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# Lincoln County Leader

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## OCATT Center construction update

STAFF REPORT  
Lincoln County Leader

Work is accelerating at the Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades (OCATT) site at the Oregon Coast Community College Newport campus. Crews finished pouring the final section of the building’s concrete slab in early August, and exterior walls are now going up alongside the building’s glulam columns — the sturdy wood beams that will support its roof structure. Siding and roofing

are on track for October, after which work will shift indoors, with the building ready for equipment move-in by March 2027 and full completion in June 2027, according to a social media post. Other bond-funded improvements are wrapping up across campus: HVAC and security upgrades at the North and Central campuses, roof and interior work at North Center, and floor and lighting improvements in the Aquarium Science

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On May 21, 2024, voters in Lincoln County approved a bond measure referred by OCCC to build a center for trades education and update and upgrade existing college facilities. This flyover shows work at the Newport campus. (Courtesy photo)

## Newport to host ‘first-ever’ State of the City Address

STAFF REPORT  
Lincoln County Leader

The City of Newport will host its first-ever State of the City address on Tuesday, Sept. 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, located at 777 W. Olive St. in Newport. The address will be led by Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan, Newport City Council members, and Newport City Manager Nina Vetter. “The State of the City is an opportunity to reflect on where Newport has been, where we are today and where we are headed,” City Manager Nina Vetter said. “We look forward to bringing our community together and sharing what we have accomplished, and how we are preparing for the future.” The inaugural event will give community members an opportunity to hear directly from City leadership about Newport’s progress and accomplishments, key initiatives and ongoing efforts to strengthen the community, the challenges Newport faces, and the City’s priorities for the years ahead, according to a release from the city. Following the address, the city will host a reception until 7 p.m. Attendees are invited to stay, connect with fellow community members and city representatives, and continue the conversation. The event is free and open to all community members.

- **WHAT:** Newport State of the City Address
- **WHEN:** Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m.
- **RECEPTION:** Following the address, until 7 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Performing Arts Center, 777 W. Olive St., Newport, Ore.
- **WHO:** All community members are invited



## Summer tourism figures show ‘strong signal’

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Lincoln County Leader

Tourism is a leading economic driver in Lincoln County. Visitor spending drives millions in local transient lodging taxes and state shared revenues, helping fund community services and local infrastructure. Total Spending amounts to over \$1 billion annually on the Central Coast alone, contributing to the broader \$2.5+ billion total annual economy of the entire Oregon Coast, according to Travel Oregon. The latest summer 2026 visitor counts dipped slightly in Lincoln City compared to the summer of 2025, but Explore Lincoln City Director Kim Fielding Cooper classifies the numbers as a “strong signal.” “Average overnight lodging occupancy rates for the summer months (end of May through late August) have been 76.6%”

See **TOURISM**, page A6



Simple walks searching for shells along the beach are part of the tourism draw along the Central Oregon Coast. (Courtesy from Explore Lincoln City)

## Police focus on school bus safety

JEREMY C. RUARK  
Lincoln County Leader

Police and sheriff’s deputies in Lincoln County continue to enforce traffic safety laws, including focusing on impaired drivers, and as we head into a new school year, bus safety. The Lincoln City Police department (LCPD) just wrapped up a holiday DUII Enforcement over the Labor Day Holiday. Patrol officers are now focusing on school bus safety enforcement. To

gain insight into the DUII enforcement results and what we can expect during the next few months in school bus safety efforts, the Lincoln County Leader reached out to LCPD Patrol Sgt. Erik Anderson. **Lincoln County Leader:** What are the results from the Labor Day Holiday DUII Enforcement? How many

citations issued and what for? **Erik Anderson:** During the Labor Day DUII High Visibility Enforcement period Officers partaking in grant hours conducted 15 traffic stops for moving violations over about 7 hours of extra enforcement. Only one citation was issued to a driver

See **SAFETY**, page A6



Lincoln City Police officers are focusing on school bus safety enforcement. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

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Wednesday: High-70/Low-52  
Partly Cloudy

Thursday: High-64/Low-54  
Mostly Sunny

Friday: High-63/Low-51  
AM Clouds/PM Sun

Saturday: High-63/Low-51  
AM Fog/PM Sun

Sunday: High-64/Low-52  
Partly Cloudy

Monday: High-62/Low-52  
Cloudy

Tuesday: High-62/Low-50  
Partly Cloudy

Past Weather

On the Coast

|                                        | Rain      | Low           | High     |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| 08-Sep.....                            | 0.....    | 51.87 °F..... | 72.57 °F |
| 09-Sep.....                            | 0.....    | 53.46 °F..... | 73.78 °F |
| 10-Sep.....                            | 0.....    | 53.21 °F..... | 67.5 °F  |
| 11-Sep.....                            | 0.....    | 50.84 °F..... | 66.57 °F |
| 12-Sep.....                            | 0.1.....  | 52.3 °F.....  | 64.79 °F |
| 13-Sep.....                            | 0.06..... | 52.39 °F..... | 65.1 °F  |
| 14-Sep.....                            | 0.....    | 56.71 °F..... | 58.95 °F |
| Total rainfall from Jan. 1 .....30.14" |           |               |          |

Tides Tables

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

|           |                |     |
|-----------|----------------|-----|
| High..... | 4:41 a.m.....  | 5.5 |
| Low.....  | 9:50 a.m.....  | 2.8 |
| High..... | 3:59 p.m.....  | 6.8 |
| Low.....  | 11:04 p.m..... | 0.6 |

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

|           |                |     |
|-----------|----------------|-----|
| High..... | 5:41 a.m.....  | 5.1 |
| Low.....  | 10:28 a.m..... | 3.4 |
| High..... | 4:40 p.m.....  | 6.5 |

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

|           |                |     |
|-----------|----------------|-----|
| Low.....  | 12:04 a.m..... | 0.9 |
| High..... | 6:54 a.m.....  | 4.8 |
| Low.....  | 11:19 a.m..... | 3.8 |
| High..... | 5:34 p.m.....  | 6.2 |

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

|           |                |     |
|-----------|----------------|-----|
| Low.....  | 1:16 a.m.....  | 1.1 |
| High..... | 8:23 a.m.....  | 4.7 |
| Low.....  | 12:38 p.m..... | 4.1 |
| High..... | 6:46 p.m.....  | 6.1 |

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

|           |               |     |
|-----------|---------------|-----|
| Low.....  | 2:28 a.m..... | 1.1 |
| High..... | 9:40 a.m..... | 4.9 |
| Low.....  | 2:11 p.m..... | 4.0 |
| High..... | 8:06 p.m..... | 6.1 |

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

|           |                |     |
|-----------|----------------|-----|
| Low.....  | 3:29 a.m.....  | 0.8 |
| High..... | 10:27 a.m..... | 5.2 |
| Low.....  | 3:23 p.m.....  | 3.5 |
| High..... | 9:15 p.m.....  | 6.2 |

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

|           |                |     |
|-----------|----------------|-----|
| Low.....  | 4:17 a.m.....  | 0.6 |
| High..... | 11:00 a.m..... | 5.5 |
| Low.....  | 4:18 p.m.....  | 2.9 |
| High..... | 10:10 p.m..... | 6.5 |

Sunrise/Sunset

|               |               |           |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| Sept. 16..... | 6:56 a.m..... | 7:27 p.m. |
| Sept. 17..... | 6:57 a.m..... | 7:25 p.m. |
| Sept. 18..... | 6:58 a.m..... | 7:23 p.m. |
| Sept. 19..... | 6:59 a.m..... | 7:21 p.m. |
| Sept. 20..... | 7:01 a.m..... | 7:19 p.m. |
| Sept. 21..... | 7:02 a.m..... | 7:17 p.m. |
| Sept. 22..... | 7:03 a.m..... | 7:15 p.m. |
| Sept. 23..... | 7:04 a.m..... | 7:13 p.m. |
| Sept. 24..... | 7:05 a.m..... | 7:12 p.m. |

Lottery

Friday, September 11

Mega Millions

3 • 30 • 33 • 53 • 62 • PB-22

Saturday, September 12

Powerball

14 • 16 • 23 • 58 • 69 • PB-3 • x2

Saturday, September 12

Megabucks

14 • 16 • 23 • 26 • 39 • 47

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Toledo resident sentenced in child sex offenses case

STAFF REPORT  
Lincoln County Leader



The Lincoln County District Attorney and law enforcement officials are encouraging parents, caregivers, educators, and members of the community to not only discuss the presence and risks of online predators but also report any suspected child exploitation to law enforcement. (Courtesy photo)

engaged in sexual conversations with a minor

On September 1, 2026, Goodell pled guilty to Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, Luring a Minor, Encouraging Child Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, and Using a Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct. Specifically, “Goodell admitted he

On SnapChat and induced that minor to create and send photographs of himself engaging in sexually explicit conduct to Goodell. Goodell also admitted to engaging in a sexual act with that minor and possessing child sex abuse material (CSAM), more commonly referred to as child pornography,” the release states.

Goodell was sentenced to a total of 86 months in prison, followed by three years of post-prison supervision. Goodell will also be required to register as a sex offender following his release from prison.

Goodell was recently convicted in Benton County of similar charges involving two additional minors. Goodell was

sentenced in Benton County to 70 months prison after pleading guilty to three counts of Attempting to Use Child in Display of Sexually Explicit Conduct, Online Sexual Corruption of a Child in the Second Degree, and Luring a Minor.

A portion of this sentence will run concurrently with his sentence in Lincoln County, for a total prison sentence of approximately 10 years (121 months).

Goodell also has prior convictions for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, Criminal Mischief in the Second Degree, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, and Driving While Suspended from

2021/2022.

“Children deserve protection, victims deserve justice, and those who prey upon children will be held accountable. Protecting children from sexual exploitation is one of the highest priorities of the Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office,” the release states.

The Lincoln County District Attorney and law enforcement officials are also encouraging parents, caregivers, educators, and members of the community to not only discuss the presence and risks of online predators but also report any suspected child exploitation to law enforcement. A timely report can help protect a child and preserve critical evidence.

One arrest in stolen vehicle investigation

STAFF REPORT  
Lincoln County Leader

A Marion County resident has been arrested in a stolen vehicle investigation in Lincoln City.

Lincoln City Police Department (LCPD) officers responded to the area of SE Drift Creek Road and SE Hemlock Drive just before midnight Sept. 6, to assist Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO deputies with the investigation of a stolen vehicle.

Officers learned a male suspect, later identified as 37-year-old Joseph Mealler, of Marion County Oregon, had stolen a vehicle from a nearby quarry, then fled the area on foot when

LCSO deputies attempted to contact him, according to LCPD Sgt. Torin Liden.

“LCPD deployed officers to the area to assist in maintaining a perimeter and deployed an unmanned aerial system (UAS). They also worked with LCSO and the Yamhill County Sheriff’s K9 Unit to conduct a foot search of the area,” Liden said.

Officers and deputies were unable to locate Mealler in the area that night.

LCPD Officers located Mealler in the area of Safeway, 4101 NW Logan Road, at approximately 12 p.m. Sept. 8, He was detained and held until LCSO deputies arrived



The investigation began in the area of SE Drift Creek Road and SE Hemlock Drive and ended in the area of the Safeway Shopping Mall on Logan Road in Lincoln City. (Metro Creative Connection)

and took custody of him.

LCSO deputies arrested

Mealler and lodged him at the Lincoln County Jail

for charges of:

- Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
- Criminal Mischief in the 1st Degree
- Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver when Property is Damaged
- Theft in the 1st Degree
- Two counts of Burglary in the 2nd Degree.

Mealler was also arrested for a Marion County Warrant charging Criminal Mischief in the 2nd Degree.

“LCPD enjoys a close working relationship with our county partners. Small and rural communities are served best by agencies that are able to pool their resources for investigations like this,” Liden said.

SHERIFF’S TIP OF THE WEEK

School Bus Safety

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

School is back in session, and you may be seeing more traffic, students walking or biking, and busses on the road.

Drivers have a responsibility to stop for school buses displaying red flashing lights. Because buses are large vehicles, it is very difficult to see

around them. The outcome of illegally passing a school bus can be devastating for children and drivers.

Law enforcement agencies receive reports each year from bus drivers and community members about motorists failing to stop for school buses. With nearly 6,000 school buses operating in the State of Oregon, motorists need to be alert.

When a bus is flashing

amber lights, motorists should prepare to stop. When the red lights begin to flash, motorists traveling in both directions must stop before reaching the bus and must remain stopped until the red lights are turned off. The same rules apply to church or work buses equipped with amber and red flashing lights. Be aware when following any type of bus, it may make frequent stops.

Oregon law requires motorists to stop whenever the red lights on a school bus are flashing, regardless of the direction they are traveling. The law applies to any roadway with two or more lanes of traffic, including multi-lane highways such as Highway 101.

The only exception to the law is for divided highways with two roads separated by an unpaved median strip or barrier,

such as in the Lincoln and Gleneden Beach areas.

In this case, only drivers on the same side of the road as the bus must stop. A painted median strip or a center lane used only for left turns does not create two separate lanes. Where this situation exists, all lanes of traffic must stop.

By staying alert and following traffic laws, you reduce the risk of traffic crashes and pedestrian injuries in our community. Please do your part to make our roads safe.

For more information and tips visit [www.lincolncountysheriff.net](http://www.lincolncountysheriff.net)

Northwest Training and Testing  
Draft Supplemental EIS/OEIS  
Available for Review and Comment

The U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard have jointly prepared a second supplement to the 2015 and 2020 environmental analyses of at-sea military readiness activities in the Northwest Training and Testing (NWT) Study Area. The September 2026 Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) is now available for review and comment through Oct. 19, 2026.

In-Person Open-House Public Meetings

In-person open-house public meetings will include informational poster stations staffed by project representatives who can answer questions about the Proposed Action and environmental analysis. Comments will be accepted in writing at the in-person public meetings.

Silverdale, Wash.  
Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2026  
4-7 p.m. PDT  
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Everett, Wash.  
Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2026  
4-7 p.m. PDT  
Carl Gipson Center, Cascade View Room  
3025 Lombard Ave.

Live Virtual Public Meetings

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026: 5 p.m. PDT/4 p.m. AKDT  
Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026: 6 p.m. PDT/5 p.m. AKDT

The virtual public meetings will consist of a live presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. The public can submit questions in advance of the live virtual public meetings until Sept. 28, 2026, via the question form on the project website. Questions may also be submitted online in writing during the live virtual public meetings. Questions submitted as part of the question-and-answer session are not official comments. Participants dialing in via telephone will not be able to ask questions during the live virtual public meetings. Visit [www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis) to learn more about and attend the virtual public meetings.

Draft SEIS/OEIS Review and Comment

The public, stakeholders, and federally recognized tribes are invited to review the Draft SEIS/OEIS and provide substantive comments on the Proposed Action, the environmental analysis, and the project’s potential to affect historic in-water properties in line with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Comments may be submitted at the in-person public meetings, on the project website at [www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis), or by mail to:

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Northwest  
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1101 Tautog Circle, Room 102  
Silverdale, WA 98315-1101

Visit the project website at [www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis](http://www.nepa.navy.mil/nwtteis) to learn more about the project, in-person and live virtual public meetings, and the NHPA Section 106 process; download the Draft SEIS/OEIS; view a virtual presentation about the project; submit questions for the virtual public meetings; and submit comments on the environmental analysis. The website also lists locations where you can view a printed copy of the Draft SEIS/OEIS.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by 11:59 p.m. PDT on Oct. 19, 2026, for consideration in the preparation of the Final SEIS/OEIS.

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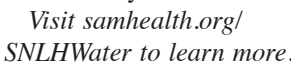
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Sudoku answers



The Lincoln County Democratic Party welcomes comments and questions, which can be addressed to [dems@lincolncountydemocratsoregon.com](mailto:dems@lincolncountydemocratsoregon.com).



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# Oregon officials urge use of ballot boxes while defending mail voting

**JULIA SHUMWAY**  
*Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Top Oregon elected officials on Tuesday, Sept. 8, urged Oregonians to use ballot drop boxes, not mailboxes, to return ballots in November as newly released data showed thousands of Oregonians missed having their May primary votes counted because of postal delays.

Secretary of State Tobias Read, Gov. Tina Kotek and U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, all Democrats, held a press conference at the state Capitol in Salem to reiterate their commitment to protecting Oregon’s decades-long history of mail voting.

Read, the state’s top election official, is seeking \$1.25 million from the Legislature’s emergency board this week to add 20 drop boxes, expand a ballot tracking system used by five

counties and cover other unanticipated election costs.

His funding request and the officials’ comments come as the U.S. Supreme Court weighs whether the U.S. Postal Service can implement a rule that would upturn how states run elections weeks before states begin mailing ballots. Oregon is among the states that sued to block the Postal Service rule and President Donald Trump’s executive order that preceded it.

Read and others said they’re confident the court will block the rule, and that even if it didn’t, it’s too close to the election for it to practically take effect.

“School’s back in session now,” Read said. “You could go to any playground and ask kids, ‘Does it make sense to change the rules in the middle of the game?’ The answer is ‘no.’ It’s not

practical. It’s not right. And we believe it’s not legal.”

His funding request, which the Legislature’s emergency board will consider Thursday, includes roughly \$150,000 to expand the BallotTrax ballot tracking system to all 36 counties.

Voters in Clackamas, Marion, Multnomah, Yamhill and Washington counties have been able to sign up for text alerts to follow their ballot from when it’s first mailed to them to when election workers have verified the ballot envelope signature and sorted it for counting.

It also includes \$120,000 for 20 new ballot boxes at \$6,000 apiece and \$344,000 for operational support for ballot boxes, as well as 5 cents per voter, or about \$153,000, for county election support.

And Read is seeking \$480,000 to reimburse counties that have to mail notices to inactive voters, mostly people who moved without updating their addresses and who had their ballots returned as undeliverable. Inactive voters don’t receive ballots but officials must notify voters they’re

inactive before removing them from voter rolls.

An official May primary election turnout report the Secretary of State’s Office released earlier on Tuesday showed a steep increase in the number of uncounted ballots over prior years. Since 2022, Oregon has allowed the counting of ballots post-marked by Election Day that arrive within the next week.

But changes at the Postal Service that require all mail to be taken first to a Portland processing center mean that in most of the state, mail doesn’t receive postmarks until at least the day after an Oregonian mails it.

Of the more than 55,000 ballots that arrived at county election offices during the seven-day grace period after the May primary, more than 7,300 couldn’t be counted because they had a postmark after Election Day. That’s a rate of 13.1%, higher than any prior election.

Merkley, Oregon’s junior U.S. senator, said mail voting is safer and more trustworthy than other systems.

“On Election Day, it

is easy to manipulate the outcome,” he said. “You simply move the locations where people vote, so they get confused. You put the locations where there’s no parking. You put out misinformation about the election day. You put out misinformation about the location. You put in machines that don’t work and slow things down, so people have eight-hour waits to vote, like they did in Georgia. None of that can be done with vote by mail.”

Kotek said Oregon has spent decades building a voting system that works — the state routinely boasts the highest or near-highest turnout rates in the country — and will defend it.

“Vote by mail means a parent doesn’t have to choose between getting somewhere to vote or taking care of their child,” she said. “Vote by mail means a worker who can’t afford to take time off work can sit down at their kitchen table after work and participate in our democracy, and it means an older Oregonian, or a person with a disability, or someone who would live far away from a polling

place can make their voice heard in an easier fashion. These are not abstract benefits.”

And Wyden, the first U.S. senator elected in an all-mail election in 1996, said constituents he spoke to in rural Oregon have been especially worried about maintaining mail elections. Some voters would face driving an hour to a ballot box or their county election office if they can’t rely on their mail, he said.

“To borrow a phrase from our wonderful letter carriers, I’ve got a special delivery message for Donald Trump: Keep the hell away from Oregon’s vote by mail,” he said.

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## Wildlife on the Move: Oregon Drivers urged to “Watch for Wildlife” this fall

**STAFF REPORT**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

As deer, elk, and other wildlife begin their fall migration, the Oregon

Wildlife Foundation reminds drivers to stay alert, helping prevent collisions.

Each year, an estimated 5,000 large animals are struck and killed on Oregon roads, with accidents peaking in October and November as deer and elk migrate to their lower elevation habitat. Collisions not only threaten wildlife but also endanger the safety of motorists.

“Fall is a wonderful time of year in Oregon and a great excuse to slow down, take in the scenery, and look around

for wildlife”, said Tim Greseth, Executive Director of Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

Drivers can reduce the risk of a collision by slowing down at dawn and dusk, particularly in areas with wildlife crossing signs, and by avoiding sudden swerves. When an animal is seen trying to cross a road, chances are high that others will follow.

Proceeds from the sale and renewal of the Watch for Wildlife specialty license plate support projects that help animals move between habitat

patches, including across Oregon’s highways and roads. Wildlife passage projects have included dedicated undercrossings and overcrossings, as well as modifications to existing bridges and culverts.

“There are almost 80,000 miles of public roads and highways in Oregon. That, coupled with the basic needs all animals have, puts them and us in harm’s way. That’s doubly true during migration season as deer, elk, and other species are moving in greater numbers from their higher elevation summer habitat to lower elevations where they’ll spend the winter,” said Greseth.

Oregonians can order the Watch for Wildlife plate through the DMV or [visitmyowf.org/watch-for-wildlife](https://visitmyowf.org/watch-for-wildlife) to learn more about how plate sales fund habitat connectivity projects, including wildlife passage efforts across Oregon.

Happy with your current plate but still want to support habitat connectivity and wildlife passage projects? Consider a donation to Oregon Wildlife Foundation’s Wildlife Migration and Movement Fund (formerly known as the Watch for Wildlife Fund) via Donate Now – Oregon Wildlife Foundation.

**Oregon Wildlife Foundation**  
Oregon Wildlife Foundation is an apolitical operating charitable foundation dedicated to increasing private and public funding support for wildlife conservation projects in Oregon. Since 1981, the Foundation has directed tens of millions of dollars in private and public support to a broad range of projects throughout Oregon.

For more information, visit [www.myowf.org](https://www.myowf.org).  
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Oregon small businesses deserve a break from steep credit card fees

FRANK SQUILLO  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

A recent survey from Gov. Tina Kotek’s Prosperity Council found that most Oregonians believe high costs, taxes and regulations are making it harder for businesses to grow. The governor acknowledged the challenge plainly: “We have to be intentional here, to be competitive.” One place to start is with the steep credit card processing fees Oregon businesses pay on nearly every transaction.

Credit card interchange fees, commonly known as “swipe fees,” typically take 2 to 4 percent of every credit card purchase. For a small business like ours, that means paying a fee each time a customer buys a cup of



Credit card companies charge businesses swipe fees, and businesses often pass them on to consumers. (Alexander Castro / Rhode Island Current)

coffee, a box of pastries or even leaves a non-cash tip for an employee. Those percentages add up quickly. Businesses across the U.S. paid a record \$157 billion in credit card “swipe fees” last year, \$9 billion more than in 2024. For small businesses already facing rising costs for food,

labor, insurance and utilities, processing fees have become another significant expense with little ability to negotiate them. That’s largely because Visa and Mastercard dominate the credit card payments market, leaving merchants with few alternatives. Oregon lawmakers have

an opportunity to provide some relief. One commonsense reform would be to prohibit credit card companies from charging “swipe fees” on gratuities. While Oregon businesses don’t face the additional challenge of paying processing fees on sales taxes, we still pay them on tips intended for our employees. Businesses shouldn’t have to pay a fee on money they don’t actually keep. The credit card industry argues that separating portions of transactions would be difficult. But the payments system already identifies different components of transactions for accounting purposes. This small tweak would require an operational adjustment, not rebuilding the entire payments ecosystem. Congress can also

address the lack of competition in the credit card market. The bipartisan Credit Card Competition Act would require large card-issuing banks to provide a second processing network beyond Visa or Mastercard. Giving merchants a choice could create natural competition over “swipe fees,” contributing to savings as high as \$17 billion annually for consumers and businesses alike. Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley could support that effort federally, while state lawmakers pursue reforms that can provide relief here at home. If Oregon is serious about becoming more competitive and helping small businesses succeed, reducing excessive credit card “swipe fees” is a practical place to start.

Even modest reforms would allow more of every dollar spent at a local business to stay in that business, as well as in the community it serves. Frank Squillo is the co-owner of Wanda’s Cafe + Bakery in Nehalem, Oregon. <https://oregon-capitalchronicle.com/2026/09/02/oregon-small-businesses-deserve-a-break-from-steep-credit-card-fees/> Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: [info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com](mailto:info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com).

Shades of Trump in Oregon

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Oregon voters as a whole have not approved of Donald Trump any time he’s been on the general election ballot, handing him losses in 2016 (39.1%), in 2020 (40.4%) and 2024 (41%). But parts of Oregon then and now have expressed different attitudes, as an election map of the state would show. Slicing the data in a different way, we now have a new report breaking the state’s current polling data into 35 geographic units, similar in number to the state’s 36 counties, but in this case each with similar populations. This recasting shows up in a new national report in the polling analysis site Strength in Numbers, led by G. Elliot Morris (whose Substack is well worth a review), and drawing on an unusually large and detailed data set. Nationally, it gives Trump an overall polling average of 38.2%, which if anything is a bit higher than some other

polling aggregators conclude. Oregon, being a little bluer than the nation overall, gives Trump a job approval of 32.8%. Rather than using county maps, where enormous spaces may contain few people, and vice versa, distorting the voter picture, the report relies on Census Public Use Microdata Areas, or PUMAs. Each of the 35 in Oregon contains roughly 100,000 adults. There are no massive surprises here. But we can see some sharp patterns. First, the three — and there were only three — PUMAs where Trump polling approval topped 50%: the Klamath, Malheur, Lake and Harney four-county area (55.6%); the Union, Baker, Wallowa and southeastern Umatilla counties region (54.8%), and Douglas County (53.3%). That these areas support Trump is not surprising at all, though two years ago Trump scored 70% or more in nearly all these places. Then there are the batch of PUMAs where Trump’s favorables have dropped below 50%, but still clearly above the national average: the Josephine, Coos



President Donald Trump speaks during an event in the Oval Office on Aug. 6, 2026. Trump signed an executive order during the event denying birthright citizenship to children of foreign diplomats after a loss at the U.S. Supreme Court limited an earlier order. (Alex Wong / Getty Images)

and Curry counties area (49.1%); Deschutes (leaving out the city of Bend), Crook and Jefferson counties 47.7%; most of Linn County including Albany (46%), Marion County except Salem and Keizer (44.7%); the Columbia River counties from northwest Umatilla to Hood River County (44%); the cities of Medford and Central Point (43.9%); and southeastern Clackamas County (43.6%). Up to this point, the PUMAs have been essentially rural, with a few mid-sized cities thrown in (Medford, Albany, Grants Pass). The Oregon PUMAs roughly matching Trump’s

support nationwide include Jackson County minus Medford and Central Point (40.5%); Lane County except Eugene and Springfield (39.1%); Yamhill County (39%); Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties (38.2%); Northern Salem city and Keizer 37.4%; Polk and Lincoln counties (36.8%). These areas may hit close to the national average but still are more pro-Trump than Oregon overall. Now, as the Trump numbers decline sharply, we move into urban and suburban areas, nearly all in the Willamette Valley (the big exception being the city of Bend, which

is also in this group). These PUMAs include northwest Clackamas County including Oregon City (32.9%); central and southern Salem city (31.7%); the Milwaukie and Happy Valley areas in Clackamas County 31.3%; Springfield and northeast Eugene cities (29.7%); the Gresham, Troutdale and Gorge areas in Multnomah County (29.5%); Bend city (27.6%); Hillsboro area in Washington County (25.6%); Benton County and southwest Linn County (25.3%); the Wilsonville and Lake Oswego area in Clackamas County (25.9%), Forest Grove and western Washington County area (27.5%); the Tigard, Tualatin and Sherwood area in Washington County (25.5%); eastern Portland city (23.7%); and the Beaverton area (23.1%). Finally, we get to the areas where you have to go on an intense search to find evidence of Trump support, though some does exist if you look for it. These places include central and western Eugene (20.7%); eastern Beaverton (19%); southeast Portland (13%); west Portland (11.6%); north-central Portland

(10.9%); and east-central Portland (10.4%). For the record, Trump received 17.1% of the Multnomah County vote in 2024, which still represented higher support than current polling indicates. Viewed as a whole, the usual patterns — more Republican and Trump support in the more rural areas, and farther from large metro areas — seems to continue in force. But those numbers are significant. They do seem to represent, both in red and blue areas, across the board decline in support for the president. If that has an effect on votes cast for other Republicans in the state, it could have a big impact on Oregon elections in another couple of months. <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/09/03/shades-of-trump-in-oregon/> Oregon Capital Chronicle is part of States Newsroom, a network of news bureaus supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Oregon Capital Chronicle maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Lynne Terry for questions: [info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com](mailto:info@oregoncapitalchronicle.com).

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Wherever a responsible labor movement flourishes, there industry prospers, production increases, and the living standards of the community improve.”  
Harry S. Truman

ONLINE POLL

| PREVIOUS POLL                                                          |              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| What emotion is your child/children experiencing going back to school? |              |
| 11.8%.....                                                             | Excitement   |
| 5.9%.....                                                              | Eagerness    |
| 11.8%.....                                                             | Apprehension |
| 47.1%.....                                                             | Dread        |
| 23.5%.....                                                             | None         |

| New Poll                                                                                                                                          |  |
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| What Fall-time staple are you most looking forward to?                                                                                            |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sweater Weather</li><li>Homecoming Game</li><li>Halloween</li><li>Pumpkins... Pumpkins Everywhere</li></ul> |  |



SAFETY

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who was driving without insurance and a different driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. That is in addition to the four other drivers arrested by LCPD for DUII during that period during regular patrol shifts.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Are the citation numbers up or down from previous years and why?

**Anderson:** Citation numbers are up about 10% this year to this point which I believe is attributable to more regular staffing last year which obviously has impacts on service. Last year to this point we had issued 403 citations and this year we have issued 449 citations. In Lincoln City, police officers are far more likely to educate drivers and issue them a warning, rather than issue them a fine; however, if drivers continue to violate the law, they are more likely to receive citations

and the associated fines.

Lincoln County Leader: What areas of the city did your officers find the highest concentration of DUII offenses?

**Anderson:** We generally find most of our DUII drivers along Highway 101, and about half are called in by other concerned motorists who recognize dangerous driving. We also have a lot of great area partners in our business community who try to stop patrons from driving intoxicated. Often, these establishments will call law enforcement if a driver does not heed their warning. A first great tip is don't drink and drive, a second great tip is if the bartender says "don't drive," they mean it.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Overall, what is the message the LCPD is sending out about these DUII enforcement projects?

**Anderson:** Last year in Oregon we had about 490 Oregonians die on our roadways and about a third of those are attributable to impaired driving crashes. These are our

neighbors, our spouses, our children, and our friends. These High Visibility Enforcement events are one opportunity we have to raise awareness of this problem and try to deter people from making this incredibly selfish decision. The decision to abuse drugs or alcohol then drive affects far more than just the driver, and if we can get them off the road before they kill or maim someone or encourage that person to not make that drive altogether, that is our goal.

**Lincoln County Leader:** What are the most frequent school bus law violations your officers are seeing?

**Anderson:** So, we are only two days in so far for the school year, but based on history, our main traffic problem for keeping school children safe are drivers who violate the "Failure to Stop for Bus Safety Lights" at school bus stops. Our children are our most vulnerable and most precious members of our community. During school pick up and drop

off times our patrol officers are directed, if not on other calls for service, to be in our school zones. Presence alone is a strong deterrent to risky decision making and our Officers are ready to enforce our traffic laws to protect our younger residents.

**Lincoln County Leader:** To be clear, what should drivers remember about school bus safety?

**Anderson:** Often times as adults we expect pedestrians to abide by logical decision making; however, as any parent knows, children often do unpredictable things. As drivers, we are responsible for taking that into account. We are trained to expect those things in our driver education, and we are legally accountable to be prepared for and respond to those unexpected things such as a bouncing ball rolling in the road with a child following, or children unexpectedly stepping from the bus stop towards the roadway. We all must do our part to keep these kids safe, even when we are responding to their actions.

**Lincoln County Leader:** What are the presumptive fines violators can face?

**Anderson:** The presumptive fine for "Failure to Stop for Bus Safety Lights" is \$440 and in a school zone that is doubled to \$880. These fines pale in comparison to the potential devastation of hitting and possibly killing a child.

**Lincoln County Leader:** What areas of the city are LCPD officers monitoring for school bus safety?

**Anderson:** Officers are assigned to be in the area of our schools during pick up and drop off times. For Oceanlake Elementary that could be remaining in the immediate are of the school our out on Highway 101 in close proximity. For Taft Elementary and Taft High School, Officers are usually either on High School Drive or Spyglass Drive.

**Lincoln County Leader:** What type of enforcement is the LCPD conducting to make sure drivers are following school bus safety laws?

**Anderson:** Officers are out proactively looking for violations and being present in the pickup areas. We expect drivers to look for those school bus lights and stop, no matter which direction they are heading. Additionally, we encourage parents to teach their children proper pedestrian safety behavior. We had a great experience with several LCPD members getting the opportunity to teach basic concepts of pedestrian safety to school children during RecKids this summer, but we rely on parents to take their larger role in their children's safety.

**Lincoln County Leader:** Feel free to add any other comments.

**Anderson:** We do have some grant funding remaining for DUII and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement this year and plan on conducting more High Visibility Enforcement during the Lincoln City Kite Festival weekend, September 25 through 27. I've got fingers crossed for clear skies and safe roadways!

TOURISM

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in 2026 versus 77.7% in 2025," she said. "We are pleased to see occupancy holding so strong given the state of the economy."

According to Coopeer Fielding, in a struggling economy, with high fuel prices making air travel less affordable, travelers favor destinations within easy driving distance.

"The Oregon Coast, including Lincoln City, is well positioned to benefit from this trend, with many of its key visitor markets accessible by just a few tanks of gas and often at

a lower overall cost than air travel," she said. "A few of Lincoln City's primary road-trip markets include the Portland metro area, Eugene, Bend, the Willamette Valley, and the Seattle/Tacoma area in Washington. These markets offer relatively convenient access by car, making Lincoln City an accessible and potentially more affordable getaway for travelers."

The impact from the summer Oregon wildfires has had a significant impact in the local visitor counts.

"The Oregon Coast is often sought out for its fresh ocean air and

cool coastal atmosphere. However, Lincoln City was not immune to the effects of statewide wildfires, experiencing several days of smoky conditions in late July and early August.," she said. "Overall, we experienced a lovely summer, and Lincoln City welcomed those seeking the Oregon Coast as a place of respite from smoke and heat affecting areas inland."

Given the current data and what trends are emerging, Cooper Fielding expects similar visitation for fall – strong occupancy numbers, just slightly down from last year.

"Fall and winter are

also great seasons for viewing dark skies along the coast. Areas in and around Lincoln City have less light pollution than many other communities of similar size along the Oregon Coast, making a clear night an incredible opportunity for stargazing. Night-sky activities include stargazing and celestial object identification, astrophotography, and viewing eclipses and auroras from the beach," she said.

Other attractions include the Lincoln City Fall Kite Festival. which has moved due to construction of the new Welcome Center, from the D River Wayside to beach property at the Chinook Winds Casino. The Friday night lighted kite fly returns September 25, following the success of the inaugural night fly at the 2025 Fall Kite Festival. The festival will continue on through the rest of the weekend, September 26 and 27 at the grounds at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

Additional fall programming includes Explorience programs highlighting Lincoln City's hiking trails in partnership with Lincoln City Parks and Recreation, along with birdwatching programs with the Seven Capes Bird Alliance.

The annual Deck the Dock event is set for Saturday, November 21. Presented in partnership with Lincoln City Parks and Recreation.

"The ever-popular lighting of the Taft dock is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season," Cooper Fielding said.

Any trip to the beach should come with a few important safety reminders, and the fall and winter months are no exception. Autumn storms can bring powerful swells, sneaker waves, and drifting

logs—a reminder that the Pacific Ocean is as untamed as it is beautiful. Before heading out, check the weather and tide conditions, stay alert near the water, and when in doubt, admire the waves from a safe distance, according to Explore Lincoln City.

**NEWPORT SUMMER TOURISM**

Preliminary indicators show that visitation to Newport is up in summer 2026, with overnight visitation performing particularly well, according to Josh Hren, Account Media Lead with connect@discovernewport.com.

"While changes to how visitor data is collected in Oregon have made some year-over-year comparisons more difficult, the data we do have is encouraging," he said. "Comparing June and July 2026 with the same period in 2025, day trips increased approximately 18%, while overnight trips increased approximately 11%. Lodging data also points to a strong summer. From June through August 2026, average hotel occupancy exceeded 80% for the first time in the three-year comparison, compared with approximately 78% in 2025 and 73% in 2024."

Hren said the results are encouraging for Newport's restaurants, attractions and other local businesses that benefit from visitor spending. Tourism remains an important part of Newport's economy, supporting approximately 2,050 local jobs, according to a 2024 study by Dean Runyan Associates.

"Overall, 2026 has been a strong and more balanced year for tourism in Newport," Hren said. "We're encouraged by the continued interest in Newport and remain

focused on supporting local businesses while sharing what makes the destination special with both first-time and returning visitors

Hren adds that Newport offers something for everyone.

"And its appeal as a diverse, drive-to destination was a key message we worked to share with potential visitors throughout the region," he said.

Travel trends continue to show strong interest in road trips and destinations that are easily accessible by car and Discover Newport has expanded its digital marketing efforts across key drive markets to match those trends, including Portland, Seattle, Eugene, Boise, Bend and Spokane, helping keep Newport top of mind with potential travelers, according to Hren.

"From beaches and outdoor recreation to seafood, arts and culture, family attractions and special events, Newport offers a wide range of experiences for visitors. That combination of accessibility, variety and year-round appeal continues to make Newport a compelling destination," he said.

As Newport heads into the fall and winter, Hren gives the following tourist count forecast:

"Travel sentiment research continues to indicate some financial pressure among consumers, even as travel remains a priority for many. We'll be watching visitation closely from October through January, with particular attention to how demand evolves across our key visitor markets," he said. "Our goal is to highlight the reasons for travelers to choose Newport beyond the traditional summer season."

This fall, Discover Newport is highlighting the city's vibrant arts and cultural offerings through the Newport Festival of Arts & Culture campaign.

"As we move into winter, we'll continue showcasing the distinctive experiences that make Newport a year-round destination, while closely monitoring travel trends and adjusting our marketing efforts as needed," Hren said.

Smaller cities in Lincoln County, including Yachats, Toledo, Seal Rock, and Waldport, also are offering visitor attractions into fall and winter including what is described as the allure of the coastline's natural and dramatic beauty.

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## UPDATE

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building are all on pace to finish before fall classes begin.

Looking ahead, OCCC’s Executive Leadership has approved design work on a final round of 2027 renovations — including updated commons spaces, kitchen and bookstore improvements, and new lactation rooms — set for construction in summer 2027 to complete the bond program voters approved in May 2024.

**By the Numbers (as of August 2026)**

- **\$46.8M** — total bond program funding to date (bond sale + state matching grant + other income)
- **\$39.2M** — committed to contracts and design

across all bond projects

- **\$13.95M** — spent to date (36% of committed costs)
- **June 2027** — target completion for OCATT occupancy
- **\$2.4M+** — invested in local Lincoln County contractors so far, including Ground FX Landscaping, JCC Construction, Three Rocks Electrical & Plumbing, and RK Excavation

**BACKGROUND**

On May 21, 2024, voters in Lincoln County approved a bond measure referred by OCCC to build a center for trades education and update and upgrade existing college facilities.

Initial plans for the Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades (OCATT) Center were first



Conceptual drawing of the Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades (OCATT) facility. (Courtesy photo)

drafted in 2017. The center will greatly expand pre-apprenticeship training and programming for county residents, as well as offer a variety of certificates and degrees in the marine, technical, and construction trades.

All proposed OCATT programming will ultimately be subject to NWCCU approval, as well as demand and feasibility assessments.

As of summer 2026, programs anticipated for the building’s first years of operation include the following (note: any program launched must first receive approval from various entities including the College’s accrediting agency, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities):

- Construction/Carpentry Skills Development
- Pre-Apprenticeship

- Industrial Facilities Maintenance
- Maritime Technology (Broad: May include Refrigeration, Marine Diesel, Electronics, etc.)
- HVAC
- Welding

In the May ’24 election, Lincoln County notched a 40% voter turnout and the measure passed overwhelmingly, with 64.59% votes in favor (10,065 for vs. 5,518 against). Subsequently, the OCCC Board of Education approved a Bond Authorization. On Sept. 11, 2025, the College and community celebrated the groundbreaking.

**Facilities, Furnishings, Safety, and Modernization**

Plans for the portion of the levy proceeds to be invested in the College’s existing facilities were

informed by a 2023 facilities needs assessment study, performed by GLAS Architects.

These projects include safety and facilities modernization and upgrades, some remodeling and improvement of student study spaces and furnishings.

A priority project, re-roofing the Central County Campus building in Newport, was identified in this Needs Assessment, and was substantially completed by October 2024.

Roof replacement, including a solar array that is expected to generate 99% of the building’s electricity use each year, is underway at the North County Center in Lincoln City during the summer of 2026. Check back for updates as additional projects are completed.

## COMPLAINTS

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N95 masks.

When the AQI is between 277 and 848, employers must require employees to wear nationally-approved respirators.

When the AQI reaches 849 or higher, employers must require employees to wear respirators and implement a full respiratory protection program, which includes requirements such as medical evaluations and fit testing for employees using tight-fitting respirators.

Many employees, whose names were not revealed in the public records, alleged their employer required them to work outside in unhealthy levels of air pollution from wildfire smoke without masks, inside without proper building ventilation or both. Many also complained that they did not receive training on how to prevent heat illness or how to keep themselves safe from wildfire smoke at work.

After evaluating a complaint, Oregon OSHA can order a workplace inspection, contact the employer for more information or take no further action if the agency determines the complaint doesn’t fall within its jurisdiction or that it doesn’t involve workplace safety or health, agency spokesperson Aaron Corvin said.

Citations are only issued if a compliance officer identifies a violation under the Oregon Safe Employment Act, he said.

**Nearly a quarter of complaints received no action**

The majority of complaints came from the service and retail industry, followed by the outdoor recreation, government services and utility, manufacturing and construction and policing and security industries. Other complaints came from workers in the data center, civic engagement and farming industries.

Half of the records didn’t list an employer or address. Of the half that

did, the greatest share — six — were from workers in Clackamas County. The rest came from Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Linn, Union, Washington and Yamhill counties.

More than half of the complaints made this summer resulted in the agency reaching out to employers for further information.

The Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington was one employer that OSHA reached out to following a complaint alleging it hosted an outdoor event in Linn County where employees and volunteers were exposed to an AQI between 150 to 200.

“Following its review, Oregon OSHA judged (Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington’s) response adequate, and no further action was required,” spokesperson Kyle Mallory said in an email. “Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington takes the health and safety of Girl Scouts, volunteers and staff seriously, and provides training, clear protocols and support regarding a variety of safety standards, including wildfire smoke and air quality.”

Westates Flagman, a flagging control company based in Springfield, argued a complaint alleging employees don’t receive heat illness training or breaks doesn’t accurately reflect the company’s workplace practices.

“We take employee safety seriously and have established heat illness and wildfire smoke safety programs in place,” General Manager Rebecca Rusco said. “We provide employees with appropriate safety equipment and supplies, including access to drinking water and required protective equipment, and provide training and information regarding heat-related illness and wildfire smoke exposure.”

Nine complaints resulted in inspections, all of which were listed as still in process.

At least 10 employers received no action.

Employees can file a workplace hazard complaint at the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division website.

That includes the Oregon Department of Justice, which received a complaint over poor ventilation in a Central Oregon office.

“This complaint lacked sufficient detail to process and was evaluated by Oregon OSHA management as ‘no action’ and was not submitted to ODOJ for a response,” agency spokesperson Jenny Hansson said in an email. “No inspection was conducted and no citation was issued. This complaint was closed with no further action needed.”

Multnomah County received a similar complaint alleging employees weren’t being offered respirators despite poor air quality in the office.

The county declined to comment, saying Oregon OSHA did not inform it about the complaint.

In Prineville, an employee working at the Meta data center filed a complaint alleging the company wasn’t providing temporary employees with protective equipment amid harsh wildfire smoke.

Ashley Settle, a spokesperson for Meta, said an inspector investigated the allegations during an onsite visit and determined there was no basis for a noncompliance

finding.

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## Janis Raye Parrett

January 28, 1955 - September 9, 2026

Janis Raye Parrett, 71 of Chanute, Kansas passed away at her home on Wednesday, September 9, 2026. Cremation will take place under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home and no services are scheduled at this time.

Janis Raye Parrett was born on January 28, 1955 in Portland, Oregon to William Trujillo and Joanne Mellin. On April 8, 2021, Janis married Danny Parrett in Miami, Oklahoma. Janis loved to tend to her garden and raise her beautiful flowers. She was also a big fan of the Kansas City Chiefs. When it was time to relax, she loved to listen to her favorite music.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Tommy Oliverio.

Janis’ memory will live on with her husband, Danny Parrett, children, Bryon Ghering, Aaron, Ghering, and Nicole



Trammell, her siblings, Lynn Litfin, Leslie West, Tony Oliverio, John Oliverio, Michelle Toland, and Shannon Koppenhafer, and 5 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Cherry Street Youth Center.

## Kathy Knaus

Jan 21 1951- August 27th 2026

Survived by her brothers and sisters Patty Wood of Gales Creek, OR., Sheila Dake of Lincoln City, OR., Karen Hager of Lincoln City, OR., Danny Long of Pendleton, OR., Gary Long of Auburn, WA., Margie Long of Lincoln City, OR., and her son Michael Jay Henry, her daughter Kimberly Anne Henry, and 3 grandchildren. Kathy was preceded in Death by her mother Patricia J Long, her Father Martin Henry Long and her sister Marilyn Ritchey. Kathy worked for the State of Washington Department of Transportation as a Weigh Master and also for the State



of Washington Department of Revenue. After retiring from the State of Washington she worked at Chinook Winds Casino as a cashier for 10 years. She lived in Lincoln City Oregon for approximately 25 years.

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## Susan Winter

6/3/1950-8/31/2026

Susan Morrow (Kays) Winter was born June 3rd, 1950, to Ralph and Lois Morrow in Prineville, OR. After graduating from Pendleton High School in 1968, Susan traveled the world and loved to kayak and camp throughout the Pacific Northwest. She once traveled solo on a tour of small Mexican villages and immersed herself in language and culture that would shape the rest of her life. She moved to Newport, where she worked at a variety of jobs, from driving a steamroller to serving as an administrative assistant to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

Susan returned to Eastern Oregon where she received her Masters degree from University of Washington and became an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher. She taught elementary school in Hermiston and Adult ESL evening classes at Blue Mountain Community College. She loved her students and made lifelong friends with their families. Twenty years ago, she met the love of her life, Richard Winter, at the Echo Fish Feed and eventually moved to Echo, Oregon. She and Richard were married in 2013. They built a wonderful life in Echo where Richard served as mayor for 14 years. They became known as “Mr. and Mrs. Mayor” to their Echo friends and neighbors.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Steven Morrow, husband,



Bud Kays, and husband, Richard Winter. She leaves behind her family including niece, Susan Morrow Ruth and great nieces, Chelsie Ruth-Mitchell, Tyler Peters, and Mikenah Ruth.

Susan was an avid gardener and created beautiful flower arrangements to share with friends and neighbors. She was infinitely generous to all she met and established a scholarship to continue her support for students in the Hispanic community.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations be made to The Susan and Richard Winter Memorial Scholarship and mailed to the Banner Bank at 101 E Main St, Hermiston, OR 97838. She will be forever loved and missed by her family and friends.

At her request there will be no service.

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## DEATH NOTICES

Larry Clark  
Dec. 28th, 1943  
Aug. 31st, 2026

Larry Clark of Toledo, OR died on August 31st, 2026 at Cherrywood Memory Care in McMinnville, OR.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 19th at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Newport, OR.

Workplace safety complaints rise amid record-breaking wildfire season

MA MALDONAFO  
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Complaints to Oregon’s workplace safety and health agency have reached an all-time high since it introduced rules protecting employees from extreme heat and wildfire smoke four years ago.

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division, or Oregon OSHA, received at least 44 complaints from employees across different industries between June 1 to Aug. 18, according to documents the Capital Chronicle obtained through a records request.

That’s about 10 more than in 2023, when the agency received its second highest number of wildfire and smoke complaints. In 2024, it received nine. In 2025, it received two.

The rise in complaints coincides with Oregon’s record-breaking wildfire season that has scorched 2.5 million acres across the state.

The agency received 32 complaints during the first week of August, following several weeks of massive lightning-caused wildfires in July



Oregon Department of Transportation maintenance specialist Del Sabrowski closes part of a highway in response to the 2020 Labor Day wildfires. (Photo by Oregon Department of Transportation)

such as the Grasshopper Fire near Mount Hood, the Second Flat Fire outside Burns and the Coleman Creek Fire southwest of Warms Springs Reservoir.

Oregon OSHA adopted rules in 2022 to protect

employees from heat and wildfire smoke

Since 2022, Oregon OSHA has required most employers to offer protections to employees working in extreme heat and wildfire smoke.

The state’s heat rules require employers to provide free drinking water and shaded areas to employees working in weather above 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and breaks when employees are working in

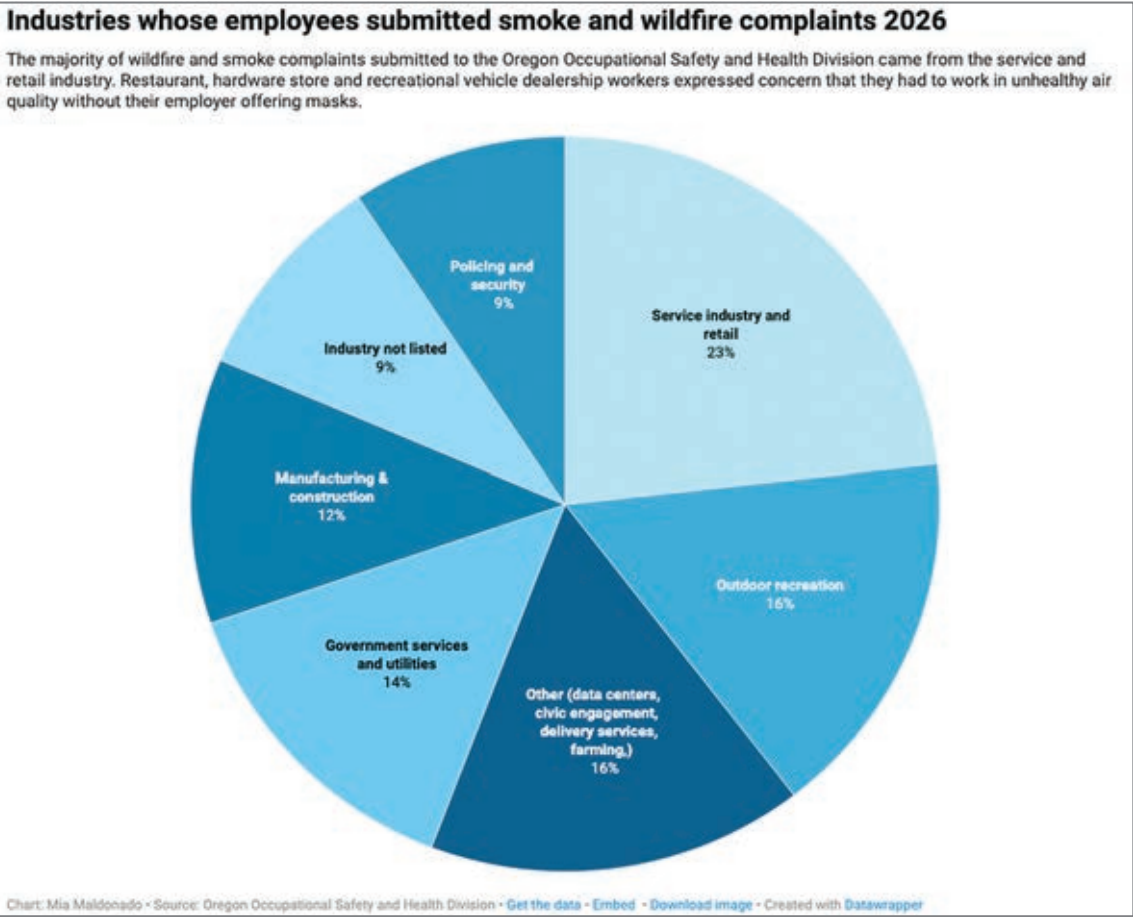
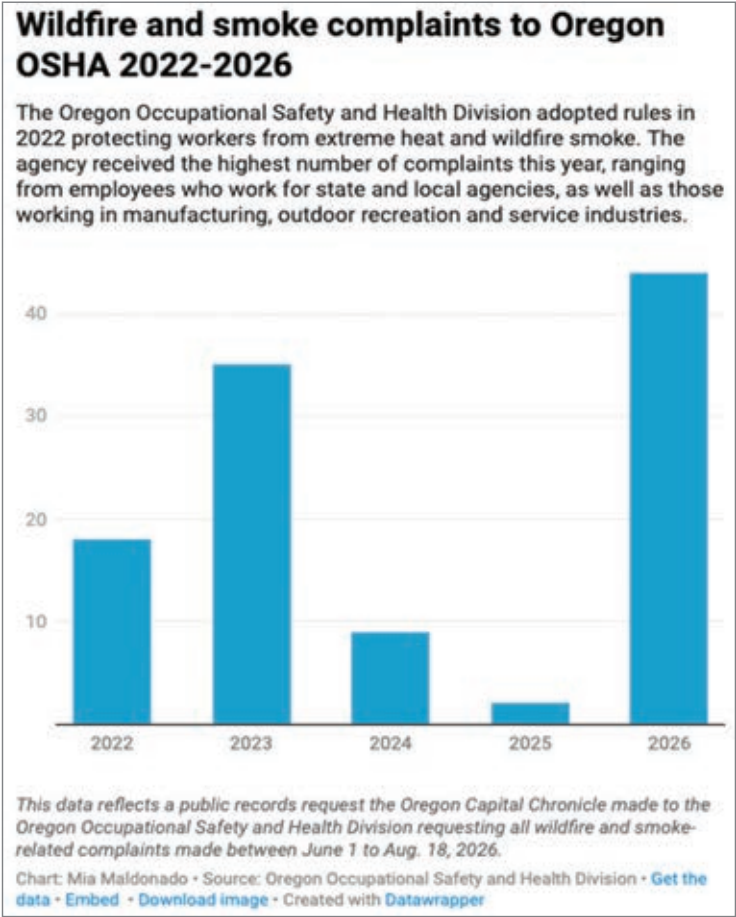
FAST FACTS

Oregon received the highest number of employee complaints this year related to smoke and wildfire since it established rules in 2022 protecting employees working in smoky and hot conditions.

Employees can file a workplace hazard complaint at the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division website.

above 90 degrees. The wildfire smoke rules are based on the Air Quality Index, which measures the level of air pollution. When the Air Quality Index is between 101 to 276, a range that’s considered unhealthy for sensitive groups to very unhealthy for everyone, employers must offer employees respirators that meet national standards, such as

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State proposes 2027 Workers’ Compensation Rates

On average, Oregon employees will pay 92 cents per \$100 of payroll for workers’ compensation coverage in 2027 under a proposal the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS).

The rate, announced Sept. 9, would be the second lowest on record.

The pure premium rate would increase by an average 2.1 percent under the proposal. Pure premium is the base rate insurers use to determine how much employers must pay for medical costs and lost wages. Despite the increase, the pure premium per \$100 of payroll will have declined by 36.5 percent from 2018 to 2027.

The increase to the average pure premium rate would contribute to an increase in the average cost of workers’ compensation coverage, from 89 cents per \$100 of payroll in 2026 to 92 cents per \$100 of payroll in 2027. This figure is referred to as loaded pure premium and includes pure premium, insurer profit and expense factors, and assessments paid by employers.

The rise in Oregon’s average pure premium rate is due to benefits for workers injured on the job being increased through Senate Bill 1519 (2026), which modified weekly lost-time wage compensation benefits for workers with disabling claims. The bill is intended to elevate benefits for lower wage earners who are injured on the



The DCBS website has a table showing the workers’ compensation cost summary for 2027 and more information about Oregon workers’ compensation costs. (Courtesy photo)

job. Under current law, temporary total disability benefits are paid at 66 2/3 percent of the state average weekly wage (SAWW). Effective Jan. 1, 2027, the weekly compensation rate for wages up to 75 percent of the average weekly wage will increase to 75 percent, while the compensation rate for wages more than 75 percent of the SAWW will decrease to 65 percent.

Long-term declines in lost-time claim frequency continue to help offset upward pressure on system costs from higher medical and indemnity claim severity seen across the country, as well as benefit increases such as those made by Senate Bill 1519, according to the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI). NCCI is the U.S. rate-setting organization whose recommendation DCBS reviews as part of its annual public process to decide rates.

The 2.1 percent increase in the pure premium is an average, so an individual employer

may see a larger or smaller increase, no change, or even a decrease, depending on the employer’s industry. Also, an employer’s premium is affected by factors other than changes in pure premium rates, such as the employer’s payroll, modifications based on its claim experience, and its insurer’s profit and expense factor.

The increase in the pure premium will be effective Jan. 1, 2027, but employers will see the changes when they renew their policies for 2027.

Employers’ total cost for workers’ compensation insurance also includes a premium assessment. In addition, employers pay at least half of the Workers’ Benefit Fund (WBF) component and the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) Expense Fund component, which are cents-per-hour-worked rates

The premium assessment, which is a percentage of the workers’ compensation insurance premium employers pay, is added to the pure premium.

It would remain at 9.8 percent in 2027, the same as 2026, under the DCBS proposal. In fact, 2027 would mark the sixth-straight year the premium assessment remained at 9.8 percent.

The premium assessment funds the successful programs of Oregon’s workers’ compensation system, including the Workers’ Compensation Division; Oregon OSHA; the Workers’ Compensation Board, which resolves disputes over the state’s workers’ compensation and workplace safety laws; the Ombuds Office for Oregon Workers, an independent advocate for workers on workers’ compensation and workplace safety and health; and the Office of the Small Business Ombudsman for Workers’ Compensation, an independent advocate for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and the professional advisers who serve them.

Meanwhile, the WBF assessment funds return-to-work programs, provides increased benefits over time for workers who are permanently and totally disabled, and gives benefits to families of workers who die from workplace injuries or diseases.

The fund’s revenue comes from a cents-per-hour-worked assessment. The assessment would increase to 2.2 cents per hour worked in 2027. It would be the fourth-lowest rate since the inception of the cents-per-hour assessment in 1996.

New for 2027 is the establishment of the BOLI Expenses Fund (BEF) component, created by House Bill 4027 (2026). DCBS is collecting that component to help fund BOLI. In 2027, DCBS will collect 0.2 cents per hour worked for the fund.

The addition of the BEF component combined with the WBF component results in a total assessment of 2.4 cents per hour worked.

Oregon’s workers’ compensation premium rates have ranked favorably compared to other states for many years. Oregon had the nation’s 14th least expensive rates in 2024, according to a nationally recognized biennial study conducted by DCBS.

The public hearings for the premium assessment and the WBF assessment are Thursday, Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Written testimony will be accepted through 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, by the Director’s Office of DCBS, P.O. Box 14480, Salem, OR 97309-0405.

The DCBS website has a table showing the workers’ compensation cost summary for 2027 and more information about Oregon workers’ compensation costs.

The loaded pure premium includes insurer costs, known as expense loading factors. Historic figures are adjusted to reflect the 2026 mix of employment and payroll.

Award winning jazz vocalist  
Greta Matassa local concert

INHOUSE JAZZ

INHOUSE Jazz wraps up the 2026 Season on the coast with a concert Sept. 20, hosted by vocalist Annie Averre in a private residence in Waldport.

The featured musician for this afternoon house concert is premiere jazz vocalist from Seattle, Greta Matassa, with guitarist Christopher Woitach, bassist, Clipper Anderson and drummer Charlie Doggett.

Nine-times-voted Northwest Jazz vocalist of the year and Hall of Fame Jazz Vocalist, Greta Matassa is featured in many of the area’s best jazz clubs and concert venues, her forty-year career a whirlwind of

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Nine-times-voted Northwest Jazz vocalist of the year and Hall of Fame Jazz Vocalist, Greta Matassa. (Courtesy photo)

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Symphony celebrates 20 years with Adam Flatt



Adam Flatt

NEWPORT SYMPHOINY ORCHESTRA

“All you really need in order to play Tchaikovsky convincingly is a superb string section; a cluster of stellar wind players; a brass section with confident intonation and absolutely no restraint; and a conductor who can pull it all together in a way that feels natural without ever veering into mere schmaltz. Fortunately, the NSO has all those ingredients,” noted the concert reviewer Matthew Neil Andrews, in his Oregon Artswatch review of the Newport Symphony’s November 2025 performance of Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 6.

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“Certain composer personalities emerge and recede over time, but I do have a lifelong and enduring love for Joseph Haydn. His inventiveness, wit, and style are so appealing. His subtler way of revealing his warm heart is wonderful. His music makes the listener feel smart!” Adam Flatt. (Courtesy photo)

Beach, River Cleanup along Oregon Coast

SOLVE’s annual Beach & Riverside Cleanup is bringing volunteers together along the Oregon Coast and across Oregon and Southwest Washington from September 18–27.

Coastal communities in six Oregon counties will have opportunities to clean up beaches and coastal areas, with the majority of coastal events taking place on International Coastal Cleanup Day, September 19.

International Coastal Cleanup Day brings communities around the world together to remove litter and marine debris from coastlines and waterways. By taking part locally, Oregon volunteers can help protect the beaches, waterways

and coastal communities they know and love.

Featured Beach & Riverside Cleanup Events on the Oregon Coast:

Mile MeetUp, Paddle, & Clean Up at the Salmon River

Otis | September 19, 9 am–1 pm

Join River Sea Ranger Ken Sund and Oregon Shores for a paddle on the Salmon River followed by a guided walk and cleanup along the Salmon River South Spit. The family-friendly event is part of Oregon Shores’ Coast Watch Adopt-a-Mile Program and is open to participants with their own kayaks or other watercraft.

Wreck of the Peter Iredale Beach Cleanup  
Warrenton |

September 19, 10 am–12 pm

SOLVE, Fort George Brewery and Oregon Shores are teaming up for a community cleanup at Peter Iredale Beach in Fort Stevens State Park. Volunteers will remove consumer waste, marine debris and micro-trash along one of the coast’s most recognizable stretches of shoreline.

Sand Lake Beach & Riverside Cleanup  
Pacific City |

September 19, 10 am – 1 pm

Volunteers of all ages are invited to join this family-friendly cleanup at Sand Lake, helping remove litter from the beach and surrounding area.

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This child joined a previous SOLVE beach cleanup effort along the Oregon Coast. (Courtesy photo)



# Fall 2026 Certified Whale Watch Naturalist Training Program

SUBMITTED

The American Cetacean Society - Oregon Chapter’s Certified Whale Watch Naturalist Training Program, begins this October in Newport. Designed to inspire conservation and deepen public knowledge of cetaceans and marine mammals off the Oregon Coast, this course prepares participants to represent the American Cetacean Society (ACS) at tabling events, schools, special events/programs and whale watching sites.

Course Schedule and Location

Training sessions will be held at the South Beach State Park meeting yurt, located at 5580 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR (parking for course participants will be free). The program consists of four full-day sessions from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., with a lunch break each day, on the

following Saturdays:

• October 17

• October 31

• November 7

• November 14 or 21 (Final date to be confirmed based on park projects)

Program Highlights

Participants will receive a comprehensive educational experience, including:

• Expert-led lectures from marine scientists and working naturalists.

• Hands-on learning, field trips, mentoring and identification training.

• A binder of materials for personal use and a reference book.

• A Student ACS Membership, name tag and Certificate of Completion.

Curriculum and Requirements

The course covers a diverse range of topics, including cetaceans, natural history, pinnipeds,



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Oregon’s Marine Reserves, seabirds and marine mammal stranding response. No specialized background is required—only a passion for whales, dolphins and porpoises. Attendance at all sessions is mandatory and participants will complete homework assignments and a final quiz to earn certification.

Registration Details

The cost for the entire program, including everything above, is \$250.00. To register,

interested individuals should email [acsoregonchapter@gmail.com](mailto:acsoregonchapter@gmail.com). Please include your full name, address and phone number in the registration request.

About the American Cetacean Society

The American Cetacean Society is recognized as the oldest whale conservation organization in the world, founded in 1967. The mission of this all-volunteer non-profit is to protect whales, dolphins,

porpoises and their habitats through public education, awarding research grants and conservation actions. For more information, visit the national website at [www.acsonline.org](http://www.acsonline.org) or follow the Oregon Chapter on social media:

• **Facebook:** American Cetacean Society – Oregon Chapter

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## Sea Otter Awareness Month

ELAKHA ALLIANCE

The Elakha Alliance, an Oregon nonprofit working to restore sea otters to the Oregon Coast, invites the public to celebrate Sea Otter Awareness Month this September, culminating in Sea Otter Awareness Week (SOAW), September 20–26, 2026.

While sea otters are not currently found along the Oregon Coast, the month-long celebration looks toward a future when these keystone marine mammals could once again call Oregon home. Events will give Oregonians opportunities to learn about sea otters, their role in healthy coastal ecosystems, and efforts to bring them back.

SOAW is facilitated by a coalition including Sea Otter Savvy, Defenders

of Wildlife, Monterey Bay Aquarium, California Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Elakha Alliance. In Oregon, the Elakha Alliance is partnering with organizations and businesses including the Oregon Zoo, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Fullerton Wines, Breakside Brewery, Claim 52 Brewery, and The Portland Aquarium to host educational programs and community events throughout the month.

This year’s theme, “Rooted in Resilience,” celebrates the connections between sea otters, kelp forests, wildlife, and people - and the relationships that help coastal ecosystems and communities adapt, recover, and thrive. For Oregon, it also represents a vision for the

future: restoring sea otters to the coast and helping restore balance to the marine ecosystems they once called home.

The month’s events offer something for everyone - from sea otter-themed Sip & Paint events featuring a playful take on the Mona Lisa, to sea otter viewing stations at the Oregon Zoo and Oregon Coast Aquarium, educational programs, live-streamed events, and even sea otter Drag Bingo. Whether through art, science, entertainment, or hands-on learning, these events give Oregonians a chance to celebrate sea otters, learn about their ecological importance, and support the vision of bringing them back to Oregon’s Coast.

Oregon’s 2026 Sea Otter Awareness Month Events

For event details and registration, visit [www.elakhaalliance.org/event/sea-otter-awareness-week](http://www.elakhaalliance.org/event/sea-otter-awareness-week).

• Sept 20 – Sea Otter Viewing Station at Oregon Zoo (10 a.m.-2 p.m.), Portland

• Sept 20 – Sea Otter Sip & Paint Night #1 at Fullerton Wines (6 p.m.-8 p.m.), Portland

• Sept 22 – Float Down the Coast Livestream, Virtual (12 p.m.-1 p.m.)

• Sept 22 – Sea Otter Pint Night at Claim 52 Brewing (5 p.m.-8 p.m.), Eugene

• Sept 23 – Sea Otter Sip & Paint Night #2 at Fullerton Wines (6 p.m.-8 p.m.), Portland

• Sept 24 – Sea Otter Bingo at Claim 52 Bayfront (6 p.m.-8 p.m.), Newport

• Sept 26 – Sea Otter

Viewing Station at Oregon Coast Aquarium (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) Newport

• Sept 26 – Sea Otter Extravaganza at The Portland Aquarium (11 a.m.-5 p.m.) Portland

About Sea Otter Restoration in Oregon

Sea otters were once abundant along the Oregon coast but were hunted nearly to extinction for their fur by the early 1900s. Although populations are recovering in parts of California, Washington and Alaska, sea otters remain absent from nearly 900 miles of their former range along the Oregon and northern California coasts.

The Elakha Alliance works to make Oregon’s marine and coastal ecosystems and communities

more resilient by restoring a healthy population of sea otters to the Oregon coast. Feasibility studies completed in 2022 by the Elakha Alliance and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service found that sea otter restoration could provide ecological and economic benefits to the region.

As a keystone species, sea otters can help maintain healthy kelp forests, which provide critical habitat for numerous marine species and support commercial and recreational fisheries. Research also indicates potential economic benefits for coastal communities through increased tourism and travel.

*To learn more, visit [OregonSeaOtters.org](http://OregonSeaOtters.org) or follow [@ElakhaAlliance](https://www.instagram.com/ElakhaAlliance) on Instagram.*

CLEANUP

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Netarts/Oceanside Fall Beach Cleanup

Netarts | September 19, 12 pm – 2 pm

Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS and Oceanside Action Partnership are bringing the community together for a fall beach cleanup, with volunteers able to start at either The Schooner Restaurant or the upper parking lot at Oceanside Beach.

Beach Cleanup at Horsfall OHV Staging Area

North Bend | September 19, 10 am–1 pm

Willamette Valley Wheelers, in partnership with PNW4WDA Region 6, will bring off-road enthusiasts, families and community members together to remove litter and marine debris from

Horsfall Beach Road and surrounding recreation areas.

Clean Up Sitka Sedge State Natural Area Cloverdale | September 21, 10 am –1 pm

Volunteers will clean trails and sandy beaches within the Snowy Plover Management Area at Sitka Sedge State Natural Area. With nesting season ending just before the event, the cleanup offers an opportunity to remove marine debris that has accumulated throughout the spring and summer while helping protect habitat for wildlife.

National Public Lands Day at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area

Newport | September 26, 9 am – 3 pm

Celebrate National Public Lands Day with the Yaquina Head team through a variety of

volunteer projects, including a beach cleanup, invasive plant removal and garden maintenance. The event will also celebrate the Bureau of Land Management’s 80th birthday with local partners and community activities.

National Public Lands Day Siltcoos Beach Cleanup for Snowy Plovers

Florence | September 26, 10 am – 12 pm

The U.S. Forest Service and SOLVE are teaming up for a beach cleanup at Siltcoos Beach Day Use Area, a critical nesting area for western snowy plovers. Volunteers will learn about the threatened shorebirds before heading onto the beach to remove litter and marine debris.

Paws for Nature – Gold Beach

Gold Beach | September 26, 11 am – 1 pm

This community-focused

cleanup combines a beach walk and dog-friendly cleanup. Volunteers can bring their pups, help remove litter along the coast or simply enjoy a day outdoors while supporting cleaner habitat for people, pets and wildlife.

Experience the Elk Elk River | September 26, 9 am – 2 pm

The Curry Soil and Water Conservation District invites volunteers to bike along the Elk River from the Elk River Salmon Hatchery to Butler Bar Campground while picking up litter along the way. Participants can bring their own bike or reserve an e-bike, then return to the hatchery for a free lunch and community celebration.

How to Get Involved

• **Volunteer:** Browse local Beach & Riverside Cleanup events and register yourself or a group at [volunteer.solve.org/beach-riverside](http://volunteer.solve.org/beach-riverside)

• **Bring your community:** Invite friends, family, coworkers or neighbors to take part in a local cleanup or restoration project.

SOLVE’s 2026 Beach & Riverside Cleanup is proudly supported by Clean Water Services, Kaiser Permanente, Knife River, Keep America Beautiful, Metro, National Recreation and Park Association, Oregon State Park & Recreation, Owens Corning, Portco Packaging, Tillamook, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc., and KOIN.

For more information or

to register, visit [solve.org/beach-riverside](http://solve.org/beach-riverside)

About SOLVE

SOLVE brings communities together to take care of our environment and enhance our waterways. Since 1969, the organization has grown from a small, grassroots initiative to a national model of volunteer action. Today, SOLVE mobilizes and trains thousands of volunteers of all ages across Oregon, and SW Washington, to clean and restore our neighborhoods and natural areas, while empowering a community of environmental stewards for our state.

Visit [solve.org](http://solve.org) for more information or follow SOLVEPNW on Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn.

CONCERT

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exciting performance and recording opportunities.

Over the last twenty years she has become established as one of the greatest jazz singers of her time. Working with top jazz musicians in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York, Greta brings a great group of regional players to the coast for this concert: guitarist Christopher Woitach, a master of several styles with a wonderful, rounded approach to the jazz guitar, Clipper Anderson a composer, studio musician, vocalist,

and educator, one of the Northwest’s leading bassists playing all styles on acoustic and electric bass. Drummer/percussionist Charlie Doggett, new to the INHOUSE Jazz roster, a creative and versatile musician and one of the most enigmatic drummers in Portland and the greater Northwest music scene.

All INHOUSE Concerts in Lincoln County are offered from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., on Sunday afternoons once each month from spring to fall.

The INHOUSE Jazz atmosphere is informal; providing an opportunity for audiences to enjoy an intimate performance, free

from the noise and distractions often associated with a restaurant or bar.

There is no charge for these sessions, but a donation of \$15 - \$30 is suggested to compensate musicians. Any funds collected beyond expenses are donated in support of local arts and education. The audience is encouraged to bring their own beverages and potluck treats.

INHOUSE jazz is a proud member of The Folk Alliance International.

All interested in attending should RSVP to Annie Averre 360-606-7136 prior to each concert.

LEADER

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balances personal professional development with deep-dive explorations into Lincoln County’s core sectors:

• **September 10, 2026:** Orientation, Team Building & Self-Awareness

• **October 8, 2026:** Forestry Industry and Challenges Facing our Communities

• **November 12, 2026:** Municipal Government, Public Policy & Infrastructure

• **December 10, 2026:** Oceanic Research, Blue Economy & Fishing Industry

• **January 14, 2027:** Tourism, Arts, Culture and Recreation

• **February 11, 2027:**

Healthcare, Social Services & Wellness

• **March 11, 2027:** Natural Resources

• **April 8, 2027:** Law Enforcement, Public Safety and Successes & Struggles of Small Businesses

• **May 13, 2027:** Capstone Presentations

• **May 27, 2027:** Graduation Celebration

Program Structure & Tuition

• **Schedule:** 2nd Thursday of each month (September 2026 – May 2027)

• **Time:** 8:45 AM – 3:30 PM (Lunch provided)

• **Locations:** Rotating venues and site visits throughout Lincoln County

• **Tuition Rate:** \$595 per participant

• **Scholarships:** Partial, need-based tuition

assistance is available upon request through the Chamber office.

Ready to Lead?

Application Deadline:

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Space is strictly capped at 30 participants to ensure high-engagement cohort dynamics.

How to Register:

Submit your registration online or contact the Chamber office directly.

• **Online:** [newportchamber.org/leadership-lincoln](http://newportchamber.org/leadership-lincoln)

• **Contact:** Maggie Conrad, Event & Program Director

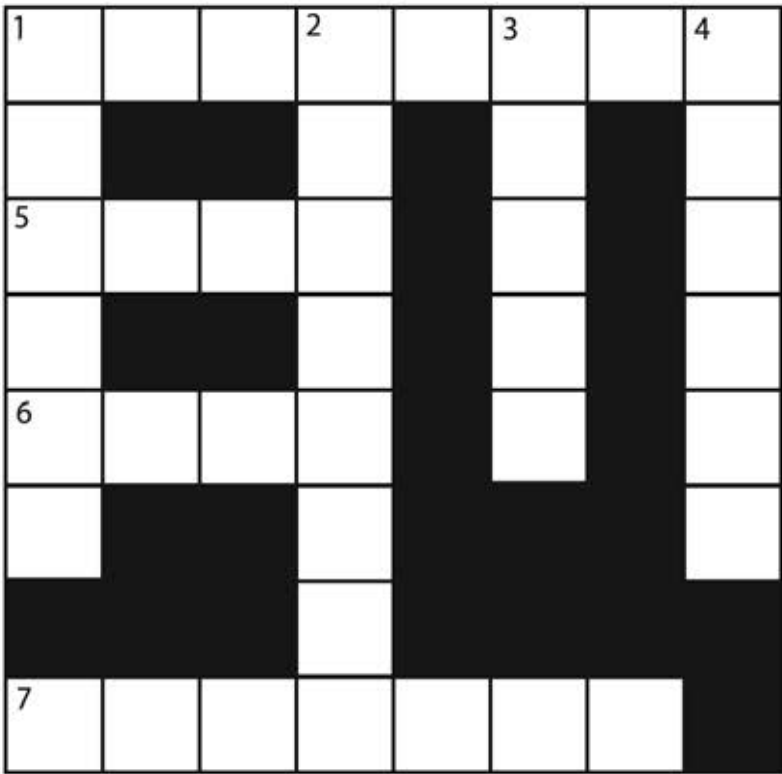
• **Email:** [info@newport-chamber.org](mailto:info@newport-chamber.org)

• **Phone:** (541) 265-8801

• **Office:** Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce, 598 SW Coast Hwy, Newport, OR 97365



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Sewing tools  
5. Destroy  
6. Once more  
7. Materials

DOWN

1. Sewing string  
2. Clothes for guys  
3. Found on shoes  
4. Securing fabric together

THIS DAY IN HISTORY



**1814:** Francis Scott Key writes, "Defence of Fort McHenry," a poem that would later be used as the lyrics for "The Star-Spangled Banner."

**1917:** The Russian Republic replaces the Russian Empire.

**1975:** Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized.

Craft  **FACT:**

This is an especially old skill, dating back more than 25,000 years. It is even older than weaving.

Answer: Sewing

**NEW WORD**

**THIMBLE**

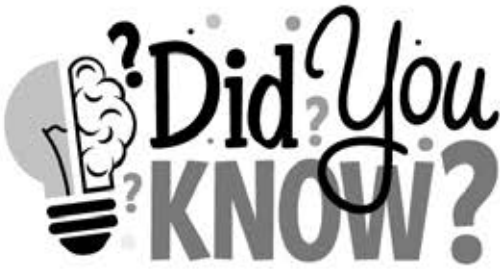
small, hard cap that protects the finger while pushing a sewing needle

Down  
1. Thread 2. Menswear 3. Laces 4. Sewing

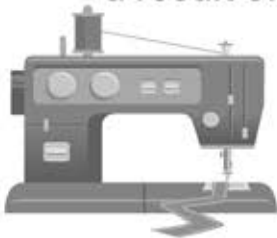
Across  
1. Thimbles 5. Ruin 6. Anew 7. Fabrics

“How they say that in...”

**English:** Needle  
**Spanish:** Aguja  
**Italian:** Ago  
**French:** Aiguille  
**German:** Nadel



The sewing machine was not invented by a single person, but a result of the innovations of different inventors.



Get the  **PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Sewing machine foot

SAFE SPORTS

WORD  SEARCH

W K F E B A T H L E T E M P N I A R T S  
U H E L M E T U P L Y O D V N P M C N P  
W C L E A T S T D L U G W D I E F A T B  
N L P L N C V V T T N N A G C R O N C R  
S O D O F I P R H I O O R O S G G T A A  
T I I U K A N G N N D N M G A O A F P C  
A A U T E K U O K F B A U G O N E P M E  
M R H I A A I G I M P D P L S O P R I L  
I Y R L R T O H E S Y H N E Y M I T Y F  
N E F D I R I D P H U O G S C I H D N S  
A W H D L Y E L Y A I T L A F C S K O U  
U M N S N S U D I T D U N B C S N N I P  
G O C P F O R A A B I D D O U R A W S E  
C S V R N A D M S U A M I H C E M O S R  
K O U A T N M E N F K H O N Y F S D U V  
W U V I B A V N H A U D E Y G E T L C I  
O R O N L H R W H B V T E R T R R O N S  
F N C F T E A M W O R K W T L E O O O I  
M T N V R H O O N C D V K B D E P C C O  
I I E T I U R M H T O H U R W H S F R N

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

**WORDS**

ATHLETE  
BRACE  
CLEATS  
CONCUSSION  
CONDITIONING  
CONTUSION  
COOL DOWN  
ERGONOMICS  
GOGGLES  
HELMET  
HYDRATION  
IMPACT  
INFLAMMATION  
MOUTH GUARD  
PADDING  
REFEREE  
REHABILITATION  
SPORTSMANSHIP  
SPRAIN  
STAMINA  
STRAIN  
SUPERVISION  
TEAMWORK  
WARM-UP

Amber Waves



Out on a Limb



The Spats



TIGER



OLIVE & POPEYE



Just Like Cats & Dogs



by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

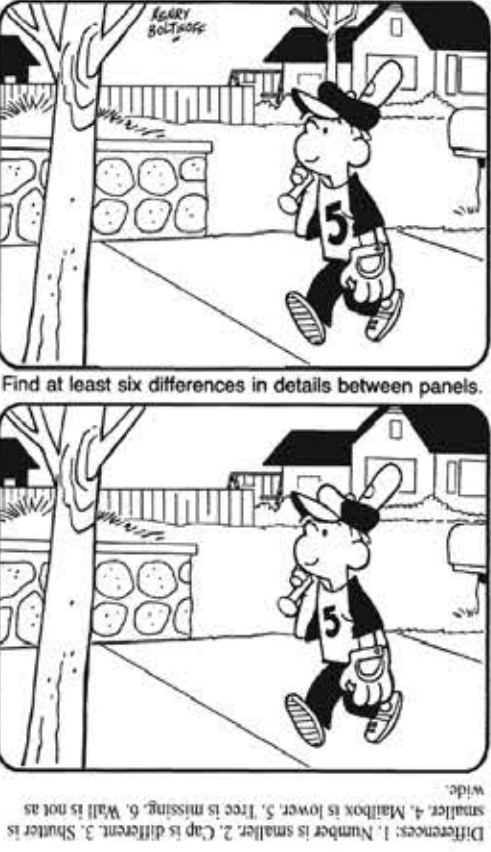
by Jeff Pickering

by BUD BLAKE

By Randy Milholland

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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: R equals C

QINY RMVKL BMV RNKK FCMFKC  
QIM GMYC "HM" MH EMACYIJHP  
JH N KCPJEKNYJGC NEECAZKB?  
NHYJ ZMLJCE.

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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.

H GEJ'O VTJO AKEFSDZC  
CESUDG REK ZD. H VTJO OLD  
RHCLHJN KEG, JEO OLD RHCL.  
— QTJJH

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Trivia  
test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of Jon Snow's dire wolf in "Game of Thrones"?
- HISTORY: Which Civil War general literally used "scorched earth" tactics in his march from Atlanta to Savannah, Georgia?
- MOVIES: Which 1960s movie has the tagline, "A man went looking for America, and he couldn't find it anywhere"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which body of water includes islands known as the Seychelles?
- CHEMISTRY: Which element's symbol is Sn?
- LITERATURE: What is the length of a traditional sonnet?
- GEOLOGY: What is a common name for calcium carbonate?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain goes by the name Hungry Jack in Australia?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president gave radio addresses that were described as "fireside chats"?
- ASTRONOMY: What is the shape of the Milky Way?

Trivia answers

- Ghost.
- General William T. Sherman.
- "Easy Rider."
- Indian Ocean.
- Tin (stannum).
- 14 lines of poetry.
- Limestone or chalk.
- Burger King.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- Spiral.

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CryptoQuote  
answer  
I don't want problems  
solved for me. I want the  
fishing rod, not the fish.  
— Yanni!

What could you call people  
who vote "no" on something  
in a legislative assembly?  
Anti bodies.

Cryptoquip  
answer

SCRAMBLERS  
Solution  
1. Anthem; 2. Prior  
3. Honest; 4. Scout  
Today's Word  
CHRISTMAS

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!

Chant  
HAMNET  
Former  
RIPOR  
Candid  
SOTHEN  
Patrol  
STUCO

TODAY'S WORD



"Clean up my room? You act like  
is just  
around the corner."

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**LCL26-428 NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN,** In the Matter of the Estate of Eccie Elizabeth Saulenas aka Patti E. Saulenas, Case no 26PB07290, Peter T. Criss has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached,

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to the personal representative at P.O. Box 142, Siletz, Oregon 97380, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyers for the personal representative, Margaret E. Dailey, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 552, Newport, Oregon 97365, (541) 265-8805. 9/16/26

**LCL26-429 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN** Probate Department In the Matter of the Estate of LYNELLE JEAN ST. JAMES, Deceased. Case No. 26PB07899 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-captioned estate. The lawyer for the personal representative is Laura A. Laskey, OSB#202484, of LaLaLaw LLC. All persons having a claim against this estate are required to present them to the undersigned personal representative at 2604 NE HWY 101, Ste B, Lincoln City, OR 97367, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative. DATED AND PUBLISHED ON: September 16, 2026. /s/ Christina Marie St. James, Personal Representative 9/16/26

**LCL26-430 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS.** Notice is hereby given pursuant to ORS 113.155 that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the personal representative of the ESTATE OF GERALD LLOYD THOMAS, Lincoln County Circuit Court Case Number 26PB05243. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the personal representative at PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365 or they may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this estate may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative. Date published: September 16, 2026. Mark Lloyd Thomas, Personal Representative of the Estate of Gerald Lloyd Thomas, Gary Lynn Lovejoy, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Personal Representative, PO Box 1768, Newport OR 97365. 9/16/26



## 999 PUBLIC NOTICES

**LCL26-434 ESTATE OF JOHN CURTIS MCBRIDE NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN** Probate Department, Case No. 26PB07861 In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN CURTIS MCBRIDE, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kari Jo Wingo has been appointed personal representative of the above-captioned estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them in writing to the personal representative in care of Jacob V. Sinclair, Buckley Law P.C., 5300 Meadows Road, Suite 200, Lake Oswego, OR 97035, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Kari Jo Wingo, Personal Representative Jacob V. Sinclair, OSB No. 204467, Attorney for Personal Representative Buckley Law P.C. 5300 Meadows Road, Suite

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200 Lake Oswego, OR 97035 Telephone: (503) 620-8900 jvs@buckley-law.com 9/16/26

**LCL26-432 ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 AT 11:00 AM,** a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 134 NE Metcalf Ave Siletz, OR 97380: [Ben and Mariah Runkle - S095], [Ben and Mariah Runkle - S002]. On September 30, 2026 at 2:00 PM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 5441 W. Hwy 20, Toledo, OR 97391: [Glenda Easterby - T061], [Anita Stephenson - T044]. On September 29, 2026 at 11:00 AM, a public sale will be held at Ideal Storage, 235 SW Dahl Ave, Waldport, OR 97394: [Amy Gresham - WB010]. Minimum bid \$50.00 - Cash only. 9/16/26 9/23/26

**LCL26-433 LINCOLN CITY STORAGE 3796 SE HWY 101 LINCOLN CITY, OR. 97367** 541-996-3555. The following unit will be sold at Public Auction Starting 10/6/2026 at 9:00am Ending 10/13/2026 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

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ONLINE at bid13.com Unit# A144 Linda Hoffman Unit# LB28 Dana Frost Unit#LG47 Casey Green 9/16/26 9/23/26

**LCL26-425 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPT. CASE NO. 26PB07224 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS**

In the Matter of the Estate of Toni L. Hearn, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gary Gurwell has been appointed as the personal representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorneys for the personal representative at 2850 SW Cedar Hills Blvd., #1403, Beaverton, OR 97005, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorneys for the personal representative. Dated and first published on September 9, 2026. Lea A. Gifford, OSB No. 162881

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Pacific North Law, P.C. Attorneys for Personal Representative 2850 SW Cedar Hills Blvd., #1403 Beaverton, OR 97005 Tel: (503) 387-3491 Email: lea@pacificnorthlaw.com Published: Sept 9, 16, 23. Gary Gurwell Personal Representative 9/9/26 9/26/26 9/23/26

## LCL26-423 SELF STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

Safe-Lock Storage 3639 SE Ash St. South Beach, Oregon 97366 Saturday, 9/26/2026 @ 10:00am. B15 - Andrew Tierney, M03 - KC Nichols. Sale Subject to Cancellation. Safe-Lock Storage reserves the Right to refuse any and all bids. 9/9/26 9/16/26

**LCL26-422 PURSUANT TO ORS CHAPTER 819** Notice is hereby given that the following vehicle will be sold, for cash to the highest bidder, on 9/21/2026. The sale will be held at 10:00am by ROWLEYS TOWING 4822 S COAST HWY S. BEACH, OR 2021 HOND CIV 4D VIN = 19XFC1F9XME006365 Amount due on lien \$6862.10 Reputed owner(s) > RIGOBERTO VALDIVIA BARRERA LENDSUZZ FUNDING LLC 9/9/26 9/16/26

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**Location!** Quiet Lincoln Beach area neighborhood w/5-min. drive to Depoe Bay or Salishan Golf Resort & 5-min. walk to beach access. Many recent updates within 2-4yrs on this 3BD, 2BA, MFD home w/low maintenance river rock landscaped front & back yards.  
26-2471 / Depoe Bay .....\$485,000

**NEW LISTING**  
  
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26-2438 / Newport .....\$425,000

**NEW LISTING**  
  
**Alsea Riverfront Cottage** offers a surreal setting w/views & sounds of the rhythmic river, decks, plus prime salmon fishing off your own deepwater dock. This 1BR/1BA is on 0.33 acre w/covered deck overlooking river.  
LC-104927 / Tidewater .....\$269,000

**NEW LISTING**  
  
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Answers

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**NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the two-year period for the redemption of real properties included in the 2024 delinquent tax lien foreclosure proceedings instituted by Lincoln County, Oregon on September 28, 2024 in the circuit court of the State of Oregon for Lincoln County, suit No. 24CV41691 and included in the judgment entered therein on October 03, 2024, will expire on October 03, 2026. All properties ordered sold under the judgment, unless redeemed on or before October 03, 2026, will be deeded to Lincoln County, Oregon, immediately upon expiration of the period of redemption, and every right and interest of any person in such properties will be forfeited

forever to Lincoln County, Oregon. Jayne Welch, Tax Collector Lincoln County, Oregon 9/9/26 9/16/26

**LCL26-406 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE TS NO.: 144814-OR LOAN NO.: \*\*\*\*\*1000** Reference is made to that certain trust deed (the "Deed of Trust") executed by JEREMY LOUIS BECKNER AND JENNI-FER LEE BECKNER, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY, as Grantor, to OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNAT-ED NOMINEE FOR SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURI-

TY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCE-SORS AND ASSIGNS, as Benefi-ciary, dated 12/17/2021, recorded 12/28/2021, as Instrument No. 2021-16148, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon, which covers the following described real property situated in Lincoln County, Oregon: LOT 21, NEWPORT UPLANDS, IN THE CITY OF NEWPORT, COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF ORE-GON, APN: R508441 / 10-11-20-BD-01000-00. Commonly known as: 235 NE 71ST PL NEWPORT, OR 97365-9595 The current benefi-ciary is: SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC. Both the benefi-ciary and the trustee have elect-ed to sell the above-described real property to satisfy the obli-

gations secured by the Deed of Trust and notice has been record-ed pursuant to ORS 86.752(3). The default for which the foreclosure is made is the grantor's failure to pay when due, the following sums: Delinquent Payments: Dates: 6/1/2025 - 8/1/2026 Total: \$40,132.76 Late Charges: \$0.00 Beneficiary Advances: \$2,836.48 Total Required to Reinstale: \$42,769.24 TOTAL REQUIRED TO PAYOFF: \$488,067.82 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by the Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, including: the princi-pal sum of \$464,993.93 together with interest thereon at the rate of 2.75 % per annum, from 6/1/2025 until paid, plus all accrued late charges, and all trustee's fees, foreclosure costs, and any sums advanced by the beneficiary pur-suant to the terms and condi-tions of the Deed of Trust Where-of, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee, CLEAR RECON CORP, whose address is 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225, San Diego, CA 92108, will on 12/17/2026, at the hour of 10:00 AM, standard time, as established by ORS 187.110, AT THE OLIVE STREET ENTRANCE TO THE LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 225 W OLIVE STREET, NEWPORT, OR 97365, sell at public auction to the highest bidder in the form of cash equivalent (certified funds or cashier's check) the interest in the above-described real prop-erty which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time it exe-cuted the Deed of Trust, together with any interest which the grant-or or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the fore-going 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 ORS 86.778 has the right to have the foreclosure proceed-ing dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than the portion of principal that would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, trustee's and attorneys' fees, and curing any other default complained of in the Notice of Default by tendering the performance required under the Deed of Trust at any time not later than five days before the date last set for sale. Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of represen-tations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential prop-erty sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchas-ers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the mascu-line gender includes the femi-nine and the neuter, the singular

includes plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Deed of Trust, the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any. Dated: 8/5/2026 CLEAR RECON CORP 3333 Cami-no Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, CA 92108 Phone: 858-750-7777 866-931-0036 Hamsa Uchi, Authorized Signatory of Trustee 8/26/26 9/2/26 9/9/26 9/16/26

**LCL26-407 TS NO. OR07000003-26-1 APN R273190 01 07-10-03-A0-00700-00 TO NO 260004939-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**

Reference is made to that cer-tain Trust Deed made by, TAM-MIE WEISORAM AND, S. J. MCWILLIAMS, AS TENANTS BY THE ENTIRETY as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REG-ISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as designated nominee for LPMC, LLC DBA LANDMARK PROFES-SIONAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, Beneficiary of the security instru-ment, its successors and assign-ments, dated as of March 23, 2022 and recorded on March 25, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-03184 and the beneficial interest was assigned to LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVIC-ING, LLC and recorded January 10, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-00181 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lin-colin County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R273190 01-07-10-03-A0-00700-00 PARCEL 1, PARTITION PLAT 21-1996, RECORDED APRIL 10, 1996, PARTITION PLAT RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON. Commonly known as: 215 N DEER DR, OTIS, OR 97368 Both the Beneficiary, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, and of Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elect-ed to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Sec-tion 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay pay-ments which became due Monthly Payment(s): 5 Monthly Payment(s) from 09/01/2025 to 01/30/2026 at \$2,554.66 6 Monthly Payment(s) from 02/01/2026 to 07/25/2026 at \$2,564.26 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$217.68 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obli-gations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$326,178.12 together with interest thereon at the rate of 4.62500% per annum from August 1, 2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trust-ee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Benefi-ciary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned

Trustee will on December 8, 2026 at the hour of 01:00 PM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, Public Entrance, Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lin-coln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real prop-erty which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his suc-cessors 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 pro-ceeding 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 or 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 last set for sale. Without limit-ing the Trustee's disclaimer of rep-resentations 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 manu-facturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this poten-tial danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the Trustee's sale. In construing this notice, the masculine gender includes the feminine and the neuter, the singular includes plural, the word "Grantor" includes any successor in interest to the Grant-or as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the per-formance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, the words "Trustee" and "Beneficiary" includes their respective successors in interest, if any. Effective March 1, 2026, new federal regulations (89 Fed. Reg. 70,258) may impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting require-ments unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/docu-ments/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regu-lations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 7/16/2026 By: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 Successor Trustee Malcolm & Cisneros, A Law Corporation Attention: Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112 c/o TRUSTEE CORPS 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 NPP0492128 TO: LINCOLN COUNTY LEAD-ER 08/26/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/09/2026, 09/16/2026

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ACROSS

1 "May I talk to you briefly?"

8 Placed

12 Motor oil additive

15 TV character whom you "better call"

19 Certain outlet accessory

20 River of Aragon

21 Weeding tool

22 Singer Amos

23 Like a gallery that has five dozen paint-ings by artist Antoine?

25 Sort of

27 Shar- — (winkly dogs)

28 What a hailstorm is doing when composer Jean-Philippe is caught in it?

30 Hawaiian for "appetizer"

32 Little League precursor

33 Calling device in a forest east of Paris?

41 Banquet, e.g.

45 Four eighths again

46 Let borrow again

47 Monte —

48 Oil from flower petals

49 Wine enjoyed near a hearth?

53 Aliens, briefly

54 August hrs.

55 Guilty feeling

56 Garage oil

58 Hello hellos

64 Giving the go-ahead for

68 Atmosphere

69 Flaished, flat land that you are visiting today?

72 Flapa — (Easter Island)

73 Bookish sort

75 Giorgio of fashion

76 Apartment policy about animals

78 Island porch

80 Goat's cry

82 Application file extension

83 Festive antique hat?

91 Slanting

93 "Nay" sayers

94 Shower sponges

95 100-page story, maybe

97 Portland

98 That power-ful essayist Henry David?

101 Sea's edge

102 Have — (lose it)

103 Flat-bottomed vessel sailing across the River Styx from Hades?

111 Notion, in Paris

115 An hour before midnight

116 Teasing tribute held at the Green Bay Packers' stadium?

119 Sold out, say

120 Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1973 hit)

121 Leg, e.g.

122 Tom Cruise/ Dustin Hoffman film

123 Puts in place

124 Pastor's talk: Abbr.

125 Legs' counterparts

126 Iran neighbor

DOWN

1 [I'm in shock!]

2 Comics dog

3 Metered car

4 Bldg. units in complexes

5 Pig's home

6 "Ick!"

7 Deep-fried crustacean appetizers

8 Riga native, old-style

9 Aid in crime

10 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)

11 Gloomy

12 Tibias

13 Native of Nuku'alofa

14 Eye care chain

15 Fruit discard

16 Top-liner

17 — Major (constellation)

18 In — of

24 Tightly strung

26 Mineo of "Exodus"

29 — to Be You" (pop standard)

30 Bartlett, e.g.

31 "Friendly skies" carrier, for short

33 Python's kin

34 — coated aspirin

35 Large central feature of the Astros' logo

36 — apso

37 Be mistaken

38 Singer Brenda

39 Chicago Loop

40 Luau paste

41 British bud

42 Previous to

43 Taking after

44 Singer Rawls

47 Chevy pony car

50 "Let's just leave — that"

51 Toy train, when repeated

52 "— Matala" ("The Lion King" song)

54 Part of FDR

56 Car tankiul

57 Spreads out, as fingers

59 Meadowland

60 Crew tool

61 Engine noise

62 Org. for cavity fillers

63 It rises daily

65 Kicked out of a country

66 Chocolaty spread brand

67 U.S. soldiers

70 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)

71 "Sands of two —"

74 Basic trick for a skateboarder

77 Actor O'Toole

79 Baseless bit of gossip

81 Ditz relative of Samantha on "Bewitched"

83 Sharp punch

84 Singer Yoko

85 "Inc." relative

86 Orbiter with a tail

87 — polloi

88 Olympic code for Kabul's country

89 Oom- — band

90 "C"— la vie"

91 State firmly

92 Fraternity "I"

96 "Well now!"

98 Flat, hollow sounds

99 Crested bird with black-and-white wings

100 Harvard rival

101 Submission encl.

103 Pleads

104 Balm plant

105 Camp shelter

106 Nights before

107 Stewpot

108 Impartial

109 "I wonder ..."

110 Recedes

111 Actress Skye

112 Accurse

113 Morales of film and TV

114 Volcano in Sicily

117 Egypt and Syr., once

118 Crater's edge

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EXHIBIT "I" LCL26-431

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE -- NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Public notice is hereby given that Adam Shanks, the Sheriff of Lincoln County, will offer for sale the real property listed in Exhibit "I" below. The sale will be conducted in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room located in room 108 on the first floor of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Lincoln County, Oregon, on Thurs., October 15, 2026, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (beginning at 10:00 a.m.), and, if necessary, may be adjourned from day to day by public announcement made by the Sheriff at the time and place of the sale. Persons interested in bidding on a parcel or parcels will be assigned a bidder number from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Each parcel, or group of parcels, will be sold to the highest bidder in excess of the minimum bid indicated in Exhibit "I" below. Each sale shall be for:

(1) Cash paid at the time of sale (plus an additional fee of \$116 for recording the quitclaim deed to the property)

At the sale, the Sheriff will temporarily accept a personal check to hold a high bid for up to 2 hours or until 4:00 p.m., whichever occurs first. If that high bidder fails to return with the necessary amount of cash by that time, the high bid will be dishonored and the parcel or group of parcels will be sold to the next highest bidder.

NOTICE: Lincoln County does not warrant, guarantee, or make any claims as to TITLE to any parcel or group of parcels offered for sale. Lincoln County only sells and conveys the title, if any, that it has acquired by tax foreclosure. The purchaser only receives a statutory quitclaim deed upon payment of the full purchase price.

NOTICE: Lincoln County does not warrant, guarantee, or make any claim as to the CONDITION of any parcel or group of parcels offered for sale. No inspection, environmental assessment or audit has been performed.

NOTICE: Lincoln County does not warrant, guarantee, or make any claim that any particular USE may be made of any parcel or group of parcels offered for sale. Each parcel and group of parcels offered for sale is subject to land use laws and regulations, which may prohibit certain uses, such as the construction or siting of a residence. In addition, some parcels or groups of parcels offered for sale may not be within a fire protection district protecting structures.

THEREFORE, before bidding on any parcel or group of parcels, a prospective purchaser should check with the appropriate city or county planning department to verify approved uses and the existence of fire protection for structures. Before bidding on any parcel or group of parcels, prospective purchasers should also consult with an attorney, title company or real estate professional of their choice concerning the marketability of title, the existence of any liens or other encumbrances, and the condition of any parcel or group of parcels offered for sale.

The sale of the parcels and groups of parcels listed in Exhibit "I" below is conducted pursuant to an Order of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners entered on September 2, 2026. The Board has reserved the right to adjust minimum bids and remove parcels from Exhibit "I" at any time up to and including the day of sale. NOTE: Lincoln County will not accept less than the minimum bid on auction properties for at least 1 year following auction date.

Copies of Assessor's Maps for each parcel or group of parcels listed in Exhibit "I" below may be obtained on the County's web site at www.co.lincoln.or.us or in person at the Lincoln County Assessor's Office at 225 West Olive Street in Newport, Oregon. Other questions concerning any parcel or group of parcels should be directed to Susan Taylor, Property Manager, at [staylor@co.lincoln.or.us](mailto:staylor@co.lincoln.or.us) or (541) 265-4967, by appointment only.

MAP #

TAX LOT

NEAREST CITY/COM-MUNITY

ADDRESS (If Available) / GENERAL DIRECTIONS & PERTINENT INFORMATION

ZONING

APPROX. SIZE IN ACREAGE

2025-ASSESSOR'S REAL MARKET VALUE

MINIMUM BID

1

07-11-10-AA

3005

Lincoln City

2914 NW Neptune

R-5

0.23 acres

\$ 411,260

\$ 125,000

\*2

08-10-19-DA

100

Lincoln City

S. Immonen Road, west of S. Summer Drive. Barricades currently mark the entrance. Tax lot 100 & Tax lot 142 are being sold together.

R-1

0.41 acres

\$ 2,050

\$ 81,510

08-10-19-DA

142

Lincoln City

A-C

2.07 acres

\$ 143,910

3

10-09-29-00

1599

Eddyville

Yaquina Riverfront

T-C

0.56 acres

\$ 35,600

\$ 4,000

4

10-10-08-DD

2001

Siletz

Between Hwy. 229 & 80 Camp 12 Loop

RR-5, DR

0.34 acres

\$ 49,110

\$ 10,000

5

10-11-05-DC

1000

Newport

Corner of NE 121st/Benton St, Lot 9

R-1

0.20 acres

\$ 50,610

\$ 8,500

6

10-11-20-CA

2200

Newport

ShorePine Hills, Lot 6A, 6B

R-4

0.13 acres

\$ 47,750

\$ 4,350

7

10-11-20-CA

2300

Newport

ShorePine Hills, Lot 7A, 7B

R-4

0.13 acres

\$ 47,660

\$ 4,350

8

11-10-14-BC

201

Elk City

Elk City, Block 2 Lot 1&12

A-C

0.19 acres

\$ 15,950

\$ 4,000

9

11-10-14-BC

1401

Elk City

Elk City, Block, 8, Lot 1,2,11&12

A-C

0.39 acres

\$ 19,900

\$ 4,270

10

11-10-17-BB

9100

Toledo

Corner of E Hwy. 20 & NE Alder St.

C

0.09 acres

\$ 39,290

\$ 4,000

11

11-10-17-BD

200

Toledo

Corner lot - Across the street from 208 SE Fir St.

R-G

0.23 acres

\$ 21,640

\$ 4,870

12

11-10-19-00

900

Toledo

Between Critser Ln & Yaquina Bay Road

RR-5, DR

1.37 acres

\$ 79,650

\$ 9,500

13

11-10-28-00

300

Toledo

Elk City Road, portion of lot 3

T-C

2.50 acres

\$ 17,190

\$ 5,100

14

11-11-05-BA

13900

Newport

134 NW 15th Street

C-3

0.67 acres

\$ 972,220

\$ 450,000

15

11-11-31-AD

7500

South Beach

Pacific Shores, Lot 2Z,

R-1, UGB

0.17 acres

\$ 26,720

\$ 10,000

16

11-11-35-00

1300

Toledo

Approx. M/P 6.09 on S Bay Rd.

RR-5, DR

1.30 acres

\$ 56,220

\$ 12,500

17

13-12-36-AC

3401

Waldport

SW Fehrenbacher Drive

RR-2, DR

0.31 acres

\$ 151,180

\$ 117,740

18

14-12-14-BD

800

Yachats

South of NE Sunset St, Sunset View. Tax lot 800 & Tax lot 900 are being sold together.

R-1, RC

0.20 acres

\$ 14,160

\$ 10,120

14-12-14-BD

900

Yachats

R-1, RC

0.20 acres

\$ 14,160

19

14-12-26-BB

2300

Yachats

Windsong Heights -Common Space

R-1

1.10 acres

\$ 0

\$ 2,500

\*20

14-12-27-AD

2502

Yachats

80 8th Street

R-1

0.11 acres

\$ 605,890

\$ 300,000

\* SPECIAL CONDITIONS

# 2 Barricades will be removed from tax lot 100 by Lincoln County upon sale.

# 20 This property is currently occupied. Legal proceedings, by purchaser, will be required to remove occupant.

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Quarterback Hayden Weiss threw for 150 yards and two touchdowns against Newport on Sept. 4. (Courtesy photos from Lon French)



Corban Smith bagged two receiving touchdowns for Taft against the Cubs on opening night.

# Taft and Newport compete in season opener

**WILL LOHRE**  
*Lincoln County Leader*

Football season for Taft and Newport kicked off on Sept. 4, and it was a cross-county battle as the Tigers and Cubs faced each other in their non-league preseason opener. The Tigers hosted the Cubs, and the game went the home team’s way, with Taft emerging with a 21-6 victory. Taft’s Sophomore quarterback Hayden Weiss threw for 150 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception in the win. Tigers’ Head Coach Jake Tolan

was pleased with the team’s performance in the opener. “It was nice to get a win in our first game against Newport. We did some things really well, and we also identified some things that still need improvement,” Tolan said. “That’s really what the first game is all about: Figure out what you are good at and what still needs improved and developed.” The game against Newport marked the official beginning of the fall season for Taft, a date they had been building up to since June. The

Tigers used the summer months to prepare for the season, and in June, the team practiced for two weeks leading into a team training camp at George Fox University. As part of their preparation, Taft had the high school weight room open four days a week all summer and participated in weekly 7-on-7 contests with other local high schools. Coming into the season, Tolan is expecting a challenge now that Taft has moved up to 4A. The squad numbers are lower than in recent seasons, and Tolan said they have

just over 40 athletes combined between the JV and varsity rosters. While the competition level has changed, the goals of improving and contending have not. “This season, our goal is to get better every day and compete. We have moved up to 4A and have a very difficult and competitive league,” Tolan said. Leading the Tigers in pursuit of those goals are Jorge Cruz-Cobos, Corban Smith, Logan Burt, and Alejandro Hernandez. Junior Alejandro Hernandez and senior

Logan Burt are two of the Tigers’ captains, and each is a returning all-league lineman. Senior Jorge Cruz-Cobos is an all-league and all-state caliber player, the defensive leader, and the program’s leading tackler. On the other side of the ball, senior Corban Smith is a returning all-league player and playmaker for the Tigers. In the first game against Newport, Smith bagged two receiving touchdowns, helping fuel the Tigers’ win. **FOLLOW-UP RESULTS** After the first game, both Taft and Newport

would go on to lose in their second games of the season. Taft faced Warrenton at home on Sept. 11 in a non-league game. Warrenton came out on top 30-14, as Taft’s record dropped to 1-1. The Tigers will be back in action against Seaside on the road on Sept. 18. Newport was defeated by Siuslaw/Mapleton on Sept. 11 on home turf, with the final score ending 28-3 in favor of the Vikings. The Cubs will host Kennedy on Sept. 18, entering the contest at 0-2 and hungry to secure their first win.

# Girls soccer around Lincoln County



The Tigers JV team ended up winning 5-0 against Toledo. (Courtesy photos from Lon French)

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Boomers, Cubs, and Tigers have been let loose on the fields this fall soccer season. Toledo, Newport, and Taft’s girls soccer programs have been seeing action this fall, and after the opening exchanges, each squad is chasing its first win of the year.

Toledo opened its season on Sept. 8 in a non-league matchup with the Taft JV squad. As a 2A team, Toledo faced off with 4A Taft, getting a look at a larger program. The Tigers JV team took the win 5-0 at home. Toledo will get back underway against Salem Academy on Sept. 18, in what will be the first 3A/2A/1A Special

District 2 match of the season. After losing to Klamath Union to start the season, the Cubs girls’ team took defeats in their second and third games of the campaign. Lebanon beat Newport 4-0 on Sept. 3, and then they narrowly lost to North Bend 1-0. In each of the first three games, Newport has had



Toledo faced off with Taft’s JV squad on Sept. 8.

improvement, allowing fewer goals each game. Results from the game against Tillamook/Neah-Kah-Nie on Sept. 15 are unavailable at the time of press. They will be back in action against Philomath to open Oregon West Conference play on Sept. 24. The Cubs finished 4-4-2 in the Oregon West last season, and will hope to

start play on the right foot. Taft High School’s varsity girls team has gotten off to a 0-2 start in the preseason, taking losses to Banks and Tillamook/Neah-Kah-Nie to start the fall. Following the 4-0 loss to Tillamook/Neah-Kah-Nie on Sept. 3, the Tigers are amid a three-week break in the

schedule. They’ll open the league portion of their schedule against Stayton on Sept. 24. It will be the first game of 4A Oregon West Conference action for the Tigers. Last season, in 3A/2A/1A-SD2 Special District 2, the Tigers finished 1-7. They will hope to stick the landing as they leap up a level.