2017, Jackson continued to make public appearances, including at the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The two-time presidential candidate stepped down as leader of his Rainbow/PUSH organization in 2023 and his son, Yusef Jackson, took over as chief operating officer last year.

The elder Jackson has been using a wheelchair and continued going into the office regularly until months ago, family members said.

In recent months, his relatives, including sons U.S. Rep. Jonathan Jackson and Jesse Jackson Jr., a former Illinois congressman seeking reelection, have been providing 24-hour care in shifts.

The reverend has struggled to keep his eyes open and is unable to speak. But he has found ways to communicate with family and friends who visit, his son Jesse Jackson Jr. told The Associated Press last month.

"He'll squeeze your hand," he said.

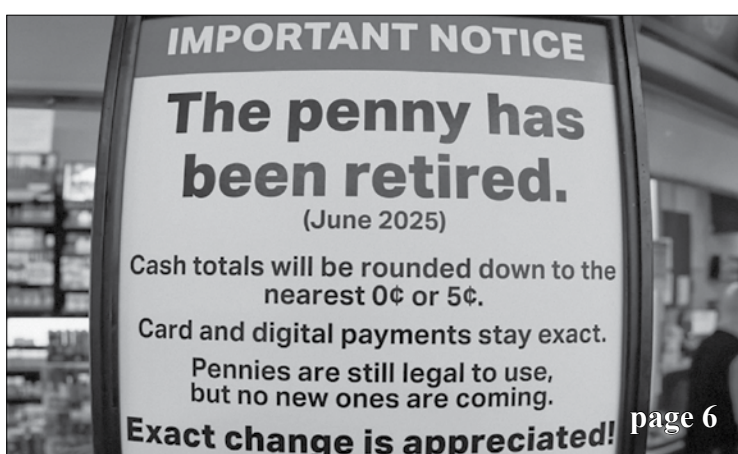
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Pilot Spared Jail After Engine Shutdown Attempt

Sentence Emphasizes Rehabilitation over Punishment

(AP) - A federal judge on Monday ruled there would be no prison time for a former Alaska Airlines pilot who had taken psychedelic mushrooms days before he tried to cut the engines of a passenger flight in 2023 while riding off-duty in the cockpit.

U.S. District Court Judge Amy Baggio in Portland, Oregon, sentenced Joseph Emerson to time served and three years' supervised release, ending a case that drew attention to the need for cockpit safety and more mental health support for pilots.

Federal prosecutors wanted a year in prison, while his attorneys sought probation.

"Pilots are not perfect. They are human," Baggio said. "They are people and all people need help sometimes."

Emerson hugged his attorneys and tearfully embraced his wife after he was sentenced.

Emerson was subdued by the flight crew after trying to cut the engines of a Horizon Air flight from Everett, Washington, to San Francisco on Oct. 22, 2023, while he was riding in an extra seat in the cockpit. The plane was diverted and landed in Portland with more than 80 people.

Emerson told police he was despondent over a friend's recent death, had taken psychedelic mushrooms about two days earlier, and hadn't slept in over 40 hours. He has said he believed he was dreaming and was trying to wake up by grabbing two red handles that would have activated the fire suppression system and cut fuel to the engines.

He spent 46 days in jail and was released pending trial in December 2023, with requirements



Former Alaska Airlines pilot Joseph Emerson, walks into U.S. District Court in Portland, Ore., Monday, November 17, 2025. (AP Photo/Molly J. Smith)

that he undergo mental health services, stay off drugs and alcohol, and keep away from aircraft.

Attorney Ethan Levi described his client's actions as "a product of untreated alcohol use disorder." Emerson had been drinking and accepted mushrooms "because of his lower inhibitions," Levi said.

Emerson went to treatment after jail and has been sober since, he added.

Baggio said the case is a cautionary tale. Before she sentenced him, Emerson said he regretted the harm he caused.

"I'm not a victim. I am here as a direct result of my actions," he told the court. "I can tell you that this very tragic event has forced me to grow as an individual."

Emerson's wife, Sarah Stretch, was among those who spoke on his behalf at the hearing.

"I am so sorry for those that it's impacted as much as it has. But I am extremely proud to be here with this man today, be-

cause the growth that he has had from this terrible experience has not only helped him, but benefited all that surround him," she said through tears.

One of the pilots of the 2023 Horizon Air flight, Alan Koziol, said he didn't think Emerson was acting with malice and that he seemed "more like a trapped animal than a man in control of his faculties." Koziol said that while pilots bear "immense responsibility," he also wanted to see the aviation industry become more open to allowing pilots to seek mental health care.

Lyle Prouse, sentenced to 16 months in prison for flying an airliner under the influence of alcohol in 1990, told the judge via videoconference that Emerson was "solidly engaged" in recovering. Prouse said he got sober and was eventually reinstated by the airline and retired as a 747 captain. He was pardoned by then-President Bill Clinton.

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CCC President Honored with 2025 Howard Cherry Award

Education Leader Celebrated for Advancing Student Opportunity

Clackamas Community College President Dr. Tim Cook was named a recipient of the 2025 Howard Cherry Award by the Oregon Community College Association. The honor, presented annually, recognizes exceptional leadership and advocacy on behalf of Oregon's community colleges and students.

Cook, who has served as president of Clackamas Community College since 2018, was honored at the Howard Cherry Awards Banquet on Nov. 6 in Hood River. The award acknowledges his decades-long commitment to equity, student success and community impact throughout his 30-plus years in higher education.



From left, OCCA Executive Director Abby Lee, Clackamas Community College President Dr. Tim Cook, Southwestern Oregon Community College President Patti Scott.

"I am deeply honored to receive the Howard Cherry Award," Cook said. "At Clackamas Community College, our students come first. Every day our faculty, staff and partners

work to create opportunities for those who may not have had them otherwise. I share this recognition with them, and with the

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Holiday Season is Set to Sparkle at ZooLights

The Northwest's Wildest Light Festival Returns with Some Dazzling New Displays

A holiday favorite is back and brighter than ever! ZooLights, presented by U.S. Bank, opens Nov. 21 at the Oregon Zoo with shimmering life-size animal silhouettes, glittering forests of lighted trees and illuminated rides on the zoo train. Tickets are on sale now at oregonzoo.org/lights.

"ZooLights brings the magic of the holidays to life," said zoo events director Jamie Inglis. "About 90% of the installations are completed by our staff right here at the zoo, which makes it extra special for all of us!"

This year's festival features returning favorites, installations from local artists and makers, and some exciting new displays. A set of bright panels in the central plaza highlights the zoo's conservation ef-



A dazzling Northwest tradition returns: Tickets are on sale now for ZooLights, which runs Nov. 21-Jan. 4 at the Oregon Zoo. Photo courtesy of the Oregon Zoo.

forts on behalf of species such as California condors, northwestern pond turtles and Oregon silverspot butterflies. And 30 more luminous creatures — including flamingos, beavers, bears and elephants — join the cast of glowing wildlife lanterns along the train route.

Tickets are still available for BrewLights — a 21+ event that blends

a craft beverage fest with the radiant atmosphere of ZooLights, held Nov. 14-15. Guests can sample a selection of more than 100 local beers, seltzers and ciders from more than 50 Northwest vendors while enjoying live music and strolling among the millions of lights.

"Plus this year, you can take MAX to ZooLights or BrewLights on us," Inglis

said. "Your admission ticket is also your 'ticket to ride' TriMet to and from the zoo on your admission date."

ZooLights and BrewLights are special events and are not included with regular daytime admission. Members receive 20% off regularly priced ZooLights tickets and may also purchase tickets for an exclusive Nov. 16 preview. All guests, including members, must reserve tickets in advance.

ZooLights is presented by U.S. Bank with support from iHeartMedia.

As part of Metro, the Oregon Zoo helps make greater Portland a great place to call home. Committed to conservation, the zoo acts globally on behalf of species from pikas to polar bears. Over the past 30 years, it has prevented extinctions, expanded populations, advanced conservation science, and formed powerful communities to protect wildlife in the Northwest and around the world. To plan your trip, go to oregonzoo.org/visit.

Support from the Oregon Zoo Foundation enhances and expands the zoo's efforts in species recovery, conservation education and animal well-being. Members, donors and corporate and foundation partners help the zoo make a difference across the region and around the world. To contribute, go to oregonzoo.org/give.



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Penny Production Ends After 230-Year Run

Costs and Demand Lead to Halt

(AP) The U.S. ended production of the penny Wednesday, abandoning the 1-cent coins that were embedded in American culture for more than 230 years but became nearly worthless.

When it was introduced in 1793, a penny could buy a biscuit, a candle or a piece of candy. Now most of them are cast aside to sit in jars or junk drawers, and each one costs nearly 4 cents to make.

"God bless America, and we're going to save the taxpayers \$56 million," Treasurer Brandon Beach said at the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia before hitting a button to strike the final penny. The coins were then carefully placed on a tray for journalists to see. The last few pennies were to be auctioned off.

Billions of pennies are still in circulation and will remain legal tender, but new ones will no longer be made.



A sign in a Kwik Trip store shows the store will no longer be using pennies to give change, Oct. 23, 2025, in Yorkville, Wis. (AP Photo/Morry Gash, File)

The last U.S. coin to be discontinued was the half-cent in 1857, Beach said.

Most penny production ended over the summer, officials said. During the final pressing, workers at the mint stood quietly on the factory floor as if bidding farewell to an old friend. When the last coins emerged, the men and women broke into applause and

cheered one another.

"It's an emotional day," said Clayton Crotty, who has worked at the mint for 15 years. "But it's not unexpected."

President Donald Trump ordered the penny's demise as costs climbed and the 1-cent valuation became virtually obsolete.

"For far too long the United States has minted pennies

which literally cost us more than 2 cents," Trump wrote in an online post in February. "This is so wasteful!"

Still, many Americans have a nostalgia for them, seeing pennies as lucky or fun to collect. And some retailers voiced concerns in recent weeks as supplies ran low and the end of production drew near. They said the phase-out was abrupt and came with no government guidance on how to handle transactions.

Some businesses rounded prices down to avoid short-changing shoppers. Others pleaded with customers to bring exact change. The more creative among them gave out prizes, such as a free drink, in exchange for a pile of pennies.

"We have been advocating abolition of the penny for 30 years. But this is not the way we wanted it to go," Jeff Lenard of the National Association of Convenience Stores said last month.

Proponents of eliminating the coin cited cost savings, speedier checkouts at cash registers and the fact that some countries have already eliminated their 1-cent

coins. Canada, for instance, stopped minting its penny in 2012.

Some banks began rationing supplies, a somewhat paradoxical result of the effort to address what many see as a glut of the coins. Over the last century, about half the coins made at mints in Philadelphia and Denver have been pennies.

But they cost far less to produce than the nickel, which costs nearly 14 cents to make. The diminutive dime, by comparison, costs less than 6 cents to produce, and the quarter nearly 15 cents.

No matter their face value, collectors and historians consider them an important historical record. Frank Holt, an emeritus professor at the University of Houston who has studied the history of coins, laments the loss.

"We put mottoes on them and self-identifiers, and we decide — in the case of the United States — which dead persons are most important to us and should be commemorated," he said. "They reflect our politics, our religion, our art, our sense of ourselves, our ideals, our aspirations."

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The Federal Aviation Administration Lifts Order Slashing Flights



United Airlines aircraft move from the gate at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (AP Photo/Lynne Sladky)

Commercial Airlines Allowed to Resume Their Regular Schedules

(AP) The Federal Aviation Administration said Sunday it is lifting all restrictions on commercial flights that were imposed at 40 major airports during the country's longest government shutdown.

Airlines can resume their regular flight schedules begin-

ning Monday at 6 a.m. EST, the agency said.

The announcement was made in a joint statement by Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy and FAA Administrator Bryan Bedford.

Citing safety concerns as staffing shortages grew at air traffic control facilities during the shutdown, the FAA issued an unprecedented order to limit traffic in the skies. It had been in place since Nov. 7, affecting thousands of flights across the country.

Impacted airports included large hubs in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Atlanta.

The flight cuts started at 4% and later grew to 6% before the FAA on Friday rolled the restrictions back to 3%, citing continued improvements in air traffic controller staffing since the record 43-day shutdown ended on Nov. 12.

The number of flights canceled this weekend was at its lowest point since the order took effect and was well below the 3% cuts FAA was requiring for Saturday and Sunday. Data from aviation analytics firm Cirium showed that less than 1% of all flights were

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OHA Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Christa Jones speaks at the ceremony alongside Gov. Kotek and Clackamas County officials, highlighting Oregon's ongoing commitment to expanding behavioral health care access. The Clackamas County Stabilization Center will provide 24/7 behavioral health services for people in crisis.

New Center Expands Access to Behavioral Health Crisis Care

The Center Will Provide 24/7 Behavioral Health Services for People in Crisis

Clackamas County has opened a new stabilization center in Milwaukie, marking a major milestone in Oregon's efforts to transform the state's behavioral health system. For the first time, anyone in the Clackamas community experiencing a behavioral health crisis can walk in any time, day or night, and receive immediate care without having to go to an emergency room or jail.

The crisis center, located at 9200 SE McBrod Ave., in Milwaukie, will expand access to crisis and recovery services. The center will help people experiencing panic attacks, hallucinations or other behavioral health conditions, and will also connect individuals experiencing homelessness to transitional housing in the community. "Today, we are celebrating meaningful access to services that are too often out of reach," Governor Tina Kotek said during the ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday.

"Of course, there is still a long way to go and we have to keep pushing to get Orego-

nians the treatment they need and deserve. I've made it a priority in my administration to work towards an Oregon where every person can access the care they need, when they need it, and how they need it."

Clackamas County officials and OHA Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Christa Jones joined Governor Kotek at the ceremony.

"It's inspiring to see a place where people in crisis can feel safer and supported," Jones said. "The thoughtful design, with calming spaces and views of the creek, reflects a deep respect for the dignity and comfort of those receiving care."

The new center is funded through House Bill 5204, passed in 2024 to expand access to behavioral health crisis care through investments in infrastructure. The Clackamas project received \$4 million through the Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

The Clackamas County Stabilization Center will provide care to adults experiencing a behavioral health crisis and co-occurring disorders. Among the center's services are crisis assessment, short-term housing, peer support, and connections to long-term treatment, recovery resources, and stable housing for individuals in behavioral health crises.

OHA is committed to transforming the state's behavioral health system, expanding access to services and support, and investing in community-based services that provide compassionate and culturally responsive care.

The Federal Aviation Administration Lifts Order Slashing Flights

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canceled this weekend. The flight tracking website FlightAware said 149 flights were cut Sunday and 315 were canceled on Saturday. The FAA statement said an agency safety team recommended the order be rescinded after "detailed reviews of safety trends and the steady decline of staffing-trigger events in air traffic control facilities."

The statement said the FAA "is aware of reports of non-compliance by carriers over the course of the emergency order. The agency is reviewing and assessing enforcement options." It did not elaborate.

Cancellations hit their highest point Nov. 9, when airlines cut more than 2,900 flights because of the FAA order, ongoing controller shortages and severe weather in parts of the country. Conditions began to improve throughout last week as more controllers returned to work amid news that Congress was close to a deal to end the shutdown. That

progress also prompted the FAA to pause plans for further rate increases.

The agency had initially aimed for a 10% reduction in flights. Duffy had said worrisome safety data showed the move was necessary to ease pressure on the aviation system and help manage worsening staffing shortages at air traffic control facilities as the shutdown entered its second month and flight disruptions began to pile up.

Air traffic controllers were among the federal employees who had to continue working without pay throughout the shutdown. They missed two paychecks during the impasse.

Duffy hasn't shared the specific safety data that prompted the cuts, but he cited reports during the shutdown of planes getting too close in the air, more runway incursions and pilot concerns about controllers' responses.

Airline leaders have expressed optimism that operations would rebound in time for the Thanksgiving travel period after the FAA lifted its order.

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community that supports our work."

This summer, Cook gained statewide and national attention for his Running for Oregon Community College Students campaign, during which he ran more than 1,400 miles over 53 days to all 17 of Oregon's community colleges. The campaign raised over \$177,000 for student basic needs and brought visibility to the daily struggles many students face while pursuing their education.

"In a time when too many challenges feel too big, President Cook has shown us what it looks like to step up and act. He put in the miles, literally, to make a difference. And in doing so, he's reminding all of us of what leadership really means," U.S. Sen. Ron

Wyden wrote in a letter of support.

"President Cook is not just an advocate for student success — he is a champion for equity, wellness and community connection," Lisa Steenson, executive director of Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine, wrote in a letter of recommendation. "His leadership helps break down the barriers that often stand between individuals and their potential."

The Howard Cherry Award is named for the late Dr. Howard Cherry, a lifelong advocate for education and community service. Presented annually by the Oregon Community College Association, the award recognizes outstanding contributions to the state's community colleges in three categories: citizen, board member and administrator.

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Boys & Girls Clubs to Launch New Site

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Location
Expands
to Ogden
Elementary with
21st Century
Learning Grant

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington (BGCSW) is proud to announce the opening of a new Club site at Peter S. Ogden Elementary School, made possible through a 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant. This new location, set to open in January 2026, will provide free, high-quality after-school and summer programming for students and families in the Ogden community.

The 21st CCLC grant fully funds the new Ogden Elementary Club for five years, allowing BGCSW to serve 150–200 youth annually, with 75–100 students attending daily. The Club will operate every day after school until 6 p.m. and offer 6–8 weeks of summer programming, at no cost to families.



Photo courtesy of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington (BGCSW)

Programs will focus on academic support, mental health and wellness, and character and leadership development, ensuring that students have the tools they need to thrive in school and beyond.

“We have wanted to expand our services to Ogden Elementary School for several years and now, thanks to 21st Century Community Learning Center grant funds, it

is a reality,” said Francisco Bueno, Executive of Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington. “We are excited to partner with school staff and other community partners to support Ogden students and their families for years to come.”

This milestone represents the culmination of over a decade of partnership between BGCSW and the Ogden community. For

more than ten years, the organization has bussed students from Ogden Elementary to the O.K. Clubhouse, providing them with after-school programming. However, as transportation back home after Club became an increasing barrier, the need for an on-site location became clear.

Working closely with Vancouver Public Schools district offi-

cials, BGCSW identified Ogden as a priority for expansion due to the number of students who fit the Club’s target audience, the lack of other youth services in the area, and the needs expressed by the district.

After co-writing an initial 21st CCLC grant proposal several years ago that was not funded, BGCSW and district partners re-applied in July 2025 and this time, their persistence paid off.

“I am thrilled for the opportunity for Ogden Elementary to collaborate with Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington to enhance support for our students and families,” said Matt Kauffman, Principal of Peter S. Ogden Elementary. “This partnership will give our students a safe, engaging place to continue learning and growing after school and the fact that it’s free for families is invaluable.”

The new Ogden Elementary Club will open in January 2026, becoming the latest in a network of Club sites and programs serving thousands of youth across Clark County.

For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington and how to get involved, visit www.mybgc.org or follow @mybgc on social media.

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