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The cast of the touring musical "Water For Elephants." MATTHEW MURPHY/PROVIDED BY BARBARA B. MANN PERFORMING ARTS HALL

Hult Center's Broadway lineup promises 'surprise and delight'

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The 2026-27 Broadway in Eugene season includes an acclaimed show that debuted in 2025, a classic that has been on stage for two decades and everything in between. ● Shakespeare meets pop in the 2022 Broadway hit "& Juliet" to kick off the new season. The 2006 best-selling novel "Water for Elephants" was made into a movie released in 2011 before becoming a musical accompanied by a PigPen Theater Co. score, which will hit the Hult Center stage in November. ● The songs and stories of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons come to life in January in the Broadway classic "Jersey Boys," a show that helped create a whole new genre of Broadway hits known as jukebox musicals. See SHOWS, Page 7A

Eugene driver sentenced for fleeing deadly crash

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Kacy Foster, 36, was sentenced to 19 months in prison at the Lane County Courthouse on April 14 after pleading guilty to fleeing the scene of a deadly car

crash on Highway 99 in Eugene in January.

Foster also will have a five-year suspension on his driver's license and undergo three years of post-prison supervision.

Following the sentencing decision handed down by Lane County Circuit

Court Judge Charles M. Zennaché, Foster's friends and family members stormed out of the courtroom.

"I am certain your friends, family and daughter are disappointed in what I just did," Zennaché said. "Nothing I'm going

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Chad Drive Office Depot to close

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Say farewell to one of the bastions of big-box office supply stores in Eugene. Office Depot is closing shop.

Signs about the change hang from the Office Depot building at 2859 Chad Drive, cling to the windows and are staked into nearby grass.

The almost 25,000-square-foot office supply retail building was constructed in 1994.

According to Lane County property records, the property sold in 2009 for about \$4.3 million. The sales deed at the time indicated the sale occurred in cash at arm's length with an undisclosed seller. The property is now owned by Costco Wholesale Corporation. The Office Depot parcel is located across the street from Eugene's Costco warehouse.

Signs around and inside the building indicate items in the store are discounted with rates up to 30%. Retail

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Ore. plans to appeal ruling on abortion access law

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A federal judge in Eugene's ruling could erode an Oregon law meant to ensure access to abortion.

On April 14, U.S. District Court Judge Mustafa T. Kasubhai ruled in favor of Oregon Right To Life (ORTL), an anti-abortion nonprofit, in a lawsuit that challenges the state's Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) insurance coverage mandate for abortion services.

RHEA, which was signed into law in 2017, expanded coverage for some Oregonians to access free reproductive health services. RHEA states health benefit plans offered in Oregon must provide coverage for abortion. It requires Oregon private health insurance plans, including employer-sponsored coverage, to cover abortions with no out-of-pocket costs.

Kasubhai ruled the law violates the U.S. Constitution.

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