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Homeland Security wants Newport ICE lawsuit dismissed

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is asking a federal court to dismiss the City of Newport's lawsuit against the federal agency concerning the development of an immigration detention facility at the Newport Airport.

In the February 27 court filing, the DHS states:

"Environmental compliance activities had only just begun when USCG withdrew the Newport AIRFAC site from consideration. No construction has taken place and there had been no irretrievable commitment of resources during their initial assessment of the site.

ICE has made no decision to begin construction of a temporary holding/processing facility. At present, ICE has no plan or intention to begin construction or to open a temporary holding/processing facility in or around the City of Newport, Oregon or anywhere within Lincoln County, Oregon."

Following the court filing,



Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan at a January news conference with U/S/ Sen. Ron Wyden (left), Lincoln County Commissioner Walter Chuck and Newport Fishermen's Wives representative Taunette Dixon in the background, at Newport City Hall. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

Newport Mayor Jan Kaplan said he wants assurances that ICE will not establish an immigration facility in Newport.

"While this statement rep-

resents a positive step for our community, we must remain vigilant and carefully consider its language. Previously, ICE offered only that it would not

build a detention facility in Newport or at the Newport Municipal Airport before May 2026," Kaplan said. "We have not yet received assurances that

ICE will not attempt to establish a facility in our community in the future. That's why we are pursuing further assurances that ICE will not construct any detention facility, temporary or permanent.

Kaplan explained that for months, ICE has left the community in a state of uncertainty.

"We will remain actively engaged until ICE has made a decision, and we will only be satisfied when that decision is to make a permanent commitment not to establish a detention facility in Newport," he said. "I am deeply proud of our community for vigorously defending our values... but our work does not stop here. Given the continued lack of transparency and communication from DHS and ICE with the city, we will continue our litigation until we secure sufficient guarantees that they will take no action, now or in the future, that threatens the well-being of our community."

As the Lincoln County Leader previously reported, Oregon

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List narrowed to fill vacant commission post

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The two current Lincoln County Commissioners could finally reach a decision in selecting a candidate to fill the vacant County Board of Commissioners position.

Commissioner Walter Chuck has narrowed his choices to Matthew Harwell and Kristen Don. Harwell, a Newport resident, is a scientist and retired Environmental Protection Department employee. Don is a South Beach resident and former Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employee.

Commissioner Casey Miller has selected Lincoln City Councilor Marci Baker and Chris Chandler of Newport, an Oregon Coast Community College Board member and the former executive director of the Lincoln County Economic Development Association.

WHY APPLY?

In her application, Baker said she applied because she "cares deeply about Lincoln County."

"I have consistently stepped forward when my communi-

ty has needed steady, capable leadership, and I am willing to do the work required to serve well. Across business ownership, volunteer service, and elected office, I have shown up where responsibility was needed, taken on complex challenges, and followed through with care, discipline, and respect for institutional process," Baker states in her application.

Chandler applied stating he was "passionate about Lincoln County and serving its residents, including businesses and those who are marginalized."

"As an OCCC Board member, I've been an integral part of hiring two excellent college presidents - Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge (while I was chair) and now Dr. Marshall Meece Roache. I believe my experience could be useful to the County in its search for and evaluation of an Administrator, public entities, in economic development, health care, nonprofits helping children, education, and more," Chandler wrote.

In his application, Matthew Harwell said he is interested in the position because he can "serve as a force multiplier" for

the county he loves.

"Looking to make a greater impact and accomplish more through collaborative leadership. My philosophy of leading with empathy, compassion, and inclusion, my many years of governmental-, personnel-, and strategic planning leadership, and my advancing critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and calm decision-making skills will be valuable in tackling the challenges of our time," Harwell wrote in his application.

Cristen Don said Lincoln County has been her home for 22 years.

"I care about contributing to the place that has shaped my life. I bring experience in government administration, budgeting, and practical problem-solving that I'm ready to put to work for the County. I'm interested in serving to help move important work forward and support effective local government for the people who call Lincoln County home," Don states in her application.

Miller said the tentative plan is to interview all four candidates during a public meeting March

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After walkouts, budget woes, tensions over Trump, Oregon lawmakers end 2026 session

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Oregon Capital Chronicle

For the first time in years, Oregon lawmakers in Salem's newly-reopened Capitol streamed out of the chamber floors into the rotunda to cap the end of a short legislative session that had both Republicans and Democrats claiming victories.

Responding to the federal government's aggressive deportation campaign, safeguarding access to and funding for reproductive and gender-affirming care and filling a budget hole caused by federal tax and spending changes topped the Democratic majority's agenda this year.

"Senate Democrats have a simple focus: protect Oregonians' values from Donald Trump's administration, lower costs for working families and keep the economy moving. I'm proud to report that what we did together was amazing," said Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama, D-Portland, in a Friday, March 6, news conference following the end of the session.

Republicans, meanwhile, touted their success in gutting a wide-ranging gun bill and delaying, though not blocking, a bill to reschedule a statewide vote on transportation taxes.

"I can stand here today and say the thing I'm most proud of is that the Republicans stood strong, and we stood united as a caucus," said House Republican Leader Lucetta Elmer, R-McMinnville. "In my four short years here, I haven't seen us do that as well as we did this short session."

Lawmakers also experimented with Oregon's legal authority to strengthen the state's decades-old, first-in-the-nation protections for immigrants, passing legislation to prevent law enforcement from wearing masks, safekeep sensitive data and empower individuals to sue officers who enter their homes without a judicial warrant.

In the meantime, Oregon legislators confronted at the beginning of the session a \$650 million budget shortfall, in part due to tax cuts passed under last year's GOP signature tax and spending law. Oregon is among a handful of states that automatically replicate federal tax provisions in state taxes. The practice left Democrats facing backlash from dueling business and progressive groups who sparred over whether to leave those tax breaks in place or completely end the practice of automatic connection.

The avalanche of complex legislation left lawmakers on both sides of the aisle frustrated and confused about their priorities by the end of the five-week session, despite adjourning two days before a constitutionally-mandated deadline. Leadership in Salem again failed to limit the number of bills lawmakers could reintroduce, watered down an ambitious gun control bill and revealed their highly-anticipated plan to temporarily keep the Oregon Department of Transportation afloat just ahead of the last week of the session.

"There might have been a little bit of confusion about what's going on, but really it was just our ability to come together," said Senate President Rob Wagner, D-Lake Oswego, of his colleagues in leadership. "I think the four of us as leaders, being able to have really good communication, understand that it's important to put those values out there and see where you can come together."

Legislators blew past a Feb. 25 recommended deadline from Oregon Secretary of State Tobias Read to sign into law legislation rescheduling a controversial gas tax referendum from November to May. While Democrats ultimately passed the rescheduling measure, opponents quickly filed separate state and federal lawsuits and it's unclear when the vote will ultimately take place.

An effort to readjust the state's campaign finance laws

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Finders Keepers creates special moments for family visiting Lincoln City

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

The iconic Lincoln City Finders Keepers promotion offers anyone a chance to find a hidden glass float along the city's beaches. Finders Keepers volunteers, called float fairies, place thousands of the floats along the beach each year for folks to discover. The theme is, "You find it, You Keep it"

Finders Keepers has been featured over the years in publications and news programs around the world. Most recently on Portland's KOIN TV News featuring a Sheridan woman, Leslie Lindquist battling kidney cancer,

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Leslie Lundquist with her glass float found on the beach in Lincoln City. (Courtesy photo from Ashley Brunner)



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Child luring attempt leads to arrest

STAFF REPORT

Lincoln County Leader

On February 27, 2026, 38-year-old Rigoberto Lezama-Luna, of Springfield, OR, was arrested after attempting to pick up a minor at an undisclosed location in Lincoln City.

Lezama-Luna is accused of sending sexually charged messages through social media to an undercover police officer posing as a minor, according to Lincoln City Police

Department (LCPD) Sgt. Erik Anderson.

Lezama-Luna was transported to the Lincoln County Jail for Luring a Minor and Online Sexual Corruption of a Child 1st Degree.

On March 5, 2026, a Lincoln County Grand Jury issued a True Bill Indictment against Lezama-Luna for the crimes.

“The Lincoln City Police want to encourage parents to monitor their children’s social me-

dia activity and discuss with them the possible dangers of communicating with strangers online,” Anderson said. “These investigations are conducted in a continuing effort to protect our children from predators who target children for sexual exploitation and to reduce crime and further enhance the safety of our community.”

The Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office assisted in the investigation.



On March 5, 2026, a Lincoln County Grand Jury issued a True Bill Indictment against Rigoberto Lezama-Luna for the crimes. (Courtesy photo)

Armed robbery suspect found guilty, sentenced

On March 4, 2026, Lincoln County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Sheryl Bachart sentenced Joshava Devries to 90 months in prison after a jury found him guilty of robbing an employee at South Beach Grocery, at gunpoint, in July of 2025.

The incident took place on July 27, 2025, at approximately 3:45 a.m. at South Beach Grocery Store. The store clerk was working alone when a male walked into the store. He was wearing a mask made from a torn white t-shirt and a wrapping around his left hand made out of the same white t-shirt. He then walked to the cash register, pointed a firearm at the employee,

and demanded cash and cigarettes, according to a release from the Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office. The identity of the suspect was unknown at the time and the suspect was not located.

Upon reviewing the photograph from store security video, Newport Police Officer Abraham Felix, believed the suspect to be Joshava Devries based on the suspect’s height, weight, and posture. Officer Felix knew Devries from prior police contacts.

Four hours following the robbery, Officer Felix and Newport Police Sgt. Michael Leake, contacted Devries, who was wearing the same shoes and same pants as the suspect

seen in security video. Devries also has a tattoo on his left hand, the same hand the suspect had covered during the commission of the robbery. Upon search, officers found the same brand of cigarettes in Devries’ backpack, along with \$120 in his wallet, according to the release.

Sgt. Leake continued the investigation and located the mask, hand wrapping, t-shirt, a \$50 bill, and the sweatshirt worn by the suspect. Sgt. Leake collected the items and sent the mask and hand wrapping to the crime lab for DNA testing. Sergeant Leake additionally took a DNA swab from Devries, which was also sent to



Joshava Devries. (Courtesy from the Lincoln County District Attorney’s Office)

the crime lab.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Beebe, who during the trial, called 10 witnesses, six being from the Oregon State Crime Lab. All six of the crime lab witness-

es played a role in DNA analysis. The DNA analysis process was explained to the jury, with the final witness discussing the results of the DNA analysis linking Devries to the items collected.

On February 18, 2025, after a two-day trial, the Lincoln County, 12-member jury, deliberated for three hours before returning guilty verdicts on all four counts: Robbery in the First Degree with a Firearm, Unlawful Use of a Weapon with a Firearm, Menacing, and Theft in the Second Degree.

Judge Bachart sentenced Devries pursuant to the sentence dictated by the Oregon Sentencing Guidelines to a total of 90 months at the De-

partment of Corrections. The jury also found that Devries personally used or threatened to use a firearm during the commission of the Robbery.

Devries criminal history began in 2014 in Lincoln County with a felony conviction for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. In 2015, he was convicted of three (3) counts of Sex Abuse in the 2nd Degree. In 2019, he was convicted of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. His criminal history also includes convictions for Theft in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Mischief, as well as multiple probation and parole violations, according to the release.

Oregon Senate waters down controversial gun control bill, winning Republican support

SHAANTH NANGUNERI
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregon state senators on Thursday gutted this year’s legislation to bolster the rollout of a 2022 voter-approved gun control law currently being litigated, despite Democrats expending significant political capital to push a wide-ranging firearm safety bill through the House.

In a unanimous vote, the Senate passed the watered-down legislation on Thursday, sending it back to the House for reconsideration after its original

vote on Feb. 25. Despite the GOP’s opposition to the bill in the House, several Republicans expressed support for the new bill’s push to solely delay implementation of Measure 114 until 2028, rather than beefing up the firearm permit or background check process.

“I want to thank the leadership and the Senate Republican Caucus and all the work that has gone into the amended version that we have here on the floor,” said Sen. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford. “That frankly should have been what came over from the House.”

The move follows a Wednesday Senate Rules Committee hearing, where lawmakers agreed to adopt an amendment to House Bill 4145, pushing back implementation of Oregon’s Measure 114 until 2028 and cutting a 28-page bill to two pages. A Senate Democratic Caucus spokesperson told the Capital Chronicle that the Legislature “does not want to intervene” on a matter pending before the Oregon Supreme Court.

But the decision also came after House Republicans walked out of their chamber last week ahead of a vote on the original gun bill, citing a tense committee exchange between two Democratic lawmakers that they accused Democrats of sweeping under the rug. The dispute centered on concerns over sharing information with the federal government that unnecessarily expose the sensitive data of gun owners, a fear which some House Republicans said they shared.

Oregon voters narrowly passed the law in 2022 following a campaign from gun control supporters and faith-based groups, though the

move sparked ferocious opposition from gun owners. The law bans magazines with more than 10 rounds of ammunition and requires completed background checks, permits and firearm safety training before acquiring guns. But the measure still hasn’t taken effect because it promptly drew legal challenges in both state and federal courts.

Sen. Lisa Reynolds, D-Portland, said the bill would give law enforcement in the state enough time to implement the measure and its permitting process, though she acknowledged that the bill “may not be enough for many of my constituents.” She committed to revisiting the state’s permit system in a future legislative session.

“Measure 114 was brought to us by the voters and is the law,” she said. “It’s the job of the legislature to work to support an effective implementation process according to the will of the voters.”

The move to water down the legislation allowed lawmakers to avoid any additional scrutiny facing the legislation as the Oregon Supreme Court weighs whether to uphold Measure 114. While a federal judge ruled in 2023 that the

law is allowed under the U.S. Constitution, a Harney County Circuit Court judge blocked it from taking effect in late 2022 and determined it was unconstitutional in November 2023.

The Oregon Court of Appeals disagreed with that Harney County judge’s ruling, and the state Supreme Court will determine whether the circuit judge or appeals court came to the right conclusion. Justices heard arguments in November over the ballot measure, though they have yet to issue a ruling.

Oregon is already among 15 states where state law enforcement act as an intermediary between gun sellers and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for background checks. The Senate’s move strips the bill of its provisions to increase permit fees, lengthen the timeline for permit approvals and send fingerprints to the FBI for background checks that state law enforcement would later be asked to request federal authorities return and no longer maintain.

Similar guidance is already in place in Measure 114, which suggests the FBI “may not keep any record of the fingerprints.” Federal regula-

tions currently direct the bureau to destroy information from successful background checks within 24 hours.

The House bill’s ban on high-capacity magazines would have also not applied to law enforcement officers, regardless of whether they acquired the firearm on or off the job. Measure 114’s high-capacity ban, meanwhile, doesn’t apply to gun owners who acquire their firearm before the law goes into effect.

Sen. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, told her Senate colleagues that she had changed her mind despite voting no on the bill in committee. But she called the debate around the bill “toxic on all fronts.”

“The systematic attempts to tweak and do this and do that, that’s why I just want to make sure that the consequences of passing this bill are better than the consequences of not passing the bill,” she said. “And I

decided, having received more information, that the consequences of passing this bill are much better than not.”

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FAST FACT
The move comes after Democrats during the short legislative session pushed aggressively to move a more wide-ranging gun control bill through the House

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Redevelopment of the Lincoln County Commons

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Construction could be completed by the end of 2027 for the redevelopment of the Lincoln County Commons, home of the Lincoln County Fair on Harney Street in Newport, according to project manager Joshua Dodson of the DPM Company.

Lincoln County selected DPM of West Linn to oversee the recruitment of contractors who will provide architectural, design and construction services to complete this project, which has been in the works for more than a decade. Demolition of most of the old facilities took place last spring.

Formerly called the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, the concept of renaming the site the Commons arose from a blue-ribbon panel formed to re-imagine its future in 2009, according to a release from Lincoln County.

That panel produced a 2010 report recommending the fairgrounds be redeveloped as a multi-use venue that could host a variety of events in addition to the annual fair and rodeo.

Lincoln County voters approved an additional ballot measure (one was approved on the ballot in 2007) to fund construc-



This is a conceptual design of the new Lincoln County Commons. (Courtesy photo)

tion of new facilities as well as operations at the Commons. The project is being funded through the two Commons-related ballot measures, as well as bonds recently approved by commissioners. Bonds are backed by future transient lodging tax revenue, according to Lincoln County Public Information Officer Kenneth Lipp.

Years of public input helped create the 2019 Revised Master Plan for the Lincoln County Commons, a roadmap for the facility's development and use, according to the release.

"The Master Plan is the document that we are using to move forward with this project," Dodson said. "All the work has already gone into that plan, so we're us-

ing that as our launch pad."

Master Plan

The master plan envisions a new multipurpose building that replaces the existing Main Exhibit Hall, a partially covered pavilion to replace indoor and outdoor arena facilities, a relocated livestock barn to continue housing animal activities, a gateway feature at the corner of Third and Harney Streets to welcome visitors, a new stage, outdoor plazas and expansive lawn areas for the community to enjoy. Thanks to a grant from Business Oregon, the 4-H building on the southeast side of the Commons was renovated in 2023.

Read the Master Plan and related documents on the county website at <https://www.co.lincoln.or.us/590>.

Dodson has extensive experience working with local governments all over Oregon, including at the coast, according to the release.

"I've been representing public agencies in Oregon for going on 28 years," he said during a Commons site visit in Mid-February. His local projects include the NOAA Marine Operations Center, the Port of Newport's International Terminal, multiple developments for Oregon Coast Community College, and work with the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Lincoln County Commissioner Walter Chuck previously worked with DPM Co. in his former capacity as a Port of Newport Commissioner.

"I had the opportunity

work with Joshua Dodson on two projects while on the Port Commission: the International Terminal and NOAA facility," Commissioner Walter Chuck said. "He and his crew were great to work with, and both projects came out really well for the Port. The International Terminal won the Phoenix Award for brownfield sites after it was completed."

"We are now in the process of hiring an architect," Dodson said, part of a step he calls "team formation" that follows the initial front-end work of developing the budget scope and timeline in draft form. The deadline for architects to submit proposals was February 12, and in mid-February, the County noticed its intent to award the contract to LRS Architects, of Portland.

"Then what happens is, we reengage in the design phase, what's called 'programming,' and then schematic design, design development, construction documents and then construction administration," Dodson said. "At the same time, we're looking at hiring a contractor, so we're in what's called an exemption process to utilize an alternative method of contracting called CM/GC (Construction Manager/General Contractor). When we get that contractor on board, they're going to be

working with us before the design is done, so they're almost a partner with us in design and development so we can get what's called a 'guaranteed maximum price' to finish the whole project."

Dodson said he expects the whole project will be completed by the end of next year, with portions completed in time for the 2027 fair and rodeo.

In 2022, the Board of Commissioners made its first regular appointments to the Fair Board since 2009. Previously, the late Commissioner Claire Hall served on the Fair Board with two others for 13 years. While the Fair Board's purview is the fair event itself and not the Commons facilities, members are eager to see progress.

Colleen Robert, Fair Board chair, was told her great-grandfather helped build the fairgrounds at its current site (the event was originally held in Toledo when that city was the county seat). Although she has no way of verifying if that's true, her family has been in Lincoln County since the late 19th Century, so she believes it's likely.

"I'm excited to see the process get started, because it's kind of been at a standstill, and it will be wonderful to see where it goes," Robert said.

FLOATS

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who discovered one of the floats while on a visit to the beach in Lincoln City.

The KOIN report called it a "moment of hope" and added that the visit became doubly magical when Leslie's sister-in-law, Debbie, and her husband, Ted, found their own float just hours later.

The Lincoln County Leader reached out to Kim Cooper Findling, the director of Explore Lincoln City, the city's tourism department and the agency that coordinates the Finders Keepers promotion, for reaction to this family's special moments of finding the glass floats.

The Lincoln County Leader: This must make Explore Lincoln City feel proud in being able to bring a little joy into the life of this person and her family.

Kim Cooper Findling: The joy it brings is what makes Finders Keepers one of the most beloved programs on the Oregon Coast. There's absolutely nothing like the thrill of finding a custom handblown glass float on the beach and knowing it's yours to keep.



Rather than centering on competition or planned hunts, the 2026 season re-emphasizes the tradition's origins, which for a quarter century have been rooted in serendipity, local artistry, and the simple joy of exploration. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

Hearing these stories of discovery from our finders is what brings the joy back to us at Explore Lincoln City.

The Lincoln County Leader: Has Explore Lincoln City seen similar experiences over the years of Finders Keepers?

Cooper Findling: Yes, over the years there have been many touching stories. From a widow whose husband passed away, and she came to the beach to find solace and grieve and ended up discovering a float in his favorite color, sparkling in the sunlight, to a grandfather wanting to get his feet in the ocean one last time, and discovering a float along the Mobi-mat. A couple found one on their 45th wedding

anniversary almost exactly where he had proposed all those years ago, and another family found one as they were grieving the loss of a young daughter. It is all a part of that everyday magic. You just don't know how each float might touch someone's life in the exact moment they need it the most.

The Lincoln County Leader: From the beginning, what has been the purpose of this city promotion?

Cooper Findling: The purpose of Finders Keepers has always been to bring the joy of discovery, surprise and magic to the beaches of Lincoln City. The program was created in 2000 and was inspired by the glass Japanese fishing floats that once washed up on Oregon beaches. Finding one was always a wonderful surprise and an incredible discovery. Finders Keepers recreates that experience for visitors while also supporting



Inspired by the Japanese fishing floats that once washed ashore on Oregon beaches, Finders Keepers began in 2000 as a way to resurrect the feeling of "just happening upon" a piece of coastal history akin to finding a beautiful shell to treasure. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

local artists and promoting economic development through tourism. For over 25 years, it has been Explore Lincoln City's absolute pleasure to continue this magical program.

FLOAT FAIRIES MISSION

During an invited outing at the beach in 2014 and an interview by this publication, one of the volunteer float fairies explained their mission.

"I place the artwork under the sand, under logs, and sometimes I cover the globes with beach grass," the volunteer said. "We really strive to never get into a set pattern of how we do it. We keep it fresh."

The float fairy said she makes certain the artwork can be spotted.

"It's never difficult to find, but often I see people walk right by the floats," she said. "It's quite shocking. They are paying attention to the ocean and the natural beauty of the area."

She added that seeing

someone discover the glass floats is a joy.

"One of the greatest rewards is having the opportunity of seeing the expression and joy when someone discovers the glass art on the beach," she said. "People are just delighted when they find one."

Since the beginning of the Finders Keepers promotion, more than 75,000 handcrafted glass floats have been placed along Lincoln City's seven miles of shoreline, each created by Oregon artists and meant to be discovered, kept, and cherished as a lasting memory. This unique coastal tradition has also established Lincoln City as one of the West's top destinations for blown glass art, with numerous artist studios and galleries, according to Cooper Findling.

Those finding the signed, numbered, and handcrafted glass floats are encouraged to bring the treasure to Explore Lincoln City at the Lincoln City Hall, 540 N.E. Highway 101 in Lincoln City, to receive a certificate of authenticity and a biographical sketch of the artist who created the glass float. Local and regional artists provide the unique glass artwork.

Explore Lincoln City is celebrating this 26th year of the Finders Keepers promotion with special float drops. Throughout 2026, more than 3,000 floats will

be placed on the beach, carried out discreetly by the city's Float Fairies.

- April 22-25, 2026: 50 Earth Day floats released.
- June 19-20, 2026: 31 special floats for the Chinook Winds Casino Resort Anniversary.
- September TBD: 10 floats for Fall Kite Festival.
- October 30-November 1, 2026: 50 Halloween-themed floats placed.

"The goal isn't to spark a race to the sand; it's to invite visitors to slow down, wander, and experience the coastline with a sense of wonder. Less chasing. More meaning," Cooper Findling said in a published article in the Lincoln County Leader in December of last year.

All dates for the float drops are subject to change based on King Tides and weather conditions. All floats are dropped between the high tide line and below the beach embankment, but it is advised to always be aware of tide levels, weather conditions, and current advisories when visiting the beach.

The floats are limited to one float per household per year.

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Legislature votes to give flexibility in tourism revenue

JULIA SHUMWAY
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Most of the year, the coastal city of Newport, Oregon, is home to 11,000 residents. In peak tourist season, the number of people staying overnight can rise as high as 40,000.

The same drastic swing in population is true in cities up and down the Oregon coast, while small cities in the state's wine country and mountains see similar influxes of tourists. Cities and counties that welcome large numbers of tourists benefit from higher spending at local businesses and from state and local transient lodging taxes, charged when people stay overnight at hotels, short-term rentals and campsites.

But for more than two decades, state law has required most of the proceeds of those taxes go toward attracting more tourists. Tourism-heavy cities for years have argued for more flexibility, reasoning that visitors are more likely to return to cities with pothole-free streets, clean and well-lit parks and enough police, fire and emergency medical personnel to respond quickly to incidents. "My communities are

drowning," Sen. Suzanne Weber, R-Tillamook, said on the Senate floor Thursday. "We've had consistent reductions of revenue and simultaneous massive increases to demands on services."

The tourism industry maintains that any reduction to tourism spending will hobble the industry and ultimately cost communities. Those arguments succeeded last year in blocking legislators' efforts to change a 2003 law requiring 70% of transient lodging taxes proceeds go toward tourism.

But the Oregon Legislature landed on the side of local governments this year, passing House Bill 4148 to reduce the share of transient lodging tax that must be used for tourism promotion or tourism-related facilities from 70% to 50% and let cities and counties use up to half the proceeds for services, beginning next January. The Senate voted 23-6 to pass the bill on Thursday, after it passed the House on a 40-12 vote last week.

Weber, who can't run for reelection this year because she ran afoul of a voter-approved constitutional amendment blocking lawmakers with 10 or more unexcused absences from

seeking another term, represents a city of 5,000 that for many is synonymous with cheese and ice cream. The Tillamook Creamery welcomes an average of 1.3 million visitors each year – on par with the Space Needle in Seattle, Northern California's Redwood National and State Parks and Florida's Kennedy Space Center.

"What doesn't increase with the population is the budget of our first responders, our police departments, our fire departments, our road departments," Weber said. "All operate on the same number of dollars they get, whether we have 100 tourists or 1 million tourists."

In letters submitted as legislative testimony, other cities and counties across Oregon described their pride in hosting events that draw visitors, as well as the toll those tourists take on local services.

Albany, for instance, spends approximately \$10,000 in overtime for police and emergency services during its River Rhythms summer concert series.

Central Point, home to the Jackson County Expo, saw supplemental staffing costs exceed \$5,000 during the

2024 Jackson County Fair and \$9,000 during that year's Fourth of July parade.

And Seaside has a roughly \$11 million surplus in its lodging tax revenues that must be dedicated to tourism, while struggling to maintain community infrastructure, Mayor Steve Wright wrote.

"Today, the question is no longer how to bring visitors to Oregon," Wright wrote. "The question is how to sustain the communities that make those visits possible."

The bill also would allow for some of the proceeds earmarked for tourism to go to resiliency grants for small businesses in the restaurant and lodging industries. Sen. Dick Anderson, R-Lincoln City, proposed and later withdrew an alternative version that would keep a 50-50 split between tourism and local services but eliminate resiliency grants.

Anderson, who voted for the measure, said he supported the split but wanted local governments to know that legislators will be closely watching how they use money meant for tourism.

"Unfortunately, we have a history in Oregon of swiping revenue streams for uses other than originally intended," he said

Sen. Todd Nash, R-Enterprise, said greater flexibility in how to use transient lodging tax would have been helpful in his prior role as a Wallowa County commissioner. The northeastern Oregon county has about 7,400 residents and an outsized role in search and rescue because of the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, Wallowa Lake State Park and Eagle Cap Wilderness.

"We were taxed pretty heavily with a county the size of the state of Connecticut and a sheriff's department that was funded by the 7,400 people only," Nash said.

Sen. Sara Gelsler Blouin, D-Corvallis, was the only Democrat to join Republican Sens. Fred Girod of Silverton, Cedric Hayden of Fall Creek, Diane Linthicum of Beatty, Mike McLane of Powell Butte and Art Robinson of Cave Junction in voting against the measure.

She said she heard significant opposition from the tourism community in her district and mixed support from local governments. Corvallis instituted its 9% lodging tax before the 2003 law, so the city already dedicates 70% of its lodging tax

revenue to general city services and 30% to tourism.

"I wish that this could have been narrowed to those coastal areas," Gelsler Blouin said.

Sen. Jeff Golden, D-Ashland, voted for the bill but warned his colleagues that they'll likely continue debating how to collect money from visitors to pay for their impacts.

"Unless we say, 'We don't care if visitors pay for any of the services they use. We're such good hosts, we're going to pick it up altogether,' I believe this conversation is going to recur again and again," Golden said.

<https://oregon-capitalchronicle.com/2026/03/05/oregon-legislature-votes-to-give-cities-counties-flexibility-in-tourism-revenue/>

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Lodging tax increase facing local opposition

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Oregon lawmakers have voted to increase the state's lodging tax in order to help fund wildlife conservation.

The tax increase passed the state Senate on Wednesday, March 4, in a 20-9 vote, a week after approval in the House. The measure is expected to bring in roughly \$37 million per year by raising the state's lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.75%, according to an Oregon Capital Chronicle report.

Oregon is among many states that have struggled to find funding for vulnerable species managed by state wildlife agencies. Such agencies get much of their revenue from fishing and hunting license sales and have focused much of their work on traditional "game" species such as deer and trout.

Climate change, habitat loss and other factors have increased the urgency for states to take a broader approach. Officials at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and similar agencies in other states are responsible for a wide array of species, many of which are struggling. But most agencies have little funding for "non-game" species.

The bill would support programs to aid the more than 300 species that wildlife officials have identified as needing conservation help, through stewardship and by limiting poaching and invasive species. It also earned some Republican support due to a provision that will provide compensa-

tion for ranchers whose livestock are killed by wolves.

Some business and tourism groups opposed the bill, arguing it would hurt their industries. But backers noted that Oregon's overnight lodging tax still remains among the lowest in the country.

LOCAL CONCERN

Kim Cooper Findling, the director of Lincoln City's tourism department, Explore Lincoln City, said the legislation will have a direct impact on the community's lodging, restaurants, and overall businesses because an increase in lodging taxes first puts pressure on lodging businesses, and then on consumers.

"If increased cost leads to occupancy rates falling, restaurants and local businesses feel the impact next," Cooper Findling said. "We've seen room night costs steadily increase since the pandemic. Lincoln City occupancy rates dipped dramatically during the pandemic, rose sharply after the pandemic, and then regained equilibrium, outlasting many other cities in Oregon in this recovery period before beginning to fall at the end of 2025."

Cooper Findling cites recent research by Oregon State University's Sustainable Tourism Lab: "The introduction of higher tourism taxes will likely reduce demand. The optimal tax rate depends on each destination's uniqueness, competitive environment, and visitor mix. The more unique a destination, the more price inelastic its demand tends

to be. For example, beach destinations tend to exhibit higher price elasticity due to the abundance of close substitutes."

According to Cooper Findling, higher consumer costs triggers uncertainties.

"Lincoln City is a special place with strong visitation, and our demand is still strong, but how higher costs impact consumer behavior remains to be seen," she said.

Jason Brandt, Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association CEO Jason Brandt, in an interview with KGW TV News, said the increased lodging tax may lead to more state agencies seeking to draw funds from the lodging tax.

"It does seem to open the door for that, doesn't it?" Cooper Findling said.

Newport Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Wayne Patterson is also concerned about the lodging tax increase.

"I do agree that HB 4134 has the potential of reducing the lodging tax revenue that is used to support bringing tourists to Newport," he said.

Before passage by the Oregon Senate, the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce sent Senators the following letter of opposition signed by the association members, including Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lori Arce-Torres Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Director and Justin Aufdermauer, The Tillamook Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, which reads in part:

"It is important to understand that tourism is a traded sector – it imports dollars into our communities from visitors – and for better or worse, it has been a pillar of local economic growth absent the growth of traditional traded sector industry.

Many businesses and jobs are supported in our communities due to the well-functioning and well-proven system of tourism promotion and investments that have served our state and our commu-

nities for over two decades – a system that will now be significantly disrupted and potentially degraded with the passage of HB 4134 and HB 4148 in tandem.

To be clear: We need visitors and customers on the front end – not grants on the back end.

In other words, we need the TLT revenues dedicated to tourism promotion to do what they were intended to do – promote our communities and drive visitor spending. No other use should be considered for

these dollars."

The measure now goes to Democratic Gov. Tina Kotek.

Read the full Capital Chronicle report at: <https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/03/06/repub/oregon-lawmakers-increase-lodging-tax-to-boost-wildlife-funding/> and follow developments online at the Lincoln County Leader website and in the Wednesday print editions of The Leader.



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Veto HB 4177

Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

We are asking Gov. Tina Kotek to veto HB 4177, an ill-advised measure approved by the Oregon Legislature that undermines Oregon's long-revered Public Meetings Law.

A work group that proposed HB 4177 excluded media organizations that were deeply embedded in the creation of our Public Meetings Law in 1973 and in subsequent amendments. Coming late to that table, representatives of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association were shocked to find this warning from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission:

"This exception would allow governing body members to meet in private and/or communicate privately with each other, outside of any public meeting, in order to gather information. Much of the information gathering that normally occurs in public meetings (work sessions or executive sessions) could instead be done privately ... with no meeting notice, no minutes or recordings, and no news media observers."

Here are additional notes of caution from OGEC, obtained through a public records request:

"It should be noted at the outset that whenever a quorum of a governing body gathers together, whether in public or private, that quorum has the power to exercise government authority and bind the government to any decision. Even if that decision occurs in private

and in violation of the Public Meetings Law, the action still binds the government."

"It (HB 4177) is effectively rewriting the Public Meetings Law in ways that create much more ambiguity and inhibit enforcement, and doing so in a short session without any public involvement."

HB 4177 contains significant legal and political complications, and there is no emergency needing immediate legislative action without adequate attention to those problems.

Some portray HB 4177 as a measure simply to clarify issues related to "serial communications," which are 'daisy-chain' discussions among members of a governing body allowing deliberation without a meeting.

Instead, as testified by citizens, ONPA and OGEC, HB 4177 actually expands permissions for serial communications while allowing full-quorum gatherings of governing bodies with "no meeting notice, no minutes or recordings, and no news media observers."

And of course, no citizen observers. Enactment of HB 4177 would result in loss of government transparency, and new confusion for OGEC in its role of enforcing the Public Meetings Law.

Ironically, it required a public records request to uncover the depth of public harm that would be imposed by enactment of HB 4177. Oregon's two joined laws – Public Records and Public Meetings – provide the core



rights of Oregon citizens to open government.

The Public Meetings Law in ORS 192.620 states state policy unchanged since 1973: "The Oregon form of government requires an informed public aware of the deliberations and decisions of governing bodies and the information upon which such decisions were made. It is the intent of ORS 192.610 to 192.690 that decisions of governing bodies be arrived at openly."

HB 4177 is a violation of that 56-year-old open government policy.

We believe, in passing HB 4177 during a short session, that the Oregon Legislature did not have full access to legal analysis about its consequences. This is precisely the time

– particularly by a governor who has championed open government through decades of Oregon public service – for a balancing veto.

Gov. Kotek, we offer our full support on behalf of the Oregon public for your consideration of a veto on HB 4177.

- Albany Democrat-Herald
- BakerCityHerald.com
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All Wars are Wars Against Children and Motherhood

PAUL HAEDER
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

One day, March 8, International Women's Day just doesn't do justice for most girls on planet earth in the global south who will not reach womanhood.

Example: The Israeli-American strike on a school that killed at least 180 children, most of them girls aged between 7 and 12, on the first day of the illegal war on Iran was deliberate.

The Shajereh Tayyebeh (The Good Tree) school in the city of Minab, in Hormozgan province of Iran, near the Strait of Hormuz, started as an institution primarily to serve the children of Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Navy personnel.

These children were killed in a "double tap" strike, with the second missile fired killing sheltering survivors, two first responders and the parent of a child killed.

"When the first bomb hit the school, one of the teachers and the principal moved a group of students to the prayer hall to protect them," a Red Crescent medic said. "The principal called the parents and told them to come and pick up their children. But the second bomb hit that area

as well. Only a small number of those who had taken shelter survived."

Do you want a new vocabulary dredged from the genocide in Gaza? "Eduicide" is the systematic destruction of education during genocide.

Planned bombing of not just colleges but primary and high schools by the Israeli apartheid state are designed to create a chilling reality: (1) disruption of schooling; (2) illiteracy and educational decline; (3) lack of resources for learning; (4) decline in academic motivation; (5) psychological and emotional impact; (6) makeshift learning attempts; (7) generational implications of lost education.

How about celebrating this powerful woman who stuck her neck out more than 100 years ago.

The founder of Save the Children, Eglantyne Jebb, understood that wars are wars against children . . . against motherhood . . . against sisterhood . . . against aunthood. In 1919, following the atrocities toward children in the First World War, she created Save the Children. Her aim was to recognize and protect the rights of all children worldwide. For her time, her views were far from mainstream.

Jebb also knew that children are significantly at risk during violent

conflicts. She once said, "All wars, whether just or unjust, disastrous or victorious, are waged against the child."

In 1919, the 35-year-old Eglantyne Jebb began handing out leaflets in Trafalgar Square after seeing horrifying newspaper photos of starving children in Europe. Although a ceasefire was declared on November 11, 1918, Allied troops continued to hold a blockade against enemy ports, restricting their access to essential supplies. As a result, famine threatened more than three million children in Europe.

"The child must be the first to receive relief in times of distress."

What do we get now in this upside-down world of the US arming and facilitating Israel in their carpet bombing of Tehran and in Gaza?

The Israeli general who headed military intelligence on October 7, 2023 said 50 Palestinians must die for every person killed that day and "it does not matter now if they are children." This is what Israelis hear broadcast by Israel's Channel 12 TV station.

Aharon Haliva said the toll in Gaza, which he put at more than 70,000 dead, was "necessary" as a "message to future generations" of Palestinians.

"They need a Nakba every now and then to

feel the price," he added, referring to the mass expulsion of more than 700,000 Palestinians from their homes and lands after the creation of Israel in 1948. Nakba means catastrophe in Arabic.

You want another word for your genocide crossword puzzle? Gaza is in ruins. So is its education system. Scholasticide. The Israeli Occupation Forces have destroyed or damaged all schools and education facilities in Gaza.

Today, instead of going back to school, like most children around the world, 660,000 girls and boys in Gaza will be sifting through the rubble, desperate, hungry, traumatized and mostly bereaved.

As noted above, the longer they stay out of school with their trauma, the higher the risk they become a "lost generation," sowing the seeds for more hatred and violence.

Even finding solace from religious leaders is impossible. Here, another word for this deadly crime of genocide: epistemicide. This is what I study and read: Epistemicide is being carried out on a vast scale, designed to erase all knowledge originating in Palestine or relating to it, any alternative knowledge to the official war narrative.

This term was coined by Boaventura de Sousa Santos, a Portuguese sociologist, as he focused on the annihilation of alternate knowledge forms by dominant, usually Western, paradigms. It is a tool of colonialism that erases culture and erodes the legitimacy of marginalized voices.

Women heroes: League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is leading campaigns for an immediate ceasefire and a halt to military support for Israel, with a focus on documenting testimonies from Gaza.

Francesca Albanese is the UN Special Rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territories, who has consistently called for a "suspension of all ties with Israel" until the "Gaza genocide" ends. She has accused the UK and other Western nations of enabling the situation through military and diplomatic support.

This might not be pretty reading, but for the now-past International Women's Day, I encourage you all to study: "Femi-genocide" which is what experts have highlighted based on reports of sexual assault and humiliation of Palestinian women in detention.

And, finally, we have "Reproductive Genocide": Activists have drawn attention to the

specific targeting of pregnant women, the destruction of hospitals, and the lack of access to medical care.

Mothers, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, daughters and BFF's stand strong and join in teaching your boys and men in your lives to respect women, to learn about your contributions to humankind and to respect your vitality as birth-givers. It is a matter of life and death for the planet.

Paul Haeder is a novelist, journalist, educator and author of "Wide Open Eyes: Surfacing from Vietnam," Cirque Press

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

Ronald Reagan

ONLINE POLL

PREVIOUS POLL

Do you favor development of offshore wind energy projects along the Oregon Coast?

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NEW POLL

Have you completed your federal and state tax returns yet?

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LETTERS

I Cannot Say

I cannot say if going to war in Iran is right; but I can say that going to war without Congressional authorization is wrong.

I cannot say if bombing in/around Iran is

right; but I can say that the apparent targeting of a girls' school that killed at least 165 students & staff is wrong.

I cannot say if people believing we are in the end times is right; but I can say that military leaders telling our troops they are involved in a holy war & their actions are part of bringing Jesus back to earth is wrong.

I cannot say if showing the public video clips of bombing in Iran is right; but I can say creating videos that intersperse actual bombing & cartoon clips, creating the illusion of a video game, is not only dismissive of the loss of life that has & will occur, but is just plain wrong.

I cannot say if deporting people in the

US without appropriate papers & status is right; but I can say that violating people's basic human rights, using extreme brutality, and sending people to prisons that practice torture and inhuman treatment is wrong.

I cannot say if creating public service campaigns to promote the administration's immigration agenda is right; but I

can say spending \$220 Million taxpayer dollars to fund this campaign is wrong.

Use your voice, your feet, your resources to tell our leaders that ethics, morality & respect for our constitution & human dignity still matters.

Jane Mulholland
Lincoln City

Lincoln County Animal Shelter ready to serve



The Lincoln County Animal Shelter is located at 220 SW Dahl Avenue in Waldport. (Courtesy photo)



Public entrance area of the new Lincoln County Animal Shelter. (Courtesy photo)



The animal shelter's surgical suite. (Courtesy photo)

JEREMY C. RUARK
Lincoln County Leader

Community members and dignitaries gathered March 5 for the official ribbon cutting and tours of the Lincoln County Animal Shelter at 220 SW Dahl Avenue in Waldport.

“This state-of-the-art facility will not only

improve public safety through effective stray control but will also enhance animal welfare by providing proper care to our furry friends,” Animal Shelter Manager Marie Gainer said. “Our new shelter will serve as a community hub for education, reducing the burden on local law enforcement while fostering

community engagement through volunteerism and philanthropy. The environments we create will be healthier, significantly reducing stress for animals thanks to proper ventilation and dedicated quarantine spaces that are essential for rehabilitation.”

According to Gainer, a major advantage of the

5,195 square-foot shelter is the inclusion of a surgery suite.

“Which will enable us to increase our capacity for high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter services, thereby combating pet

overpopulation and accelerating adoption rates,” Gainer said. “By offering on-site veterinary care, we will act as a critical safety net, helping to keep pets in their homes and reducing overcrowding in shelters.”

Gainer added that operating from a modern facility will also lead to reduced long-term operational costs compared to outdated buildings.

“We aim to provide a safe and humane environment for dogs found running at large and for those animals impounded by law enforcement,” she said. “We plan to offer similar services for cats once we open our doors.”

The Lincoln County Animal Shelter staff consists of an animal shelter manager, an office assistant, and four animal control specialists.

“We are actively working to fill a vacant position, and once that is completed, we anticipate being open to the public five days a week,” Gainer said. “We invested \$5.5 million in the land and construction of the shelter, and we believe it will greatly benefit our

community.

BACKGROUND

Following years of planning and preparing for the construction of the new shelter, an official groundbreaking ceremony was held October 9, 2024. In May 2024, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract to DSL Builders, of Salem, to construct the facility

For many years, the animal shelter has been located on the east side of Northeast Harney Street next to the Lincoln County Commons (fairgrounds) in Newport. In 2019, the building housing the shelter was condemned after an inspection found it to be unfit for human and animal occupancy due to toxic levels of dangerous mold throughout the structure. It had to be demolished, and a modular building was put in its place to provide a temporary facility until a new shelter could be built.

For more information, call 541-265-0720, or email icanimalshelter@co.lincoln.or.us.

OBITUARIES

Joann Anselone

10/22/1929- 2/11/2026

Joann M. Anselone (Smith) passed away February 11, 2026, in Portland, Oregon.

Joann was born October 22, 1929, in Tacoma Washington, just one week before the stock market crash that preceded the Great Depression. Despite those early hardships, her parents sent her to the University of Puget Sound, where she met her future husband, Phil Anselone. They married in 1951 and spent several years in Maryland, Washington and Wisconsin while Phil earned his PhD, and she completed her bachelor's degree. They eventually settled in Corvallis, OR, where Phil was a professor and she managed the household with skill and dedication.

When Phil retired, they moved to the Oregon Coast and spent many happy years there. Joann and Phil were both passionate



supporters of classical music, attending concerts and serving on several boards including Bay Music Association in Newport, OR.

Joann and Phil were avid bridge players, earning the ranking of Life Master from the American Contract Bridge League. Joann loved classic movies, traveling, and spending time outdoors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phil and brother, Jess Smith. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Anselone.

Joann's legacy will endure through her lived values of integrity, flexibility, and respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Donations in memory of Joann can be made to the Newport Symphony Orchestra.

Arrangements to be determined.

Ground broken for Samaritan medical residents housing

SUBMITTED

Site work began the last week of February on a six-unit apartment building that will provide housing for medical residents working at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital.

A project of the Pacific Communities Health District, the \$3.2 million building is slated for completion this fall. The Pacific Communities Health District Foundation is engaging community members for philanthropic support of the project.

“Finding affordable housing at the coast is a well-known obstacle. These apartments will offer an option for our hospital's medical residents who spend two years here as part of their training,” Pacific Communities Health District Board Chairperson Chris Carlson said. “The availability of a beautiful, brand new apartment rental right next to the hospital will undoubtedly be enticing to them.”

About the Building

The apartment building site is north of the hospital's main parking lot, at 933 SW Abbey St. Now vacant, it previously held a single-family home which was demolished a couple of years ago. Once complete, the 5,400-square-foot, three-story apartment building will offer one-bedroom apartments that average around 900 square feet. Each has its own covered outdoor space, and a dedicated parking lot will be located to the north.

“We are pleased to once again work with Capri Architecture, whose designs have a distinct Pacific Northwest aesthetic,” Carlson said. “An example of their work can be found in the Center for Health Education which opened 10 years ago just west of the hospital.”

Kauffman Commercial, based in Salem, was awarded the construction bid. As part of the project, Southwest 10th Street will be paved to the end of the

block, in an intergovernmental agreement between the health district and the city of Newport.

Rural Residency Program

Medical residents accepted to Samaritan Health Services' Family Medicine Rural Residency Program spend three years diving deep into the multifaceted demands of rural health care. The first year they see patients at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis or other larger volume urban hospitals. The last two years they are based at Newport and may also travel to Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln City to see patients and train.

According to Lesley Ogden, MD, Samaritan Coast Region CEO, the rural residency program's goal is to create well-educated physicians who specialize in family medicine with a focus on caring for an underserved, rural population. A secondary goal is to show the new doctors the opportunities available to them on the central Oregon coast, perhaps inspiring them to remain.

“These physicians spend two years treating patients here. After they become involved in the community and explore everything wonderful about the Oregon coast, we hope they

will want to build their practices locally and make this their home,” Ogden said.

Efforts Support Recruiting

Cassie Whittier, MD, is the director of the Family Medicine Rural Residency program.

“The continued support of the residency program by the hospital and foundation, shown through projects like this one for housing, demonstrates a strong commitment to the program's long-term success,” Whittier said.

“We regularly discuss the housing option and the broader community support with applicants to the program, and they have become very attractive recruitment tools,” she added. “We want our medical residents to feel connected and truly part of this community while they are here, and initiatives like this help make that transition easier.”

Learn More

For project updates, visit pchdistrict.org. To donate toward this community project, visit samhealth.org/PCHDF, choose “other” from the program list, and comment “Housing,” or contact the Pacific Communities Health District Foundation at 541-574-4745.

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Edward John Cameron

April 17, 1931 - January 5, 2026

Edward “Eddie” Cameron of Newport, Oregon, 94, died peacefully on January 5, 2026, with family by his side.

Born April 17, 1931, in Portland, Oregon, Ed studied at Central Catholic High School, Mt. Angel Seminary, and the University of Portland (B.A.'55), with graduate studies at the University of Oregon.

An avid artist, writer, cartoonist, actor, sculptor, teacher and free spirit, Ed made friends and found creative outlets and projects wherever he went. He was a part of so many plays, bands, dance companies, singing troupes, TV shows, and live performances that they would be impossible to list. He wrote articles, reviews, plays, books, poems, children's stories, journals, scripts, PR pieces, ads, and newspaper opinion pieces. He created sculpture from every imaginable material, his favorite being found objects. His lifelong friendships went back to his early schooldays, with his good childhood friends Richard Kennedy and Ed van Aelstyn, all reconvening for their last roughly 40 years together in Newport.

He became an institution in Newport, known as the Mayor of Nye Beach. Since taking up residence at the original Hotel Gilmore, then his small cottage nearby, and finally his home in the also nearby over-55 community, he never left his beloved Nye Beach. His easy-going manner, smiling laugh, and uncomplicated joy of life made him the center of attention at every gathering.

He worked for Oregon State University, Oregon System of Higher Education, Oregon Education Association, and University of Portland, where he was Director of Public Relations.



As a journalist, he was a regional correspondent for The Oregonian and United Press International while working in newspapers and radio in Portland, Eugene, Toledo (KTDO) and Newport (KNPT). He taught English and journalism at North Eugene and Willamette high schools, and Finegold Ranch School near Fresno, California. He was beloved by his students, who fought to get into his classes.

In Palo Alto, California, Ed was an editor on the Harper & Row “New Directions in English” textbook series. He authored the graphic novel “Gilmore by the Sea”, set in Newport, and published cartoons in the San Francisco Phoenix, the L.A. Free Press and the Berkeley Barb.

In 1955, Ed married Sharon Boyle. He married again in 1961 to Grace Zangar. Ed was preceded in death by his daughter Darcy Cameron. He is survived by four of his five children Marcel Cameron, Ellen Cameron, Brian Cameron (Jennifer), and Caitlin Cameron (Lance Leuthold). He is also survived by his grandchildren Nicholas Cameron, Amanda Cameron, and Taylor Putty (Andrew), his great-granddaughters Penelope Sophia Putty and Lillyana Marcella Putty, as well as his brother John Cameron (Vicki), and extended family he embraced as his own.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Newport Performing Arts Center, the Yaquina River Museum of Art, or the Newport Public Library. Or merely find a way to spread unlimited and unconstrained happiness and joy, as Ed was so well known for doing.

A Celebration of Ed's Life will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 1:00 pm, at the Newport American Legion, 424 W Olive Street.

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U.S. Senator Ron Wyden said he continues efforts to stop the federal government from establishing an immigration center at the

Newport Airport. "As long as I am in this position, we are not going to have an airport Alcatraz in Oregon," he said. "I will do everything in my power to derail that effort." Wyden made the statement following a January 22 tour of the Coast Guard air station at the Newport

Airport and a Newport City Hall news conference. Oregon is one of a few states in the nation that does not have a large-scale, long-term immigration detention facility. People held by ICE in the state are allowed to be detained in processing facilities in cities such

as Portland for up to 12 hours, often transferring to a field office in Tacoma, Washington, for longer detentions, according to an Oregon Capital Chronicle report. In December, Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield asked a federal judge to block construc-

tion of an immigration detention facility at Newport. "We will not allow federal agencies to sidestep the law or build detention facilities where they don't belong, including along our coast," Rayfield said in a statement. "The federal government has to follow the same laws everyone

else does when operating in our communities," the Oregon Capital Chronicle reported.

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18 or March 19. The exact meeting date and time was pending at press time. "I believe as much community engagement as possible will help

inform the public about how the Commission serves them," Miller told The Lincoln County Leader. "My continued recommendation is that the Commission itself deliberate openly about the types of questions being asked and the substance of those questions, rather than leaving that deter-

mination solely to staff. I will continue to advocate that Commissioner Chuck and I transparently demonstrate what we do as commissioners and what we are looking for in a colleague. In the end, the appointment process should mirror the spirit of the elections process as much as possible."

BACKGROUND The position became vacant following the sudden death of Commissioner Claire Hall January. 4. At the deadline Jan. 31 for applicants, 23 people had originally applied, according to county documents. The annual salary for the Board of Commissioners position is \$94,000 not

including benefits. Lincoln County has a three-member Board of Commissioners, whose full-time salaried members are elected on a countywide basis to staggered four-year terms of office, governs the County, according to the county's website. The Board of Commissioners has the responsibility to

oversee all activities related to the operations of the County. The Board annually elects a Chair at the beginning of each calendar year.

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also drew the ire of good governance groups who accused the Legislature of shutting them out as lawmakers rushed wide-ranging technical amendments through both chambers.

"The goal of (the bill) that we passed is to ensure that those further conversations happen. And I think those conversations need to involve practitioners, folks like treasurers and other folks in a more active way in the actual Legislature themselves," Fahey told reporters. "They have been involved in the secretary of state's technical rulemaking process, but working through as the secretary of state starts to actually implement this law what are the issues that arise."

Gov. Tina Kotek, meanwhile, returned to her newly open ceremonial office in the Capitol but made few public in-person appearances in Salem during the session compared to her predecessors, aside from a press conference and offering testimony on her priority legislation for economic development in the state as she appeals to business groups and seeks to strengthen her reelection campaign.

She also changed her tune on one of her signature pieces of legislation amid concern that the bill would further incentivize data centers in the state, supporting a year-long moratorium on a specialized tax break program that the centers often capitalize upon in urban and suburban Oregon.

"I have consistently since becoming governor, and did this when I was speaker of the house as well, met regularly with Republican leaders," Kotek told reporters. "The difference this session is being able to do it in person in my conference room in this Capitol. So just the ability to know that people can pop down the hallway and have a meeting with me, it just creates a different environment."

Transportation, guns see parallel fights

One of the most contentious issues this session was whether Democrats would reschedule when Oregon voters could have a say on a controversial 2025 law to raise the gas tax, vehicle registration and title fees and the payroll tax used for public transit. Republicans and some Democrats acknowledged moving the referendum vote to May could keep the measure off the same general election ballot as Democratic legislators and Kotek, who has faced intense scrutiny over her handling of the transportation package she championed last fall and polled among the most unpopular governors nationwide.

After quorum-denying Republican walkouts in the House and Senate and missing a Feb. 25 deadline to pass the bill, Democrats on Monday secured enough votes in the House to send the bill rescheduling the vote to May to Kotek's desk.

Kotek signed it into law shortly after, but she and legislative Democrats were met with angry Republicans who promptly filed a lawsuit and alleged lawmakers were ignoring the 250,000 Oregonians who signed the petition to block those tax and fee hikes specifically asking for a November vote. A hearing in that case is set in Marion County Circuit Court next week, and another individual, Mary Martin of Klamath Falls, filed a similar lawsuit in federal court on Thursday.

Rescheduling the referendum didn't make up for the \$288 million the Oregon Department of Transportation needs to fill gaps in its current budget and to support operations at the beginning of the 2027-29 budget cycle. To cover those gaps without raising fees or taxes, the agency will leave 130 positions vacant.

Lawmakers on Friday also passed Senate Bill 1601 to repurpose funding for infrastructure improvement projects that haven't yet begun and cut funding for marine and aviation projects, as well as efforts to make safer walking and biking routes for schoolchildren.

Some House Republicans also hardened back

to an incident last year where Sen. Chris Gorsek, D-Gresham, raised his voice at Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis, R-Albany, during a joint transportation committee hearing. The Senate Conduct Committee this session cleared Gorsek of discrimination or harassment, but concluded he was disrespectful.

But Republicans saw an echo of that incident in a tense committee dispute between Rep. Th y Tr n, D-Portland, and Rep. Jason Kropf, D-Bend, over an ambitious package bolstering the rollout of a voter-approved gun law that raised questions over whether the state should be working with the FBI and federal government to share the information of diverse gun owners.

Republicans decried the legislation as yet another attack on gun rights in the state, and they staged a walkout ahead of a vote on the gun bill. They framed their walkout as a "pause" after what they described as Democrats sweeping an instance of a female legislator being targeted by a male colleague under the rug, though some acknowledged they were also trying to delay a vote on the transportation referendum schedule.

Senate Minority Leader Bruce Starr, R-Dundee, confirmed Friday that Republicans secured amendments from leadership in the Senate, which stripped the gun control legislation of any significant changes to the permit-to-purchase process while solely delaying the implementation of Measure 114 until 2028 as the Oregon Supreme Court decides whether to uphold the law. Voters originally approved the measure in 2022 by a narrow margin, and the measure's authors are urging lawmakers to revisit the matter in the 2027 legislative session.

"I believe if that bill had been scheduled for a work session without a commitment to amend it, that there would not have been enough Republicans to operate and do business," Starr told reporters.

New economic conditions after years of budget surpluses

Most Democratic Oregon lawmakers voted

to disconnect some of the state's tax code from the federal tax code to keep \$291 million in revenue the state otherwise would lose by replicating federal tax cuts. Republicans, in turn, have threatened to send it to Oregon voters in November via a ballot referral, though they will be hard-pressed for time. Coupled with several budget rebalance bills that cut spending on supplies and services, and that leave more than 130 jobs vacant at the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon lawmakers have closed what they said began as a \$650 million budget deficit going into the session. The moves will spare the transportation agency from hundreds of layoffs during the next 18 months, until lawmakers can come up with more sustainable funding during the long session in 2027.

Social services and education funding were largely untouched, despite Democratic leaders warning they'd be among casualties of congressional Republicans' tax and spending megalaw passed during the summer. Although new provisions in the law that shift many new costs for safety net programs to states will come with a high price tag, the state's most recent revenue forecast showed more corporate income tax revenues helped soften the blow.

Campaign finance still unfinished

A controversial bill changing a 2024 law limiting campaign contributions passed with nearly two-thirds of lawmakers in both chambers, though none were happy about it. House Bill 4018 providing technical fixes to the 2024 law was necessary, lawmakers said, to ensure the Secretary of State's Office can enforce political spending limits by January of next year. They also passed Senate Bill 1502 to require the secretary of state to report back with campaign finance ideas next year.

Opponents said HB 4018 was written with the input of business industry and union lobbyists while explicitly cutting out campaign finance reform advocates. Those activists

had agreed in 2024 to shelve a ballot measure on political spending limits and to work with lawmakers on a legislative solution. Leaders from the groups have vowed to take the bill to Oregon voters in a ballot referendum in 2028 if Kotek signs it.

Kotek said Friday she was not involved in the bill negotiations and that she is still considering whether or not to sign it into law.

"I kept reminding people that we need to stay the course that was established in the 2024 session to establish contribution limits and not delay their implementation" she said, adding: "There are other things in that bill that I need to understand."

Both chambers also hosted candidates for the GOP's nomination for the governor's race: Sen. Christine Drazan, R-Canby, and Rep Ed Diehl, R-Scio. Drazan, a former House Republican leader, managed to avoid the House's rules restricting campaign fundraising during legislative sessions by taking the spot of former Senate Minority Leader Sen. Daniel Bonham, R-The Dalles. State records show her campaign has more than \$1.2 million in the bank.

Diehl, meanwhile, earned a stern rebuke from Fahey for continuing to accept donations to his gubernatorial campaign during the session. However, Fahey has yet to offer a concrete punishment for the prominent conservative, who has pointed to legislative legal guidance suggesting the rule is unconstitutional. Diehl has more than \$100,000 in campaign funds, according to records as of Friday.

Curtain call for several lawmakers

Along with Diehl and Drazan giving up their chances to run for reelection by running for governor, three Republican senators who participated in the longest walkout in state history in 2023 over bills related to abortion, transgender health care and gun rights cannot seek reelection this year. Sens. Cedric Hayden of Fall Creek, Kim Thatcher of Keizer and Suzanne Weber of Tillamook will finish their terms in Jan-

uary. Reps. Jeff Helfrich, R-Hood River, and Jami Cate, R-Lebanon, meanwhile, are leaving the House to run for vacant Senate seats.

Five retiring members of the House and one retiring senator, Democrat Jeff Golden of Ashland, wrapped the final floor sessions of their careers on Friday.

Rep. Rick Lewis, R-Silverton, retires after nearly a decade and Rep. Boomer Wright, R-Reedsport, wraps up his time in the Legislature after six years.

Rep. Annessa Hartman, D-Gladstone, who has been fighting stage 3 cervical cancer since the fall, will also wrap her time in the Legislature at the end of the year. Hartman has been mostly absent from the House floor while she undergoes treatment, but has said she's fully committed to continuing her term in the state House and her campaign for an open seat on the Clackamas County Commission.

Rep. Ken Helm, a Democrat, will retire at the end of 2026 after 12 years representing the Beaverton and Cedar Hills area. And Rep. John Lively, D-Springfield, will retire after 14 years in office. The two are well known for bipartisan work on policies, and got teary on the floor thanking their colleagues for the collaboration over the years.

"I really enjoyed serving my constituents, working with a wide range of elected officials here," Lively told the Capital Chronicle, "and I do feel very good about being respected, and respecting others, on both sides of the aisle."

Oregon Capital Chronicle intern Robin Linares contributed to this report.

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Oregon Employment Department Improvement Plan



Learn more about the plan at employment.oregon.gov. (Jeremy C. Ruark / Lincoln County Leader)

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

The Oregon Employment Department (OED) has released a comprehensive report on its ongoing effort to improve customer service and strengthen Oregon's public workforce system.

The action plan meets expectations outlined by Governor Tina Kotek and demonstrates progress already underway under Director Andrew R. Stolfi, according to a release from the OED.

"Oregonians deserve the best customer service we can provide to make sure they have what they need, especially in times of employment transition," Governor Tina Kotek said. "The department is taking these issues head on, and the action areas identified in the director's report will help get us there."

At the Governor's direction, OED conducted a review of the customer experience across

Unemployment Insurance (UI), Paid Leave Oregon (Paid Leave), Contributions & Recovery (C&R), WorkSource Oregon (WSO), and the Frances Online system. The resulting Customer Service and Workforce Strategies Action Plan includes a prioritized list of 101 customer-focused action steps that fall into four main categories:

- Customer service improvements
- Organizational improvements
- Improvements to Frances Online
- Improvements to the public workforce system

The actions range from high-impact, short-term initiatives to long-term system changes, with the following projects as the highest, most immediate priorities:

- Use AI-assisted tools to improve customer service and employee workflows for faster

resolution of common and complex issues.

- Review and simplify all customer-facing communications so customers better understand OED's processes and can more easily receive benefits.

- Equip WorkSource Oregon centers with additional tools to help customers navigate UI claims.

- Improve how the agency collects and analyzes data to support well-informed goal setting, process improvement, and accountability.

- Create an online live claim status tracker so customers know where they are and what to expect at each step of the process for Paid Leave Oregon and UI.

- Consolidate Title I and Title III Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) administration and funding within OED to improve efficiency and accountability within Oregon's public workforce system.

"This action plan reflects OED's deep commitment to improving the services we provide," Stolfi said. "It draws from our strengths and is centered on the customer experience, which is where our focus will remain.

When Stolfi joined OED as director, the Governor asked him to lead a thorough review of the agency and develop a comprehensive plan to improve customer service and advance OED's workforce development mission.

In pursuing this directive, OED gathered extensive feedback from across the state through surveys, focus groups,

and interviews with more than 5,000 customers, 850 employees, and 240 frontline staff. That feedback revealed clear, consistent themes across programs and communities, including the need for clearer, faster, and more predictable service for Paid Leave and UI customers, and simpler processes and clearer guidance for employers that engage with OED's business services.

"Our goal was to identify what is working, where barriers exist, and what improvements will make the greatest difference for the people and businesses we serve," Stolfi said. "You can draw a direct line between the feedback we received and the actions outlined in this plan."

A plan summary, a categorized list of prioritized actions, and the full action plan are available on the OED website. Stolfi said OED will continue to share progress updates and engage with customers, partners, and the public as the department move forward.

"We've already started working on many of these projects, and Oregonians should expect to see many changes and improvements in the coming months," Stolfi said. "Customer service is our top priority, and we will not rest until every Oregonian gets the services they expect in a timely manner."

According to Stolfi, the agency has already improved in key customer service metrics.

For example, from July 2025 through January 2026 in Unemployment Insurance, the average time to answer a call was 22

minutes faster than the same seven-month period the prior year, despite a 13.6 percent increase in initial claims filed. The Paid Leave program has also reduced the average time it takes for staff to decide on a claim by 5.8 days, despite a 17.6 percent increase in application volume.

This indicates improvements in operational efficiency, even while more Oregonians are using these programs, Stolfi stated in the release.

"We are encouraged by the progress we've already made but recognize that we must continue improving in order to provide the level of customer service Oregonians deserve," Stolfi said. "This plan lays out exactly how we'll do that."

About the Oregon Employment Department

The Oregon Employment Department (OED) provides economic stability to Oregon communities by providing vital services to both businesses and workers.

OED supports businesses with finding qualified job candidates, labor market information, tax incentives and support, and retaining talent through economic downturns.

OED promotes employment through wage replacement benefits during unemployment and significant life events, job placement, training, and useful career information.

Learn more at employment.oregon.gov.

Parks Commission approves rate, reservation rules, grant proposals and construction projects

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission has approved several grant recommendations and rule updates, including changes to camping cancellation policy, special access pass program requirements and rate ranges.

The updated reservation rules will go into effect beginning April 2026. These rules, 736-015-0006 to 736-015-0043, will update the agency cancellation policy, refunds, special access passes and rate ranges.

Changes include:

Cancellation Policy:

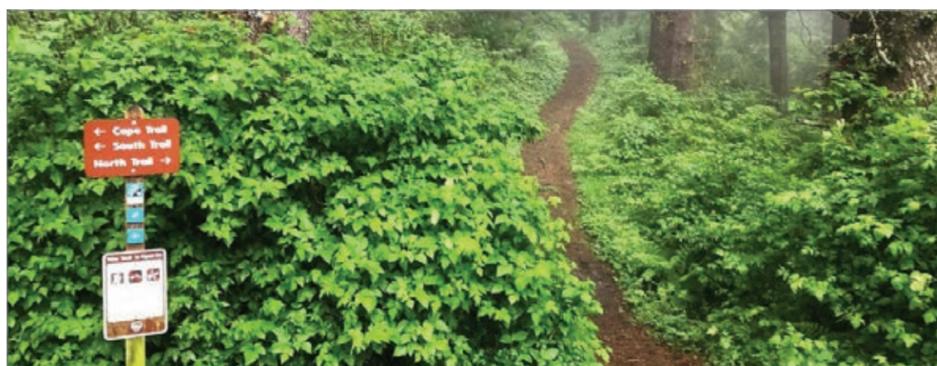
- No refunds on the day of arrival.
- No-show reservations will not be refunded.
- Refunds vary based on how long the reservation was held and how close to arrival it is canceled.

Special Access Pass:

- New passes granted only to Oregon residents.
- Free Day Use parking year-round.
- 4 nights of free camping per calendar month.

Other items:

Updates reservation rate ranges



The State Parks Commission has approval efforts to proceed with construction contracts for Cape Lookout. (Courtesy photo from Oregon State Parks and Recreation)

to reflect future costs.

- These rate ranges set only the minimum and maximum allowed amounts. They are not the actual price visitors will pay.
- Actual rates will continue to be set separately and may stay the same or change gradually over time. This change allows greater use of demand-based pricing across seasons and park types.
- The new rate ranges are not new rates. These ranges allow for the director to set new rates within the approved range to respond to inflation and operational needs.

State Parks Day will provide free parking for Oregon residents.

- Individuals with existing camping reservations for June 6, 2026 will continue to have camping fees waived.

Updates language to allow for input of license plate input instead of printed tags.

The request to adopt rules guiding use of unmanned aircraft systems in parks and on the ocean shore was postponed until the April 2026 commission meeting.

The commission approved the following grant recommendations:

- All-Terrain Vehicle Program

15 grants totaling \$1,402,458 (Grants funded by ATV user permit sales and percentage of gas tax)

- County Opportunity Grant with 9 grants totaling \$2,171,547 (Grant program funded by RV license plate registration dollars)

Additional approved action items include:

- Acknowledgment of a donation from Fastap Screw Company.
- Addition of Ewuana Flats to the State Natural Areas Program
- Approval to proceed with construction contracts for Lake Owyhee and Cape Lookout.

This was the first meeting for Commissioner Chane Griggs. Commissioner Griggs represents congressional district six. She is active in the Salem community and retired from a career with the state of Oregon. Commissioner Griggs enjoys camping with her family, including many spring break trips tent camping at Wallowa Lake State Park when her children were younger.

The next commission meeting will be held virtually on April 22, 2026.

To watch the February commission meeting or any others, visit <https://bit.ly/oprdlive> and find supporting documents on the commission webpage: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/CAC/Pages/CAC-oprc.aspx>

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission promotes outdoor recreation and heritage by establishing policies, adopting rules and setting the budget for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The seven members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate. They serve four-year terms and meet several times a year virtually or at locations across the state.

The commission made the changes at its February 24, 2026, virtual meeting.

Local government grant funding applications open

The 2026 Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) grant cycle is now open and accepting applications.

This year, approximately \$15 million in funds are available in this competitive grant process. The purpose of the Program is to help local government agencies fund projects to acquire, develop and rehabilitate parks and public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Eligible applicants are cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, park and recreation districts and port districts.

Learn more about applying for the grants at a live online webinar on March 19 at 10 a.m. The webinar will help new and returning applicants

navigate the application process and learn about the program. Register at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lowEQ51DRgWqSwufPy7J4w

A recording of the workshop and presentation slides will be available after March 19 on the LGGP website: <https://www.oregon.gov/oprd/gra/pages/gra-lggp.aspx>

The LGGP website also includes additional information about the LGGP, including past grant award recipients, the grant manual, application instructions, grant forms, and program schedule.

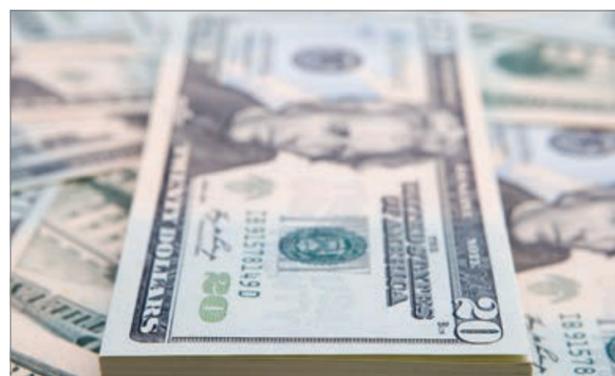
Program grants are split into large, small and planning categories. Grant application deadlines and maximum awards

vary by grant type:

- Large Grant Deadline (\$1,000,000 maximum award): June 5
- Small Grant Deadline (\$100,000 maximum award): June 18
- Planning Grant Deadline (\$50,000 maximum award): June 18

Local governments can apply online at oprdgrants.org. Applicants will need to set up an account when applying for the first time.

This Oregon Lottery-funded grant program is administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD). The program has awarded more than



This year, approximately \$15 million in funds are available in this competitive grant process. (Courtesy photo)

\$100 million in reimbursement grant funds since 2000. OPRD's budget does not include any general tax funds.

For more information, contact LGGP Coordinator Jennifer Dimsho at Jennifer.Dimsho@oprd.oregon.gov or call 503-951-1317.

Newport Aquatic Center to adjust operational hours



The Newport Aquatic Center is located at 225 SE Avery Street in Newport. (Courtesy photo)

The Newport Parks and Recreation Department announced adjustments to the daily operational hours of the Newport Aquatic Center due to staffing shortages.

Beginning Sunday, March 15, the Aquatic Center's operational hours will be:

- Tuesday-Friday: 6 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Saturday: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sunday and Monday: CLOSED

The Aquatic Center will return to normal operational hours as

soon as staffing is able to return to an adequate level. If anyone is interested in applying for a city lifeguard position or other city positions, visit: government-jobs.com/careers/cityofnewport.

It is recommended to check the Aquatic Center's pool schedules and operational hour updates prior to visiting the facility by visiting PlayNewport.org or by contacting the Recreation and Aquatic Center at 541-265-7783.

For more information, please contact *Chloe Hubbard* at 541-265-4855 or c.hubbard@newportoregon.gov.



Scott A. Stimpson. (Courtesy photo)

Stimpson named Loyalty Days Grand Marshal

STAFF REPORT
Lincoln County Leader

Recently retired Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major Scott Stimpson has been selected as the Newport Loyalty days 2026 Grand Marshal.

Stimpson served over 25 years in recruiting and retention — personally enlisting nearly 250 soldiers and mentoring more than 10,000 throughout his career. He was named the Army National Guard's 2014 NCO of the Year and now serves as Executive Vice President of Operations for the Association of the United States Army 6th Region.

A lifelong learner, mentor, and community leader, Scott continues to inspire the next generation through service and leadership, according to a release.

Scott and his wife Jenn live in Albany, Oregon, with their four children.

Loyalty Days is hosting a canned food drive throughout March at three locations: Newport Armory, Oregon Coast Bank, and Ballast Gym. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 4.

The Loyalty Days celebration is scheduled for May and includes a community parade.

WHS Robotics Club take learning underwater

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Instead of watching marine science from the sidelines, Waldport High School robotics students found themselves behind the controls, guiding an underwater robot through aquarium tanks and the waters of Yaquina Bay.

Using a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) equipped with a camera, members of the WHS Robotics Club partnered with the Oregon Coast Aquarium to conduct live tank inspections.

Students examined the Aquarium's Med Pod and Port Orford Reef tank before heading to Yaquina Bay to inspect the inlet pipe.

Under the direction of Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher Philip Reed, the experience represents years of partnership and intentional collaboration.

"Our partnership with the Aquarium really started when I was working on my Action Research Project," Reed said. "Charissa Stair (Education Engagement Manager at the Oregon Coast Aquarium) was amazing and very open to facilitating a wide range of projects for my Exploring Computer Science class."

That collaboration has grown steadily. In previous years, Waldport students have built visitor-friendly apps, created laser-cut pins for the Aquarium's



Students in Waldport High School's Robotics Club work together to steer, control, and document findings from their remotely operated vehicle (ROV) in the Med Tank at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. (Courtesy photo from the LCSD)

Junior Aquarist program, developed exhibit enhancements, and designed interactive technology for the Aquarium's jelly exhibit using 3D modeling, micro-controllers, sensors, and LED lighting.

This year's ROV inspection allowed former computer science students who are now robotics club members, to apply those technical skills in a professional setting.

Stair said the partnership highlights how education and industry can work together to expand students' perspectives.

"Part of my job is to partner with teachers who want more than the regular programming we offer for field trips," Stair said. "Working with Philip and his classes has been one of the best parts of my work. I love helping students see how their different passions and interests might overlap in unique ways that could lead to a career they never considered."

Reed said he believes these experiences are essential to CTE education.

"As a CTE teacher in Oregon, I know the value of a good

business partnership in order to give our students the most 'bang for their buck,'" he said. "It's one thing to read about a job in a textbook; it's an entirely different beast to actually stand in the room where it happens."

Beyond robotics and coding, students develop communication, accountability, adaptability, and professionalism. The projects also provide meaningful experiences students can reference in college applications, resumes, and future job interviews.

The underwater project was conducted February 19.

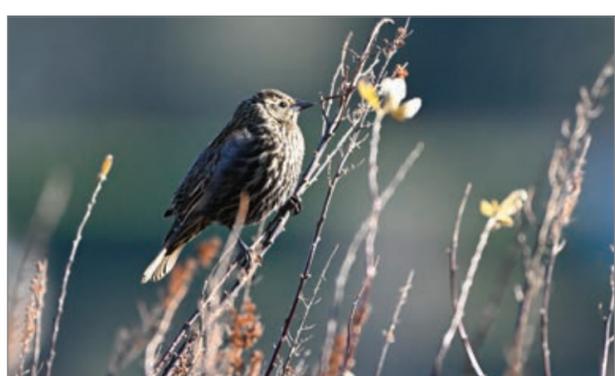
Seven Capes Bird Walks



Bufflehead. (Courtesy from Ruth Shelly)



Northern Flicker. (Courtesy from Ruth Shelly)



Red-winged Blackbird. (Courtesy from Ruth Shelly)

Seven Capes Bird Alliance welcomes birders of all abilities to discover the joy of spring as migrating songbirds start to arrive.

- 9-11 a.m. Friday, March 13
- Spring Lake Open Space

Spring Lake Open Space is a hidden treasure within the city limits about a quarter of a mile from Highway 101 on NE 14th Street.

We'll start on the top, paved trail looking for songbirds like chickadees, kinglets, and wrens. From there we leave the paved trail and take the narrow path down the hill toward the lake itself. In the woods we'll look for woodpeckers and flickers. As we cross the narrow bridge and follow along the lake, we should see a variety of sparrows and other songbirds, with herons, egrets, or waterfowl on the lake itself.

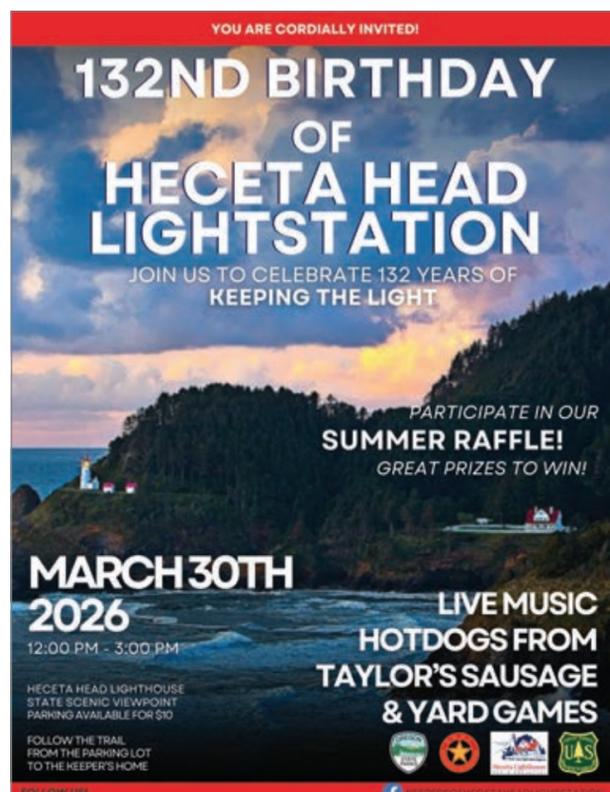
Meet in the Spring Lake Open Space parking lot on Port Ave.

Sponsored by Lincoln City Parks and Recreation

- 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 14

Neskowin Beach State Recreation Area & Nestucca National Wildlife Refuge (New!)

Neskowin community has a wonderful variety of habitats--the flooded golf course during the winter, beach access, marsh, wetlands, and more. We'll walk along the golf course edge and the road,



For more information contact Heceta Lighthouse B&B at 541-547-3696 or keepers@hecetalighthouse.com (Courtesy photo)

Lightstation Birthday Celebration

Heceta Head Lightstation celebrates its birthday March 30, from 12 noon-3 p.m. at the Keeper's Home!

The community is invited to celebrate at the Lightstation which has a scenic walking trail from the beach to the Keeper's Home, Gift Shop, and lighthouse tower. This family-friendly free event takes place at the Heceta Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast in the Keeper's Home and West Lawn.

Food and beverages will

be available, as well as live music. Local agency representatives will be present to talk about the outstanding natural features of the area, as well as volunteers from the Heceta Lighthouse Interpretive Center at the Keeper's Home and Oregon State Parks volunteers at the lighthouse tower!

The park is located off of Hwy 101 just 13 miles north of Florence. Parking is available at the Heceta Head Lightstation State Scenic Viewpoint, and parking is \$10 per vehicle.

Wild Coast Camp returns for Spring Break 2026 on the Oregon Coast

Neskowin Valley School is offering spring sessions for Wild Coast Camp, a nature-based, mixed-age day camp designed for kids to spend their days immersed in outdoor learning, play, and connection to the Oregon Coast.

Spring Day Camp runs March 23–27, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to kids in grades K-6. Families can enroll by the day or for the full week, with optional early drop-off and late pick-up.

Wild Coast Camp emphasizes outdoor experiences and play, with campers spending much of their day exploring

local forests and creeks, building and creating together, and developing an ecological understanding of the coastal environment. Programming focuses on hands-on learning, curiosity, collaboration, and age-appropriate independence. Groups are intentionally mixed-age, reflecting Neskowin Valley School's experiential and non-traditional approach. This structure supports both academic and social-emotional growth.

"This camp feels very true to who we are as a school," Neskowin Valley School Board Chair and Development Director

Kelsey Leatherman said. "Kids get time to play, explore, and be themselves outside, and that's where so much confidence and connection naturally happen."

Registration is now open. Space is limited.

For more information or to register, visit www.neskowinvalleyschool.com/spring-camp.

About Neskowin Valley School

Founded on the Oregon Coast, Neskowin Valley School (NVS) is an accredited, independent Preschool–Grade 8 school known for its experiential, non-traditional

approach to education. With small class sizes, multi-age classrooms, and a strong emphasis on outdoor and place-based learning, NVS supports the academic, social, and emotional development of the whole child.

In addition to its academic programs, NVS offers seasonal camps that emphasize outdoor play, connection, and social-emotional growth. Through shared exploration and child-led experiences, campers build meaningful relationships, practice collaboration, and develop a deep sense of belonging within the coastal landscape.



Spring Day Camp runs March 23–27, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is open to kids in grades K-6. (Courtesy photo)

Video Messaging Research



Quality High-resolution online videos are more likely to influence opinion and also less likely to dissuade viewers from engaging with future content, research by Oregon State University scientists shows. (Courtesy from OSU)

STEVE LUNDEBERG
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Article

Low-resolution online videos are less likely to influence opinion and also more likely to dissuade viewers from engaging with future content, research by Oregon State University scientists shows.

The study carries major implications for the design and delivery of video content and suggests that deviations from high-quality presentations can create repercussions regarding the video's content, according to Christopher Sanchez of the OSU College of Liberal Arts.

Sanchez says it's not

surprising that the findings, published in the journal *Displays*, suggest people prefer high-quality videos and will opt for them if given the choice.

"Where this gets interesting, in my opinion, is that viewers don't always have that choice," he said. "Anyone who does much streaming will have encountered scenarios where the streaming service scaled down resolution to meet bandwidth requirements – for example, when you're on your phone with a spotty connection. Same thing with videoconferencing providers. But when a scale-down happens, ostensibly to preserve the connection or prevent buff-

ering, it has downstream consequences that are unrelated to the material itself per se."

In this project, Sanchez showed study participants a five-minute video of a news program type of discussion on assisted suicide; half of the participants watched a comparatively low-quality version of the video, the other half a comparatively high-quality version.

"It appears we have a strong preference for high-resolution media," he said. "This preference seems to guide our engagement, both with future material and also with the content at hand. We become less engaged with what's in front of us, have

less reaction to it emotionally and become less receptive to the opinions being expressed."

Participants who viewed the low-resolution video remembered the information presented just as well as those viewing the high-resolution video, but their attitudes toward the video content or message, in this case support of assisted suicide, shifted less.

"If you are in charge of messaging for legislation supporting assisted suicide, for example, this would be a bad thing, in the form of time and money wasted," Sanchez said. "And the degraded video also made people less likely to engage with such material in the

future, which is potentially even worse – the current ad might be a miss, but now people won't even come back for a future one that might be better for any number of reasons."

He added that while this study didn't examine artificial intelligence's role in video production, it can nevertheless inform future study on the effects of AI-generated video.

"AI is used very much nowadays to generate video content, and our work seems to suggest that more realistic, higher-definition, higher-quality video productions are best if one wishes to influence viewers or at least keep them watching," Sanchez said.

"AI has enabled the creation of high-quality video snippets with a simple prompt, which as viewers potentially opens us up to being influenced or increases our likelihood of doom scrolling; higher-quality video produces higher engagement in multiple ways."

Doctoral student Nisha Raghunath helped conduct and author the study, as did Chelsea Ahart, a former undergraduate member of Sanchez's research group.

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Plant Something Oregon Road Map now available

A brand-new edition of the popular Plant Something Oregon Road Map is out, and available for people to order for FREE online at PlantSomethingOregon.com/order-the-road-map.

The map is published by the Oregon Association of Nurseries. It includes 99 retail garden centers and specialty nurseries in Oregon and SW Washington, along with 18 mail order nurseries, 33 landscaping service firms, and 44 public gardens — all waiting to be explored.

"Oregon's independent retail nurseries are the best place to find unique plants, personal service, expert advice and fun décor," said OAN President-Elect Darcy Ruef, who is an owner of member retailer Al's Garden and Home. "With all the fun and unique places on the Plant Something Oregon map, you can put together your own nursery road trip and come home with all kinds of exciting treasures to beautify your garden and home."

Importantly, gardening doesn't just provide beauty. It offers many different tangible, research-proven benefits.

"It's little wonder that more and more people want to get back in touch with nature, right in their own backyard," Ruef said. "It helps their health, their finances, their property values and the environment."

The benefits are listed on the Plant Something Oregon

"Plants Make Life Better" page (PlantSomethingOregon.com/PMLB), along with research citations. These benefits include:

Higher property values

Landscaping produces economic returns for both residential and commercial properties. A study by Charles Hall and Madeline Dickson showed that for every \$1 invested in plants, property values increase an average of \$1.09.

Stress reduction

Some 40 years of research compiled by the University of Washington shows that having living plants inside and outside can alleviate mental fatigue and sharpen focus on tasks.

Cleaner indoor air

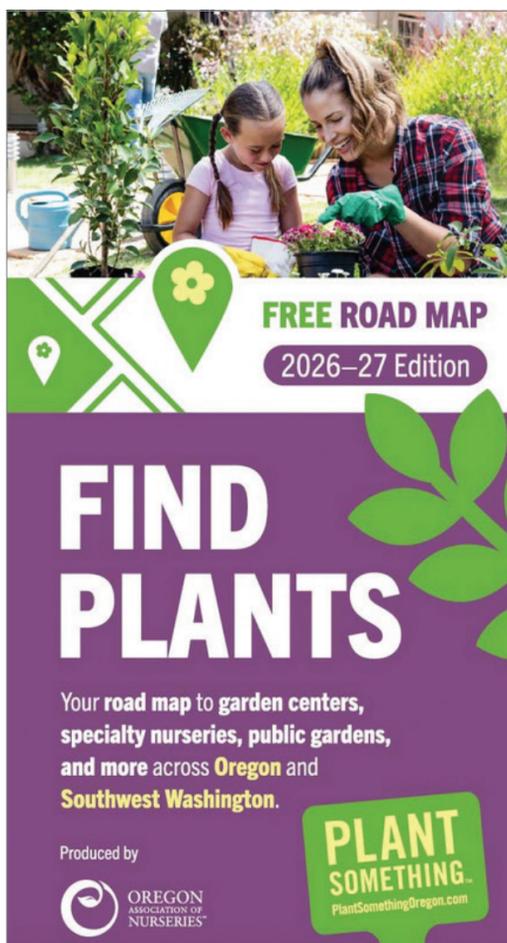
Research shows that houseplants remove pollutants and return oxygen to the air, while providing beauty and a sense of well-being.

Healing powers

Studies conducted in health care settings show that exposure to nature promotes healing from illness or surgery, both psychologically and mentally, speeding up recovery time.

Better health

People who spend time outdoors with plants — in parks, gardens and other green spaces — are more active and healthier, and



(Courtesy photo)

save money on health care costs.

Lower crime rates

Studies show that areas with higher levels of vegetation have fewer violent crimes and fewer total crimes.

Stronger business activity

Seasonal and perma-

nent plant displays outside shops provide a friendlier aesthetic, making people feel better about the quality of products and services offered.

Lowered energy and maintenance costs

Shade trees and landscaping along paved streets reduces the cost of street and building maintenance.

They moderate the effects of the weather, making it less expensive to heat and cool buildings. They further reduce the urban heat island effect.

Helping kids learn

Studies show that kids who are exposed to plants and nature are improved learners. They learn problem solving, improve their ability to concentrate and retain information, and experience greater intellectual development.

Better outdoor air quality

Research shows that trees outdoors can purify the air in urban environments, removing pollutants while generating oxygen.

Cleaner water

Plants purify stormwater runoff by intercepting contaminants so they don't reach lakes and streams, while anchoring soil in place so there is less erosion.

Stronger ecosystems

Plants are part of every healthy ecosystem, supporting the complex networks of life and providing fresh water, clean air, robust soil and diverse wildlife. This begins at root level, where plants support essential organisms that result in a healthier environment.

Oregon is one of the top commercial plant-growing states in the country, and a leader in most types

of woody plants. That's because the state offers an ideal growing environment. Adequate rainfall, a long growing season, and a community of expert growers mean that plants, trees, shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses and annuals can flourish at plant nurseries, as well as in yards and commercial installations.

The Oregon Association of Nurseries prints 35,000 copies of the map. Meanwhile, the PlantSomethingOregon.com website offers a FREE newsletter, blog posts, a searchable directory of the same nurseries and much more. To receive the free newsletter, published 18 times a year, sign up on the site.

Interested groups such as garden clubs can order the maps in bulk for distribution at meetings and events. Just go to PlantSomethingOregon.com/OrderMaps/ and use the form.

The Oregon Association of Nurseries, based in Wilsonville, represents more than 700 wholesale growers, retailers, landscapers and suppliers. Oregon's ornamental horticulture industry is the state's largest agricultural commodity, with annual sales of \$1.3 billion in 2024. It is also a traded sector, with about 74% of the nursery being grown in Oregon plants shipped out of state.

For information, visit OAN.org or call 503-682-5089.

Sheriff's Tip of the Week: Move Over it's the Law



(Courtesy from the LCSO)

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Every day, first responders take on personal risk to serve our communities and save lives.

Even a routine traffic stop has become risky.

The following information comes from the Oregon Department of Transportation (www.oregon.gov/ODOT) and can help keep first responders and commuters safer.

There have been many cases where officers are pulled over on the side of the road when drivers have then crashed into them at high speeds. That's why there's a strict law in Oregon designed to help prevent these situations from happening

again.

The Move Over Law (ORS 811.147) states that if you are approaching any type of emergency vehicle, tow truck or roadside assistance vehicle which is stopped on the roadside with emergency lights activated, you must:

- MOVE OVER into another available lane.
- If you can't safely change lanes, SLOW DOWN to a speed that is at least 5 mph below the posted or designated speed of the roadway.
- In all cases, the driver must try to provide as much room as possible for the emergency vehicle, tow truck or roadside assistance vehicle.

The Move Over Law is in place to help protect law enforcement officers, emergency workers, tow operators and those who routinely provide assistance to motorists along the highways. This group of dedicated professionals face a deadly threat on a daily basis: speeding and inattentive drivers. But the law also exists to protect you. The flashing lights are your cue to move over and slow down.

If you are approaching the scene of a crash, carefully watch for emergency workers directing traffic and follow all of their instructions.

For more information and tips visit www.lincolncountysheriff.net.

Learn to prevent scams, frauds and theft at free presentation



The event is scheduled for March 24 in Newport. (Courtesy photo)

SAMARITAN HEALTH SERVICES

Learn how to protect yourself and loved ones at a presentation facilitated by Detective Anthony Bettencourt with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. This informative

session will take place on Tuesday, March 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Samaritan Center for Health Education in Newport.

At this free presentation, Bettencourt will cover the following topics:

- Tech support scams
- Mortgage and title theft
- Investment scams
- Online dating scams
- Family emergency and imposter scams
- Credit card skimming
- Email and phone

scams

To reserve your seat, email Amy Conner at aconner@samhealth.org or call her at 541-574-4952. The Samaritan Center for Health Education is located at 740 SW Ninth St. in Newport.

Memories still linger

JOSEPH SWAFFORD
Lincoln County Leader
Guest Column

Memories still linger of the 49th Annual Newport Seafood and Wine Festival that just folded its tent late last month.

After judging 151 entries in the Commercial Wine Competition, our panel of judges seeking to choose the Best-of-Show, ended with a tie for this honor: Del Rio Vineyards 2024 Rogue Valley Viognier and Watermill Winery 2020 Walla Walla Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

Both of these Oregon wineries grow grapes on what were once fruit orchards, although they lie at different ends of the state. Del Rio Vineyards is near the town of Gold Hill half way between Grants Pass and Medford in the Rogue River Valley. Watermill Winery is in Oregon's northeast corner in the town of Milton Freewater just over the border from the prestigious Walla Walla, Washington, red wine district. And although the



Here are the Watermill Winery and Del Rio Vineyards wines that tied for The Joseph H Swafford Co-Best of Show Award at the 2026 Newport Seafood and Wine Festival. (Courtesy photo)

judges came up with a tie for the favorite of the Festival, this was apparently the year for the eastern Oregon/Washington wine country location. Watermill Winery received three of the nine Gold medals awarded in Newport: 2021 Tempranillo, 2021 Carmènère and their Best-of-Show Cabernet. (Plus, their Milton Freewater neighbor, Zerba

Cellars, also won Gold for their 2024 Marsanne, a white wine).

Watermill Winery is a joint venture of several small Wenatchee, Washington, families that stepped across the border in southeastern Washington to plant grapes in northeastern Oregon's rocky, but nutrient-laden soil. Their talented viticulturist is Jack Klipfel,

a product of Washington State University's Plant Science program. The judges noted the Watermill 2020 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon delivered blackberry and blueberry flavors, showed good texture and a finish that lingered on the palate. The bottle price is \$35. Just 3000 cases are currently produced and there is not widespread access

to the wines outside Portland, Bend and the tasting rooms in Wenatchee and Milton Freewater. I think they will need to make more.

Sharing the top spot at the Festival was Del Rio Vineyards Viognier (vee-own-YAY). This white wine grape, originally native to France's Rhone Valley, has shown good success in the hands of several Oregon winemakers. Aromas of apricot and lemon signal the flavors of stone fruit and citrus on the palate. This is a sturdy

\$22 white wine that is a good alternative to Chardonnay at your dinner table.

From Arbuckle, California, Rob and Jolee Wallace joined business partner Lee Traynham who had acquired Del Rio Ranch in 1997 and began planting wine grapes on what had been a premium peach orchard for over 90 years since being planted during the Great Depression. Today Del Rio Vineyards is one of the largest operating vineyards in the state

with 530 acres of grapes supplying many wineries nationwide, in addition to their own brands.

Another reason I want to visit Del Rio Vineyards and the town of Gold Hill is for the history. This was an important stop on the stage line and gold seekers had something to do with the town being named Gold Hill. A general store was built in 1863. The Rock Point Hotel opened in 1865 and today it contains the Del Rio tasting room. Shops, a saloon and the post office came soon after. One of the original owners of the Rock Point Hotel and shops was Benjamin Haymond. His wife Hattie's ghost is said to occupy the Hotel and frequent the tasting room today. My wife Christina and I plan to visit her (I'm a little too nervous to meet her alone...) and we will raise a glass of Del Rio Vineyards 2024 Rogue River Valley Viognier to the spirit of Hattie Haymond and Del Rio Vineyard. Cheers!

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Eagle Scout honored with U.S. Capitol Flag

Tillamook Eagle Scout Nicholas Smith received the significant honor of receiving a U.S. flag flown over the United States Capitol in his honor and later presented to him in person by Oregon U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley.

In recognition of Nicholas earning the rank of Eagle Scout and his various other services to the community, Senator Merkley's office arranged for a U.S. flag to be flown over the Capitol on January 31, 2025, in Nicholas' honor. The flag was formally presented to Nicholas February 11, 2025, immediately following a meeting with Sen. Merkley inside the

U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The presentation took place during a Habitat for Humanity advocacy trip, where Nicholas joined local and state leaders in advocating for affordable housing and continued federal investment in housing programs that support low-income households and rural communities, according to a release.

Nicholas earned his Eagle Scout rank after completing his Eagle Project in downtown Tillamook: adding six benches to the POW Memorial, improving accessibility and honoring veterans. The memorial is a place of deep significance



Eagle Scout Nicholas Smith and U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley.

for the community and was among the final projects completed by Doug Henson.

Following the advocacy meeting, Sen. Merkley personally presented Nicholas with the Capitol-flown flag,

sharing that he is also an Eagle Scout.

"Watching my son receive this recognition was incredibly" said Briar Smith, Nicholas' mother and Executive Director of Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity. "Nicholas is the kind of young man who is always willing to help, whether it's through Scouting, Habitat, or simply showing up for his community. This honor reflects his heart for service and leadership."

Nicholas attended the advocacy trip after receiving an Emerging Leader Scholarship from Habitat for Humanity International, which recognizes

young leaders committed to service, leadership, and civic engagement. He has been actively involved with Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity, supporting build projects, fundraisers, and operational needs.

This recognition highlights the power of youth leadership, and the impact young people can have when service, advocacy, and opportunity come together, the release states.

For more information about Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity or to learn more about affordable housing advocacy, visit www.tillamookhabitat.org.

BIRDS

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birding along the way.

On the flooded fairways, we'll look for wintering geese and ducks. Along the streets, we'll

watch for flocks of songbirds such as warblers, siskins, and chickadees. At the north end of the golf course, we'll take the wooded walking path crossing the marsh where we hope to see marsh birds, herons, and egrets before returning along the

streets to the parking lot.

Meet in the Neskowin Beach parking lot on Salem Ave. as you enter Neskowin from Highway 101.

All Seven Capes Bird Alliance outings are free, family-friendly, easy to moderately easy, and open

to the public; no pre-registration or experience is required. Binoculars and guidebooks are provided. Outings are held rain or shine; dress appropriately for coastal weather and muddy trails.

Be sure to carry water. Look for the Seven

Capes sign at the meeting site. For details and any cancellations, check our website (seven-capes.org) or Facebook (@seven-capesbirds).

Seven Capes Bird Alliance was founded as Audubon Society of Lincoln City in 2005.

A nonprofit membership organization and chapter of the National Audubon Society, Seven Capes is active in education and advocacy for protection of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties.

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- RV PARK / CAMPGROUND
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PEOPLE - BEST AT WHAT THEY DO

- Include first and last names of individuals and place of business*
- BARTENDER
 - BOSS / MANAGER
 - COACH
 - ESTHETICIAN
 - FINANCIAL ADVISOR
 - FISHING GUIDE
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 - HAIR STYLIST
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 - INSURANCE AGENT
 - INSTRUCTOR
 - MANICURIST
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 - REAL ESTATE AGENT
 - SPIRITUAL LEADER

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Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas



The Spats



by Jeff Pickering



TIGER



by BUD BLAKE

OLIVE & POPEYE

By Randy Milholland



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.
 Differences: 1. Hat is larger. 2. Bottom of lamp is not showing. 3. Ear is different. 4. Book cover is different. 5. Glasses are missing. 6. Ribbon is moved.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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: S equals O

H ZQ RSSCNE SU JVPEWHUK
 VRN RHJVSLW ST STTHBHZD
 CHUKDW ENBLNNJ. H KPNJJ
 H'Q ZU NEHBV ZEEHBV.

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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!

Trap

NEARS

Mature

PRINE

Smear

DUGEMS

Tend

RUNES

TODAY'S WORD



"He hasn't spoken to me since I gave him shoes for his birthday!"

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.

FHT ZFK ACSF DA'L PHHK
 AH IZWLS DF HWG IWGLWDA
 HU CZIIDFSLI ZFK OWLA XS
 CZIIJ.
 - PWDRRZWVS ZIHRRDFZDGS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MUSIC: Who composed the opera "The Magic Flute"?
- LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Wuthering Heights"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which sport uses a shuttlecock?
- MATH: What is the next prime number after 11?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is Pearl Harbor located?
- INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing the World Wide Web?
- SCIENCE: What is the name for plants that live for two years?
- MOVIES: What is Jack-Jack's real name in "The Incredibles"?
- ACRONYMS: What does VPN stand for?
- ASTRONOMY: Which moon is the largest in our solar system?

Answers

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.
- Emily Bronte.
- Badminton.
- 13.
- Oahu, Hawaii.
- Tim Berners-Lee.
- Biennials.
- John Jackson Parr.
- Virtual Private Network.
- Ganymede of Jupiter.

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Cryptoquote

— Guillaume Apollinaire

happy
 of happiness and just be
 to pause in our pursuit
 Now and then it's good
 answer

I am hooked on studying
 the history of official
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 1. Snare; 2. Ripen

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LCL 26-102 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

Probate Department. In the Matter of the Estate of John Michael Batey, Deceased. Case No. 26PB01699. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the John M. Wood-Batey has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative at: 1530 SW Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97205, within four months after the date of 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 published on March 11, 2026. /s/ John M. Wood-Batey, Personal Representa-

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PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: John M. Wood-Batey. ATTORNEYS FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Scott Howard OSB No. 790583, Kivel & Howard, LLP, 1530 SW Taylor Street, Portland, OR 97205, Tel: (503) 796-0909, Fax: (503) 802-4757, Email: showard@k-hlaw.com 3/11/26

LCL26-103 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE #26-0196

On April 16, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Room 203, in the City of Newport, Oregon, the defendants' interest in the real property commonly known as 589 NW Sunset Blvd, Toledo, OR 97391 will be sold, subject to redemption. The court case number is 25CV36526, PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, plaintiff vs. Douglas Nyberg; Joanna M. Stephens; United States of America, Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"); Capital One, N.A.; Parties in Possession, defendants. This is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand. For more details go to: www.oregonsheriffssales.org/county/lincoln 3/11/26, 3/18/26, 3/25/26, 4/1/26

LCL26-104

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Lincoln PUD will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 2129 N. Coast Hwy, Newport, Oregon. In addition to regular business, an Executive Session will be held in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(f) and (h) to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. To review the meeting agenda, please go to clpud.org. Customers interested in attending the meeting virtually can email info@clpud.org to make a request. 3/11/26

LCL26-113 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 Norman Dean Martineau., Case no 26PB01638, John Wiegardt has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the personal representative at P O Box 601, Depoe Bay, Oregon 97341,

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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. 3/11/26

LCL26-112 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.771, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES: Grantor: GEORGE M. SISIKIN. Trustee: WESTERN TITLE COMPANY. Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY. Beneficiary: COLUMBIA BANK FKA UMPQUA BANK. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The real property is described as follows: Lot 4, Block 3, TOWN-SHIP '13', A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT in Section 19, Township 13 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon, together with a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over Ball Boulevard, Rolph Court and Lundy Lane as the same are shown on the plat filed December 7, 1976 in Plat Book 12, page 23. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded as follows: Date Recorded: February 8, 2013, Recording No. 2013-01158, Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$599.04 each, due the first of each month, for the months of March 2025 through December 2025; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$53,482.52; plus interest at the rate of 3.6250% per annum from February 1, 2025; plus late charges of \$151.47; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust

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Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: May 21, 2026. 11:00 a.m. Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, Main Entrance (parking lot side) 225 W. Olive, Newport, Oregon 97365. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. NOTICE REGARDING POTENTIAL HAZARDS (This notice is required for notices of sale sent on or after January 1, 2015.) Without limiting the trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamine, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. You may reach the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to http://www.oregonlawhelp.org. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #30057.31883). DATED: December 31, 2025. Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee, Hershner Hunter, LLP, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, OR 97440. 3/11/26 3/18/26 3/25/26 4/1/26

LCL26-111

The Pacific Communities Health District Board of Directors will hold a Virtual meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026,

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at 4:00 p.m. by Microsoft Teams or in person at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, Conference room 1. 930 SW Abbey St., Newport, Oregon 97365. Persons interested in joining the Virtual meeting must have the Microsoft Teams downloaded on a personal computer or cell phone. To request a Teams Meeting invite please email kdkoksum@samhealth.org or call 541-574-4674. To join by phone (audio only) option, directly call 1-971-254-1254, followed by Conference ID: 856 048 271#. Agenda: Call to Order, Additions or Change to Agenda, Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2026, Invitation for Citizen Comments, Financial Reports, Legal Counsel Report, Construction/Facilities/Water Resiliency Update, Hospital Update, Foundation Update, Board Items, Adjourn. 3/11/26

LCL26-110 NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the Makai Special Road District has been filed with the Lincoln County Clerk on February 27, 2026. The ballot title caption is "Makai Road District Five-Year Local Option Tax". An elector may file petition for review of this ballot title in the Lincoln County Circuit Court no later than 5:00

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p.m. March 11, 2026. /s/ Amy A Southwell, Amy A Southwell, Lincoln County Clerk 3/11/26

LCL26-108 NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for a measure referred by the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District has been filed with the Lincoln County Clerk on February 27, 2026. The ballot title caption is "Renewal of 5-year Local Option Tax Levy". An elector may file petition for review of this ballot title in the Lincoln County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. March 11, 2026. /s/ Amy A Southwell, Amy A Southwell, Lincoln County Clerk 3/11/26

LCL26-107 NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, a measure election will be held in the Yachats Rural Fire Protection District on the question of a five year local option tax for the district. The county clerk has advised that the election will be conducted by mail. The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the voters of this district in Lincoln County on this date: CAPTION Renewal of 5-year Local Option Tax Levy. QUESTION Shall YRFPD renew its Operational

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Levy of \$1.59 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years funding general operations beginning 2028-2029? This measure renews current local option taxes. SUMMARY Approval of this local option levy would renew the existing five-year levy at the same rate now in effect for an additional five years. The Fire District will use the tax revenue for the following: Retain its current six full-time paid Paramedic-Firefighter employees plus part-time replacements to fill vacancies and personal leave. Maintain and repair essential fire apparatus, trucks and personal protective equipment. Expand volunteer recruitment program(s). Repair and maintain essential facilities. Fund general operations of YRFPD. An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the levy: FY 2028-2029 \$1,161,284 FY 2029-2030 \$1,196,123 FY 2030-2031 \$1,232,006 FY 2031-2032 \$1,268,967 FY 2032-2033 \$1,307,036 3/11/26

LCL26-106

Sale of Abandoned Recreational Vehicle and its contents: One (1) 1997 WILD recreational vehicle, Vin number 1ED5F3321V2384648, has been abandoned by Curtis Wayne Bunch. The property is located at 923 SE Bay Blvd, Unit 209, Newport, OR 97365. Sale shall be by private bidding, with

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sealed bids, and "as is." Bids to be delivered to: Harbor Village RV Park at 923 SE Bay Blvd, Newport, OR 97365, no later than March 23, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Minimum bid shall be \$7797.84, to be paid by purchaser. Bids must be for a single stated amount and not a range of amounts. Upon confirmation of the winning bid, the purchaser must promptly tender full payment in cash, money order, or cashiers' check and take possession of the vehicle and remove it from Harbor Village RV Park. All property must be purchased and removed by purchaser. Please contact Heather Manzer for more information and/or questions at 541-265-5088. 3/11/26 3/18/26

LCL26-109 NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, a measure election will be held in the Makai Special Road District on the question of a five year local option tax for the district. The county clerk has advised that the election will be conducted by mail. The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the voters of this district in Lincoln County on this date: CAPTION Makai Road District Five-Year Local Option Tax. QUESTION Shall Makai Road District residents approve a 5-year local option tax of \$0.85/\$1000 for street network maintenance beginning FY 2026-2027? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent. SUMMARY The goal of this 5-year local option tax is to raise an estimated \$39k to \$41k in each fiscal year beginning with FY 2026-2027 through FY 2030-2031. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate. This will be in addition to the existing annual base rate that generates approximately \$43k. The recent Level Of Service survey identified significant existing needs for pavement replacement, storm drain restoration and rehabilitation, and street shoulder safety improvements. At the current annual base tax rate, the Road District Board has been unable to repair or maintain even the highest priority projects. Recent projects have had to wait two to three years for adequate funds to become available for completion. This has pushed all priority projects into an uncertain completion status and schedule. As a result, the Board has had to focus on small emergency repairs that can be completed within the annual revenue limits of the existing base rate. If approved, the 5-year local option tax will help the District begin addressing the backlogged priority projects, including overdue pavement restoration, reestablishing the main components of the failed storm drain system, and rebuilding the street shoulders that have disappeared over the decades as street pavement overlays slowly raised the street well above the adjacent shoulders. 3/11/26

LCL26-105 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN PROBATE DEPARTMENT. IN THE MATTER OF ROGER W. YOST, Deceased

Case No. 26PB01895. NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. Notice is hereby given that Eldercare Resources, Inc., DBA Avanti Oregon has been appointed as the personal representative of said estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorneys for the personal representative at 530 Center St NE, Suite 730, Salem, OR 97301, 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 information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published on March 11, 2026. Eldercare Resources, Inc., DBA Avanti Oregon, Personal Representative. ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE: Amanda Afshar, OSB No. 174377, MA Barbara Schmidtkofer, OSB No. 075169, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, P.C., 530 Center St., NE, Suite 730, Salem, OR 97301, Telephone (503) 540-4275/ (503) 540-4265, Fax (503)

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796-2900, E-mail: amafshar@schwabe.com/mschmid@schwabe.com 3/11/26

LCL26-087 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Successor Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.745, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES. Grantor: 3 Parleys Inc., an Oregon Corporation. Trustee: Western Title & Escrow Company. Successor Trustee: Christopher B. Matheny, Attorney, Matheny Law, LLC. Beneficiary: Lincoln City Commercial, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. The real property is commonly known as 1330 NE Hwy 101, Lincoln City, and located in Lincoln County, Oregon and further described as follows: LOT 3, BLOCK 20, RAYMOND TOWNSITE, IN LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, EXCEPT THEREFROM THAT PORTION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL LYING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF HIGHWAY 101. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded on June 16, 2023, as document no. 2023-03989, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to make payments as required by the Trust Deed and the Promissory Note secured thereby, as more particularly described below. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Promissory Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is \$788,680.05 as of January 20, 2026. See below itemized calculations: Unpaid Principal: \$738,775.44, Unpaid Interest: \$22,506.88, Security Penalty: \$3,000.00, Property Taxes: \$8,315.83, Insurance: \$3,283.50, Costs to date: \$1,782.40, Attorney Fees to date: \$2,940.00. The payments and late charges continue to accrue and additional advances may be made. The sums stated above are estimates only. Before attempting to pay the amounts due hereunder, call the Successor Trustee at (503) 581-1542 to determine the exact amounts of monetary defaults and actions required to cure possible other defaults. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Successor Trustee hereby elects to sell the property and states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: June 5, 2026, Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, main entrance, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Oregon 97365. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five (5) days before the Successor Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount due, as set forth above, and by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the Note and Trust Deed, and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Note and Trust Deed, together with the Successor Trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. You may contact the Successor Trustee at 503.581.1542. DATED: March 4, 2026. /s/ Christopher B. Matheny, Christopher B. Matheny, Successor Trustee, Matheny Law, LLC, 1644 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/25, 3/25/26

LCL26-093 TS No. OR08000145-25-1 APN R337281 || 07-11-03-DC-71264-00 TO MS025077551-OR-MSI TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to that certain Trust Deed made by, KATHERINE DIETRICH-FORNER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as Grantor to WESTERN TITLE & ESCROW COMPANY as Trustee, in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), as designated nominee for ANGEL OAK MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS LLC, Beneficiary of the security instrument, its successors and assigns, dated as of April 14, 2022 and recorded on April 15, 2022 as Instrument No. 2022-03964 and the

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beneficial interest was assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-6, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2024-6 and recorded November 12, 2025 as Instrument Number 2025-08093 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Lincoln County, Oregon to-wit: APN: R337281 || 07-11-03-DC-71264-00 THAT CERTAIN UNIT NO. 264-C AS DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN DECLARATION OF UNIT OWNERSHIP OF SURFTIDES PLAZA, RECORDED ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 1974, IN VOLUME 47, AT PAGE 929, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, AMENDED BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED JULY 30, 1976, IN BOOK 66, PAGE 1717, AND BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED OCTOBER 17, 1977, IN BOOK 80, PAGE 708, APPERTAINING TO A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY, LINCOLN COUNTY, OREGON, AS DESCRIBED IN SAID DECLARATION, WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND MADE A PART HEREOF AS IF FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN. TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED PERCENT OF THE GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN SAID DECLARATION APPERTAINING TO SAID UNIT. Commonly known as: 1415 NW 31ST PL UNIT 264, LINCOLN CITY, OR 97367 Both the Beneficiary, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of Angel Oak Mortgage Trust 2024-6, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2024-6, and the Trustee, Nathan F. Smith, OSB #120112, have elected to sell the said real property to satisfy the obligations secured by said Trust Deed and notice has been recorded pursuant to Section 86.752(3) of Oregon Revised Statutes. The default for which the foreclosure is made is the Grantor's failure to pay: Failed to pay payments which became due To-nary Monthly Payment(s): Total Monthly Payment(s) from 06/01/2025 to 01/01/2026 at \$19,646.32 Total Late Charge(s): Total Late Charge(s) at \$313.80 By this reason of said default the Beneficiary has declared all obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit: The sum of \$271,495.11 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.99900% per annum from May 1, 2025 until paid; plus all accrued late charges thereon; and all Trustee's fees, foreclosure costs and any sums advanced by the Beneficiary pursuant to the terms of said Trust Deed. Wherefore, notice is hereby given that, the undersigned Trustee will on June 18, 2026 at the hour of 10:00 AM, Standard of Time, as established by Section 187.110, Oregon Revised Statutes, at the South entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St, Newport, OR 97365 County of Lincoln, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the said described real property which the Grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by him of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the Grantor or his successors in interest acquired after the execution of said Trust Deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in Section 86.778 of Oregon Revised Statutes has the right to have the foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of said principal as would not then be due had no default occurred), together with the costs, Trustee's 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 limiting the Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a Trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be

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aware of this potential 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 Grantor as well as any other persons owing an obligation, the performance 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) will impact residential real property (1-4 residential units) title transfers to covered entities trusts, with reporting requirements unless exempt. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/08/29/2024-19198/anti-money-laundering-regulations-for-residential-real-estate-transfers Dated: 1/30/2026 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 NPP0484615 TO: LINCOLN COUNTY LEADER 03/04/2026, 03/11/2026, 03/18/2026, 03/25/2026

LCL26-094 SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Successor Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.745, the following information is provided: 1. PARTIES. Grantor: 3 Parleys Inc., an Oregon Corporation. Trustee: Western Title & Escrow Company. Successor Trustee: Christopher B. Matheny, Attorney, Matheny Law, LLC. Beneficiary: Lincoln City Commercial, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company. 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. The real property is commonly known as 1333 NE Keel Ave, Lincoln City, and located in Lincoln County, Oregon and further described as follows: The South 30 feet of Lot 2, Block 20, RAYMOND TOWNSITE, in Lincoln County, Oregon, EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion of the above described parcel lying within the boundaries of Highway 101. 3. RECORDING. The Trust Deed was recorded on June 16, 2023, as document no. 2023-03992, in the official records of Lincoln County, Oregon. 4. DEFAULT. The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to make payments as required by the Trust Deed and the Promissory Note secured thereby, as more particularly described below. 5. AMOUNT DUE. The amount due on the Promissory Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is \$374,842.48 as of January 20, 2026. See below itemized calculations: Principal Balance: \$345,350.34, Interest: \$14,305.41, Security Penalty: \$3,000.00, Property Taxes: \$6,167.61, Insurance: TBD, Costs to date: \$1,105.90, Attorney Fees to date: \$2,765.00. The payments and late charges continue to accrue and additional advances may be made. The sums stated above are estimates only. Before attempting to pay the amounts due hereunder, call the Successor Trustee at (503) 581-1542 to determine the exact amounts of monetary defaults and actions required to cure possible other defaults. 6. SALE OF PROPERTY. The Successor Trustee hereby elects to sell the property and states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. 7. TIME OF SALE. Date: June 5, 2026, Time: 10:30 a.m. Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, main entrance, 225 West Olive Street, Newport, Oregon 97365. 8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time that is not later than five (5) days before the Successor Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount due, as set forth above, and by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the Note and Trust Deed, and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the Note and Trust Deed, together with the Successor Trustee's and attorney's

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fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.778. You may contact the Successor Trustee at 503.581.1542. DATED: March 4, 2026. /s/ Christopher B. Matheny, Successor Trustee, Matheny Law, LLC, 1644 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26 3/25/26

LCL26-096 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST

Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 through 517.180. Name of Holder: Wineberg Properties, Inc. an Oregon dissolved corporation ("Holder"). Holder's Last Known Addresses: 201 NW 52nd St., Vancouver, WA 98663-1217 And: 910 NE Minnehaha, Ste. #7, Vancouver WA 98665. Name of Party Giving Notice: Homefront Enterprises, LLC. ("Owner"). Address of Party Giving Notice: 6910 Chakarun LN SE, Salem OR 97306. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's mineral rights other than oil, gas, and other minerals and hydrocarbons. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Warranty Deed recorded on May 9, 1962, at Book 225 Page 9 in Lincoln County Records. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on March 4, 2026. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Lincoln County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on March 18, 2026. DESCRIPTION OF PROEPRTY AFFECTED. Beginning at a point that is 18.04 chains North and 11.91 chains West of the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Willamette Meridian, in Lincoln County, Oregon; thence North 10.97 chains; thence East to the North-South center line of said section; thence North on the North-South center line to its intersection with the East-West center line; thence West on the East-West center line to a point that is North of the point of beginning; thence continuing on said East-West center line 3.04 chains; thence South 21.94 chains to a point that is 3.04 chains West of the point of beginning; thence East 3.04 chains to the point of beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion conveyed to Robert M. Farrington, et ux by deed recorded December 13, 1996 in Book 329, page 1789, Lincoln County Records. 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26

LCL26-097 NOTICE OF LAPSE OF DORMANT MINERAL INTEREST

Notice of Extinguishing Dormant Mineral Interest Pursuant to ORS 517.170 through 517.180. Name of Holder: Smurfit Newsprint Corporation ("Holder"). Holder's Last Known Addresses: 427 Main St, Oregon City OR 97045 And: 419 Main St, Oregon City OR 97045. Name of Party Giving Notice: Homefront Enterprises, LLC. ("Owner"). Address of Party Giving Notice: 6910 Chakarun LN SE, Salem OR 97306. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Owner is the vested owner of the property described below (the "Property"). Holder holds an interest in the Property's mineral rights other than oil, gas, and other minerals and hydrocarbons. The original mineral interest was created in that certain Warranty Deed recorded on April 30, 1974, at Book 48 Page 1691, Lincoln County Records and later corrected on May 31, 1974, at Book 49 Page 1126, Lincoln County Records. Holder acquired its mineral interest under that Certificate of Merger recorded January 15, 1975 with the State of Oregon at Book 54 Page 545, reserving a mineral interest in favor of Publishers Paper Co., a Delaware corporation. The surviving corporation being Publishers Paper Co. who later changed the name of its entity with the Oregon Secretary of State filed June 2, 1986 #446021-26663390. The first date of publication pursuant to ORS 517.180 is on March 4, 2026. Holder must submit a Statement of Claim to the Lincoln County Clerk within sixty (60) days after the last date of publication of this Notice or the Holder's mineral interest will be extinguished. The last date of publication will be on March 18, 2026. DESCRIPTION OF

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LCL26-099 Sale of Abandoned Manufactured Home One (1)

1977 Liberty Liberator manufactured dwelling, Home ID number 222250, Serial number 09L12059, HUD number ORS 025209, X-Plate No 156797, has been abandoned by James F. Pease. Said property is located at Bayview Mobile Home Park, 955 NE Mill Street, Space A-5, Waldport, OR 97394. Said dwelling shall be sold by private bidding, with sealed bids, and "as is." Bids to be delivered to: Sterling Properties Real Estate Services, LLC, 1111 Main Street, Suite 500, Vancouver, Washington 98660 no later than 5pm on the 13th day of March, 2026. Minimum bid shall be \$X,XXX,XX, which said amount includes unpaid taxes, all of which is to be paid by purchaser. Please contact Erik Hess for more information and/or questions at (360)546-3341. 3/4/26 3/11/26

LCL26-079 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON; FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN; PROBATE DEPARTMENT;

In the Matter of the Estate of SHARREL ANN HOUFEEK, Deceased; Case No. 25PB10172; NOTICE OF TIME FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO PETITION FOR INSTRUCTIONS AND LIMITED JUDGMENT REGARDING ESTATE PROPERTY. To: 1. Parties in possession or claiming right to possession of 1530 NW 31st Place, Lincoln City, Lincoln County, Oregon; 2. Bobby J. Shannon in his capacity as Trustee of the WR & AE Eidenschink Trust; 3. Lincoln County, Oregon; 4. Heirs and/or devisees of Sharry Ann Houfek, aka Sharrel Ann Houfek, namely Kevin Brenneman, Ryan Brenneman, and Kristina Godfrey; 5. Oregon Department of Human Services, Estate Administration Unit; and 6. Daniel Eden. Notice is hereby given that the personal representative has filed herein a Petition for Instructions and Limited Judgment Regarding Inheritance Property (the "Petition"). The property is known as 1530 NW 31st Place, Lincoln City, Lincoln County, Oregon, and legal described as: Lot 12 and the East 25 feet of Lot 13 as cut off in a line drawn parallel with the East line of said Lot 13, Block 27, WECOMA BEACH, in Lincoln County, Oregon. Copies of the Petition and all exhibits thereto are included with this notice. Any objections to the Petition must be filed in the estate proceeding in the above court on or before March 31, 2026. DATED: February 11, 2026. Evashevski Elliott PC By: Robert J. Welsh, OSB #115493, of Attorneys for Personal Representative 2/25/26 3/4/26 3/11/26

LCL26-077 TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing instrument shall constitute notice, pursuant to ORS 86.764, that the Grantor of the Trust Deed described below has defaulted on its obligations to beneficiary, and that the Beneficiary and Successor Trustee under the Trust Deed have elected to sell the property secured by the Trust Deed: DEED OF TRUST AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: This instrument makes reference to that certain Deed of Trust dated October 26, 2022, and recorded October 31, 2022, as Instrument No. 2022-10239, in the Official Records of Lincoln County, State of Oregon (the "Deed of

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Trust"), wherein OLLALA CENTER, an Oregon corporation, is the Grantor, KEVIN P. MORAN, attorney at law is the original Trustee, and WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK, is the Beneficiary. The aforementioned Deed of Trust covers property (the "Property") described on Exhibit A, together with all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements now or hereafter located thereon (the "Improvements"), all Additional Collateral described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and all other personal property described in the Deed of Trust. The undersigned hereby certifies that he has no knowledge of any assignments of the Deed of Trust by the Trustee or by the Beneficiary or any appointments of a Successor Trustee other than the appointment of BALLARD SPAHR LLP, as Successor Trustee as recorded in the property records of the county in which the Property described above is situated. Further, the undersigned certifies that no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the Deed of Trust. Or, if such action has been instituted, it has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.752(7). The name and address of the Successor Trustee are as follows: Ballard Spahr LLP, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204. The Successor Trustee has authorized Andrew J. Geppert, Esq., OSB No. 203744, an attorney at Ballard Spahr LLP, to sign on behalf of the Successor Trustee. The Deed of Trust is not a "Residential Trust Deed", as defined in ORS 86.705(6), thus the requirements of Chapter 304 [S.B. 558], Oregon Laws 2013, Chapter 112 [S.B. 1552], Section 4a, Oregon Laws 2012, and ORS 86.771(10) do not apply. DEFAULT BY GRANITOR: There are continuing and uncured defaults by OLLALA CENTER, an Oregon corporation (the "Grantor") that, based on the provisions of the Deed of Trust and the loan documents executed in favor of WASHINGTON FEDERAL BANK ("Beneficiary"), for Loan No. 62765231766, including the Promissory Note dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Note"), Commercial Loan Agreement dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Loan Agreement"), Commercial Security Agreement dated and effective as of October 26, 2022 ("Security Agreement"), and Forbearance Agreement dated and effective as of June 20, 2025 ("Forbearance Agreement") and together with the Note, Loan Agreement, Security Agreement, and other loan and security documents executed in connection therewith are herein referred to collectively as the "Loan Documents"), authorize the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust and the sale of the Property described above, which uncured and continuing defaults include but are not necessarily limited to the following: Grantor's failure to pay to Beneficiary monthly interest payments due, as provided under the Loan Documents, May 15, 2025 through November 15, 2025, including default interest, and other charges, is in the amount of \$57,743.61. Pursuant to the Forbearance Agreement Beneficiary agreed to conditionally forbear from enforcement of its remedies under the Loan Documents during the forbearance period set forth in the Forbearance Agreement (the "Forbearance Period"). The Forbearance Period expired on September 15, 2025. Consequently, Beneficiary is free to enforce its remedies including but not limited to issuing this Trustee's Notice of Sale. TOTAL UNCURED MONETARY (PAYMENT) DEFAULT: As of December 10, 2025, the amounts which must be paid to the Beneficiary to effect a statutory cure under ORS 86.778 and discontinue the trustee's sale are: Missed Monthly Interest Payments from 5/15/2025-11/15/2025: \$24,447.57, Non default interest through 5/15/2025 @ 5.550% (per diem \$82.36): \$1,811.98, Default interest from 5/16/2025 thru 12/10/2025 @ 9.550% (per diem \$141.72): \$29,478.45, Late Charge: \$349.26, Loan Return Check Charge: \$80.00, Legal Fees: \$1,576.35, Total Bring Current: \$57,743.61. The aggregate amount owing on the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust is \$567,542.57 as of December 10, 2025, together with default interest accruing on the unpaid

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principal balance at a rate of \$141.72 per diem, plus additional costs and expenses incurred by Beneficiary and/or the Successor Trustee (including their respective attorney's fees, costs, and expenses). ELECTION TO SELL: Notice is hereby given that the Beneficiary, by reason of the uncured and continuing defaults described above, has elected and does hereby elect to foreclose said Deed of Trust by advertisement and sale pursuant to ORS 86.752 et seq., and to cause to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the Grantor's interest in the subject Property, which the Grantor had, or had the power to convey, at the time the Grantor executed the Deed of Trust in favor of the Beneficiary, along with any interest the Grantor or the Grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Deed of Trust, to satisfy the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust as well as the expenses of the sale, including compensation of the Trustee as provided by law, and the reasonable fees of Trustee's attorneys. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the sale will be held at the hour of 11:30 a.m., in accordance with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, on April 30, 2026, at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 225 W Olive St # 201, Newport, OR 97365. RIGHT OF REINSTATEMENT: Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.778 has the right, at any time prior to five (5) days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Deed of Trust reinstated by (A) payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, together with the costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the terms of the obligation, as well as Successor Trustee and attorney fees as prescribed by ORS 86.778; and (B) by curing all such other continuing and uncured defaults as noted in this Notice. NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER ORS 86.771(9): Without limiting the Successor Trustee's disclaimer of representations or warranties, Oregon law requires the Successor Trustee to state in this notice that some residential property sold at a trustee's sale may have been used in manufacturing methamphetamines, the chemical components of which are known to be toxic. Prospective purchasers of residential property should be aware of this potential danger before deciding to place a bid for this property at the trustee's sale. DATED: December 17, 2025. BALLARD SPAHR LLP Andrew J. Geppert, OSB No. 203744, Successor Trustee, Ballard Spahr LLP, 601 SW Second Avenue, Suite 2100, Portland, OR 97204, Telephone: (503) 778-2100, Facsimile: (503) 778-2200, Email: Gepperta@ballardspahr.com. EXHIBIT A Legal Description Lot 5, CARTWRIGHTSSUBDIVISION, in Nye and Thompson's Addition to Newport, in the City of Newport, County of Lincoln and State of Oregon. EXHIBIT B Additional Collateral The Collateral located on the Property as detailed in the Loan Documents, as follows: (A) All accessories, attachments, accessories, tools, parts, supplies, replacements of and additions to any of the collateral described herein, whether added now or later. (B) All products and produce of any of this property described in this Collateral section. (C) All accounts, general intangibles, instruments, rents, monies, payments, and all other rights, arising out of a sale, lease, consignment or other disposition of any of the property described in this Collateral section, whether in the form of a writing, photograph, microfilm, microfiche, or electronic media, together with all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to all computer software required to utilize, create, maintain, and process any such records or data on electronic media. 2/25/26 3/4/26 3/11/26 3/18/26

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Eagles cap second straight 22 win season

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

The Eddyville Eagles' high-flying season came to an end in the second round of the 1A playoffs, but there was still plenty to celebrate for the program after a successful 2026.

The boys varsity program registered its second straight 22-win season, second consecutive league title, won a playoff game in back-to-back seasons, and consistently fought to be among the best teams in 1A basketball all year.

Eddyville lost to Valor Christian/Tualatin Valley Academy on Feb. 27, a game in which the Eagles couldn't quite get off the ground against one of the stingiest defenses in the state. Though Eddyville lost 39-58, Head Coach Eddie Townsend said it wasn't for lack of trying, and in the end, the Knights just had too much steel.

"Valor was a very tough opponent. The number 1 defense in 1A. They controlled the game with their pace, shot making, defense, and really all facets of the game. They were just tough to handle," Townsend said. "We couldn't do much. They jumped out early and had about a 7-9 point lead most of the game. We



The 2025-2026 Eddyville Eagles. (Courtesy from OSAA)

battled, but just couldn't muster a big enough run."

Though the team fell short of its goal to compete at the finals site in Baker, it was still a season full of high highs for Eddyville.

"The team was a hard-working, talented team," Townsend said. "They strived to be great, and I think they did a great job of it!"

In addition to capturing a second Mountain West title in as many seasons, one of Eddyville's

crowning achievements was its 51-41 first-round playoff win against South Christian on Feb. 24.

After being outscored 20-19 in the first half, Eddyville seized the game in the third quarter. The Eagles outscored the Wildcats 18-10 in the period, powered by inspired play from junior Nixon Clendenin. Mountain West Co-Players of the Year Clendenin and senior Darian Schultz

showed exactly why they were deserving of the awards, helping push Eddyville over the top.

In the third, Clendenin buried three three-pointers and totalled 12 points in the period, helping give the Eagles a decisive edge. The Eagles extended their lead in the fourth and secured the ten-point win. Clendenin finished the game with 26 points, leading all scorers, and putting up 22 points in the second half alone. Schultz

chipped in 17 points.

Playing on home court, Townsend said it was a raucous atmosphere in the gym, and the home crowd brought playoff intensity to the game.

"I was told it was the largest crowd some have ever seen at Eddyville. The roof came off when we made plays," Townsend said. "It was a fun environment for sure!"

As he looks ahead to next year, Townsend said the program will have some big shoes to fill with the outgoing crop of seniors. Eddyville will lose Schultz, captain Ashton Fawver, and Landynn Larson.

While the churn in high school sports is always a challenge, Townsend is grateful for the energy and effort those players gave the program and is looking forward to seeing what the future holds.

"Those seniors have meant the world to Eddyville. The leaders of two straight league titles and two 22-win seasons are amazing, really," Townsend said. "The offseason will be huge for guys to find their new roles and fill enormous holes left by our seniors. We will see how it turns out, but reloading is a big part of sustained success!"

Taft hoops wrap and All League honors

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

Winter sports season is all but wrapped up, with only the state playoffs left to wrap up, and the Tigers basketball seasons have come to a close.

The girls capped off a strong season on the hardwood with a trip to the state playoffs, and though the boys didn't crack the bracket, both programs had players honored with PacWest All-League Awards.

Girls Basketball

Taft's girls put together another great season this winter. A year removed from finishing with the best record in program history (20-8), Jacob Tolan's squad kept the standard high, going 19-9, and qualifying for the state playoffs for the third season in a row.

Taft finished second in the PacWest standings, trailing only undefeated Amity. After finishing 13-3 in league play, the Tigers won against Jefferson, 63-46, in the first round of the League Playoffs on Feb. 19. The Tigers got a taste of revenge, beating a Jefferson squad that barely got the better of Taft in their previous matchup during the regular season. In the league championship game, Amity proved too tough to take, and the Warriors earned the PacWest title with a 61-36 victory.

Following that matchup, #11 Taft squared off with 6-seeded



Taft's girls had five players receive All-League awards for their play this season. (From left to right) Olivia-Kate Davis, Laney Lee, Ava Zalewski, Aida Lupo, and Layla Jones. (Courtesy photo from the Taft Tigers Boosters Facebook Page)

Valley Catholic in the second round of the state playoffs on Feb. 28.

Taft was looking to earn another trip to the quarterfinals, but couldn't quite get over the hump, falling to the Valliants 45-36. Senior captain Laney Lee led the Tigers in scoring, scoring 12 in the game and junior Olivia-Kate Davis deputized, also scoring in double figures with 10. It was a tight game through three quarters, with both teams trading runs throughout. Valley Catholic would close the door in the closing stages, holding off the Tigers in the final period to clinch their spot in the final eight.

While another trip to the state finals site would have been a triumph, it was still a great season for the Tigers, who have now logged three above .500 seasons

in a row. The team also earned acclaim within the PacWest, with five players receiving All-League awards.

"As far as the all-league honors, it's always special to see individual players recognized, and I'm proud of them for earning that respect," Tolan said. "At the same time, those honors are a reflection of our entire program. Those players don't achieve that without great teammates, unselfish play, and the daily commitment of the whole group."

Recipients were:

- Senior Laney Lee - 1st Team
- Junior Olivia-Kate Davis - 2nd Team
- Junior Ava Zalewski - 3rd Team
- Sophomore Aida Lupo - 3rd Team



Taft's two seniors, Kol Tolan and Zack Hankins, were honored with All-League Awards for their play this season. (Courtesy photo from the Taft Tigers Boosters Facebook Page)

- Junior Layla Jones - Honorable Mention
- With just one senior graduating this year, Taft's girls look poised to keep their record of winning seasons going.

Boys Basketball

On the boys side, the Tigers couldn't replicate the same success they had in 2025. After finishing ranked #4 in Oregon last year and winning the PacWest, the Tigers graduated six seniors, and Taft would have been hard-pressed to match last year's 21-5 record.

The Tigers finished 8-16 overall and 5-11 in the PacWest. In the nine-team conference, Taft finished seventh. The record did not reflect how competitive this Tigers team was this season, however. Seven of Taft's 11

league defeats came by margins of less than 10 points, including two five-point losses and a loss by just two points to Dayton on Feb. 6. Win or lose, the Tigers had a way of staying in games and pushing their opponents.

This season's team was young, with just two seniors leading the way for Taft. Kol Tolan and Zack Hankins were the leaders for the Tigers, not only as seniors, but as the program's captains. Both were recognized for their excellent play with All-League Awards. Tolan was named to the 2nd Team All League, and Hankins was an Honorable Mention.

With plenty of talent returning next season, it would not be a surprise to see the Tigers claw up the PacWest rankings in 2027.

Taft wrestling continues to grow

WILL LOHRE

Lincoln County Leader

It was a bit of a disappointment not to see any Tigers' wrestlers on the podium at the state championships for Head Coach Hayden Stevens, but there's no denying that this season still brought about growth for the program.

After sending two wrestlers to state last year, Taft qualified four to compete at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum, showing how far things have come in the last 365 days.

"It was disappointing, but we doubled the numbers that we brought last year, which was a big win, even without a placer," Stevens said. "Everyone's returning next year, so there's definitely a lot to work with and stuff to be proud of."

Taft's four state wrestlers were Janelle Towers at 120 pounds, Kyren Carr (285 lbs.), Braylen Evjen (126 lbs.), and Selvin Fajardo (120 lbs.). Towers went 1-2 with a pin in her second match, and Kyren Carr also finished the weekend 1-2, scoring a pin in the first round to advance to the quarterfinals before losing his final two matches. Braylen Evjen and Selvin Fajardo each

went 0-2.

Stevens said a lot of the matches came down to fine margins, but in a sport like wrestling, a few small moments can make a big difference.

"You look at the matches you could have won and you just go, 'Dangit,'" Stevens said.

Carr was close to making the semifinals and scoring an automatic placement, but a late pin ended up sending him to the consolation bracket. A couple of tough losses in consolation meant Taft went home without any placers, but the season was still one to take positives from.

"It's a bummer, but at the same time, we have so much to be proud of as far as the kids who made it here, and the fact that we're not graduating any of these kids," Stevens said.

After the state championships last season, Stevens set a goal of growing the program, and this year he's seen a bump in the participation numbers.

While they started with similar numbers at the beginning of both campaigns, more wrestlers stuck with it through the end of the season. Taft maintained 25 wrestlers in the program throughout the winter, whereas last year, they had dropped to 15 by Feb-

ruary. Stevens said keeping kids engaged during the season was a "big win."

Another big win this season was seeing someone step into the shoes of last year's captain and leader, Janelle Towers. With Towers gone, the Tigers needed someone to step up, and Stevens said Grayson Weiss and Julia's sister Janelle filled the void.

"He stepped up. Last year, he was a good leader by example; this year, I felt like he became a voice in the room," Stevens said. "Janelle stepped up, and she's become a big leader for the girls' program. So, I'm really proud of people stepping up into those leadership roles that needed to be filled."

His next order of business to continue developing Taft's wrestling program is getting middle school and youth wrestling clubs started in Lincoln City. That's the key to becoming a competitive team in the coming years.

"As awesome as these kids are wrestling right now, they're getting into the sport as 9th graders, whereas most of these kids are wrestling since they were five, and at the very minimum, they started in 7th grade, so they have two years of experience on us by the time we start," Stevens said.



Taft's state qualifiers and Head Coach Hayden Stevens. (From left to right) Braylen Evjen, Janelle Towers, Selvin Fajardo, Hayden Stevens, and Kyren Carr. (Courtesy photo from Hayden Stevens)

Right now, the biggest barrier to getting the middle school and club programs off the ground is finding people to help run those activities. Running the high school teams already takes up a good amount of time for Stevens, and without extra hands, he can't take it all on himself.

Luckily, reinforcements in the coaching ranks are on the way as Taft wrestling alumni have expressed interest in helping take some of the burden.

"I have kids who want to come back and help in the next few years. I have a kid who's

graduating this year who asked if he can come back and coach, [I said], 'Absolutely,'" Stevens said. "That's what we need."

While there's room to grow and improve, this year brought a lot of success for Taft's wrestling program. The team placed well at tournaments throughout the season, doubled their state qualifiers, kept participation numbers up, and continued to build off last year.

Now the Tigers need to keep the momentum going and find a way to get the youth programs off the ground.