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Lincoln County, Oregon

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The walls are going up for the Oregon Coast Aquarium's new marine wildlife rehabilitation center, which will be used to provide critical care to endangered marine animals. Construction is expected to be finished sometime next year. (Photo by Jeremy Burke)

Aquarium expanding marine wildlife rehab capacity

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

Construction is under-way on the Oregon Coast Aquarium's new

marine wildlife rehabilita-tion center, which will expand the aquarium's capacity for providing critical care to injured, stranded, or endangered

marine animals. Located on the south side of the aquarium, near the intersection of

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Tourism counts optimistic, federal policies concerning



This is the view looking out at Siletz Bay from the Pelican Brewing Company in Lincoln City. New data shows food and beverages are the number one tourist attraction to the city. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Just ahead of Spring Break and the summer visitor season, new data

from Explore Lincoln City, the city's tourism department, shows over-all recovery and stabil-ity for the city's main industry.

"The occupancy rate at local hotels was slightly up in 2024 com-pared to 2023, about half

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Search continues for missing Siletz boy



Dane Paulsen



The search for the missing 2-year-old child from Siletz is now focusing primarily in and around the Siletz River. (Courtesy photo)

STEVE CARD
Lincoln County Leader

The efforts to locate 2-year-old Dane Paulsen, of Siletz, are still underway, now well over a week since the child went missing near his home. As of Monday's press deadline, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and partnering agencies were continuing daily search operations.

On Saturday, March 1, at approximately 4:25 p.m., the sheriff's office was notified of the missing child. At the time of his disappearance, Dane was reported to be playing in the yard of the residence located near milepost 21 on Highway 229, north of Siletz.

Upon notification of the disappearance, investigators

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Lincoln County Sheriff Adam Shanks speaks during a community update on the status of the search for 2-year-old Dane Paulsen, who went missing north of Siletz on Saturday, March 1. Also pictured are Sgt. Jason Spano and Public Information Officer Jess Palma. (Photo by Steve Card)

Police prepared for busy spring, summer travel season

JEREMY C. RUARK
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Spring Break ushers in the busy spring and summer travel season along the Oregon coast.

In Lincoln City, the Lincoln City Police Department's (LCPD) traffic enforcement team is preparing for heavy congestion and traffic violators. The Lincoln County Leader has reached out to LCPD

Patrol Sergeant Erik Anderson for insight into what can be expected.

Lincoln County Leader: What are the typical traffic violations your officers encounter during Spring Break and during summer?

Erik Anderson: During Spring Break and the summer months, we tend to issue more

citations to drivers for using their mobile devices while driving, as well as violations at pedestrian crosswalks. This may have to do with better weather and visibility for our patrol officers, as well as increased traffic in town.

During April, National

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During the heavy spring and summer travel season, Lincoln City Police tend to issue more citations to drivers for using their mobile devices while driving, viola-tions at pedestrian crosswalks, and for impaired driving. (Photo by Jeremy C. Ruark)





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Rain

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Rain

Monday: High-49/Low-40
Showers

Tuesday: High-50/Low-37
AM Clouds/PM Sun

Past Weather

On the Coast

	Rain	Low	High
March 4	0.19	45.1	55.3
March 5	0.00	41.1	54.2"
March 6	0.01	36.0	52.5
March 7	0.00	41.4	52.8
March 8	0.00	42.0	57.0
March 9	0.40	44.6	56.4
March 10	0.12	43.0	44.7
Total rainfall from Jan. 1	16.92"		

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

High	12:27 a.m.	7.3
Low	5:57 a.m.	2.4
High	11:52 a.m.	8.2
Low	6:2 p.m.	0.1

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

High	12:54 a.m.	7.7
Low	6:36 a.m.	1.9
High	12:34 p.m.	8.1
Low	6:5 p.m.	0.2

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

High	1:20 a.m.	7.8
Low	7:13 a.m.	1.4
High	1:14 p.m.	7.8
Low	7:23 p.m.	0.7

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

High	1:43 a.m.	8.1
Low	7:48 a.m.	1.1
High	1:53 p.m.	7.4
Low	7:50 p.m.	1.1

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

High	2:06 a.m.	8.2
Low	8:23 a.m.	0.9
High	2:33 p.m.	7.1
Low	8:16 p.m.	1.8

MONDAY, MARCH 17

High	2:30 a.m.	8.2
Low	8:59 a.m.	0.7
High	3:1 p.m.	6.7
Low	8:43 p.m.	2.3

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

High	2:55 a.m.	8.2
Low	9:37 a.m.	0.7
High	4:00 p.m.	6.2
Low	9:10 p.m.	3.0

Sunrise/Sunset

March 12	7:34 a.m.	7:18 p.m.
March 13	7:33 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
March 14	7:31 a.m.	7:20 p.m.
March 15	7:29 a.m.	7:21 p.m.
March 16	7:27 a.m.	7:23 p.m.
March 17	7:25 a.m.	7:24 p.m.
March 18	7:23 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
March 19	7:21 a.m.	7:27 p.m.
March 20	7:20 a.m.	7:28 p.m.

Lottery

Friday, March 7

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Saturday, March 8

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Saturday, March 8

Megabucks

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Comments sought on rules for electric-assisted bicycles

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking public comments on proposed rule updates to electric assisted (e-assisted) bicycle use at Oregon State Parks and the ocean shore now through April 1.

The proposed updates clarify definitions of e-assisted bicycles, outline areas for operation and prohibited areas of operation and set safe usage requirements for the operator, other visitors and park resources. The updates would allow access for e-assisted bicycles in many of the same ways that non-electric bicycles access parks and the ocean shore with some caveats and safety requirements.

An internal workgroup developed the proposed updates after extensive research and conversations with partner agencies, subject matter experts and the Rules Advisory Committee (RAC). The agency conducted a public survey in summer 2024 to better understand the use and needs. The proposed updates seek to maintain access to recreation for enjoyment while protecting natural, scenic, cultural, historic and recreational sites and resources.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed updates through 5 p.m.

April 1:

- Submit comments online on the rules webpage — <https://tinyurl.com/37vc5xt2>
- Attend a virtual public hearing Monday, March 17, or Wednesday, March 26, at 5:30 p.m. Registration required to provide public comment:
 - March 17: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/e7Lq4SFx-QlydbakYVdChRA>
 - March 26: <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/uI1aQyDq-TO-R978FijzOVA>
- Watch the hearing: <https://www.youtube.com/@oprddirectorsoffice5783/>

streams

Individuals who require special accommodations to view the meetings should contact Jo Niehaus at least three days in advance of the meeting at jo.niehaus@oprddirectorsoffice5783.gov or 503-580-9210.

The RAC met four times in 2024 to suggest changes to current rules and discuss potential impacts from the changes. The committee included diverse stakeholders who currently use state parks and those who have faced barriers. Members included park visitors with different recreational focuses including cyclists and e-bicyclists, mountain bikers, trail

groups, representatives from the disability community, equestrians, environmental conservationists, wildlife experts, other land management agencies and members of law enforcement. Those meetings are also posted online at <https://www.youtube.com/@oprddirectorsoffice5783/> streams.

Once the public comment period ends, the proposal with any incorporated updates will go to Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission in April or June for possible adoption. Implementation is expected in July after the agency can update any necessary signs and maps.

‘Blue Economy Bill’ would advance ocean and coastal science

Two Oregon lawmakers from Lincoln County introduced House Bill 3786 that will provide the science and information needed to support a healthy ocean and vibrant coastal economies.

The “Blue Economy Bill,” introduced by Rep. David Gomberg and Sen. Dick Anderson, declares a state of emergency and provides \$3 million to Oregon’s Ocean Science Fund for the Oregon Ocean Science Trust to host competitive ocean and coastal science and monitoring grants. The scientific research would address:

- The risks and vulnerabilities that threaten Oregon’s economy and ecosystems from changing ocean conditions, including warmer, more acidic, and less oxygenated ocean water;
- Sandy beach management and dune ecosystems research to inform strategies to address coastal erosion, which has and will continue to affect transportation and other coastal systems; and
- Nearshore data collection to understand changing ocean conditions and its effects on species and ecosystems.

Gomberg described the role of a healthy ocean to Oregon’s economy. “The gross domestic product from Oregon’s ocean is estimated at \$2.5 billion,” he said. “Oregon’s ocean

and coastal economies fuel almost 850,000 jobs, and 43.5 percent of the state’s population works in ocean and coastal sectors. We must have the science and data to manage these ocean resources for long-term sustainability to help ensure Oregon’s economy is robust.”

Anderson commented on the strong link between the Blue Economy Bill and transportation. “Highway 101 is the lifeblood of Oregon’s coastal communities and their economies,” he said. “Highway 101 moves tourists, freight, and workers, and is essential for public safety services. Lack of data to predict stressors

on that transportation system threatens coastal economies, public safety, and access to resources. This bill will help fund those data gaps.”

Laura Anderson, chair of the Oregon Ocean Science Trust and founder of Newport’s Local Ocean Seafoods restaurant and fish market, emphasized the importance of the Blue Economy Bill. “The business I founded relies on access to sustainable West Coast seafood,” she said. “Many of the species served, like rockfish, salmon, lingcod, and crab, rely on healthy rocky reefs and estuary habitats to sustain their populations. We buy

from more than 25 local fishers, and processing, cooking and serving that catch to more than 100,000 customers a year provides good jobs for our 75 employee-owners. Feeding people aside, the whole coastal community benefits from sound ocean and estuary management. Good management requires knowledge, and that starts with science.”

The Blue Economy Bill had its first reading and was referred to the speaker’s desk. The public can track the status of the bill by visiting the Oregon Ocean Science Trust website or track it on the Oregon State Legislature website.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

North Lincoln Fire & Rescue District #1 Board of Directors: 4 p.m., Bob Everest Station, 2525 NW Highway 101, Lincoln City.

Lincoln City Public Arts Committee: 4 p.m., public works conference room, city hall.

Depoe Bay Planning Commission: 6 p.m.,

city hall.

Toledo Planning Commission/City Council: 6 p.m., joint work session, council chambers, city hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Lincoln County Fair Board: 3:30 p.m., county courthouse, Newport.

Waldport City Council: 4 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

Seal Rock Water

District Board: 4 p.m., 1037 NW Grebe St., Seal Rock.

Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District Board: 6 p.m., teleconference meeting.

Seal Rock Fire District Board: 6:30 p.m., 10349 Rande St., Seal Rock.

Council: 6 p.m., city hall.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners: 10 a.m., commission meeting room, county courthouse, Newport. For info, go to www.co.lincoln.or.us.

Yachats City Council: 1 p.m., Yachats Commons.

Lincoln City Parks & Recreation Board: 2:30 p.m., Lincoln City Community Center, 2150 NE Oar Place.

Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education: 6 p.m., 400 SE College Way, Newport.

Newport Parking Advisory Committee: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

Toledo City Council: 6 p.m., council chambers, city hall.

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The Oregon Reform Education Act introduced

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State Sen. David Brock Smith (R-Curry, Coos and Douglas counties) and State Representative E. Werner Reschke (R-Klamath Falls) have introduced Senate Bill 1100, described by the two as “an omnibus education bill to bring real reform to benefit students, teachers, and their families across the state.”

“Oregon education continues to play for last place across the nation, even though the legislature has continued to provide more funding than ever before,” Smith said. “As reported in the Oregonian on Jan. 28, ‘Oregon fourth graders who were tested in early 2024 ranked second worst in the country in math and tied with 10 other states for third worst in reading.’”

According to Reschke, the current public education system is broken.

“Fundamental reform is necessary, and we must return to common sense education principles,” Reschke said. “Excellence in education is not an option. We must do better, and this omnibus education legislation is a great step in the right direction.”

Reschke and Smith describe SB 1100 as a comprehensive education reform bill that would:

- Allow school districts the choice of where to place feminine sanitary products.
- Provide an income tax credit for teachers in rural school districts.
- Require public schools, community colleges, and public universities to provide instruction in a neutral manner. Prohibits the State Board of Education



Senate Bill 1100 was introduced in the current legislative session to bring educational reform to benefit students, teachers, and their families across the state. (Photo by Metro Creative Connection)

from adopting rules that promote a stance or otherwise show support for or against a political movement or group.

- Require school districts to designate athletic competitions and extracurricular sports according to biological

sex. Prohibits biological males from participating in athletic competitions or extracurricular sports designated for biological females.

- Provide for school resource peace officers for each school in every district.
- Ensure licensure pathways to bolster career and technical education teachers.
- Forbid the Oregon Health Authority from requiring COVID-19 immunizations for school attendance.
- Direct a school district to provide notice to the parent or legal guardian within 24 hours when a student under 18 has been subjected to an act of harassment, intimidation or bullying, an act of cyberbullying, a disciplinary action, a visit to a school health professional or a school-based health center or has had a

discussion of self-identity issues.

- Direct district school boards to ensure that the curriculum of each course of study is made available on the school district’s website.
- Direct school districts to ensure that a student’s grades are posted on a website that is accessible by the parent or guardian of the student.
- Provide an income tax credit for families that homeschool or pay private school tuition, with proof of attendance and passing grades, that is equal to the local general purpose grant per ADM in ORS 327.013.

“This Oregon Education Reform Act will bring the transformation changes to Oregon’s education, while providing for clear paths for teachers and parents for the benefit of our students across the state,” Smith said.

Legislators consider tax on car tires to fund wildlife crossings, rail, public transit

ALEX BAUMHARDT
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Adding a 4 percent tax to the sale of new car tires in Oregon could generate up to \$20 million a year for public transit, reducing tire pollution and building wildlife crossings, according to lawmakers proposing the new tax. But ahead of its first public hearing, hundreds of Oregonians have submitted testimony in opposition, claiming they will disproportionately bear the burden of the tax.

The tax proposed in House Bill 3362 would apply to new car tires for passenger vehicles and light-duty trucks, such as an Amazon delivery van. It would add about \$6 to the cost of each new tire bought by the average Oregonian, according to state Rep. Ken Helm, D-Beaverton, who is sponsoring the bill, along with Chris Gorsek, D-Troutdale. In exchange, the state transportation department would get reliable funding for projects that it otherwise has had to fight to fund with money from the state’s general fund.

The tire tax would be in addition to a state gas tax Oregonians pay every time they fill their tanks — about 40 cents a gallon — that goes to the Oregon Department of Transportation for road maintenance, bridges and other statewide transportation costs. That money is restricted and not often able to cover projects such as rail and wildlife crossings. Helm said the proposed tire tax is a low tax that will be felt equally among most Oregonians.

“When we have explored other taxes in the past, we have attempted to adopt ones that are experienced broadly over a large number of people in the state, and at a low rate, so that we try to minimize that cost, and this is one that follows that formula pretty well,” Helm said.

Helm needs three-fifths of Oregon’s House and Senate to approve it. Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis, a trucking company owner and Republican from Albany, said she’s concerned that the tax could be increased in years ahead.

“If everybody in this building said, ‘It’s just



A wildlife passage beneath U.S. Route 97 south of Bend, pictured here, has reduced wildlife and vehicle collisions by 90 percent on the highway, according to data from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. (Photo courtesy of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife)

a little tax, don’t worry about it. It’s only \$25. It’s only \$125,’ those add up. And all of a sudden you’re paying thousands of dollars extra just to live in this state so these people can get their pet projects,” she said.

More than 1,200 pieces of written testimony had already been submitted ahead of the first public hearing on the tax last week. About 90 percent of those expressed opposition to the bill.

Among those who submitted written testimony was state Rep. Bobby Levy, R-Echo, who said the tax would unfairly penalize rural Oregonians and industries in her district in eastern Oregon.

“Unlike urban residents, many eastern Oregonians drive long distances daily for work, school, medical appointments, and essential services. Our roads are often rougher, our weather more extreme, and our livelihoods — whether in agriculture, ranching, or small business — depend on vehicles in good working condition,” she wrote. “This tax would unfairly penalize rural Oregonians, who already face higher transportation costs due to fuel expenses, vehicle maintenance and limited public transit options.”

The tax would not apply to tires on semi trucks or tractors and other farm equipment. Helm said heavy duty truck owners already pay a state tax based on their mileage and the weight they carry per mile.

Three-quarters of the tax revenue would support the Department of Transportation’s public transit and rail projects. It would also support collaborative projects between the transportation department, the

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Quality to curb water pollution from tire compounds that are leaching into waterways and threatening the health of salmon in the Northwest.

The other 25 percent of revenue would go toward projects that help animals safely cross and get around major roads. Helm said those projects need support outside of the general fund.

Helm has advocated for state funding for wildlife crossings for several years, and he said they’re making a difference. As an example, he said, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife tracked progress at the Lava Butte wildlife crossing, an underpass beneath U.S. Route 97 south of Bend, and found that since 2013 it has reduced wildlife and vehicle collisions by 90 percent.

Helm said the large amount of testimony in opposition to the proposal so far shows there is a “cognitive dissonance” between what people want when it comes to protecting wildlife and vehicles on roads, and what they’re willing to do to pay for it. Polling data he commissioned, he said, showed 86 percent of Oregon voters want the state to build more wildlife crossings, and that 75 percent also support increasing fees and funding to achieve it.

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Sheriff to hold meet-and-greet

Lincoln County’s new sheriff, Adam Shanks, will hold a meet-and-greet session with area residents on Tuesday, March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. The gathering will take place at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, located at 110 Azalea St. in Gleneden Beach.

Shanks will give an update about county law enforcement, review the department’s activities,



Adam Shanks
and talk about changes coming for this year and

beyond. There will be an opportunity for people to ask questions during the event.

Shanks has worked for the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office since 1997. He was elected sheriff when he ran unopposed in the November 2024 General Election, filling the position of the retiring Curtis Landers, who had served as sheriff since 2016.

Rep. Val Hoyle announces local office hours

Oregon’s U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle (D-4th District) announced last week that her staff will be holding regular office hours in Newport one day each month.

Hoyle wants constituents to have regular access to her staff in all parts of

the district, and her field and casework staff will be available in Lincoln County on the fourth Friday of each month, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., in the county commission chambers at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 224 W Olive St., Newport.

Staff members will be in Newport on March 28. For more information about office hours, or to contact Hoyle’s staff/office, go online at www.hoyle.house.gov, email cheri.brubaker@mail.house.gov or call 202-834-3336.

Olalla Reservoir will close April 1

Georgia-Pacific will close the Olalla Reservoir to the public starting April 1 and continuing through Sept. 30. GP will be conducting forest management activities during this time that are necessary for the long-term health of the forest surrounding the reservoir.

Beginning April 1,

Olalla will be locked and barricaded, with signs stating that the reservoir is closed. GP security contractors will patrol the area, and trespassers will be reported to law enforcement.

Although the reservoir was created to provide water necessary for production at the Toledo mill,

Georgia-Pacific allows the public to use it for day-time recreation. Visitors use the site at their own risk and must comply with posted rules, including no hunting, littering or gas-powered boat motors.

For more information, contact Public Affairs Manager Andrea Formo, at 541-270-0504.

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Restoration project in progress



The Yaquina Bay Lighthouse in Newport is buttoned up and protected from the weather while a \$1.6 million project is underway to completely restore the exterior of the structure. The project is being done by the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, which manages the lighthouse property. Access to the lighthouse property is closed during construction, which is expected to last until June. (Photos by Steve Card)

TOURISM

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a percentage point, holding at about 60.8 percent, which puts us on par of where we were in 2019 before all of the disruption caused by the pandemic,” Explore Lincoln City Director Kim Cooper Findling said. “What I am seeing is recovery and stability at this point. Where we are is very stable at the moment.”

UNCERTAINTY, BUT OPTIMISM

Looking ahead into Spring Break and the summer tourist season, Cooper Findling is optimistic. “I would hope that things remain as stable as they are,” she said. “Although on a national level there is some uncertainty as the cost of business services goes up, we may see people feeling

less confident about traveling, and national tourism folks are saying it is likely that we will see a drop in international travelers to the U.S.”

According to Cooper Findling, the loss of international travelers would be a minor economic loss for Lincoln City.

“What we do know is that our core market is Pacific Northwest based,” she said, acknowledging that the Trump Administration’s proposed tariffs have heightened concern.

“There is a lot of uncertainty out there,” she said.

Cooper Findling said Explore Lincoln City’s plan to navigate through the uncertainty is to focus on the strength of the city’s marketing efforts.

“Our top markets are Portland and Seattle,” she said. “We are also seeing increased visitation from Idaho and eastern Washington. Those are the

markets that we put most of our messaging in. So, it’s just continuing to put out the positive messages about Lincoln City that are easy to sell because we are such a friendly and welcoming location.”

Cooper Findling said average tourist spending continues to be stable and is slightly up over 2023, with the latest data showing that the average visitor, whether day-tripper, or overnight guest, spends about \$221 a day.

“That may sound low,” she said, “but if you average that with every person that just passes through town, people are spending quite a lot more than that. That is obviously infusing into our local businesses.”

Despite the turbulence triggered by the pandemic, the aftermath, and now challenges from the federal government, local businesses are adapting, according to Cooper Findling.

“We have learned a lot about resilience in the last few years, and I am not hearing that local businesses are really struggling. I am hearing that there are visitors in town spending money,” she said.

NEW DRAW

While Lincoln City is well known for its beaches and natural scenic beauty, Cooper Findling said the latest tourism research shows a new attraction emerging.

“Our top visitation categories show that food and beverages are at the top of the list,” she said. “The majority of the visitors enjoy food and beverages in Lincoln City. We have quite a lot of variety. Other top attractions include the Lincoln City Outlet Mall, shopping in local neighborhoods, the Chinook Winds Casino, and the outdoor attractions including the beaches, parks and the trails, which are very popular. It’s the whole package that draws people in.”

Cooper Findling said

the top visitors include empty nesters, people who are closer to retirement and who are traveling, and families with children. The top age markets are 25 to 64 year olds.

A new ad campaign launched this past fall by Explore Lincoln City is also showing significant results.

“In the last two months, we have seen a 51 percent increase of visits to the Lincoln City website,” she said. “We have done a really good job of fresh awareness of the area, with campaigns and storytelling, and I think it’s gaining a lot of attention.”

The new campaign is much different than Explore Lincoln City advertising efforts over the past few years.

“It is drawing fresh attention to Lincoln City,” she said. “For years, we used the illustrative style advertising. Now, we are using more visual photography.”

LOOKING AHEAD

Cooper Findling and her staff are looking

ahead into the future at tourism boosting options, which include the development of the new welcome center at the D River Recreational Wayside along Highway 101, and new affordable housing projects,

“We are also focusing a lot on sustainability and stewardship,” she said.

“Recognizing that our natural settings are the primary draw to Lincoln City, we are trying to contribute by helping protect and maintain those settings and educating visitors about the natural world and helping them to become advocates for those settings, as well. We do a lot of outdoor education and programming. We also are working more with the Cascade Head Biosphere Collaborative and the programming they do, to help people recognize how unique it is that there is a biosphere area in Lincoln City.”

Cooper Findling said it is important for Explore Lincoln City to keep an open dialog with the community “to make sure that the community is our focus, as well as tourism, but it is not just about tourism. Marketing is really important to bring visitors here,” she said. “It adds to our economy. That is crucial, but we also want locals to feel that they are heard. We are all in this together. It is a community approach.”

Explore Lincoln City was scheduled to present Lincoln City tourism and visitation data for 2023-2024 and the projected outlook for 2025 to the Lincoln City Council March 10. The data presented was to include an overview of visitor trends, demographics and economic impact, as well as results from the latest advertising campaign.

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VIEWPOINT

‘A Word, Please’

BY JUNE CASAGRANDE

A lot of language experts will tell you to avoid the word “re,” as in, “I’d like to speak to you re scheduling.” It’s pretentious, they say, to use this Latin derivative instead of good old plain English — it’s “tasteless as a gold toothpick,” according to Theodore Bernstein’s 1965 guide, “The Careful Writer.” All of us outside the legal profession should “leave this one to the lawyers,” he wrote.

Way ahead of you, Bernstein and friends. I’ve been avoiding “re” my whole life. But unfortunately, I can’t claim that my motive has been to eschew pretentiousness, humbly sidestepping every opportunity to show off my deep knowledge of this preposition and its Latin origins.

No, I avoid it because I’ve never understood “re” well enough to even feign pretentiousness. I avoid “re” not because I’m down to earth but because I’m downright intimidated.

Is it “re:” with a colon? Is the R capitalized? Can you use it in the body of a letter or email, or only in the header or subject line? If it’s an abbreviation of “regarding,” does it need a period at the end, or does a colon preclude the need for a period? And why do you sometimes see “in” before “re”? Wouldn’t that be redundant?

The answers to all these questions are surprising — at least to me. For starters “re” is not an abbreviation for “regarding.” It’s a preposition — a real word like “at,” “of” or “with.” It’s defined not as “regarding” but as “with regard to” or “in the matter of,” which makes it a subtle shade different from “regarding” in some uses.

“Re” doesn’t even share the same roots as “regarding.” It’s from a Latin noun, “res,” which meant “thing” or “matter.” That’s a clue why “in” is sometimes used before “re.” It’s like saying “in the matter of.” But the way Latin grammar worked, the “in” may be implied, anyway. So it’s hard to know whether “in re” or just “re” better captures “res” in what’s called the Latin “ablative” case. At least that’s the assessment of someone who gave up after half a day trying to understand Latin noun cases. (Ahem.)

What I do know after half a day buried in books is that, in English, the “in” is optional. One of the definitions for the preposition “re” is “in re” — that is, they mean the same thing. So you can choose.

Another thing I learned is that “re” should not be capitalized unless it begins a sentence. It’s a regular word, so it works like one. Just as you don’t write “Put the book On the table,” you don’t write “See me tomorrow Re scheduling.” In fact, you’d be using the wrong word. Beginning with a capital, Re is the abbreviation for rhenium, a heavy metal.

Because “re” is a regular word, it doesn’t automatically get a colon, nor does a longer phrase like “Re scheduling: See me tomorrow.” Yes, a colon can be used this way, but not because “re” requires it, only because in many instances the colon helps the whole sentence.

Using “re” was hard enough before email came along. Now “Re:” gets automatically added to subject lines when we reply to another message. And it has ever came up with that system dropping the “Re” and whether “Re:” was short for “regarding” or it meant a “reply” to the original email.

I say don’t worry about appearing pretentious if you use “re,” but you might consider whether it’s distracting. We’re so unused to seeing it used correctly in the middle of a sentence, lowercase with no colon, that it will surely look weird to your reader.

June Casagrande is the author of “The Joy of Syntax: A Simple Guide to All the Grammar You Know You Should Know.” She can be reached at JuneTCN@aol.com.

Online Poll

These are the results of the Lincoln County Leader’s latest online poll.

What are your thoughts about Daylight Saving Time?

- Leave it the way it currently is: 15.8%
- Stay on Standard Time year round: 48.1%
- Stay on Daylight Saving Time year round: 36.1%

Check our website at the beginning of each week for a new poll, and then look for results in the next print edition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IN JUST A COUPLE OF MONTHS, EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED

Three years ago, Russia started an inhumane, vicious unprovoked attack on Ukraine.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans (Democrats and Republicans) were horrified by the attack and called out Putin, who was directly responsible for the slaughter of troops, civilians and children. As a nation, we shed tears over the brutality, destruction and bloodshed. We rallied to support the citizens and admired their loyal, brave leader, Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Now, our president has displayed treasonous behavior right before our very eyes — tearing apart the world order of peace, sovereignty for ones’ country and support for allies.

If you voted for this man, and once upon a time thought it was wrong to bomb neighborhoods and hospitals in a country fighting for freedom, you owe

the Ukraine citizens an apology.

No matter how MAGA folks and FOX News spin this, history cannot be rewritten. There is no decency in supporting a lying traitor. Trump is destroying decades of work building and nurturing an international cooperative alliance that mutually benefitted all those participating. Through the years, Republican and Democrat administrations have continued the efforts to work together and keep our countries safe as we all reaped the rewards of trade negotiations, global problem solving, and the shared responsibility to fight disease and famine.

Now, Trump is playing right into Putin’s hands, and the stability, strength and good will we had with our allies is gone. In just a couple of months, everything has changed.

It’s heartbreaking and morally defeating to consider what is ahead

Jill Luther
Newport

I AM CONFUSED

After World War II, we were in a cold war with the communists/Russia for almost 80 years. Ronald Reagan called it the “Evil Empire.”

The world court has found Vladimir Putin guilty of crimes against humanity. Russia has invaded Ukraine, a sovereign country, twice. They have stolen children from their families to “reeducate”

them in true Russian culture, among many other unethical acts.

All of a sudden, our president and the people surrounding him are telling us that Putin is our best buddy? What did I miss? Does this mean that the president and these people unknown to us have really been c_____?

Bill Kopplin
South Beach

OPINION PAGE POLICY

The Lincoln County Leader welcomes submission of viewpoints and letters to the editor, however, submission of an opinion piece is not a guarantee that it will be printed in the newspaper. When there are multiple letters on the same topic, and after parties have had ample space to state their opinions on that topic, the editorial board may choose to not continue to run additional letters so as to make space available for other subject matter.

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Also, submissions may be edited for length, at the editorial board’s discretion, if they are longer than the 250-word limit for letters and 600-word limit for viewpoint pieces.

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VIEWPOINT

The Lincoln County School District’s proposed \$73 million bond measure

BY BRIAN ROSE

I am a hard “no” on the Lincoln County School District’s proposed \$73 million “renewal” bond measure slated for a May 20 vote.

The state of Oregon ranked among the lowest performers on the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) in 2024. The “Nations Report Card” is used to assess student knowledge in reading and math at the fourth and eighth grade levels. Oregon’s results declined in all areas measured except fourth grade math. Fourth grade reading fell three points, seven points below the national average. Both reading and math scores for eighth graders fell by two points.

The Oregon Department of Education does not publish district-level NAEP scores, therefore, we have little to no visibility into LCSD student performance versus their peers in the state. I would propose that it is safe to assume that our students need help in core subject areas

that are critical to their success. This fact has not changed in years, and I am not convinced that this proposed investment prioritizes basic educational needs.

Among the listed uses of the bond measure proceeds is the construction of three, 300-seat performing arts additions to auditoriums in Waldport, Newport, and Toledo. The cost is estimated at \$10 million each. It was stated that “these spaces would enhance student artistic opportunities while providing community performance venues.”

First, what exactly does “enhance student artistic opportunities” mean? What is it that our students are not receiving from the current facilities that warrants three, \$10 million additions? Secondly, we already have several venues in the county that are used for performance arts purposes. I am not opposed to performing arts in schools, but is an investment of \$30 million the right prioritization?

LCSD Board Chair

Peter Vince has stated that this bond will also support Career and Technical Education (CTE). I recall that voters just approved a large bond measure for the construction of a career and technical training facility at the Oregon Coast Community College. I recall reading that one of the justifications for that bond was in support of LCSD’s need for more advanced CTE programming and that they would be collaborating with the college to achieve that objective if the bond was approved — which it was. Yet this bond includes additional dollars for CTE programming for LCSD.

I am a huge fan of CTE in K-12 schools, as it provides fantastic opportunities for students looking for options to a traditional four-year college pathway, but this feels a bit like a “double dip.” Let’s get more specifics.

School bonds in Oregon are commonly used by school districts as an ongoing bank account. As an example, an initial bond may be sought to

address a specific and real infrastructure need that cannot be funded through the annual budget. I get it, and it makes sense. That said, most school districts understand that once an initial bond is passed by the community, renewal of the bond is much easier than allowing it to elapse and proposing a new bond for new purposes. This is all disguised under the language, such as used in the recent Lincoln County Leader article, “the renewal bond measure is designed to maintain the current tax rate of 65 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.” As if we are all satisfied with our current tax rate! You see, if the bond was to elapse, your taxes might drop.

Do your own research, ask your own questions, and place your vote on May 20. Is this proposed bond measure really prioritizing the educational needs of our LCSD students for their future success?

Brian Rose is a resident of Newport.

SEARCH

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interviewed Dane’s parents, and emergency personnel immediately began searching the residential property and surrounding areas. Besides the ground searches, aerial drones with thermal imaging allowed responders to widen the initial (and ongoing) search.

In addition to official agencies and their volunteer groups, community volunteers showed up in mass to help search during the initial effort.

On Tuesday, March 4, the sheriff’s office provided a community update, telling area residents and members of the media that although he still had not been found,



More than 14 miles of the Siletz River have been covered by boat in the search for the missing 2-year-old boy from Siletz. (Courtesy photo)

the search effort was continuing “to bring Dane home.”

Sheriff Adam Shanks

said, “Dane’s disappearance is absolutely heart-breaking. His family is experiencing unimaginable pain. As a parent myself, my heart is broken just seeing what they are going through. Our teams and supporting agencies have held this search close to our hearts.”

Sgt. Jason Spano with the sheriff’s office said, “Based on the information from search efforts and following up on tips, we will now be concentrating on a very focused area.” He said evidence indicated Dane was at the river’s edge before his disappearance. “Because of this, we will be focusing the majority of our ongoing resources on searching the Siletz River. We are using drones, divers, watercraft, K9s, and even a sign cutter to thoroughly cover the area.” A sign cutter is a person highly trained on tracking techniques that involves finding and following signs left behind by people or animals.

Several days into the

effort to find the child, the sheriff’s office provided details about the search. Some of those were:

- Between emergency responders and community members, 682 acres and 341 cumulative walking miles have been covered by ground searchers.
- Marine enforcement teams from the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office and partnering sheriff’s offices have searched 14 miles of the Siletz River by boat. At least four watercrafts have been utilized and 22 divers have searched a 2-mile stretch of the river.
- Forty investigators have followed up on at least 195 tips and leads. Many of these tips led to action including further follow-up, interviews, evidence collection, reviewing photos and video footage, and other investigative actions. At least 119 tips from the tip line have been received and reviewed.
- More than 200 community volunteers reported to the volunteer staging area coordinated by the Elks Campground host to assist with the search.

- Approximately 88 certified search and rescue members have been involved.
- Four drones, some with thermal imaging, have been used by certified operators.
- Six human trailing canines (K9s) have been used. This includes specialized K9s for water searches, human scent K9s (which can focus on one scent and track accordingly), and human remains detection K9s.

The overall search area includes forested, rough terrain, and the Siletz River and riverbanks. After conducting a thorough search of these areas, personnel began focusing operations on a more concentrated area, highlighting the Siletz River. Emergency responders have had watercraft searching the river since the morning of Sunday, March 2, and divers began searching the river on Monday, March 3. With the surrounding land being as thoroughly searched as possible, evidence has indicated the need to concentrate further search efforts on the river.

The sheriff’s office pointed out that though the land within the search area has been thoroughly combed, they cannot guarantee the areas are clear. Even with specialized equipment and search K9s, it is possible to miss a small child that may be hidden by thick brush or other visual impairments.

The sheriff’s office issued another update on search efforts at noon on Saturday, March 8, saying daily water searches utilizing watercraft with specialized equipment and trained personnel will continue until further notice.

Some efforts focusing on the search on the river

include a boat running methodical searches over long spans, and a boat running underwater sonar and underwater remotely operated vehicles with cameras.

Many community members are also searching the river with personal watercraft, expanding the coverage area to include the lower Siletz River. If community members choose to continue their search, the sheriff’s office asks that they keep these things in mind:

- If you are choosing to search the river or riverbanks, wear a life jacket at all times. The Siletz River is cold and fast moving.
- Please avoid areas with active searching by emergency responders or certified personnel.
- Do not search during the night or dark hours.
- Carry safety equipment such as a first aid kit, extra water and food, a whistle, a flashlight, etc.
- Dress appropriately for the weather and terrain. Wear layers, bring waterproof clothes, and sturdy shoes.
- Before you set out, have a safety plan in place. Let someone know exactly where you are headed and when you will return.

Although there is currently no evidence to suggest criminal activity in Dane’s disappearance, investigators will continue to follow up on tips reported by community members. Anyone having information they feel may be relevant to this case can call the tip line at 541-265-0669.

The Lincoln County Leader will continue to follow this story and will provide updates online and in print as they become available.

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SUDOKU

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers.
The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

Darrell “Dick” Davis

June 8, 1937 - January 18, 2025

Darrell “Dick” Davis passed away on January 18th, 2025 at the age of 87. His integrity, love for his family, and kindness will be deeply missed by all those that knew him.

Born on June 8th, 1937 to LeRoy and Myrtle Davis in Newberg Oregon, he was 1 of 4 children. The family moved to the Lincoln City area in the early 1940s where he would live the rest of his life with his wife LaRena Davis and family.

Dick graduated from Taft High School in 1955 and married LaRena in 1958. They raised four children: Brenda Powers, Bonnie Picard, DaRelle Anderson, and Darin Davis. He loved spending time with his family whether it be hunting, golfing, travelling or family vacations in Black Butte and Sunriver. He treasured every moment with them. Dick and LaRena had 64 years of marriage.

Dick lived an adventurous life as he worked to provide for his family. He was a Timber Faller for over 30 years with his best friend and brother Dale Davis, hanging it up at the age of 60. Dick and Dale were inseparable both in work and life with hunting, fishing, and bottle hunting.

His quest to provide for his family lead him to ventures in Alaska. Timber falling in Hobart Bay and Ketchican, Clam digging in Cordova, and Fishing for Salmon in Pilot Point on the Aleutian Islands.

When he decided to retire from Logging, he purchased Larry’s Putt Around in Lincoln City and transformed it into All American Putt N Bat adding batting cages and an Arcade where it operated from 1998-



2017. He loved providing a place for visitors and locals alike to bring their families and have fun.

Dick also was active in the community. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene where he became a Christian, President of the Taft High Boosters Club, President of the Lincoln City Youth Baseball and Softball Association, and coached youth baseball for many years.

Dick loved to hunt both elk and deer, particularly in Easton Oregon near Riley where the entire extended family of up to 30-40 people would camp and hunt since the 1950s. He also loved to fish, in particular for Steelhead on Drift Creek. Him and his brother Dale even created their own trail so they could get to hard to reach areas of Drift Creek to fish.

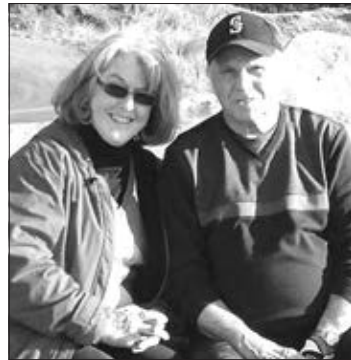
Dick was preceded in death by his wife LaRena Davis, parents LeRoy “Pop” and Myrtle Davis, brother Dale Davis and sister Theta Renner.

He is survived by children Brenda (Mike) Powers, Bonnie (Kevin) Picard, DaRelle (Scott) Anderson and Darin (Stacy) Davis, 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren, and sister Pat Barnes.

He was a good man. Lived life to its fullest. And will be remembered. But his life can best be summed up in his own words when recently asked about his life:

“I’ve had a perfect life...a great wife, wonderful kids... not one regret...none.”

A life celebration will be held at the Nazarene Church in Lincoln City on May 3rd at 2 p.m.



DEATH NOTICES

JANELLE JENIFER ANNE KLAAR

Janelle Jenifer Anne Klaar, 41, of Lincoln City, Oregon, passed away on Feb. 28, 2025, in John Day, Oregon.
She was born on June

13, 1983, in Portland, Oregon.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on March 23 at The Beach Club and Event Center, located at 2020 NE 22nd St. in Lincoln

City.

To offer online condolences to Janelle’s family, visit www.driskillmemorialchapel.com. Arrangements are being made through Driskill Memorial Chapel.

Irene “LaVaughn” Rannow

March 30, 1932 - February 28th, 2025

Irene “LaVaughn” Rannow went home to be with her Lord on February 28, 2025. LaVaughn was born on March 30, 1932, in Mohall, North Dakota to Charles and Irene Sleeper. She spent her childhood in that farming community with her younger sister, Sharon, and younger brother, Don, attending grammar school, becoming an accomplished pianist, and blossoming into a beautiful young girl. She moved with her family to Seattle during WWII, her mother working as an RN and her father working at Boeing. After the war, the family moved to Oregon; first to Woodburn, then settling in Sandy, where she would meet the man she would marry until her dying day, William “Bill” Rannow. At Sandy Union High School, LaVaughn enjoyed playing soccer, continuing with the piano, and graduating as Valedictorian of the class of 1950. LaVaughn continued her education at Willamette University, Reed College, and Valparaiso, graduating with a degree in education and a teaching credential in the state of Oregon. Her first teaching job was in Glide, Oregon.

In 1957 LaVaughn married Bill Rannow and taught school while Bill attended Oregon Tech. Shortly after, they landed in Livermore, California, but the forests called them both back to Oregon. LaVaughn and Bill went hand-in-hand into the timber industry, moving to Lincoln City, Oregon, in 1962, and never looked back. LaVaughn and Bill were blessed with four (4) children between 1963 and 1968: Billy, John, Kay, and Bob. The consummate wife and mother, LaVaughn also kept the books for the log hauling business, played the organ in church every Sunday, and always had time for others- especially the less fortunate. She



headed up fundraisers, the church bazaar and rummage sales, the senior class fund, and often gave her time and treasure to those in need- sometimes, complete strangers. But then, LaVaughn never knew a stranger.

As the grandchildren began to arrive, LaVaughn always had time to read them a book, bake cookies, or take them along on her many errands.

Her grandchildren, and indeed all people, knew her love by virtue of the time she spent with them. Visiting grandma at the Oregon Coast was always special. Besides nurturing her grandchildren, keeping the books for the business, and playing the organ at church, mom became the church secretary, another “job” she held for 25 years. March 17, 2005, LaVaughn suffered a massive brain aneurism. Hampered by her physical health, LaVaughn was lovingly cared for at home for the next 20 years by her daughter Kay, her husband Bill, and devoted caregiver, Melissa. Even though she couldn’t “do what she used to,” she was a tower of love, faith, hope, and wisdom during her convalescence. You need only look into her eyes, and she spoke silent volumes. In the end, she passed into the arms of Jesus peacefully in her living room, in her chair.

LaVaughn is preceded in death by her son Billy, her sister Sharon, and her brother Don. She is survived by her husband Bill, her children Kay, Bob, and John, her grandchildren Emily, Madeline, Alexandra, Reggie, Kim, Andrew, and Hannah, and her great grandchildren Bo, Ella, and Georgia.

Memorial Service will be Monday, March 17th 11:00 AM at Saint Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church 1226 SW 13th Street, Lincoln City, Oregon. Reception to follow.



This is a brief look back at what made the news in Lincoln County during this week in history.

25 YEARS AGO (2000)

SOUTH BEACH PROPERTY TOP CHOICE FOR EVENTS CENTER

County commissioners Jean Cowan and Karen Gerttula met with Newport Mayor Mark Jones and two city councilors, Dave Miller and Peggy Sabanskas, during the commission’s meeting Wednesday. The commissioners heard from Miller that a committee has determined the best site for the projected county-wide events center and fairgrounds would be the more than 25 acres of the Bunn property in South Beach, west of U.S. Highway 101.

NAME CHANGE PONDERED FOR LINCOLN CITY

What’s in a name? Not much when it comes to “Lincoln City,” according to some members of the Lincoln City Lodging Association. The idea to change the name of Lincoln City was discussed — with some enthusiasm — at a well-attended meeting of the lodging association last week. “Most members think it’s a good idea because Lincoln City’s name is ugly,” said association president Sandy Pfaff. “The feeling is another name would be more consistent with what Lincoln City is — a beach town, a destination resort town.”

KEIKO GAINS ACCESS TO ICELANDIC BAY

Keiko, the killer whale star of the hit movie “Free Willy,” made critical progress last week toward his potential reintroduction into the wild. The gate of Keiko’s floating bay pen was opened, allowing the whale his first opportunity to experience the natural ocean environment since his capture in Icelandic waters more than 20 years ago.

The famous orca was moved to his pen in Klettsvik Bay in Iceland 18 months ago after having spent two-and-a-half years at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport as part of his rehabilitation effort.

LINCOLN CITY GLASS FLOAT PROMOTION TO CONTINUE

The Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau has decided to continue the city’s glass float promotion next year. The program has proven wildly popular with visitors. “This is the single greatest thing to happen in winter — to have people look forward to the chance to find these floats,” said Gary Ellingson owner of the Sand Castle Motel.

50 YEARS AGO (1975)

CITY HUNTS FOR NEW CITY HALL

Lincoln City is on a hunt. Unlike most of the hunts in the past for new employees, the city is now hunting for a new home. Even though the problem is an immediate issue, the solution could be from two to three years off. The

question of should the city start the ball rolling in its hunt for a new city hall will be put before the Lincoln City Council for the first time Tuesday night.

PAINTING TOWN RED...NOT SO FUNNY

Someone intent on painting the town red got a pretty good start at it early March 10, Newport police reported. Red paint was found sprayed on the northwest corner of Newport High School, the southeast side of Lincoln Junior High School, the southeast corner of the Cubs Cave restaurant, on the Coast to Coast store, and on the National Guard Armory.

STOLEN CHECK CASHED FOR 12 CENTS

Whoever took a blank check from Michael Price of Newport last September apparently wasn’t a big spender. Price, who lives at the Eagles Nest Apartments on West Third Street, told Newport police March 10 that the check, which he says was stolen Sept. 12, 1974, was later written and cashed. The amount of the check was 12 cents.

SHERIFF SEEKS RULING ON HIS AUTHORITY

Newport attorney Jim Lewelling was to file a petition for declaratory judgment Wednesday in circuit court to determine the authority that Sheriff Everett Hockema has over his deputies. The action is directly related to the recent firing of Deputy Bjorn Osterholme, but could also have an effect on other developments involving the sheriff and the deputies association. The association filed an unfair labor practices complaint March 10 against Hockema with the Public Employees Relations Board.

75 YEARS AGO (1950)

‘SEA MONSTER’ ATTRACTS 20,000 PEOPLE TO COAST

An estimated 20,000 people, unparalleled in DeLake’s history, jammed its thoroughfare Sunday to view the so-called and as yet unidentified sea monster. State police reported Sunday a steady stream of traffic bore down on DeLake. The “thing” that came in with a high tide Friday stayed long enough to cause many comments, then left the way it had come, only to be sighted further up the beach and brought back with the aid of a wrecker, chains and truck. Said to weigh from 1,500 to 2,000 pounds, the massive marine animal was worth his weight in gold many times to the town in publicity. It was reported by every major news outlet in the nation.

MCKEVITTS TO BUILD DRIVE-IN THEATER

Another enterprise is now in the process of being constructed in Lincoln County with the announcement of McKevitts Inc., of Newport, that this firm is building a drive-in theater in the South Beach area. This theater will be located one-half mile south of Newport on Highway 101 and will be equipped with the latest type machines and have space for 400 cars. The opening date is tentatively set for May 7.

DEPARTMENT PLANS SURVEY COMPLETION

The new right-of-way survey for U.S. Highway 20 between Newport and Toledo will be completed by the state engineer during the next two months, it was learned Tuesday. Plans have been made for securing further improvements in the highway and for publicizing its merits as the shortest route to the sea. Committees to work on the details were appointed.

THIEVES ROB THREE BUSINESSES IN ACTIVE WEEK

The sheriff’s office reports three robberies in the county during the past week. The Waldport Lumber Company lost two new mall saws and a new electric sander in a robbery, which was not discovered until Friday morning. Saturday night, the Swiss Village Restaurant at Seal Rock, owned by Elsie Swartz, was entered and about \$100 reported stolen from the till. The M. & F. Store at Cutler City also was robbed of \$50 in cash and five picnic hams sometime Saturday night.

100 YEARS AGO (1925)

COUNTY COURT BUSY TALKING ROAD MATTERS WITH DELEGATIONS

All of the Wednesday session of the county court was taken up discussing road projects with delegations from various parts of the county. People in all sections are coming to the realization more and more that they are almost helpless without roads, and while great progress has been made here during the past three years, nevertheless, there are many sections that are terribly handicapped because of poor road facilities.

LEADER INSTALLING NEW PRESS THIS WEEK

The Lincoln County Leader this week is installing a new “Stonemetz” combined newspaper and job printing press. This modern piece of machinery will put the Leader in a position to handle the largest jobs of printing in the shortest possible time and will also put us in a position to put out an even better newspaper than we have been able to in the past.

COYOTES AGAIN ON THE INCREASE; MEETING IN EDDYVILLE MARCH 21

Coyotes are increasingly becoming a menace to the growth of the flocks of small stock in this county. During the past three months, nearly a dozen coyotes have been killed by hunters and their dogs. In order that the small stock may multiply to the extent that the range and feed warrant, this predatory animal must be eliminated.

NIGHT MARSHAL PICKS UP MAN WITH MOONSHINE

Night Marshal Wm. Schleichner picked up a man by the name of B. Vaughn last Sunday morning about 1 a.m. while he was coming out of a local billiard room. The man’s actions had appeared suspicious, and when he was searched, a half-full fruit jar of moonshine was found. He was locked up and appeared before Judge Miller Monday morning.

POLICE

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Distracted Driver Awareness Month, we utilize additional funding from Oregon Impact to increase patrols specifically focused on that problem. We also receive funding to put on multiple pedestrian safety enforcement events throughout the summer and fall. **Leader:** Has there been a noticeable increase in any particular traffic violation, and if so, why is that? **Anderson:** As usual, our most common citation issued in Lincoln

City tends to relate to uninsured driving. I don’t believe that has increased, but it is certainly a consistent problem. If you ask anyone who has been crashed into by an uninsured driver, they can probably relate to the headache it created. In Oregon, that violation carries a \$265 presumptive fine, and the driver risks having their vehicle impounded. Having a vehicle released from impound requires payment of several fees and the requirement to show current proof of insurance prior to the vehicle being released. **Leader:** Are you seeing

an increase or decrease in impaired driving, and why is that? **Anderson:** Troublingly, we are starting to see more impaired driving if we base that on arrest records. That is backed up by national trends in blood drawn following fatal car crashes. While alcohol-impaired driving rates seem to be declining slightly, drug-impaired driving rates have increased. The Pacific Northwest has been following that increase with some areas now having more drug DUIs than alcohol-only DUIs. Locally, our DUI arrest rates this

winter (December through March) show a 63 percent increase over the past three winters. This may be due to increased usage by drivers, increased training among our officers, or a combination of the two. We will keep working to keep our roadways safe for our community. Most of our DUI arrests come from citizen reports to our dispatch center. We would much rather catch them driving down the road than after they have crashed into another driver. **Leader:** Are you seeing an increase, in road rage incidents, and if so, why? **Anderson:** We still

have seen occasional road rage issues, unfortunately. We encourage drivers to do their best to forgive the trespasses of others and acknowledge that most drivers are not intending to cut them off or make an improper pass. We all need to give each other a little more grace and just slow down a bit. **Leader:** What is the range of fines for the traffic violations your officers are seeing? **Anderson:** Traffic violation fines range based on the level of severity of the infraction. The most common fine here in Lincoln City is a stern talking to as long as the

driver doesn’t become a familiar face on a traffic stop. Past that, citations range from \$115 up to \$440, with enhancements for moving violations in school zones. Traffic crimes, such as reckless driving or DUI, can have much higher fines and occasionally jail time. AAA reports the average cost of a DUI in America can run \$15,000, including attorney’s fees. **Leader:** What is your message to drivers heading to Lincoln City for Spring Break and summer visits? **Anderson:** Relax, leave a few minutes early, and enjoy the view!

AQUARIUM

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Southeast Ferry Slip Road and Southeast 30th Street, the new facility will be called the Sees-Ha Xwee-Nish Marine Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. The name was chosen in recognition of the indigenous peoples of Oregon’s central coast. The aquarium partnered with the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians to name the center “Sees-ha

Xwee-Nish,” meaning ocean life, using Athabaskan words from their heritage, including Na-Dené, Alsea, and Yaquina. The Oregon Coast Aquarium is one of three facilities in the Pacific Northwest, and the only one in the state of Oregon, authorized to provide critical care to endangered marine animals like sea turtles, northern fur seals and snowy plovers. Currently, the aquarium only has one

building — an outdated, re-purposed warehouse — to do this work. The new facility will have the space and equipment necessary for both immediate and long-term medical attention, giving vulnerable wildlife a second chance at survival. Work got underway on the project last fall, and it is expected to be completed in 2026. Capri Architecture, a local architectural firm, designed the building, which will provide indoor

and outdoor rehabilitation spaces, a veterinary clinic, and meeting rooms with visual connections into the rehabilitation areas and operating room. The center will allow aquarium and veterinary staff to carry out diagnostics, observation, and treatment of animals in need. In addition, the center will serve as a teaching facility, offering research and field experience to ocean science and veterinary students. Also, patrons will be able to observe the

rehabilitation areas from public spaces. On Capri Architecture’s Facebook page, they said, “The building will provide refuge for animals along the central Pacific Coast, and we couldn’t be more excited to be the architects who designed it!” Local contractor Tim Braxling, with Quality Construction, is building the new marine wildlife rehabilitation center. This construction project is separate from, and does not impact any

of the usual operations of the Oregon Coast Aquarium. For more information about what the aquarium has to offer, as well as occasional progress reports on the new Sees-Ha Xwee-Nish Marine Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, go online at www.aquarium.org or call 541-867-3474. Updates can also be found on Facebook and Instagram. The aquarium is located at 2820 SE Ferry Slip Road in Newport.

State agency urges protecting property with ‘comprehensive flood insurance’

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As the state transitions from winter to spring, now is a good time to talk to your insurance company or agent about flood insurance coverage, according to the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation (DFR).

Recent heavy rains and the anticipated snowmelt are reminders that parts of Oregon are flood-prone, and DFR administrators are urging homeowners and businesses to consider protecting their properties with comprehensive flood insurance.

According to the DFR administrators, most homeowners, renters, and business policies do not cover flood damage.

“Flood insurance provides peace of mind to property owners that they are protected from the financial devastation that often accompanies natural disasters,” the DFR states in a release. “Floods can cause extensive damage to homes and businesses, including structural damage, loss of personal property, and even displacement from the home. With flood insurance, property owners can focus on recovering and rebuilding without the added stress of financial burden.”

Flood insurance can be purchased through private insurers as well as the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which is managed by the Federal Emergency



A wall made from concrete blocks collapses into a flooded waterway near Otis in November 2021, when the area saw around 8 inches of rain over a three-day period. (File photo)

Management Agency (FEMA).

Flood insurance policies can be tailored to meet the specific needs of each customer, providing options for building coverage, contents coverage, and replacement cost coverage. When purchased, a typical flood insurance policy has a 30-day waiting period, so it should be purchased before

flooding concerns, the release states.

“Typical homeowners insurance doesn’t cover damages from floods, and many people may not know that their home isn’t covered in the event of a flood,” Oregon’s Insurance Commissioner and the Department of Consumer and Business Services Director

Andrew Stolfi said. “In Oregon, flood insurance is a separate policy that provides coverage for damages caused by flooding, and it is important for homeowners and businesses to evaluate whether to have this coverage to protect their investments.”

DFR encourages property owners to consider flood

insurance as a crucial part of their disaster preparedness plan and to talk to their insurance company or agent.

“Don’t wait until it’s too late to protect your property from flooding, or any kind of disaster,” Stolfi said. “With a flood insurance policy, you can have peace of mind knowing you are prepared.”

OCCC scholarships now open for 2025-26 school year

Oregon Coast Community College scholarships are now available to apply for the 2025-26 academic year.

The Oregon Coast Scholars program provides free tuition for up to two years for Lincoln County seniors graduating this spring. It is a competitive, merit-based, full-tuition scholarship. Eligibility requirements include a cumulative, unweighted GPA of 3.0

or better at the end of first semester of senior year, and the student must attend high school in Lincoln County. Homeschool students and military veterans are also eligible.

Applications for the Oregon Coast Scholars program are due May 1. More information and eligibility requirements for homeschool students and military veterans is

available at oregoncoast.edu/oregon-coast-scholars.

Separately, the OCCC Foundation also awards privately funded scholarships and awards from the Foundation Scholarship Fund. Last year, nearly \$100,000 in scholarships was awarded to 68 recipients, with awards ranging from \$4,500 to \$500. Scholarships are distributed to all types of students,

including those studying Aquarium Science, Nursing, Business, general studies, transfer degrees, and more.

Currently enrolled students, high school students, students who plan to attend, and students who are considering OCCC are welcome to apply for OCCC Foundation scholarships.

Applications for the OCCC Foundation scholarships are

also due May 1 and can be found at oregoncoast.edu/scholarships.

Learn more and discover the full range of degree and certificate programs available at Oregon Coast Community College at oregoncoast.edu. Find OCCC on LinkedIn, or follow the college on Facebook and Instagram, @occcsharks. Or, call the college at 541-867-8501.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM

RIGHT-SIZING YOUR HOME FOR A HAPPY RETIREMENT

Retirement marks a significant life transition, and with it often comes the opportunity to reassess our living spaces. Right-sizing — the process of adapting your home to better suit your lifestyle — can be a game-changer. Some of the members of our team have recently gone through the transition of right-sizing their home. Here are some tips from our team on making the transition.

DECLUTTERING DEEP DIVE

Decluttering is often the first step toward right-sizing your home for retirement. A strategic approach can make the process manageable and even rewarding. Here are some techniques to help you tackle the challenge

room by room, drawer by drawer.

- **The “One In, One Out” Rule:** For every new item you bring into your home, commit to removing something else. This helps prevent future clutter buildup.

- **The “Maybe Box”:** If you’re unsure about an item, put it in a box labeled “Maybe.” Mark your calendar for a few months out. If you haven’t needed anything from the box by then, it’s time to donate or discard it.

- **Seek Support:** Don’t be afraid to ask for help from friends, family, or professional organizers. A fresh perspective can make the process less overwhelming.

- **Sentimental Items:** These can be the hardest to part with. Consider taking photos of sentimental items before letting them go. This allows



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you to preserve the memory without keeping the physical object.

MOVING TO A SMALLER HOME

Moving to a smaller home can be a significant step in the right-sizing process, often offering a range of benefits for retirees. Beyond the obvious reduction in square footage, downsizing may free up equity, lower property taxes and maintenance costs, and simplify your lifestyle. Let’s review some key considerations for those contemplating a move to smaller space.

- **Location, Location, Location:** Think about proximity to amenities, health care, and social connections. Consider a walkable community or one with easy access to public transportation.
- **Try Before You Buy:**

Spend time in the neighborhood you’re considering. Visit at different times of day to get a feel for the area.

- **Future-Proofing:** Consider accessibility features like grab bars, ramps, or wider doorways, even if you don’t need them now. Also consider room locations, such as a master and laundry on the main floors. This can help you age in place comfortably.
- **Don’t Rush:** Take your time to find the right place. Don’t feel pressured to buy or sell before you’re ready.

GENERAL RIGHT-SIZING ADVICE

Whether you choose to declutter and stay in your current home or embrace the adventure of right-sizing, the process should be approached with intention and a positive mindset.

- **Focus on Experiences:** Right-sizing isn’t just about

getting rid of stuff; it’s about creating space for the things you enjoy in retirement, like travel, hobbies, or spending time with loved ones.

- **Consider Loved Ones:** When determining the right size of your home, consider whether you need space for aging parents or grandkids.

- **Financial Planning:** Consult with a financial advisor to understand the financial implications of right-sizing.

- **Embrace the Change:** Right-sizing can be a positive and liberating experience. Focus on the benefits of a simpler, more manageable lifestyle.

Ultimately, right-sizing is a deeply personal journey. There’s no one-size-fits-all approach. The key is to thoughtfully consider your individual needs, preferences, and long-term goals. By focusing on what truly matters to you — be it spending time with loved

ones, pursuing hobbies, or simply enjoying a more peaceful environment — you can create a home that not only meets your needs but also enhances your overall wellbeing in this next phase of life.

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New specialty license plate will support shark research

MICHELLE KLAMPE
Oregon State University

Vouchers are now on sale for a new specialty Oregon license plate that researchers hope will inspire people to think differently about the sharks living just off the Oregon coast.

Sales of the “Vibrant Ocean” plate, which features three shark species commonly found in Oregon, will support the Big Fish Lab at Oregon State University. Funds will be used for research to better understand



Sales of the “Vibrant Ocean” license plate will support shark research in the Big Fish Lab at Oregon State University. (Courtesy photo)

the role sharks play in Oregon’s coastal marine ecosystem; outreach and education efforts in the community; and training opportunities for students

and staff. “Funding shark research is hard. Sharks are not delicious or See **PLATE**, page B3



Gamelan Sari Pandhawa will give a free performance and lecture on Balinese music at 2 p.m. this Sunday, March 16, at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. (Courtesy photo)

Free performance, lecture on Balinese music

Gamelan Sari Pandhawa, a nonprofit cultural organization based in Eugene, will give a special

performance at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln City Cultural Center this Sunday, March 16. The cultural center is located at 540

NE Highway 101. For this show, the artists will be playing See **BALI**, page B3

‘Impressions of the Oregon Coast’ exhibit to open

An exhibit by the Yaquina Art Association Photographers called “Impressions of the Oregon Coast” opens Thursday, March 13, in the Galley Gallery of the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, located at 333 SE Bay Blvd. in Newport. A free opening reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., offering an opportunity to meet the photographers and enjoy light refreshments. The exhibit will remain on display through Sept. 7.

The Oregon coast is a special and unique environment. Geologically, it comprises a complicated mix of ancient seafloor sediments and massive lava flows from central Oregon, lifted up by tectonic forces and reshaped by erosion. It is a dynamic entity, oscillating up and down over periods of hundreds of years as the subsea Juan de Fuca plate to the west dives beneath the North American one, first pushing the coast up, and then letting it drop back down as stressed under-sea faults break loose. To the west, the Pacific Ocean extends in an unbroken, 5,000 mile reach, allowing space



“Let’s Rock,” a photograph by Andree Devine, is included in the “Impressions of the Oregon Coast” exhibit, which opens Thursday, March 13, in the Galley Gallery of the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center.

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Learn about dyeing with mushrooms and lichens

Join Sara Gibson for an introduction to dyeing with West Coast fungi and lichens during the next Tea & Talk, a monthly event held by the Coastal Arts Guild. It will take place from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, on the second floor of the Newport Visual Arts Center, located at 777 NW Beach Drive. Tea & Talk is free and open to all. Artists from around the world are creating paper, watercolors, pigment sticks and dyes in an ever-expanding world of mushroom and lichen dyes. Gibson has focused on harnessing pigments for use in fiber arts. Come learn about the



Sara Gibson will talk about creating dye from mushrooms and lichens during the next Tea & Talk, hosted by the Coastal Arts Guild. (Courtesy photo)

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A large variety of arts and crafts will be on display and available to purchase March 22 and 23 during the Yachats Arts & Crafts Fair. (Courtesy photo)

Arts and crafts event coming to Yachats

Artisans from all over the Pacific Northwest will descend on the central coast village of Yachats on March 22 and 23. From 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, 41 vendors will exhibit at the Yachats Commons, 441 Highway 101 N, with the Friends

of the Library hosting their annual book sale downstairs. All types of art, See **EVENT**, page B2



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Free chamber concert Sunday in Newport

The Oregon Coast Symphony Festival announces its third free chamber concert of the 2025 season featuring the University of Oregon Sequana String Quartet and the Forest Grove High School’s Evergreen String Quartet. It will take place at 2 p.m. this Sunday, March 16, at Atonement Lutheran Church, located at 2315 N Coast in Newport.

The Sequana String Quartet was founded at the University of Oregon in 2022 and has given performances, lectures, and master classes across the state. With a focus on outreach, the quartet maintains the goal of creating a classical music

environment that is accessible, educational, and inspiring.

Cellist Austin Bennett is currently pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in cello performance and a concurrent masters in music theory at the University of Oregon. Violist Adam Fishburn, a violin teacher and arranger highly sought after across the Willamette Valley, is pursuing a Doctorate in Viola performance. Violinist Megan Fraser is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Music under the tutelage of Professor Hal Grossman at the university. She has played in orchestras across the country, including



The University of Oregon's Sequana String Quartet will be the featured performers in a free chamber concert Sunday, March 16, at Atonement Lutheran Church in Newport. (Courtesy photo)

the Southwest region, New York and Oregon and performed a two-week tour of Northwest China, including Tibet. Madison Vanderwall is

an accomplished violinist pursuing a doctoral degree at the university, where she also completed her master’s degree. She plays with several

ensembles including Rogue Valley Symphony, Eugene Symphony, Newport Symphony Orchestra, and Eugene Concert Choir Orchestra. The quartet will be performing Beethoven’s String Quartet in C minor, op.18 and Prokofiev’s String Quartet #2 in F major, op.92.

Opening the program will be the Forest Grove High School’s Evergreen String Quartet. They had their debut as a group last month as part of the Oregon Symphony Prelude Series. They enjoy gathering for rehearsals and the process of making musical decisions as a team. Each one of the members have

competed at the state level in solo and group competitions. They plan to continue music beyond high school, whether it is minoring in music, playing professionally or participating in community groups.

This quartet includes violinists Sophia O’Shea, Kayden Samuel and Dulceluna Cebrera, and Ava Forn on cello. Their program includes Mozart’s String Quartet # 4, Bach’s Orchestral Suite #3 and Borodin’s String Quartet # 2.

The chamber concert series is presented with support by the Chambers Family Foundation and the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution.

Perch & Pour Birding Happy Hour March 19

Seven Capes Bird Alliance (SCBA) has teamed up with Salishan Coastal Lodge to host “Perch & Pour” on Wednesday, March 19. This bird-oriented happy hour starts at 3 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month in The Attic.

Salishan opens The Attic an hour early for birders of all levels — both Salishan guests and the public — to gather in conversation and sip on a craft cocktail or non-alcoholic beverage in a cozy setting. This month the group will enjoy a little bird trivia as they

share their latest spring sightings.

In addition to beverages, The Attic presents a farm-to-fork dinner menu crafted from sustainably sourced ingredients. Perch & Pour participants are welcome to stay when The Attic opens to the public at 4 p.m. And don’t miss out on live music every Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. — come for the birds, stay for the tunes.

Salishan Coastal Lodge is easily accessible at 7760 Highway 101 in Gleneden Beach. Join others to share your latest bird sightings and stories.

Newport gallery spotlights artists

Artists Stacie Keating and Gracee Gabriel will be featured March 15-28 in a spotlight show at the Yaquina Art Association Gallery, located at 789 NW Beach Drive in Newport.

Keating began exploring watercolor shortly after she moved to the Oregon coast in 2023. She enjoys learning to work with the spontaneity of the medium, and

painting continues to be a lesson in going with the flow. She joined the Yaquina Art Association in early 2024 and is grateful to all the YAA members who have encouraged her. Second to painting, Keating’s favorite thing is talking to others about indulging their artistic inclinations, and she said the Yaquina Art Association is the perfect place to do that.

Gabriel’s fine art photography often features local birds and seascapes with surprising intensity and vividness. This show has a variety of views of brown pelicans and crows. Gabriel lives in Otter Rock and finds many of her subjects close to home. She will be in the gallery several days during her two-week show and invites people to share their comments.

The Yaquina Art Association Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day. For more information, call 541-265-5133.

Interested in becoming a member of the Yaquina Art Association or taking one of the free classes? Visit the gallery in Nye Beach to learn more, and find them online at www.yaquinaart.org and on Facebook and Instagram.

Heartsaver First Aid, CPR and AED course to be taught

Do you have the confidence, skills and

knowledge to handle a medical emergency? Learn how at the American Heart Association Heartsaver course to be taught Thursday, March 20, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Samaritan Center for Health Education in Newport.

Participants will learn

how to provide basic first aid, perform adult, child and infant CPR, and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely and effective manner.

The course is for anyone with little or no medical training who wants to be prepared for an emergency in any setting. It is

also appropriate for those who need a course completion card for their job or for other regulatory requirements.

The cost is \$60, which includes a book and two-year certification. For questions and to register, contact Amy at 541-574-4952 or email aconner@samhealth.org.

Intellectual Treat

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7 Blue loon

12 Hubbubs

16 Honorary deg. for a jurist

19 Unicellular organism

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23 Boston baseballers

24 Verb form in "I used to solve puzzles," e.g.

26 Position of advantage

28 Stuff in some viral genes

29 How- (manuals)

30 Detroit-to-Philly dir.

31 Job opening

33 Literary finale

36 War deity

40 Pre- (replace)

44 What's allotted in soccer when a player is hurt

46 Sell in stores

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52 "Fathers and Sons" novelist

54 Notion, in Nice

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57 L-Q linkup

58 "Little" co-star

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65 Sibling who looks the same

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94 Retreat in the clouds

96 Downs food

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99 River mouth features

100 From scratch

102 Horse's kin

105 San Francisco's — Valley

106 Aged

107 Invention of Rorschach

115 Painful podiatric problem

119 Geronimo's people

120 2003-16 Cowboys quarterback

121 Large spoon

122 "Peanuts" girl

123 Former United rival

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125 Lectern, e.g.

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4 Lucy's Amaz

5 House

6 "Wailing" instruments

7 Rouse

8 NYC cultural center

9 Like many insensitive jokes

10 Smells awful

11 32nd prez

12 Will Smith's role in "Men in Black"

13 Ten: Prefix

14 Hitler Mel

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16 Ointment base

17 Thin, supple and graceful

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27 Golf ball prop

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32 Schreiber

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34 TV's Gomer

35 Neighbor of Belg.

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37 Gun, as an engine

38 Greek vowel

39 Christmas party headwear

41 Fuel efficiency stat

42 Forecasts

43 Found on a radio dial

45 "What's —?" (Bugs Bunny's greeting)

47 Like tilted type

48 Break in the action

50 State bird of Hawaii

53 Marina del —

54 Beginning ltr.

57 Volcano in Calif.

58 "We're in danger here!"

59 Loretta of "M*A*S*H"

60 Thailand, once

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Senior Wii Bowling Tournament in Newport

On Tuesday, March 18, the Newport 60+ Activity Center will host its annual Senior Wii Bowling Tournament. Teams of four will participate in a bit of blamey by wearing a bit o’ green and dressing in fun team outfits to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

This fun event turns the dining room into a four-lane bowling alley. Teams of four players compete for the top prize and bragging rights for an entire year. Team-themed dress and creative team names are encouraged. In past years, creative team names such as Top Tarts, Tax Terminators, Fast Lane Feds, and Bookish Babes have been used, while some of the favorite individual names have been Perfect Pinkerton, Jazzy Johnson, Sassy Sue and Glorious Gertie.

Each member of the four-person team

will bowl one game, and those scores are added together for a team score. Awards will be given for the top scoring male and female Wii Bowlers, as well as first, second, and third place for the teams.

Teams may also bring along their favorite cheerleaders. Bowling warm-ups start at 9:30 a.m., and team competition starts at 10 a.m. Join in a time of eats and treats after the competition.

To register for this fun event, go online to www.newportoregon.gov/sc and click on the banner “Browse the catalog and register.” In the catalog is also a listing of other events, trips, classes, and educational presentations. For additional information, call the office at 541-265-9617, or stop by at 20 SE Second St., Newport.

Find them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/NewportSeniorActivityCenter

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jewelry, paintings, clay, woodwork, leather work, sea glass art, homemade soap, tinctures, and apothecaries will be on exhibit and available to purchase.

“This cherished event brings together talented artists and vendors from Yachats, the Oregon coast, and across the Pacific Northwest, showcasing a stunning array of handmade arts, crafts, and unique goods,” said Yachats Chamber Director Nichole Lippincott. “A highlight of the spring season, the Yachats Arts & Crafts Fair has become a beloved tradition for many years, drawing visitors and locals alike to celebrate creativity and community.”



Coming up on April 19 will be Sip & Stroll, a Yachats wine-tasting event featuring the best in Oregon wines and other adult beverages. (Courtesy photo)

Lippincott added, “Come explore one-of-a-kind treasures and support artists and makers in the heart of Yachats; and watch for details for the upcoming Sip & Stroll

Yachats wine-tasting event on April 19 featuring the best in Oregon wines and other adult beverages, and a chance to win an exclusive weekend getaway in Yachats.”

PLATE

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cuddly, but they’re critically important,” said Taylor Chapple, an assistant professor and founder of the Big Fish Lab. “Our mission in the Big Fish Lab is to better understand the importance of sharks and to share their story broadly. This license plate will help us do that.

“Our hope is that with every plate, we get closer to appreciating that sharks aren’t the mindless killers of Hollywood, but dynamic and important actors in our vibrant oceans.”

The Big Fish Lab must sell 3,000 vouchers before the Oregon Department

of Motor Vehicles will begin manufacturing the plates. The vouchers cost \$40, with about \$35 going directly to the lab. For more information or to purchase a voucher, visit <https://marinere-search.oregonstate.edu/vibrant-ocean>.

The Big Fish Lab was established in 2019 and is the first and only dedicated shark research program in Oregon. It is based in the College of Agricultural Sciences’ Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station at Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport.

As apex predators, sharks play a critical role in ocean ecosystems by regulating species abundance, distribution and

diversity, but they are also some of the most threatened due to overfishing, habitat loss, climate change and pollution, Chapple said.

“The 15 species of sharks off our shores help keep Oregon’s coastal ecosystems and the economies dependent on them vibrant and productive, from the crab in your pot to the salmon on your grill. Oregon’s ocean abundance is largely thanks to our sharks,” he said. “The public’s support helps us better understand these critical predators and insure the continued vibrant oceans that define Oregon.”

The license plate was designed by Natalie Donato, a third-year

Honors College undergraduate student from Folsom, California. Donato, who is studying marine biology and ecology in OSU’s College of Science, is also an artist with an interest in interdisciplinary approaches to science communication that incorporate artwork.

Her design features a large salmon shark in the center, with two blue sharks on the left and a common thresher shark on the right.

“I set out to create a scene that represents the feeling of a vibrant underwater world, depicting the sharks in a more realistic form and the vivid, inspiring feeling that resonates with me when I view the ocean,” she said.

Donato was working on a research project in Chapple’s lab when he noticed some of her artwork and asked her to consider designing a license plate. Seeing the final result has been incredible, she said.

“I stared at it for so long on my computer screen, but seeing the design on the physical metal plate with the slight, sparkly metallic sheen helped reality set in,” Donato said. “The cherry on top of the already sweet situation is that the design supports research that I’m also invested in.”

The shark plate is the most recent in a series of specialty license plates benefiting Oregon State University. The new

Beaver plate, which supports Beaver athletics and strategic marketing initiatives, will be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles starting April 7. People who purchased vouchers for that plate will be able to redeem them at that time, and Oregonians also will be able to purchase them at any DMV location then.

The Oregon gray whale license plate, which launched in 2019, benefits the Marine Mammal Institute at OSU. The Pollinator Paradise plate supports bee research conducted by the OSU Extension Pollinator Health and Honey Bee Lab programs.

BALI

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on bamboo instruments from the island of Bali. In addition to the music, the musicians will offer an engaging discussion, along with a presentation and slideshow about the history and cultural significance of Balinese Rindik music. Adults and students

are invited to attend this free Sunday afternoon event.

The ensemble will feature the tingklik, a bamboo xylophone, and angklung, a set of tuned bamboo rattles, combined with a suling (a Balinese bamboo flute) creating the signature interlocking rhythms of Balinese Rindik music. Adding a contemporary twist, the performance will

also include a saxophone, merging traditional melodies with a global fusion sound.

This special performance is part of the cultural center’s new Voyages series, supported by Explore Lincoln City and the Creative West (formerly WESTAF) grant program. Admission is free; donations will be accepted at the door.

About Gamelan Sari Pandhawa

Gamelan Sari Pandhawa is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing an educational and entertaining multi-cultural experience, enriching lives through expanding cultural awareness. Since 1995, the ensemble has performed in concert and taught classes throughout the area, and

seeks to increase the community’s understanding of traditional Javanese cultural arts, music, dance and shadow puppetry. They perform on bronze and wood instruments handcrafted and painted by master instrument makers in Central Java.

Gamelan Sari Pandhawa seeks to continue its contribution to the community through teaching others to

play gamelan, and to reach those who have never had the privilege of experiencing this music by adding performances in different venues throughout the area. Learn more at <https://eugenegamelan.org>



EXHIBIT

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for titanic waves to form and slam into its beaches and bluffs during winter storms.

The diversity of fresh

“Waiting For Low Tide at Cobble Beach,” by Beverly Peterson, is part of an exhibit featuring photos by the Yaquina Art Association Photographers, which will be on display through Sept. 7.

and salt water habitats has allowed a vast variety of living things to flourish: towering spruces, hemlocks, and cedars; salmon; seals and sea lions; and birds by the millions — wading birds, aquatic birds, raptors, and scores of others. The ebb and flow of 10-foot ocean tides creates a daily dynamic rhythm, too, to which all coastal life is attuned.

Native American peoples inhabited the Oregon coast for millennia before European, and later American colonialism pushed them from much of it. The land remains theirs, in a spiritual sense, though

now possessed by others. Subsequent introduction of European technology and commerce has produced the iconic lighthouses, waterfronts, and bridges that help characterize the coast today.

This show highlights the beautiful shorelines, sunsets, night skies, wildlife, and icons of the central Oregon coast. Viewers will experience the region through the collective lens of Yaquina Art Association Photographers. Each participating member has selected images that are meaningful to them, creating a stunning visual story of the coast and the life that animates it.

history of mushroom dyeing, sustainable harvest practices, foraging safety, and how to process your own finds. Participants will take part in creating their own dye samples from regionally abundant dye species.

Gibson has been a lifelong forager of all wild edible and useful plants and mushrooms. She loves sharing the wonders of mushrooms and fiber arts. She has led forays for outdoor schools, Oregon State Parks, mushroom camps and school groups. She has been dyeing with mushrooms and lichens for more than 15 years and teaches workshops on dyeing and wet felting with mushrooms and protein-based fibers.

Calendar of EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

LINCOLN CITY CRIBBAGE CLUB

The Lincoln City Cribbage Club meets at 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Pioneer Joe Coffee Co. in the Marketplace at Salishan, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. \$9 entry, six games. Forget the rest, come play with the best. Info: Jack Shumate, 541-574-7668.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Enjoy Trivia Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing, located in suite E5 at the Salishan Marketplace, 7755 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. Free. Show off your knowledge for the chance to win prizes. Teams of up to six allowed.

LIVE MUSIC BY BOX AND BUCKET

Box and Bucket, featuring renowned Nashville guitarist Porter McClistter and electric washtub bass player Barbara LePine, performs from 5:30 p.m. to close every Wednesday at Luna Sea Fish House, 10111 Pacific Coast Highway 101, Seal Rock. Info: www.lunaseafishhouse.com

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

‘IMPRESSIONS OF THE OREGON COAST’

Free opening reception the Yaquina Art Association Photographers exhibit, “Impressions of the Oregon Coast,” in the Galley Gallery of the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center, 333 SE Bay Blvd., Newport; 4 to 6 p.m.

KARL SMILEY AT THE DRIFT INN

Award-winning songwriter Karl Smiley performs his own brand of guitar picking. 6 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

LIVE MUSIC AT THE DRIFT INN

A Touch of Gray performs classic tunes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

TOLEDO HISTORY CENTER OPEN HOUSE

The Toledo History Center, 320 N Main St., will hold an open house and silent auction from 1 to 3 p.m., featuring wood models by Carl Schroder and restored logging tools.

SOUL PROPRIETORS AT BEACHCREST

Soul Proprietors, a soul and funk horn band, performs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Beachcrest Brewing Company at Salishan, 7755 N Highway 101, 541-234-4013.

‘FROM LENS TO LITERATURE’

Willamette Writers Coast Chapter gathers from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St. Bill Posner, children’s author, will cover the development of his characters, how his photography influences his writing. Free. Info: newportoregon.gov/dept/lib

ST. PADDIES DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

The Siletz Valley Grange, 224 Gaither St., Siletz, is holding its annual St. Paddies Dinner and Silent Auction, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$14 for ages 13 and over, \$9 for ages 6 to 12, and free for ages 5 and under. Info: Michelle Schaffer, 541-270-2864.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

EARTH SUMMIT

Atonement Lutheran Church, 2315 N Coast Highway, Newport, hosts the 12th annual Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit. 1 to 4 p.m. Registration is by donation but is encouraged in advance — emoregon.org/events.

BALINESE MUSIC IN LINCOLN CITY

Gamelan Sari Pandhawa will give a performance and talk on Balinese music, 2 p.m., Lincoln City Cultural Center, 540 NE Highway 101. Free; donations accepted.

FREE CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT IN NEWPORT

The University of Oregon Sequana String Quartet and the Forest Grove High School’s Evergreen String Quartet will perform in a free chamber music concert beginning at 2 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, located at 2315 N Highway 101 in Newport.

DROP-IN FIGURE DRAWING

Practice figure drawing with a live model (in fitted clothing) at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. 2 to 4 p.m. Easels, paper, and charcoal provided, or bring your own materials. Friendly environment, all skill levels welcome. Free (\$5-\$10 donation to the Coastal Arts Guild suggested to help cover model fee). Info: Sara Siggelkow, 541-574-3364.

‘LIVE @ THE PAC’

Marty Isenberg’s Wes Anderson Playlist performs as part of the series “Live @ the PAC,” at 3 p.m. at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. Info: coastarts.org/events/marty-wes-anderson

ARGENTINE TANGO

Learn Argentine Tango at Newport Tango’s weekly Sunday lesson and practice. 5 to 8 p.m., South Beach Community Center, 3024 SE Ferry Slip Road. Info: www.newportdancetango.com or newportdancetango@gmail.com

SUNDAY JAZZ JAM

Join the Sunday Jazz Jam, 4 to 6 p.m., Beachcrest Brewing Company at Salishan, 7755 N Highway 101, 541-234-4013.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

BRINGETTO JAZZ DUO AT THE DRIFT INN

Classic jazz favorites from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at The Drift Inn, located at 124 Highway 101 N in Yachats. For information, call 541-547-4477.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

‘PERCH & POUR’ AT SALISHAN

Seven Capes Bird Alliance will hold a “Perch & Pour” event at 3 p.m. in The Attic at Salishan Coastal Lodge, 7760 Highway 101, Gleneden Beach. The group holds these gatherings on the third Wednesday of each month.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 20

TEA AND TALK AT VAC

Join the Coastal Arts Guild for Tea & Talk at 2 p.m. at the Newport Visual Arts Center, 777 NW Beach Drive. This month’s event features Sara Gibson talking about dyeing with mushrooms and lichens. Free. For more information, call 541-961-5959.

BIG BAND DANCE

Enjoy the sounds of the Big Band era with the Lincoln Pops from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Gleneden Beach Community Club, 110 Azalea St., Gleneden Beach. Admission: \$10 at the door. Refreshments available. Info: 503-949-8222 or on Facebook.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

‘LIVE @ THE PAC’

Broken Compass Bluegrass performs as part of the series “Live @ the PAC,” at 7:30 p.m. at the Newport Performing Arts Center, 777 W Olive St. Info: coastarts.org/events/broken-compass



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HEARING. The City of Newport Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to review and make a recommendation to the Newport City Council on a Comprehensive Plan Map amendment (File No. 1-C-25) and a Zoning Map amendment (File No. 1-Z-25). A public hearing before the City Council will be held at a later date, and notice of that hearing will also be provided. Michael and Patricia Joling have requested an amendment to the City of Newport's Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map for property located at Lincoln County Tax Map 11-11-05-DA, Tax Lot 500 (840 NE Iler Street); Tax Map 11-11-05-DA, Tax Lot 501; and Tax Map 11-11-04-CC, Tax Lot 1700. The amendment to the City of Newport's Comprehensive Plan Map changes the designation of Tax Lots 500 and 501 of Tax Map 11-11-05-DA, and Tax Lot 1700 of Tax Map 11-11-04-CC from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential. The amendment to the Zoning Map changes the zoning of Tax Lot 500 of Tax Map 11-11-05-DA, and Tax Lot 1700 of Tax Map 11-11-04-CC from R-1/"Low Density Single-Family Residential" to R-3/"Medium Density Multi-Family Residential"; and Tax Lot 501 of Tax Map 11-11-05-DA from R-2/"Medium Density Single-Family Residential" to R-3/"Medium Density Multi-Family Residential". For the proposed minor amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Map/Map Amendments (page 419 of the Comprehensive Plan) the applicable criteria are identified as follows: (1) A change in one or more goal or policy; and (2) a demonstrated need to accommodate unpredictable population trends, housing needs, employment needs or changes in community attitudes; and (3) the orderly and economic provision of key public facilities; and (4) the ability to serve the subject property(s) with city services without an undue burden on the general population; and (5) the compatibility of the proposed change with the surrounding neighborhood and the community. For the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map of the City of Newport, the applicable criteria identified in the Newport Zoning Ordinance (NZO) 14.36.010 are as follows: (1) The change furthers a public necessity; and (2) The change promotes the general welfare. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Written testimony sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. Pursuant to ORS 197.797 (6), any person prior to the conclusion of the initial public hearing may request a continuance of the public hearing or that the record be left open for at least seven days to present additional evidence, arguments, or testimony regarding the application. Material related to the proposed amendment may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department (address above). Please note that this is a legislative public hearing process and changes to the proposed amendment may be recommended and made through the public hearing process and those changes may also be inspected at no cost or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at this address. Contact Derrick Tokos, AICP, Newport Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, email address: d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (mailing address above).

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will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 2129 N. Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon. In addition to regular business, an Executive Session will be held in

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gle Family Residential" to R-3/"Medium Density Multi-Family Residential"; and Tax Lot 501 of Tax Map 11-11-05-DA from R-2/"Medium Density Single-Family Residential" to R-3/"Medium Density Multi-Family Residential". For the proposed minor amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Map/Map Amendments (page 419 of the Comprehensive Plan) the applicable criteria are identified as follows: (1) A change in one or more goal or policy; and (2) a demonstrated need to accommodate unpredictable population trends, housing needs, employment needs or changes in community attitudes; and (3) the orderly and economic provision of key public facilities; and (4) the ability to serve the subject property(s) with city services without an undue burden on the general population; and (5) the compatibility of the proposed change with the surrounding neighborhood and the community. For the proposed amendment to the Zoning Map of the City of Newport, the applicable criteria identified in the Newport Zoning Ordinance (NZO) 14.36.010 are as follows: (1) The change furthers a public necessity; and (2) The change promotes the general welfare. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Written testimony sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. Pursuant to ORS 197.797 (6), any person prior to the conclusion of the initial public hearing may request a continuance of the public hearing or that the record be left open for at least seven days to present additional evidence, arguments, or testimony regarding the application. Material related to the proposed amendment may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department (address above). Please note that this is a legislative public hearing process and changes to the proposed amendment may be recommended and made through the public hearing process and those changes may also be inspected at no cost or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at this address. Contact Derrick Tokos, AICP, Newport Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, email address: d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (mailing address above).

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timony and evidence must be directed toward the request above or other criteria, including criteria within the Comprehensive Plan and its implementing ordinances, which the person believes to apply to the decision. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the city and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes an appeal, including to the Land Use Board of Appeals, based on that issue. Testimony may be submitted in written or oral form. Oral testimony and written testimony will be taken during the course of the public hearing. The hearing may include a report by staff, testimony from the applicant and proponents, testimony from opponents, rebuttal by the applicant, and questions and deliberation by the Planning Commission. Written testimony sent to the Community Development (Planning) Department, 169 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365, must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day of the hearing to be included as part of the hearing or must be personally presented during testimony at the public hearing. Pursuant to ORS 197.797 (6), any person prior to the conclusion of the initial public hearing may request a continuance of the public hearing or that the record be left open for at least seven days to present additional evidence, arguments, or testimony regarding the application. Material related to the proposed amendment may be reviewed or a copy purchased at the Newport Community Development (Planning) Department (address above). Please note that this is a legislative public hearing process and changes to the proposed amendment may be recommended and made through the public hearing process and those changes may also be inspected at no cost or copies may be purchased for reasonable cost at this address. Contact Derrick Tokos, AICP, Newport Community Development Director, (541) 574-0626, email address: d.tokos@newportoregon.gov (mailing address above).

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Breathtaking Pacific Ocean views and perched on a promontory, elevated safely out of tsunami zone providing panoramic vistas from many rooms, including a spacious deck that begs for relaxation. Walk down the stairs next door for direct access to miles of sandy shore. Extensive remodel completed in 2019. Offered fully furnished. 25-348 \$1,650,000
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NEW LAND LISTINGS
25-100 NEW/Lincoln City-Otis R1/5.78ac \$289,000
25-99 NEW/Lincoln City-Otis R1/5.27ac \$279,000
23-2131 Yachats/see listing notes C1/33ac \$455,000
24-355 Eddyville/Creek Front R1/20ac \$45,500
24-978 Newport/OCEANVIEW R4/12ac \$250,000
24-1229 Waldport/BAYVIEW R1/20ac \$125,000
24-2396 Waldport/OCEANVIEW R1/25ac \$75,000
24-2502 Yachats/see listing notes C1/28ac \$235,000
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accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(f) and (h) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. To review the meeting agenda, please go to cplid.org. Customers interested in attending the meeting virtually can email information@cpid.org to make a request. M12

LCL25-0082 SILETZ RFPD

will be holding a meeting to amend the 2024/2025 Budget on Tuesday March 18th 2025 at 6:00 PM at 149 W. Buford Ave. Siletz, OR 97380. The budget document will be available no later than Friday March 14th at 5:00 PM. This information is also available on our website www.siletzfire.com or by calling the Fire Station at 541-444-2043. M12

LCL25-0083 INVITATION TO BIDS CITY OF LINCOLN CITY NELSCOTT PRESSURE GRAVITY MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Bids Due: 2:00 PM, April 3, 2025 WORK - The general nature of work, described in detail in this Contract and in the basis of payment, includes furnishing all labor, equipment, and materials necessary for the construction of the project. Primary items of work include: Constructing 677 feet of 30" PVC, 746 ft of 24" PVC, 341 ft of 20" PVC Sewer Pipe, 37,207 sf of Cold Plane Removal, 1,196 Tons of Asphalt, Pipe Burst 886 of 12" AC and 13' of HDPE, 564 ft of 8" PVC Water Pipe, 871 ft of curb, 2,433 SF of sidewalk, and miscellaneous other items. BID SUBMITTAL Sealed bid proposals will be received by Finance Department, PO Box 50, 801 SW Hwy 101 - City Hall, 3rd Floor, Lincoln City, OR 97367 until 2:00 PM Pacific Standard Time (PST) on the 3rd day of April, 2025. Late bids will not be accepted. Within two working hours of the bid closing time, bidders must submit the First-Tier Subcontractor Disclosure Form. Submittal of bid proposals shall be in a sealed envelope with identification plainly marked on the outside including project name, bid date, and time, "Bid Proposal, Bid Bond and Certificate of Residency" and bidders name. Bid proposals shall be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter. Each bid proposal must be submitted on the forms prescribed by the City and accompanied by a Proposal Guaranty (certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond in an amount equal to ten (10) percent of the total amount bid. The ten percent Proposal Guaranty shall be forfeited to the City if the bidder fails to enter into a contract with the City of Lincoln City within fifteen (15) days after the award of the Notice of Award. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond equal to one hundred percent of the amount bid for faithful performance of the Contract. BID DOCUMENTS Bidders are to contact Jason Yoshinaga, Project Manager by email (jyoshinaga@lincolncity.org) to obtain Bid Documents. The Bid Documents will be emailed to you. The official Planholder's list will be kept by the City and any addenda will issued by the City. PRE-BID MEETING - There will not be a pre-bid meeting or site visit conducted by the City. Bidders are required to conduct a field review of the project area on their own to acquaint themselves with pertinent conditions prior to preparing and submitting their proposal. QUESTIONS All questions or requests for clarification shall be directed in writing to the Terry Chamberlin, Project Engineer, via email: tchamberlin@lincolncity.org, or by regular mail to the City of Lincoln City, PO Box 50, Lincoln City, Oregon 97367. All written questions must be received by the Project Engineer by 5 PM PST on March 25, 2025, 9 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. The Project Engineer will determine appropriate responses, if any, and if necessary an Addendum will be issued to all plan holders of record at least 5 calendar days prior to the Bid Due date. Any verbal response(s) obtained from any source by bidders will be considered informational and shall not be relied upon by bidders. OTHER BID INFORMATION - Bidders must possess a current set of the 2021 Oregon Standard Specifications for Construction and the Oregon Standard Drawings (English), published jointly by ODOT and Oregon APWA. For information contact Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) at: 355 Capitol St., NE Room 28, Salem, OR 97301-3871 - (503) 986-3720 - Fax: (503) 986-3224 Website: www.odot.state.or.us/contractorplans E-mail: contractorplans@odot.state.or.us

LCL25-0084 NOTICE: YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR PROPERTY IF YOU DO NOT TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY

This notice is about your mortgage loan on your property at: Street address: 1209 Nw Bayshore Dr. City: Waldport State: OR ZIP: 97394 Your lender has decided to sell this property because the money due on your mortgage loan has not been paid on time or because you have failed to fulfill some other obligation to your lender. This is sometimes called "foreclosure." The amount you would have had to pay as of 02/24/2025 to bring your mortgage loan current was \$1,973.64. The amount you must now pay to bring your loan current may have increased since that date. By law, your lender has to provide you with details about the amount you owe, if you ask. You may call 1-866-867-0330 to find out the exact amount you must pay bring your

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to mortgage loan current and to get other details about the amount you owe. You may also get these details by sending a request by certified mail to: Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 THIS IS WHEN AND WHERE YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD IF YOU DO NOT TAKE ACTION: 07/08/2025, 1:00 PM THIS IS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP THE SALE: 1. You can pay the amount past due or correct any other default, up to five days before the sale. 2. You can refinance or otherwise pay off the loan in full anytime before the sale. 3. You can call Servbank, SA at 1-866-867-0330. If you ask if your lender is willing to give you more time or change the terms of your loan. 4. You can sell your home, provided the sale price is enough to pay what you owe. There are government agencies and nonprofit organizations that can provide information about foreclosure and help you decide what to do. For the name and telephone number of an organization near you, please call the statewide telephone contact number at 1-800-SAFENET (1-800-723-3638). You may also wish to talk to a lawyer. If you need help finding a lawyer, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org>. WARNING: You may get offers from people who tell you they can help you keep your property. You should be careful about those offers. Make sure you understand any papers you are asked to sign. If you have any questions, talk to a lawyer or one of the organizations mentioned above before the deadline. Dated: 02/28/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Devin Ormonde, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142

LCL25-0085 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALES

No. 179701 APN: R46178 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Christina Denise Davis and Ethel May Costello and Cory M Davis as Grantor to Western Title & Escrow Company, as Trustee, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Services, Inc. as designated nominee for Evergreen Monneysource Mortgage Company as Beneficiary, dated 03/20/2024, recorded 03/21/2024, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2024-01836 in Book xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: LOT 12, BLOCK A, BEAR CREEK HIDEOUT, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF OREGON. Commonly known as: 1415 N. Alvord Ln., Otis, OR 97367. The current beneficiary is Evergreen Monneysource Mortgage Company dba Evergreen Home Loans pursuant to assignment of deed of trust recorded on 12/10/2024 as Inst No. 2024-08618 in the records of Lincoln, Oregon. The beneficiary has elected and directed successor trustee to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said trust deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes: the default under which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to: Make the monthly payments commencing with the payment due on 07/01/2024 and continuing each month until this trust deed is reinstated or goes to trustee's sale; plus a late charge on each installment not paid within fifteen days following the payment due date; trustee's fees and other costs and expenses associated with this foreclosure and any further breach of any term or condition contained in subject note and deed of trust. 1. By the reason of said default the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said deed of trust immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to wit: Principal balance of \$228,420.22 2. Interest through 01/22/2025 in the amount of \$9,515.17 3. PRO RATA MP/PMI Advance in the amount of \$93.23 4. Escrow Advances in the amount of \$1,201.63 5. Accrued Late Charges in the amount of \$405.02 6. Accumulated Late Charges in the amount of \$100.00 7. Recoverable Balance in the amount of \$2,297.30 8. Together with the interest thereon at the rate 6.5% per annum until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. The principal sum of \$228,420.14 together with the interest thereon at the rate 6.5% per annum from 06/01/2024 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust. Whereof, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on 06/06/2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive, in the City of Newport, OR 97365, Lincoln County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of

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the execution by him of the said trust deed, together with any interest which the grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations, thereby secured (and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee). Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes; has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the trust deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorney's fees and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the obligation or trust deed, at any time prior to five days before the date set for the sale. In construing this, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing obligation, the performance of which is secured by said trust deed; the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Pursuant to Oregon Law, this sale will not be deemed final until the trustee's deed has been issued by Prime Recon LLC. If any irregularities are discovered within 10 days of the date of this sale, the trustee will rescind the sale, return the buyer's money and take further action as necessary. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. Also, please be advised that pursuant to the terms stated on the Deed of Trust and Note, the beneficiary is allowed to conduct property inspections while there is no default. This shall be notice that the beneficiary shall be conducting property inspections on the referenced property. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamine, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS The property in which you are living is in foreclosure. A foreclosure sale is scheduled for 06/06/2025 at the date of this sale may be postponed. Unless the lender that is foreclosing on this property is paid before the sale date, the foreclosure will go through and someone new will own this property. After the sale, the new owner is required to provide you with contact information and notice that the sale took place. The following information applies to you only if you are a bona fide tenant occupying and renting this property as residential dwelling under a legitimate rental agreement. The information does not apply to you if you own this property or if you are not a bona fide residential tenant. If the foreclosure sale goes through, the new owner will have the right to require you to move out. Before the new owner can require you to move, the new owner must provide you with written notice that specifies the date by which you must move out. If you do not leave before the move-out date, the new owner can have the sheriff remove you from the property after a court hearing. You will receive notice of the court hearing, PROTECTION FROM EVICTION IF YOU ARE A BONA FIDE TENANT OCCUPYING AND RENTING THIS PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS PROPERTY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE FOR: 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE A FIXED TERM LEASE: OR AT LEAST 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU ARE GIVEN A WRITTEN TERMINATION NOTICE. IF YOU HAVE A MONTH-TO-MONTH OR WEEK-TO-WEEK RENTAL AGREEMENT, If the new owner wants to move in and use this property as a primary residence, the new owner can give you written notice and require you to move out after 30 days, even though you have a fixed term lease with more than 30 days left. You must be provided with at least 30 days' written notice after the foreclosure sale before you can be required to move. A bona fide tenant is a residential tenant who is not the borrower (property owner) or a child, spouse or parent of the borrower, and whose rental agreement: Is the result of an arm's-length transaction; Requires the payment of rent that is not substantially less than fair market rent for the property, unless the rent is reduced or subsidized due to a federal, state or local subsidy; and Was entered into prior to the date of the foreclosure sale. ABOUT YOUR TENANCY BETWEEN NOW AND THE FORECLOSURE SALE: RENT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO PAY RENT TO YOUR LANDLORD UNTIL THE PROPERTY IS SOLD OR UNTIL A COURT TELLS YOU OTHERWISE. IF YOU DO NOT PAY RENT,

YOU CAN BE EVICTED. BE SURE TO KEEP PROOF OF ANY PAYMENTS YOU MAKE. SECURITY DEPOSIT you may apply your security deposit and any rent you paid in advance against the current rent you owe your landlord as provided in ORS 90.367. To do this, you must notify your landlord in writing that you want to subtract the amount of your security deposit or prepaid rent from your rent payment. You may do this only for the rent you owe your current landlord. If you do this, you must do so before the foreclosure sale. The business or individual who buys this property at the foreclosure sale is not responsible for any rent you owe or prepaid rent you paid to your landlord, ABOUT YOUR TENANCY AFTER THE FORECLOSURE SALE The new owner that buys this property at the foreclosure sale may be willing to allow you to stay as a tenant instead of requiring you to move out after 30 or 60 days. After the sale, you should receive a written notice informing you that the sale took place and giving you the new owner's name and contact information. You should contact the new owner if you would like to stay. If the new owner accepts rent from you, signs a new residential rental agreement with you or does not notify you in writing within 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale that you must move out, the new owner becomes your new landlord and must maintain the property. Otherwise: You do not owe rent; The new owner is not your landlord and is not responsible for maintaining the property on your behalf; and You must move out by the date the new owner specifies in a notice to you. The new owner may offer to pay your moving expenses and any other costs or amounts you and the new owner agree on in exchange for your agreement to leave the premises in less than 30 days. You should speak with a lawyer to fully understand your rights before making any decisions regarding your tenancy. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO TRY TO FORCE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DWELLING WITHOUT FIRST GIVING YOU WRITTEN NOTICE AND GOING TO COURT TO EVICT YOU. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, YOU SHOULD CONSULT A LAWYER. If you believe you need legal assistance, contact the Oregon State Bar and ask for the lawyer referral service. Contact information for the Oregon State Bar is included with this notice. If you do not have enough money to pay a lawyer and are otherwise eligible, you may be able to receive legal assistance for free. Information about whom to contact for free legal assistance is included with this notice. OREGON STATE BAR, 16037 S.W. Upper Boones Ferry Road, Tigard Oregon 97134, Phone (503) 620-2222, Toll-free 1-800-452-8260 Website: <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org> NOTICE TO VETERANS If the recipient of this notice is a veteran of the armed forces, assistance may be available from a county veterans' service officer or community action agency. Contact information for a service officer appointed for the county in which you live and contact information for a community action agency that serves the area where you live may be obtained by calling a 2-1-1 information service. The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act requires that we state the following: this is an attempt to collect, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If a discharge has been obtained by any party through bankruptcy proceedings, this notice will not be construed to be an attempt to collect the outstanding indebtedness or hold you personally liable for the debt. This letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Dated: 01/26/2025 Prime Recon LLC By: Devin Ormonde, Assistant Vice President Prime Recon LLC 27368 Via Industria, Ste 201 Temecula, CA 92590 Phone number for the Trustee: (888) 725-4142

LCL25-0089 FORECLOSURE SALE

At The Storage Place/ South Beach Mini Storage, 4822 S Coast Hwy South Beach OR 97366. Starting Time: 10:30am on 3/21/25 for unit #97 rented by Aaron Sanderlin. M12 M19

LCL25-0089 N55.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has in its possession the unclaimed personal property described below. If you have ownership interest in any of this unclaimed property you must file a claim with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (225 W Olive, Room 203, Newport, OR) within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice or you will lose interest in this property: head-phones, keys, phones, phone accessories urn, binoculars, firearms and firearm accessories; personal property belonging to: Stanley Jacob, Tyrese Hellman, Mosher Hall, Justin Vermilyea, Marc Templeton, Shawn Stoll, Savannah Briggs, Micah Smith, Kylie Tripp, Casey Loving, Jennifer Guenther, Jessica Bednar, Joseph Ebsborn, Eric Joseph, Michael Polon, Thomas Fontyn, Patrick Daly, Joseph Petersen, Tiffany Fisher, Robert Schroeder, Daniel Curin, Sixtos Gonzalez-Navarro, Brian Smith, Nikita Lovingsier, Mathew Johnson, Michael Meents, Joseph Jacques, Lorie Kiese, Michael Donald, Jerry Howell, Rose Ewing, and Daniel Gophes. M12

LCL25-0090 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF YACHTS

The Yachats City Council will hold a public hearing on March 19, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Civic Meeting Room of the Yachats Commons 441 Hwy 101N Yachats, Oregon. The purpose of this hearing is to receive public comments on the Supplemental Budget FY 2024-2025 budget year. Interested persons are invited to attend. Written testimony may be mailed to City Hall, PO Box 345, Yachats, 97398 but not be received at the above meeting date and time. The meeting place is handicapped accessible. Those needing assistance please contact the City Hall at 541-547-3565 before the meeting. The City of Yachats is an equal opportunity employer. The City of Yachats is an equal opportunity provider. Kimmie Jackson, City Recorder. M13

LCL25-0028 NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL

Date: November 20, 2025 1. Parties to the Trust Deed: Grantor: Bruce Anderson, Original Trustee; Lawyer's Title of Oregon, Successor Trustee; Owen Von Flue, Attorney at Law, Beneficiary: Patricia Doris Caster, Trustee of the Joint Revocable Living Trust Under Agreement Dated September 30, 2013. Successor Trustee's Mailing Address: P.O. Box 800, Silverton, Oregon 97381. 2. Description of the Property: The property covered by the Trust Deed is described as: All of the portion of the U.S. Government Lots 10 and 11 and that portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ SE ¼) of section 11, Township 8 South, Range 101 West, Willamette Meridian, Lincoln County, Oregon, which lies on the Siletz River and the Siletz-Kernville Road No. 229, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point of intersection of the North line of U.S. Government Lot 10 and the Westerly boundary line of the Siletz-Kernville Road No. 229; thence West along the North line of said Government Lot 11 to the Easterly boundary of the Siletz River; thence Southeast along the said Easterly boundary of the Northwestern line of that certain tract of land conveyed to Einard Hill and Tyne Hill, husband and wife, by instrument dated September 11, 1936, recorded March 27, 1937 in Volume 75, page 116, Deed Records of Lincoln County, Oregon; thence Northeast along said Northwest-erly line to the Point of

Thomas. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids. M12 M19

LCL25-0088 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #25-0112 On April 15th, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St., Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 6360 NE Park Ln, Otis, Oregon, 97368. The court case number is 23CV25226, MCLP v. DOB, RAY, TRICKLER; RAY KLEIN INC., DBA PROFESSIONAL CREDIT SERVICE; AND ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 6360 NE PARK LANE, Otis, OR 97368 defendants(s). This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to <http://www.oregon-sheriffssales.org/county/lincoln/>

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The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 4/1/2025 at 9:00am, Ending 4/8/2025 at 9:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Auction to be pursuant to Auction Rules and Procedures for Truax Holdings. Rules are available at the facility office. All bidding will take place ONLINE at bid13.com Unit# A152 Danielle Edman.

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LCL25-0028 NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND ELECTION TO SELL

Date: November 20, 2025 1. Parties to the Trust Deed: Grantor: Bruce Anderson, Original Trustee; Lawyer's Title of Oregon, Successor Trustee; Owen Von Flue, Attorney at Law, Beneficiary: Patricia Doris Caster, Trustee of the Joint Revocable Living Trust Under Agreement Dated September 30, 2013. Successor Trustee's Mailing Address: P.O. Box 800, Silverton, Oregon 97381. 2. Description of the Property: The property covered by the Trust Deed is described as: All of the portion of the U.S. Government Lots 10 and 11 and that portion of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ SE ¼) of section 11, Township 8 South, Range 101 West, Willamette Meridian, Lincoln County, Oregon, which lies on the Siletz River and the Siletz-Kernville Road No. 229, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point of intersection of the North line of U.S. Government Lot 10 and the Westerly boundary line of the Siletz-Kernville Road No. 229; thence West along the North line of said Government Lot 11 to the Easterly boundary of the Siletz River; thence Southeast along the said Easterly boundary of the Northwestern line of that certain tract of land conveyed to Einard Hill and Tyne Hill, husband and wife, by instrument dated September 11, 1936, recorded March 27, 1937 in Volume 75, page 116, Deed Records of Lincoln County, Oregon; thence Northeast along said Northwest-erly line to the Point of

Beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING: Beginning at a point that is North 42° 00' West 80 feet to a point that is 761 feet West and 460.8 feet North of the 1/16 corner set 20.20 chains North of the corner to Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, Lincoln County, Oregon; running thence North 42° West 199 feet; thence North 48° 00' East to the Southwesterly boundary of the Siletz-Kernville Highway No. 29, said point being the True Point of Beginning of the boundaries of the tract herein described thence Northwesterly along said highway boundary 200 feet; thence South 48° 00' West 20 feet, more or less to the shore of the Siletz River; thence Southeasterly along said shoreline 202 feet to a point that bears South 48° 00' West from the true point of beginning; thence North 48° 00' East 45.60 feet to the True Point of Beginning, 900 Siletz Highway, Siletz, Oregon 97367, Lincoln County, Oregon. 3. Recording Information: The Trust Deed is recording in Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No.: 2023-07418. 4. Default: The foreclosure is initiated due to the following defaults: Failure to pay principal, interest, and other amounts due: \$36,653.50. 5. Amount Owning: The total amount owing on the secured obligation is: Principal: \$2,531.16, Interest: \$1,380.33, Late Fees: \$1,250.00, Other Charges: \$1,512.00, Total Amount Due: \$36,653.50. 6. Election to Sell: The Beneficiary hereby elects to sell the property to satisfy the obligation secured by the Trust Deed. 7. Sale Information: The public sale of the property will occur as follows: Date: April 30, 2025, Time: 11:00 A.M., Location: Lincoln County Courthouse Steps, Lincoln County, Oregon. 8. Right to Cure Default (ORS 86.778): The Borrower has the right to cure the default and reinstate the Trust Deed by paying the full amount due (including costs, trustee's fees, and attorney fees) and curing any other default(s) no later than five days before the scheduled sale date. 9. Methamphetamine Manufacturing, Warning (ORS 86.771(9)): WARNING: Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. M5 M12 M19 M26

LCL25-0068 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819

Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 3/17/2025. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEY'S TOWING, 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR 97122, TEL: 503-341-4444, VIN: 1JLTZE4FECJ004104 Amount due on lien \$5271.00 Reputed owner(s) : LAWRENCE DEWAYNE MCROBERTS FIBRE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION. M5 M12

LCL25-0070 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THE LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

will hold a public hearing on April 2, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Commissioner's Conference Room, Room 101 of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W. Olive Street, Newport, Oregon to hear testimony or objections to and determine whether it is necessary, expedient or for the best interests of the County to surrender jurisdiction over Ocean View Drive (County Road No.813), Marine Drive (County Road No.814), and a portion of unnamed County Road No.804 to the City of Yachats, as generally described below: Legal Description for the Jurisdictional Transfer of Roads Part 1. That portion of Lincoln County Roads 804, 813, and 814, in the City of Yachats known as Marine Drive and Ocean View Drive, all situated in Section 27, Township 14 South, Range 12 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon, particularly as described as follows: Beginning on the westerly right of way of Highway 101 at its intersection with Marine Drive; thence westerly along Marine Drive to its intersection with Ocean View Drive; thence southerly along Ocean View Drive to its intersection with the westerly right of way of Highway 101 including the portion legalized in County Survey #21795. Together with any jurisdiction Lincoln County may have over the 20' (twenty foot) right of way extending northerly from the intersection of Marine Drive and Ocean View Drive to the northerly boundary of Ocean Crest Subdivision as filed in Book 8, Page 66, Lincoln County Plat Records. Part 2. That portion of County Road 804, right-of-way, that crosses Lot 26, Block 4, Ocean Crest Subdivision as filed in Book 8, Page 66, Lincoln County Plat Records. Further information regarding the jurisdictional transfer proceedings can be obtained by contacting the Lincoln County Public Works Department at 880 NE 7th Street, Newport, OR by telephone at (541) 265-5747, or from the Public Works website at www.co.lincoln.or.us/341/Public-Works. To participate in the public hearing remotely via the Zoom video platform, please register at the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join?register/Mk1nq74snDBvSSCAg_Mk1nq74snDBvSSCAg M5 M12 M19 M26

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LCL25-0073 PUBLIC SALE AT ANCHOR STORAGE

628 Painter Ln Depoe Bay, OR. 97341 Contact number is 541-921-9878. The following unit(s) will be sold at Public Sale on March 21st, 2025 Beginning at 11:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Richard Sutherland Unit #A57 Richard Sutherland Unit #A46 M5 M12

LCL25-0074 PUBLIC SALE AT ANCHOR STORAGE

1673 SE East Devils Lake Rd. Lincoln City, Or. 97367 Contact number is 541-921-9878. The following unit(s) will be sold at Public Sale on March 28th, 2025 Beginning at 11:00am for non-payment of rent and other fees. Tawny Jenkins Unit #E34 M5 M12

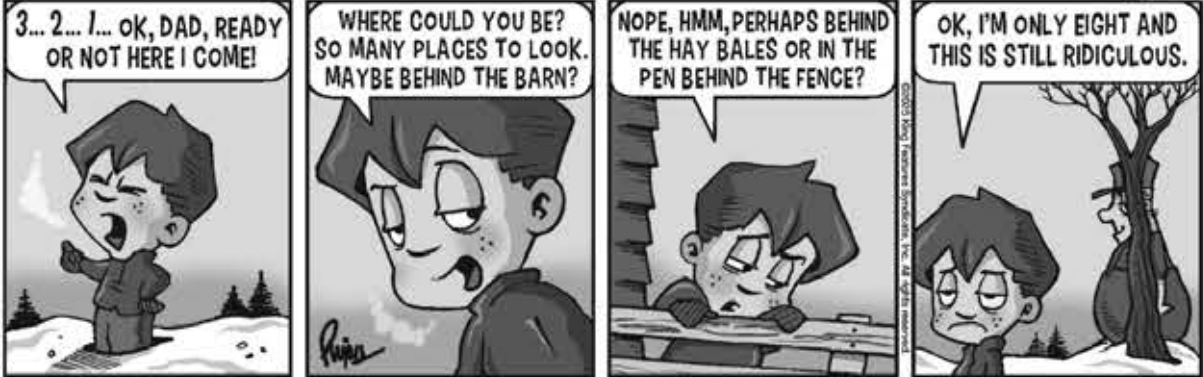
LCL25-0079

On March 25th, 2025 at 2:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 235 SW Dahl Ave. Waldport, OR 97394: Adam Glasgow - WE90 & WE98, Whitney Hudson - WA010, Khari Terwiesgar - WB015 & WC018, Sara Bellavita - WA004. On March 27th, 2025 at 11:00 AM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 5441 W. Hwy 20, Toledo, OR 97391: Damone & Erika Heins - T0852, Mariah Thetford & Jessie Rocha - T088. Minimum bid \$50.00 Cash only. M5 M12

LCL25-0067 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

TS No.: 144653 APN: R352002/11-10-07-DA-06001 Reference is made to that certain deed made by Lucille Keith, widow as Grantor to Pacific Northwest The Company of Oregon, Inc., as Trustee, in favor of One Reverse Mortgage, LLC as Beneficiary, dated 02/24/2011, recorded 03/28/2011, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon as Instrument No. 2011-03091 and re-recorded 1/8/2025 Instrument No. 2025-00104 in Book xx, Page xx covering the following described real property situated in said County and State, to wit: Exhibit A Beginning at a point that is North 21.18 feet and West 94.2 feet from the Southeast corner of Section 7, Township 11 South, Range 10 West, Willamette Meridian in Lincoln County, Oregon; thence South 4 deg. East 150 feet to a point on the South line of the McNeal tract described in deed recorded in Book 132, Page 451, Deed Records, which point is the true point of beginning of the herein described tract; thence West along the South line of said McNeal tract 372.18 feet to the East line of the Dickinson tract described in deed recorded in Book 106, Page 221, Deed Records; thence South along the said Dickinson tract East line 85 feet; thence East to a point that is South 18 deg. West 85 feet, more or less to from the true point of beginning; thence North 18 deg. 30' East 85 feet more or less, to the true point of beginning of the herein described tract; thence West along the South line of said McNeal tract 372.18 feet to the East line of the Dickinson tract described in deed recorded in Book 106, Page 221, Deed Records; thence South along the said Dickinson tract East line 85 feet; thence East to a point that is South 18 deg. 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Amber Waves



Out on a Limb



The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE



HOCUS-FOCUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals D

GYNYJV EYFVJSVJQ USQ LPOSN
UVKJ K CQIO-ECVVRVA, ZVCNVA
JQZV PIENVKA QG K TKFV:
TKGNKI LKJRV C.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

TGXSGGJ AXMLHDHA UJF
EGAOKJAG XRGEG MA U
AOUZG. MJ XRUX AOZG MA
KHE OKSGE XK ZRKKAG KHE
EGAOKJAG.
— AKHEZG HJWJKSJ

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Trivia test

1. TELEVISION: Which 1960s sitcom was about a TV comedy writer, his job and his family?
2. AD SLOGANS: Which candy slogan urges consumers to “Taste the rainbow”?
3. COMICS: Which superhero gets his power from a ring?
4. GEOGRAPHY: Which country has the most islands?
5. MEASUREMENTS: How many cups are in a pint?
6. MOVIES: Which scary 1980 movie contained the phrase “red rum” and what does it mean?
7. ANATOMY: What is the outermost layer of human skin called?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to ride in a car to his inauguration?
9. HISTORY: When did India gain its independence from Great Britain?
10. CHILDREN’S LITERATURE: Who lives at 32 Windsor Gardens?

Answers

1. “The Dick Van Dyke Show.”
2. Skittles.
3. The Green Lantern.
4. Sweden.
5. Two.
6. “The Shining.” It’s the word “murder” spelled backward.
7. Epidermis.
8. Warren Harding (1921).
9. 1947.
10. Paddington Bear and the Brown family.

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Cryptoquip
answer
Future superhero who might wear a long-sleeved, belted robe instead of a cape:
Cattan Marvel.

Cryptoquote
answer
Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response.
— Source Unknown

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
TARANTULA
1. Adapt 2. Attain; 3. Scale; 4. Endure

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Comply PATAD
Achieve TATIAN
Climb LACES
Brave RUENED

TODAY'S WORD



“Don't anyone move their feet until I find my _____!”

Newport cheer champions again

WILL LOHRE

Country Media, Inc.

Newport's cheer team has been doing a lot of winning in 2025. After winning a national championship in January, the Cubs have added a 4A state title to the trophy case, their second consecutive season atop Oregon's 4A division.

Competing in the Oregon City High School gym, Newport was crowned 4A state champions at the OSAA State Cheerleading Championships on Feb. 15. Newport scored 105.70 to beat out a talented Sweet Home/Central Linn program who tallied a 99.30.

The achievement reflects countless hours of dedication and hard work, as the team was always hungry for the next challenge. For Newport Cheer Head Coach Jessica Arnsdorf, the season marks the end of an era. 2025 is her last as head coach for the program, and she couldn't have envisioned a better send-off.

"Closing out my 25-year coaching career with another state championship is truly the perfect ending to this incredible journey," Arnsdorf said. "To see the dedication, resilience, and heart of these athletes pay off

one last time is beyond rewarding. This state championship is not just about the trophy; it's a reflection of years of hard work, growth, and unforgettable memories. I couldn't have asked for a better way to retire than celebrating this achievement with a team that embodies everything I've loved about coaching."

For Arnsdorf, coaching has been more than just a job; she said her time with the Cubs has been her "passion, purpose, and a second family." Now, she'll pass the reigns to Coach Alex VanOrder, who Arnsdorf said will be an "amazing replacement."

VanOrder has been an assistant coach with the program, and she described what winning the second title meant to the group.

"Winning another state championship is pure euphoria. It's the payoff for endless hours of hard work, sacrifices, and dedication," VanOrder said. "Hearing your name called as 'champions,' you feel the pride flood in for your athletes who pushed through every challenge and came out on top. Then comes the relief, knowing the pressure is off and the trophy is yours. But deep down, the hunger to do it all again kicks in—because nothing compares to being a

champion."

That hunger to win was the fuel for the Cubs' success this season. The routine Newport stormed the state championships with was built upon "precision, difficulty, and energy." VanOrder said, "execution was everything," and the team delivered when it needed to most.

"Our stunts were sharp, well-executed, and packed with difficulty—whether it was elite-level pyramids, two mans, or perfectly timed basket tosses. Tumbling played a huge role, with synchronized passes that showed off our team's athleticism," VanOrder said. "Our dance section was clean, high-energy, and engaging, keeping the crowd and judges locked in. Most importantly, our performance was confident, sharp, and mistake-free—every motion, every transition, and every smile made an impact."

Execution in the face of pressure is challenging, and it was important for Newport's team to lean on and follow the examples of the program's senior captains, Heidi Hackworth, Dorothy Semple, and Hailey Albinio. Each one helped "pave the way" to victory for the Cubs, each in their own way.

"Hailey's fearless energy and

sharp execution set the tone for the entire team. Dorothy's leadership and consistency kept everyone focused and motivated through tough practices. Heidi's strength in stunts and focus pushed the difficulty level of the routine, making a huge impact on the judges," VanOrder said. "Their dedication, teamwork, and passion helped elevate the entire team, making this championship win possible."

The season featured some high highs for the team, but "it wasn't always easy." VanOrder said one of the biggest challenges for the team this year was "maintaining a steady pace." Staying motivated and consistent "from the first practice to the final performance" requires laser focus and sacrifice.

As student-athletes, taking home the gold medal at the end of the season isn't just about one performance at the end; it's about all of the little moments that lead up to that point.

"Full dedication from every member, as balancing school, injuries, and personal commitments tested our focus," VanOrder said. "In the end, the team's resilience and commitment made this championship season one to remember."

It is no surprise that Newport's

season to remember would also feature some unforgettable moments. The team started the season in the summer when they attended a National Cheerleading Association camp at Oregon State University. The team shined at the event and garnered multiple awards and victories. Winning the national championship in Las Vegas was another moment that will live long in program history.

In addition to team achievements, Newport also had individuals receive recognition at the 2024 OCCA All-State competition in October 2024. Two members of the team were put on the All-State team, and Hailey Albinio was crowned individual champion of the 4A Division.

Winning is rarely easy, and adversity seems to make the fruits of victory all the sweeter. VanOrder said that the season was filled with unforgettable highlights and formidable challenges, and those made the journey even more rewarding. Taking home another championship was about more than just winning for the Cubs; it was about showing where they come from.

"We come from a small town, so it means everything to represent our community and show we are Newport," VanOrder said.

Taft girls leave with heads held high

By JOHN GUNTHER

For Country Media, Inc.

Taft girls basketball team went further than any other in school history.

The Tigers came up short of a trophy, losing both their games in the 3A state tournament, but left with heads held high and excited about what they had accomplished.

"I'm really proud of all of us," Taft senior Sienna Lillebo said. "We've worked so hard."

The Tigers ran up against two other great teams in the tournament, typical since the event draws eight of the top teams in the state.

In the quarterfinals, Taft fell to a Banks club that ended up nearly winning the championship on Saturday night — the Braves fell to top-ranked Amity 43-41 in the final contest.

The Tigers led Banks 13-9 after one quarter and trailed just 25-24 at halftime before cold shooting in the second half against a tough defense led to the Braves pulling away for a 55-36 win.

Lillebo had four 3-pointers and finished with 16 points against Banks. Olivia Davis added 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Jayde Reyes-Cornejo, Laney Lee and Angilea Deaton combined for the other 10 points.

Taft shot just 4-for-26 from the floor in the second half.

The game against Banks was the final contest of the opening day, and Taft had to be back on the court at 9:45 a.m. Friday to face a talented Burns squad led by one of the state's top overall athletes, Akylah Kaino.

Again, Taft got off to a strong start. The Tigers

were up 28-20 at halftime and led by as many as 13 in the third quarter before Burns rallied behind the outside shooting of Bailey Temple, who hit six 3-pointers.

The fourth quarter was close all the way. Parker Kennedy gave Taft its last lead at 51-49 before one of Temple's 3-pointers put Burns in front. Kennedy had another hoop to keep the Tigers in contention and Lillebo hit two free throws with 41 seconds to go to tie the game.

After a miss by Burns and two missed free throws by Kaino, Taft had the ball milking the clock down for a potential game-winning final shot. But disaster struck when Kaino stepped in front of a pass, stealing the ball, then raced down the court and made the game-winning layin just before the final buzzer to give the

Hilanders a 57-55 victory.

Burns went on to beat Cascade Christian in the consolation final Saturday morning.

Despite the heartbreaking loss, Taft coach Jake Tolan was thrilled with the effort of his team.

"It was a great game," he said. "The girls competed. We came up short, but we had a chance to win."

Mostly, he was pleased with how they battled after the tough loss a night earlier.

"My message to the girls before the game was it's going to take heart, toughness, everything we talk about to compete with that team," he said. "Yesterday (against Banks) we played great for a half. I felt they held their composure much better today."

Lillebo and her teammates were understandably heartbroken to have their

season end the way it did, but not upset with how they played.

"I thought we played well," she said. "It's hard to come back in the morning. I think I can wholeheartedly say we left it all on the court today."

Lillebo had 16 points and six steals in her final game for the Tigers. Davis and Parker, Taft's sophomore posts, had 17 and 16 points, respectively, and Davis also had 12 rebounds.

Ava Zalewski had four points and Aida Lupo two. Laney Lee had five steals.

Taft finished the season with a 20-8 record capped by the first trip to the final site.

"We've made history a lot of ways," said Lillebo, who was named to the all-tournament first team.

The goal for Taft now is to get back again.

The Tigers lose Lillebo,

Jayde Reyes-Cornejo, Angilea Deaton, Lexi McDougal and Ximena Sanchez-Lopez to graduation, but return a strong group as well.

"I think the program is in a great place," Lillebo said.

Tolan agreed.

"I feel we'll have a strong team and a chance to get back next year," he said. "It's hard to get here. Once you are here, you have to figure out how to navigate it."

The squad will look back fondly on its accomplishments, including beating defending state champion Corbett on its home court in the playoffs to get to the final site.

"We had a great season," Tolan said. "I'm privileged to be able to coach them. They work hard."

"I'm super proud of them."

Program building a process for Taft wrestling

WILL LOHRE

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This season was all about growth for Taft High School's wrestling program, and Head Coach Hayden Stevens is looking to build off a season that saw an influx of freshmen and two wrestlers head to the state championships. After years of being an assistant, this year is Stevens' first as a head coach, and he's still in the process of building a program. The youth wrestling scene in Lincoln City is in the early stages of development, and many of his new wrestlers are joining with zero prior experience. For Stevens, one of his goals is to create more opportunities for athletes to get involved with wrestling earlier.

"The amount of freshmen who want to come out and do club wrestling, the amount of middle school kids who have been asking whether I

will be doing wrestling for middle school, there's a ton of momentum going," Stevens said. "Right now, the only plan is the club wrestling. Hopefully, we can get a middle school program going in the future."

Taft used to have a club team about three years ago, but it has since fallen by the wayside, according to Stevens. The school also does not have a middle school team, which is a barrier to competing at the high school level. At the biggest tournaments, Stevens said that many of the kids have been wrestling since elementary school. Without the institutional knowledge that's baked into lifetime wrestlers, much of the season's focus has been honing the fundamentals. One thing they don't lack is enthusiasm. "Hopefully, this freshmen group, and all these kids coming in, starting up some club, will bring in

some kids that are wrestling at a younger age, and when they're getting in, you're not starting from ground zero," Stevens said. "We spent so much time on the basics this year, and you do a lot of that anyways, but it's teaching kids how to wrestle at all. Hopefully, that can be a shorter part of practice in the next few years because some of the kids have been in our club."

Stevens said the majority of his team is made up of freshmen, and he's hoping that over the next few years, they will have built a program that can compete with anyone. "The majority of our team right now are freshmen; by the time they hit their senior year, we're going to have a solid, committed group of kids," Stevens said. "We may not be winning any state titles their senior year because you're still working with kids who have never wrestled a day in their lives, but

it's about changing the culture."

Two members of this year's team who have started to embody that wrestling culture were the program's state qualifiers: Senior Julia Towers and freshman Selvin Fajardo. Each qualified for states, placing third at their district meets. Losing Towers next year will be a huge loss for the program, according to Stevens. Towers was a stalwart performer for the Tigers all season, wrestling against boys and girls and taking on every challenge. After earning second place at states in her sophomore year, she missed out on competing last season due to injury. At the state championships in Portland on Feb. 27 and 28, Towers pinned her quarterfinal opponent to earn a place in the state semifinals. In a heartbreaking development, she was forced to drop out due to not making weight before the

semi and placed sixth by default. Replacing what Towers brought to the program on and off the mat is going to be a big ask for those who remain next season. "That's going to be a huge gap to fill next year. We have other good people on the team, but her leadership, she was the leader for the boys and the girls. When we had a dual, whether it was just boys or not, she was the team captain," Stevens said. "She led everyone in practices; she had everyone going. She was a super hard worker, super smart, a great person to have in the room, and dependable. She's got a crazy work ethic. She's going to be super successful in life, and one of those kids that you're glad you got to work with." While there are people who can step up, it's another matter to actually see someone step up to that responsibility. Stevens

said he is excited to see Janelle Towers, Julia's sister, develop in the coming years after a good season. For the boys, Fajardo represented Taft at the state championships, and though he lost both matches, Stevens said qualifying was a big achievement. "Selvin didn't win a match yesterday, but he made the state tournament as a freshman, in his first whole year of wrestling," Stevens said. "Most of the kids in that bracket have wrestled at the very least through middle school. For a school like Taft, that doesn't even have a middle school program, for him to come in as a freshman and make the tournament is a huge win." With almost a year before next year's high school wrestling season, Stevens will be putting together programs to build a solid foundation for the next crop of Tiger wrestlers coming down the pipeline.